

**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 19th – 26th February 2023

This Week's Collect:

God of life and light, your Son was revealed in majesty before he suffered death on the cross. Give us grace to perceive his glory, that we may be strengthened to follow him and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Sunday before Lent:

Lord God, whose glory shines upon us in the face of Jesus Christ, and whose nature is made known to us in the mystery of the cross: number us, we pray, among his faithful followers for whom nothing matters but the doing of your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

This Sunday's Worship:

10.30am 19th February : Andy Gillespie

Forthcoming services at St James'

26th February: Revd. Peter Hughes - 1st service in Lent & Holy Communion (**Wendy Doig & Glenys Evans*)

The Benevolent Fund collection at the communion service on 26 February will be for Open Door.

Open Door is an organisation whose purpose is to support the Church where it is living under or facing restriction and persecution because of their faith in Jesus Christ. It provides Bibles and literature, media, leadership training, and socio-economic development. It helps prepare churches living in threatened or unstable areas to face persecution and suffering. It also educates and mobilises Christians living in the free world to identify with threatened and persecuted Christians and be actively involved in assisting them.

Kathy Till, from Open Door, will be at the service and will be telling us more about its work.

March 5th: Revd. Dr Sheryl Anderson

Forthcoming events:

Thursday 23rd February - 9.30am – 11.30pm Coffee Morning

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

Wednesday 1st March – 7.30pm – 9.00pm Wednesday Fellowship Group (In Church)

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 Pam Bellis, speaker is Kieran Bohan, prayers Dave Dickson.

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

We hold Liz Hall and her family in our prayers as they give thanks for the life of Dorothy Gwendoline Graham (known as Dot).

Dot's funeral service will be held at St. James' on **Friday 24th February at 12.00 noon.**

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

Birthdays

Wishing Gwladys Gardner a Very Happy 95th Birthday
which was on Friday 17th February.
Gwladys we hope you had the most wonderful day celebrating.
Love from all at St. James xxxx

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'. You're more than welcome to join us! We are also exploring other opportunities to offer this for those who can't come on Wednesday evenings. To join, or find out more, please email Kieran: kieran.bohan@yahoo.co.uk

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.

We have received a letter of thanks from Nightingale House Hospice for the amount of £150 raised from our recent Benevolent Fund collection.

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.

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

