

**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 5th March – 12th March 2023

This Week's Collect:

Christ, Son of the living God, who for a season laid aside the divine glory and learned obedience through suffering: teach us in all our afflictions to raise our eyes to the place of your mercy and to find in you our peace and deliverance. We make our prayer in your name. Amen.

Second Sunday Lent:

Merciful Lord, grant your people grace to withstand the temptations of the world, the flesh and the devil, and with pure hearts and minds to follow you, the only God; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

This Sunday's Worship:

5th March 10.30am: Revd. Dr Sheryl Anderson (** tea and coffee after service*)

Forthcoming services at St James'

March 12th: Revd. Peter Hughes - 3rd service in Lent & All Age Worship

March 19th: Revd. Patrick Evans - 4th service in Lent, Mothering Sunday & Holy Communion

Forthcoming events:

Wednesday 8th March – 1.30pm – 2.30pm Quiet prayer at Church

Wednesday 8th March – 7.30pm – 9.00pm Wednesday Fellowship Group (In Church)

Thursday 9th March - 9.30am – 11.30pm Coffee Morning

Saturday 11th March – 10.00am – 12.00pm Coffee morning and Farmers Market

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

Monday 13th March – 2.30pm Monday Fellowship meeting (Pam Drapers house)

Monday 13th March – 7.30pm Steward/Elders meeting

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 Bellis, reading Norman Hannah (John 3:1- 17).

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

PRAYERS

We pray for all that are in need of our prayers this week. We pray particularly for the family of Billy Lamb on his passing, Ron Swindells, Robyn Hyde, Joan Greenall, Ken Kitchen, Heather Hughes, Debbie Stanford, Ray Jennings and Luca Kilroe.

We keep the family and friends of Arthur Evans in our prayers. Arthur, a faithful and longstanding member of St James, died in the early hours of Tuesday morning.

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**.

Message from our Superintendent Minister Rev David Goodwin

I'm continuing to make good progress with my recovery, getting out for a walk each day and feeling stronger. Kay will be going into Clatterbridge Cancer Centre for her stem cell transplant on 3rd March. She is likely to be in for about a month. We both value your continued prayers and support.

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

Last Sunday's collection for the Open Doors charity raised £197.62, thank you.

First aid training.

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

Fundraising

Pam Alexander and Debbie Stanford have both completed their fundraising challenges. Read all about them and see the photos in our monthly newsletter. Well done to both!

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