

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.



NEWSLETTER – 20th November 2022

This Week's Collect

Eternal Father, whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven that he might rule over all things as Lord: keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit and in the bond of peace and bring the whole created order to worship at his feet, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**



Sunday before Advent

Stir up, O Lord, the wills of your faithful people, that they, bringing forth the fruit of good works, may by you be richly rewarded; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

WORSHIPPING BY PHONE

This Sunday our preacher will be Liz Hudson

To join us for a short (15-20 minutes) Act of Worship: Between 2.20pm and 2.30pm on Sunday:

From your normal "landline" telephone: Dial: 0333-006-7775

On being asked, enter the following number, or "Pin": 08 39 09 01

You will be able to chat with everyone else who joins until the service starts.

This Sunday's Act of Worship, or short service, will comprise:

COST: - The above number costs the same to dial as ordinary UK numbers – if you have "free minutes" from your telephone supplier then there will be no cost.

The Host for this service is Graham Martin

Order of Worship:

- **Welcome and notices**
- **Opening prayer**
- **Bible reading:**
- **Lord's Prayer**
- **Talk or "mini sermon"**
- **Prayers**
- **Grace and dismissal.**

Chris Bolton



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

NOVEMBER 2022

Saturday 19th	10.00 a.m. Winter Fair
Sunday 20th	10.30 a.m. Morning Worship – Revd. Clement Matarirano
Monday 21st	7.30 p.m. Mission Action Group
Tuesday 22nd	7.30 p.m. Circuit Preachers & Worship Leaders Meeting at St James'
Thursday 24th	9.30 a.m. – 11.30 a.m. Coffee morning
Sunday 27th	10.30 a.m. Morning Worship – Revd. Peter Hughes (Holy Communion) Followed by tea and coffee. Advent.
DECEMBER 2022	
Thursday 1st	9.30 a.m. – 11.30 a.m. Coffee morning
Saturday 3rd	7 p.m. Christmas Sing-along
Sunday 4th	10.30 a.m. Morning Worship –
Monday 5th	2.30 p.m. Bible Fellowship
Thursday 8th	9.30 a.m. – 11.30 a.m. Coffee morning
Saturday 10th	10 a.m. – 12 noon Coffee morning (Carol singing in village)
Sunday 11th	10.30 a.m. Morning Worship - All Age Worship & Gift service
	4 p.m. Carol Service
Monday 12th	7.30 p.m. Steward Elders
Wednesday 14th	1.30 - 2.30 p.m. Prayer Hour
	7.30 p.m. House Group
Thursday 15th	9.30 a.m. – 11.30 a.m. Coffee morning
Sunday 18th	10.30 a.m. Morning Communion & Christingle
Thursday 22nd	9.30 a.m. – 11.30 a.m. Coffee morning
Saturday 24th	Christmas Eve.
Sunday 25th	10.00 a.m. Christmas Day -Revd. Peter Hughes
Thursday 29th	9.30 a.m. – 11.30 a.m. Coffee morning

Roy Barker & Friends Christmas Sing-along

Roy Barker & Friends Christmas Sing-along is on Saturday 3rd December at 7.00 pm (doors open at 6.30pm).

Come and join us for some Christmas fun and lots of singing. Wear your Christmas hats and sweaters and bring your voices.

Proceeds will be split between St James' Church Development Fund and The Alder Centre at Alder Hey Hospital, who provide various types of support and education for anyone affected by the death of a child.



Get your tickets now: adults: £6, children: £1.

Contact Roy and Lynne Barker 0151 421 1218

SATURDAY 19TH NOVEMBER – WINTER FAIR - 10.00 a.m. until 1 p.m. Morning coffee, Brunches, Raffles.

Christmas Gifts. Yummy homemade cakes and jams. And lots more. There will be an early visit from Father Christmas.

We will be very grateful for the following items and if you can help with any of these please bring to the hall on Friday 18th November between 2.00 and 6.00 p.m. or ring Wendy for collection on 07867795179.

NEW toiletries, Christmas gifts, scented candles, stationery items, jewellery. Plants or small bunches of flowers. Homemade cakes or biscuits.
Festive tinned or packet foods for Hamper prizes (but please see Wendy for collection before the date!)

Put the date in your diary now. Any help you can give will be very much appreciated – please ring Wendy on 07867795179. Tell your family and friends to book the date too!

BIRTHDAYS

For those who are celebrating a birthday this week, wishing you a wonderful time ahead.

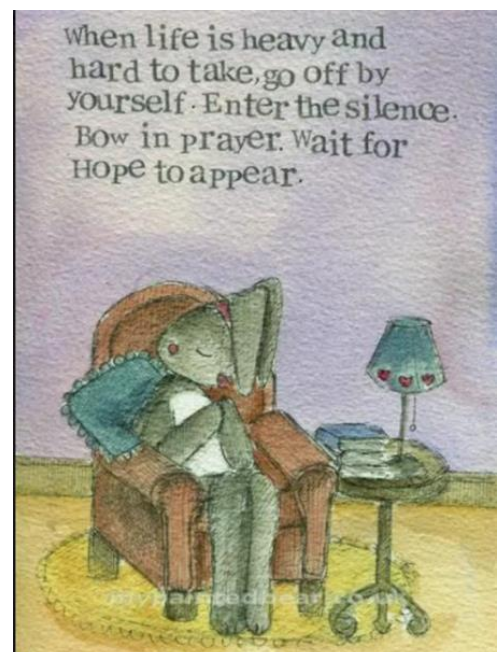
Happy, happy birthday,
That's my birthday wish for you,
I hope your day brings you joy,
Whatever you plan to do.
Live each moment to the fullest,
Every single moment is dear,
This is the time to remember,
You only get one birthday a year.



A happy birthday to **Ron Swindells**, who celebrates his 94th birthday this week. Love from everyone at St. James'.

PRAYERS NEEDED

Dear Lord, it is my will to surrender to you everything that I am and everything that I'm striving to be.
I open the deepest recesses of my heart and invite Your Holy Spirit to dwell inside of me.
I offer you my life, heart, mind, body, soul, and spirit.
I surrender to you my past, present, and future problems.
I ask You to take hold over every aspect of my life.
I surrender to You all my hurt, pain, worry, doubt, fear, and anxiety, and I ask You to wash me clean.
I release everything into Your compassionate care.
Please speak to me clearly, Lord.
Open my ears to hear Your voice.
Open my heart to commune with You more deeply.
I want to feel Your loving embrace.
Open the doors that need to be opened and close the doors that need to be closed.
Please set my feet upon the straight and narrow road that leads to everlasting life.
Amen.



**ST JAMES CHRISTMAS GIFT SERVICE – SUNDAY DECEMBER 11TH 2022
AT 10.30 A.M.**

The family-based charities we traditionally support at this time of year (Centre 56, the Women's Refuge and the Action For Children Day Centre,) have respectfully asked if we would again consider replacing gifts of toys with

- Monetary donations that can be converted into gift vouchers for the families to buy the most appropriate treats for their children
- Christmas food treats – puddings, chocolates, biscuits etc that can be put into gift hampers for each family, and
- toiletries for teenagers and adults.

Christmas food treats will also be distributed amongst the 700 families across the city of Liverpool who are currently being supported by the Whitechapel Centre.

We hope that gifts of these kinds can be received *no later than* the Gift Service of Blessing on December 11th, to ensure they can be distributed in time. If you cannot be in church that morning your gift will also be gratefully received before that date by

- bringing toiletries and Christmas Food items to church any Sunday and handing them to a Steward Elder.
- dropping food items in the porch at Roy and Lynne's house,
- contacting Wendy or Liz to have them picked up from you direct,
- placing financial gifts either in the gift boxes available at church on December 4th and 11th, or
- making a cash donation through the bank (referencing your payment 'Gift Service') OR direct to our Treasurer, Steve Elliott via the Church Hall letter box or 84 Woolacombe Rd, (again marking any cheques 'Gift Service' on the back).

Anything you are able to share at this special season will be greatly appreciated as all our charities have expressed deep concern at the levels of hardship and anxiety, they are encountering in the run up to Christmas 2022. Thank you so much for your help and support to spread love and caring in the name of Jesus.

Can you help please?

Three ladies from Centre 56 do not have a Christmas tree for their family homes this year. Does anyone have an unloved or unwanted tree hiding in their loft? Could you donate to help these families have a tree for presents to go under? If so, please contact Wendy Doig on 07867795179.

We are also looking for 4 dining chairs!

Thank you.

Benevolent Fund Collection

In the month of Remembrance, the benevolent fund collection at the communion service on Sunday, 27 November, will be for The Royal British Legion. The Legion supports members of the Royal Navy, British Army, Royal Air Force, veterans, and their families.

They work hard to support the most vulnerable in our society, be it older veterans that they care for, those who suffer from social isolation, or those who are simply overwhelmed by the challenges associated with the cost-of-living crisis. Their support is a lifeline for thousands of serving and ex-serving personnel and their families.



Celebrating Christmas with Strawberry Field Featuring Music by the Salvation Army and Special Guests



Strawberry Field invites you to an evening of seasonal music, carols and readings to celebrate Christmas at The Auditorium at M&S Bank Arena.

Proceeds will help keep our gates open for the good of our trainees and the wider community.

Featuring;

Asa Murphy, vocalist, and entertainer
Liverpool Signing Choir
Sale Salvation Army Songsters
Liverpool Walton Salvation Army Band
Comper: Paul Beesley, BBC Radio Merseyside
Under 14s must be accompanied by an adult

Christmas Wishes Tree

We just wanted to give you plenty of notice that we will once again be having a Christmas Wish Tree in Church where you can share a Christmas Wish and hang it on the tree instead of writing individual cards for church friends.

If you wish you will also be able to donate to charity in lieu of buying cards. We are still to confirm which local charity we have chosen to support this year. Many thanks.

NEWSLETTER NOTICES NEXT WEEK



If you would like to share anything with your Church family in this newsletter including any birthdays, celebrations, or anyone to include in our prayers, please let me know. **Please send any messages to Jayne McLaren at**

jayniemac@hotmail.co.uk



in aid of

St. James' Church Development Fund

and



The Alder Centre

FOR ANYONE AFFECTED BY THE DEATH OF A CHILD

Saturday, 3rd December 2022
at 7.00 p.m.

ROY BARKER'S

CHRISTMAS

SING-A-LONG

25 years of singing-a-long with Roy



Tickets: Adults £6.00 Children £1.00

Venue: St. James' Church, Church Road South, Woolton, Liverpool L25 7RJ

Call Roy on 0151 421 1218 for tickets



Doors open at 6.30 p.m.