

**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 – 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2021**



God of power and life, the glory of all who believe in you; fill the world with your splendour and show the nations the light of your truth; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

**Second Sunday of Christmas**

God of beauty and light, with the appearing of your Son you have brought us into your new creation. Renew in us your image and likeness that our lives may reflect your glory; 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.

**SUNDAY SERVICES.**

Please read the information below so that we are all aware how we can behave safely and protect each other. We plan to hold our services as follows:

**Sunday 3rd January 10.30am** and then every Sunday (unless we need to stop again for safety reasons).

***We will not be holding Services on Christmas Day or Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> December.***

Once again, you will need to book in advance to attend a Service. This is because the capacity of our Church has been much reduced by the need to observe social distance.

You will need to book in each week. Booking will be by telephone only.

Please contact **Jayne McLaren** on **07859 062 692** or email [jayniemac@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:jayniemac@hotmail.co.uk)

These are the booking times:

**For Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> January onwards, book from 4pm on each Sunday for the following week.**

Places will be given on a first come first served basis.

If we can't book you in for the coming Sunday, we will put you on the list for the following Sunday. If you wish to sit as part of a family group, please tell us at the time of booking so that we can arrange seats together for you. If you book and then find that you can't come to a Service, please let us know as it will create space for others to come.

Please don't "turn up" at Church if you haven't booked for that Service as it will be frustrating for you to have to go home.

It is essential that you do not come to Church if you are showing symptoms of Covid 19 or have recently come into contact with someone who is suspected of or confirmed to be infected.

For all of us, including those who show no symptoms, getting a test (if available) in the week before coming to Church will help us to know we are safe when we have contact with others.

Please do come when it is safe for you to do so. If you are in a vulnerable group please think carefully about whether it is safe for you to attend.

We have prepared the Church by cleaning and other measures.

**Telephone Worship – 2.20 for 2.30pm on Sunday**

**Dial In Instructions: 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 invited to say your name and will then be admitted to the Worship Session.

**Our Preacher this Sunday will be Rev John Lansley**

**COST:** - 0333 numbers cost the same to dial as ordinary UK numbers – if you have “free minutes” from your telephone supplier then there will be no cost.

**Everyone is more than welcome to join us for "After Worship Coffee and Chat" on Zoom, Sunday's at noon.**



**There will also be a coffee and chat zoom session on NEW YEARS DAY at noon to wish each other a Happy New Year**  
(chocolate and tea drinkers also welcome!)

Jayne is hosting, and joining details are: By computer or tablet... Join Zoom Meeting by clicking on: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81823449612?pwd=UHk5ZlhxYmVab3dxc1VlakNrYlJWUT09>  
or use following via the Zoom "App":

Meeting ID: 818 2344 9612

Passcode: 828715

Or dial in from your phone to 0203 481 5240 or 0203 901 7895

Then enter Meeting ID and Passcode as above when asked. If you have a smart phone, iPad or PC you can join in, phone me for details.

Jayne McLaren 07859062692

***BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS***

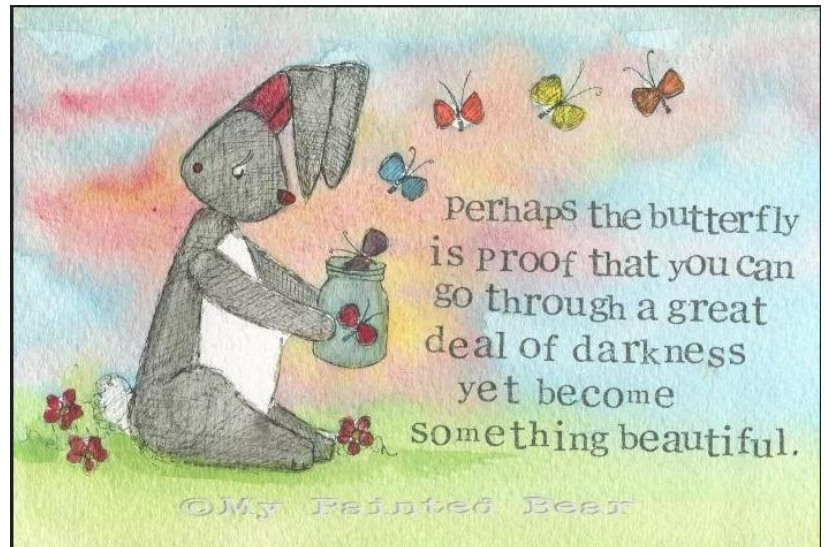
For those who are celebrating a birthday this week, remember, count not the candles...see the lights they give. Count not the years, but the life you live. Wishing you a wonderful time ahead.

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

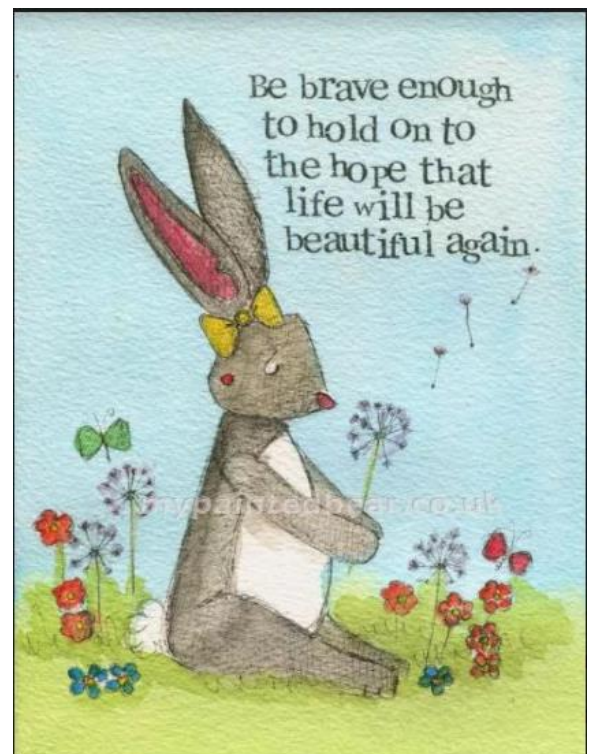
Alan Smith and Family would like to thank everyone for all the prayers, get well wishes and support over the last few weeks while he's been in and out of hospital and is now on the road to recovery.

## AN END OF 2020 PRAYER

Heal us, O Lord from the pain, sorrowing  
and suffering of this year.  
Heal us from any anxiety and fear.  
We lay it all at your feet. We release  
every worry into your care.  
Help us surrender in total trust.  
Like a flower after the rain or a butterfly  
after it's cocoon.  
Let us see clearly the beauty and growth  
from this year.  
Let us embrace the transformation  
within us.  
Renew us, refresh us, revive us.  
May our hope arise greater than ever.  
Amen.



I know many have suffered this year.  
Many are hurting.  
Many are overwhelmed.  
So, this is my prayer to God, asking and crying out for  
healing. Physical healing, emotional healing, spiritual  
healing.  
I also know many are worrying.  
And I want to focus on that for a moment.  
I have found myself worrying too.  
Last night, as I was praying, I felt God invite me to share  
with Him all the worries in my heart.  
To really be honest with Him.  
And to not try to cling to my own ways of coping or to  
minimise certain "smaller" worries.  
I felt it was important to empty them all out before Him.  
Every single one. As a way to release and surrender  
them.  
And the freedom I felt and feel today was like breathing  
in fresh, cool air.  
That reviving air.  
I must continually remind myself to do this.  
For those who may also be gripping onto worries, I  
encourage you to go to Him, sit with Him and go  
through each worry and hand them over to Him.  
Release your grip, empty your hands of all you're trying to carry.  
He is the Lifter of our burdens, of our worries.  
I am praying for a mighty wave of His peace to comfort you.  
And for us to remember, He alone is our peace.  
I'm praying for the beauty and growth of this year to remain with us always.  
I'm praying for God to walk with each of us, hand in hand, as we soon step into a new year, a new  
chapter, a new journey.  
Amen

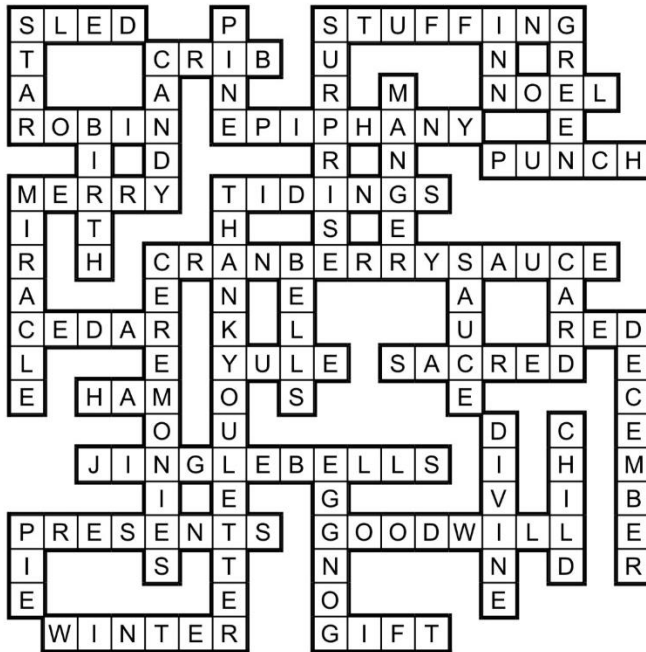


Please keep all our friends and family close to our hearts this week as we face what comes before  
us.

Please keep Stuart Williams and Family in your prayers as Stuarts Dad, Ron passed away in the  
Royal.



## LAST WEEK'S CROSSWORD ANSWERS



Across: 1 Sled, 3 Stuffing, 6 Crib, 8 Noel, 9 Robin, 11 Epiphany, 12 Punch, 13 Merry, 14 Tidings, 15 Cranberry sauce, 19 Cedar, 20 Red, 22 Yule, 23 Sacred, 24 Ham, 27 Jingle Bells, 29 Presents, 30 Goodwill, 31 Winter, 32 Gift.

Down: 1 Star, 2 Pine, 3 Surprise, 4 Inn, 5 Green, 6 Candy, 7 Manger, 10 Birth, 13 Miracle, 14 Thank you letter, 15 Ceremonies, 16 Bells, 17 Sauce, 18 Card, 21 December, 25 Divine, 26 Child, 28 Eggnog, 29 Pie.

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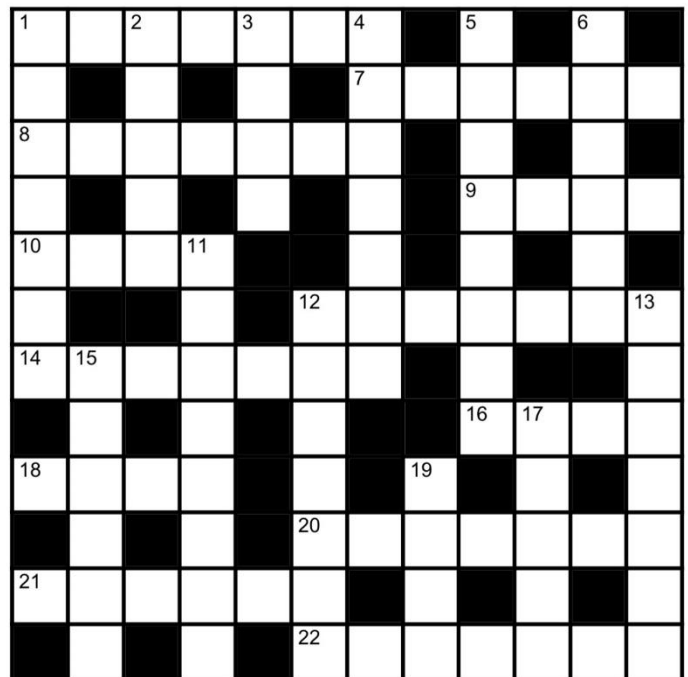
## THIS WEEK'S CROSSWORD

### Across

- 1 A Herod (7)
- 7 Not at sea (6)
- 8 Hanging cloth (7)
- 9 Clean animal (4)
- 10 Killed (4)
- 12 Proud of (7)
- 14 Ones who owe (7)
- 16 Portion (4)
- 18 Angle (4)
- 20 Bible outcast (7)
- 21 Diseased persons (6)
- 22 Breastplate stone (7)

### Down

- 1 Pointed a finger at (7)
- 2 Days of Saul's blindness (5)
- 3 Talk to God (4)
- 4 Moses removed his (7)
- 5 He escaped incineration (8)
- 6 Country (6)
- 11 Guards (8)
- 12 Oath (7)
- 13 Desecrated (7)
- 15 Banished people (6)
- 17 River of Damascus (5)
- 19 Footwear (4)



by Philologus

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## NEWSLETTER NOTICES FOR 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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