

**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 – 22nd - 29th January 2023

This Week's Collect:

Loving God, through your Son you have called us to repent of our sin, to believe the good news, and to celebrate the coming of your kingdom. Grant that we may hear the call to discipleship and gladly proclaim the gospel to a waiting world; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time:

Almighty God, whose Son revealed in signs and miracles the wonder of your saving love: renew all your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by your mighty power; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

This Sunday's Worship:

10.30am January 22nd: Revd. Peter Hughes Covenant Service and Holy Communion with after service tea and coffee. (*Pam Alexander & Irene Elliott)

Forthcoming services at St James'

January 29th: Revd. Tim Meadows Church Anniversary with after service tea and coffee. (*Jayne & Andrew McLaren)

February 5th: Paul Holt (St James')

Forthcoming events:

Monday 23rd January - 2.30pm Monday Fellowship in Church (beginning a new series on the Book of Ephesians)

Thursday 26th January – 9.30am – 11.30pm Coffee Morning

Thursday 26th January – 7.45pm Property and Finance meeting

Monday 30th January – 7.30pm Steward Elders meeting

Tuesday 31st January - 2.00pm Warm spaces meeting (Church Hall)

WORSHIPPING BY PHONE

IF YOU CANNOT COME TO WORSHIP AT ST JAMES IN PERSON WHY NOT LISTEN IN

to the live afternoon telephone worship at 2.30 p.m. which lasts 15-20 minutes.

Just dial 0333-006-7775 from your landline telephone between 2.20-2.30pm; then enter the "Pin" number: 08 39 09 01 and say your name when asked to do so. You will be able to chat to everyone else who joins until the service starts. Worship includes an opening prayer, a Bible reading, the Lord's Prayer said together, a short reflection on the reading, prayers of intercession and a blessing before we share the words of The Grace

This Sunday the host is Pam Bellis the Speaker is Jayne McLaren and prayers will be led by Liz Hudson.

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

Prayers

We pray for all that are in need of our prayers this week. We pray particularly for Pam Draper, Sheila Thwaite, Ron Swindells, Mike Hughes, Tony Laverty, Steve Underwood, Billy Lamb, Arthur Evans, Joan Greenall, Ken Kitchen, Heather Hughes, Dave and Madge Tilly.

Benevolent Fund collection

The **Benevolent Fund collection** this Sunday is for Nightingale House Hospice, which provides specialist palliative care services for those with life-limiting illnesses. Their services are designed to support people and their families, living with the impact of serious untreatable conditions including cancer, motor neurone disease and advanced heart failure. The overall aim is to optimise symptom control and quality of life as well as providing a support system.

This charity was nominated by Andrew McLaren, who writes:

Just over a year ago, my close friend Billy Lamb was diagnosed with the MND. He had not long moved from Liverpool to North Wales and Billy was hoping to enjoy time with his grandchildren when he received the devastating news.

Nightingale House Hospice provided care and support to him and his family through various forms of treatment, therapy, and support. They understood the impact of his life-limiting illness on Billy and the people closest to him. That's why, over the years, they have developed a broad range of services to help people at what can be a very challenging time.

Their staff are trained to recognise the difficulties which Billy, his family, and his carer faced when someone is seriously ill; giving each person the time and space they need to talk about their concerns when circumstances are changing and help them to find ways of coping. Billy relied heavily on Nightingale, who were extremely supportive, not only helping him physically but mentally, as he has struggled with his mental health, knowing that his condition is incurable.

Thankfully, their services are completely free-of-charge, to patients and their families. Nightingale relies on donations. Billy has now moved back to Liverpool, to be closer to his family and his condition has deteriorated dramatically. He is now wheelchair bound, wearing a neck brace and unable to stand. Speech is now extremely difficult. Just before Christmas, I asked Billy who has helped him the most and his response was instant, Nightingale House Hospice.

This response resonated with me. I wanted to do something to help this extremely small charity with a big heart who have help support one of my closest friends in his hour of need. If you could donate, however small, it will have such a huge impact, not only on the patient but their families. Please keep Billy in your prayers as his condition worsens.

God bless, Andrew McLaren.

Warm Spaces Initiative

A meeting on **Tuesday, January 31st** in the church hall at 2pm for all those who have already volunteered to be on a rota on Tuesday afternoons over the next couple of months. Anyone else who would like to join in is very welcome to do so. For more information or to register your interest please call Liz Hudson on 07866213330 or come along on the 31st.

Want to join me in supporting a good cause? I'm walking 56 miles in February for **REFUGE**, who on any given day support thousands of women and their children who are survivors of domestic abuse. Donating just £10 could provide a woman arriving at a refuge with the support she needs for her first night. £52 could fund her and her children's stay. £185 could fund the running of the Helpline for an hour. £500 could run one of the refuges for one day. Every £1 counts. Together we can make an impact to survivors of domestic abuse. Thank you for your support.
I will have a sponsor sheet in church each week for those who wish to support me, or alternatively you can donate via my Facebook page.
Many thanks from Pam Alexander

Monetary Offerings

Your monetary donations are vital to the running and future of St. James Church, please contact Margaret Dee if you would like to change your giving to a Standing Order or join the Weekly Envelope scheme. Also, if you are a UK taxpayer, please consider Gift Aid.

Church Flowers

Last Sunday's beautiful flowers were sponsored by Maureen and Bobby Sorfleet in memory of her Mum, Lilian Blackhurst's birthday. Photos of special flower displays will be included in our monthly newsletter.

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.

NOTICES NEXT WEEK

You can download all weekly notices and newsletters [from our website](#). Anything you wish to be included in the weekly notices or the monthly newsletter, please email by Thursday evening: newsletter@stjameswoolton.org
Helen & Steve Miller

