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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 – 17th July 2022

Minister's Message

Hello Everyone,

I hope you have managed to stay cool but also enjoy the sunshine. This week I have been reflecting on my experience as a Methodist who has been involved in different ways with the URC since the age of 15. As I have been thinking of my time playing the organ at Sefton Park URC in my teens and I have realised how important that time was in my life. The Ministers, leaders and members of that Church welcomed, guided and supported me. They helped me to develop as an organist, a young man and as a Christian. I am so glad that I had that time and that I can look back on it with thankfulness to God and to all involved.

Perhaps you could spend some time this weekend thinking of a time in the past when you grew through the help of other Christians. I pray that we will continue to support each other so that all feel welcomed, valued and encouraged through their time at St James' Church.

God Bless

Peter

This Week's Collect

Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those things which last for ever; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Eternal God, in Christ you make yourself our guest. Amid all our cares and concerns make us attentive to your voice and alert to your presence, that we may prize your word above all else; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Quiet Prayer Times will now be held on the **2nd Wednesday of every month, between 1.30 and 2.30 pm**, beginning on **July 13th**.

Come and offer your personal and global concerns quietly to God. Light a candle or leave a prayer on the message board while you are here or leave a prayer request in advance in the prayer book in the porch or in the 'Say One for Me' box by the main notice board. We will pray for you.



Drop-in for just a few minutes or stay for a while. Everyone welcome.

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.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

July 2022

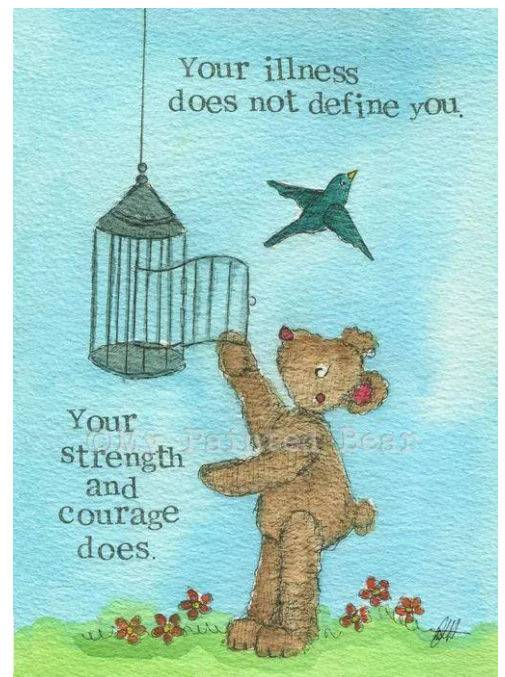
Sun 17th	10.30am Morning Worship - Preacher Revd. Peter Hughes
Wed 20th	7.30 p.m. Wednesday House Group (church)
Sun 24th	10.30.am Morning Worship – Preacher Graham Martin
Thu 28th	9.30am-11.30am Morning Coffee
Sun 31st	10.30am Morning Worship Communion – Preacher Howard Sharp (Communion)

August 2022

Thu 4th	9.30am-11.30am Morning Coffee
Sun 7th	10.30am Morning Worship at Hope
Thu 11th	9.30am-11.30am Morning Coffee
Sat 13th	Coffee Morning
Sun 14th	10.30am Morning Worship – Preacher Revd. Peter Hughes
Wed 17th	7.30pm House Group
Thu 18th	9.30am-11.30am Morning Coffee
Sun 21st	10.30am Morning Worship – Preacher Andrew Gillespie
Mon 22nd	7.00pm Mission Action Group
Thu 25th	9.30am-11.30am Morning Coffee
Sun 28th	10.30am Morning Worship – Preacher Frudd (Holy 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.



We also pray for Mike Hughes, Billy Lamb, Arthur Evans, Kay (Jan's sister) Graham Martin and Dave and Madge Tilly.

JMA boxes

Hi everyone, it's that time of year again! If you have a JMA box, would you please give it to me to be emptied. I am in church on Sundays If you are not able to get to church and need me to collect your box, please give me a ring to let me know **0151 356 7510.**
Thanks, Pam Bellis

Church Flowers

Yet again Jonquil has excelled herself by producing another wonderful flower display for St James'. She is extremely talented, and we are lucky to have her and the displays that she produces. 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.

Collection on Sunday

On Sunday 17th July we will be collecting for the MHA. Envelopes will be available in church for you to make your donation. Your gift will support MHA to improve the garden areas and outdoor spaces for residents, bringing a calming environment and a huge positive impact on their mental and physical health and well-being.

Please consider gift-aiding if you are able.

Thanks. Pam Alexander.

Methodist Homes (MHA) was founded in 1943 by a group of Methodists who wanted to improve the quality of life of older people in the time before the creation of the Welfare State. Whilst we are open to providing care and support to people of all faiths and none, we continue to have strong support from Methodists as well as other Christians to this day.



Jane Laverty on her UNICEF Walk

On 13th July Jane Laverty and members of the Early Intervention team walked 30 miles from Woolton to Southport. The long hike was in aid of UNICEF.

Jane wanted to say a massive thank you to everyone who have supported them with prayers, good wishes and donations.

They raised over £1,300 so far. She will update with a final total in a couple of weeks.



DONATIONS FOR WHITECHAPEL CENTRE and CENTRE 56.

Our donation boxes will again be open for your kind donations to help the service users of these centres. The box will be placed on a table at the back of the church each Thursday and Sunday morning.

The Whitechapel Centre would be grateful for the following items:

Cereal and UHT milk. Bottled water and cordial. Coffee, tea bags. Sugar. Tinned meals (eg curry chilli). Tinned tuna, ham, corned beef. Microwave meals. Noodles. Pulses and rice. Mayonnaise, brown sauce & tomato ketchup. Biscuits. Honey and jam. Tinned fruit. Crisps.

Toiletries: shaving foam. Disposable razors. Deodorant (spray not roll-on) Shampoo. Shower gel (not bath foams etc)

Clothing: men's boxer shorts. (NEW small/medium only) Female underwear (new/small/medium) women's leggings. Socks (new) gloves, scarves. Hats.

Centre 56: any craft items for the children to use in Nursery setting and after school club. Ages 3 to 12.

THANK YOU



SUNDAY MORNING Tea and Coffee following worship: We are pleased to offer this opportunity to chat together over a cuppa following worship on the Sunday mornings following a Holy Communion Service and following an All-Age Worship service. This means there will be usually two Sundays in each month when we can meet and catch up on news, renew friendships and welcome visitors. The weekly news sheet will remind us of these dates.

The next Tea and Coffee Meet and Greet will be Sunday 31st July.

You can also join us any Thursday morning in church for Coffee, Tea, Toasted Teacakes from 9.30 to 11.30 a.m. A warm welcome awaits you.



SATURDAY 13TH AUGUST – COFFEE MORNING BRUNCHES – 10.00 UNTIL 1.00 in the church hall. Including Bring and Buy stalls and Raffle. Funds raised to be shared between The Ukraine Appeal and our church maintenance funds.

WORSHIPPING BY PHONE

This Sunday our preacher will be Jayne McLaren

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 Pam Bellis

Order of Worship:

- Welcome and notices
- Opening prayer (Pam)
- Bible reading (Wendy)
- Lord's Prayer (All)
- Talk or "mini-sermon" (Jayne)
- Prayers (Liz)
- Grace and dismissal. (Pam)



Driving Test Pass

Well done Aurora many congratulations on passing your driving test now the real driving begins so proud of you. Lots of love Mum , Dad ,Kieran , Frazer & Humphrey of course.



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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