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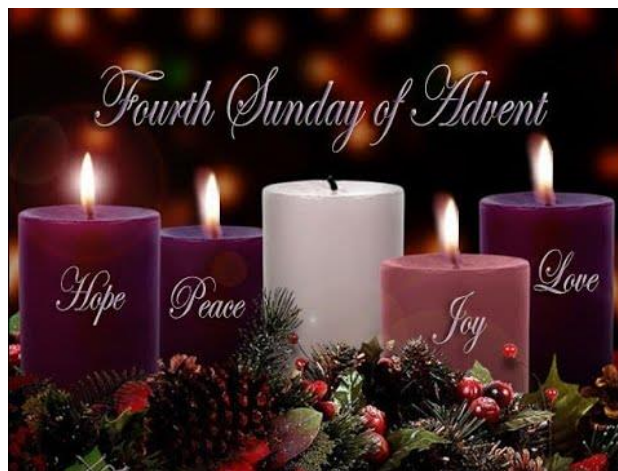
Peter's day off is Friday - messages and emails left on Fridays will not be received by him until Saturday.



NEWSLETTER – 19th December 2021

This Week's Collect

God our Redeemer, you chose the Virgin Mary, to be the mother of our Lord and Saviour. Fill us with your grace that in all things we may embrace your holy will and with her rejoice in your salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**



Fourth Sunday of Advent

All-powerful God, let the splendour of your glory rise in our hearts like the dawn, that the darkness of the night may be scattered and the coming of your only Son may reveal us as children of the light. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

UPCOMING PREACHERS

Sunday December 19th Revd. Peter Hughes (St James') Revd. John Lansley (phone)

Please ensure that you wear a face covering in church.

PROGRAMMES YOU MAY ENJOY – Sunday 19th December

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. Forgiveness and the Incarnation

Forgiveness and the Incarnation: A service for the fourth Sunday in Advent with the Chapel Choir of Methodist College, Belfast.

13.15 BBC 1 Songs of Praise: Christmas at Westminster Abbey

Katherine Jenkins looks forward to Christmas with a host of festive favourite carols from Westminster Abbey, including Hark the Herald Angels Sing and O Come All Ye Faithful. There are special performances from the Abbey choir and from Gospel Singer of the Year Monique McKen with Tessera.

Minister's Message

I hope you have had a good week, despite the difficult situation with Covid - again. We are planning to hold our services as arranged over the Christmas period, but we will be working really hard to keep everyone safe. If you are able to test yourself at home before coming, that would help, but it's not a requirement. As Advent reaches a climax, we give thanks for Mary who played such a vital part as the mother of our Lord Jesus. As we follow her journey to Bethlehem we will rejoice at the birth of the Saviour of the world - of you and me. If I don't see you before, I hope you have a safe, peaceful and happy Christmas.

God Bless, Peter.

Sabbatical Photos

After my travels to Wales and the Hebrides my next visit was much nearer to home. On 13th July I went to Moses Gate Country Park to search for what's left of the Manchester, Bolton and Bury Canal.

We used to walk along this canal when we lived in Bolton in the 1990's. It is many years since this canal has been in regular use, and many sections are now dry.

However, I found some water and enjoyed the peace of this formerly busy place. The Canal featured in the film "Spring and Port Wine" which is a favourite of mine.



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=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.

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

This Sunday our preacher will be Revd. John Lansley

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 (Host)**
- **Bible reading** (Chris Bennett Luke 1: 39-55)
- **Lord’s Prayer** (Host)
- **Talk or “mini-sermon”** (Rev John Lansley)
- **Prayers** (Irene – or Steve - Elliott)
- **Grace and dismissal.** (Host)

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.



Christmas Services

Sunday December 19th Morning Service with Holy Communion at 10.30am AND Carols by Candlelight at 4pm

Friday December 24th, 2021, Christmas Eve Communion at 11.30 pm

All the above services will be led by Revd Peter Hughes

Christmas Day - Morning Worship led by Andrew Gillespie at 10 a.m.

NO SERVICE on Sunday December 26th, 2021.



LAST WEEK'S CROSSWORD ANSWERS

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Across: 1 Burning bush, 6 Roast, 7 Pearl, 8 Ears, 9 Eve, 10 Deposed, 14 Eli, 15 Seen, 16 Exalt, 17 Elect, 18 Unadvisedly.

Down: 1 Border, 2 Reaped, 3 Interpret, 4 Bees, 5 Syria, 7 Prisoners, 11 Defend, 12 Filthy, 13 Waxen, 15 Slid.

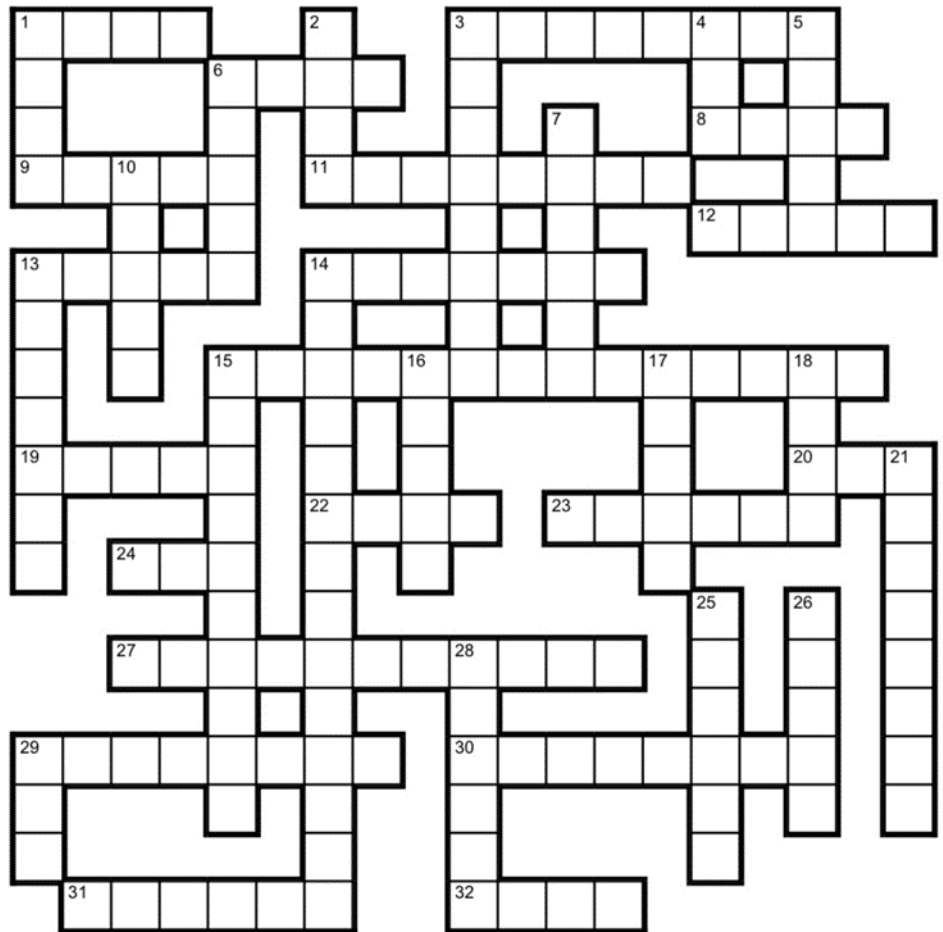
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THIS WEEK'S CROSSWORD

Across

- 1 Transportation for going over snow (4)
- 3 Mixture of seasoned ingredients (8)
- 6 Baby's bed (4)
- 8 Period from December 24th to January 6th (4)
- 9 Red-breasted bird (5)
- 11 Twelve days after Christmas (8)
- 12 Alcoholic drink normally served in a bowl (5)
- 13 Jolly (5)
- 14 News (7)
- 15 Goes with the turkey (9,5)
- 19 A type of tree used at Christmas (5)
- 20 The colour of Santa's hat (3)
- 22 ___ log; traditonally burned at Christmas (4)
- 23 Sanctified (6)
- 24 Cured leg of pork (3)
- 27 Christmas song (6,5)
- 29 Found under the Christmas tree? (8)
- 30 Grace (8)
- 31 Snow falls in this season (6)
- 32 Given at Christmas (4)



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Down

- 1 Bright celestial body (4)
- 2 Christmas tree type (4)
- 3 Take aback (8)
- 4 No room here! (3)
- 5 Elvish colour (5)
- 6 Sweets; flavoured sugar (5)
- 7 Container usually found in a stable (6)
- 10 Beginning of life (5)
- 13 Amazing event (7)
- 14 Written after Christmas? (5,3,6)
- 15 Formal events (10)
- 16 Ring out from churches (5)
- 17 Accompaniment for food (5)
- 18 Printed or written greeting (4)
- 21 Month in which Christmas falls (8)
- 25 Nature of God (6)
- 26 One was born in Bethlehem (5)
- 28 Sweetened milk drink, with eggs and alcohol (6)
- 29 Pastry dish (3)

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.



Happy 18th birthday to Faye McLaren on the 27th of December, hope it's amazing! Love from Mum, Dad and all your family and friends.

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PRAYERS

Almighty Father, Thank you for your love, grace and mercy.

I pray that my discomforts will turn to comforts, my pains to gains, my deprivation to more blessings, my losses to profits, my tear to smiles, my sorrows to pleasures, my illness to wellness, my debts to credits and my dreams to realities.

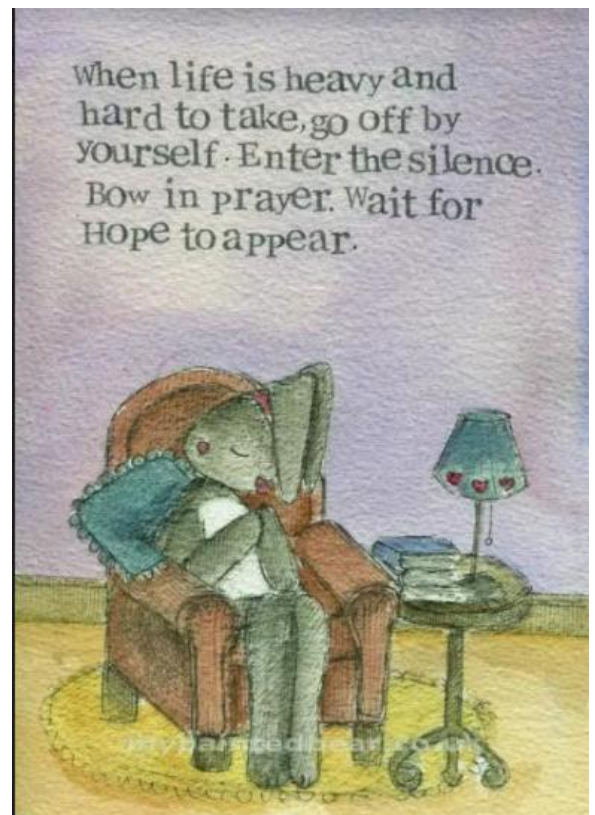
As the scripture said "The Lord is near to the broken-hearted and saves the crushed in spirit."

And he "He heals the broken-hearted and binds up their wounds.

I trust in you Lord and in you alone to heal me with any form of scepticism towards blessing that you will be employed upon me.

I trust, Lord, that this agony and suffering that is only in my head, will come to end and positivism will shine upon me as I read, hear, study and preach the truth in the Bible.

Amen.



We continue to pray for Gordon and Christine Salmon, Ken Kitchen, John and Sylvia Pagan, Pat Fagan and Arthur Evans.

We continue to pray for those who need our prayers at this time due to ill health, struggling with mental health and all difficult situations.

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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