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Peter will be on holiday from Monday the 24th August and will return on Saturday 5th September. If you need to contact a Minister, please email paul.wilson@methodist.org.uk



NEWSLETTER – August 30th 2020

Redeemer God, you heard the cry of your people and sent Moses your servant to lead them out of slavery. Free us from the tyranny of sin and death and, by the leading of your Spirit, bring us to our promised land; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

God of all creation, you call all peoples of the earth into your kingdom. Grant that we, with young and old of all nations, may boldly confess Jesus Christ as Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honour and praise, now and for ever. Amen.

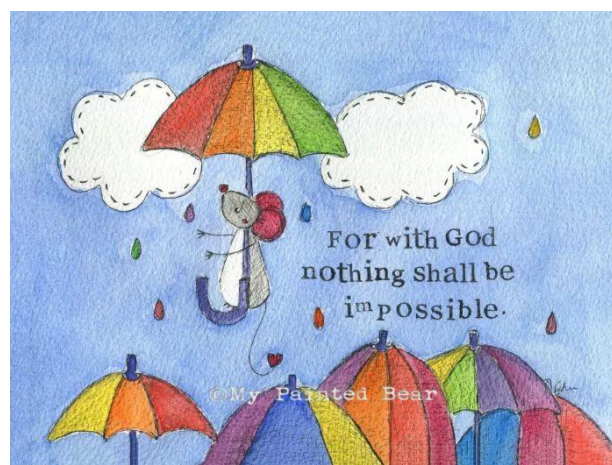
St James Church buildings remain closed at the moment, but our halls will re-open for Pre-School at the start of September.

Please watch out for further announcements over the next few weeks. These will give exact information about when the first services will be held and how you can be part of them.

We thank the Delegated Church Council and Steward Elders for all the work they are doing to enable us to return safely to Church.

MESSAGE FROM THE MINISTER

Hello Everyone. Very soon you will be getting some information about returning to worship at Church. This will be an exciting time! Please read the information very carefully as you think about when the right time for you to come to Church may be. We won't all be able to come along on the first Sunday as our numbers will be limited by Social Distancing. It will be essential to book in advance so that everyone can be safe. This time has shown us that our Church is far more than just a building in Woolton. We are God's people who have been blessed, guided and kept in fellowship over the months apart. If you aren't able to join us for the first service, or even for several months, you will still be a vital part of our Church. We will continue to provide online services as well as emails and letters with material for Worship at Home. God bless, Peter.



STONEMWORK REPAIRS ON THE CHURCH ROOF

I just wanted to let everyone know that we have arranged for some urgent stonework repairs to be carried out to the church roof at both the front and the rear of the building. The work **has been delayed until** this week **but** we are hoping it will all be completed in two weeks. There will be scaffolding and hoists being used so for health and safety reasons the church gardens and grounds will be closed to everyone while the work is taking place. I'm really sorry for any inconvenience this will cause but it is good that this will all be completed ready for when we are able to re-open the church building. Thank you, Pam Bellis.

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

For those who are celebrating a birthday this week, remember age is merely the number of years the world has been enjoying you.

Everyone at St. James' wishes a happy birthday and enjoy your special day.

PRAYERS NEEDED

Dear God, I know that the first step in all spiritual healing is to believe.

I believe! I open my mind and heart believing in your infinite power and possibility.

I believe that healing is a dynamic and reachable experience, a reality that can be experienced right now.

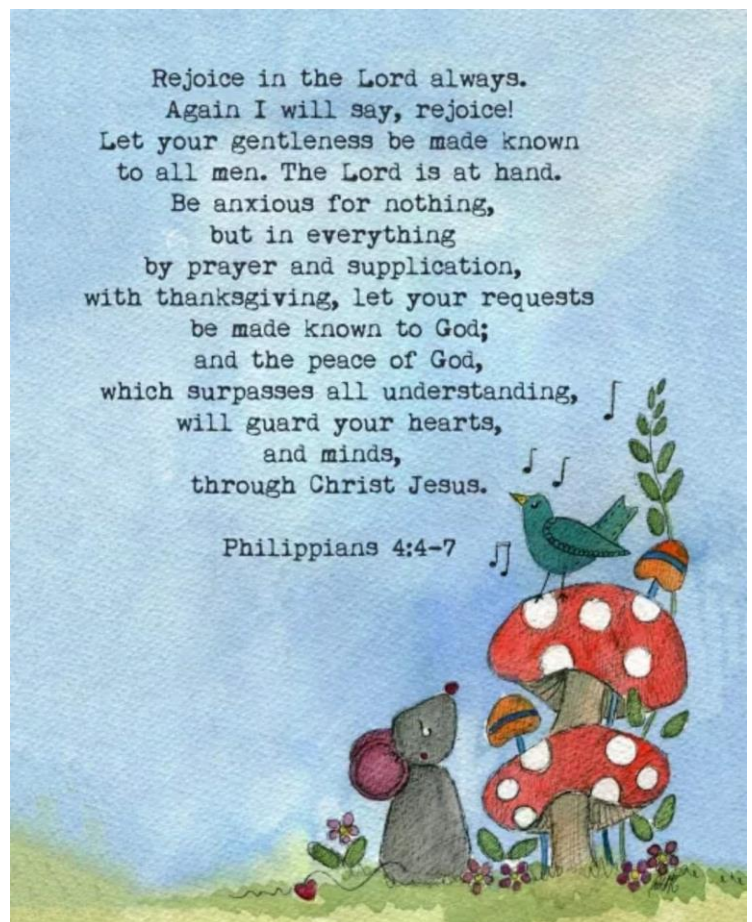
I maintain a patient and loving attitude, for I believe that your healing activity is now at work in my mind and body.

I look forward, with joyful expectation, to the perfect wholeness that you are now bringing into manifestation through me.

I believe in your constant expression of perfect good in and through me.

I rest in the certainty of your healing power. I know that with you all things are possible.

In Jesus Christ's name, Amen.



Jesus, I know that when you walked on the earth, you trod upon hard places, you felt the strain of this world and the pressures of mental torment.

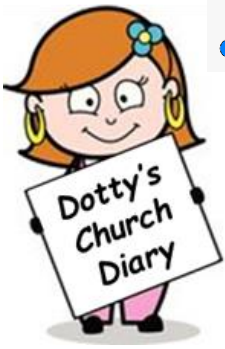
So, I ask that you would come besides me now, lead me through this time where my mind cannot cope.

Help me to find peace and calming inner thoughts.

You hold me safe Lord, I trust in you. Amen.

We continue to pray for all those in need at this time, especially Clarice Rogers, Isabella and David Meek.

DOTTY'S DIARY



All things bright and beautiful - all creatures great and small. Hope St James will open soon, beginning the hall.



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An unusually early trip to the hall one day this week revealed an eager arrival looking for a way in. Many of us will share that feeling, but the good news along the grapevine, (or snail trail) is that partial re-opening of both buildings is now imminent, and full information will be in circulation, to everyone, by all

recognised methods in the next few days.

Meanwhile it's been a week-full of incidents best described as 'beads on the necklace of life'. Some truly beautiful – like the people I've known for years but spoken to for the first time in months, and the people I've met for the first time ever and shared new knowledge and experiences with.

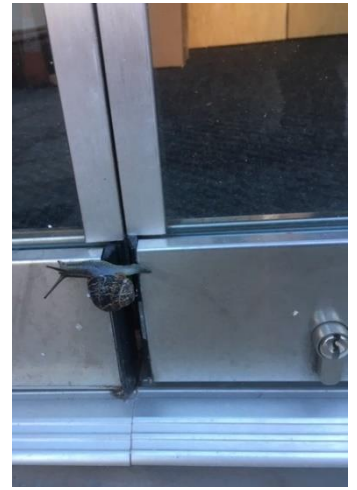
Some interestingly bumpy – like contacts with a car repair garage, the dentist and a hospital clinic.

Some which stand out from the rest – like the gallons of water that have poured off my neighbour's roof into my garden via a poorly replaced gutter, and the high winds and rain that have kept our church scaffolders and stone masons confined to their vans, cars, and offices.

In the middle of it all, there's been Jimmy, in his hard hat (briefly) and sheltered from the storm by an impromptu roof that has protected him from more than falling masonry. Another reason to smile and 'keep on keeping on', as a friend used to say.



And best of all - even as I type this - a text message has arrived saying that the scaffolding round the church front doors is coming down – right now!!



MESSAGE FROM OUR TREASURER

We have previously put a gentle request encouraging anyone who would normally put their offering on the plate, either in cash or envelope to if at all possible, put the money aside ready for when we are able to return to Church.

As we are coming to the end of our Churches financial year, (**31st August**) and currently still unable to meet for worship, it would now be helpful if anyone who normally put their money on the plate and has done this, could consider one of a couple of alternatives if at all possible, which is either - A direct payment into the bank either regularly or on a one-off basis.

If you wish to do this our bank details are:

HSBC

Account name St James Methodist United Reform Church

Sort 40-29-39

Account 11060856.

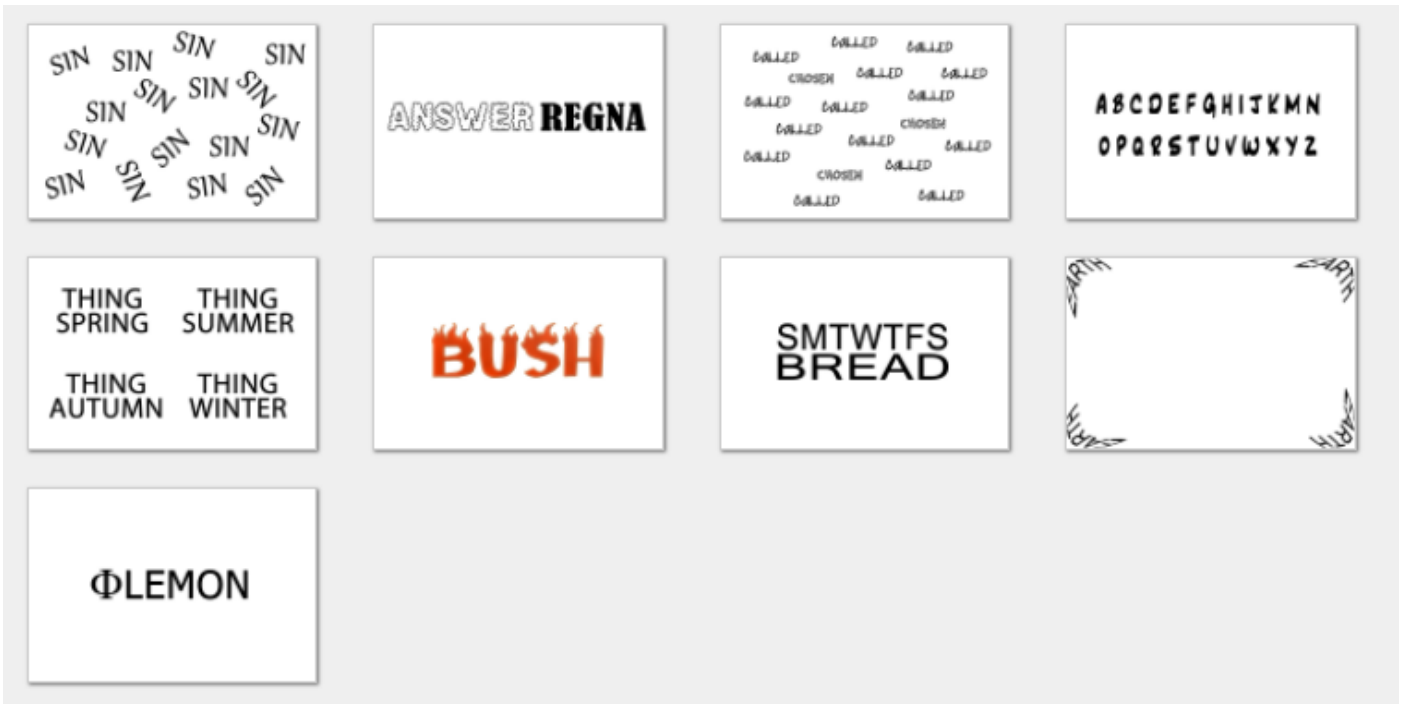
If you are able to do this, it would be helpful if you could email the treasurer (stevewelliott@aol.com) so he can look out for the payment. Or, as an alternative if you don't have online banking you could send a cheque to the Church with St James Church as the payee. The address is St James Church, Church Road Liverpool L25 7RJ

We do appreciate that some of our fellowship have already helped in this way and we are grateful for their help. We are also thankful to the many people who regularly contribute by direct payments into the Church's bank account and have continued to do so during this period.

We do of course realise that not everyone will be able to assist in this way however, can we thank everyone for the gifts of time and money that you do give to God through St James'; it is really appreciated, as without everyone's' dedication, support and sacrificial giving, none of the good work that St James' does in the name of Christ would be possible.

Steve Elliott

ST JAMES' DINGBATS – Last week's answers (working across)



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| 1. | Multitude of sins | 6. | Burning bush |
| 2. | A soft answer turns away wrath | 7. | Daily bread |
| 3. | Many are called but few are chosen | 8. | The four corners of the Earth |
| 4. | Noel | 9. | Philemon |
| 5. | To everything there is a season | | |

LAST WEEK'S CROSSWORD ANSWERS

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Across: 1 Changers, 5 Offers, 10 Aloes, 11 Bemoaning, 12 Gathering, 13 Trump, 14 Almond, 15 Suffers, 18 Encamps, 20 Chased, 22 Heart, 24 Reinstate, 25 Sosthenes, 26 Voice, 27 Arrows, 28 Entrance.

Down: 1 Charge, 2 Apostolic, 3 Gospel Of Matthew, 4 Rebuild, 6 Feast Of Passover, 7 Elihu, 8 Signpost, 9 Images, 16 Elevation, 17 Bethesda, 19 Shrine, 20 Crimson, 21 Revere, 23 Assir.

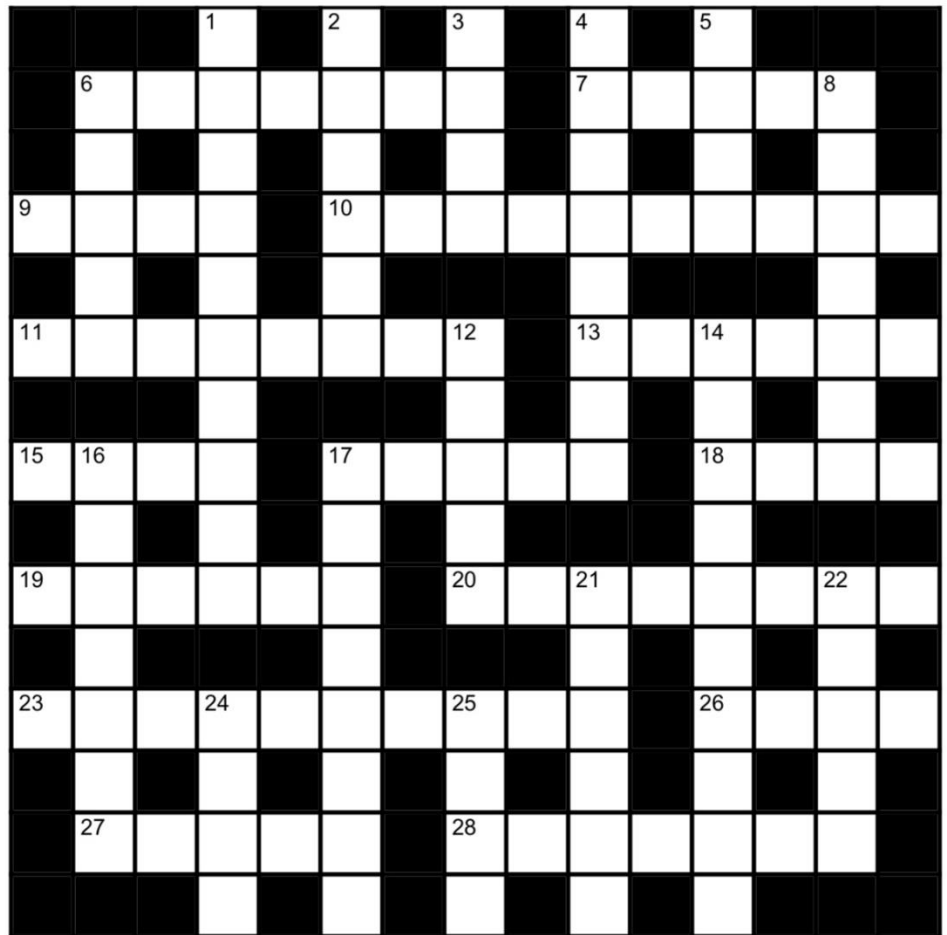
THIS WEEK'S CROSSWORD

Across

- 6 Of a limited distance on the Sabbath (7)
- 7 Make up for (5)
- 9 A creature to be strained? (4)
- 10 Precursor of the Exodus (3,7)
- 11 Beaten (8)
- 13 Laid aside in the tomb (6)
- 15 Babylonian deity (4)
- 17 Priestly apparel (5)
- 18 Babylonian export (4)
- 19 Source of danger (6)
- 20 Personnel of 25d (8)
- 23 Household worker (10)
- 26 Wanes (4)
- 27 An "unclean" rodent (5)
- 28 Book of prophecy (7)

Down

- 1 Sacrificial offering (10)
- 2 Grab harshly (6)
- 3 Anthem (4)



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4 Young animals for sacrifice (8)

5 Of Solomon, for example (4)

6 Prophet who went to Nineveh (5)

8 A priestly prophet (7)

12 Sins (5)

14 Plague (10)

16 One of the tribes (7)

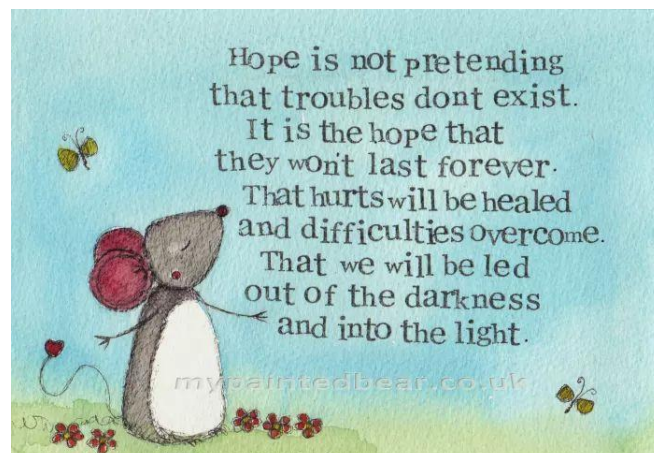
17 Like the Prodigal Son (8)

21 Not much (6)

22 Spiritual leader (5)

24 First Israelite king (4)

25 Military force (4)



FEEDING OF THE 5000 WORDSEARCH



BASKETS
BLESSED
BOY
BREAD
CHILDREN
COMPASSION
CROWDS
DISCIPLES
EAT
FEEDING
FISH
FIVE THOUSAND
GATHERED

GRASS
HUNGER
JESUS
JEWS
LEFTOVERS
LOAVES
MEN
MIRACLE
MULTITUDE
PRAYER
STARVING
TWELVE
WOMEN

LAST WEEK'S GUESS WHO?



Were you correct?



THIS WEEK'S GUESS WHO?



Who is this toddler?

**Send a photo in for others to guess, to
Jayne at 07859062692 or
jayniemac@hotmail.co.uk**



NEWSLETTER NOTICES FOR NEXT WEEK



If you would like to share anything during lockdown 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
jayniemac@hotmail.co.uk**