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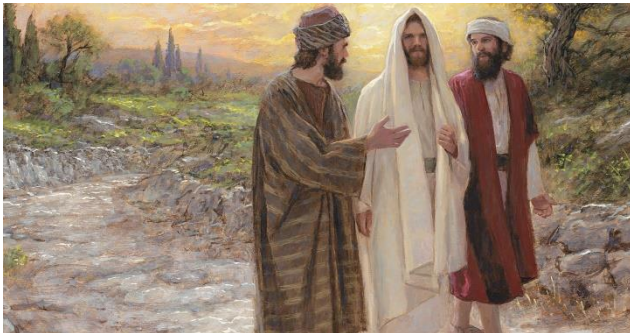
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Peter's day off is Friday - messages and emails left on Fridays will not be received by him until Saturday.

NEWSLETTER – 1st May 2022



This Week's Collect



On the Road to Emmaus 13 Now that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles[a] from Jerusalem. 14 They were talking with each other about everything that had happened. 15 As they talked and discussed these things with each other, Jesus himself came up and walked along with them; 16 but they were kept from recognizing him. 17 He asked them, “What are you discussing together as you walk along?” They stood still; their faces downcast. 18 One of them, named

Cleopas, asked him, “Are you the only one visiting Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?” 19 “What things?” he asked. “About Jesus of Nazareth,” they replied. “He was a prophet, powerful in word and deed before God and all the people. 20 The chief priests and our rulers handed him over to be sentenced to death, and they crucified him; 21 but we had hoped that he was the one who was going to redeem Israel. And what is more, it is the third day since all this took place. 22 In addition, some of our women amazed us. They went to the tomb early this morning 23 but didn’t find his body. They came and told us that they had seen a vision of angels, who said he was alive. 24 Then some of our companions went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see Jesus.” 25 He said to them, “How foolish you are, and how slow to believe all that the prophets have spoken! 26 Did not the Messiah have to suffer these things and then enter his glory?” 27 And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself. 28 As they approached the village to which they were going, Jesus continued as if he were going farther. 29 But they urged him strongly, “Stay with us, for it is nearly evening; the day is almost over.” So, he went in to stay with them. 30 When he was at the table with them, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and began to give it to them. 31 Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him, and he disappeared from their sight. 32 They asked each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?” 33 They got up and returned at once to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven and those with them, assembled 34 and saying, “It is true! The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon.” 35 Then the two told what had happened on the way, and how Jesus was recognized by them when he broke the bread.

God of life and love, your Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of the bread. Open our eyes that we may see him in his redeeming work; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Third Sunday of Easter

Christ, our friend, you ask for our love in spite of our betrayal. Give us courage to embrace forgiveness, know you again, and trust ourselves in you; we pray in your name. **Amen.**

UPCOMING SERVICES & PREACHERS

Sunday May 1st Matthew Dyer (St. James') & Revd. Peter Hughes (phone)

WORSHIP AT ST. JAMES'

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

- By 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 – Matthew Dyer

Either click on this link:

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

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.

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:

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.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Annual Church Meeting - Sunday 15th May 2022.

Christian Aid week is the 15th-22nd May.

We have a stall with St Peter's at the farmers market on 14th May and they are organising a quiz night on 20th May.

Exciting news **Star for a night**...not to be missed Saturday 21st May 7-9.15pm
Live performances from our own talented individuals, refreshments, raffles, glow sticks and stars for our younger guests. A night of fun and entertainment.

All proceeds are for Christian Aid. £5 adult, £3 children and £15 family.

Tickets are available from Jane and Tony Laverty 07963961951 janelaverty5@gmail.com and Jayne McLaren jayniemac@hotmail.co.uk



The poster features a red and white background with a large question mark in a black circle. The text includes the Christian Aid logo, the word 'Quiz' in large white letters, and event details for St Peter's Church Hall on Friday 20th May 2022. It also lists ticket prices and a photo of a person watering plants.

christian aid

Quiz

St Peter's Church Hall
Friday 20th May 2022
7pm for 7.30pm start

Adults £5 Under 18's £2
Concessions £3
BYO drinks and nibbles

Providing food and hope for families like Janet's in Zimbabwe

Click on the link below to help support St. Peter's Quiz. This is also in aid of Christian Aid.

<https://www.jumblebee.co.uk/stpetersquiz>

Monetary Offerings

Your monetary donations are vital to the running and future of St. James Church.

Please contact **Margaret Dee** if you would like to change your giving to a Standing Order or join the Weekly Envelope scheme (out now).

Also, if you are a UK Tax payer, please consider Gift Aid, as the Church is able to claim 25% from the Government at no addition cost to you (for example, for every £10 the Church would receive £2.50).

We thank you for your continued support. Contact Margaret Dee (428 3356).

Church Flowers

We have recently resumed our beautiful flower displays in Church each week. 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 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.

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.



St James' Show in A Week is back...

We are excited to announce that Show in a Week this year we will be rehearsing & performing ***Madagascar JR*** . After two years, we are hopefully able to celebrate our tenth year of **Show**

In A Week and look forward to welcoming back returning families and welcoming new families too.

Please share the information and news with any families who you think may be interested in joining us

Dates for this year are Monday 8th to Sunday 14th August with the pre-show workshop and auditions being held on Sunday 26th June.

Please note all children must be able to attend all dates to be involved.

Please email **Amy** for a form or more information. amybates93@aol.co.uk



PRAYERS NEEDED

Dear God,

We confess our need for you today.

We need your healing and your grace.

We need hope restored.

We need to be reminded that you work on behalf of those you love, constantly, powerfully, completely.

Forgive us for trying to fix our situations all on our own.

Forgive us for running all different directions and spinning our wheels to find help when true help and healing must be found first in You.

Forgive us for forgetting how much we need you, above everyone and everything else.

We come to you and bring you the places we are hurting.

You see where no one else is able to fully see or understand.

You know the pain we've carried. The burdens.

The cares.

You know where we need to be set free.

We ask for your healing and grace to cover every broken place.

Every wound. Every heartache.

Thank you that you are Able to do far more than we could ever imagine.

Thank you for your Mighty Power that acts on behalf of your children.

We reach out to you and know that you are restoring and redeeming every place of difficulty, every battle, for your greater glory.

Thank you that you will never waste our pain and suffering.

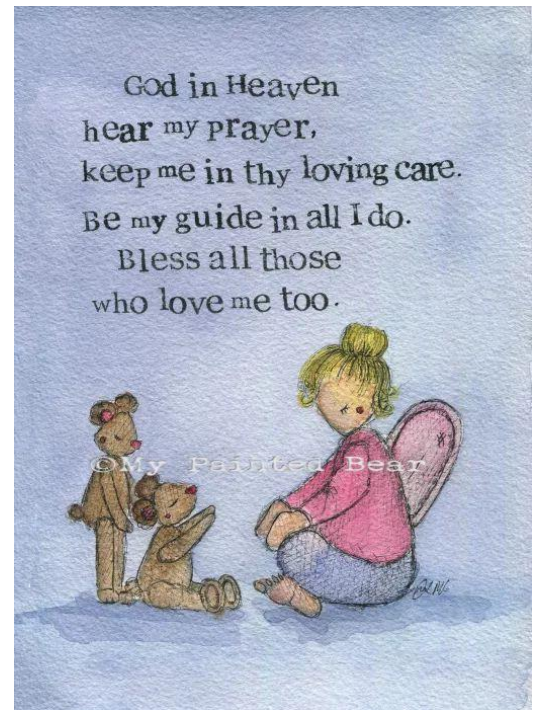
We love you. We need you today.

In Jesus' Name, **Amen.**

Please remember those at St. James who need our prayers this week, we pray for those close to our hearts, for those known to us and for those only you know of. For those due to undergo surgery and for those recovering.

We continue to pray for Ken Kitchen, John and Sylvia Pagan, Ian Taylor, Arthur Evans, Pat Fagan, Pam Draper, Alex and Doreen Banks, Ron Swindells, John Jeffers and Mike Hughes.

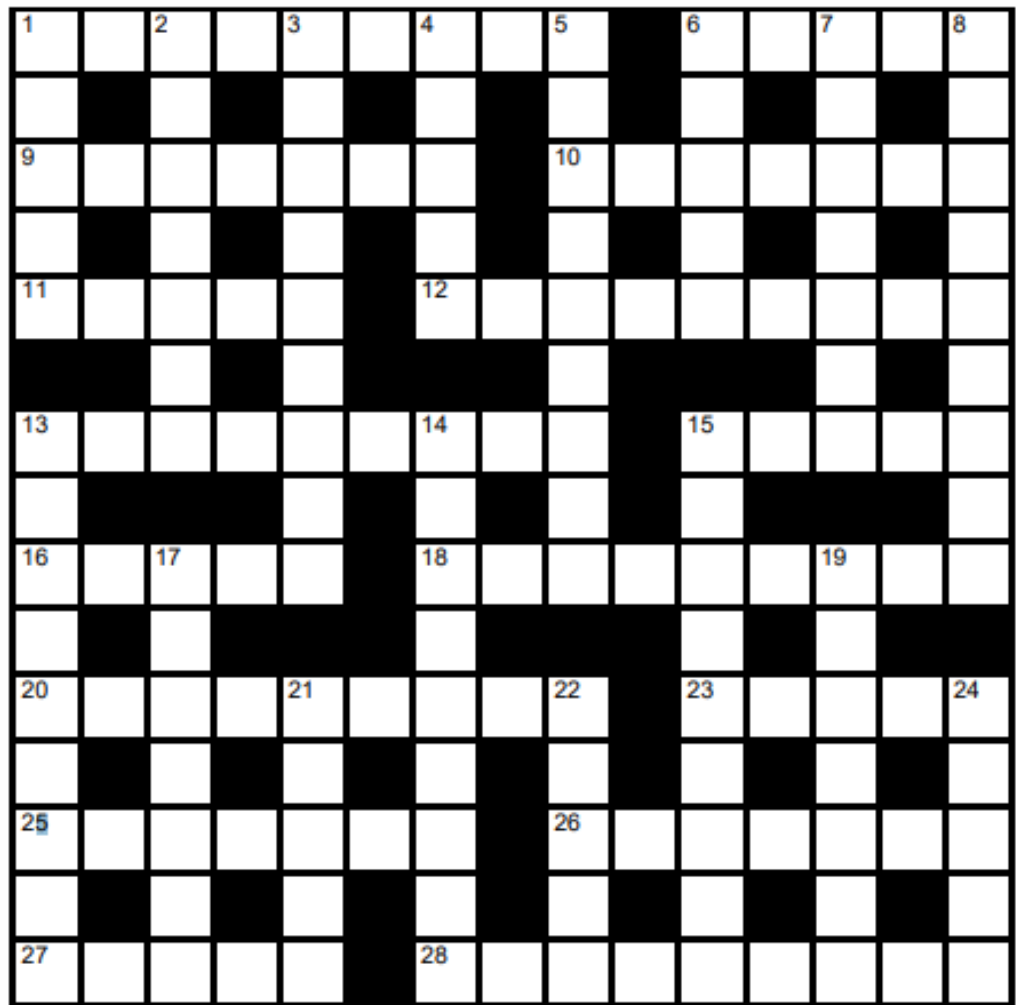
We also pray for the Helen Stanford and her family on the sad passing of Fred. Captain Fredrick was a loving husband, Dad, Granddad and a friend to many. You are all in our thoughts and prayers. With love from your church family. God bless.



THIS WEEK'S CROSSWORD

Across

- 1 Word of God (9)
- 6 Korah, Dathan and Abiram fell into one (5)
- 9 Prophetess and judge (7)
- 10 Rescue (7)
- 11 Judas wore one around his neck (5)
- 12 In a fervent manner (9)
- 13 Age when Jehoram became king (6-3)
- 15 Long range of hills or mountains (5)
- 16 Like the tomb on Resurrection Morning (5)
- 18 Samson, maybe? (9)
- 20 Pharisaical tomb covering (9)
- 23 The beginning of a sequence (5)
- 25 Time when not working (7)
- 26 Alternative name for Feast of Tabernacles (7)
- 27 Region of Israeli enslavement (5)
- 28 One of 13 down (9)



by Philologus

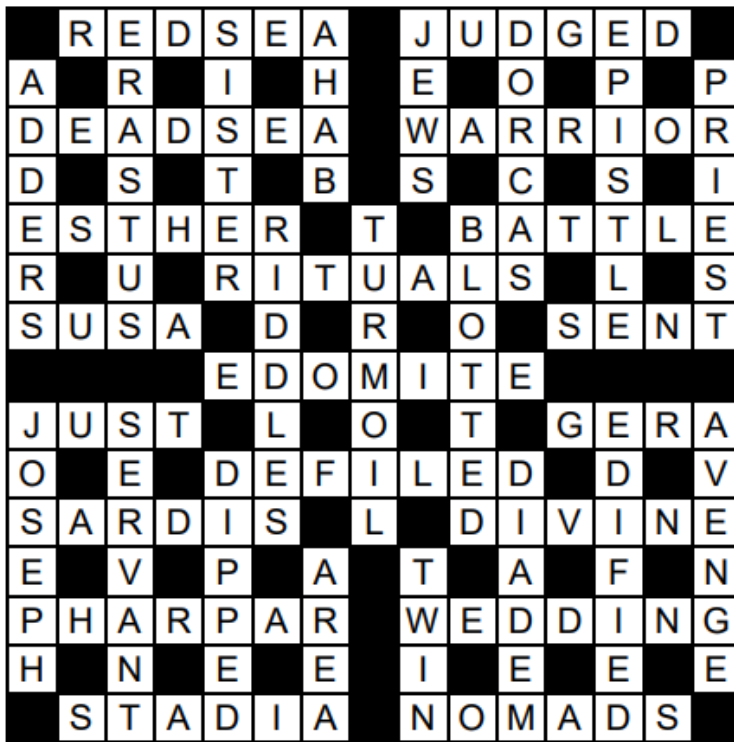
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Down

- 1 City near to Tyre (5)
- 2 Honourable title for a teacher (7)
- 3 In an ideal way (9)
- 4 Region famous for its gold (5)
- 5 Strive (9)
- 6 A city of Nimrod (5)
- 7 Counselling (7)
- 8 Golden covering of the ark (5,4)
- 13 Apostles, collectively (3,6)
- 14 New and old parts of the Bible (9)
- 15 Plundered (9)
- 17 Secretly (7)
- 19 Instruction for the twelve spies (7)
- 21 Jubilate (5)
- 22 Minor prophet (5)
- 24 Often put on the head during mourning (5)



LAST WEEK'S CROSSWORD ANSWERS



Across: 1 Red Sea, 5 Judged, 10 Dead Sea, 11 Warrior, 12 Esther, 15 Battle, 16 Rituals, 17 Susa, 18 Sent, 19 Edomite, 20 Just, 22 Gera, 25 Defiled, 27 Sardis, 28 Divine, 31 Pharpar, 32 Wedding, 33 Stadia, 34 Nomads.

Down: 2 Erastus, 3 Sister, 4 Ahab, 5 Jews, 6 Dorcas, 7 Epistle, 8 Adders, 9 Priest, 13 Riddles, 14 Turmoil, 15 Blotted, 20 Joseph, 21 Servant, 23 Edified, 24 Avenge, 25 Dipped, 26 Diadem, 29 Area, 30 Twin.

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PROGRAMMES YOU MAY ENJOY – Sunday 1st May

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

Paul Beesley sits in with the Sunday magazine reflecting Merseyside's worlds of faith.

8.10 a.m. Radio 4: Sunday Worship – Meaning Matters

A service from Northern Ireland in which Pastor Andrew Roycroft reflects on our need and desire for meaning in life. With the New Irish Choir. and Orchestra, directed by Jonathan Rea

13.15 BBC 1 Songs of Praise: Christian Gems at Fountains Abbey

Aled Jones visits Fountains Abbey in Yorkshire, the largest and best-preserved monastic ruins in the UK, and discovers remarkable new evidence about the monks who lived there.

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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