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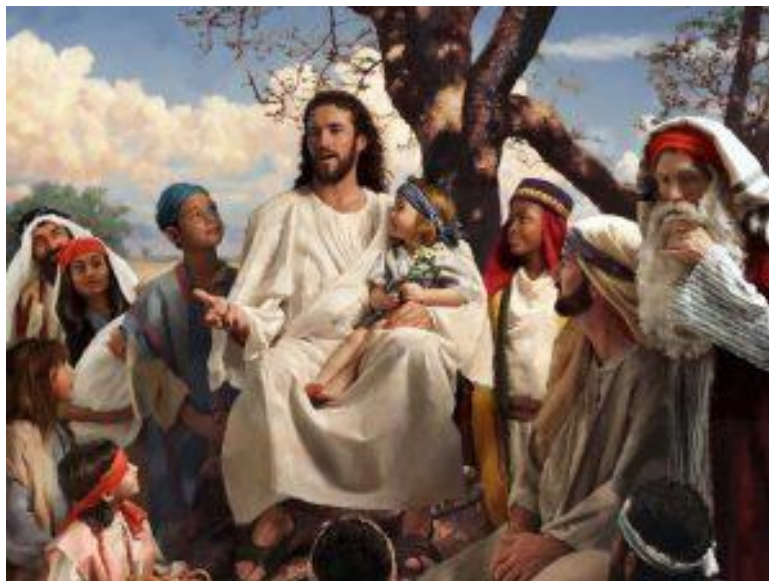
Peter's day off is Friday - messages and emails left on Fridays will not be received by him until Saturday.

NEWSLETTER – 18th September 2022

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Merciful God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as pass our understanding. Pour into our hearts such love towards you that we, loving you above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.



O God, surer than the breaking of the day, in the morning, fill us with your love, and in the evening, as the dew falls, refresh us with your mercy that we may live according to your promises; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Minister's Message

Dear Friends,

I am sure that all our minds have been full of memories of the late Queen Elizabeth II over the last week. In our Service on Sunday, and as some of us meet at Church to watch the Funeral Service on Monday, there will be the opportunity to remember and give thanks together. I never personally had the opportunity to meet the Queen, but I know that many of you did. My late Father-in-Law met Her Majesty when she came to open the new Urban Village Hall in Garston around the turn of the Millennium. The smile on his face shows his pride at being there for that special moment. I have fond memories of her Silver Jubilee in 1977 - when I was 17, including spending the extra Bank Holiday enjoying the Fun Fair in Sefton Park!

Queen Elizabeth's faith enabled her to make and keep her vow to a life of service. She carried this out with grace, never showing any sense of being reluctant during the many visits and events she attended. There is so much for us to thank God for even as we mourn her passing and the end of an era. It was the person of her Lord and saviour, Jesus who inspired her and the power of the Holy Spirit which sustained her. These same resources are available to you and I so that we are truly able follow her wonderful example, showing grace, commitment and love in our own lives. May God bless us all at this significant moment in our lives and that of our nation, **Peter**

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

SEPTEMBER 2022

Thursday 15th	9.30 a.m. – 11.30 a.m. Coffee morning
Sunday 18th	10.30 a.m. Morning Worship – Revd. Peter Hughes (Holy Communion)
Monday 19th	Queen's Funeral – St James' will be open from 9 a.m. for anyone who would like to watch it.
Thursday 21st	9.30 a.m. – 11.30 a.m. Coffee morning
Sunday 25th	10.30 a.m. Morning Worship – Revd. John Lansley
Thursday 29th	9.30 a.m. – 11.30 a.m. Coffee morning

OCTOBER 2022

Monday 3rd	7.30 p.m. Worship Consultation Meeting (in church)
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SUNDAY MORNING Tea and Coffee following worship:

We are pleased to offer this opportunity to chat together over a cuppa following worship on the Sunday mornings following a Holy Communion Service and following an All-Age Worship (AAW) service. This means there will be usually two Sundays in each month when we can meet and catch up on news, renew friendships and welcome visitors. **The weekly news sheet will remind us of these dates.**

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.

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.



Pam Draper

Congratulations to Pam Draper on the birth of her first great-grandchild, Elizabeth. Keep Elizabeth in your prayers, as she was born premature and recovers from her sudden arrival. Lord, heal her. Lord, graciously heal her.

Clarice Rogers

It is with great sadness that we must announce the passing of Clarice Rogers. Clarice passed away peacefully with her family around her on Sunday night. Her funeral will take place on Friday 14th of October (10.45 a.m.) at St James'.

A history of Liverpool Mike Hughes

This building in Water Street was Barclays Bank and previously Martin's Bank. When France surrendered to the Nazis in 1940 and Britain stood alone it was decided that the Bank of England's gold reserves should be moved out of London.

On the 22nd of May 1940 - four days before the evacuation of 338,226 soldiers from Dunkirk - some of the gold was brought to Liverpool for safe keeping in this Bank's strong room.

The first consignment arrived on No.8 platform at Lime Street Station just before midnight on the 22nd of May 1940. It took nearly 3 hours to transfer the gold from the train to the lorries. The boxes of gold had to be put through an escape hatch in the Bank's air raid shelter to get them in to the Bank. In all 4719 boxes weighing 280 tons were transported. here and were stored here for a month before being transported to Canada.

Mike



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

Harvest

Harvest thanksgiving will be celebrated this year on Sunday October 9th. As we give thanks for our blessings and share with others close to home and further away, please consider making donations in the following ways:

- 'All We Can' gift envelopes will be distributed on Sunday September 25th for cash donations for global concerns via the Methodist Church. Envelopes can be returned at any time up to, and especially during, the morning service on Sunday October 9th.
- Tins and packet goods will be gratefully received in the traditional way during the Harvest service on October 9th but can also be made before the start of other services throughout October.
- Cash donations for local causes can be made in person on October 9th or in advance via the Treasurer. Please see Steve Elliott.

The cash donations to the Treasurer and all the tinned and packet goods received will be distributed equally between our local food bank, the Whitechapel Centre and the two refuge/support centres St James supports regularly.

These can be difficult times for us all, and anything you can share with others at this time will be greatly appreciated.

PRAYERS NEEDED

Heavenly Father, it hurts so bad. Dull the pain with Your love.

Blur the sharp edges by reminding me that from bad comes good. Help me appreciate that after the sorrow, joy is sweeter.

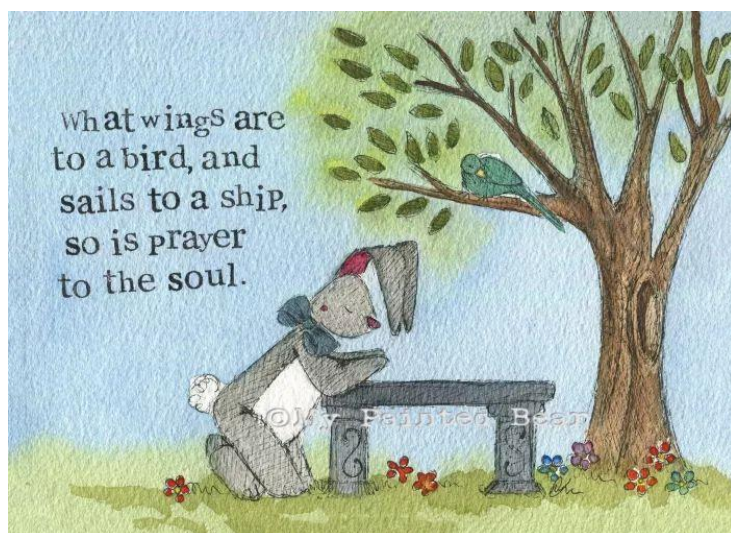
I look forward to better times. I can endure anything with You by my side. Amen.

Lord of Heaven, I rest underneath your mighty wings of love. I dwell within your gentle heart.

I know there is healing in your touch. Through the sufferings of Christ, I can ask for restoration And trust in your goodness.

You are my Lord, my Saviour, My healer and my friend. I dwell within your gentle embrace.

Amen.



We continue to pray for His Majesty, King Charles III on the sad passing of his mother and our Queen, Queen Elizabeth II.

We also pray for Billy Lamb, Arthur Evans, Kay (Jan's sister), Joan Greenall, Rogers Phillips, Graham Martin and Dave and Madge Tilly.

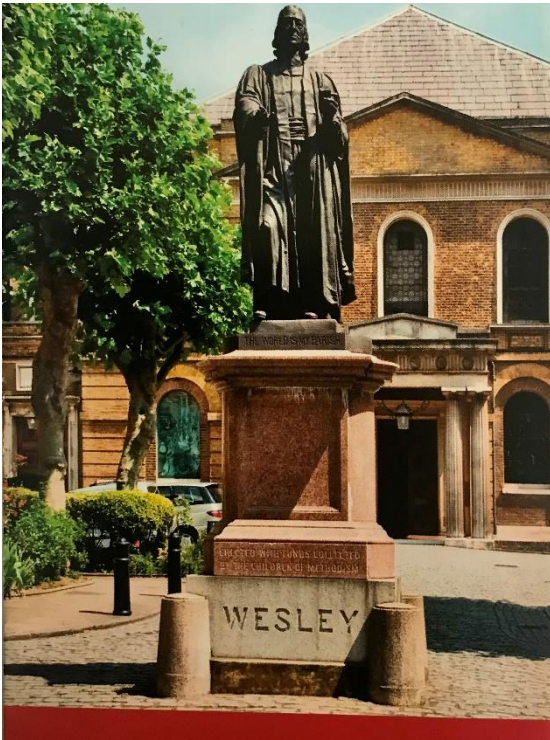
ST MARY'S WOOLTON - DEMENTIA INFORMATION SESSION

RAISING AWARENESS: on Monday 26th September 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. (tea and coffee from 6:30pm) in the parish hall. We are delighted to welcome Jill Pendleton, Lead Dementia Specialist for NHS MerseyCare Trust as our guest speaker. We will also have presentations from Serena Jones Specialist Nurse with expertise in dementia and Mary Monkhouse Dementia Friends Ambassador. The event is open to everyone, but especially those living with dementia and their carers. Please come along and join us.

As a welcoming congregation, St James' Church is registered for Marriage Services of a man and a woman and for Marriage Services of people of the same sex. We are pleased to respond to enquiries from all couples.

Thanks Peter

A connection with the Methodist Church and Her Late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II



Some of you will know that before we moved to Merseyside I used to volunteer as a heritage steward at Wesley's Chapel and John Wesley's house on the City Road in London, close to Old Street station, sometimes known as 'The Mother Church of World Methodism'. Since the passing of HM Queen Elizabeth II, I've been thinking about one of the many items we used to point out to visitors, both national and international.

At the entrance to the Chapel is a small plaque which commemorates an occasion in 1978 when Her Majesty visited the Chapel, accompanied by HRH Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh. We would point out that as the Sovereign is head of the Church of England, visits to places of worship of other denominations, though not unheard of, are somewhat unusual.

But why did she visit on this occasion? I thought it might be of interest to know:

For around 40 years John Wesley's base in London was close to City Road in a decommissioned foundry used in the manufacture of munitions. It was called the Foundry

(the correct spelling at this time). It was large enough to accommodate a Chapel, school and living accommodation, but a new building was needed as eventually it fell into disrepair, such that it could not be refurbished.

A site was found on the City Road, and a Chapel built, along with a house for John Wesley, which opened in November 1778. By the 1970s however, the building was in a serious state of disrepair and unsafe. It was thought that the Chapel might have to close but fundraising across the worldwide Methodist Church achieved the funds for repairs. The small number of members moved to worship at one of the City guild churches for around 8 years during this time.

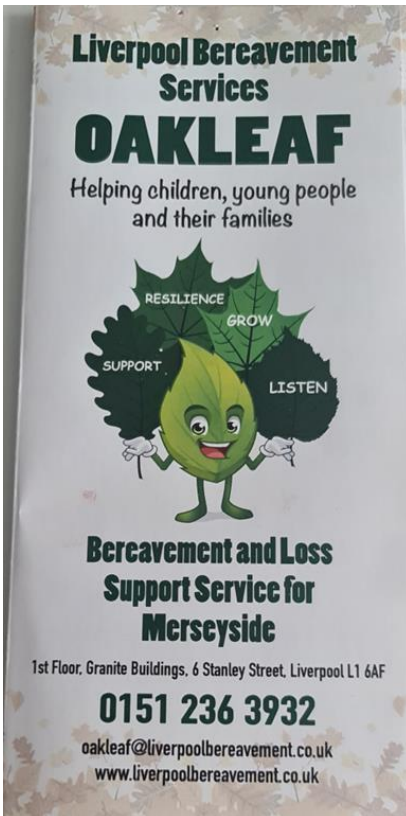
Then in November 1978, the repairs were complete and exactly 200 years since the Chapel was first opened, it re-opened with a special service attended by the Sovereign and her husband, as mentioned above.

By all accounts, the Chapel was full and since that time has flourished as a worshipping community with several hundred members and many visitors each week. It was certainly a moment in the Chapel's history.

Melanie Phillips



Benevolent Collection.



The benevolent fund collection at the communion service this Sunday, 18th September, will be for Oakleaf Family Counselling. Oakleaf is the Children's and Young People's service at Liverpool Bereavement Service.

It is a well-established and dedicated counselling service for children and young people who are affected by bereavement, loss and separation in their life, and provides support on a 1:1 and/or group basis.

Oakleaf's counselling services offer children and young people:

- a safe time and place to talk to someone who won't judge them;
- help to make sense of things and also to understand themselves better;
- help to resolve complicated feelings, or find ways to live with them
- help to recognise unhelpful patterns in the way they think or act, and find ways to change them if they want to.

Oakleaf is a cause very close to our hearts as it helped our daughter, **Faye McLaren**. Faye was really struggling and Lesley (one of the councillors) from Oakleaf helped her. The help, really helped. Lesley would visit her at St. Hilda's school. I know that Lesley continues to visit children in their schools as she is now seeing some children from my school, including a child from my class. It is an extremely small charity, that needs every penny it can get. Oakleaf had such a

positive impact on Faye's life. We will always be eternally grateful to them and in particular Lesley. So, please donate as much as you can.

If you are a taxpayer, please consider gift-aiding your contribution.

WORSHIPPING BY PHONE

This Sunday our preacher will be Steve and Irene Elliott

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.



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

