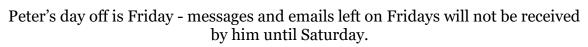
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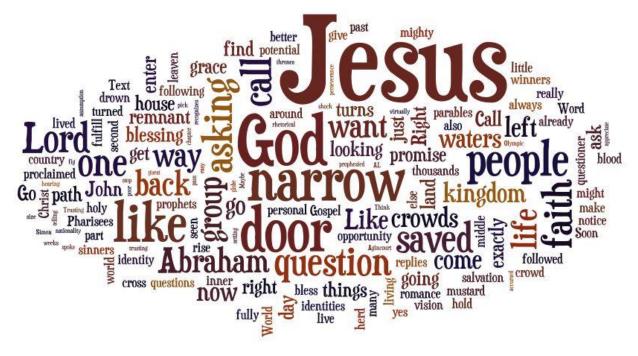
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NEWSLETTER – 21st August 2022

This Week's Collect



Holy God, you liberate the oppressed and make a way of salvation. Unite us with all who cry for justice, and lead us together into freedom; through our Lord and Liberator, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

Merciful God, grant that your Church, being gathered by your Holy Spirit into one, may reveal your glory among all peoples, to the honour of your name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Minister's Message

Dear Friends,

As the summer gradually draws to an end, I have noticed it getting darker earlier each evening. However, probably like most of you, I am relieved that the heat wave is over. Our Coffee Morning on Saturday 13th August was a great success, and we thank all those who worked so hard and all of you who came along. Our Thursday Coffee Morning this week was also the busiest morning we have had since we started on a Thursday. It was good to welcome at least two people who had never been to our Church before.

In conversation, I invited them to join us for Sunday worship and I am hopeful that they will. I think that our fellowship is slowly but surely rebuilding following Covid. Things may not go back to exactly how they were, but change can be a good and positive thing. As we prepare for the URC and Methodist Church year beginning again in September, we look forward to new opportunities to share the love of Jesus with those we meet. I hope that you will be able to join us for our Circuit welcome Service on Sunday 4th September at 3pm at Elm Hall Drive Methodist Church. We will be welcoming our new Methodist Superintendent, Revd. David Goodwin. Please pray that is Ministry amongst us will be a blessing to all. In the meantime, enjoy the remaining days of summer.

God Bless, Peter

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

AUGUST 2022	
10.30 a.m. Morning Worship – Andrew Gillespie	
7.00 pm MAG (Mission Action Group)	
9.30 a.m 11.30 a.m. Coffee morning	
10.30 a.m. Morning Worship - Revd. David Frudd (Holy Communion)	
SEPTEMBER 2022	
9.30 a.m 11.30 a.m. Coffee morning	
10.30 a.m. Morning Worship - Paul Holt	
7.30 p.m. Steward Elders	
7.00 p.m. MAG (Mission Action Group)	
9.30 a.m 11.30 a.m. Coffee morning	
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10.30 a.m. Morning Worship	
7.30 p.m. House Group	
9.30 a.m 11.30 a.m. Coffee morning	
10.30 a.m. Morning Worship – Revd. Peter Hughes (Holy Communion)	
2.30 p.m. Bible Study (in church) All welcome.	
7.30 p.m. Safeguarding	
9.30 a.m 11.30 a.m. Coffee morning	
10.30 a.m. Morning Worship – Revd. John Lansley	
9.30 a.m 11.30 a.m. Coffee morning	

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 (AAW) 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.

Quiet Prayer Times will now be held on the 2nd 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.

News of our Coffee/Brunch morning

Saturday Coffee/Brunch morning on 13th August raised £630. This total will be shared between The Ukraine Appeal Fund and our church maintenance funds.

Very many thanks to everyone who helped on the day and to those who supported us.

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.



A happy belated birthday to **Sharon Bates**, we trust that you had a lovely day.

Congratulations to those who have recently passed their exams. Here's to the next chapter of your lives.

Celebration of Brian Stocks' life

On Saturday 27th of August at 2pm we will be spending an hour together at St. James' to celebrate the life of the Reverend Brian Stocks.

His wife Bernice and the family are hoping to join us. We are going to meet informally with refreshments.

If you have any special memories, photos, words you would like to share please let us know.

Thanks, Jane and Tony Laverty



PRAYERS NEEDED

Dear Jesus, Divine Physician and Healer of the Sick, I turn to You in this time of illness.

Dearest Comforter of the troubled, alleviate our worry and sorrow with Your gentle love, and grant us the grace and strength to accept this burden.

We place our worries in Your hands. We ask that You restore Your servant to health again.

Above all, grant us the grace to acknowledge Your holy will and know that whatever You do, You do for the love of us.





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

We continue to pray for Steve, Irene Pete, Shona, Lyra and all the family who will be marking the year anniversary of the sad passing of Harry, this Friday. Always in our thoughts and prayers.

Super Moon



The last supermoon of the year over the skyline of Liverpool took place last Thursday (11th August).

This supermoon is also known as The Sturgeon Moon.

The Sturgeon Moon

August's full Moon was traditionally called the Sturgeon Moon because the giant sturgeon of the Great Lakes and Lake Champlain were most readily caught during this part of summer.



What Is a Sturgeon?

These prehistoric-looking fish have been traced back to around 136 million years ago and many people call them "living fossils."

- Females require around 20 years to start reproducing, and they can only reproduce every 4 years. However, they can live up to 150 years!
- Today, there are about 29 species worldwide, including the lake sturgeon found in the Great Lakes. They have evolved in size from the size of a bass to monster sturgeon as big as a Volkswagen.
- The lake sturgeon is quite rare today, due to intense overfishing in the 19th century, pollution, and damage to their habitat.



The word "sturgeon" means "the stirrer," which is what this giant fish does when it is looking for food; it stirs up the mud and silt on river and lake bottoms. Notice the pointed snout and whisker-like tactile organs near the mouth.

A new arrival

Tom and Natalie Sharp welcome a new addition to their family. Baby Evelyn was born on Sunday 7th August at 16.16pm, she weighed in at 7lb 6oz via emergency C-section. They are both doing well, and Tom has become an expert at nappy changing!

May the love and blessings of St. James' surround you all, God bless.

Anyone who welcomes a little child like this on my behalf welcomes me, and anyone who welcomes me welcomes not only me but also my Father who sent me.



God, please give my baby all that is required for a good way of life and for a good way of living. Please let this child bring joy and pride to me and my family. I will give all that is needed to this child. And help me to do my best to guard and protect my baby for her lifetime.

Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these."

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:

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- Welcome and notices
- Opening prayer (Pam)
- Bible reading: Jeremiah 18:1-11 (Pat Fagan)
- Lord's Prayer (All)
- Talk or "mini-sermon" (Revd Peter)
- Prayers (Liz Hudson)
- Grace and dismissal. (Pam)



Benevolent Fund Collection

The benevolent fund collection at the communion service on the 28th of August will be for our own Benevolent Fund.

The purpose of the benevolent fund collection which we take up at each communion service is for us together as a congregation to look outside our own concerns and offer compassion and support to activities beyond our normal areas of engagement.

In addition to taking up collections for named charities, as a part of this approach we maintain a Benevolent Fund of our own which is available to provide support for particular or urgent appeals and other deserving causes.

Please give as generously as you can, and if you are a taxpayer please consider gift-aiding your donation.

Message from Revd. Paul & Karen Wilson

Thank you for the circuit farewell service last Sunday at the Hope University Chapel. It was encouraging to see so many people there and taking part in a variety of different ways. We were humbled by the tributes paid and the gift which we received.

It was a fitting end to our time with you, which was marked by Covid and many blessings as well. We entrust you into God's loving care and pray God's blessing upon you as you seek his plans for the future.

Love and prayers Paul and Karen Wilson.





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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