

**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.



**NEWSLETTER – 7<sup>th</sup> August 2022**

***This Week's Collect***



Living God, you have placed in the hearts of your children a longing for your word and a hunger for your truth. Grant that, believing in the One whom you have sent, we may know him to be the true bread of heaven, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: increase and multiply upon us your mercy that with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal that we finally lose not the things eternal; grant this, heavenly Father, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

***Farewell Service for Revd. Paul Wilson***

**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> August 11 a.m.  
Hope University Chapel**

Join us to celebrate Revd. Paul's ministry in Liverpool South Circuit and to share our best wishes on his retirement.

Preacher: Revd. Dr Sheryl Anderson

The service will include Holy Communion and will be followed by a buffet lunch. All welcome!!

**Just a reminder that St James' will not be open on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> August for our usual Sunday service.**

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

| <b>AUGUST 2022</b>   |   |
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| <b>Thursday 4<sup>th</sup></b>   | 9.30 a.m. - 11.30 a.m. <b>Coffee morning</b>                            |
| <b>Sunday 7<sup>th</sup></b>   | 10.30 a.m. Morning Worship at Hope (no service at St James')            |
| <b>Thursday 11<sup>th</sup></b>  | 9.30 a.m. - 11.30 a.m. <b>Coffee morning</b>                            |
| <b>Saturday 13<sup>th</sup></b>  | 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. <b>Coffee Morning with brunch</b>                      |
| <b>Sunday 14<sup>th</sup></b>  | 10.30 a.m. Morning Worship – <b>Preacher Revd. Peter Hughes (AAW)</b>   |
| <b>Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup></b>   | 7.30 pm <b>House Group</b>  |
| <b>Thursday 18<sup>th</sup></b>  | 9.30 a.m. - 11.30 a.m. <b>Coffee morning</b>                            |
| <b>Sunday 21<sup>st</sup></b>  | 10.30 a.m. Morning Worship – <b>Preacher Andrew Gillespie</b>           |
| <b>Monday 22<sup>nd</sup></b>  | 7.00 pm <b>MAG (Mission Action Group)</b>                               |
| <b>Thursday 25<sup>th</sup></b>  | 9.30 a.m. - 11.30 a.m. <b>Coffee morning</b>                            |
| <b>Sunday 28<sup>th</sup></b>  | 10.30 a.m. Morning Worship – <b>Preacher Frudd (Holy Communion)</b>     |
| <b>SEPTEMBER 2022</b>  |   |
| <b>Thursday 1<sup>st</sup></b>   | 9.30 a.m. - 11.30 a.m. <b>Coffee morning</b>                            |
| <b>Sunday 4<sup>th</sup></b>   | 10.30 a.m. Morning Worship - <b>Paul Holt</b>                           |
| <b>Monday 5<sup>th</sup></b>   | 7.30 p.m. Steward Elders  |
| <b>Thursday 8<sup>th</sup></b>   | 7.00 p.m. <b>MAG (Mission Action Group)</b>                             |
| <b>Thursday 8<sup>th</sup></b>   | 9.30 a.m. - 11.30 a.m. <b>Coffee morning</b>                            |
| <b>Saturday 10<sup>th</sup></b>  | <b>Coffee Morning</b>   |
| <b>Sunday 11<sup>th</sup></b>  | 10.30 a.m. <b>Morning Worship</b>                                       |
| <b>Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup></b>   | 7.30 p.m. <b>House Group</b>  |
| <b>Thursday 15<sup>th</sup></b>  | 9.30 a.m. - 11.30 a.m. <b>Coffee morning</b>                            |
| <b>Sunday 18<sup>th</sup></b>  | 10.30 a.m. Morning Worship – <b>Revd. Peter Hughes (Holy Communion)</b> |
| <b>Monday 19<sup>th</sup></b>  | 7.30 p.m. Safeguarding  |
| <b>Thursday 21<sup>st</sup></b>  | 9.30 a.m. - 11.30 a.m. <b>Coffee morning</b>                            |
| <b>Sunday 25<sup>th</sup></b>  | 10.30 a.m. Morning Worship – <b>Revd. John Lansley</b>                  |
| <b>Thursday 29<sup>th</sup></b>  | 9.30 a.m. - 11.30 a.m. <b>Coffee morning</b>                            |
| <p><b>SUNDAY MORNING</b> Tea and Coffee following worship:</p> <p><b>We are pleased to offer this opportunity to chat together over a cuppa following worship on the Sunday mornings following a Holy Communion Service and following an All-Age Worship (AAW) service.</b></p> <p><b>This means there will be usually two Sundays in each month when we can meet and catch up on news, renew friendships and welcome visitors.</b></p> <p><b>The weekly news sheet will remind us of these dates.</b></p> |   |

**A VERY IMPORTANT Date for your Diary!**

**SUMMER COFFEE MORNING WITH BRUNCH**

**on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> August 2022 from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. in the Church Hall**

- Tea, Coffee, cold drinks and toasted snacks throughout the event
- Brunches from 11.30 am:  
Starring: bacon butties and the 'Barker Bistro's' famous home-made Soup,
- Homemade cakes to buy, eat in and/or take away
- Bring and Buy stall, including homemade preserves, fancy goods, plants etc
- Raffle
- A colouring competition
- and a chance to see the stained-glass window pictures designed by the Year 2 children from Woolton Primary School following their recent 'Experience Church' visit to St James.

**Funds raised to be shared by the Church and the Ukraine Emergency Appeal.**

**Tables inside and out (weather permitting).**

**Bring your family, friends and neighbours to join in the fun.**

Please speak to Wendy Doig, Lynne Barker, Pam Bellis, or Liz Hudson to offer practical help before during or after the event, or if you have items for sale. (These can be collected if necessary).

**If you are unable to come on the day for any reason, and would like to donate in lieu, either by cash, cheque or bank transfer, this would also be gratefully received.**

**Please contact Wendy, Pam or the Church Treasurer, Steve Elliott.**



**Favourite hymn, bible reading or poem.**

**Do you have a favourite hymn, bible reading or poem etc,** to help the Steward Elders build a couple of services for use if a booked preacher is unable to come to St James' at very short notice?

This has happened recently both at St James' and across the circuit, (not least due to Covid) and it would be good to have a home-grown service of treasured worship material which the Steward Elders on duty that day could share with everyone.

Please contact any Steward with your choices just as soon as you like, with or without a brief explanation of what the item means to you.

**Welcome church PowerPoint slide**

Liz Hudson is now collecting photographs to put into the Welcome Slide presentation that appears on the screens before worship begins each Sunday. A picture that may be beautiful, funny, thought-provoking or just one of your favourites, would be really welcomed as soon as possible. They'll be seen throughout August and September and credited to you, so please do dig out your photographic gems to share and send them to [liz.hudson2@btinternet.com](mailto:liz.hudson2@btinternet.com) (NB: people pictures are fine, but please confirm you have the permission of the people in the photograph for it to be displayed in this way.) **Many thanks, Liz.**

## **BIRTHDAYS**

For those who are celebrating a birthday this week, wishing you a wonderful time ahead.  
Happy, happy birthday,  
That's my birthday wish for you,  
I hope your day brings you joy,  
Whatever you plan to do.  
Live each moment to the fullest,  
Every single moment is dear,  
This is the time to remember,  
You only get one birthday a year.



A happy 10<sup>th</sup> birthday to **James Ashelby** (2<sup>nd</sup> August) Lots of love from your Mum, Dad and all your family and friends.

### ***DONATIONS FOR WHITECHAPEL CENTRE and CENTRE 56.***

Our donation boxes will again be open for your kind donations to help the service users of these centres. The box will be placed on a table at the back of the church each Thursday and Sunday morning.

#### **The Whitechapel Centre would be grateful for the following items:**

Cereal and UHT milk. Bottled water and cordial. Coffee, tea bags. Sugar. Tinned meals (e.g., curry chilli). Tinned tuna, ham, corned beef. Microwave meals. Noodles. Pulses and rice. Mayonnaise, brown sauce & tomato ketchup. Biscuits. Honey and jam. Tinned fruit. Crisps.

Toiletries: shaving foam. Disposable razors. Deodorant (spray not roll-on) Shampoo. Shower gel (not bath foams etc)

Clothing: men's boxer shorts. (NEW small/medium only) Female underwear (new/small/medium) women's leggings. Socks (new) gloves, scarves. Hats.

#### **Centre 56:**

Any craft items for the children to use in Nursery setting and after school club. Ages 3 to 12.

#### **THANK YOU**



### ***Celebration of Brian Stocks' life***

On Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> of August at 2pm we will be spending an hour together at St. James' to celebrate the life of the Reverend Brian Stocks.

His wife Bernice and the family are hoping to join us. We are going to meet informally with refreshments.

If you have any special memories, photos, words you would like to share please let us know.

**Thanks, Jane and Tony Laverty**



## **PRAYERS NEEDED**

Father, we praise you with all your creatures.  
They came forth from your all-powerful hand,  
They are yours, filled with your presence and your tender  
love.

**Praise be to you!**

Son of God, Jesus, through you all things were made.  
You were formed in the womb of Mary our mother,  
You became part of this earth, and you gazed upon this world  
with human eyes.

Today you are alive in every creature in your risen glory.

**Praise be to you!**

Holy Spirit, by your light you guide this world towards the  
Father's love  
and accompany creation as it groans in travail.  
You also dwell in our hearts, and you inspire us to do what is  
good.

**Praise be to you!**

God of love show us our place in this world as channels of your love for all the creatures of this  
earth, for not one of them is forgotten in your sight.  
Enlighten those who possess power and money that they may avoid the sin of indifference,  
that they may love the common good, advance the weak, and care for this world in which we live.  
The poor and the earth are crying out.

O Lord, seize us with your power and light, help us to protect all life,  
to prepare for a better future, for the coming of your Kingdom of justice, peace, love and beauty.

**Praise be to you!**

Amen.

***We also pray for Mike Hughes, Billy Lamb, Pat and Jim, Arthur Evans, Kay (Jan's  
sister) Graham Martin and Dave and Madge Tilly.***

**Quiet Prayer Times** will now be held on the **2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of every  
month, between 1.30 and 2.30 pm**, beginning on **July 13<sup>th</sup>**.

Come and offer your personal and global concerns quietly to God. Light a  
candle or leave a prayer on the message board while you are here or leave a  
prayer request in advance in the prayer book in the porch or in the 'Say One for  
Me' box by the main notice board. We will pray for you.



**Drop-in for just a few minutes or stay for a while. Everyone welcome.**

### **JMA boxes**

Hi everyone, it's that time of year again! If you have a JMA box, would you please give it to me to  
be emptied. I am in church on Sundays If you are not able to get to church and need me to collect  
your box, please give me a ring to let me know **0151 356 7510**.

**Thanks, Pam Bellis**



## WORSHIPPING BY PHONE

### This Sunday our preacher will be Steve Elliott

To join us for a short (15-20 minutes) Act of Worship: Between 2.20pm and 2.30pm on Sunday:

From your normal "landline" telephone: Dial: 0333-006-7775

On being asked, enter the following number, or "Pin": 08 39 09 01

You will be able to chat with everyone else who joins until the service starts.

This Sunday's Act of Worship, or short service, will comprise:

**COST: - The above number costs the same to dial as ordinary UK numbers – if you have "free minutes" from your telephone supplier then there will be no cost.**

### The Host for this service is Pam Bellis

#### Order of Worship:

- **Welcome and notices**
- **Opening prayer (Pam)**
- **Bible reading (Chris Bennett )**
- **Lord's Prayer (All)**
- **Talk or "mini-sermon" (Steve)**
- **Prayers (Irene)**
- **Grace and dismissal. (Pam)**



### PowerPoint at St. James'

**An invitation to anyone with an interest in PowerPoint** (and maybe skills – but not essential as these could be acquired over a comfortable period of time) to help with the projection of service material on Sundays.

It would be helpful if there was an additional person to join Dorothy and Liz on the regular rota, and especially be able to provide confident cover on the rare occasions they are both away. Setting up the weekly slide shows is not expected at this stage (but a natural interest and/or ability to do so, would be a welcome bonus).

Sunday services have come to depend on the projection of words, readings and prayers on screen; to be unable to offer this – even occasionally - will make things very difficult for the worship leaders and be disappointing for the congregation. If you could help, it would be gratefully received. Please talk to Liz, Dorothy or any of the Steward Elders. Thanking you in anticipation.



### *Church Flowers*

Yet again Jonquil has excelled herself by producing another wonderful flower display for St James'. She is extremely talented, and we are lucky to have her and the displays that she produces. 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. We know have a box at the back of church for any donations or small change. All donations are gratefully received. We will then deliver those flowers to people after the Service.

If you know someone who you feel would be blessed by receiving flowers from Church, please speak to **Jonquil** or a steward.

We will also need some more volunteers to take flowers out to people.

## Seeking Volunteers

### Could You Help with the Discipline Process?

We are currently seeking to recruit more volunteers to help with the URC's disciplinary process which deals with complaints against Ministers and Church Related Community Workers.

We need **8 more people** to serve on the Investigation Team and 10 more people to serve on the Assembly Commission.

**The Investigation Team** has two roles.

First, working in a team of three, it investigates complaints to see if there is any substance to them and, if there is, presents the case to an Assembly Commission for Discipline.

In addition, one member of the team is made available to the accused minister/CRCW to help with preparing their case. You will need to **have experience in investigations** – maybe as part of the police or as part of some civil role, have the time to offer – this would be your main wider church commitment - and you need to be a member of the URC or a congregation which is a local ecumenical partnership which includes the URC. We are seeking more lay members of this team.

**The Assembly Commission for Discipline** hears cases against ministers and CRCWs in teams of three, must evaluate the evidence and make both findings of fact and, if matters are proved, decide on a sanction.

You would need to be experienced at working in a team, unafraid to make difficult decisions, and process a lot of written and oral information at a reasonable speed.

**You probably wouldn't be used much more than once every other year, but a hearing might last two or three days and take place away from your own locale.**

Of course, you'd need to be a URC member or member of a Church in a local ecumenical partnership which includes us.

If you are interested in exploring this further please contact Andy Braunston via [andy.braunston@urc.org.uk](mailto:andy.braunston@urc.org.uk) telling a little about yourself.

Andy will then get back to you to arrange a Zoom chat with you, himself, and the Revd. Dr Janet Tollington - another member of the MIND Advisory Group - to explore your gifts and skills further.

They will then make recommendations to the Nominations Committee.

**If appointed, you will be trained via both online and in-person means before taking up your role.**

**The deadline is around the August 19<sup>th</sup>.**

### NEWSLETTER NOTICES NEXT WEEK



If you would like to share anything with your Church family in this newsletter including any birthdays, celebrations, or anyone to include in our prayers, please let me know.

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