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

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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 – 13<sup>th</sup> November 2022

This Week's Collect

Eternal God, from whom all thoughts of truth and peace proceed: kindle, we pray, in every heart the true love of peace, and guide with your pure and peaceable wisdom those who take counsel for the nations of the earth; that in justice and peace your kingdom may go forward, till the earth is filled with the knowledge of your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.** 

#### The Destruction of the Temple and Signs of the End Times



#### Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Almighty God, you sent your Son Jesus Christ to be the light of the world. Free us from all that darkens and ensnares us and bring us to eternal light and joy; through the power of him who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.** 







#### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

NOVEMBER 2022	
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 a.m. – 11.30 a.m. <b>Coffee morning</b>
Saturday 12 <sup>th</sup>	10 a.m. – 12 noon <b>Coffee morning</b>
Sunday 13 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 a.m. Morning Worship – Darren Murrell – (Remembrance Sunday)
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup>	7.30 p.m. Steward Elders
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup>	1.30 - 2.30 p.m. Prayer Hour
	7.30 p.m. House Group
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 a.m. – 11.30 a.m. <b>Coffee morning</b>
Saturday 19 <sup>th</sup>	10.00 a.m. Winter Fair
Sunday 20 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 a.m. Morning Worship – <b>Revd. Clement Matarirano</b>
Monday 21 <sup>st</sup>	7.30 p.m. Mission Action Group
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	7.30 p.m. Circuit Preachers & Worship Leaders Meeting at St James'
Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 a.m. – 11.30 a.m. <b>Coffee morning</b>
Sunday 27 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 a.m. Morning Worship – <b>Revd. Peter Hughes (Holy Communion)</b> Followed by tea and coffee. <b>Advent.</b>
DECEMBER 2022	
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup>	9.30 a.m. – 11.30 a.m. <b>Coffee morning</b>
Saturday 3rd	7 p.m. Christmas Sing-along
Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 a.m. Morning Worship –
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup>	2.30 p.m. Bible Fellowship
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 a.m. – 11.30 a.m. <b>Coffee morning</b>
Saturday 10 <sup>th</sup>	10 a.m. – 12 noon <b>Coffee morning (Carol singing in village)</b>
Sunday 11th	10.30 a.m. Morning Worship - All Age Worship & Gift service
	4 p.m. Carol Service
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup>	7.30 p.m. Steward Elders
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup>	1.30 - 2.30 p.m. <b>Prayer Hour</b>
	7.30 p.m. House Group
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 a.m. – 11.30 a.m. <b>Coffee morning</b>
Sunday 18th	10.30 a.m. Morning Communion & Christingle
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	9.30 a.m. – 11.30 a.m. <b>Coffee morning</b>
Saturday 24 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Eve.
Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup>	10.00 a.m. Christmas Day -Revd. Peter Hughes
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 a.m. – 11.30 a.m. <b>Coffee morning</b>



#### Roy Barker & Friends Christmas Sing-along

Roy Barker & Friends Christmas Sing-along is on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> December at 7.00 pm (doors open at 6.30pm).

Come and join us for some Christmas fun and lots of singing. Wear your Christmas hats and sweaters and bring your voices.



Proceeds will be split between St James' Church Development Fund and The Alder Centre at Alder Hey Hospital, who provide various types of support and education for anyone affected by the death of a child.

Get your tickets now: adults: £6, children: £1. Contact Roy and Lynne Barker 0151 421 1218

SATURDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER – WINTER FAIR - 10.00 a.m. until 1 p.m. Morning coffee, Brunches, Raffles.

#### Christmas Gifts. Yummy homemade cakes and jams. And lots more. There will be an early visit from Father Christmas.

We will be very grateful for the following items and if you can help with any of these please bring to the hall on Friday 18th November between 2.00 and 6.00 p.m. or ring Wendy for collection on 07867795179.

NEW toiletries, Christmas gifts, scented candles, stationery items, jewellery. Plants or small bunches of flowers. Homemade cakes or biscuits.

Festive tinned or packet foods for Hamper prizes (but please see Wendy for collection before the date!)

**Put the date in your diary now.** Any help you can give will be very much appreciated – please ring Wendy on 07867795179. Tell your family and friends to book the date too!

#### **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.



A happy birthday to **Ralphie Elliott**, who celebrates his 1<sup>st</sup> birthday on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> November. Lots of love from the Elliott family and everyone here at St. James'.



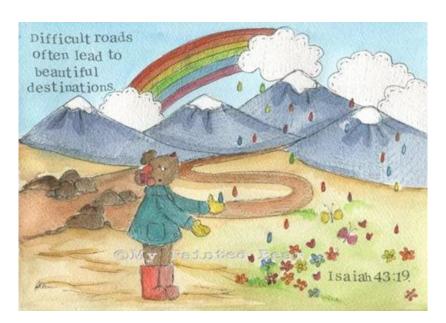
#### **PRAYERS NEEDED**

Father of goodness of love,

Hear our prayers for the sick members of our church family and for all who are in need. Amid mental and physical suffering may they find consolation in your healing presence. Show your mercy as you close wounds, cure illness, make broken bodies whole and free downcast spirits.

May these special people find lasting health and deliverance and so join us in thanking you for all your gifts.

We ask this through the Lord Jesus who healed those who believed. **Amen.** 



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.

We also pray for Billy Lamb, Arthur Evans, Joan Greenall, Elizabeth Draper, Rogers Phillips, Ken Kitchen, Graham Martin, Hilary Hopkin, Bob Rowland, Heather Hughes and Dave and Madge Tilly.

#### WORSHIPPING BY PHONE

#### This Sunday our preacher will be Graham Martin

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 Pam Bellis

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

- Welcome and notices
- Opening prayer
- Bible reading:
- Lord's Prayer
- Talk or "mini sermon"
- Prayers
- Grace and dismissal.

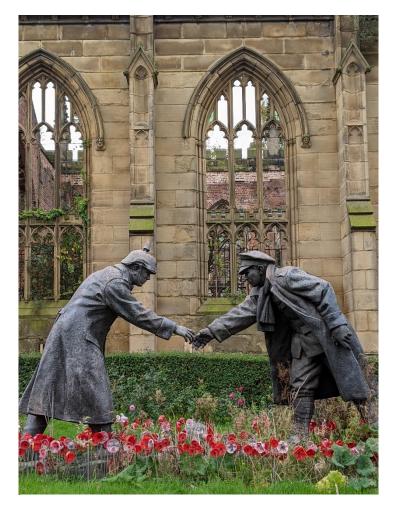


#### St. Luke's Church with our resident historian, Mike Hughes.

In the church garden of St. Luke's church:

All quiet on the Western Front on one Christmas Day during the First World War. In the background we have:

The bombed-out church destroyed by bombing during the Second World War. **Mike.** 



These three wild poppies represent the three branches of the Armed Forces and are in memory of all the Fallen in all the Wars.

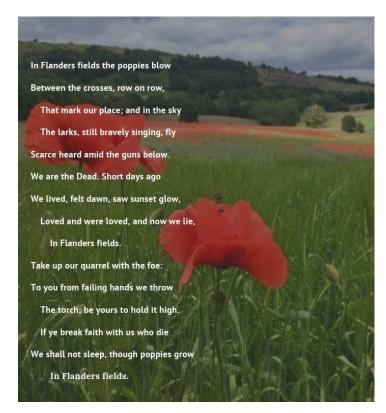






#### **REMEMBRANCE DAY**

**Remembrance Sunday is a national opportunity to remember the service and sacrifice of all those that have defended our freedoms and protected our way of life.** We remember the Armed Forces, and their families, from Britain and the Commonwealth, the vital role played by the emergency services and those who have lost their lives as a result of conflict or terrorism.



And as you remember them, remember us, O Lord; grant us peace in our time and a longing for the day when people of every language, race, and nation will be brought into the unity of Christ's kingdom. This we ask in the name of the same Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.** 

Almighty and eternal God, from whose love in Christ we cannot be parted, either by death or life: hear our prayers and thanksgivings for all whom we remember this day; fulfil in them the purpose of your love; and bring us all, with them, to your eternal joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.



Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn. At the going down of the sun and in the morning Liverpool will remember them.



#### Celebrating Christmas with Strawberry Field Featuring Music by the Salvation Army and Special Guests



Strawberry Field invites you to an evening of seasonal music, carols and readings to celebrate Christmas at The Auditorium at M&S Bank Arena.

Proceeds will help keep our gates open for the good of our trainees and the wider community. **Featuring**;

Asa Murphy, vocalist, and entertainer Liverpool Signing Choir Sale Salvation Army Songsters Liverpool Walton Salvation Army Band Compere: Paul Beesley, BBC Radio Merseyside Under 14s must be accompanied by an adult

#### A letter from Centre 56

Dear Wendy

Centre 56 would like to say a huge thank you to both yourself and all of your parishioners at St James' Church who have provided us with x 10 £10 gift vouchers that was donated during the Harvest Festival. These will be a huge support to some of our families who are struggling particularly during these very difficult and challenging times. I, the staff team and all of the families and children here at Centre 56 would like to say a massive thank you for your kindness and continued support. Kindest Regards Paula Graves





#### **SCAFFOLDING**

You will see that scaffolding is now erected to the High Street side of the church. This is to carry out work and erection of the damaged cross.

The ramp access is clear for use FROM THE SIDE GATE AT THE BOTTOM OF THE RAMP, but I would ask that you do not use the footpath down the side of the building where the scaffolding is in place for your own safety.

Thank you.

Wendy Doig Property manager

#### **Prayer Ribbons for Peace**

Since the outbreak of war in Ukraine we invited people to tie a ribbon on our church railings and offer a prayer for peace, or a prayer of their own and we were moved by how many ribbons appeared.

A couple of weeks ago we removed the ribbons and there were 817 white ribbons, 22 red ribbons, 1 yellow ribbon and one blue ribbon. The white ribbons have now been sewn together side by side and measured 920cm long. All the ribbons have now been formed into a giant white poppy as a symbol of peace and remembrance and this can be seen on the gate at the front of church as we continue to pray for peace in our world.



Loving God, We pray for the people of Ukraine, for all those suffering or afraid, that you will be close to them and protect them. We pray for world leaders, for compassion, strength and wisdom to guide their choices. We pray for the world that in this moment of crisis, we may reach out in solidarity to our brothers and sisters in need. May we walk in your ways so that peace and justice become a reality for the people of Ukraine and for all the world.

Amen.

#### 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



in aid of

## St. James' Church Development Fund

and



# Saturday, 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2022 at 7.00 p.m.

# ROY BARKER'S





# CHRISTMAS SING-A-LONG

### 25 years of singing-a-long with Roy

### Tickets: Adults £6.00 Children £1.00

Venue: St. James' Church, Church Road South, Woolton, Liverpool L25 7RJ

Call Roy on 0151 421 1218 for tickets



Doors open at 6.30 p.m.