

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 – 12th June 2022

This Week's Collect

Trinity Sunday

Almighty and everlasting God, you have given your servants grace, by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity and in the power of the divine majesty to worship the Unity. Keep us steadfast in this faith, that we may evermore be defended from all adversities; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

WORSHIPPING AT ST. JAMES'

This Sunday our preacher will be Revd. Peter Hughes.

WORSHIPPING BY PHONE

If you want to listen in to the Service on Sunday, dial the above number, then PIN and listen in. You can chat up to 10.30, but when the service starts everyone will be "muted" to avoid feedback/noise.

This Sunday our preacher will be Revd. Lindsey Sanderson.

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 Graham Martin.

Order of Worship:

- **Welcome and notices:**
- **Opening prayer** (Graham)
- **Bible reading** (Kate Cook)
- **Lord's Prayer** (Graham)
- **Talk or "mini-sermon"** (Revd. Lindsey Sanderson)
- **Prayers** (Chris Bolton)
- **Grace and dismissal.** (Graham)



Minister's Message

Hello Everyone,

I hope you have recovered from last weekend's Jubilee festivities! Following our Jubilee Coffee Morning (this Saturday 11th) our thoughts will move on towards another Jubilee - the 50th Anniversary of the URC.

We will be welcoming our URC Moderator **Geoff Felton** on his first visit to St James' to lead a special **URC Jubilee Service on 3rd July**.

In the meantime, we are starting Bible Month this coming Sunday, when we will begin exploring the book of Isaiah. Isaiah is full familiar and memorable words, with plenty more to explore. Why not sit down this month and explore some of Isaiah for yourself - you won't be disappointed. I will leave you with this verse which may be the words some of us need to hear at this moment in our lives: "Do not be afraid, for I have redeemed you; I have summoned you by name; you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you, and when you pass through the rivers, they will not sweep over you" (Isaiah 43: 1 - 2).

God Bless Peter

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

COFFEE MORNINGS

Thursday Morning Coffee Mornings are now in full swing!

We are open from 9.30 until 11.30. Time for chat, sharing of news and meeting new people or just getting to know folk better is a great lift to the spirits. Please come along, think about inviting a friend or neighbour. A warm and sunny welcome awaits.

BUT THERE WILL BE A JUBILEE COFFEE MORNING IN CHURCH, ON SATURDAY JUNE 11TH 2022 FROM 10-12 NOON

TEA, COFFEE, BISCUITS, TOASTED TEA-CAKES ETC.

WITH AN EXHIBITION OF ROYAL MEMORABILIA INCLUDING ITEMS LENT BY MEMBERS OF THE CONGREGATION.



COME AND JOIN THE FUN. EVERYONE WELCOME.



Date of the next Church Council meeting has been changed from Wednesday 15th June to TUESDAY 14TH JUNE in Church commencing at 7.30pm.

Pastoral Visitors meeting has been postponed until Tuesday July 12th, at 2.30 pm in church.

June 2022

Sun 12	10.30am Morning Worship
Mon 13	7.30pm Safeguarding
Tue 14	7.30pm Church Council
Thu 16	9.30am-11.30am Morning Coffee
Sun 19	10.30am Morning Worship
Thu 23	9.30am-11.30am Morning Coffee
Sun 26	10.30am Morning Worship Communion

July 2022

Sun 3	10.30am Morning Worship URC 50 th Anniversary
Mon 4	7.30pm Steward Elders
Thu 7	9.30am-11.30am Morning Coffee
Sat 9	Coffee Morning
Sun 10	10.30am Morning Worship
Mon 11	7.30pm Property & Finance
Thu 14	9.30am-11.30am Morning Coffee
Sun 17	10.30am Morning Worship Communion
Sun 24	10.30am Morning Worship
Thu 28	9.30am-11.30am Morning Coffee
Sun 31	10.30am Morning Worship Communion

PRAYERS NEEDED

Dear Lord, it is my will to surrender to you everything that I am and everything that I'm striving to be.

I open the deepest recesses of my heart and invite Your Holy Spirit to dwell inside of me.

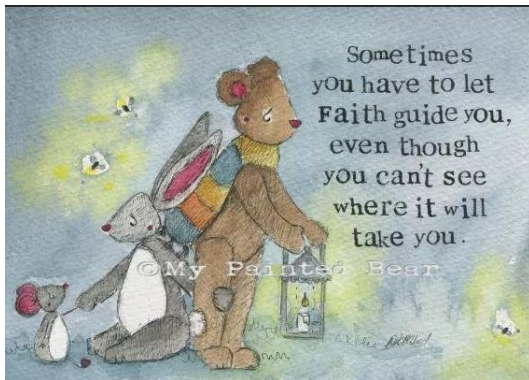
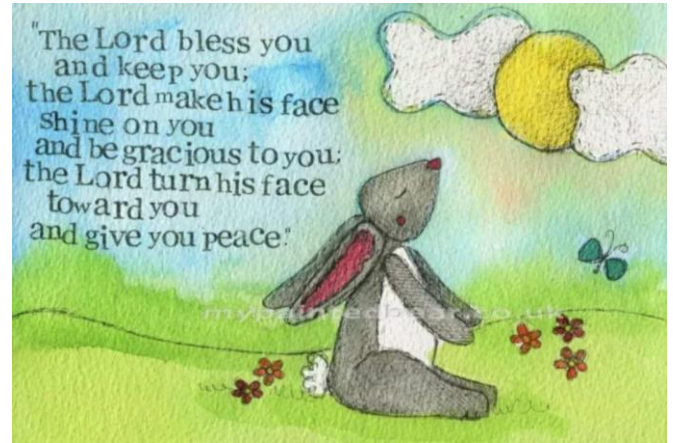
I offer you my life, heart, mind, body, soul, and spirit.

I surrender to you my past, present, and future problems.

I ask You to take hold over every aspect of my life.

I surrender to You all my hurt, pain, worry, doubt, fear, and anxiety, and I ask You to wash me clean.

I release everything into Your compassionate care.



Please speak to me clearly, Lord.

Open my ears to hear Your voice.

Open my heart to commune with You more deeply.

I want to feel Your loving embrace.

Open the doors that need to be opened and close the doors that need to be closed.

Please set my feet upon the straight and narrow road that leads to everlasting life.

Amen.

Please remember those at St. James' who need our prayers this week, we pray for those close to our hearts, for those known to us and for those only you know of. For those due to undergo surgery and for those recovering.

We also pray for Mike Hughes, Alan Smith, Wendy Doig, Arthur Evans, Graham Martin and the family of Brian Stocks.

Covid Precautions

At their recent meeting, the Steward Elders agreed it was now appropriate to move the previous Covid Health and Safety requirements to a voluntary and personal level. However, while some of our members, friends, family and neighbours are still testing positive, please continue to bear others' needs in mind by respecting personal space, and most importantly, continuing to use the hand sanitiser whenever you come into the Church building. If you are feeling unwell for any reason, please do stay at home till you feel better. You can join the Sunday morning service by Zoom or dial in to the telephone worship on Sunday afternoon, when you can chat to others before the service starts. It's a really good way to stay in touch with the rest of the church family if you cannot be present in person. Stay well and thank you for your consideration for others.

Church Flowers

We have recently resumed our beautiful flower displays in Church each week. 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.

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 birthday to **Delilah Morris**, who will be 4, this Sunday. Love from everyone at St. James'.

URC and Queen's Platinum Jubilee

A huge thank you to everyone who contribute to the worship and celebrations last Sunday; so much ingenuity and hard work by so many people has clearly been appreciated, and those involved in helping to create the moment enjoyed it too.
The bunting and Timeline around the walls of the church will remain for another two or three weeks but there are a number of gaps in the Timeline (1953-2022) – whole years when nothing (or very little) seems to have happened, globally, locally in Liverpool, in connection with St James, or personally. That cannot be true, surely!

If you are coming to a coffee morning or to worship in the next couple of weeks, please have a look at the Timeline and help to fill in the gaps.
Tell a steward, email a photo, or write down your memories of those times, so we can fill up the gaps ready for when the local school children come to visit St James' in early July.

Bible Month 2022: Isaiah

During June we will be sharing in Bible Month at St James'. During Bible Month we focus on a particular book of the Bible.

This year it is Isaiah.

Services on these Sundays will be focused on **Isaiah**:

Sunday 12th June Preacher Peter Hughes
Sunday 19th June Preacher Robina Murdoch
Sunday 26th June Preacher Peter Hughes
Sunday 10th July Preacher Matthew Dyer

The Monday fellowship Group on 6th June & 4th July will also focus on Isaiah - as will the Wednesday House Group during their meetings. **Steve Elliott** has copies of the booklet that go with the Isaiah Bible Month. Please ask Steve if you would like a copy.

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.

Please send any messages to Jayne McLaren at

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