

ST JAMES' METHODIST & UNITED REFORMED CHURCH WOOLTON L25 7RJ

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Peter will be on holiday from Monday the 24th August and will return on Saturday 5th September. If you need to contact a Minister, please email paul.wilson@methodist.org.uk



NEWSLETTER – August 23rd 2020

Holy God, you liberate the oppressed and make a way of salvation. Unite us with all who cry for justice, and lead us together into freedom; through our Lord and Liberator, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

Merciful God, grant that your Church, being gathered by your Holy Spirit into one, may reveal your glory among all peoples, to the honour of your name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

St James Church buildings remain closed at the moment, but our halls will re-open for Pre-School at the start of September.

The Delegated Church Council met on Monday this week and we are working towards re opening our Church for Worship around the middle of September. The date is to be confirmed and is subject to any changes in Government and Local Council advice relating to Covid 19.

Please watch out for further announcements over the next few weeks. These will give exact information about when the first services will be held and how you can be part of them.

We thank the Delegated Church Council and Steward Elders for all the work they are doing to enable us to return safely to Church.

Thank you to everyone who responded to the recent questionnaire. Your responses have guided us in our decision making.

MESSAGE FROM THE MINISTER

I hope everyone is staying safe and well. Although the weather isn't as settled at the moment, everywhere still looks colourful and the evenings are still long. I hope that you can get out and enjoy God's creation. If you walk past Church you will see a new set of prayers on our railings. Please stop for a moment and say a prayer for our Church and community. The essential work has begun on the stonework outside our Church. We are hoping this will take just over a week so that everything will be safe for our planned return to Worship in mid-September.

We congratulate all young people who have had exam results and pray that they will be guided on God's path for the next stage of their lives.

TELEPHONE COFFEE CHAT

Tuesday 25th August 10.30-10.50am. To join in – at about 10.30am on Tuesday:

From your normal “landline” telephone: Dial: 0330-159-6644

On being asked, enter the following number, or “Pin”: 373818

You will be invited to say your name and will then join the “Tuesday Chat”. Why not give it a go?

STONEMWORK REPAIRS ON THE CHURCH ROOF

I just wanted to let everyone know that we have arranged for some urgent stonework repairs to be carried out to the church roof at both the front and the rear of the building. The work **has been delayed until** this week **but** we are hoping it will all be completed in two weeks. There will be scaffolding and hoists being used so for health and safety reasons the church gardens and grounds will be closed to everyone while the work is taking place. I'm really sorry for any inconvenience this will cause but it is good that this will all be completed ready for when we are able to re-open the church building. Thank you, Pam Bellis.

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

For those who are celebrating a birthday this week, remember age is merely the number of years the world has been enjoying you. Don't forget, the old believe everything; the middle-aged suspect everything; the young know everything. Everyone at St. James' wishes a happy birthday and enjoy your special day.

PRAYERS NEEDED

Father, we praise you with all your creatures.
They came forth from your all-powerful hand,
They are yours, filled with your presence and your tender love.

Praise be to you!

Son of God, Jesus, through you all things were made.
You were formed in the womb of Mary our Mother,
You became part of this earth, and you gazed upon this world with human eyes.
Today you are alive in every creature in your risen glory.

Praise be to you!

Holy Spirit, by your light you guide this world towards the Father's love
and accompany creation as it groans in travail.
You also dwell in our hearts and you inspire us to do what is good.

Praise be to you!

God of love show us our place in this world as channels of your love for all the creatures of this earth, for not one of them is forgotten in your sight.
Enlighten those who possess power and money that they may avoid the sin of indifference, that they may love the common good, advance the weak, and care for this world in which we live. The poor and the earth are crying out.
O Lord, seize us with your power and light, help us to protect all life,
to prepare for a better future, for the coming of your Kingdom of justice, peace, love and beauty.

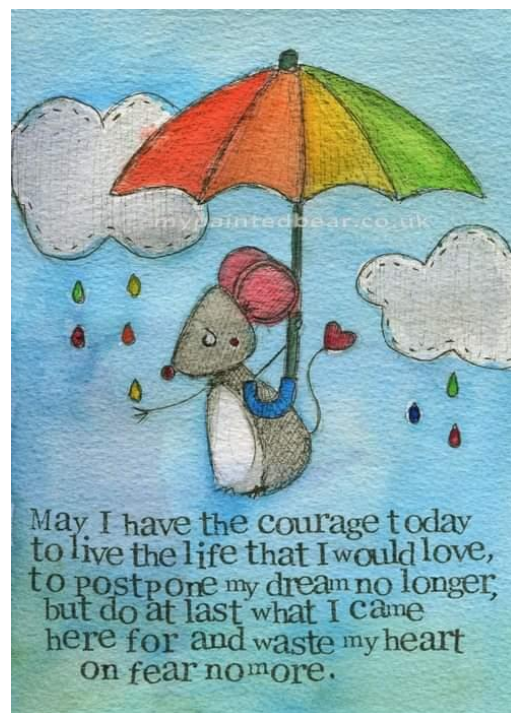
Praise be to you!

Amen.

We continue to pray for all those in need at this time, especially Clarice Rogers, Isabella and David Meek.

BRENDA MOLYNEUX

Funeral service for the late Brenda Molyneux followed by cremation is to be held at Springwood crematorium (Rosemary chapel) on Tuesday 25th August, at 11 a.m.
At the moment, we do not think that there will be any spaces for friends and church members other than those specifically invited by the family. We continue to hold them all in our prayers.



DOTTY'S DIARY



'Twas on a Monday morning when the gas man came to call'? Actually, it was Tuesday. I just happened to be crossing a road, when a white-van man accosted me: "looking for a church to replace a gas meter."

Now, as well as hanging round our empty church (*see last week's newsletter!!*) I also read other people's emails (when I'm copied in of course). So, I had some idea where Meterman was coming from, even if he was a full hour early.

Good panning on his part, though. It took him half that time to park the van; another 10 minutes to explore the church hall cellar and decide that neither of the two gas meters there was 'the right one', and the rest of the time to discover

the cobwebby joys of the church cellar, and – Hallelujah – the right meter! And rejoice he did, at not having to crawl about under floorboards this time! I wouldn't have his job for a big



clock, or a Property Manager's either! That day, ours had already dealt with a central heating engineer delivering supplies and asking about heavy lifting equipment. Then hot on the gas man's heels came two charming teenagers (only joking) (about their age) to test the fire alarm system. This documentary 'Day in the Life of...' was rounded off by a late visit to post **Keep Out** notices and put out parking cones for the next day's scaffolders, plus an early return to welcome them safely onto the site and placate the neighbours.



So, work on the church roof has started at last, Jimmy in his face mask is quarantining for 14 days....and re-opening is getting nearer by the day. With grateful thanks.

LAST WEEK'S GUESS WHO?



Were you correct?



MESSAGE FROM OUR TREASURER

We have previously put a gentle request encouraging anyone who would normally put their offering on the plate, either in cash or envelope to if at all possible, put the money aside ready for when we are able to return to Church.

As we are coming to the end of our Churches financial year, (**31st August**) and currently still unable to meet for worship, it would now be helpful if anyone who normally put their money on the plate and has done this, could consider one of a couple of alternatives if at all possible, which is either - A direct payment into the bank either regularly or on a one-off basis.

If you wish to do this our bank details are:

HSBC

Account name St James Methodist United Reform Church

Sort 40-29-39

Account 11060856.

If you are able to do this, it would be helpful if you could email the treasurer (steveelliott@aol.com) so he can look out for the payment.

or

as an alternative if you don't have online banking you could send a cheque to the Church with St James Church as the payee. The address is St James Church, Church Road Liverpool L25 7RJ
We do appreciate that some of our fellowship have already helped in this way and we are grateful for their help. We are also thankful to the many people who regularly contribute by direct payments into the Church's bank account and have continued to do so during this period.

We do of course realise that not everyone will be able to assist in this way however, can we thank everyone for the gifts of time and money that you do give to God through St James'; it is really appreciated, as without everyone's' dedication, support and sacrificial giving, none of the good work that St James' does in the name of Christ would be possible.

Steve Elliott

LAST WEEK'S CROSSWORD ANSWERS

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Across: 1 Breath, 5 Lystra, 10 Encamps, 11 Messiah, 12 Spring, 15 Priest, 16 Dead Sea, 17 Rose, 18 Star, 19 Legions, 20 Path, 22 Spot, 25 Sneezed, 27 Elisha, 28 Sister, 31 Tempest, 32 Madness, 33 Shadow, 34 Remote.

Down: 2 Records, 3 Almond, 4 Host, 5 Lamp, 6 Sisera, 7 Raiment, 8 Censer, 9 Whiter, 13 Gehenna, 14 Adviser, 15 Pennies, 20 Plenty, 21 Triumph, 23 Patient, 24 Thresh, 25 Shield, 26 Diadem, 29 Stew, 30 Omer.

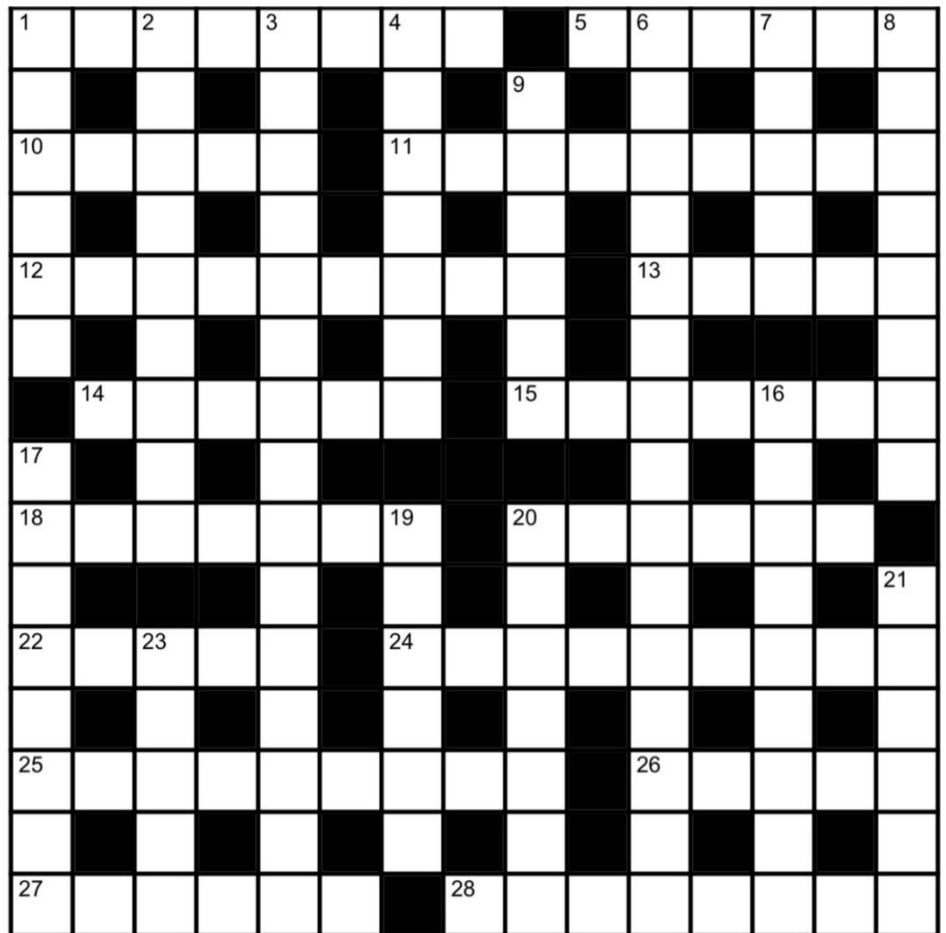
THIS WEEK'S CROSSWORD

Across

- 1 Dealt with money in the temple (8)
 5 Sacrifices (6)
 10 Burial perfume (5)
 11 Lamenting (9)
 12 Assembly (9)
 13 Blast of sound (5)
 14 Blossoming tree (6)
 15 Endures (7)
 18 Prepares to sleep outdoors (7)
 20 As the Amorites did, like bees (6)
 22 Can be stony, clean or wicked (5)
 24 Re-establish (9)
 25 Synagogue chief (9)
 26 Of God, still and small (5)
 27 Shot as a sign by Jonathan (6)
 28 Often gated (8)

Down

- 1 Appoint (6)
 2 Relating to the disciples (9)

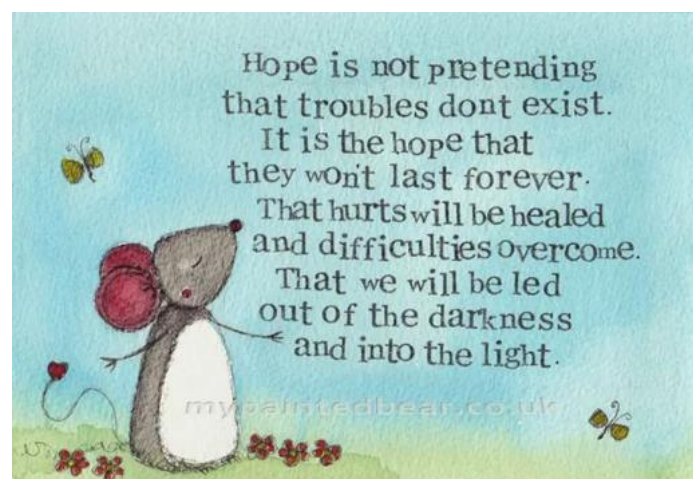


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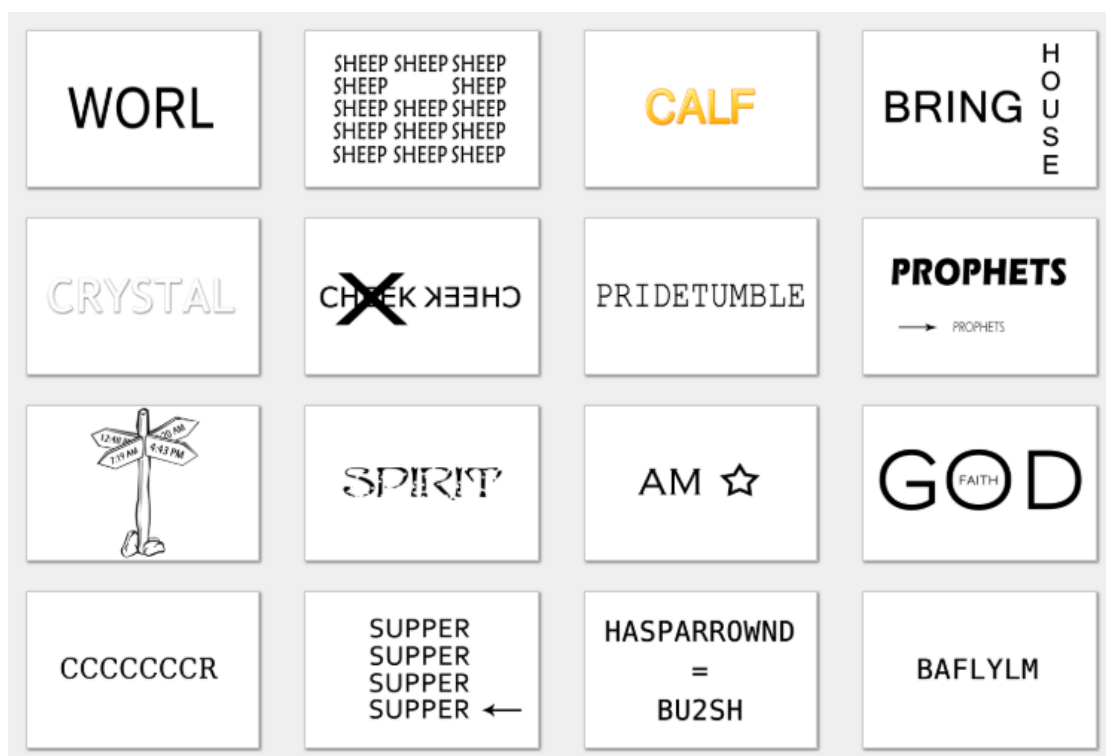
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- 3 The opening of a new covenant (6,2,7)
 4 Haggai and Zechariah's call to the Jews (7)
 6 Jewish festival (5,2,8)
 7 Manassite warrior (5)
 8 Roadside marker (8)
 9 Idols (6)

- 16 Pinnacle (9)
 17 "House of mercy" (8)
 19 Sacred place (6)
 20 Deep red (7)
 21 Worship (6)
 23 Son of Korah (5)



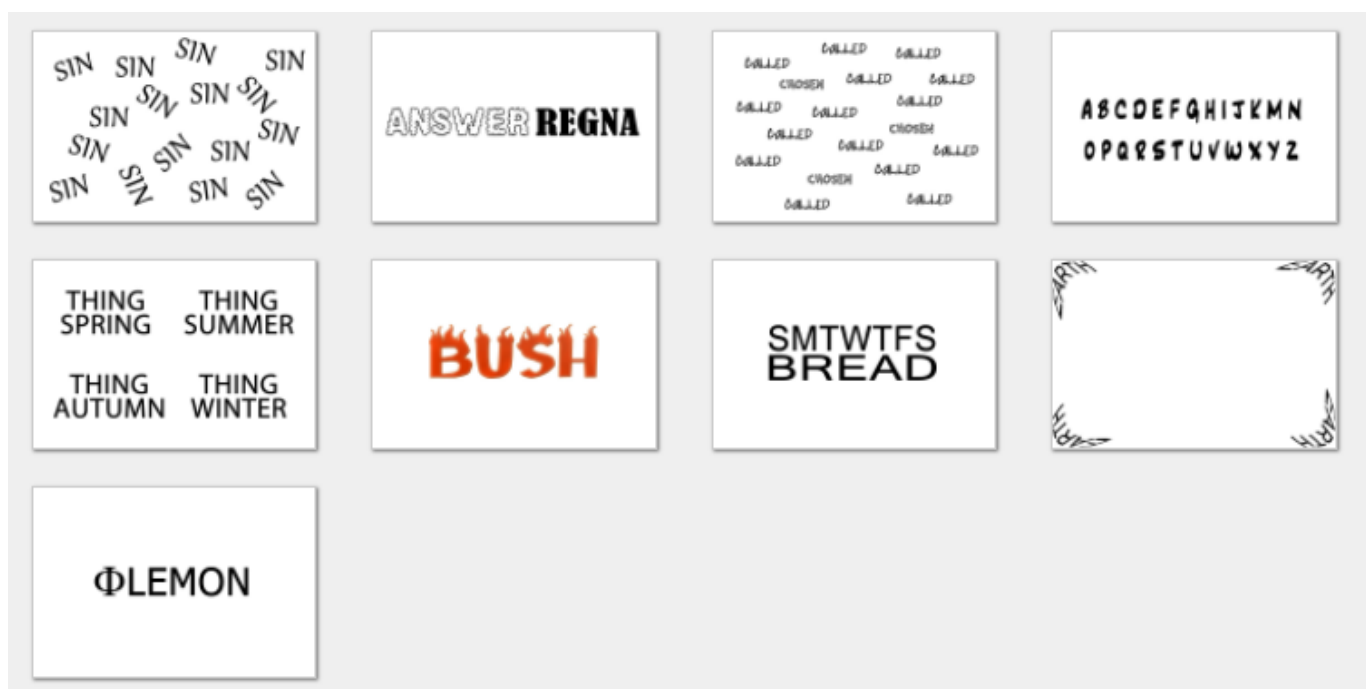
ST JAMES' DINGBATS – Last week's answers (working across)



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|------------------------------|---|
| 1. World without end | 9. Signs of the times |
| 2. Lost sheep | 10. Holy Spirit |
| 3. Golden calf | 11. Morning star |
| 4. Bring the house down | 12. Faith in God |
| 5. Crystal clear | 13. Caesar |
| 6. Turn the other cheek | 14. The Last Supper |
| 7. Pride goes before a pride | 15. A bird in the hand is worth two in a bush |
| 8. Minor prophets | 16. Fly in the ointment |

ST JAMES' DINGBATS

The say what you see puzzle. Work your way across each row. Answers next week. Enjoy!



THE GOOD SHEPHERD WORDSEARCH



CALL
CARRY
COME IN AND GO
OUT
DOOR
FIELDS
FIND
FOLLOW
FRIENDS
GATE
GOOD SHEPHERD
HAPPY
HEAVEN

HIRED HAND
HOME
HUNDRED
JOY
LEAD
LISTEN
LOST
NAME
NEIGHBOURS
NINETY NINE
ONE
ONE FLOCK
REJOICE

REPENT
ROBBER
RUNS AWAY
SEARCH
SHEEP
SHEEPFOLD
SHOULDERS
SINNER
STRANGER
THIEF
VOICE
WATCHMAN
WOLF

RON SWINDELLS

Ron has finally moved home after a long lockdown delay and the good news is, he is still in Woolton. His land line phone number, which should by now be working, has changed again but his mobile phone is never far away.

He will be notifying friends / contacts at St James of his new address and Jayne McLaren can supply his new number and details if requested.

He thanks all those who have sent good wishes and cards and is looking forward to making new friends and seeing old ones too in his new surroundings.

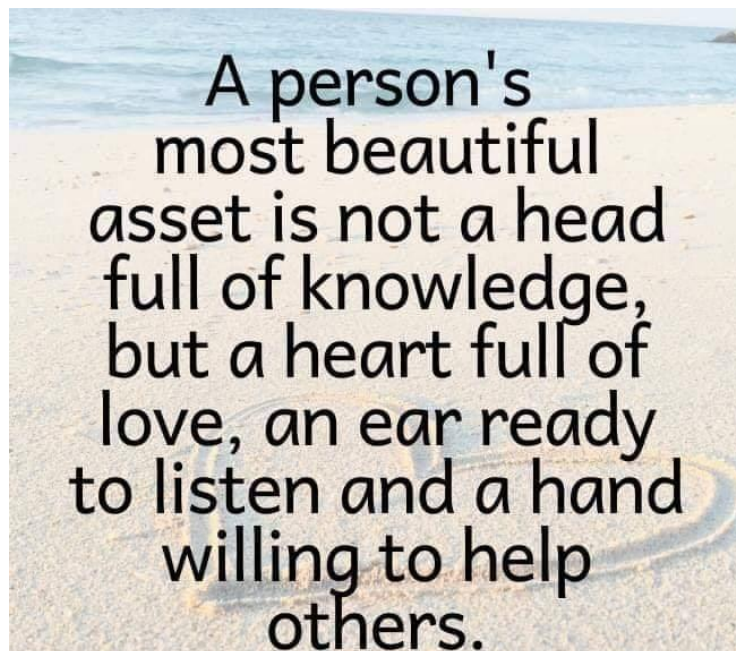
THIS WEEK'S GUESS WHO?



Who is this terrific toddler?

Would like to take part?

**Send a photo in for others to guess, to
Jayne at 07859062692 or
jayniemac@hotmail.co.uk**



NEWSLETTER NOTICES FOR NEXT WEEK



If you would like to share anything during lockdown 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**