

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 SEPTEMBER 29th 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 Derek Long

This Morning's Worship is a Service of the Word

Welcoming you are Glenys Evans and Ken Davies

The Vestry Steward is Liz Hudson

Our Readers are Peter and Geraldine Bounds

The Readings are Jeremiah 32 1-15 and Luke 16 19-31

The Collect for the Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Father of all, you gave your only Son, to take upon himself the form of a servant and to be obedient even to death on a cross. Give us the same mind that was in Christ Jesus that, sharing in his humility, we may come to be with him in his glory; for he lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. 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.

WOMEN'S GUILD PROGRAMME

October 2	Soup & Sandwiches	November 6	Soup & Sandwiches
9	Peter Hughes	13	Anne Wells - <i>Education Australia</i>
16	Fiona Martin *	20	Geraldine Bounds - <i>Bradbury Fields</i>
23	Ruth Christie		
30	Tony Laverty		

**This meeting open to all*

FUTURE DATES

Thursday October 3 rd	Church Council at 7.30 pm
Friday November 1 st	Community Social: see below
Saturday November 2 nd	Male Voice Choir Concert: see below

FELLOWSHIP GROUPS IN OCTOBER

Monday 7th October, 2 pm at 30 Stuart Avenue

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

The next Church Council Meeting takes place on October 3rd at 7.30pm in church. On this occasion, during the first part of the meeting, we will be discussing fellowship. We are therefore inviting anyone who may be interested to come along and take part, not just Church Council members. We do hope you will come and join us.

FLOWER MINISTRY

There are a lot of dates available through the year for the giving of flowers. Please consider this important ministry. It doesn't have to be a pedestal, just a simple vase of flowers is fine and there is no minimum amount required. Please speak to Jonquil if you can help.

CIRCUIT PRAYERS – COURT HEY

Thank God for Court Hey's 75 years of worship and service in their community. Pray for Messy Church and for the uniformed organisations and Toddler group. Please pray for Lay Pastor Andy's parents as they try to resolve issues with his mum's ongoing care.

COMMUNITY SOCIAL

The Fish and Chip Supper In support of Peace Project in Local Schools is to be held on Friday 1st November starting at 7.30. Tickets are £12 and can be obtained from Ann Wells on 07486695777 or Dot Woods. This is a Rotary organised event held in our Church Hall. Details on request from Ann.

BARN DANCE

It is with regret that we have had to postpone the Barn Dance until a future date can be considered. Please contact Wendy 07867795179 for ticket refund or contact Tuesday or Sunday morning

LIVERPOOL MALE VOICE CHOIR

will be giving a concert at St. James' Church on Saturday 2nd November at 7.30 pm. There will be a wide variety of songs, including some sing-along numbers to suit all tastes, and a hint of Harvest Festival.

REV. GWYNETH THOMAS

Some of you may have known Gwen Thomas, who died on 13 September. She served at St Stephen's Wavertree from 1989 to 1996. The funeral details are as follows: tomorrow Monday 30th September 10.00 am at West Lancashire Crematorium, Burscough Pippin St, Ormskirk L40 7SP, followed by a Service of Thanksgiving at Penwortham URC at 11.00 am. All are welcome.

TRIO PRESENTATION

For those of us who were not in Church last Sunday, we had a presentation concerning our financial stewardship at St James'. We used the URC program TRIO which stand for "The responsibility is ours."

The Property and Finance committee felt we needed to do this because in the financial year just ended on 31st August our expenses were greater than our income by around £3750, or to put it simply we are spending £71 per week more than our income; so we do need to consider the steps we can take to be able to maintain the work, ministry and mission at St James'.

A letter and leaflet together with a response form were prepared for everyone, so if you weren't at the presentation could you please prayerfully consider these and make a response. If anyone has any questions or would like a copy or more information please see our treasurer Steve Elliott.

UGANDA APPEAL

On 19th October Jan will be returning to Uganda with a charity called Teams4U. She is looking for donations of face paints, bubbles and girl's underwear size 8 through to teens. Some people have given her a monetary donation so that she can buy things. If you are able to donate anything she would be very grateful.

GIRLS' BRIGADE

SUNDAY 17th NOVEMBER 2019 is 70 years to the day since the 18th Liverpool Girls' Brigade was started at our church! This is a milestone to celebrate so we are holding a celebration service and inviting all past and present members and leaders to share in the service with coffee and cake afterwards! We hope that many can attend as we would like them to share and celebrate this special occasion and the impact GB has had on their lives and share stories from over the years. For more information, or if you would like to be involved, please contact Amy Bates (company captain) on 07951977709 or amybates93@aol.co.uk

SAMARITANS PURSE SHOE BOXES

It's that time of year again! This year everyone is welcome to join us in a '**Bring and Share**' lunch on Sunday 27th October after the Sunday service, where we will be packing the shoe boxes with all the gifts we brought and collected over the Sundays in Lent. Shoe boxes will be available for those also wanting to put their own shoe box together. Completed shoe boxes need to be returned by Sunday 3rd November. September's benevolent collection will go towards covering the donation required to send the boxes to their destination. Any questions - please ask myself or a steward. Jayne McLaren.

NEXT SUNDAY: October 6th

Minister	Liz Hudson	Offertory	Chris Hickey & Jane Williams
Welcome	Miller family	Tea/coffee	Jonquil Dickson & Pat Fagan
Steward (V)	Amy Bates	PowerPoint	Dorothy Peers
(W)	Irene Elliott	Music	Derek Long
(B)	Tony Laverty & Margaret Peterson	Flowers	Liz Hudson
Readings	Chris Bennett & Wendy Doig	Delivery	Carol Skyner
Prayers	Long family		
Tuesday Coffee	October 8th		Glenys Evans and Wendy Doig
Saturday Coffee	October 12th		the Choir

Notices for next week – normal service is now resumed, with thanks once more to Jayne and Andrew. Please send any messages to Derek Long at dandjlong765@gmail.com or on 722 1014