

**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 12th – 19th February 2023

This Week's Collect:

O God, forasmuch as without you we are not able to please you; mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time:

You alone, O God, can satisfy our deepest hunger, and protect us from the lure of wealth and power. Teach us to seek your kingdom above all else, that we may know the security and joy of those who put their trust in you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

This Sunday's Worship:

10.30am February 12th: Steve Mitchell (St James') All Age Worship (**Dave & Jonquil Dickson*)

Forthcoming services at St James'

February 19th: Andy Gillespie (St James')

February 26th: Revd. Peter Hughes (St James') 1st service in Lent & Holy Communion (**Wendy Doig & Glenys Evans*) The guest preacher will be Kathleen Till, a Member of St Peter's Church and a representative of Open Doors, a charity working on behalf of persecuted Christians around the world. **Our Benevolent Offering on this day will be for the Open Doors charity.**

Forthcoming events:

Saturday 11th February - 10.00am – 12.00pm Coffee Morning and Farmer's market

Wednesday 15th February – 7.30pm Wednesday Fellowship Group (in church)

Thursday 16th February - 9.30am – 11.30pm Coffee Morning

Monday 27th February – 2.30pm Bible Fellowship Group (At Pam Drapers house)

Sunday 12th March - arrivals from 3.45pm, singing from 4.15pm **Harmony Café**

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 Graham Martin, speaker is Liz Hudson, prayers Pam Alexander.

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, Pat Fagan, Arthur Evans, Ron Swindells, Margaret Dee and her sister Janet, Robyn Hyde, Mike Hughes, Billy Lamb, Joan Greenall, Ken Kitchen, Heather Hughes, Dave and Madge Tilly.

Ken Davies sends his best wishes to all at St. James. He has a new mobile number and if anyone would like his number or address, please contact Jayne McLaren.

On **Sunday 19th February** we will be praying and collecting for the families in Turkey and Syria who have been affected by the devastating earthquakes. Christian Aid's partners have been working in North West Syria since 2012 and are already responding and providing kits to people seeking shelter. These kits include plastic sheeting, mattresses, blankets and heating materials.

All the information about the appeal is in Christian Aid's web page. There is a special prayer that we will be sharing together.

Prayer for the Turkey and Syria Earthquake Appeal

God of time and space, we cry to you for your children - our neighbours - in southern Turkey and northern Syria, following the earthquake that has devastated hundreds of lives.

Only they and you know what it is like to experience such trauma in the middle of the night.

We give thanks for the aid that is already being given and for the promises of help that have been made by many nations.

Comfort, we pray,
those who are trapped in collapsed buildings;
those who have lost loved ones;
those who wait for news and
those digging through rubble to save others.

Grant the gift of hope so that those caught between life and death know that you are with them and that others are ready to support them as they seek a future that overshadows the experiences of [today](#).

We ask this in the Name of Jesus, who endured so much for love of them.

Amen

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.

Can you help? A young chap who has been staying in accommodation unit, YMCA Alt Bank House centre, is now, after help, support and guidance from the team there, ready to move on and into a flat for independent living. He will need help with furnishings, kitchen and household items and I wonder if anyone is thinking of getting rid of e.g. a double bed, small dining table and chair/chairs. Armchair/small settee, towels, bedding, (not duvet or pillows), kitchen items. tv, radio. cushions.

If so, please contact Wendy on 07867795179

Thank you.

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.

In my first week I walked 28.58 miles!

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**

Half-marathon challenge for Parkinson's UK

In memory of my father-in-law, Fred, who passed away after living with Parkinson's disease for many years, I'm going to run the Liverpool half-marathon (13.1 miles) on 26th March to raise money for Parkinson's UK. The charity helps people with Parkinson's to live as well as they can and hopes to make finding a cure for Parkinson's a reality. If you would like to sponsor me, I'll have my sponsorship form in Church – and, to add an element of fun, I invite you to guess my finishing time for the opportunity to win a prize! My training is underway and I can often be seen pounding the streets of Mossley Hill, Garston and Woolton at rather random times of the day – please do shout some words of encouragement if you see me! No matter how well prepared I am for the challenge, the last four miles of the race are along Otterspool Prom – so I'm hoping the weather is kind on the day!

Thank you for your support!

Debbie Stanford

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