

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

Web address: <http://stjameswoolton.org>

**MINISTER: Revd. Peter Hughes** [peter.hughes@methodist.org.uk](mailto:peter.hughes@methodist.org.uk)  
0151 364 0134



Peter's day off is Friday - messages and emails left on Fridays will not be received by him until Saturday.

**Weekly Notices 22<sup>nd</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> September 2024**

**This Week's Collect:**

Merciful God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as pass our understanding. Pour into our hearts such love towards you that we, loving you above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**This week's Worship:**

**Sunday 22nd September 10.30am** - Matthew Dyer

**This week's readings:**

James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a  
Mark 9:30-37

**Forthcoming services at St James':**

**Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> September 10.30am** - Rev Peter Hughes, Holy Communion

**Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> October 10.30am** - Paul Holt

**Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> October 10.30am** – Rev Peter Hughes, Harvest and all age Parade service

**Forthcoming events:**

**Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> September 2.00pm – 4.00pm** – Organ recital

**Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> September 7.30pm** - Finance & Property meeting

**Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> September 9.30 – 11.30am** – Morning Coffee

**Monday 30<sup>th</sup> September 2.30pm** - Housegroup

**Monday 30<sup>th</sup> September 7.00pm** – Safeguarding 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 Rev John Lansley,  
reading by Wendy Doig: John 8 vs2-11  
prayers: Dave Dickson.**

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.

### **Message from Doreen Banks**

Doreen Banks & Family would like to thank the Church Family for their love, kindness & support as well as the cards & flowers we have received following the passing of dear Alex. We would also like to say a special thank you for all your support at the funeral last week.

### **Pam Draper Funeral**

The Funeral Service for our dear friend Pam Draper will take place at St James on **Friday 27th September at 2pm.** This will be followed by a Service at 3.30pm at Springwood Crematorium after which refreshments will be served at the family house in Stuart Avenue.

**Come and support our versatile Organists  
Mr Peter Bounds, Mr Ralph Dransfield and Revd Peter Hughes  
in  
AN AFTERNOON OF ORGAN MUSIC AT ST JAMES CHURCH  
on**

**Saturday 21st September 2024 from 2-4pm**

Hear a range of English and European music from the 17th – 20th Centuries and help to raise funds for church projects

Admission £5 (including light refreshments during the interval)

Card Payments Accepted

Everyone welcome – Bring a friend

### **Housegroup**

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

### **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.

## **Benevolent Fund**

The benevolent fund collection at the communion service on **29<sup>th</sup> 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!

## **Tim Meadows, URC Moderator of General Assembly**

Tim did a radio interview this week. If people would like to listen to it this is the link

<https://www.ucb.co.uk/radioplayer/inspirational/?rpOdId=c35229b8819594ea3dfff16cac9ad3b1dba97167dd462dda9f648442ddbc307e&rpSt=1119&rpSrp=index>

It starts at about 30:35 minutes in and ends at 56 minutes.

## **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](mailto:St.James.notices@gmail.com)*