

**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.



Weekly Notices 7th – 14th July 2024

This Week's Collect:

Servant Lord, grant us both the opportunity and the will to serve you day by day. May all that we do and how we bear each other's burdens be our offering of love and service to the glory of your name. Amen.

This week's Worship:

Sunday 7th July 10.30am: Liz Hudson

This week's readings:

The Story of Jacob and Esau: taken from Genesis 25-33

Forthcoming services at St James':

Sunday 14th July 10.30am: Rev Peter Hughes, All age worship & Holy Communion

Sunday 21st July 10.30am: Summer Celebration of Praise and Thanksgiving

Forthcoming events:

Monday 8th July 2.30pm – Monday House Group

Wednesday 10th July 7.15pm – Wednesday Fellowship Group meeting

Thursday 11th July 9.30 – 11.30am – Morning Coffee

Saturday 13th July 10.00 – 12.00pm – Coffee morning and Farmer's market

Monday 15th July 7.30pm – Steward/Elders meeting

WORSHIPPING BY PHONE:

**IF YOU CANNOT COME TO WORSHIP AT ST JAMES IN PERSON WHY NOT
LISTEN IN**

The dial in instructions are as follows:

Between 2.20pm for 2.30pm on Sunday:

1. From your normal "landline" telephone: Dial: 0333-016-0300

2. You will then be asked for your Room number:

Enter 86 10 75 55 followed by the # key

Then when asked, enter the PIN: 2544 followed by the # key

You will then be directly entered into the pre-service "worship chat".

Please say your name so people know you have joined.

**This Sunday the host is Pam Bellis, the speaker is Liz Hudson,
reading by Chris Bennett** The Story of Jacob and Esau: taken from Genesis 25-33,
prayers: Chris Bolton,

Everyone is invited to, and very welcome at, this time of worship and fellowship.

Extraordinary Church Meeting

As part of Worship on **Sunday 14th July** we will be holding the Extraordinary Church Meeting to (hopefully) approve the new Constitution of St James Church. This is needed as we apply to register as a charity. All are welcome to share in this meeting and all Church members are encouraged to vote.

From St James Worship Consultation Group:

Morning worship on **Sunday July 21st** will be a songs-of-praise style Summer Celebration of Praise and Thanksgiving. Everyone in the Church Family is invited to take part by suggesting, in advance, a favourite hymn, song, bible reading, meditation or poem to be included in the service.

As it will be an All-Age service, favourite items from the younger members of the church will be especially welcome.

We do need to know really quickly, by next Sunday (July 7th) or Wednesday July 10th at the very latest.

Please talk to Melanie Phillips, Lynne Barker or Liz Hudson about your choice.

Call or email liz.hudson2@btinternet.com; (07866213330)
Melanie_Phillips31@hotmail.com
the_barkers_88@hotmail.com email and 07840 284231.

It would be good if you could say briefly what makes the item you have chosen special to you, but that's not essential.

You can suggest an item even if you cannot be in church on the 21st. Others will enjoy it anyway. And don't worry – you won't be put on the spot or have to do or say anything yourself during the service.

We will try to use as many of the requested items as possible. Looking forward to hearing from everyone, and thank you for your help.

Monday House Group

The next Meeting of the Monday House group will be on **8th July at 2.30pm** at Doreen Parker's house. All are welcome to join us as we continue our exploration of Genesis during Bible month.

Wednesday Fellowship Group

The next Wednesday Fellowship group meeting will be **Wednesday 10th July at 7.15pm.**

Trio

On Sunday 30th June the Trio campaign was launched. Trio stands for "The Responsibility Is Ours", referring to the need to support our Church financially. At present our Church is running at a loss and our small reserves (needed for emergencies) are being depleted.

Work that we need to do to maintain our property is having to be put on hold. Inflation which has affected all of us also affects the life of the Church. We are all encouraged to prayerfully consider the level of our giving the Church and, if at all possible, to increase the amount we give each week or month. The Trio paperwork explains the costs and figures in more details. All Church members should receive this paperwork and everyone who attends St James is also invited to share in this. Our Treasurer, Andrew McLaren, will be happy to give you the details if you haven't already received them. We are so grateful for everyone's giving but we need to keep you informed of the ongoing and increasing costs of running our wonderful Church. Many Thanks, Peter Hughes

Prayers

We keep in our prayers all those who are poorly, their family and friends and those caring for others.

We also pray for everyone in our Church family and those known to us who are in need of our prayers this week.

Benevolent fund

The benevolent fund collection at the communion service on **14 July** will be for **Action for Children**.

Action for Children protects and supports children and young people, providing practical and emotional care and support, ensuring their voices are heard, and campaigning to bring lasting improvements to their lives.

Its services bring support for families to every part of the UK. In 2022/2023, it helped 765,905 children, young people and families.

The work is wide reaching. It takes action in lots of ways, from running short breaks for disabled children to influencing government policy and advocating for young people. It works with local authorities, and partners with the NHS and other agencies.

80% of the children and young people it helps do better after accessing its services, which include:

Children's centres and nurseries, supporting children through key milestones in speech, language and physical coordination. The staff give children the best start in life through play, learning and personal development. It offers classes and tailored individual support for parents, too. The services make sure young people and families get help early. It steps in to stop problems from building up, and helps to overcome obstacles.

Fostering and children's homes, finding safe and stable homes for vulnerable children, offering foster carers high levels of training and support, and making sure children in care get the support they need. It is expert at matching children with the right foster family, meaning its breakdown rates are very low. The families follow a therapeutic approach, giving young people a nurturing environment to grow in. There are family style homes for young people who have faced trauma early in life. Skilled staff give them practical and emotional support, so they can build resilience and form lasting relationships. There are also children's homes across the UK for children and young people with disabilities.

Policy influence, speaking up for children and young people, to influence MPs and the government to prioritise their needs. After four years of campaigning, sustained [emotional abuse is now a crime in England and Wales](#). And Action for Children is proud that its work means children can now be recognised as victims of domestic abuse in their own right.

UNICEF

On **13th July** Jane, Faye, Danny and colleagues from the Early Intervention in Psychosis team will be walking 30 miles from Woolton to Southport.

The walk is to raise money for UNICEF.

Anyone wishing to donate can use the following link and Jane will leave a sponsor form in Church.

<https://www.justgiving.com/page/jane-laverty-1718563152496>

Many thanks for your support.

JMA boxes

It's that time of year again! If you have a JMA box, would you please bring it to church over the next few weeks so that I can empty it before the end of the financial year. Many thanks for your continuing support for JMA

Pam Bellis

Baptismal roll book and Memorial book

We are preparing two books which will be on display in the church entrance for members and visitors to view. One book will record the names of baptisms which have taken place at St James and the other book will record the names of members of St James after they have died.

We are looking for someone who has neat handwriting who would be willing to write the names into the books for us. All the preparation of lists of names and the books will be provided for you. There is no time limit for this work to be completed, so if you think you would be interested and can help, please speak to Pam Bellis.

Praying for the Growth of our Church

As leaders of our Church share in the Circuit's "Leading Your Church into Growth" Course over the next few months, we are all challenged as a Church to pray for growth. Please can we encourage everyone at St James to include the prayer below in our daily prayers.

Leading your church into growth - a prayer.

God of mission, who alone brings growth to your church, send your Holy Spirit to give vision to our planning, wisdom to our actions, joy to our worship, and power to our witness. Help our church to grow in numbers, in spiritual commitment to you, and in service to our local community, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Church Flowers

If you would like to donate money for flowers on a particular Sunday - perhaps in memory of a loved one or in celebration of a happy event - please speak to Jonquil Dickson who can add you to the calendar for the months ahead. Also, if you would simply like to donate for flowers so that we can make sure all Sundays are covered, please speak to Jonquil. At present, we have many dates available. We have a box at the back of church for any donations or small change.

All donations are gratefully received.

*You can download all notices **from our website**.
Anything you wish to be included in the weekly notices,
please email by Thursday evening: **St.James.notices@gmail.com***