

**ST JAMES' METHODIST & UNITED REFORMED CHURCH WOOLTON L25 7RJ**

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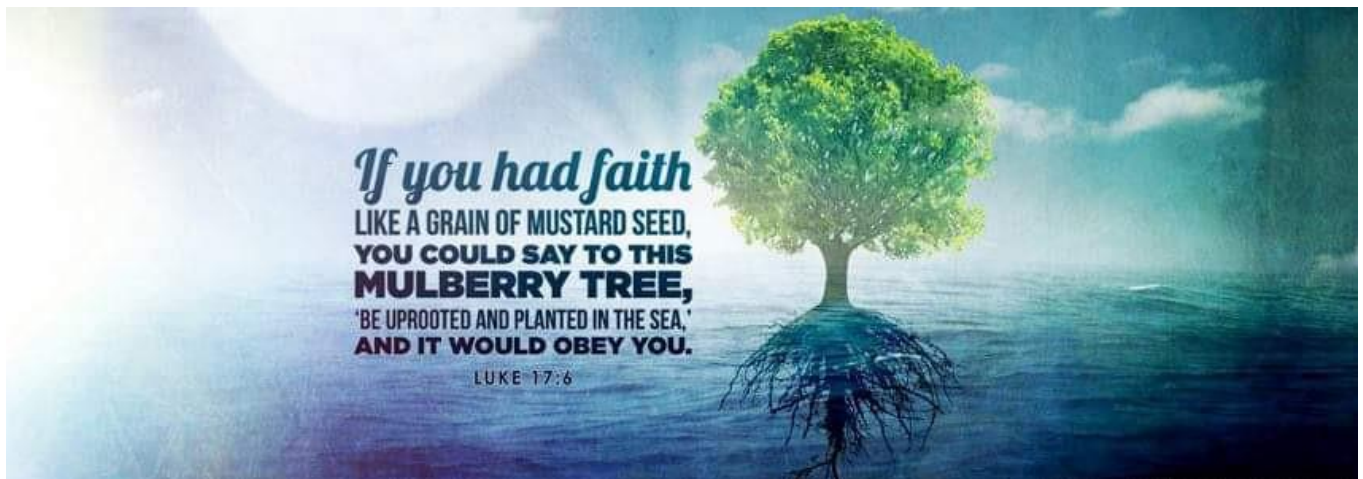
**NEWSLETTER – October 2<sup>nd</sup> 2022**

***This Week's Collect***

**Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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.**



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.**

**Minister's Message**

Hello Everyone,

I hope you have had a good week. Last Sunday afternoon our Church hosted the Marie Curie Service: "Time to Remember and Celebrate". This was a time particularly offered to people who had been bereaved in the last year - especially those whose loved ones had received care through the Marie Curie Hospice in Woolton. Those who came appreciated the opportunity to light a candle to remember and to take a daffodil to plant at home as a sign of hope. Appropriately comforting music was included as Roy sang and Lynne chose CDs to lead us through our time together.

On Monday I and some members of St James' attended the Dementia Information training session at St Mary's Parish Hall. We all found this a very helpful guide to dementia and suggestions of how we can offer support. On Tuesday St James' Pastoral Committee met to discuss pastoral care within our Church and to focus on how prayer is part of our pastoral care. Taken together these things led me to reflect on the many ways we are all involved in caring for and supporting others. As Christians we find the desire and the strength to do these things through the love of Jesus who is our Good Shepherd, caring for us and watching over us every moment. I pray that you will be aware of God's loving care with you in the coming week. May you also find an opportunity to show that love to others.

**God Bless Peter**

**Saturday coffee morning on October 8<sup>th</sup> – 10 a.m. – noon.**

Tea, coffee, and lots of cake!



***DATES FOR YOUR DIARY***

	<i>OCTOBER 2022</i>
<b>Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	10.30 a.m. Morning Worship – <b>Revd. Jenny Raynor</b>
<b>Monday 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	2.30 p.m. <b>Monday House Group</b> (in church) <b>Luke's Gospel.</b>
<b>Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup></b>	7.30 p.m. <b>Worship Consultation Meeting</b> (in church)
<b>Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup></b>	7.30 p.m. <b>Safeguarding Support Group Meeting</b>
<b>Thursday 6<sup>th</sup></b>	9.30 a.m. – 11.30 a.m. <b>Coffee morning</b>
<b>Saturday 8<sup>th</sup></b>	10-12 noon <b>Coffee Morning</b>
<b>Sunday 9<sup>th</sup></b>	10.30 a.m. Morning Worship – <b>Liz Hudson. Harvest (AAW)</b> Followed by tea and coffee.
<b>Monday 10<sup>th</sup></b>	7.30 p.m. <b>Steward Elders meeting</b>
<b>Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup></b>	1.30 - 2.30 p.m. <b>Quiet Prayer Hour</b> (in church)
<b>Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup></b>	7.30 p.m. <b>Bible Fellowship Group</b>
<b>Thursday 13<sup>th</sup></b>	9.30 a.m. – 11.30 a.m. <b>Coffee morning</b>
<b>Thursday 13<sup>th</sup></b>	7.30 p.m. <b>Church Council</b>
<b>Sunday 16<sup>th</sup></b>	10.30 a.m. Morning Worship – <b>Revd. Peter Hughes</b>
<b>Monday 17<sup>th</sup></b>	10 a.m. <b>Mission Action Group</b> - planning meeting for the Christmas experience for school children.
<b>Thursday 20<sup>th</sup></b>	9.30 a.m. – 11.30 a.m. <b>Coffee morning</b>
<b>Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup></b>	10.30 a.m. Morning Worship – <b>Revd. Peter Hughes</b>
<b>Thursday 27<sup>th</sup></b>	9.30 a.m. – 11.30 a.m. <b>Coffee morning</b>
<b>Sunday 30<sup>th</sup></b>	10.30 a.m. Morning Worship – <b>Revd. Peter Hughes (Holy Communion)</b> Followed by tea and coffee.

**Quiet Prayer Times** will now be held on the **2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of every month, between 1.30 and 2.30 pm.** 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.



Congratulations to Adam Swindells and Helen Brown who are to be married this weekend. Best wishes for a long and happy life together from Ron, Rob and Sharon, Margaret and Alan and their families and from our Church family here at St. James' Woolton.  
Many thanks Rob Swindells

### ***Warm Spaces in Autumn and Winter - We need your help!***

The current energy price crisis is causing many people to worry about the cost of heating their homes. Coming to a place such as a Church or public building can be a way for people to keep warm for free.

We are considering opening our buildings during the Autumn and winter for one session a week (possibly a Tuesday afternoon from 2 – 4pm) so that people can come and enjoy a warm place and a warm drink, rather than sitting at home in the cold.

This would be in addition to our Thursday Coffee Morning which remains open to all each week in Church. To do this we would need a small team of volunteers who would be willing to open up, welcome people and serve drinks. If you would be willing to help with this, hopefully on a rota basis. Please, contact Revd. Peter Hughes as soon as possible

### ***Harvest***

Harvest thanksgiving will be celebrated this year on **Sunday October 9<sup>th</sup>**. As we give thanks for our blessings and share with others close to home and further away, please consider making donations in the following ways:

- 'All We Can' gift envelopes will be distributed on Sunday September 25<sup>th</sup> for cash donations for global concerns via the Methodist Church. Envelopes can be returned at any time up to, and especially during, the morning service on Sunday October 9<sup>th</sup>.
- Tins and packet goods will be gratefully received in the traditional way during the Harvest service on October 9<sup>th</sup> but can also be made before the start of other services throughout October.
- Cash donations for local causes can be made in person on October 9<sup>th</sup> or in advance via the Treasurer. Please see **Steve Elliott**.

The cash donations to the Treasurer and all the tinned and packet goods received will be distributed equally between our local food bank, the Whitechapel Centre and the two refuge/support centres St James supports regularly.

These can be difficult times for us all, and anything you can share with others at this time will be greatly appreciated.

### ***Worship Consultation Meeting***

*Tuesday 4th October 2022 at 7.30pm* - ALL are warmly invited to our Worship Consultation Meeting.

This meeting is the opportunity to provide feedback and input on our worship and to share ideas and suggestions that could help to ensure that our Worship services continue to be a blessing to all. The Meeting is particularly important for all involved as Stewards, Preachers, Worship Leaders, Musicians, Readers, and Leaders of Prayers. Please join us as your input will be helpful.

**Peter**

## **PRAYERS NEEDED**

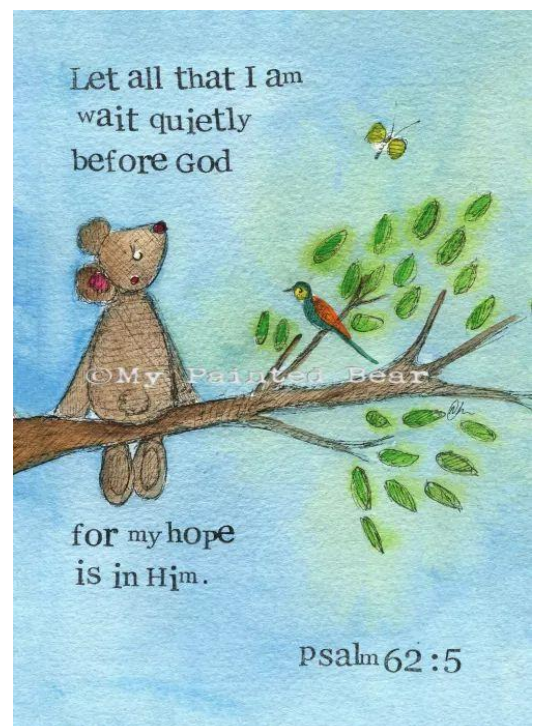
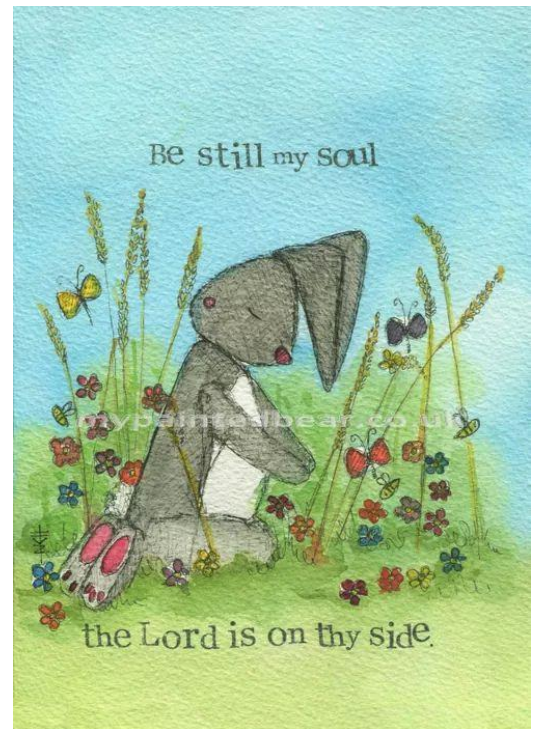
Dear Lord, You are the Just judge, Holy and True.  
You are the Most-High God. You give us life.  
You hold all power in your hands.  
You are the Mighty one from God who carries the world and is ruler over all the earth.  
You Oh Most Blessed One are the giver of life. In you are only good things.  
In you is mercy and love. In you is healing of the nations.  
In you is freedom of worry and freedom of pain.  
Lord Almighty, You loved us so much. You were sent from your Father,  
sent to save us from destruction.  
We truly can never make it to Heaven without the help of Jesus the Son, who was sent to earth to help us.  
You, Lord are full of mercy and grace, please forgive us for our faults.  
Lord Jesus, in you all healing is performed. You Lord are the miracle worker.  
In your Spirit, your gift of healing is alive. In you Lord we can put our trust that you can heal us,  
and protect us from the enemy, and death of our soul.  
You, Lord are miracle worker for the sick, and for the lost souls.  
You, Lord forgive us and save us from condemnation.  
You cleanse us and make us born again new.  
You give us a clean heart full of peace.  
You Lord are the Light.  
In You is all truth. Your way Lord is the way to Heavenly Hope.  
Your hands Lord created the universe. You Lord are the True giver of Life.  
Every child is a miracle of Life. Life rests in Your Hands.  
Wrap us as a close-knit family, draw us near to you Lord, and bind us with your Loving Hands.  
Let us be drawn closer to You. You are the Vine; dear Lord and we are the branches.  
You carry all knowledge and all power. You Lord are our medicine. Your Words Lord are Truth and Life.  
Help us put our trust in You. You Lord are the greatest physician.  
You heal, You protect, You care, You love, You are kind, You are patient,  
You are thoughtful, You are strength. You Lord are our Creator.  
You know our thoughts, our sighing's and our crying's and every hair on our head.  
You are Wonderful and make all good things for us. Heal us Lord if it be Your will.

**Amen**

***We also pray for Billy Lamb, Arthur Evans, Kay (Jan's sister), Joan Greenall, Elizabeth Draper. Wendy Doig, Rogers Phillips, Graham Martin and Dave and Madge Tilly.***

***Clarice Rogers***

The funeral of **Clarice Rogers** will take place on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> of October (10.45 a.m.) at St James'.



## *A history of Liverpool Mike Hughes*

This is a view of the Three Graces taken from the arch at Liverpool dock. It is said that this arch was built by French Prisoners-of-War during the Napoleonic War.



This is a similar picture taken through the same arch in August 2022. Note the big black ugly modern building now hides the Three Graces. Mike.



## ***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.

## ***Benevolent Collection***

I had the pleasure of giving Lesley from Oakleaf, a cheque for the amount **£179.50 plus, Gift Aid.**

Lesley was absolutely thrilled. She informed me that the money would be going towards the school friends of Ava White, who was stabbed to death in the city centre, last November.

Ava was a pupil at Notre Dame. Lesley now visits there to help the girls come to terms with Ava's death. The money will provide craft equipment and other resources to help her.

Many thanks for donating to such a worthy cause.

## **WORSHIPPING BY PHONE**

**This Sunday our preacher will be Revd. Peter Hughes**

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**
- **Bible reading:**
- **Lord's Prayer**
- **Talk or "mini sermon"**
- **Prayers**
- **Grace and dismissal.**



## ***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**

**[jayniemac@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:jayniemac@hotmail.co.uk)**

