

**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 – 6<sup>th</sup> November 2022**

***This Week's Collect***

Eternal God, in whose perfect realm no sword is drawn but the sword of justice, and no strength known but the strength of love: guide and inspire all who seek your kingdom, that peoples and nations may find their security in the love which casts out fear; through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

**Amen.**

**The Resurrection and Marriage**



**Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

God of peace, whose will is to restore all things in your beloved Son, the King of all: govern the hearts and minds of those in authority, and bring the families of the nations, divided and torn apart by the ravages of sin, to be subject to his just and gentle rule; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**Minister's Message**

Hello Everyone,

I hope you have had a good week. With the changing of the clocks and the arrival of very wet and windy weather we seem to have turned a corner and it definitely does feel like November! This time of year is sometimes known as the "season of remembrance" - running from All Saints Day (1st November) through Armistice Day (11<sup>th</sup> November) to Remembrance Sunday (13<sup>th</sup> November). Whilst constantly looking back can be an unhelpful thing, it is good to pause from time to time, giving thanks for all who have gone before us and reminding ourselves that they are safe with God. The book of Hebrews, after celebrating people of faith from the past, sounds a positive and encouraging note: "since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses...let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith" (Hebrews 12: verses 1 - 2).

So as the nights draw further in, try to enjoy the sunrise on these autumn mornings as they point us to the light of risen Jesus – Christ the King who reigns in glory and will one day come again.

**God Bless Peter**

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### NOVEMBER 2022

<b>Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	9.30 a.m. – 11.30 a.m. <b>Coffee morning</b>
<b>Sunday 6<sup>th</sup></b>	10.30 a.m. Morning Worship – <b>Chris Ansell</b>
	6.30 p.m. <b>URC Café Jam</b> (Church Hall)
<b>Monday 7<sup>th</sup></b>	2.30 p.m. <b>Bible Fellowship</b> (Pam Draper's House)
	7.00 p.m. <b>Sound Desk Training</b>
	7.30 p.m. <b>Steward Elders</b>
<b>Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup></b>	7.30 p.m. <b>Property &amp; Finance</b>
<b>Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup></b>	1.30 - 2.30 p.m. <b>Prayer Hour</b>
<b>Thursday 10<sup>th</sup></b>	9.30 a.m. – 11.30 a.m. <b>Coffee morning</b>
<b>Saturday 12<sup>th</sup></b>	10 a.m. – 12 noon <b>Coffee morning</b>
<b>Sunday 13<sup>th</sup></b>	10.30 a.m. Morning Worship – <b>Darren Murrell – (Remembrance Sunday)</b>
<b>Monday 14<sup>th</sup></b>	7.30 p.m. <b>Steward Elders</b>
<b>Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup></b>	1.30 - 2.30 p.m. <b>Prayer Hour</b>
	7.30 p.m. <b>House Group</b>
<b>Thursday 17<sup>th</sup></b>	9.30 a.m. – 11.30 a.m. <b>Coffee morning</b>
<b>Saturday 19<sup>th</sup></b>	10.00 a.m. <b>Winter Fair</b>
<b>Sunday 20<sup>th</sup></b>	10.30 a.m. Morning Worship – <b>Revd. Clement Matarirano</b>
<b>Monday 21<sup>st</sup></b>	7.30 p.m. <b>Mission Action Group</b>
<b>Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	7.30 p.m. <b>Circuit Preachers &amp; Worship Leaders Meeting</b> at St James'
<b>Thursday 24<sup>th</sup></b>	9.30 a.m. – 11.30 a.m. <b>Coffee morning</b>
<b>Sunday 27<sup>th</sup></b>	10.30 a.m. Morning Worship – <b>Revd. Peter Hughes (Holy Communion)</b> Followed by tea and coffee. <b>Advent.</b>
<b>DECEMBER 2022</b>	
<b>Thursday 1<sup>st</sup></b>	9.30 a.m. – 11.30 a.m. <b>Coffee morning</b>
<b>Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	7 p.m. <b>Christmas Sing-along</b>
<b>Sunday 4<sup>th</sup></b>	10.30 a.m. Morning Worship –
<b>Monday 5<sup>th</sup></b>	2.30 p.m. <b>Bible Fellowship</b>
<b>Thursday 8<sup>th</sup></b>	9.30 a.m. – 11.30 a.m. <b>Coffee morning</b>
<b>Saturday 10<sup>th</sup></b>	10 a.m. – 12 noon <b>Coffee morning (Carol singing in village)</b>
<b>Sunday 11<sup>th</sup></b>	10.30 a.m. Morning Worship - <b>All Age Worship &amp; Gift service</b>
	4 p.m. <b>Carol Service</b>
<b>Monday 12<sup>th</sup></b>	7.30 p.m. <b>Steward Elders</b>
<b>Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup></b>	1.30 - 2.30 p.m. <b>Prayer Hour</b>
	7.30 p.m. <b>House Group</b>
<b>Thursday 15<sup>th</sup></b>	9.30 a.m. – 11.30 a.m. <b>Coffee morning</b>
<b>Sunday 18<sup>th</sup></b>	10.30 a.m. Morning Communion & <b>Christingle</b>

## **Job Vacancy – Church Notices**

After many years of sharing God's word and the news from our church family, I feel that now is the time to stand down from producing the newsletter. It has been a real pleasure comprising these over the last 3 years or so. I know what joy they give to those who read it on a weekly basis.

However, I have had another calling and want to explore something new within the church, unfortunately I will not have the time to do both.

Please speak to either **Andrew or Jayne McLaren**, if you feel that this is something that you would be willing to do.

## **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

**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](mailto:synodclerk@urcmerseysynod.or.uk)

The next Saturday Coffee Morning is on the **12th of November**. From 10.00 am until 12 Noon in the Church. Please pop in and say hello. There will be some homemade cakes and scones along with toasted teacakes.

**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**

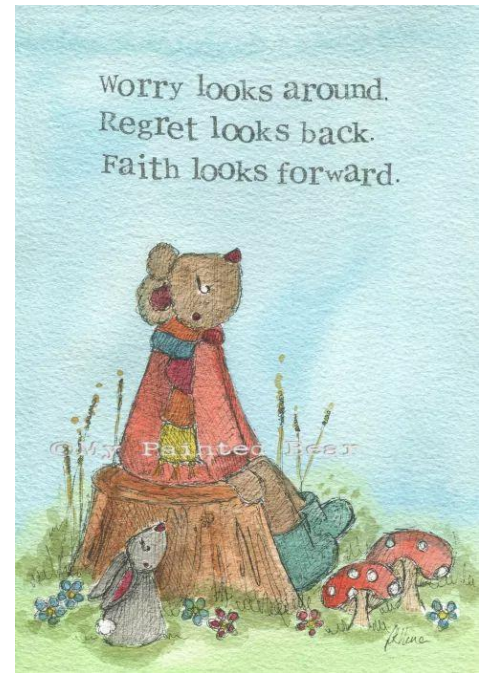
For those who are celebrating a birthday this week, wishing you a wonderful time ahead.

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.



## ***PRAYERS NEEDED***

Dear God,  
We confess our need for you today.  
We need your healing and your grace.  
We need hope restored.  
We need to be reminded that you work on behalf of those you love, constantly, powerfully, completely.  
Forgive us for trying to fix our situations all on our own.  
Forgive us for running all different directions and spinning our wheels to find help when true help and healing must be found first in You.  
Forgive us for forgetting how much we need you, above everyone and everything else.  
We come to you and bring you the places we are hurting.  
You see where no one else is able to fully see or understand.  
You know the pain we've carried.  
The burdens. The cares.  
You know where we need to be set free.  
We ask for your healing and grace to cover every broken place.  
Every wound. Every heartache.  
Thank you that you are Able to do far more than we could ever imagine.  
Thank you for your Mighty Power that acts on behalf of your children.  
We reach out to you and know that you are restoring and redeeming every place of difficulty, every battle, for your greater glory.  
Thank you that you will never waste our pain and suffering. We love you. We need you today.  
In **Jesus' Name, 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, Heather Hughes and Dave and Madge Tilly.***

## ***WORSHIPPING BY PHONE***

***This Sunday our preacher will be Revd. Peter Hughes***

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 Liz Hudson***

**Order of Worship:**

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





## *A Message from The Whitechapel Centre*

On behalf of The Whitechapel Centre, I would like to thank you and St James' Church for your recent donation of clothing, toiletries, and food. We are very grateful to you for your support. The Whitechapel Centre is a leading homeless and housing charity for the Liverpool region. We work with people who are rough sleeping, living in hostels or struggling to manage their accommodation. We are committed to help people find and maintain a home and learn the life skills essential for independent living.

Last year we supported 4,000 people in Liverpool who were experiencing homelessness. It's only thanks to the generosity of supporters like you that we're able to continue our life changing, lifesaving work. Thank you.

We believe prevention is the first step in the fight against homelessness. We aim to offer support in housing at every step of the journey of homelessness, from the moment a person is at risk of losing their home, right through to those who have become entrenched in a 'street lifestyle'. With this in mind, we also prevented 1,050 individuals from becoming homeless thanks to interventions for those at risk including drop-in advice sessions, benefits advice and personal negotiation with landlords and agencies.

We supported a further 2,467 homeless people into the right accommodation for their needs. We also ensured 332 people had access to education and employment activities to enable them to continue to live independently.

Because of your support and generosity our vital services remain open to all, operating 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, a 24hr public helpline (0300 123 2041), and dedicated Street Outreach Teams.

We know that there are so many more people in Liverpool who still need our help, and, with your ongoing support, we'll continue to offer help to anyone who needs it. Thank you.

**Kind regards Sandy**



## *Benevolent Collection*

The Benevolent collection on Sunday for Housing Justice was £204.19 before gift aid. Thank you to all of you who kindly donated to such a worthy cause.

## *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**

## *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](mailto:jayniemac@hotmail.co.uk)**