

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

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**NEWSLETTER – 25<sup>th</sup> September 2022**

***This Week's Collect***

**Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Gracious God, you give the water of eternal life through Jesus Christ your Son. May we always turn to you, the spring of life and source of goodness; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



Father of all, you gave your only Son, to take upon himself the form of a servant and to be obedient even to death on a cross. Give us the same mind that was in Christ Jesus that, sharing in his humility, we may come to be with him in his glory; for he lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**Minister's Message**

Dear Friends,

Monday's Funeral for Queen Elizabeth II was an emotional start to the week for all of us. I am sure that many of us are still reflecting on the wonderful Services at Westminster Abbey and St George's Chapel, Windsor. Those of us who gathered at St James to watch the Westminster Abbey Service found a sense of support from each other as we shared the experience together.

Our whole nation has been in mourning, but each of us have been affected in different ways. 7 This Sunday, we will welcome families who have been connected with Marie Curie Hospice through a time of grief and loss. We pray that they will find St James' Church to be a safe and peaceful place to express their sadness and find hope.

The Bible Readings and the Sermon preached by the Archbishop of Canterbury on Monday reminded us of our Christian hope. because Jesus died and rose again for us, we know that after death we will meet again.

Death is not the end, God is with us always.

**God Bless, Peter**

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

<i>SEPTEMBER 2022</i>	
<b>Sunday 25<sup>th</sup></b>	10.30 a.m. Morning Worship – <b>Revd. John Lansley</b>
<b>Sunday 25<sup>th</sup></b>	3 p.m. <b>Marie Curie Memorial Service</b>
<b>Monday 26<sup>th</sup></b>	7.30 p.m. - <b>Property and Finance Committee</b>
<b>Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup></b>	2.00 p.m. <b>Pastoral Visitors meeting</b>
<b>Thursday 29<sup>th</sup></b>	9.30 a.m. – 11.30 a.m. <b>Coffee morning</b>
<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 Pam Draper's home) <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>	2.30 p.m. <b>Monday House Group</b> (in Pam Draper's home) <b>Luke's Gospel.</b>
<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>Monday 17<sup>th</sup></b>	2.30 p.m. <b>Monday House Group</b> (in Pam Draper's home) Discussions on Luke's Gospel.
<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>Monday 24<sup>th</sup></b>	2.30 p.m. <b>Monday House Group</b> (in Pam Draper's home) Discussions on Luke's Gospel.
<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.
<p><b>Quiet Prayer Times</b> will now be held on the <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of every month, between 1.30 and 2.30 pm.</b> 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.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Drop-in for just a few minutes or stay for a while. Everyone welcome.</b></p>	



## Queen Elizabeth II

### Hymn

#### We see tears and celebration

We see tears and celebration,  
For this life so dignified,  
Bearing thanks and hearts of sadness,  
To the God of death and life.  
As he takes her to his promise,  
Of an audience with the King,  
We remember all she gave us,  
Wreaths of gratitude we bring.

In these days of change and trial,  
Be the rock on which we stand,  
When we fear in this new season,  
Hold us firmly in your hands.  
May we rise to her example,  
To be humble, kind and fair,  
Swift to pray and slow to anger,  
Choosing faith and not despair.

In the midst of coronation,  
She once knelt in silent prayer,  
Oil was poured in Christ's commission,  
Called to lead her people there.  
May we know that same anointing,  
Move in royal authority,  
Then speak liberty and healing,  
To a world in need of peace.

Lord forgive, when pride and envy,  
Leave our nation bruised and stained,  
Turn us back towards our calling,  
To make your name great again.  
May we rise above divisions,  
Lord, our brokenness we bring,  
That a more united kingdom,  
Would give glory to the King.

When our days are at their dimming,  
And our work on earth is done,  
May we hear as does our sovereign,  
"Faithful servant, welcome home."  
May we rise with Christ to witness,  
A new heav'n and earth displayed,  
Ours a robe that will not tarnish,  
Hers a crown that will not fade.



## ***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.



## ***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***

*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**

## **ST MARY'S WOOLTON - DEMENTIA INFORMATION SESSION**

**RAISING AWARENESS:** on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> September 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. (tea and coffee from 6:30pm) in the parish hall. We are delighted to welcome **Jill Pendleton**, Lead Dementia Specialist for NHS MerseyCare Trust as our guest speaker. We will also have presentations from Serena Jones Specialist Nurse with expertise in dementia and Mary Monkhouse Dementia Friends Ambassador. The event is open to everyone, but especially those living with dementia and their carers. Please come along and join us.

### **PRAYERS NEEDED**

Father, we're praying for all those in need of Your healing touch for their hurting hearts. Some of them have received emotional wounds, some of them severe. Help them be willing to let you heal those hurts, so they won't become increasingly destructive over time, for You are the Lord who heals. We come to You with the same spirit of helplessness and dependence that Moses had when he was leading Your people through the desert. They came to water, but it was bitter, and the people had nothing to drink. Moses cried out to You, and You showed him a piece of wood; when he threw it into the water, the water became sweet. We're now coming on behalf of these who are carrying emotional pain. In our hearts we bring the wood of the cross, asking that Christ, who heals the broken-hearted and binds up their wounds, would bring healing to any bitterness He finds in their hearts. No matter what pain they've suffered, help them not to give into anger, resentment, unforgiveness, or bitterness and become captive to sin. May their hearts not become calloused or hard but refresh them in Christ. May they not lose heart but be inwardly renewed day by day.

In Jesus' name, **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.***

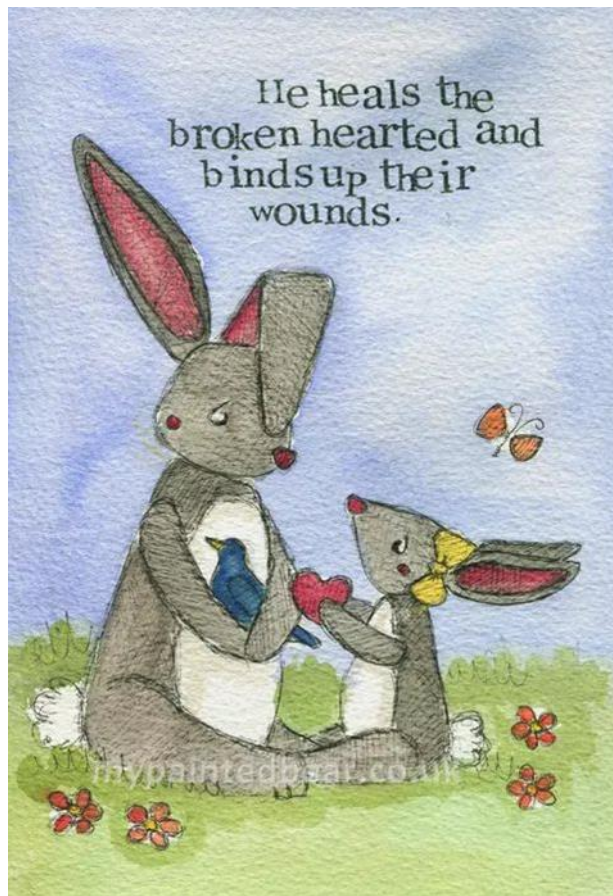
***Also pray for the safe return of Cameron McLaren, who has just been redeployed to Iraq.***

As a welcoming congregation, St James' Church is registered for Marriage Services of a man and a woman and for Marriage Services of people of the same sex. We are pleased to respond to enquiries from all couples.

**Thanks Peter**

**Clarice Rogers**

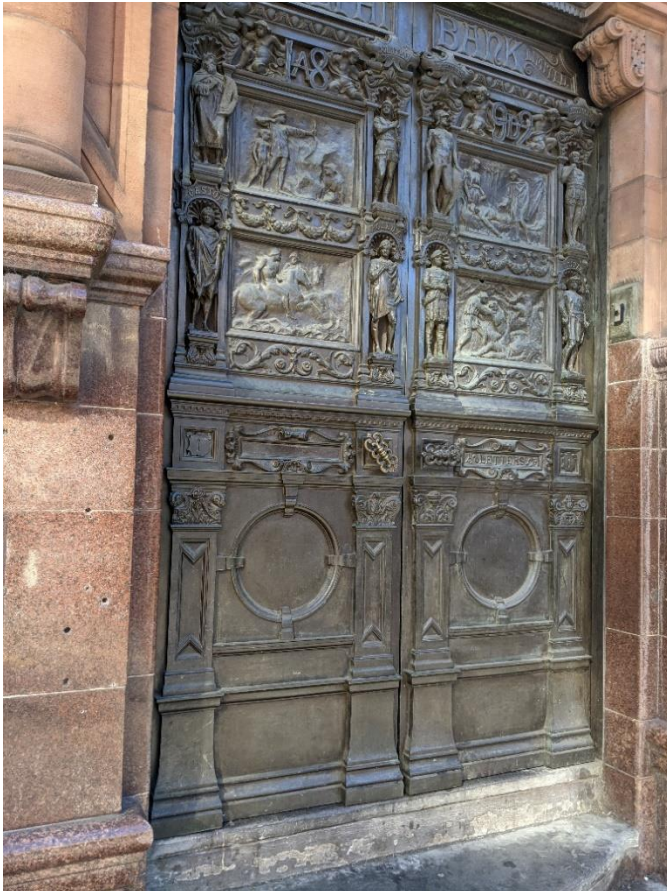
The funeral of **Clarice Rogers** will take place on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> of October (10.45 a.m.) at St James'.



## *A history of Liverpool Mike Hughes*

These bronze doors were the doors to the CO-OP Bank in Castle Street but is now a coffee bar. Just above the doors is the name Adelphi Bank.

This building opened in 1892 as the Adelphi Bank and then became Martin's Bank and then the CO-OP Bank. The Adelphi Bank was taken by the Bank of Liverpool in 1899. 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.



The money for these flowers were kindly donated by **Alan Smith**. They were in memory of his late wife, **Hilda**, who would have celebrated her birthday. Happy birthday Queen. Love from Alan and all of your family and friends.

## ***Benevolent Collection***

The amount collected from last week's benevolent collection for Oakleaf was **£179.50**.  
What a fantastic effort. A huge thank you to all of you who kindly donated to this worthy cause.



Oakleaf is the Children's and Young People's service at Liverpool Bereavement Service.

It is a well-established and dedicated counselling service for children and young people who are affected by bereavement, loss and separation in their life, and provides support on a 1:1 and/or group basis.

Oakleaf's counselling services offer children and young people:

- a safe time and place to talk to someone who won't judge them;
- help to make sense of things and also to understand themselves better;
- help to resolve complicated feelings, or find ways to live with them
- help to recognise unhelpful patterns in the way they think or act, and find ways to change them if they want to.

## **WORSHIPPING BY PHONE**

### **This Sunday our preacher will be Liz Hudson**

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 Graham Martin**

#### **Order of Worship:**

- **Welcome and notices**
- **Opening prayer**
- **Bible reading:** **Jeremiah 32**
- **Lord's Prayer**
- **Talk or "mini sermon"** **Liz Hudson**
- **Prayers** **Kieran**
- **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)**

Humble yourselves, therefore, under  
God's mighty hand, that  
He may lift you up in due time.  
Cast all your anxiety on Him  
because he cares for you.

1 Peter 5.6

