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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 October 2021



This Week's Collect

Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Lord Jesus Christ, you have taught us that what we do for the least of our brothers and sisters, we do also for you. Give us the will to be the servants of others as you were the servant of all; for you gave up your life and died for us, but live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**



Almighty God, you have created the heavens and the earth and formed us in your own image. Teach us to discern your hand in all your works, and to serve you with reverence and thanksgiving; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, supreme over all creation, now and for ever. **Amen.**

UPCOMING PREACHERS

Sunday October 17th Revd. Peter Hughes (St James') Andrew Gillespie (phone)

Sunday October 24th Revd. Peter Hughes (St James') Andrew Gillespie (phone)

MESSAGE FROM THE MINISTER

I hope you have all had a good week. It has been a very busy one for me! As you will read elsewhere, our Church Council on Monday voted in favour of same sex marriage ceremonies taking place in our Church. This may be a controversial and difficult subject to some, but our Church Council were very positively in favour. From my own point of view this reflects our openness to God whose love in Christ welcomes us all. The Holy Spirit helps us to apply the Bible in new ways in new times. St Paul tells us that "There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male or female for you are all one in Christ Jesus" (Galatians chapter 3 verse 28). Our welcoming of same sex couples shows that we are accepting a group of people who for too long have been the victims of prejudice, discrimination and even violence. I praise God that all of us, whoever we are, are welcomed by Jesus and in our Church at St James.

God Bless, Peter

PICTURES FROM THE MINISTER

The pictures this week are from my walks along the Ashton Canal on 21st & 22nd June. The Ashton Canal runs from Ashton under Lyne to Manchester City Centre.

The Canal passes through Fairfield, which has a Moravian Community. The Moravians are a group of Christians who originated from Central Europe and who were a great influence on John Wesley and the early Methodists.

They left their homes due to persecution and a group of them settled in East Manchester. The descendants of these people still live in this area which has a special atmosphere and unique buildings.

The first two pictures were taken at the Moravian Settlement. The third picture was taken near the end of the Canal, very close to Piccadilly Station in Manchester. I was amazed to find this pretty cottage with its lovely garden in a peaceful setting so close to the busy city centre.



Peter's Sabbatical Adventures:

The Sabbatical Adventures of Rev Peter Hughes - **Monday 18th October 7.30pm - 9pm** via Zoom: Revd. Peter hopes to share pictures as he tells us about his adventures on the Trent & Mersey, Macclesfield, Peak Forest, Ashton, Bolton and Leeds & Liverpool Canals as well as in Mid Wales and on Mull and Iona.

Login details are as follows:

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/5913455610?pwd=aVdZcFpaZVVaMDdsZ1BiR3lhRE1yQT09>

Meeting ID: 591 345 5610

Passcode: 12466

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Special Projects Group - have planned the following events.

Please put the date in your diaries and cross your fingers that Covid does not rain on our parade!

Saturday 16th October – Film Evening in the Church

You are invited to come to our Family Film Night at St James Church, Woolton

Sing along Mary Poppins – the original 1964 version

Running time 2 hours and 24 minutes

Saturday 16th October 2021 at 6pm – doors open at 5:30pm

Come and join us and bring the family for a good sing song to one of our favourite films.

There will be a tuck shop available with sweets and drinks.

You are encouraged to join in the fun and come in costume of one of the characters in the film.

There will be a prize for the best child's costume and for the best adult's costume.

Entry is by donation and paid at the door on the night.

We will still be practising careful Covid19 arrangements in church.

There will be sanitiser available on entry to the church and we would prefer that you wear a mask when moving about the church and while singing.

If you are planning to come it would help us to have an idea of numbers, so if you are able, please pass your name and the numbers attending to one of our stewards / church members,

but don't worry if you can't, just come on the night

Thank you and hope to see you there!

Saturday 20th November – St James' Autumn Fayre and Gift Day

We are pleased to announce that we will be holding a St James' Autumn Fayre and Gift Day on Saturday 20th November 2021.

This will be a slightly smaller event than our normal Christmas Fair but we hope it will be a time for fellowship and we will still have all your favourites including:

- A guest appearance from Father Christmas in his Grotto plus the chance to have a photo taken with him
- Plant stall
- Fancy goods and gifts
- Home made cakes, biscuits, sweets and preserves
- Fund raising mugs to order
- Raffles
- Light refreshments
- Colouring activities and competition for the children

We will be asking for your support a little nearer the time in providing items for us to sell on the day, but also to come and support us. We realise that not everyone will feel they are in a position to come on the day, so if you would prefer to donate either by cash, cheque or bank transfer, this would also be gratefully received.

If you feel you can help in any way please speak to Pam Bellis, Liz Hudson or Lynne Barker.

Harvest Gifts 2021

Harvest gifts of NON-PERISHABLE FOOD (tins and packets) will be collected throughout October, starting Sunday October 10th -

- in church on Sunday mornings, OR
- they can be left in Roy and Lynne Barker's porch

Cash donations in lieu can be made

- in church or
- direct to the Treasurer, Steve Elliott.
- By bank transfer as per weekly collection (ref Harvest) Or
- by cheque / post to St James Church, Church Road South, Woolton, Liverpool, L25 7RJ (please mark them 'Harvest' on the back)

All gifts will be share between local food distribution centres and 'All We Can' (The Methodist Overseas Relief and Development Fund). Thank you to everyone for your generosity.

PRAYERS NEEDED

Most gracious and loving Father, I want to thank You for all the blessings You've given me, my family and friends and all those I hold dear.

Thank You Lord for giving me another day to see the beauty of your creations.

You know the state of crisis that I am in now Lord.

I want to be of use again to You, Lord. In the time of my hospitalization, You Lord remain as my rock and my anchor.

You stand as my lighthouse giving me hope.

I pray Lord that you will heal me soon.

In Jesus name, Amen.



We continue to pray for Gordon and Christine Salmon, Ken Kitchen, Ann Wells, Dave Bedford and Pat Fagan. We also pray for all those who need our prayers.

Baptism

At 12.30 we will be welcoming Oliver William Deakin into God's family the Church through Baptism. We are holding the Service separate from our main Service to allow for social distancing. Please pray for Oliver and his family on their special day.

The Wednesday House Group

The Wednesday House group is about to start up again. The first meeting will take place on Wednesday 27 October at 7.30pm. This meeting will be in Church. Old and new members are warmly invited. Contact: Peter Bounds (421 1069)

Church Council Decision on Same Sex Marriages:

The United Reformed Church (in 2016) and the Methodist Church (in 2021) gave individual Churches the option of agreeing to same sex marriages taking place in their buildings. Our Church Council agreed this week that they wished to allow the marriage of same sex couples and the blessing of the marriages of same sex couples who had previously married elsewhere, to take place in our Church.

We will now apply to the Registrar in Liverpool for our building to be registered for these ceremonies.

The Church Council see this decision as an important aspect of our being a Church which is open and welcoming to all.

IT Equipment summer appeal

A HUGE Thank you to everyone who very generously supported our summer fund raising appeal for us to buy a new church laptop and to upgrade and improve our system for broadcasting our worship and events, you raised just over £1800 which is amazing!! Wow! We have bought the new church laptop and are now in the process of taking advice about exactly what we require to improve the sound and broadcasting system for everyone. Once again, thank you all so much.

Dave and Madge Tilley



Remember?

Remember the first flush of love that drew you powerfully together?
It still feeds the unassailable bond that makes your marriage so secure.
Remember all the qualities about each other
you found so endearing?
They are still there, and new ones create sweet surprises.
Remember thinking that this love would last forever?
Your love has strengthened and grown into eternal affection and admiration.
Years from now, you'll look back at this anniversary and realize you love each other more than ever.

Happy Anniversary!



70 years of memories
Since you both said I do,
You've shared the ups and downs of life
And saw your dreams come true,
Congratulations to you both
Hope you have a fabulous day,
May every new tomorrow
Be as happy as today.

Celebrating
70 *years*
of marriage

LAST WEEK'S CROSSWORD ANSWERS



Across: 1 Horses, 4 Threw, 7 Slanderers, 8 Spit, 9 Altar, 11 Present, 13 Galilee, 15 Asaph, 17 Envy, 18 High Priest, 20 Ruddy, 21 Doubts.

Down: 1 Hyssop, 2 Salt, 3 Singing, 4 Theta, 5 Rue, 6 Wiser, 7 Sisera, 10 Talent, 12 Tarried, 14 Elymas, 15 Asher, 16 Happy, 17 Esau, 19 God.

Bible Crossword by BiblePuzzles.com

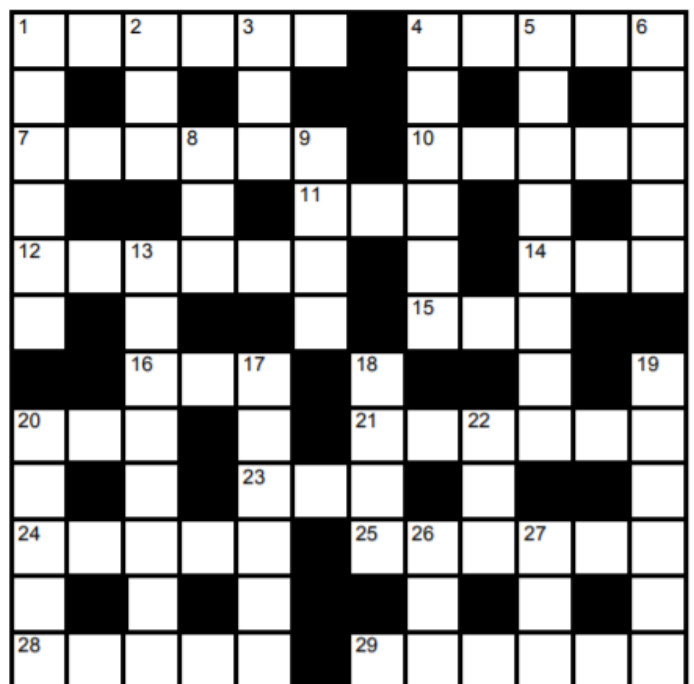
THIS WEEK'S CROSSWORD

Across

- 1 A priest of Midian (6)
- 4 Red Sea parter (5)
- 7 Blustery (6)
- 10 One in charge (5)
- 11 Death (3)
- 12 City where Paul preached (6)
- 14 Type of testament (3)
- 15 Scarlet (3)
- 16 Atmosphere (3)
- 20 Possess (3)
- 21 Cross to bear (6)
- 23 Adversary (3)
- 24 One of Job's friends (5)
- 25 Gives in (6)
- 28 Have a dispute (5)
- 29 Like God (6)

Down

- 1 Fairly (6)
- 2 Number of men crucified with Christ (3)
- 3 Male sheep (3)
- 4 Unlawful killing (6)
- 5 Magnificent (8)
- 6 Stable bedding (5)
- 8 Decay (3)
- 9 A.D. 70, for example (4)
- 13 Status (8)
- 17 Type of city (6)
- 18 Follow the rules (4)
- 19 Togetherness (6)
- 20 Alpha's counterpart (5)
- 22 Deeply regret (3)
- 26 Place to stay (3)
- 27 Falsehood (3)



by Philologus

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Opening Prayer

Loving God I know that you are with me in every moment of my life but as I set this special time aside, I pray that I might feel your presence and that through the power of your Holy Spirit, I may find myself in the presence of others who worship you this day. [*Pause*].
I pray that you would make me alive to the Holy Spirit, that in the stillness I might hear your Word and find myself drawn in tune with the melody of your grace.

Amen.

Hymn: May the Glory of the Lord Fill His Temple (StF 31)

Sing/ Read /pray /proclaim the words or listen to it here

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FjpVwl-Ecfs>

May the glory of the Lord fill his temple as we gather in this place,
may the glory of the Lord touch his people as we meet here by his grace.
Weak though we are, you lift us from sin, where our hearts wait you long to come in,
so Lord we pray let your healing begin -- send us your Spirit today!

May the glory of the Lord fill his temple, and may we meet him face to face.

Jonathan Nowell

Let us pray together

Gracious God, I praise you for who you are. For you are the Lord, the giver and sustainer of life whose nature is love. I thank you that even when I rebel against you, your unquenchable love seeks me out. I thank you that in Jesus, you made the first move and have rescued me. I pray that as your Word ministers to me, that I might so open my heart to your grace that it might fill me, transform me and overflow into all my relationships and dealings with the world. Amen.

Today's Reading from the Old Testament: **Hebrews 5: 1-10**

Today's Gospel Reading: **Mark 10: 35-45**

Time to Reflect

Social anthropology reveals that in every culture in every time and in every place, human beings create religion. Where there is religion, there are priests; intermediaries who seek to "help" the masses to navigate divine forces that must be placated if they are to prosper. Israel had its own aristocratic line of priests but was frequently let down and disappointed by them. Always aloof, they were frequently corrupt.

In the chapters leading up to our Gospel reading this morning, Jesus has been identified (privately for now) as the Messiah, the Christ, the anointed king in waiting. As in every time and place, James and John want to be the intermediaries. If Jesus is going to be King, they want in on it.

How different then the message given to us in Hebrews! God has decided that Jesus is indeed the anointed King, but this king is also to have the dual role of Priest-King, modelled on Melchizedek (see Psalm 110 and Genesis 14). King Jesus does not need an intermediary for he is also High Priest forever because, far from being aloof, this Priest-King has also shared our life of joy and of suffering. In Jesus, we need no intermediaries but can approach the throne of grace with confidence (Heb 10:19) and with prayer.

We get to share in this nature through our baptism. As the Body of Christ, we are a “Priestly Community” but, like James and John, we need Jesus to reshape our all too human, religious instincts and replace them with God’s model of kingship and servanthood.
Grace and peace.

A time of prayer

Loving God,

You call us to share in your baptism and in your work. In response, I offer these prayers for the world that you made and that you love.

In a world where wealth and power are hoarded by a few, I pray that there would be an equal sharing of the vaccines and the necessities of life.

In a world where vested interests imprison us and rob others of the life you offer, so I pray that your people, networked through prayer, might rise up to call out injustice wherever we see it.

In a world confronted with climate emergency, I pray that you would make us enemies of apathy and agents of your Kingdom.

Finally because I know that you love me too, I take time to lay before you those things that are close to my heart..... {pause to reflect}

I ask these prayers in the only way that I can; in the power of your Holy Spirit and in the name, grace and character of my Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Amen.

The Lord’s Prayer

Our Father

Hymn: “One Human Family God Has Made” (StF 687)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QnBjppHddkI>

One human family God has made, and all for each to care.

One world, to be the home of all, with all its wealth to share.

One Christ, to manifest on earth love's ultimate design.

One Church to know the mystery of broken bread and wine.

One race, one world -- yet torn apart, we spurn the way of love.

But still ahead, the Christ leads on and calls his Church to move

from love of power to power of love, to give the word to all --

to trust the love that conquered death, outside the city wall.

And are we brave enough to join with that great company --

the cost not less than all we have and are or hope to be --

the bitter cup of human sin to drink with him who died,

and take his love outside the wall to all the crucified?

Claim him who claims us for his own, to share his pain and grief,

to bear the scars that stamp us his -- the hallmark of belief.

As partners of the living Christ, who risk the path he trod,

with wondering love we find we share the timeless joy of God.

Rosemary Wakelin (b. 1932)

A prayer of blessing

God to enfold you, Christ to uphold you, Spirit to keep you in heaven's sight; so may God grace you, heal and embrace you, lead you through darkness into the light.

Hebrews 5: 1-10

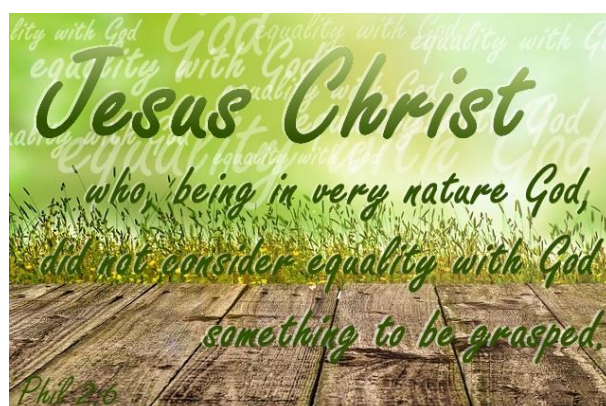
1 Every high priest chosen from among mortals is put in charge of things pertaining to God on their behalf, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins.

2 He is able to deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is subject to weakness;
 3 and because of this he must offer sacrifice for his own sins as well as for those of the people.
 4 And one does not presume to take this honour, but takes it only when called by God, just as Aaron was.
 5 So also Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him, 'You are my Son, today I have begotten you';
 6 as he says also in another place, 'You are a priest for ever, according to the order of Melchizedek.'
 7 In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission.
 8 Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; 9 and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, 10 having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.



Mark 10: 35-45

35 James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him and said to him, 'Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you.'
 36 And he said to them, 'What is it you want me to do for you?'
 37 And they said to him, 'Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory.'
 38 But Jesus said to them, 'You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?'
 39 They replied, 'We are able.' Then Jesus said to them, 'The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized;
 40 but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared.'
 41 When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John.
 42 So Jesus called them and said to them, 'You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them.
 43 But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant,
 44 and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all.
 45 For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.'



WORSHIP AT ST. JAMES'

There are now 3 ways in which you can enjoy our Sunday morning services.

- By booking a place and attending St James'
- Via telephone
- Via Zoom



All details and information are below.

Please use the Zoom link below

Joining from 10.15 for a 10.30 am start – Revd. Peter Hughes

Either click on this link:

<https://zoom.us/j/5913455610?pwd=aVdZcFpaZVVaMDdsZ1BiR3lhRE1yQTo9>

Meeting ID: 591 345 5610

Passcode: 12466

We hope to see you there.

If you want to listen in to the Service on Sunday, dial the above number, then PIN and listen in. You can chat up to 10.30, but when the service starts everyone will be “muted” to avoid feedback/noise.

**Also from St. James Church:- Invitation to Telephone Worship
(And every Sunday until the end of November)**

This Sunday our preacher will be Andrew Gillespie

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:

The Host for this service is Graham Martin

Order of Worship:

- **Welcome and notices:**
- **Opening prayer**
- **Bible reading**
- **Lord’s Prayer**
- **Talk or “mini-sermon”**
- **Prayers**
- **Grace and dismissal.**



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.

God Bless Graham Martin

Communications officer (and local preacher) St. James Church

[Call me on 0151-222-5832 or 07712-525239 if you have any questions.

PROGRAMMES YOU MAY ENJOY – Sunday 17th October

6:00 – 9:30 a.m. Radio Merseyside: Daybreak

Helen Jones brings you the Sunday magazine reflecting Merseyside's worlds of faith. **8.10 a.m.**

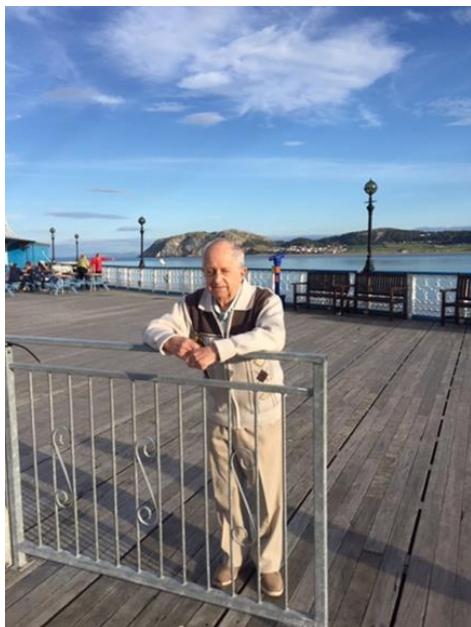
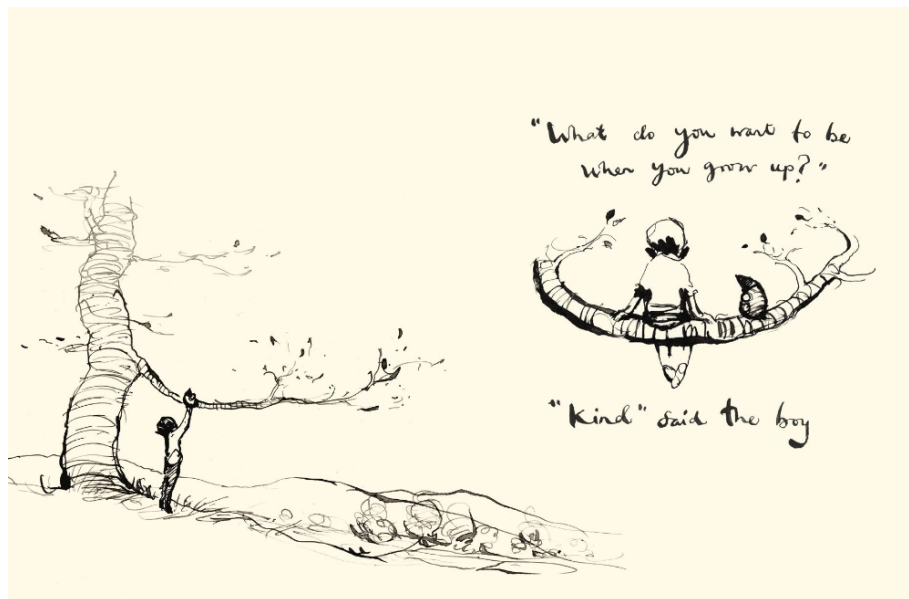
Radio 4: Sunday Worship. 8:10 a.m. A New Song

A celebration of women in church music from Ely Cathedral with preacher, Reverend Canon Dr Jessica Martin and Ely Cathedral Girls' Choir directed by Sarah MacDonald.

13.15 BBC 1 Songs of Praise: Black History

To celebrate Black History Month, Brenda Edwards is in Brixton to hear how people of Caribbean and African descent have shaped the music and faith of the UK.

The Boy, The Mole, The Fox and The Horse - Motivational Quote of The Week:



Ron Swindells enjoying a mini break in Llandudno.

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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