

**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 AUGUST 18th 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 or braille on request. There is a loop system for people with hearing aids.

If you need any help, please ask a steward.

This Morning's Preacher is the Rev. Peter Hughes

This Morning's Worship includes Holy Communion and Induction of
Steward Elders

Welcoming you are Pat Fagan and the Dickson family

The Vestry Steward is Pam Bellis

The Book Stewards are Tony Laverty and Dave Dickson

Our Readers are Jennifer and Derek Long

The Readings are Isaiah 55: 1 – 9 and John 7: 37 – 40

The Collect for the Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

God of the nations, to whose table all are invited and in whose kingdom no one is a stranger: hear the cries of the hungry and mercifully extend to all the peoples on earth the joy of your salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Your church is open for coffee on Tuesday mornings from 9.30 to 12.30

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 make an offering 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.

DATES TO NOTICE:

This week

Show in a Week, performing “Annie”-
tickets are now available.

WOMEN'S GUILD PROGRAMME

September	4	Soup & Sandwiches	October	2	Soup & Sandwiches
	11	Hilary Hopkin		9	Peter Hughes
	18	Liz Spencer		16	Fiona Martin *
	25	Steve Skyner		23	Ruth Christie
				30	Tony Laverty

**This meeting open to all*

SHOW IN A WEEK

The Team would be very grateful if anyone could stay after church this morning to help carry and set up staging and equipment ready for the start of rehearsals tomorrow. Please note this will involve some heavy lifting. Thank you in advance for any help given.

TRIO

The Responsibility Is Ours – At Church Council it was agreed that as a church we should review our stewardship programme on giving. More information will be circulated in the next few weeks and there will be a presentation during one of our services. In the meantime please continue to pray for the work of our church at St James’.

FELLOWSHIP GROUPS THROUGH THE SUMMER

Monday September 9th at 30 Stuart Avenue, 2 pm

THE KNITTED BIBLE

The Exhibition is now on in Halewood until Saturday 24 August. 33 Knitted Scenes from the Bible are on display at the St Nicholas' Centre, Church Road, Halewood L26 6LB. Free entry: donations welcome.

Times of opening:

Today, Sunday 18 August 2.00pm-4.00pm

Monday 19 August-Saturday 24 August 10.00am-2.00pm each day

Thursday 22 August also open 6-7.30pm

BENEVOLENT FUND

The collection at the communion service today is for the Benevolent Fund itself. In addition to supporting named charities, the Fund is used to enable St James' to respond to appeals for meeting emergency needs after, for example, natural disasters in various parts of the world. It is also available for assisting individuals in needy circumstances who approach us for assistance from time to time.

GOOD NEWS

There was a report some months ago that **Traidcraft** was likely to bring its operation to an end. Now the company is able to say that it has turned a corner, and that the work will continue – not on the same scale as before, but keeping firmly to its original aims. The chief executive says he looks forward to working as a “smaller, nimbler, and more focused enterprise”.

As the pound falls, costs inevitable go up, and like many enterprises Traidcraft is nervous about the possible impact of Brexit. However, they expect to record a small profit this year, and a service of thanksgiving will be held in Newcastle on September 14th.

ST JAMES' MEMORIAL BOOK

We are preparing a memorial book, recording the deaths of past church family members, which will be on view for people to view. It has been suggested that we start it from the year 2000 and it will record the name of the person and the date of death. In order to have as full a record as possible, and not to accidentally omit any names, would you please provide the name and date of any members you know of who should be included in the book.

Please email Pam Bellis at pambellis@hotmail.com.

NEXT SUNDAY: August 25th: Celebration of Show in a Week

Minister	Liz Hudson	Offertory	Glenys Evans & Chris Hickey
Welcome	Bates family	Tea/coffee	Jonquil & Dave Dickson
Steward (V)	Tony Laverty	PowerPoint	Lynne Barker
(W)	Dave Dickson & Jayne McLaren	Music	Music Group
(B)	Carol Skyner & Graham Martin	Flowers	Peter & Geraldine Bounds
Readings	Peter & Geraldine Bounds	Delivery	Pam Draper
Prayers	Laverty family		
Tuesday Coffee August 27th		Jane Allen & Norma	

*Notices for next week - please send to Derek Long at **dandjlong765@gmail.com** or on 722 1014*