



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

NEWSLETTER – 10th July 2022

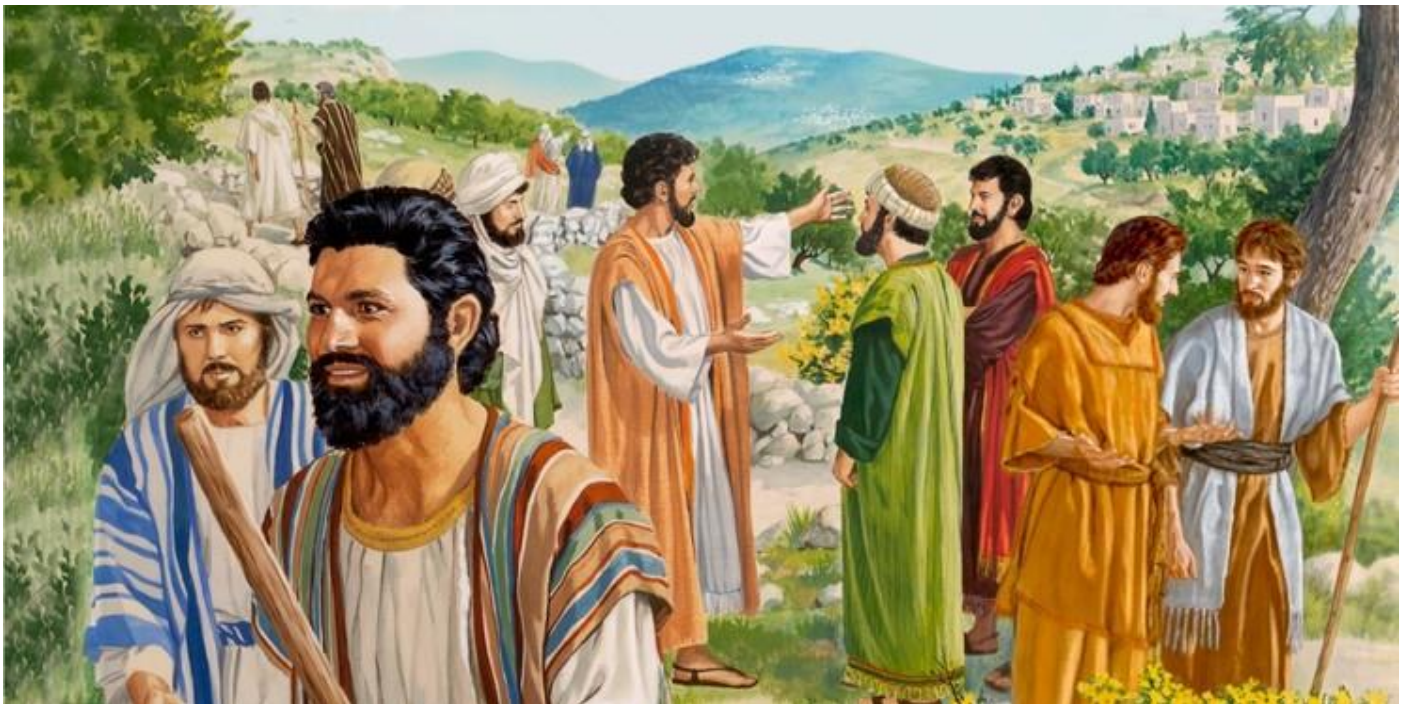
Minister's Message

Hello everyone, it looks like we will be having a warm and sunny weekend which will hopefully lift our spirits. As you will read elsewhere, we had an amazing day on Wednesday when we welcomed the children of Year Two (7-year-olds) to our Church. It was wonderful to see the children exploring our building and discovering some things that many of us don't notice as we worship each Sunday.

Jesus encouraged us to welcome children and to listen to the wisdom that comes out of their mouths. As the children discovered angels and stars, golden boxes and anchors (you can find them in our stained glass windows) we pray that they experienced something of the Kingdom of God. Each session began with a time of quiet as we all listened to the music of "Be Still, for the presence of the Lord".

May you experience the presence of the Lord this weekend as you worship at home, in Church or on holiday.

God Bless Peter



This Week's Collect

Eternal God, giver of love and peace, you call your children to live together as one family. Give us grace to learn your ways and to do your will, that we may bring justice and peace to all people, in the name of Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Give us, we pray, gentle God, a mind forgetful of past injury, a will to seek the good of others and a heart of love, that we may learn to live in the way of your Son, Jesus Christ, through whom we pray. **Amen.**

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

July 2022

Sun 10th	10.30am Morning Worship – Preacher Matthew Dyer
Mon 11th	7.30pm Property & Finance
Thu 14th	9.30am-11.30am Morning Coffee
Sun 17th	10.30am Morning Worship - Preacher Graham Martin
Wed 20th	7.30 p.m. Wednesday House Group (church)
Sun 24th	10.30.am Morning Worship – Preacher Revd. Peter Hughes
Thu 28th	9.30am-11.30am Morning Coffee
Sun 31st	10.30am Morning Worship Communion – Preacher Howard Sharp (Communion)

August 2022

Thu 4th	9.30am-11.30am Morning Coffee
Sun 7th	10.30am Morning Worship at Hope
Thu 11th	9.30am-11.30am Morning Coffee
Sat 13th	Coffee Morning
Sun 14th	10.30am Morning Worship – Preacher Revd. Peter Hughes
Wed 17th	7.30pm House Group
Thu 18th	9.30am-11.30am Morning Coffee
Sun 21st	10.30am Morning Worship – Preacher Andrew Gillespie
Mon 22nd	7.00pm Mission Action Group
Thu 25th	9.30am-11.30am Morning Coffee
Sun 28th	10.30am Morning Worship – Preacher Frudd (Holy Communion)

Bible Month 2022: Isaiah

During June we will be sharing in Bible Month at St James'. During Bible Month we focus on a particular book of the Bible. **This year it is Isaiah.**

Services on these Sundays will be focused on Isaiah:

Sunday 10th July Preacher Matthew Dyer

COFFEE MORNING - Come and Celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the United Reformed Church at St James, on

Sponsor Jane Laverty on her UNICEF Walk

On 13th July Jane Laverty and members of the Early Intervention team will be walking 30 miles from Woolton to Southport. The long hike is in aid of UNICEF. If anyone would like to donate, please use the following link to Just Giving Page.

Alternatively, Jane will be putting a sponsor form in Church. Your prayers and support are greatly appreciated.

https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/jane-laverty2?utm_source=Sharethis&utm_medium=fundraising&utm_content=jane-laverty2&utm_campaign=pfp-email&utm_term=616027c91bf8436fb8bc157a79e2c45d

Donating through JustGiving is simple, fast and totally secure. Once you donate, they'll send your money directly to UNICEF UK, so it's the most efficient way to give - saving time and cutting costs for the charity.

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.



St. Hilda's High School College

Two of St. James' young ladies (Eve Bates and Faye McLaren) celebrated finishing college this week and had their prom at the Liver Building.
Lots of love from both of your proud families. Here's wishing you all the very best in the next chapter of your life.
Good luck with future. God Bless.



Chief Scout's Silver Award

Daniel Stanford was awarded the Chief Scout's Silver award this week. Well done, Daniel, you should be very proud of yourself - we are! Love Mum, Dan and all your family.
God Bless



This is the highest award a Cub can earn. To complete it, you need to earn six Activity or Staged Activity Badges of your choice, as well as all seven of the Challenge Awards.

Challenge Awards

Challenge Awards are all about stepping outside your comfort zone. Try out something you wouldn't normally be interested in. Take the lead on something that scares you. Along the way, you'll unlock hidden talents and stand tall.

Everyone at St. James' is extremely proud of you.



Our World Challenge Award



Our Skills Challenge Award



Our Outdoors Challenge Award



Our Adventure Challenge Award



Teamwork Challenge Award



Team Leader Challenge Award



Personal Challenge Award

PRAYERS NEEDED

Dear Lord, it is my will to surrender to you everything that I am and everything that I'm striving to be.

I open the deepest recesses of my heart and invite Your Holy Spirit to dwell inside of me.

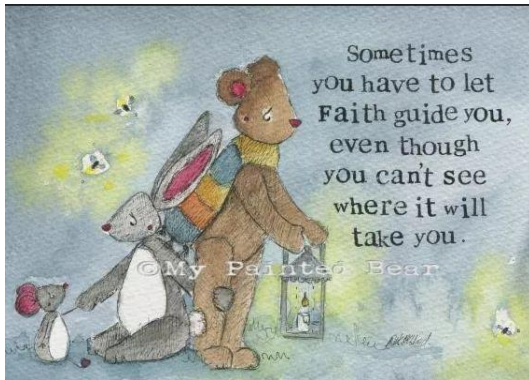
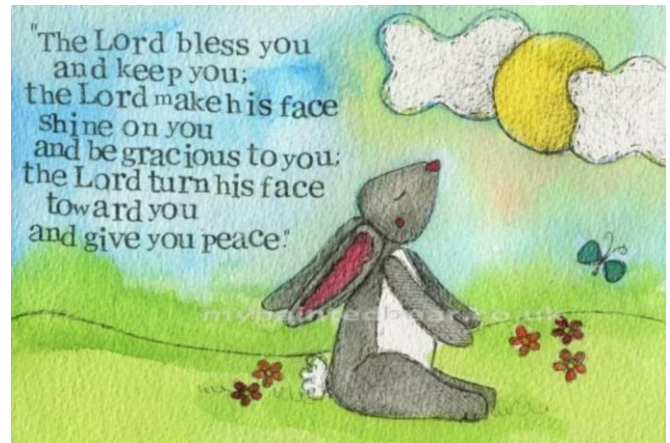
I offer you my life, heart, mind, body, soul, and spirit.

I surrender to you my past, present, and future problems.

I ask You to take hold over every aspect of my life.

I surrender to You all my hurt, pain, worry, doubt, fear, and anxiety, and I ask You to wash me clean.

I release everything into Your compassionate care.



Please speak to me clearly, Lord.

Open my ears to hear Your voice.

Open my heart to commune with You more deeply.

I want to feel Your loving embrace.

Open the doors that need to be opened and close the doors that need to be closed.

Please set my feet upon the straight and narrow road that leads to everlasting life.

Amen.

We also pray for Mike Hughes, Billy Lamb, Arthur Evans, Kay (Jan's sister) Graham Martin and Dave and Madge Tilly.

QUIET PRAYER TIMES will now be held on the **2nd Wednesday of every month, between 1.30 and 2.30 pm**, beginning on **July 13th**. 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.

Church Flowers

Yet again Jonquil has excelled herself by producing another wonderful flower display for St James'. She is extremely talented, and we are lucky to have her and the displays that she produces. If you would like to donate money for flowers on a particular Sunday - perhaps in memory of a loved one or in celebration of a happy event - please speak to **Jonquil Dickson** who can add you to the calendar for the months ahead.

Also, if you would simply like to donate for flowers so that we can make sure all Sundays are covered, please speak to Jonquil. At present, we have many dates available. We know have a box at the back of church for any donations or small change. All donations are gratefully received. We will then deliver those flowers to people after the Service.

If you know someone who you feel would be blessed by receiving flowers from Church, please speak to **Jonquil** or a steward.

We will also need some more volunteers to take flowers out to people.

JMA boxes

Hi everyone, it's that time of year again! If you have a JMA box, would you please give it to me to be emptied. I am in church on Sundays If you are not able to get to church and need me to collect your box, please give me a ring to let me know **0151 356 7510**.

Thanks, Pam Bellis

WORSHIPPING BY PHONE

This Sunday our preacher will be Liz Hudson

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.



WOOLTON PRIMARY SCHOOL CHILDREN 'EXPERIENCE CHURCH'

A note of thanks from the Mission Action Group to the Children, the Staff, and especially to all those friendly folk from St James who came along to mingle and chat with about 90 children as they treasure-hunted round the building for symbols of faith and worship last week. What a day it was !



Our respectful young visitors made a loud and joyful noise to the Lord while looking for clearly visible and hidden items, and (with very careful supervision) tested the organ keys and stops. A Spirit-wind blew through the building as small waving hands were raised eagerly to ask and answer questions. And we all shared what we knew about the purpose of church week by week and on special occasions; with the very first answer of the day 'Spreading the Gospel' coming from a boy of just 7 years old.



After a busy hour, each group left via the vestry door to discover that 'church' was outside as well as inside, and to see Jimmy and Flo, the benches in our colourful garden and the peace ribbons on the railings. The children have been challenged to design and colour their own stained-glass window and we hope to display the results at the Coffee Morning on Saturday August 13th.

News has come back to us that some of them were still buzzing with excitement about their visit to St James on their way to school the following day. It really feels as if our prayers for a time of blessings direct from God were answered. So, thank you too, to everyone from church who remembered the event in their prayers during these last few days.



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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