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 29th January – 5th February 2023

This Week's Collect:

God of heaven and earth, whose power is made fully known in your pardoning mercy: ever fill us with your grace, that, entering more fully into your promises, we may come to share in the good things of heaven; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time:

Lord, you have taught us that all our doings without love are worth nothing. Send your Holy Spirit, and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of love, the true bond of peace and of all virtues; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

This Sunday's Worship:

10.30am January 29th: Revd. Tim Meadows Church Anniversary with after service tea and coffee. (*Jayne & Andrew McLaren)

Forthcoming services at St James'

February 5th: Paul Holt (St James')

February 12th: Steve Mitchell (St James') All Age Worship (*Dave & Jonquil Dickson)

February 19th: Andy Gillespie (St James')

Forthcoming events:

Monday 30th January – 7.30pm Steward Elders meeting
Tuesday 31st January - 2.00pm Warm spaces meeting (Church Hall)
Thursday 2nd February – 9.30am – 11.30pm Coffee Morning
Thursday 2nd February – 7.30pm Church Council meeting in Church

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 Liz Hudson, the speaker is Chris Bolton, the reader is Jayne McLaren and prayers will be led by Kieran Bohan.

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 Margaret Dee, Pam Draper, Sheila Thwaite, Ron Swindells, Mike Hughes, Steve Underwood, Billy Lamb, Arthur Evans, Joan Greenall, Ken Kitchen, Heather Hughes, Dave and Madge Tilly.

Warm Spaces Initiative

A meeting will be held in the church hall on Tuesday afternoon, **January 31st at 2pm**, to see if we can work out the best way to offer a Warm Space at St James over the next few months.

We aim to explore what will be needed to make the Warm Space welcoming and safe for everyone, talk a bit about rotas, and identify a co-ordinator to keep an eye on the week-by-week activity.

A number of people have already volunteered to assist with this initiative, and if there is anyone else interested and able to join us in making this happen, do please come along on Tuesday afternoon.

If you are interested, but cannot attend on Tuesday, then please inform Liz Hudson or any of the Steward/Elders.

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

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

** The February Newsletter will also be available 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