

**ST JAMES' METHODIST & UNITED REFORMED CHURCH  
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Peter's day off is Friday - messages and emails left on Fridays will not be received by him until Saturday.

**NEWS FOR THE WEEK ENDING June 7<sup>th</sup> 2020**

**Dear friends** – Derek is still spending time in the Royal. Our thoughts and prayers are with him and Jennifer.

He hopes very much to resume normal service in the up and coming weeks. God bless.

God, faithful and true, you call every generation to make a pilgrim journey. Guide our feet along the road of faith, that we may put our whole trust in you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Ever-loving God, your Son Jesus Christ healed the sick and restored them to wholeness of life. Look with compassion on the anguish of the world, and by your power make whole both people and nations; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**NEWS**

**CONGRATULATIONS**

Hannah, Colin and Lucas Cunliffe on the safe arrival of Riley George on Monday 1st June weighing in at 8lb 6oz. Happy birthday to Stuart Williams, who will be 65 on the 5<sup>th</sup> June. What a birthday present, a new grandson!

Happy birthday to Gary Bates, who will be the Big 5 0 on the 6<sup>th</sup> June. Have a great day.

**PRAYERS NEEDED**

Please keep Jill Gudgeon in your thoughts and prayers as she recovers from an operation.

We continue to pray for Derek Long, Linda Gregson and to all those in need at this time.

**ST. JAMES' CHURCH PRAYER CIRCLE ON YOUR MOBILE PHONE**

We have promoted this in our notices on occasion for anyone to join in but just want to make everyone aware what it actually is. The people who are in this prayer circle share and pray for anyone or any situation that is in need of our collective prayers. It is not exclusive; anyone who has access to a mobile phone and has an app called 'WhatsApp' on it is very welcome to join us in our growing list of 'prayerees'. It is a lovely way to prayerfully keep in touch and to combine our prayers. For more help or information please contact me.

Jayne McLaren on 07859062692.

**CHURCH FACEBOOK PAGE**

Our church Facebook page which I keep updated daily is accessible to anyone who has access to the internet (you don't have to have Facebook). If you have access to the internet, go to the church website <https://www.stjameswoolton.org/> and in the bottom left hand corner; there is a Facebook symbol, click on that and you can see all that is shared.

I started "sing together A worship song a day" when lockdown began. Every day I upload a song (a mix of traditional and new) that people have sent me for everyone to sing along to- if you would like to nominate a worship song/hymn please get in touch via 07951977709 or amybates93@aol.co.uk or via social media.

We may not be able to be together but we can still sing together (albeit in our own homes).

Thank you – Amy

**CAN ANYONE HELP?**

Request for donation of a bicycle: one of the mum's whose children attend nursery at Centre 56 and whom I have known for some time now would dearly love a bike so as she can get around more quickly and do shopping etc. If anyone has a lady's bike idling/resting/unused in the garage we would love to have it! Please contact me, Wendy Doig, on 07867795179 or 0151 428 7180. Thank you in advance.

### ***CAN YOU BE KIND?***

KIND distributed over three hundred Easter Food Packs for families across Merseyside, paid for by a very generous local trust. As a result of the conversations with various referrers, KIND has begun a twelve-week Crisis Food Programme, committed to providing a minimum of 150 large family-sized food hampers, which will be delivered to vulnerable/disadvantaged families across our Merseyside community.

Providing 150 hampers over twelve weeks will cost £54,000.00. KIND have begun approaching numerous trusts, individuals and funds to see if they can support this local initiative. If you, your friends and contacts are willing support this local initiative, please make a donation directly into KIND's account:

KIND: Sort code; 20-51-43: Account No.: 70037273

### **Message from our Church Treasurer, Steve Elliott**

As you are all aware at present we are not able to meet at our Church buildings, and sadly this may continue for some time yet. Nevertheless we do still need to maintain our premises so that our Ministry, outreach and service to God can continue, although obviously in a limited form.

Unfortunately there are expenses which continue during this period such as the utility bills, (gas electric water and telephone) the Church cleaning and maintenance, plus our insurances.

As we are not meeting we do not have our normal weekly offering, and because our premises are closed the Pre-school and other organisations that normally use our buildings are also no longer meeting so our rental income has also stopped.

We realise that many people regularly contribute by direct payments into the Church's bank account, and we hope that you will be able to continue to do this. But this is only a part of our normal income.

We are aware that the current situation is difficult for everyone and we have previously put a gentle request encouraging anyone who would normally put their offering on the plate, either in cash or envelope to if at all possible put the money aside ready for when we are able to return to Church.

As things have gone on for some while, it would now be helpful if anyone who normally put their money on the plate could consider one of a couple of alternatives if at all possible, which is either

A direct payment into the bank either regularly or on a one off basis.

If you wish to do this our bank details are

HSBC

Account name St James Methodist United Reform Church

Sort 40-29-39

Account 11060856.

If you are able to do this, it would be helpful if you could email the treasurer ([stevewelliott@aol.com](mailto:stevewelliott@aol.com)) so he can look out for the payment.

**or**

as an alternative if you don't have online banking you could send a cheque to the Church with St James Church as the payee. The address is St James Church, Church Road Liverpool L25 7RJ

We do of course realise that not everyone will be able to assist in this way however, can we thank everyone for the gifts of time and money that you do give to God through St James'; it is really appreciated, as without everyone's' dedication, support and sacrificial giving, none of the good work that St James' does in the name of Christ would be possible.

God Bless

Steve Elliott

Church Treasurer

**Please note that although the Government has announced some lifting of Covid 19 Regulations our buildings remain closed at this moment in time. Thank you.**

*Notices for next week* – Please send any messages to **Jayne McLaren** at [jayniemac@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:jayniemac@hotmail.co.uk)