

**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 8th – 15th December 2024

This Week's Collect:

God of all holiness, your promises stand unshaken through all generations and you lift up all who are burdened and brought low: renew our hope in you, as we wait for the coming in glory of Jesus Christ, our Judge and our Saviour, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. Amen.

This week's Worship:

Sunday 8th December 10.30am – Rev Sutcliffe All age worship, Family Gift Service

This week's readings:

Luke 1: 68-79
Philippians 1: 3-11

Forthcoming services at St James':

Sunday 15th December 10.30am – Daren Murrall
Sunday 22nd December 10.30am – Rev Caroline Ainger – Christingle
Sunday 22nd December 4.00pm – Candlelit Carol service
Tuesday 24th December 11.30PM – Rev Peter Hughes Christmas Eve communion
Wednesday 25th December 10.00am – Rev Peter Hughes Christmas Day

Forthcoming events:

Saturday 7th December 7.00pm – Christmas sing-along
Thursday 12th December 9.30 – 11.30am – Morning coffee
Thursday 12th December 7.30pm – Church Council
Saturday 14th December 10.00 – 12 noon – Coffee Morning
Saturday 14th December 10.30am – Carol singing in village
Wednesday 18th December 7.15pm – Wednesday Fellowship Group

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,
Reading by Wendy Doig Psalm 42:1-7,10,
prayers by Dave Dickson.**

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

Gift Service and All Age Worship 8th December

We look forward to welcoming as many of you as possible to this service when we bring our gifts for those less fortunate than ourselves with love and prayers at this most special time of year. May we ask that you consider a financial donation, which you can make either by cash or by using the card reader available. This helps us to purchase Gift Vouchers which are distributed to Centre 56, Women's Refuge Centres, Whitechapel Centre and the YMCA centre helping the homeless into accommodation. These vouchers help families in particular to buy food at an even more difficult time of year when money is more stretched than ever as they struggle to provide.

Gifts of toiletries, e.g. small sets of men's toiletries. Sets of women's toiletries, warm hats, gloves and scarves, both men and women's. Selection boxes, boxes of Christmas biscuits and chocolates. Centre 56 at the moment has 86 children on roll. 45 families living with abuse, children with acute educational needs, financial hardship and other complex problems. They are open 50 weeks of the year. Christmas time is especially hard time for family units and for those struggling as single parents. Although toys are something we all love to give to children the staff find it more than helpful if we can donate financially through vouchers in particular as they can then buy the specific toys they know will suit each child they are working with.

The same applies to the Refuge centre as the numbers and ages/sexes of children change and emergency referrals mean that staff will not know what they need until the time.

The gifts of toiletries and warm hats etc will go to the homeless units The Whitechapel and YMCA centres work with.

Thank you for your continual kind and considerate support.

Woolton village Farmer's Market dates

We have found out that the market at present held on the second Saturday of the month has now been changed to the first Saturday. The next market will be held on Saturday 7th December. Our Saturday coffee morning will be held on the **14th December** as planned with Carol singing in the village and at St James.

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.

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.**

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*

