

**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 14th – 21st July 2024

This Week's Collect:

Give us, we pray, gentle God, a mind forgetful of past injury, a will to seek the good of others and a heart of love, that we may learn to live in the way of your Son, Jesus Christ, through whom we pray. Amen.

This week's Worship:

Sunday 14th July 10.30am: Rev Peter Hughes, AWW & Holy Communion & ACM

This week's readings:

Genesis 37 (whole chapter)
Genesis 45: 4 – 9

Forthcoming services at St James':

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

Sunday 28th July 10.30am: Obeth Thevanesan

Forthcoming events:

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

Monday 15th July 7.30pm – Steward/Elders meeting

Thursday 18th July 9.30 – 11.30am – Morning Coffee

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 Liz Hudson, the speaker is Obeth Thevanesan,
reading by Wendy Doig: 2 Samuel 6 vs 1-5,
prayers: Pam Bellis,**

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.

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.

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. Soup and filled rolls.

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.**

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*