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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 – October 16th 2022

This Week's Collect

Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Almighty God, you have created the heavens and the earth and formed us in your own image. Teach us to discern your hand in all your works, and to serve you with reverence and thanksgiving; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, supreme over all creation, now and for ever. **Amen.**



The Parable of the Persistent Widow

Lord Jesus Christ, you have taught us that what we do for the least of our brothers and sisters, we do also for you. Give us the will to be the servants of others as you were the servant of all; for you gave up your life and died for us, but live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Minister's Message

From this Sunday for 3 weeks, I am planning to lead our Sunday Morning Services on the theme of the Life of Isaac. I realise that not everyone will be there all three weeks, so each Service will stand alone as well as being part of a bigger picture.

The life of Isaac (one part of which is represented in the stained-glass window near the organ in Church) is an amazing story. There is a miraculous birth, a challenging childhood, a search for the right life partner (this is the part depicted in our Church window), an experience of special blessings from God, family conflict and final reconciliation. There are so many parallels with our own lives. Above all it is a story of God's faithful promises, which ultimately point to the coming of Jesus. If you would like to read the highlights of the story you can find them in the following chapters of Genesis: chapter 21 verses 1 to 14; chapter 22 verses 1 to 14; chapter 24 verses 1 - 27; chapter 26 verses 12 - 25; chapter 27: verses 1 - 36; chapter 28: verses 1 - 5. I hope you find the story as interesting and challenging as I do.

God Bless Peter

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

	<i>OCTOBER 2022</i>
Sunday 16th	10.30 a.m. Morning Worship – Revd. Peter Hughes
Monday 17th	10 a.m. Mission Action Group - planning meeting for the Christmas experience for school children.
Thursday 20th	9.30 a.m. – 11.30 a.m. Coffee morning
Sunday 23rd	10.30 a.m. Morning Worship – Revd. Peter Hughes
Thursday 27th	9.30 a.m. – 11.30 a.m. Coffee morning
Sunday 30th	10.30 a.m. Morning Worship – Revd. Peter Hughes (Holy Communion) Followed by tea and coffee.

Quiet Prayer Times will now be held on the **2nd Wednesday of every month, between 1.30 and 2.30 pm.** 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.



Drop-in for just a few minutes or stay for a while. Everyone welcome.

Job Vacancy - Church Treasurer

We have an urgent need to appoint a new Church Treasurer, as our current Treasurer has been in post for more than six years and has given notice that he will definitely be standing down in the near future. The role does NOT require you to count the collection every week - the Steward Elders cover this task.

The Treasurer has overall management of our Church finances and budgets, advising the Church Council on the state of our funds. The Treasurer completes the annual accounts, reporting to the Church Council and Circuit. It does not require a financial expert but some experience in this area is helpful.

Training and support will be available from the retiring Treasurer, Steve Elliott and the Circuit Treasurer, Roger Heath.

Please speak to our Treasurer if you are interested.

Sunday 6th November: Café Jam - spread some song across your heart. Praise God through songs, enjoy cake and fellowship. Here at St. James' starting at 6.30 p.m. for more details contact Rita on 07838103310 or synodclerk@urcmerseysynod.or.uk

SATURDAY 19TH 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.*

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!

Bible Reading and Leading Prayers in Church

We would like to offer a workshop to encourage new people to think about reading from the Bible and/or leading prayers in our Sunday Services. It may be that some of our faithful readers and leaders of prayers would like a refresher or an opportunity to practice together. If you would be interested please contact Peter Hughes with times during the week when you would be free to attend such a workshop.

Wedding of Adam Swindells and Helen Brown



Corinthians 13:4-8

⁴ Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. ⁵ It does not dishonour others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. ⁶ Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. ⁷ It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.

⁸ Love never fails. But where there are prophecies, they will cease; where there are tongues, they will be stilled; where there is knowledge, it will pass away.



Congratulations to Adam Swindells and Helen Brown on your marriage.
Best wishes for a long and happy life together from Ron, Rob and Sharon, Margaret and Alan and their families and also from our Church family here at St. James' Woolton.

Harvest at St. James'



Harvest collections

We would like to say a very big thank you to everyone who has contributed to our harvest collections this year. In the next couple of weeks Wendy will give us details of all the recipients but just to confirm that on Sunday we collected the following in cash

All We Can Methodist charity - £132.20
St James Harvest cash collection - £303.30

Thank you all for your kindness and generosity.

PRAYERS NEEDED

God heals and you too can heal. God heals broken bodies, broken minds, broken hearts and broken lives. His presence alone has immense healing powers. You cannot be close to him without experiencing some degree of healing.

So, you may be wondering why you haven't received his healing?

You have not received it because you haven't asked for it.

You receive God's healing energy that flows naturally, whether you are seeking it or not.

But there is much more energy that is powerful and available to those who ask.

The first step to receiving this type of healing is to live closely to God.

The benefits of doing so are endless.

As you grow more intimately with God, he reveals his will to you more directly.

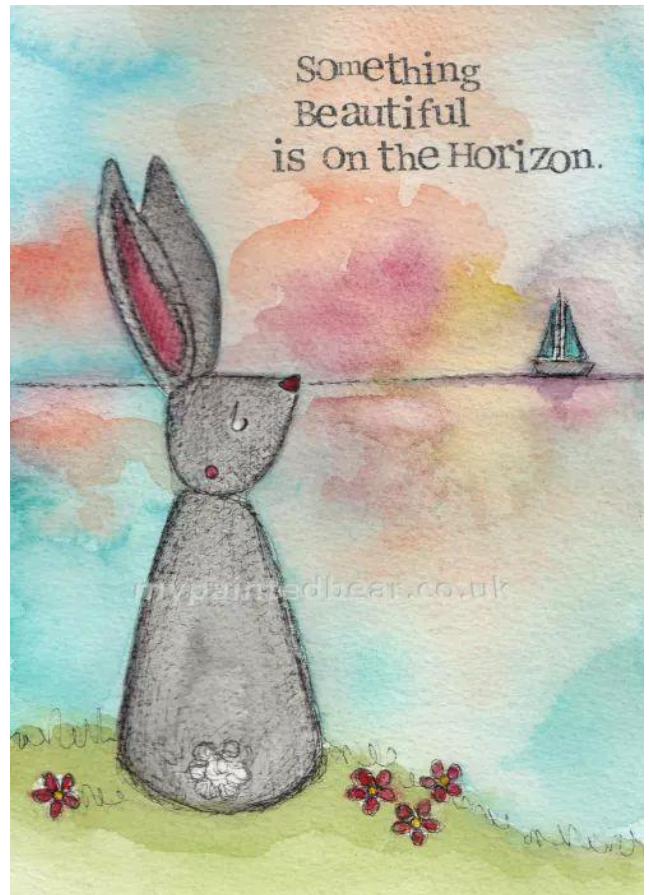
When the time is right, God encourages you to ask for this healing of brokenness in you or in someone else.

The healing may be instantaneous, or it may be a process.

That is up to God.

Your part is to trust God's will fully and to thank him, for the restoration has begun.

Amen



We also pray for Billy Lamb, Arthur Evans, Joan Greenall, Ray and Sue Stenning, Elizabeth Draper, Bob and Janet Rowlands, Rogers Phillips, Gareth and Zarah Hughes, Graham Martin, Heather Hughes and Dave and Madge Tilly.

WORSHIPPING BY PHONE

This Sunday our preacher will be Kieran Bohan

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:
- Lord's Prayer
- Talk or "mini sermon"
- Prayers
- Grace and dismissal.

Jayne McLaren



Second Saturday of every month Coffee and Cake in the church.

Thank you for your tinned and packet food donations which are collected weekly and taken to the Whitechapel Centre for distribution. Did you know that socks are one of the most requested items by people who are homeless? Every year Whitechapel give out thousands of new pairs to people they are helping. So please join their ***Socktober Campaign*** and pop a pack of one or two pairs of warm new socks into your shopping trolley if you can. They will be very much appreciated (both men's and women's please).

Messy Church

A couple of years ago St James were considering starting a Messy Church. We concluded that we didn't have enough leaders to make this a possibility. Court Hey Methodist Church do have a Messy Church but are currently struggling for leaders. They have between 50 and 100 people attending and do not want to have to close. If anyone from St James' who was interested in Messy Church would like to support Court Hey, you would be warmly welcomed. Their next Messy Church is on Saturday 22nd October 4.00pm to 6.00pm and anyone from St James' would be welcome to come along with no obligation to find out if it may be something you could be involved in.

If you want to know more, please email Peter who will pass your details on to the Messy Church co-ordinators at Court Hey.

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 **71st Wedding Anniversary** to **Dave and Madge Tilly**. With much love from all of your family and friends.

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.

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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