

**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 29th September – 6th October 2024

This Week's Collect:

Gracious God, you give the water of eternal life through Jesus Christ your Son. May we always turn to you, the spring of life and source of goodness; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

This week's Worship:

Sunday 29th September 10.30am - Rev Peter Hughes, Holy Communion

This week's readings:

Mark 9: 38 – 41
Romans 12: 1 – 16

Forthcoming services at St James':

Sunday 6th October 10.30am - Paul Holt

Sunday 13th October 10.30am – Rev Peter Hughes, Harvest and all age Parade service

Sunday 20th October 11.00am – United worship at Hope Chapel (**No service at St James'**)

Forthcoming events:

Thursday 3rd October 9.30 – 11.30am – Morning Coffee

Monday 30th September 2.30pm - Housegroup

Monday 30th September 7.00pm – Safeguarding meeting

Tuesday 8th October 7.30pm - Church Council

Wednesday 9th October 7.30pm - Circuit Church Growth

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 Graham Martin, the speaker is Kieran Bohan,
reading by Kate or Jamie Cook: Luke 24:13-35,
prayers: Liz Hudson.**

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

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 **29th September** will be for the Methodist Centre at Prices Park.

The Centre works with the young people of Liverpool 8 and shares premises with Princes Park Methodist Church, but operates independently.

It engages with some of the most deprived and challenging young people in L8 with a range of youth activities designed to foster engagement and self-development – and reduce crime and violence.

The Centre is totally dependent on grants and donations, and particularly needs unrestricted funds it can spend to meet needs outside of the strict conditions attached to many of its grants – such as for example feeding many of the young people who turn up hungry due to the extreme poverty of their parents!

Auditions for Jack and the Beanstalk

Monday 30th September 7.00pm at Valley Community Theatre, Childwall Valley Road, L27 3YA

Everyone welcome: Experienced actors and newcomers. Great Experience and great fun.

We are also looking for singers, backstage help etc. More details: info@valleytheatre.co.uk

Housegroup

The Monday Housegroup will resume meeting on **Monday 30th September** at 2.30pm at Doreen Parker's house. All welcome

Organ Recital

The afternoon of Organ Music last Saturday was inspirational. We are very grateful to Revd. Peter, Peter Bounds and Ralph Dransfield for their time and talent in preparing and performing the pieces. Tea, coffee and cake was enjoyed and everyone commented on the happy time they had spent here. To date the event has raised ££440.

Our next BIG EVENT WILL BE THE WINTER FAIR on Saturday 23rd November.

Santa will be making an early visit. There will be morning coffee and lunches and exciting stalls to find your Christmas Gifts with Raffles and some surprises.

Help on the day and for preparation before is needed. If you can help, in anyway on the day please contact Wendy on 07867795179.

We are asking you green fingered folk to help us stock the plant stall. Would you please consider putting some plants, seedlings, cuttings into pretty pots and bringing them along on Friday 22nd from 2.00 until 8.00 we will be delighted.

Please watch this space for other help needed!! Thank you.

Date in Diaries now please.

Harvest 2024

Our Harvest Festival Service is an All Age (Parade) service on **Sunday 13th October** at 10.30am. This year we invite you to donate non-perishable items (tins and packets) which will be donated to Centre 56 and the Whitechapel Centre and financial gifts which will be sent to "All We Can" - the Methodist Relief and Development charity. Their Harvest Appeal this year is towards the work of All We Can's partner in Liberia, SHIFSD (Self-Help Initiative for Sustainable Development, pronounced 'shift'). All We Can envelopes will be available in the next few weeks.

Harvest Lunch Sunday 13th October:

Special Projects Fund Raising group are serving a light Buffet Lunch after the service on this day. The cost will be £5 per person and we need you please to put your name and number attending on the list at provided at back of church OR ring Wendy 07867795179 to book yourselves in. This will be an opportunity to chat together and celebrate Harvest time and also to help towards much needed funds to keep the running of our church and hall buildings viable.

We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible and you are welcome to invite friends and neighbours to join us.

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***