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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 – 31st January 2021



God of heaven and earth, whose power is made fully known in your pardoning mercy: ever fill us with your grace, that, entering more fully into your promises, we may come to share in the good things of heaven; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

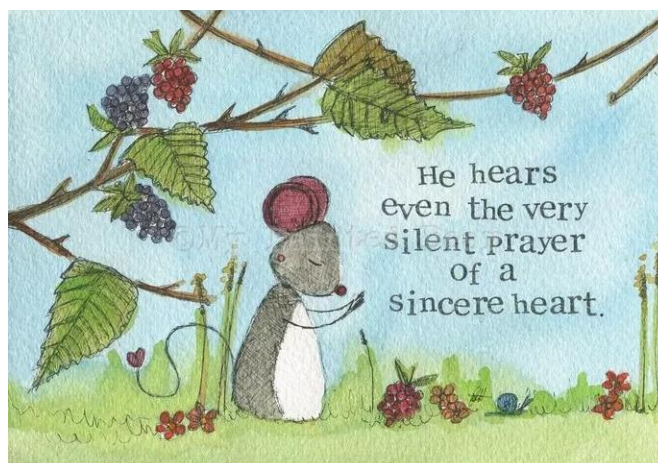
Lord, you have taught us that all our doings without love are worth nothing. Send your Holy Spirit, and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of love, the true bond of peace and of all virtues; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

MESSAGE FROM THE MINISTER

Hello Everyone, I hope you have had a good week. Many of you will have had your vaccination this week and I hope you didn't have any side effects. The rest of us are waiting patiently as we all pray for light at the end of the virus. It has been moving to hear stories of some of the 100,000 people who have died of Covid 19. We have lost some amazing people in our country and around the world. We pray comfort for all who grieve and treasure the incredible people who remain to bring love and light to our lives. We thank God for all his grace even in a difficult time. God Bless, Peter.

Birthdays.

For those who are celebrating a birthday this week; wishing you a wonderful time ahead. Sending you smiles for every moment of your special day... Have a wonderful time and a very happy birthday!
Happy birthday to
Everyone at St. James' wishes you a happy birthday and enjoy your day.



SUNDAY SERVICES

**This Sunday we are going to hold our morning service on “Zoom”.
St James’ Sunday Worship on Zoom: Opens at 10.45am, service starts at 11am.**

This will then be followed by a virtual after service tea, coffee and a catch up.

Preacher: Steve Elliott

Either click on this link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5913455610?pwd=R3RFV1RWU2NpKzJ1cTM1VFJ2STk4UT09>

Meeting ID: 591 345 5610

Passcode: 6WbLRw

We hope to see you there.

In the afternoon we have:

Telephone Worship – Rev. Peter Hughes

Sunday 31st January 2.20 for 2.30pm

Dial In Instructions: Between 2.20pm for 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 invited to say your name and will then be admitted to the Worship Session.

This Sunday’s Act of Worship, or short service, will comprise:

- Welcome and opening prayer, Bible reading, Lord’s Prayer, Talk or “mini-sermon” – By Rev Peter Hughes, Prayers, Grace and dismissal.

Graham Martin Communications Officer, St. James Church.

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

BIBLE READINGS – Old Testament: Deuteronomy Chapter 18: 15 to 20

The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own people; you shall heed such a prophet. This is what you requested of the LORD your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said: ‘If I hear the voice of the LORD my God anymore, or ever again see this great fire, I will die.’ Then the LORD replied to me: ‘They are right in what they have said. I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their own people; I will put my words in the mouth of the prophet, who shall speak to them everything that I command. Anyone who does not heed the words that the prophet shall speak in my name, I myself will hold accountable. But any prophet who speaks in the name of other gods, or who presumes to speak in my name a word that I have not commanded the prophet to speak—that prophet shall die.’

Gospel Reading: Mark Chapter 1: verses 21 to 28

²¹ They went to Capernaum, and when the Sabbath came, Jesus went into the synagogue and began to teach. ²² The people were amazed at his teaching, because he taught them as one who had authority, not as the teachers of the law. ²³ Just then a man in their synagogue who was possessed by an impure spirit cried out, ²⁴ “What do you want with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God!”

²⁵ “Be quiet!” said Jesus sternly. “Come out of him!”

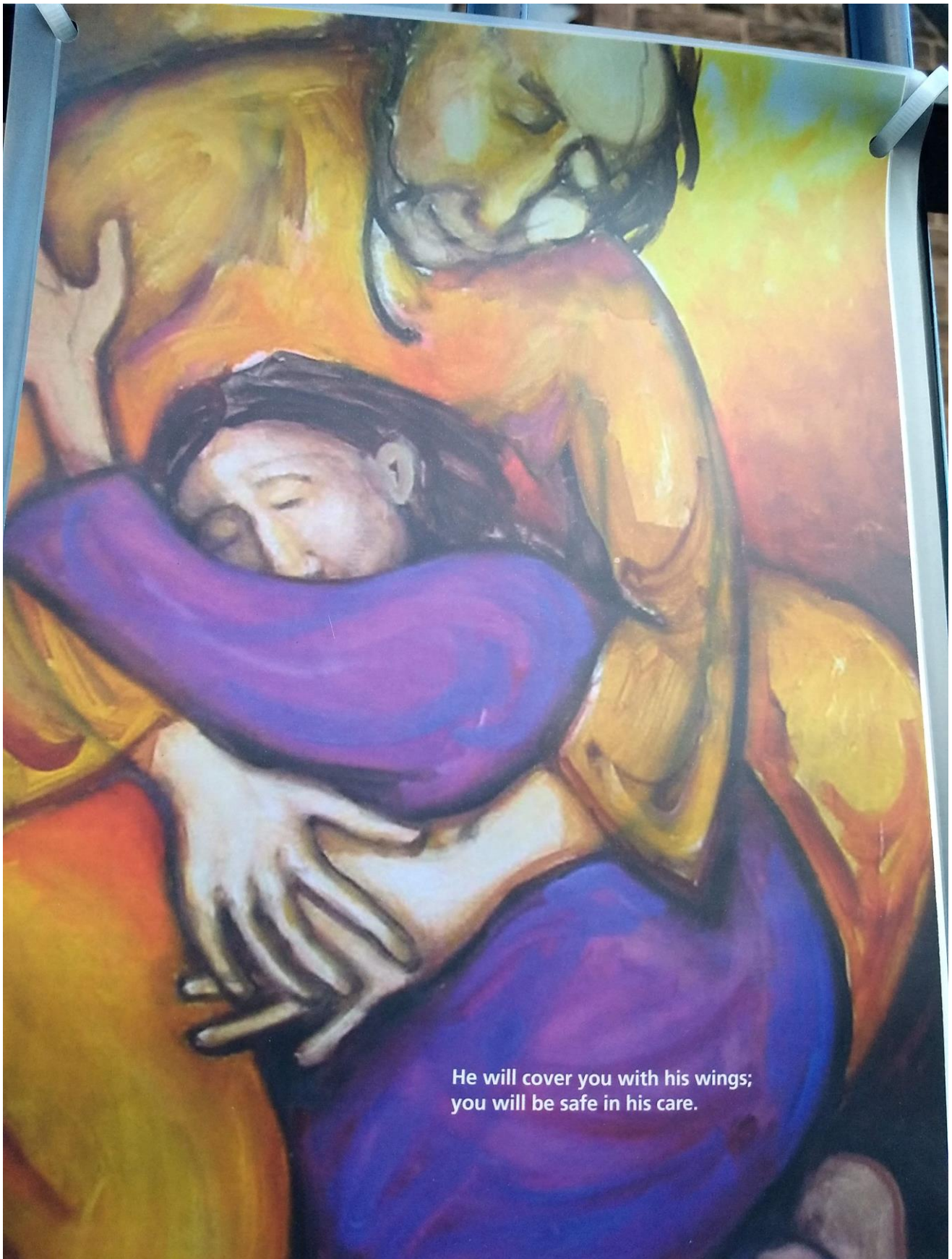
²⁶ The impure spirit shook the man violently and came out of him with a shriek.

²⁷ The people were all so amazed that they asked each other, “What is this? A new teaching—and with authority! He even gives orders to impure spirits and they obey him.”

²⁸ News about him spread quickly over the whole region of Galilee.

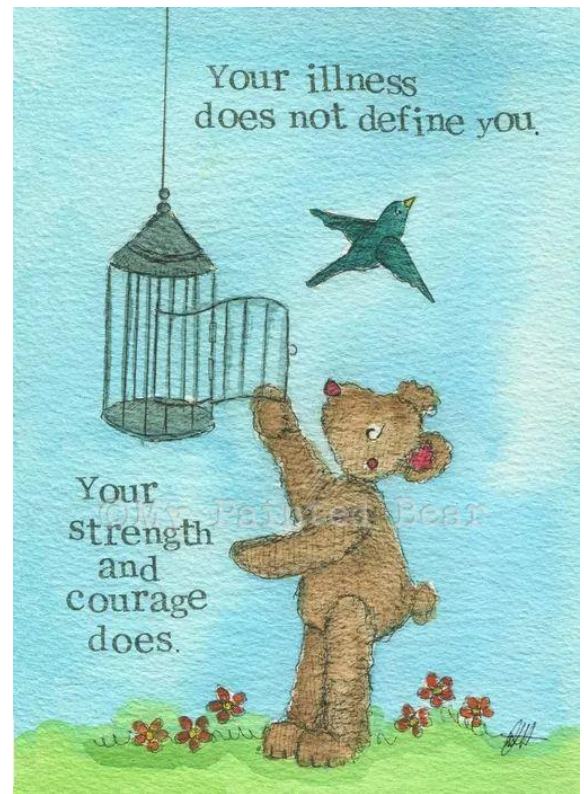
Picture from the Church Railings

I know that many of us have found January a very hard month. The sense of hope at a new year feels to have been quickly dashed by the sad headlines and continue loss. That's why we need words like those of Isaiah, featured in this week's picture. We are assured of the loving care of God keeping us safe, no matter what happens.



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.



DONATIONS UPDATES

We have received thanks from all the centres who benefitted from your kind gifts of money over the Christmas period. Here are a few comments from them:

Grace House; Women and Children's Refuge accommodation – Thank you to everyone who donated gifts for our families here at Grace House. We are very grateful for all your kindness and thoughtfulness. Many thanks and best wishes from staff and families here.

Centre 56: to all at St. James Church. This is to acknowledge receipt of £100 cash donation over the Christmas period. We would like to take this opportunity to say thank you for your generous and continued support. The money was used for the Children's Christmas party and also for purchasing gifts for the children to take home.

Once again, a huge thank you from all at Centre 56, we simply could not continue with the work we do without the help and support from organisations such as yourselves. Best wishes.

The Whitechapel Centre: on behalf of the Whitechapel Centre thank you for your recent donation of £295. We are very grateful to you for thinking of our clients at the Belvidere Family Centre this winter.

The Whitechapel centre is the leading homeless and housing charity for the Liverpool region. We work with people who are rough sleeping, living in hostels or struggling to manage their accommodation. We are committed to help people find and maintain a home and learn the life skills essential for independent living. Your donations helped to make to make Christmas as good as it could be for families with whom we work.

Because of your support and generosity our vital services remain open to all, operating 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

We know there are so many more people in Liverpool who still need our help, and, with your ongoing support, we will continue to offer help to anyone who needs it. Thank you.

Many other expressions of thanks have been received via phone calls etc. thank you to everyone for your support.

LAST WEEK'S CROSSWORD ANSWERS

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Across: 1 Animals, 7 Convoy, 8 Conquer, 9 Tree, 10 Ears, 12 Seventh, 14 Sheaves, 16 Agag, 18 Arab, 20 Amorite, 21 Kedron, 22 Tempest.

Down: 1 Archers, 2 Inner, 3 Ague, 4 Scribes, 5 Anathema, 6 Lowest, 11 Scabbard, 12 Servant, 13 Highest, 15 Harmed, 17 Guile, 19 Worm.

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THIS WEEK'S CROSSWORD

Across

- 1 Prophet; Sheila (anag) (6)
- 4 Naomi, for example (5)
- 7 Lookout (10)
- 8 Plague in Egypt (4)
- 9 Bitter ones were used at Passover (5)
- 11 Like Jesus at the Transfiguration (7)
- 13 Walk all over (7)
- 15 Cross-bearer (5)
- 17 Swarming pest (4)
- 18 A false teacher (10)
- 20 Gift of the Magi (5)
- 21 Crown (6)

Down

- 1 Book before Job (6)
- 2 Mark of approval (4)
- 3 Really old (7)
- 4 There was one in Endor (5)
- 5 A sign to Gideon (3)
- 6 Deeds (5)
- 7 Sound judgement (6)
- 10 Becomes ready to harvest (6)
- 12 Cornered (7)
- 14 Hold high (6)
- 15 Sinful city (5)
- 16 One of the gates in Ezekiel's vision (5)
- 17 A city of Benjamin (4)
- 19 Boat propeller (3)

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by Philologus

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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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