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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 9th 2020

Living God, you have placed in the hearts of your children a longing for your word and a hunger for your truth. Grant that, believing in the One whom you have sent, we may know him to be the true bread of heaven, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: increase and multiply upon us your mercy that with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal that we finally lose not the things eternal; grant this, heavenly Father, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

St James Church buildings remain closed at the moment, but our halls will re-open for Pre-School at the start of September.

The Delegated Church Council met on Monday this week and we are working towards re opening our Church for Worship around the middle of September. The date is to be confirmed and is subject to any changes in Government and Local Council advice relating to Covid 19.

Please watch out for further announcements over the next few weeks. These will give exact information about when the first services will be held and how you can be part of them.

We thank the Delegated Church Council and Steward Elders for all the work they are doing to enable us to return safely to Church.

Thank you to everyone who responded to the recent questionnaire. Your responses have guided us in our decision making.

MESSAGE FROM THE MINISTER

I hope you are all well and able to enjoy the summer weather, even though some of our activities are limited by the Corona crisis. We live in exciting and confusing times. On the one hand things are beginning to open up again. On the other we are seeing restrictions being re-imposed in places as close to home as Princes Park. As you will have read above, our Church is trying to chart a safe path through all of this.

In the responses to our questionnaire many of you shared your anxieties about returning to Church. I would like to reassure you that when Church does re-open, we will do all we can to keep you safe. 2 metres social distancing will be in place and everyone will be required to wear a face covering. Hand sanitising will be taking place before and after services. Communion will not take place at first and when it does it will be shared in a Covid safe manner. Just as we trust in God to watch over us, so we must watch over and protect each other as we come together as the family of Jesus. God Bless, Peter.

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, the older you get the better you get... unless you're a banana. Everyone at St. James' wishes a happy birthday and enjoy your special day.

GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Warm congratulations to Pam and Howard Sharp who celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary recently. They enjoy receiving the newsletters from St James' each week and reading about all that is going on. They send their love and best wishes to everyone at St James'.

GOLDEN AURA

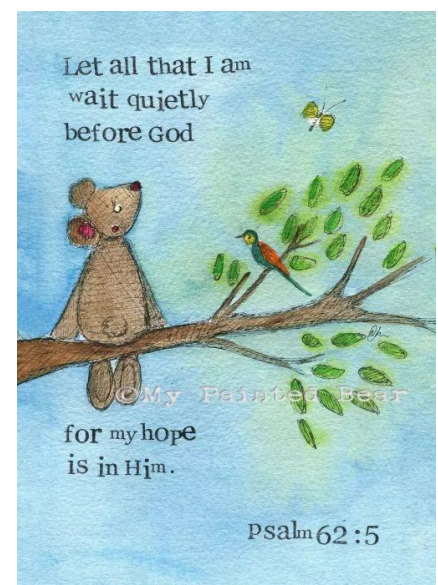
A golden aura surrounds you two,
a couple representing
all that's right about marriage,
a pair who have triumphed
over time, over challenges, over all,
and continue to bond, serve and love.
A golden aura symbolizes unselfishness,
generosity, and happy compromise
out of love for each other.
You are an extraordinary duo,
and we wish you
comfort, peace, and happiness
all the years of your lives.



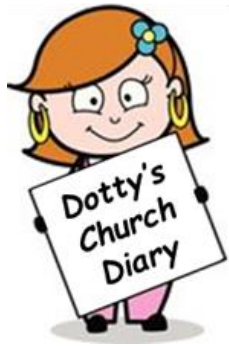
PRAYERS NEEDED

Heavenly Lord, we stand today in Your grace and everlasting mercy. It is only by Your solid will that we're here today to have this prayer and by Your grace, we come knocking with the rest of mind that you'll answer us.
Oh Lord, we pray in the stead of the sick and dying, that You be with them for all eternity. Turn Your sight, not from their souls, and take their hands in Yours as a father would, his sons and daughters.
God, in Your abode, nurture their souls for all eternity and be with all their goals in life.
We thank You for safeguarding them in this world and continuing to do so in the next. Thank You for listening to our prayer—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



Leaving Liverpool this week for the first time since February felt strange but good, until news of the renewed lockdown in the Northwest nearly brought me scurrying home early. Happily, my hosts' geography is better than mine.

Jimmy should have been self-isolating by now (in a protective cover against accidental damage from the stonework repairs on the church roof). However, repairs were deferred due to illness amongst the workforce, so he can breathe easy (in every sense) for another week. *[And enjoy more time in the spotlight via the current edition of the Woolton Times !!]*

Hopefully, the repair work will still start and finish as soon as possible, so that Church Re-opening isn't delayed any longer than absolutely necessary.



NOW..... DON'T TELL ANYONE but an unofficial leak from the Delegated Authority Church Council meeting indicates re-

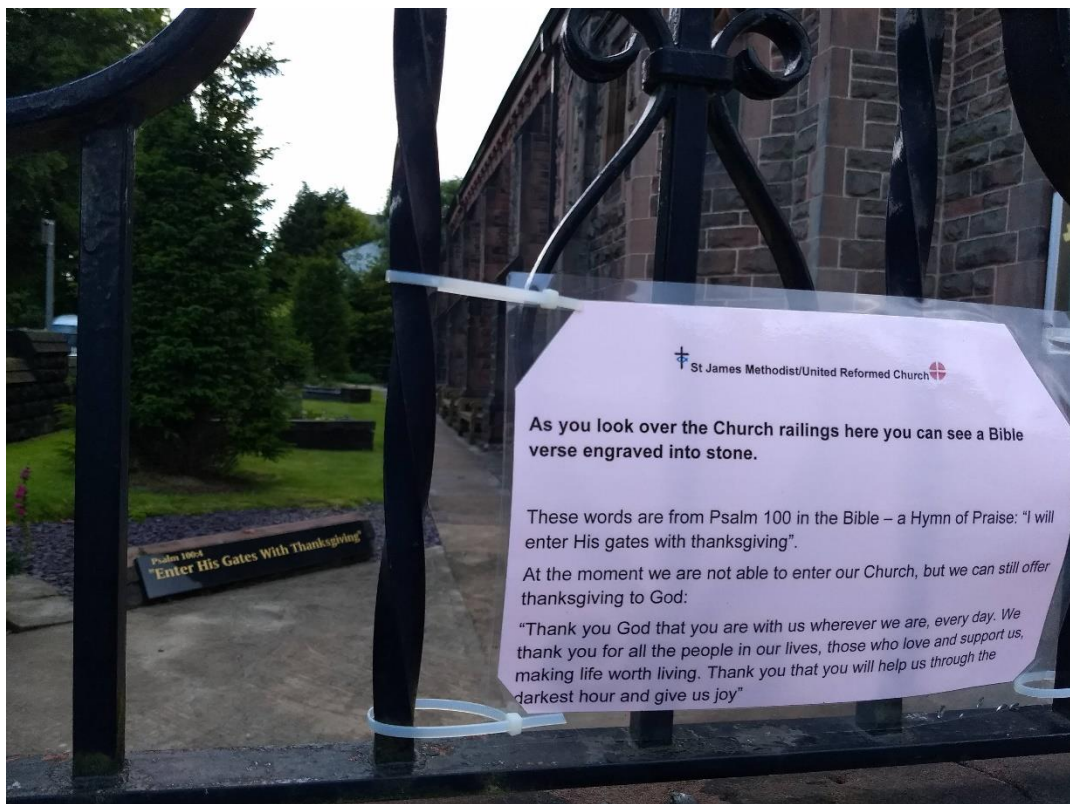
opening plans are well-advanced. Rumours of excitement and deep discussions about social distancing tape, hand sanitiser, booking, and visors are probably true; but a story-book called 'What St James Did Next (And How)'? Really!! 😊

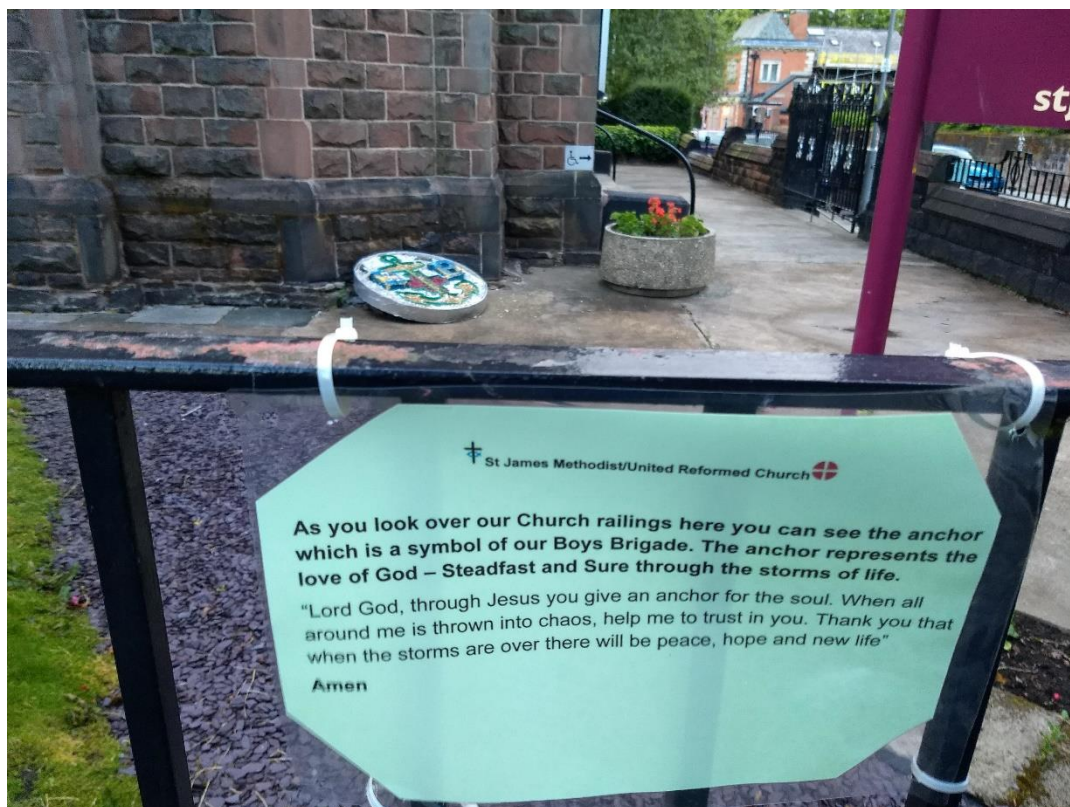
It's also true that inside Church does look a bit bleak at the moment, but surely, what's missing are 36 smiling faces and 36 thankful-hearts-for-prayers-answered to bring it back to life?

I've smiled at the ingenuity of one church which has met the strange new world hands-on, by replacing the holy water stoup at the door with an automatic dispenser. Folks arriving weren't sure whether to bless themselves or sanitise their hands with it – and smiled too. Another church family member returning for the first time apparently said: *"It has replenished my soul to be here today. It has made me feel so much better."* AMEN TO THAT!

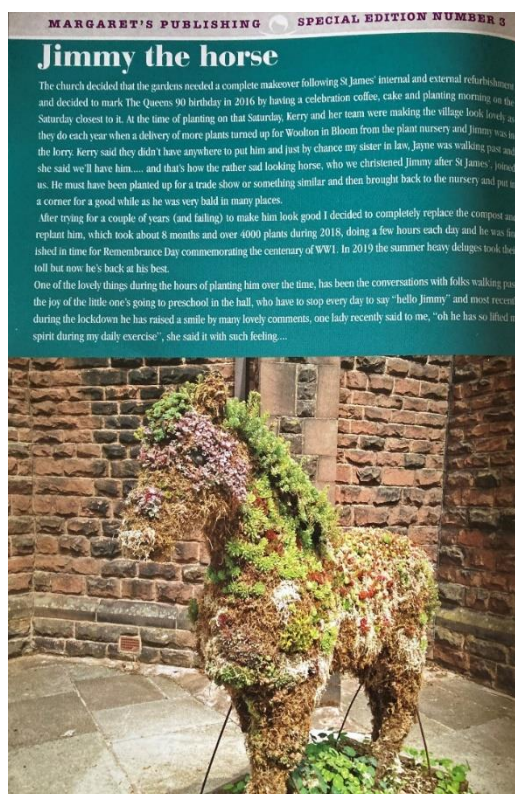


PRAYERS ON OUR RAILINGS





A BRIEF HISTORY OF ST JAMES' CHURCH



Here's Jimmy looking fabulous in the special edition of the Woolton Times helping local businesses during the pandemic. This copy also covers Allerton and Wavertree. Roy sent them some pictures and was interviewed for the text, which says:

The church decided that the gardens needed a complete make-over following St James' internal and external refurbishment and decided to mark The Queen's 90th birthday in 2016 by having a celebration coffee, cake and planting morning on the Saturday closest to it. At the time of planting on that Saturday, Kerry and her team were making the village look lovely as they do each year, when a delivery of more plants turned up for Woolton in Bloom from the plant nursery and Jimmy was in the lorry. Kerry said they didn't have anywhere to put him and just by chance my sister-in-law, Jayne, was walking past and she said we'll have him.... and that's how the rather sad looking horse, who we christened Jimmy after St James, joined us. He must have been planted up for a trade show or something similar and then brought back to the nursery and put in a corner for a good while as he was very bald in many places.

After trying for a couple of years (and failing) to make him look good I decided to completely replace the compost and replant him, which took about 8 months and over 4000 plants during 2018, doing a few hours each day and he was finished in time for remembrance Day commemorating the centenary of WW1. In 2019 the summer heavy deluges took their toll but now he's back at this best.

One of the lovely things during the hours of planting him over the time, has been the conversations with folks walking past, the joy of little ones going to pre-school in the hall, who have to stop every day to say 'hello Jimmy' and most recently during the lockdown he has raised a smile by many lovely comments, one lady recently said to me, "oh he has so lifted my spirit during my daily exercise", she said it with such feeling.....

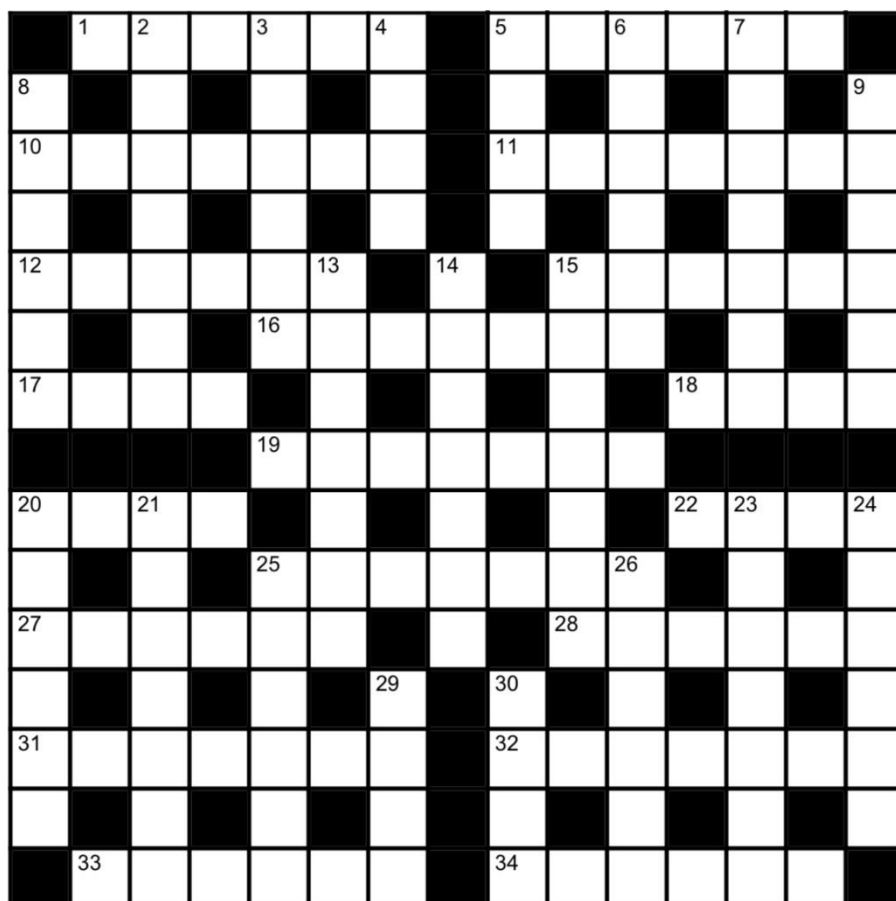
THIS WEEK'S CROSSWORD

Across

- 1 A nation referred to in the O.T. and the N.T. (6)
- 5 Teacher; leader (6)
- 10 Letter (7)
- 11 Blood was painted on these (7)
- 12 "Out of the _____ came something sweet" (6)
- 15 Where was Jacob? (6)
- 16 Made unholy (7)
- 17 Ezekiel lay on this for three years (4)
- 18 Very old (4)
- 19 Sure (7)
- 20 Ethiopia (4)
- 22 Remaining (4)
- 25 Naaman's maid, for example (7)
- 27 Seraiah's father (6)
- 28 Land (6)
- 31 Hold inside (7)
- 32 The teaching place of the Ethiopian eunuch (7)
- 33 Jews are renowned for celebrating these (6)
- 34 A child of Caleb & Maachah (6)

Down

- 2 The lame man was too slow to reach this type of water (7)
- 3 To wait on, or be present (6)

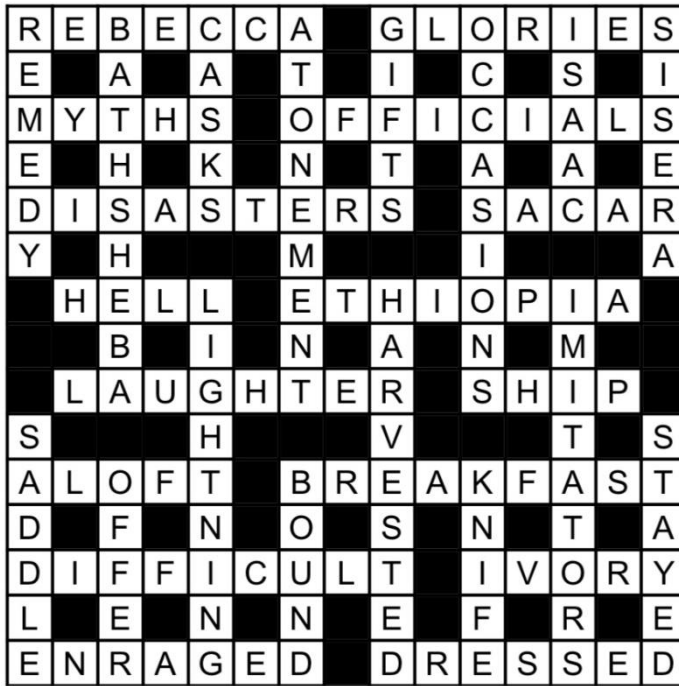


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- 4 Untruths (4)
- 5 The Promised Land was said to be flowing with this (4)
- 6 We have all done this (6)
- 7 Late in the day (7)
- 8 Animals (6)
- 9 A Philistine city (6)
- 13 Sisera, for example (7)
- 14 A nation in the O.T. neighbouring Israel (7)
- 15 Anyone who comes to God must do this (7)
- 20 Together with 'time' this happens to all (6)
- 21 Did Nadab and Abihu have a match for this? (7)
- 23 Self scrutiny before communion (7)
- 24 Half the time of Jesus' fasting (6)
- 25 Lebanese trees (6)
- 26 Provided by God when we are tempted (6)
- 29 Far extremes of the earth (4)
- 30 Luke Part II ? (4)

LAST WEEK'S CROSSWORD ANSWERS

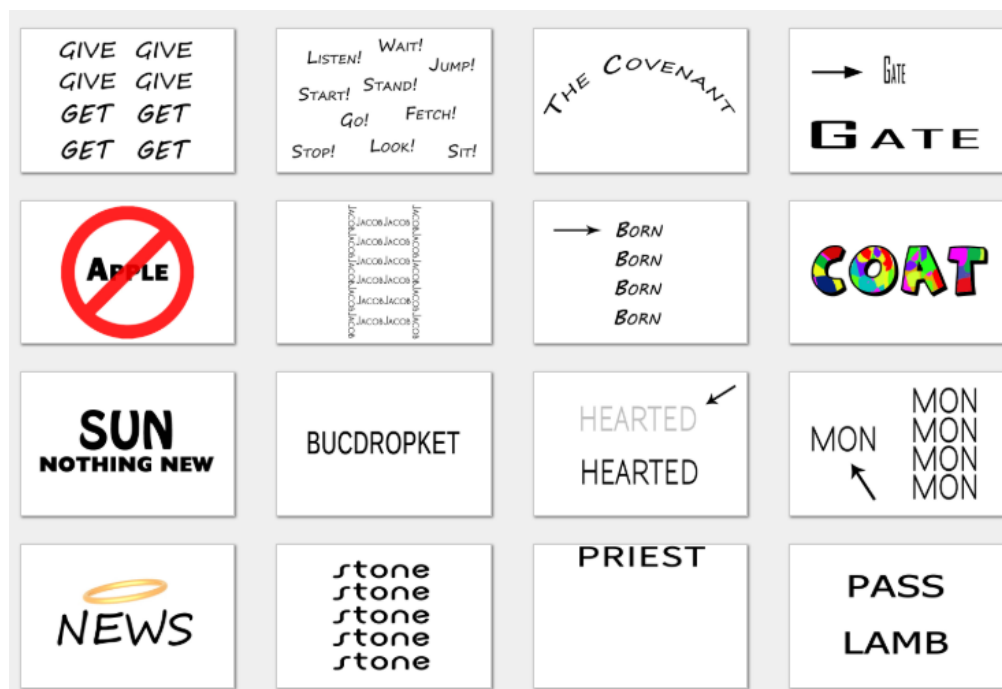


Across: 1 Rebecca, 5 Glories, 9 Myths, 10 Officials, 11 Disasters, 12 Sacar, 13 Hell, 15 Ethiopia, 18 Laughter, 19 Ship, 22 Aloft, 24 Breakfast, 26 Difficult, 27 Ivory, 28 Enraged, 29 Dressed.

Down: 1 Remedy, 2 Bathsheba, 3 Casks, 4 Atonement, 5 Gifts, 6 Occasions, 7 Isaac, 8 Sisera, 14 Lightning, 16 Harvested, 17 Imitators, 20 Saddle, 21 Stayed, 23 Offer, 24 Bound, 25 Knife.

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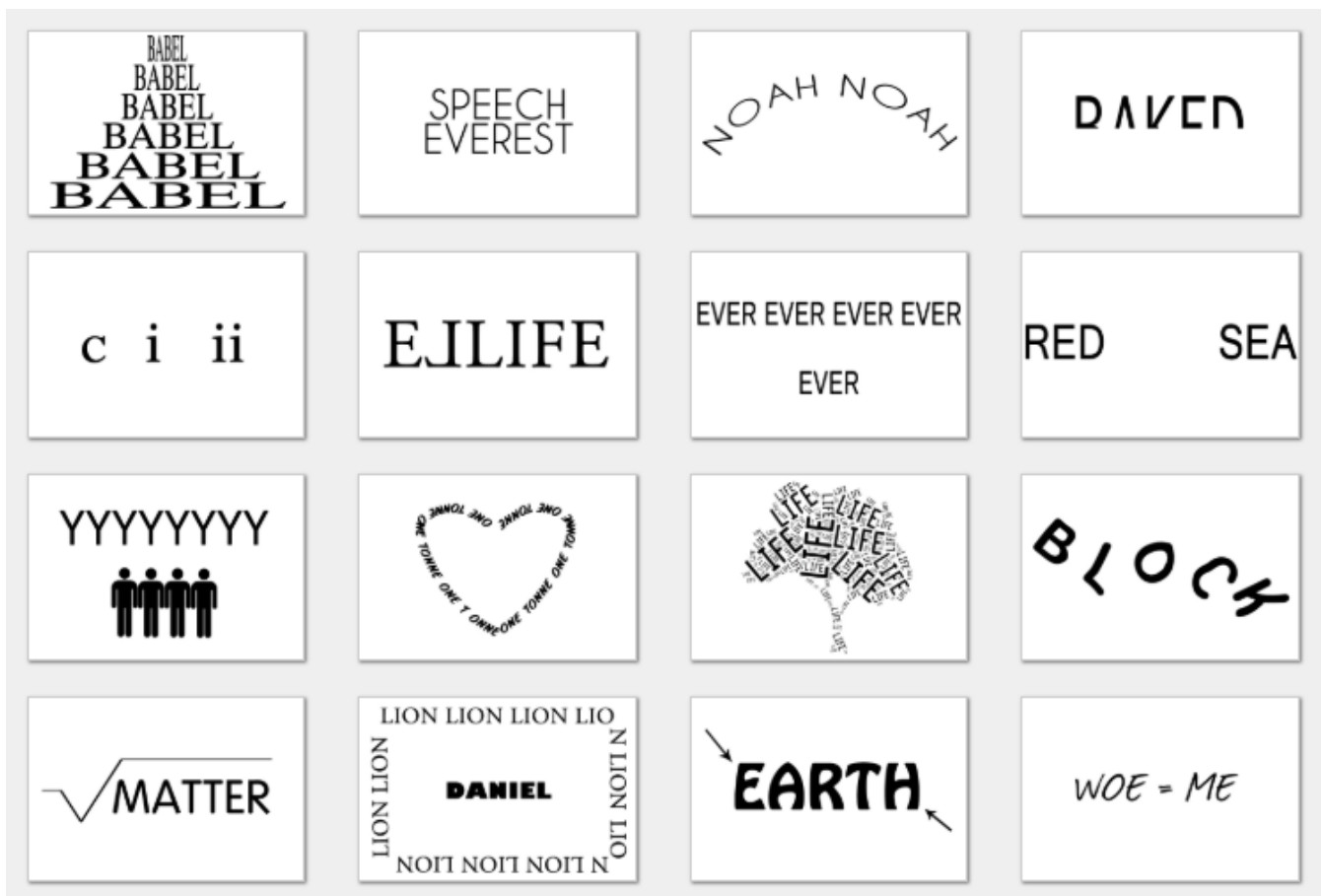
ST JAMES' DINGBATS – Last week's answers (working across)



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|----|-------------------------|-----|---------------------------|
| 1. | Forgive and forget | 9. | Nothing new under the sun |
| 2. | The Ten Commandments | 10. | A drop in the bucket |
| 3. | The Ark of the Covenant | 11. | Faint hearted |
| 4. | The Narrow Gate | 12. | Solomon |
| 5. | Forbidden fruit | 13. | Good news |
| 6. | Jacob's ladder | 14. | Five smooth stones |
| 7. | First born | 15. | High priest |
| 8. | Coat of many colours | 16. | Passover lamb |

ST JAMES' DINGBATS

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



GUESS WHO?



Who is this member of our St James' family? What a cutie!

Would like to take part?

Send a photo in for others to guess, to Jayne at
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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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