

**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 14<sup>th</sup> 2020**

**Dear friends** – Jennifer Long would like to thank all those who have telephoned to enquire about Derek's condition/progress.

Unfortunately there is still no information. The doctors seem as frustrated as we are!

Your glory, O God, fills heaven and earth and all creation resounds with your praise. As we rejoice in your presence, may we know your power to save and praise you for your faithfulness, now and for ever; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Generous God, you gather your people and lavish your gifts upon us, day by day. Grant that each experience of your pardon may enlarge our own love, until it meets the measure of your extravagant forgiveness, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**NEWS**

**CONGRATULATIONS – Birthday wishes**

Happy birthday to Steve Elliott, Naomi Dyer and the gorgeous Delilah Morris.

**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 see below for information about some free online courses starting this week.**

Here are some online courses that are all free while we are on lockdown.

Please share this with your networks and learners.

You can enrol by calling 0300 303 3464, Monday – Friday 8am – 8pm and Saturday 8am -1pm stating the course code you would like to enrol on.

Or you can also enrol online using the course code. Or Email Helen Duerden on [hduerden@wea.org.uk](mailto:hduerden@wea.org.uk) for support and any further questions.

### **Introduction to Supporting Teaching and Learning in Schools - Course Code C3844349**

A fun and informative course that will improve your knowledge of the role of teaching assistants in schools and colleges, and the main stages of child and young person development.

Thursday, June 11, 7pm, 7pm x 6 sessions

### **Introduction to helping with SEN in Primary Schools - Course Code - C3844358**

To give parents the background knowledge and confidence to become an effective parent helper in school (SEND) and/ to help their children's learning at home.

Wednesday June 10, 2020, 2pm x 6 sessions

### **How to Help Your Kids Learn at Home (Homeschooling) - Course Code - C3844357**

Support and guidance to help you manage your homeschooling and support you and your children's wellbeing. Topics include:

What homeschooling is at this time?

The impact that homeschooling can have.

Addressing the impact that homeschooling can have.

Tuesday June 09, 2020, 4.30 PM x 3 sessions

### **Introduction to Mentoring - Mentoring Roles and Responsibilities - Course Code - C3844362**

The course aims to give students an Introduction to mentoring including: understanding the role, developing mentoring skills and exploring the legal and ethical responsibilities of mentors.

Wednesday June 10, 2020 7pm x 5 sessions

### **Get Ready for Work - Job Searching and Interview Support - Course Code - C3844361**

Get expert help with the effective job searching and interview techniques.

Tuesday June 09, 2020, 2 PM

Every week on Tue, until Jun 30, 2020, x 6 sessions

### **Introduction to Working in Health and Social Care - Course Code - C3844372**

What health and care services are available to adults and children and what roles are there within these services? How can we identify and develop the essential skills and attitudes needed to work in these services?

Wednesday June 10, 2020, 2.30pm x 8 sessions

### **Vlogging and Blogging for Beginners - Course Code - C3844363**

Get up to speed with the skills you need to get started, or brush up on your existing vlogging and blogging skills.

Thursday, June 11, 2020, 9am x 3 sessions

**News of the possible opening of church buildings for private prayer has been released but communal worship of any kind is not currently scheduled until at least early July. The Minister and Steward Elders are in direct contact with Methodist Circuit, URC Mersey Synod and National Church and will update the congregation in due course as to progress and decisions on these matters which will require considerable organisation and will demand appropriate measures.**

**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)