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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 – 7<sup>th</sup> February 2021**



Loving God, the light of the minds that know you, the life of the souls that love you, and the strength of the wills that serve you: help us so to know you that we may truly love you, and so to love you that we may truly serve you, whom to serve is perfect freedom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### **Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

God our Father, whose Word has come among us: may the light of faith, kindled in our hearts, shine in our words and deeds; through him who is Christ the Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

### **MESSAGE FROM THE MINISTER**

Dear Friends, Welcome to a new month and another step forward to freedom! I am having some time off at a time of year when we have often visited Malta. Although we can't go in person, we have lots of photos and memories to enjoy.

Maybe this week you could get out some photos from happier times – holidays, family celebrations etc. Take a few moments to savour the joy and to remember that good times will happen again very soon. I pray that you will feel close to Jesus in whatever your situation may be this week.

God Bless, Peter.

### ***Birthdays.***

For those who are celebrating a birthday this week; wishing you a wonderful time ahead.

Sending you smiles for every moment of your special day... Have a wonderful time and a very happy birthday!

Happy birthday to

Everyone at St. James' wishes you a happy birthday and enjoy your day.

### **PRAYERS NEEDED**

Lord, I come before you today in need of your healing hand. In you all things are possible.

Hold my heart within yours, and renew my mind, body, and soul.

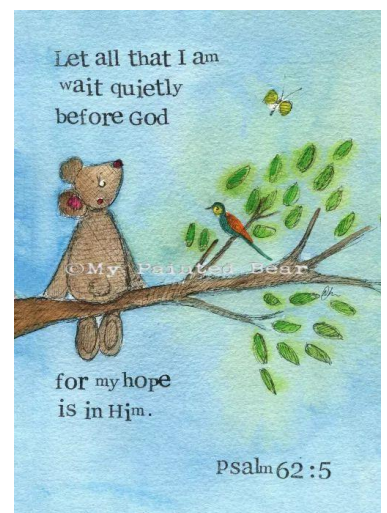
I am lost, but I am singing.

You gave us life, and you also give us the gift of infinite joy.

Give me the strength to move forward on the path you've laid out for me.

Guide me towards better health and give me the wisdom to identify those you've placed around me to help me get better.

In your name I pray, Amen.



## SUNDAY SERVICES

**This Sunday we are going to hold our morning service on “Zoom”.**  
**St James’ Sunday Worship on Zoom: Opens at 10.45am, service starts at 11am.**

**This will then be followed by a virtual after service tea, coffee and a catch up.**

**Preacher: Andy Gillespie**

**Either** click on this link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5913455610?pwd=R3RFV1RWU2NpKzJ1cTM1VFJ2STk4UT09>

**Meeting ID:** 591 345 5610

**Passcode:** 6WbLRw

We hope to see you there.

In the afternoon we have:

**Telephone Worship – Rev Paul Wilson.**

**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2.20 for 2.30pm**

**Dial In Instructions: Between 2.20pm for 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 invited to say your name and will then be admitted to the Worship Session.

**This Sunday’s Act of Worship, or short service, will comprise:**

- Welcome and opening prayer, Bible reading, Lord’s Prayer, Talk or “mini-sermon” – By Rev Paul Wilson, Prayers, Grace and dismissal.

**Graham Martin Communications Officer, St. James Church.**

[Call me on 0151-222-5832 or 07712-525239 if you have any questions]

## LAST WEEK’S CROSSWORD ANSWERS

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Across: 1 Elisha, 4 Widow, 7 Watchtower, 8 Hail, 9 Herbs, 11 Radiant, 13 Trample, 15 Simon, 17 Gnat, 18 Diotrefes, 20 Myrrh, 21 Diadem.

Down: 1 Esther, 2 Seal, 3 Ancient, 4 Witch, 5 Dew, 6 Works, 7 Wisdom, 10 Ripens, 12 Trapped, 14 Esteem, 15 Sodom, 16 North, 17 Geba, 19 Oar.

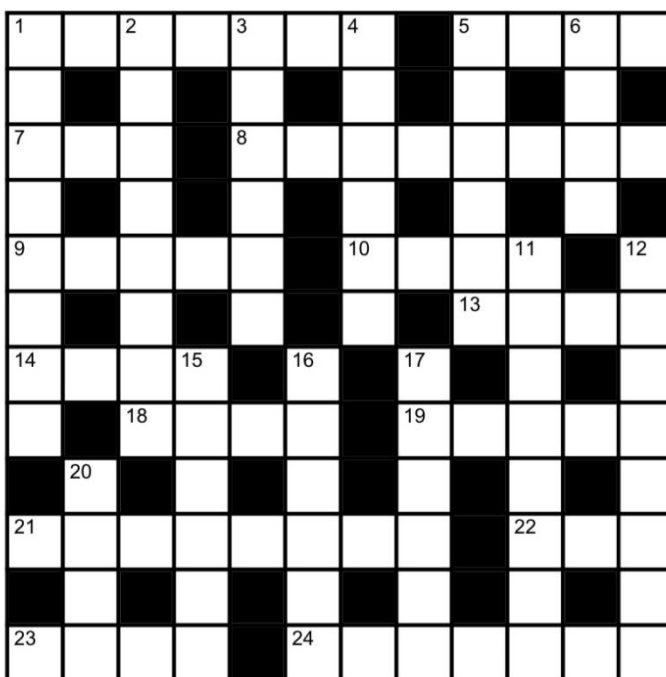
## THIS WEEK'S CROSSWORD

### Across

- 1 Announce (7)
- 5 Attire (4)
- 7 Shared at the last supper (3)
- 8 Moral virtue (8)
- 9 Abimelech's was crushed by a millstone (5)
- 10 False god (4)
- 13 Bridegroom, for one (4)
- 14 Dry measure (4)
- 18 Judas and Jesus dipped here together (4)
- 19 Swift flying bird (5)
- 21 More powerful (8)
- 22 Number of chapters in Haggai (3)
- 23 Name given to Barnabas (4)
- 24 Frustrates (7)

### Down

- 1 Ruling (8)
- 2 Caught (8)
- 3 Heavenly beings (6)
- 4 Hebrew name for God (6)
- 5 Price of redemption (6)
- 6 What Moses saw burning (4)
- 11 Expression of gladness (8)
- 12 Unselfish (8)
- 15 Treasures (6)
- 16 The Anointed One (6)
- 17 Language of Israel (6)
- 20 Number of books in the Pentateuch (4)



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### BIBLE READINGS – Psalm 147:1-11, 20c

Praise the LORD! How good it is to sing praises to our God; for he is gracious, and a song of praise is fitting.

**The LORD builds up Jerusalem; he gathers the outcasts of Israel.**

**He heals the brokenhearted, and binds up their wounds.**

He determines the number of the stars; he gives to all of them their names.

**Great is our Lord, and abundant in power; his understanding is beyond measure.**

The LORD lifts up the downtrodden; he casts the wicked to the ground.

**Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving; make melody to our God on the lyre.**

He covers the heavens with clouds, prepares rain for the earth, makes grass grow on the hills.

**He gives to the animals their food, and to the young ravens when they cry.**

His delight is not in the strength of the horse, nor his pleasure in the speed of a runner;

**but the LORD takes pleasure in those who fear him, in those who hope in his steadfast love.**

**Praise the LORD!**

### Gospel Reading: Mark 1. 29-39

#### Jesus Heals Many

<sup>29</sup> As soon as they left the synagogue, they went with James and John to the home of Simon and Andrew. <sup>30</sup> Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they immediately told Jesus about her. <sup>31</sup> So he went to her, took her hand and helped her up. The fever left her and she began to wait on them.

<sup>32</sup> That evening after sunset the people brought to Jesus all the sick and demon-possessed. <sup>33</sup> The whole town gathered at the door, <sup>34</sup> and Jesus healed many who had various diseases. He also drove out many demons, but he would not let the demons speak because they knew who he was.

#### Jesus Prays in a Solitary Place

<sup>35</sup> Very early in the morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house and went off to a solitary place, where he prayed. <sup>36</sup> Simon and his companions went to look for him, <sup>37</sup> and when they found him, they exclaimed: "Everyone is looking for you!"

<sup>38</sup> Jesus replied, "Let us go somewhere else—to the nearby villages—so I can preach there also. That is why I have come." <sup>39</sup> So he travelled throughout Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and driving out demons.



### *Picture from the Church Railings*

One of the things we can do, even during this time, is to appreciate creation around us. In our garden the shoots show that the bulbs underground are coming back to life. When we walk down to the River Mersey at Grassendale we can often glimpse the Welsh hills, look upstream to Cheshire and downstream to the open sea. We rejoice that God has indeed made all things well, to reflect his beauty: **“All the beauty I see he has given to me, and his giving is gentle as silence... At the turn of each tide he is there at my side and his touch is as gentle as silence”** (Singing the Faith 431)



### *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.

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