

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 – August 2nd 2020

Lord and giver of life, you alone nourish and sustain your people, through Christ, the bread of life. Feed our hunger and quench our thirst, that we may no longer work for what fails to satisfy, but do what you require, in obedience and faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Almighty God, your Son has opened for us a new and living way into your presence. Give us new hearts and constant wills to worship you in spirit and in truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

News of the possible opening of church buildings for private prayer has been released but communal worship of any kind is not currently scheduled until at least early autumn.

The Minister and Steward Elders are in direct contact with Methodist Circuit, URC Mersey Synod and National Church and will update the congregation in due course as to progress and decisions on these matters which will require considerable organisation and will demand appropriate measures.

Please note that although the Government has announced some lifting of Covid 19 Regulations our buildings remain closed at this moment in time. Thank you.

MESSAGE FROM THE MINISTER

Hello Everyone, I hope you are all staying safe and well. I miss seeing you all and hope we can be together as soon as it is safe. Your Steward Elders & Delegated Church Council are working very hard and we thank them. Thank you to all of you who responded to the Questionnaire – your answers were informative, inspiring and encouraging. Those of you who haven't responded PLEASE do so NOW! We are giving you a second chance to respond by Saturday 1st August. The reason we need your responses is to guide the Delegated Church Council who are meeting on Monday 3rd.

One of our members in their answers to the questions pictured God with his Rod and Staff watching over us and guiding us safely through this time. What a wonderful picture, which is a reflection of the truth of Lord who is our Shepherd.

May each of you know that safe guidance through the coming week. God Bless, Peter.

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
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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 will start on **Monday 3rd August** and 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. Don't forget, birthdays are nature's way of telling us to eat more cake. Everyone at St. James' wishes a happy birthday and enjoy your special day.

PRAYERS NEEDED

Father of goodness of love,
Hear our prayers for the sick members of our church family and for all who are in need.

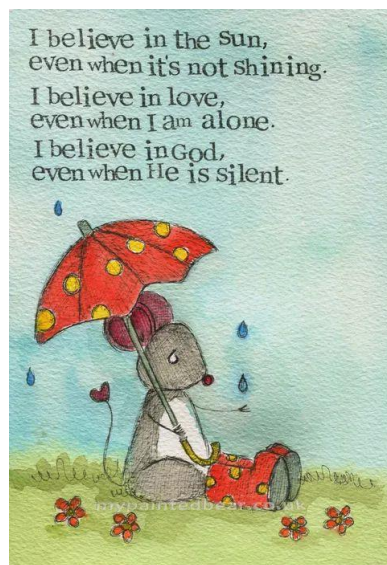
Amid mental and physical suffering may they find consolation in your healing presence.

Show your mercy as you close wounds, cure illness, make broken bodies whole and free downcast spirits.

May these special people find lasting health and deliverance and so join us in thanking you for all your gifts.

We ask this through the Lord Jesus who healed those who believed. Amen.

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



DOTTY'S DIARY



I added two new (local) shops to my travels this week and felt really positive. The young woman in a jazzy face mask, managing a full trolley and puppy-walking a baby guide dog at the same time, cheered me up even more.

I'm starting to hear optimistic conversations about re-opening church in September – albeit with significant restrictions and differences to what we're used to – but that lifted my spirits too. Some of us went on training to put face-to-face worship on-line for folks who won't feel safe coming back to church yet. And 'went' to a Zoom service, which actually felt pretty good. As that 80's pop-song said, it felt like: "the only way is up" 😊



And then there was scary Spike!! A bubble-burster for so many people in so many ways – lurking in the shadows, just dying to remind us that we are not out of the Covid-19 woods yet. Folks had to cancel their plans and disappoint their families who were looking forward to a treat. Spike dampened even my high spirits and sent me scurrying back to the safety of home and a few very close friends.

So hear this Spike: *I know you're out there, and I'll be patient for as long as it takes. Meanwhile, I'll be dialling in to worship on Sunday afternoons (thanks to Graham and Lynne), hoping for September in my heart, and looking forward to Zoom worship for St James maybe? But possibly without the 3 dogs, 1 cat, 1 chicken and a parrot who 'dropped in' on the last one?*

Slogans seem to come in threes, so mine (for now) are

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Positive



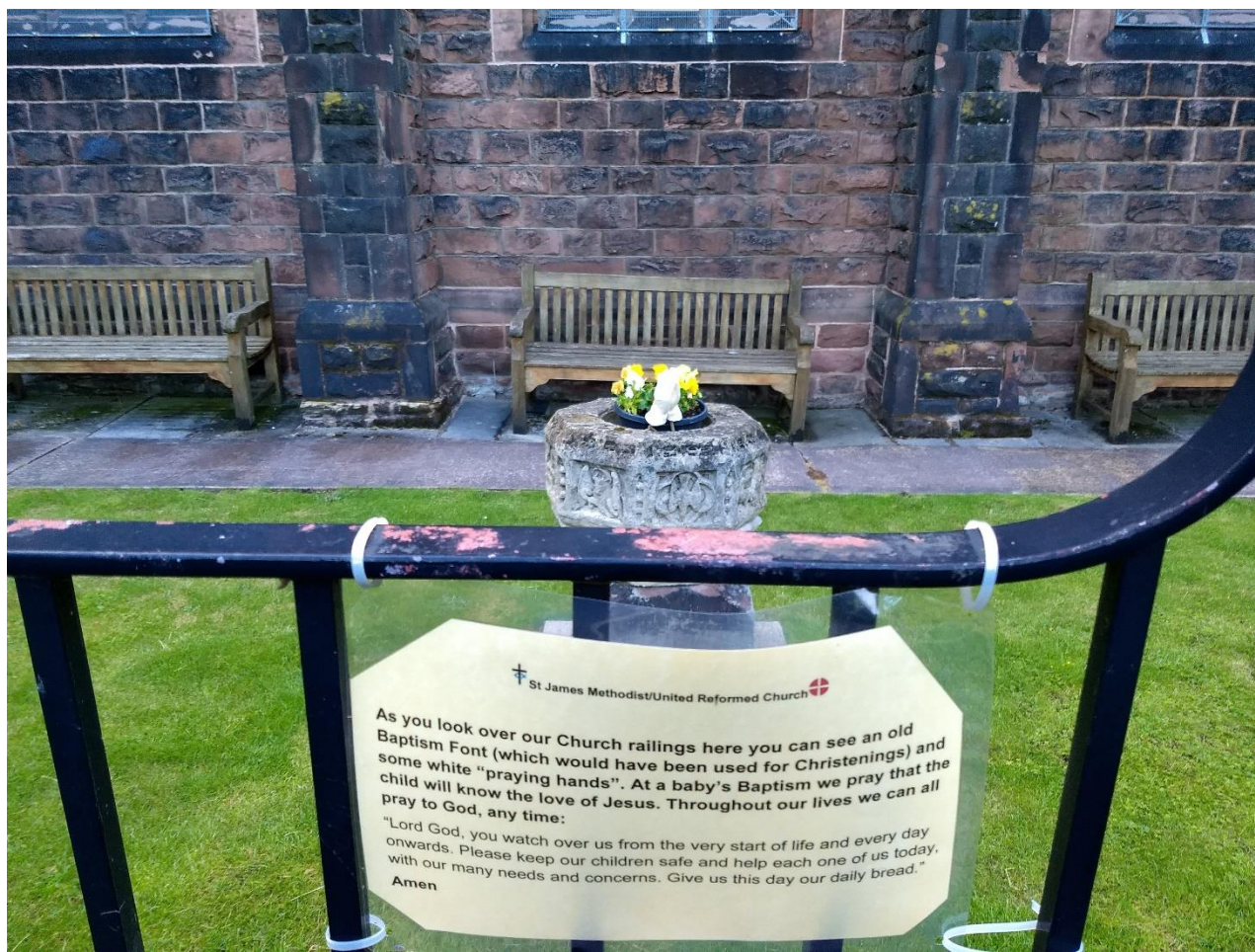
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PRAYERS ON OUR RAILINGS



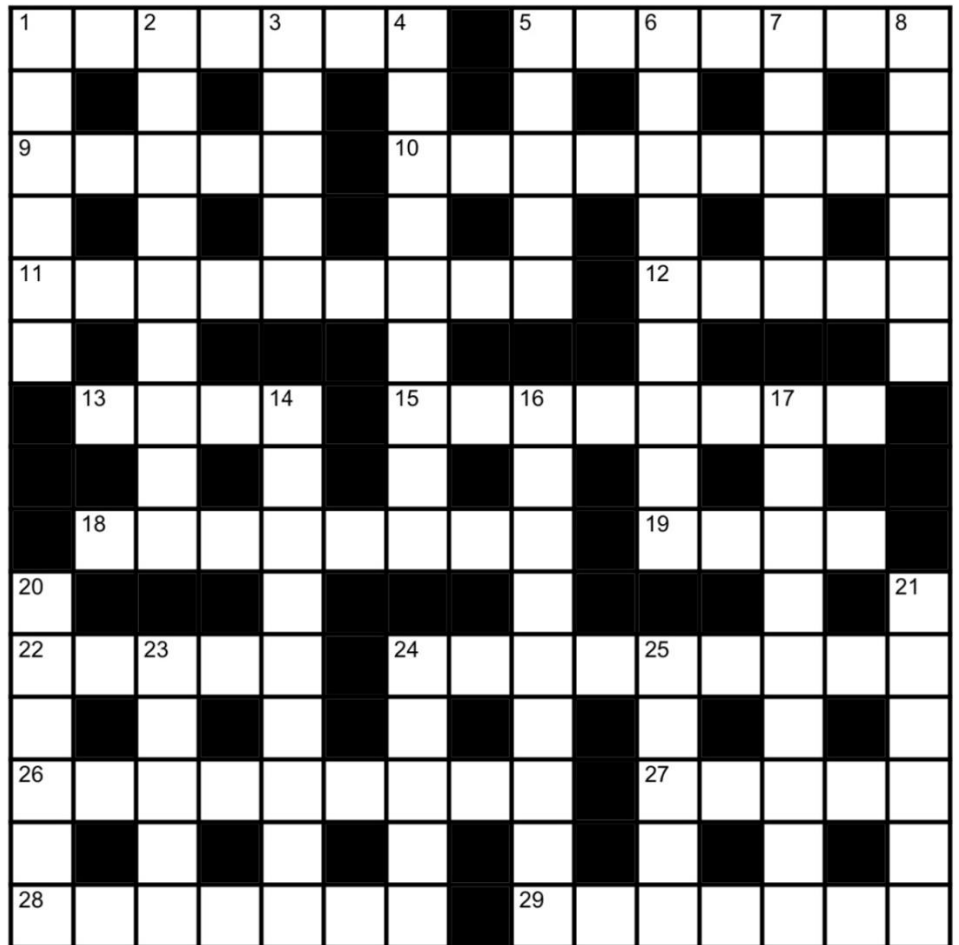
THIS WEEK'S CROSSWORD

Across

- 1 Wife of Isaac (7)
 5 Resplendencies (7)
 9 Stories (5)
 10 Judges, elders,
 tax collectors, for
 example (9)
 11 Catastrophies (9)
 12 Father of Ahiam (5)
 13 Hades (4)
 15 Eunuch from here was
 baptised by Philip (8)
 18 A sound of joy (8)
 19 Vessel (4)
 22 Up on high (5)
 24 First meal of the
 day (9)
 26 Hard (9)
 27 Solomon made a
 throne out of this (5)
 28 Furious (7)
 29 Decorated (7)

Down

- 1 Repair (6)
 2 David committed
 adultery with her (9)



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- 3 Barrels (5)
 4 Propitiation (9)
 5 Jesus was given three
 as a child (5)
 6 Times (9)
 7 Father of Esau and
 Jacob (5)
 8 Killed by Jael (6)
 14 Heavenly flash (9)
 16 Reaped (9)
 17 Copycats (9)
 20 Horse rider's seat (6)
 21 Remained (6)
 23 Tender (5)
 24 Tied (5)
 25 Abraham was going
 to kill his son with
 this (5)

LAST WEEK'S CROSSWORD ANSWERS

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Across: 1 Refines, 5 Stained, 9 Idols, 10 Plenteous, 11 Bathsheba, 12 Raise, 13 Wrestle, 15 Drought, 17 Assyria, 19 Kingdom, 21 Robes, 23 Overthrow, 25 Published, 26 Amnon, 27 Avenger, 28 Dresses.

Down: 1 Rainbow, 2 Frontlets, 3 Nests, 4 Supreme, 5 Steward, 6 Afternoon, 7 Naomi, 8 Descent, 14 Threshing, 16 Gadarenes, 17 Agrippa, 18 Another, 19 Kneaded, 20 Mowings, 22 Bible, 24 Trade.

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ST JAMES' DINGBATS

The say what you see puzzle. Work your way across each row. Answers next week. Enjoy!

GIVE GIVE GIVE GIVE GET GET GET GET	LISTEN! WAIT! JUMP! START! STAND! Go! FETCH! STOP! LOOK! SIT!	THE COVENANT	→ GATE GATE
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A BRIEF HISTORY OF ST JAMES' CHURCH



Services in Woolton were first held in a cottage in **Delph Lane** in 1811 and a small chapel was erected in Much Woolton in 1834. Although the congregations were small St. James' Church was built in **1866**, as a result of their generous contributions.

It was very exclusive and from 1895 - 1931 was a circuit in its own right known as the Woolton Wesleyan Methodist Circuit.

It transferred to the Grove Street Circuit in 1931. The church has grown as Woolton has expanded.



These three scenes were taken on 2nd October 1977. The 26th Liverpool Boys' Brigade and 18th Liverpool Girls' Brigade, holding their monthly Church parade via Allerton Road, Quarry Street South and High Street.



Some faces that spring to mind are Ron Swindells, his son Rob Swindells, Beryl Swindells and Eileen Curphey with her (then) five-year-old son John.

Can you spot yourself?

CHURCH WEEKEND at Abbott's Hall, Grange-over-Sands, 11th October 1986. **Were you there?**



Do you have any old St. James' photos that you would like to share with the rest of your church family?