ST JAMES' METHODIST & UNITED REFORMED CHURCH WOOLTON L25 7RJ

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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 3rd – 10th November 2024

This Week's Collect:

Almighty God, you have knit together your chosen people in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord. Give us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living that we may come to those inexpressible joys which you have prepared for those who love you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

This week's Worship:

Sunday 3rd November 10.30am - Rachel Bray, Baptism

This week's reading: Matthew 4 18-22

Forthcoming services at St James':

Sunday 10th November 10.30am - Ceri Gardener, Remembrance Sunday
Sunday 17th November 10.30am - Rev John Lansley
Sunday 24th November 10.30am - Steve Elliott, Holy Communion

Forthcoming events:

Thursday 7th November 9.30am – 11.30am – Morning Coffee Saturday 9th November 10.00 – 12.00pm – Coffee morning and Farmer's market Wednesday 13th November 7.30pm – Circuit Church Growth meeting Wednesday 27th November 7.15pm – Wednesday Fellowship group Saturday 23rd November 10.00am – Winter Fair Monday 25th November 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 Graham Martin, the speaker is Paul Holt, readings Chris Bennett and Wendy Doig Psalm 73 vs 1-26, prayers: Liz Hudson.

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

The Church Garden

I am trying to reduce the amount of work in the Church Garden & have decided to purchase some roses for the oblong planters at the side of Church. The cost involved will be about £100 but will last (hopefully) for many years to come.

If anyone would like to make a small donation towards this project, please see Margaret Dee or any of the Stewards. Margaret.

Boys Brigade

On Thursday 24th October, our Boys Brigade teamed up with Roger Heath, Rotarians and BB throughout Uk for this event.



Roger Heath is at St James Church Woolton.

For the first time this year Rotary in GB & I has joined forces with the Boys Brigade to help the fight to eradicate polio in the world. 26th Liverpool Capt Rob Swindells gave the boys a short talk around World Polio Day. Then each boy and each leader planted purple crocus bulbs around the Boys Brigade sweet chestnut tree grown from a nut collected on their Autumn welly walk in 2016. They have a good record of growing stuff which will hopefully continue



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.

The date is fast approaching. We really do need offers of help to set up on the Friday, help with stalls on the day and in particular a strong army to take down and clear away after 1.00 on Saturday!

Donations of nearly new toys and books please. Toiletries, suitable small gifts for Christmas. Sweets and bottles for a Tombola/Bran Tub. No alcohol. Homemade cakes and biscuits with a required list of ingredients please. Thank you.

Benevolent Fund

The Steward Elders would like nominations of charities for the 2025 Benevolent Fund Communion Collections. If you wish to nominate a charity can you please ensure that you provide full contact details so we can ensure the money reaches them. Please hand your nominations to any of the Steward Elders or place a note in the Suggestion Box at the back of church. Pam Alexander

St Peter's Christian Aid Film Night

Monday 11th November 2024, 7.15pm to 9.30pm in the Centenary Rooms, St Peter's Church If you would like to understand a bit more about the history behind the conflict in Israel and the occupied Palestinian territory, please join us for the screening of The Tinderbox. Rated PG13, this documentary film was originally released in 2022. Although pre-dating the events of 7 October 2023 and the current war in Gaza, it provides an interesting insight into the complexities of the situation. Refreshments will be provided, and the evening includes some time for discussion and prayer. Contact Sarah Beresford on <u>s.g.roberts44@gmail.com</u> for more details. If you would like to make a donation to Christian Aid's Middle East Humanitarian appeal, you can do that here.

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.

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.

Praying for the Growth of our Church

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.**

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