

**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 28th July – 4th August 2024

This Week's Collect:

Lord and giver of life, you alone nourish and sustain your people, through Christ, the bread of life. Feed our hunger and quench our thirst, that we may no longer work for what fails to satisfy, but do what you require, in obedience and faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

This week's Worship:

Sunday 28th July 10.30am: Obeth Thevanesan

This week's readings:

2 Samuel 11: 1 – 15 and John 6: 5 – 15

Forthcoming services at St James':

Sunday 4th August 10.30am: Andrew Gillespie

Sunday 11th August 10.30am: Rev Peter Hughes - All Age Worship

Sunday 18th August 10.30am: Steve Elliott

Sunday 25th August 10.30am: Rev Peter Hughes – Holy Communion

Forthcoming events:

Thursday 1st August 9.30 – 11.30am – Morning Coffee

Monday 5th August 7.00pm - Mission Action Group

Thursday 8th August 9.30 – 11.30am – Morning Coffee

Saturday 10th August 10am – 1.00pm Summer Coffee Morning with Brunches & cream teas

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 Andy Gillespie,
reading by Melanie John 6: 1-21,**

prayers: Paul Holt,

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

Minister's message August 2024

Dear Friends

I hope that many of you have already or are about to enjoy some time of rest and refreshment, possibly away on holiday, during this summer period.

As I write, I am about to attend the Keswick Convention which is always a time of spiritual renewal for me.

We have just elected a new Government. Whatever our personal political views and persuasion, I am sure we all hope that this will be a fresh start for our country. Hopefully a period of stability for 4 or 5 years will enable some of the long term problems in our nations to be dealt with in a way that benefits all, and especially the most vulnerable.

As a Church we are aware of the long term problem of decline in numbers. It is all too easy to focus on these problems and to become downhearted. However, The "Leading Your Church Into Growth" sessions which are being shared in by Churches around the Circuit, including St James, are encouraging us to think and pray positively. The focus is on believing in Jesus's plan for our spiritual and numerical growth, as well as growth in our service to the local community.

The first session took place at Garston Park and it was encouraging to see the Church full of people from many Churches, all determined to find out what can help us to grow. During June I asked for your ideas as to how we could help our Church to grow. We have had some good ideas and are always open to more suggestions from you.

I encourage you to attend the future session of the course which is booked for **Wednesday 4th September** at St James. Also, please keep praying the prayer for Church Growth, which is below.

I trust that God will refresh us, give us a fresh start and enable us to grow in our relationship with Jesus.

God Bless
Peter

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.**

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.

August 10th

Our Saturday Market Day Coffee Morning on August 10th will be held in the hall building. Toasted snacks, Tea, coffee, juice, Bacon/Sausage batches, rolls with various fillings. Homemade cakes. Strawberry scones and Cream. Homemade cake and preserves stall. Book stall. Raffle. Colouring Competition for young folk. **FAMILY BINGO** starting at 11.00 am. Seats outside (weather permitting!!). Please come and support us, tell your friends and neighbours.

Would all cake and scone makers please note – we will be very, very pleased for donations for the cake stall. Contact Wendy 07867795179 if collection needed. **Thank you.**

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.

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

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Anything you wish to be included in the weekly notices,
please email by Thursday evening: St.James.notices@gmail.com*