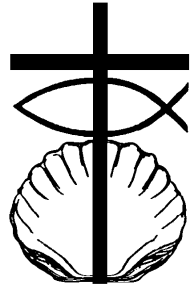


ST JAMES' METHODIST & UNITED REFORMED CHURCH
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Peter's day off is Friday - messages and emails left on Fridays will not be received by him until Saturday.



SUNDAY NOVEMBER 17th 2019

Welcome to everyone this morning:
and if you are worshipping with us for the
first time, St James' offers you a very warm
welcome and we hope you'll come again.

Refreshments are always provided after Worship – please join us.

We would like to keep in touch with you to let you know what's going on at St James', so please fill in your details on the '**NEW TO CHURCH**' slip.

A lift is available for access into church, and there is a ramp at the rear of the building. We have large print hymnbooks; other items are available in large print. **If you need any help, please ask a steward.**

This Morning's Preacher is the Rev. Peter Hughes

This Morning's Worship is a Service celebrating Holy Communion and the 70th anniversary of the Girls' Brigade in this church

Welcoming you are Irene Elliott and the Miller family

The Vestry Steward is Pam Alexander

The Book Stewards are Graham Martin and Stuart Williams

Our Readers are Aurora Dickson and Jan Underwood

The Readings are Matthew 5: 14 – 16 and 1 John 1: 5 - 9

The Collect for the Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Eternal God, from whom all thoughts of truth and peace proceed: kindle, we pray, in every heart the true love of peace, and guide with your pure and peaceable wisdom those who take counsel for the nations of the earth; that in justice and peace your kingdom may go forward, till the earth is filled with the knowledge of your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Your church is open for coffee on Tuesday mornings from 9.15 to 12.00

The Church is registered for Gift Aid If you are a taxpayer, and not using the envelope system, please complete a Gift Aid envelope with your offering.
Offertory card - If you contribute by standing order, please take a card from the table at the back of the church to place on the plate to represent your gift.
Standing: if you have a problem with standing during worship, please feel free to remain seated – you will not be alone.

CELEBRATIONS!

Today we celebrate 70 years of the 18th Liverpool Girls' Brigade at St James' and we offer a warm welcome to those visiting for this occasion.

FUTURE DATES

Monday November 18 th	Special Projects Meeting
Thursday November 21 st	Finance and Property Committee
Saturday December 7 th	Fulwood Court Christmas Coffee Morning

WOMEN'S GUILD PROGRAMME

November 20 Geraldine Bounds - *Bradbury Fields*

December 4 Soup & Sandwiches

11 Christmas Meal at Spire Restaurant

Meetings are at 2 pm; Soup and Sandwiches at 1 pm, doors open at 12.45

The Guild Programme will resume on March 4th.

GIFT SERVICE

The annual gift service will be held on December 8th. Gifts of toys, books, games for babies, young children and youngsters up to early teenage years will be very gratefully received. Also toiletries for both male and female recipients, warm hats, gloves and scarves (for young men and women) boxes of sweets and chocolates and large boxes of biscuits are always very acceptable. **ALL GIFTS SHOULD BE UNWRAPPED, PLEASE.**

CHRISTMAS DAY MEAL

As last year, there will be a Christmas meal in St Mary's Parish Hall on Christmas Day 1-4pm, for anybody who would otherwise be eating alone. Irrespective of religion or income, anyone is welcome; all that is needed is a contact name & number. Also, all volunteers would be gratefully received! You can contact Anita on 0151 428 1108 or 07387576741 or email anitacarson46@gmail.com.

NEIGHBOUR SUNDAY

Today is the first Neighbour Sunday, an invitation to pray for those who live around us.

REV. PAUL WILSON

Our Superintendent Minister is currently on pastoral leave, having been signed off by his doctor until the end of the month. Please pray for Paul, Karen, and the family at this difficult time.

A NOTE TO ALL KEY HOLDERS:

On Saturday 23rd November the church will be used by a meditation group between 8.30 am and 5.30 pm. Please do not enter the building during those times.

UNITED HOPE SERVICE

Next Sunday at 11am, all our circuits churches will worship at a united service at Hope University in Childwall. There will be **no worship at St. James** on this day and we are looking into providing free transport to and from St. James', so everyone is able to attend. You would just need to be at St. James' for 10.30am as usual. Please let Jayne know **today** if you would like to reserve a seat. (Phone 07859062692). **There will be no printed notice sheet that day.**

REFILL

The church is now registered as a place where water bottles may freely be refilled; the times when we can be accessed can be found via the app: <https://refill.org.uk/get-the-refill-app>. As the scheme gets better known it may be that we will see some people use us.

CIRCUIT PRAYERS – TRINITY

Please pray for the new Trinity Tots programme, Messy Church, Ladies' Night, and Restored. Please pray for direction and growth, for the Spirit to move among our members and for prayer to be a bigger priority.

SALE OF CHILDWALL VALLEY METHODIST CHURCH

The building on Score Lane was sold in June 2019 by the Trustees. Some of the proceeds of sale goes to the Connexional Property Fund and the remainder of the money is returned to the Circuit. Items from Childwall Valley are in storage, and a list of contents will be circulated later.

FULWOOD COURT COFFEE MORNING

Coffee and mince pies on Saturday December 7th from 10.30 till 12 at 529 Aigburth Road. Tickets at £2 (children free) from Derek or Jennifer Long.

STEVE AND CAROL SKYNER

and all the Skyner family would like to thank all at St. James' for their prayers and support and the many cards of condolences on the sad passing of Steve's father - now gone to Glory in the safe arms of our Lord.

BEAVERS, CUBS & SCOUTS

33rd Allerton Scouts scouts.org.uk/join

Join us at our AGM

We're holding our annual general meeting this year on Monday 25th November at 6pm in the main hall.

We extend a welcome to all parents, Scouts and friends from St James' to join us and reflect on some brilliant moments from the year.



BENEVOLENT FUND

The collection today on the occasion of the celebration of the Girls Brigade's 70th anniversary is for our own Girls' Brigade company, to further their work by buying resources for our girls and our company.

NOT NEXT SUNDAY but December 1st: Advent Sunday

Minister	Matthew Dyer	Offertory	Chris Hickey & Margaret Peterson
Welcome		Tea/coffee	
Steward (V)	Amy Bates	PowerPoint	Dorothy Peers
(W)	Stuart Williams	Music	Derek Long
(B)	Pam Alexander & Graham Martin	Flowers	
Readings	Dave Dickson & Emma Skyner	Delivery	Pam Draper
Prayers	Pam Draper		

Tuesday Coffee November 26th Wendy Doig and Eileen Curphey
December 3rd Glenys Evans and Wendy Doig

Notices for next week – Please send any messages to Derek Long at dandjlong765@gmail.com or on 722 1014

ITEMS FROM THE MISSION ACTION GROUP

NEW - Our very own Advent Calendar 2019. Everyone, of any age, is invited to draw or colour a simple (A5) size Christmas picture which represents part of the nativity story, and to bring it to church **before November 29th**. All the original pictures will be put up in church and a selection of 25 will be photocopied, laminated and hung on the railings outside to build up a day-by-day Advent calendar. Great skill and artwork are not essential – just Christmas images, created with love by members of St James' church family. This is a new way for us to share the joy and excitement of Christmas with everyone who walks past each day. Full details are on the poster at the back of church. Thank you for your help. With love from The Mission Action Group.

ECO-BRICKS are large plastic bottles packed full of single-use, non-recyclable plastic waste. They are used in community art and small construction projects. Our sister church in Liverpool 8 has committed to producing over 300 eco bricks, but they are a very small congregation. Many of St James' youth groups have already signed up to help them collect plastic. What can we as a Sunday congregation contribute? *From December 1st*: just bring any ANY clean dry crinkly, scrunchy or soft waste plastic - things like: crinkly foil crisp/snack bags, chocolate and sweet wrappers, outer packaging /film from biscuits, tea bag and coffee packets, multipack plastic packaging from items like toilet rolls, or thin plastic and bags that fruit and vegetables are packed in. There will be a bin to put it in. *BUT PLEASE – nothing wet or sticky that will contaminate the rest of the waste.*

There's so much single-use plastic around. It all goes in the bin. With Christmas coming up, there will be even more. Let's try and save some of it from becoming landfill and help the church family at Princes Park. With thanks.

CHRISTMAS EXPERIENCE 2019 – If you haven't yet signed up as a Story-teller, Timekeeper, Welcomer or Helper to help share the Christmas Story with 200 local children – now is your chance. We are particularly in need of some extra hands and friendly faces on Tuesday evening December 10th between 5-8pm; and any time – morning, afternoon or - on Thursday December 12th. You may never have done this before, but it really is a good experience for everyone. Don't be afraid to dip your toe in the water, you won't regret it. Please talk to Liz Hudson or anyone in the Mission Action Group. Thank you.