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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 – October 4th 2020

Blessed are you, O Lord, and blessed are those who observe and keep your law. Help us to seek you with our whole heart, to delight in your commandments and to walk in the glorious liberty given us by your Son, Jesus Christ, in whose name we make our prayer. Amen.

Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary

Almighty and everlasting God, mercifully look upon our infirmities, and in all our dangers and necessities stretch out your hand to help and defend us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

MESSAGE FROM THE MINISTER

Sadly, we are not able to worship together in Church this Sunday. This is because of the latest restrictions which affect the Liverpool City Region which prohibit gatherings of people from different households in all indoor places. It is important that we play our part as responsible citizens in reducing the spread of the virus in our area. Hopefully the restrictions will be lifted soon and we can then resume worship.

In the meantime, all those resources which we used during lockdown will be helpful once again. This Sunday there will be two Circuit Services. There will be one in the morning and a welcome service in the afternoon for our new Circuit Minister - Clement, who has joined us from Zimbabwe.

If you would like to chat to anyone at this time please feel free to get in touch with myself, your pastoral visitor or one of the Steward Elders. May the Lord Bless you and keep you, Peter.



Telephone Worship – Order of Service Sunday 4th October 2.20 for 2.30pm

Dial In Instructions: Between 2.20pm and 2.30pm on Sunday:

From your normal “landline” telephone: **Dial:** 0330-159-6644

On being asked, enter the following number, or “Pin”: **37 38 18**

You will be invited to say your name and will then be admitted to the Worship Session.

Order of Worship:

- Welcome and opening prayer (Host – Graham Martin)
- Bible reading (Pat Fagan) Matthew 21, vs 33-46
- Lord’s Prayer (Host)
- Talk or “mini-sermon” (Liz Hudson)
- Prayers (Pam Bellis)
- Grace and dismissal. (Host)

And immediately after....

Rev Clement Matarirano’s Welcome Service takes place on Sunday at 3pm via Zoom: please log on/dial in at least 10 minutes before the service is due to start.

Details for joining the service are as follows:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85686700960?pwd=OTFmdzVoUzRsRFArOERsaldsYzIoUT09>

Meeting ID: 856 8670 0960

Passcode: clement20

You can also join by telephone - ring any one of the numbers below, then enter (when asked) the meeting ID, then the Passcode (NB enter numbers only – no spaces):

0203 901 7895

0131 460 1196

0203 051 2874

0203 481 5237

0203 481 5240

Meeting ID: 856 8670 0960

Passcode: 696 444 579

God Bless. Graham.

STONEMWORK REPAIRS ON THE CHURCH ROOF

The urgent stonework repairs at the front of the church roof have now been completed.

Work at the back is still going on so the church gardens and grounds must remain closed for a little longer while the workmen are on site.

I'm really sorry for any inconvenience this will cause but we hope that this will all be finished in the near future. Thank you, Pam Bellis.

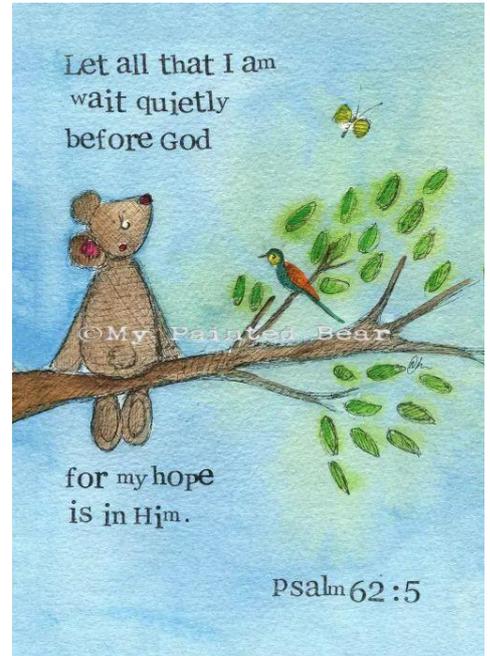
BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

For those who are celebrating a birthday this week, remember, you are never too old to set another goal or to dream a new dream. Everyone at St. James’ wishes a happy birthday and enjoy your special day

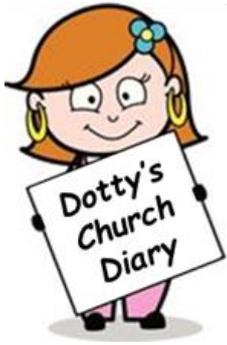
PRAYERS NEEDED

Lord, I come before you today in need of your healing hand. In you all things are possible.
Hold my heart within yours, and renew my mind, body, and soul. I am lost, but I am singing.
You gave us life, and you also give us the gift of infinite joy.
Give me the strength to move forward on the path you've laid out for me.
Guide me towards better health and give me the wisdom to identify those you've placed around me to help me get better.
In your name I pray, Amen.

A special prayer for Delilah, who has a heart operation on Tuesday. Please keep Delilah, her family and her medical team in your thoughts.
We continue to pray for all those in need at this time, including Jayne McLaren.



DOTTY'S DIARY



Walking into church last week, anyone's first thought might have been "Where have all the big chairs gone?"

There were still plenty to sit on, but the stacks of unused ones lurking at the back – a reminder of past and (hopefully) future times – had disappeared, leaving a peaceful, uncluttered look to our special space. How did that happen? Did they feel superfluous to requirements and exercise their many legs to go for a walk? Had the Trustees hired them out to meet the cost of repairs to the stonework?

Or was it more likely due to a combination of Harry Houdini, Paul Daniels and 'bibbidi, bobbidi boo'?

Either way, the chairs were traced to the small hall across the road, settling into winter hibernation under layers of plastic sheeting. A less fanciful person than me might be able to hear them chunnering cheerfully to each other about pandemic isolation / missing worship / folks' ability to sit on pews again etc., etc.

For, in a move that has slightly increased the number of the Church Family who can meet together safely for worship, the two pews

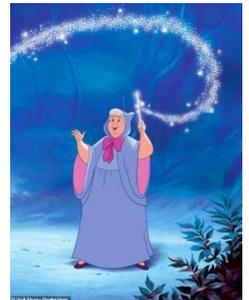
painstakingly polished and preserved by Nigel, Simon and George Draper, (in other difficult but ultimately happier times), are again accessible. But no rule of 6 here! Only two people per pew allowed!!



Outside, the year is turning. It's harvest time again, with plenty of ways to celebrate the better parts of the year, and God's abiding love and presence through all of it. And to be thankful....

Not least to those two hardy and unbelievably talented souls who are finishing up the first phase of repairs on the stonework, and who pressed on this week in the most appalling conditions.

Were they Scouts in their youth? They certainly came prepared.



GOSPEL READING

Ecclesiastes 3:1-22 New International Version

A Time for Everything

3 1 There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens: **2** a time to be born and a time to die, a time to plant and a time to uproot, **3** a time to kill and a time to heal, a time to tear down and a time to build, **4** a time to weep and a time to laugh, a time to mourn and a time to dance, **5** a time to scatter stones and a time to gather them, a time to embrace and a time to refrain from embracing, **6** a time to search and a time to give up, a time to keep and a time to throw away, **7** a time to tear and a time to mend, a time to be silent and a time to speak, **8** a time to love and a time to hate, a time for war and a time for peace. **9** What do workers gain from their toil? **10** I have seen the burden God has laid on the human race.

11 He has made everything beautiful in its time. He has also set eternity in the human heart; yet no one can fathom what God has done from beginning to end. **12** I know that there is nothing better for people than to be happy and to do good while they live. **13** That each of them may eat and drink, and find satisfaction in all their toil-this is the gift of God. **14** I know that everything God does will endure forever; nothing can be added to it and nothing taken from it. God does it so that people will fear him. **15** Whatever is has already been, and what will be has been before; and God will call the past to account.



This beautiful photo was taken on Thursday by Jayne. It shows the changing colours of autumn. If you would like to share your autumn photographs, please send them to Jayne and we will add them to our newsletter.

The seasons come and go, so focus on the God who remains unchanged and unchanging. “LORD, You have been our dwelling place in all generations. Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever You had formed the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, You are God (**Psalm 90:1-2**).

THIS WEEK'S CROSSWORD

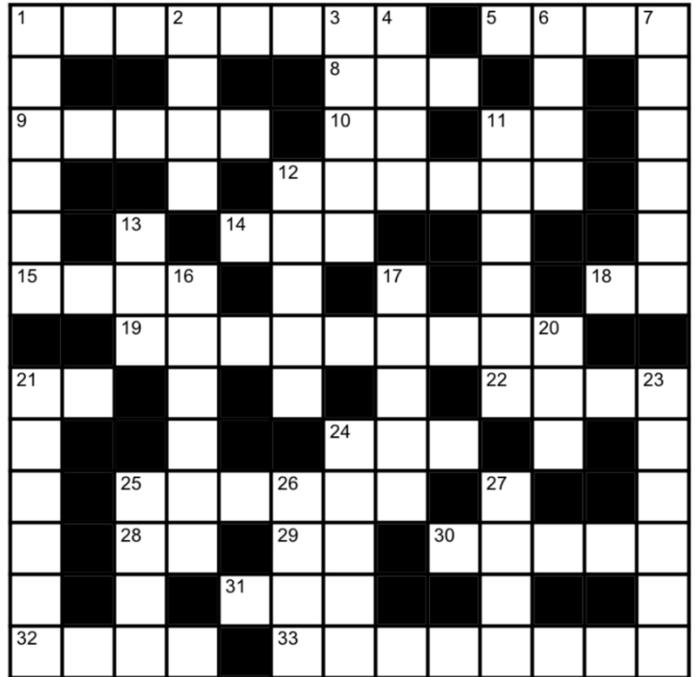
CREATION CROSSWORD

Across

- 1 The origin of life (8)
- 5 The gathering together of the waters were called these (4)
- 8 Made by a spider (3)
- 9 The trees were created on this day (5)
- 10 New Testament (abbreviated) (2)
- 11 To exist or occur (2)
- 12 This light was made to rule the night (6)
- 14 Atmosphere (3)
- 15 The first garden (4)
- 18 An undefined action or object (2)
- 19 One of the rivers originating in Eden (9)
- 21 Thus (2)
- 22 These were created on the fifth day (4)
- 24 The apostle John wrote with this (3)
- 25 The name of the firmament which God created (6)
- 28 In the year of our Lord (abbreviated) (2)
- 29 Alternatively (2)
- 30 The whales were created on this day (5)
- 31 Adam and Eve sewed leaves from this tree to make aprons (3)
- 32 Darkness was on the face of this before light was created (4)
- 33 God divided this from the light (8)

Down

- 1 These were created on the sixth day (6)
- 2 An area of land (4)
- 3 One who possesses (5)
- 4 Used to catch fish (4)
- 6 Always (4)



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- 7 This moved on the face of the waters (6)
- 11 Faith (6)
- 12 God created this on the first day (5)
- 13 To observe (3)
- 16 Cared for babies or children (6)
- 17 Removed (5)
- 20 To scatter seed (3)
- 21 The firmament was created on this day (6)
- 23 Two of these appeared on the fourth day (6)
- 24 Paul visited here on his first journey (5)
- 25 To possess (4)
- 26 The earth was this in the beginning (4)
- 27 The sun was to be this in the sky (4)



LAST WEEK'S CROSSWORD ANSWERS



Across: 1 Horses, 4 Dipped, 9 Pray, 10 Apocalypse, 11 Athlai, 12 Gracious, 13 Scattered, 15 Five, 16 Jobs, 17 Carpenter, 21 Philippi, 22 Adults, 24 Damascenes, 25 Pure, 26 Honest, 27 Adored.

Down: 1 Heretic, 2 Royal, 3 Examine, 5 Isaiah, 6 Physician, 7 Dispute, 8 Congregations, 14 Tubal-Cain, 16 Jehoash, 18 Praised, 19 Entered, 20 Spices, 23 Upper.

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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