

**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 – 24<sup>th</sup> January 2021**



Loving God, through your Son you have called us to repent of our sin, to believe the good news, and to celebrate the coming of your kingdom. Grant that we may hear the call to discipleship and gladly proclaim the gospel to a waiting world; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Almighty God, whose Son revealed in signs and miracles the wonder of your saving love: renew all your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by your mighty power; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**MESSAGE FROM THE MINISTER**

Hello everyone,

I hope you have coped with all the things that have been happening this week.

Our garden is still a lake, but that's nothing compared to those affected by floods in Manchester, West Yorkshire, Maghull and other places. Our daughter, Kate, was offered the chance to be evacuated from her home in Northenden but decided to sit tight and hope for the best.

I saw some of the Inauguration of President Biden and found his words very appropriate. He called people to: "open our souls instead of hardening our hearts...Some days you need a hand. There are other days when we're called to lend a hand. That's how it has to be, that's what we do for one another....I promise this, as the Bible says, 'Weeping may endure for a night, joy cometh in the morning'. We will get through this together".

I was also moved by the words of Rev Sylvester Beaman who prayed at the end of the ceremony: "Discovering our humanity, we will seek the good in and for all our neighbours. We will love the unlovable.... seek rehabilitation beyond correction, we will extend opportunity to those locked out of opportunity. We will make friends of our enemies. People, your people, shall no longer raise up weapons against one another, we will rather use our resources for the national good and become a beacon of life and goodwill to the world. And neither shall we learn hatred anymore."

Words for us to think about in our lives, our Church and our country too.  
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 Doreen Parker and Sue Moister.

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

## **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: Peter Hughes**

**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 – Preacher Andy Gillespie**

**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> January 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.

**Order of Worship:**

- Welcome and notices:
- Opening prayer (Host)
- Bible reading (Peter or Geraldine Bounds) Mark 1 vs 14-20
- Lord’s Prayer (Host)
- Talk or “mini-sermon” (Andy Gillespie)
- Prayers (Chris Bolton)
- Grace and dismissal. (Host)

Many thanks, and God Bless.

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

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

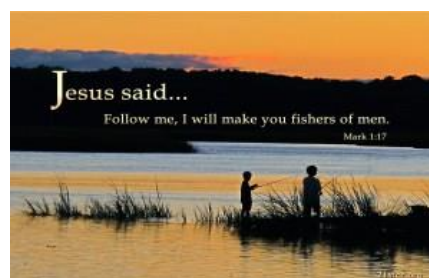
## ***Dan Holmes Concert***

**Sunday evening (24<sup>th</sup> January),** there will a short concert for you!! Live! From his home studio/office via Facebook Live at 6:00 pm UK time.

It will only be about 30 minutes, but he’d like to share a little music and maybe a story or two with you and anyone else that would like to watch. Please pass this along to your friends, anyone you think might enjoy 30 minutes of LIVE music!! He will record the concert, too, so it can later be uploaded to YouTube. In case folks aren’t able to watch live, they can watch it later or watch it again. It is his hope that this might bring a little light to you and bring us a little closer together. Again, please pass this along to everyone! Here is the Facebook Event page to share with you. <https://fb.me/e/3XOtTs57e>

Please share with your friends. Dan is a much-valued friend of St James’ and we thoroughly hope that you enjoy his concert. Hopefully, one day soon, we will see him and Sue gracing our church again. God willing.

**BIBLE READINGS** - Mark 1 vs 14-20



## ***Picture from the Church Railings***

This week's picture relates to the call of the first disciples which features in our Gospel reading for Sunday. Just as Jesus called those fishermen long ago, he calls you and I to be disciples today. We could never have imagined a world affected by Covid 19 but we are all learning what it means to be followers of Jesus in the midst of troubled times.

"This is our benediction, that from these hallowed grounds where slaves laboured to build this shrine and citadel to liberty and democracy. Let us all acknowledge, from the indigenous Native American, to those who recently received their citizenship, from the African American to those whose fore-parents came from Europe and every corner of the globe, from the wealthy to those struggling to make it, for every human being regardless of their choices, that this is our country. As such teach us, Oh God, to live in it. love in it, be healed in it and reconcile to one another in it. Lest we miss Kingdom's goal. To your glory, majesty, dominion and power, forever. Hallelujah! Glory! Hallelujah! In the strong name of our collective faith, Amen. "This is our benediction.....teach us, Oh God, to live in it. love in it, be healed in it and reconcile to one another in it. Lest we miss Kingdom's goal. To your glory, majesty, dominion and power, forever. Hallelujah! Glory! Hallelujah! In the strong name of our collective faith, Amen."





## LAST WEEK'S CROSSWORD ANSWERS

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Across: 1 Joyful, 4 Truth, 7 Foundation, 8 Road, 9 Sorry, 11 Remnant, 13 Thummim, 15 Purse, 17 Anna, 18 Almsgivers, 20 Midst, 21 Search.

Down: 1 Jeerer, 2 Food, 3 Lenient, 4 Tears, 5 Uri, 6 Honey, 7 Farmer, 10 Romans, 12 Thieves, 14 Maacah, 15 Psalm, 16 Eight, 17 Area, 19 Mad.

Bible Crossword by BiblePuzzles.org.uk

## THIS WEEK'S CROSSWORD

### Across

- 1 Creatures (7)
- 7 Procession (6)
- 8 Defeat (7)
- 9 Zacchaeus' lookout (4)
- 10 They're found near temples (4)
- 12 God rested on this day (7)
- 14 Bundles of wheat (7)
- 16 King spared by Saul (4)
- 18 Mideast native (4)
- 20 Descendant of Ham (7)
- 21 Valley between Mt of Olives and Mt Moriah (6)
- 22 Storm (7)

### Down

- 1 Bowmen (7)
- 2 Hidden (5)
- 3 Fever (4)
- 4 Writers (7)
- 5 Curse (8)
- 6 Most shameful (6)
- 11 Sword holder (8)
- 12 Handmaid, for example (7)
- 13 Opposite of 6D (7)
- 15 Injured (6)
- 17 Craftiness (5)
- 19 Destroyer of Jonah's shade (4)

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## 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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