

**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 12<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> March 2023**

**This Week's Collect:**

Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Third Sunday Lent:**

Almighty God, you see that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves. Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**This Sunday's Worship:**

**March 12<sup>th</sup>:** Revd. Peter Hughes - 3rd service in Lent & All Age Worship

**Forthcoming services at St James'**

**March 19<sup>th</sup>:** Revd. Patrick Evans - 4th service in Lent, Mothering Sunday & Holy Communion

**March 26<sup>th</sup>:** Stuart Radcliffe

**Forthcoming events:**

**Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> March** - arrivals from 3.45pm, singing from 4.15pm **Harmony Café**

**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> March** – 2.30pm Monday Fellowship meeting (Pam Drapers house)

**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> March** – 7.30pm Steward/Elders meeting

**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March** - 9.30am – 11.30pm Coffee Morning

**Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> March** – 6.00pm Quiz night at St Columba, Hunts Cross.

**Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> March** – 7.30pm Liverpool Phoenix Voices concert

**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, speaker is Revd. Peter Hughes, prayers  
Kate Cook, reading Chris Bennett (John 4:1-15).**

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

## LENT COURSE: RADICAL WELCOME

Radical Welcome is a four-session programme from the educational charity Inclusive Church aimed at helping churches begin to look at what it might mean to go beyond being inclusive - to be radically welcoming.

The Wednesday fellowship group will run this course on 1st, 8th, 22nd and 29th March 7.30-9pm @ St James'. Matthew Dyer will run this course on 6th, 13th, 27th March and 3rd April 8-9.30pm @ 93 Waylands Drive, L25 0LX. You're more than welcome to join us! To join, or find out more, please email Kieran: [kieran.bohan@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:kieran.bohan@yahoo.co.uk)

## PRAYERS

We pray for all that are in need of our prayers this week. We pray particularly for Ron Swindells, Robyn Hyde, Joan Greenall, Ken Kitchen, Heather Hughes, Debbie Stanford, Ray Jennings and Amy Bates' cousin- Claire, Dot Woods and Bob Andrews.

We keep the family and friends of Arthur Evans in our prayers. Arthur, a faithful and longstanding member of St James, died last week. Arthur had endured a long battle with poor health, which he had faced with courage and faith. We thank God for his life and rejoice that he is now with the risen Lord. His funeral will take place at St. James Church on **Monday 13th March at 11am.**

## Harmony Café

### Harmony Café meets again at St James' on Sunday 12th March

You are warmly invited to join us to sing (or listen to) songs people have suggested that are favourites from School Assemblies or Sunday School. Come and join us for tea/coffee and cake in a relaxed atmosphere **from 3.45 pm for a 4.15 pm start – please note the new earlier start time.** Cakes to share with our visitors would be much appreciated please, you can drop them off the day before at the March Coffee morning or at that morning's service. All are welcome - why not invite a friend! **Roy and Lynne Barker**

## 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.

## Benevolent Fund collection

The benevolent fund collection at the communion service on 19 March will be in aid of Merseyside and Cheshire Blood Bikes, a group of volunteers – mostly motor-cyclists – who try to make a difference by helping our local NHS. They transport blood units, blood samples, human baby milk and other essential items 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, at no cost to the NHS, thereby reducing NHS transport costs and allowing more funds to be used to improve patient treatment.

Their mission statement is to relieve sickness, protect health and save our NHS money to be used in the frontline, by the provision of emergency transport of urgently needed blood, donor breast milk, drugs, human tissue and other medical requirements between hospitals, hospices, blood transfusion units and blood banks primarily but not exclusively in the North West region of England.

## First aid training.

If you are interested in taking part in a first aid course at St. James, please let Jayne McLaren know asap.

## 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](mailto:newsletter@stjameswoolton.org)**