

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 – 15th May 2022

This Week's Collect

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Loving and eternal God, through the resurrection of your Son, help us to face the future with courage and assurance, knowing that nothing in life or death can ever part us from your love for us in Jesus Christ our Saviour; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

WORSHIP AT ST. JAMES'

There are now 3 ways in which you can enjoy our Sunday morning services.

- **By attending St James'**
- **Via telephone**
- **Via Zoom (Sunday 15th May will be the last Zoom)**

All details and information are below.

Please use the Zoom link below

Joining from 10.15 for a 10.30 am start – Revd. Peter Hughes

Either click on this link:

<https://zoom.us/j/5913455610?pwd=aVdZcFpaZVVaMDdsZ1BiR3lhRE1yQT09>

Meeting ID: 591 345 5610 Passcode: 12466 We hope to see you there.

BY PHONE

If you want to listen in to the Service on Sunday, dial the above number, then PIN and listen in. You can chat up to 10.30, but when the service starts everyone will be "muted" to avoid feedback/noise.

This Sunday our preacher will be Revd. John Lansley.

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:

The Host for this service is Roy & Lynne Barker

Order of Worship:

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

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.

God Bless Graham Martin Communications officer (and local preacher) St. James' Church



Minister's Message

Hello Everyone,

I hope you have had a good week. This Sunday is our Annual Church Meeting. We will be electing our Steward Elders and other representatives and having the chance to reflect on the life of our Church. It is a good opportunity for me to thank all of you for the part you play in St James' Church, especially those of you who have roles. I appreciate your hard work and commitment. It is also a good day for each of us to think about what our part is.

The Church does not continue automatically but relies on the efforts of each of us, which are used by the grace of God. Our Church faces challenges, including financial concerns and the difficulty in finding people to commit to particular jobs and roles. Please pray about your financial support of St James and consider what you could be doing to strengthen our Church by giving your time and skills.

Is God asking you to increase your giving and/or step forward and take on one of the tasks that will be mentioned at the Annual Church Meeting?

God Bless, Peter

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Annual Church Meeting - Sunday 15th May 2022.

Christian Aid week is the 15th-22nd May.

We have a stall with St Peter's at the farmers market on 14th May and they are organising a quiz night on 20th May.



The poster features a red and white color scheme. At the top left is the Christian Aid logo. The word 'Quiz' is written in large white letters on a red background. A large black question mark is on a yellow background to the right. Below the title, it says 'St Peter's Church Hall', 'Friday 20th May 2022', and '7pm for 7.30pm start'. A small photo shows a person watering plants. At the bottom, it lists ticket prices: 'Adults £5 Under 18's £2 Concessions £3' and 'BYO drinks and nibbles'. A small caption at the bottom right reads 'Providing food and hope for families like Janet's in Zimbabwe'.

Click on the link below to help support St. Peter's Quiz.

<https://www.jumblebee.co.uk/stpetersquiz>

This is also in aid of Christian Aid.

Exciting news **Star for a night**...not to be missed Saturday 21st May 7-9.15pm
Live performances from our own talented individuals, refreshments, raffles, glow sticks and stars for our younger guests. A night of fun and entertainment.

All proceeds are for Christian Aid. £5 adult, £3 children and £15 family.

Tickets are available from Jane and Tony Laverty 07963961951 janelaverty5@gmail.com and Jayne McLaren jayniemac@hotmail.co.uk

ROYAL JUBILEE CELEBRATION ANNOUNCEMENT from the Mission Action Group: We are planning to create a 70-year timeline highlighting events across the Queen's reign.

We are particularly keen to collect any personal connections or memories of that period you may have, e.g., personal stories, memorabilia, photographs etc.

Please contact Lynne Barker or Kate Cook ***as soon as possible*** to let them know what you may be able to contribute. Precious items and photographs will be safely collected nearer the time.

Monetary Offerings

Your monetary donations are vital to the running and future of St. James Church. Please contact **Margaret Dee** if you would like to change your giving to a Standing Order or join the Weekly Envelope scheme (out now). Also, if you are a UK Taxpayer, please consider Gift Aid, as the Church is able to claim 25% from the Government at no addition cost to you (for example, for every £10 the Church would receive £2.50).

We thank you for your continued support. Contact Margaret Dee (428 3356).

Church Flowers

We have recently resumed our beautiful flower displays in Church each week. 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 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.

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.



Happy birthday to **Graham Martin**, whose special day is on Sunday 15th May.

St James' Show in A Week is back...

We are excited to announce that Show in a Week this year we will be rehearsing & performing **Madagascar JR**. After two years, we are hopefully able to celebrate our tenth year of **Show In A Week** and look forward to welcoming back returning families and welcoming new families too. Please share the information and news with any families who you think may be interested in joining us. Dates for this year are Monday 8th to Sunday 14th August with the pre-show workshop and auditions being held on Sunday 26th June.

Please note all children must be able to attend all dates to be involved. Please email **Amy** for a form or more information. amybates93@aol.co.uk



Important notice from Girls' Brigade.

Everyone at St. James' is invited to our Girls Brigade jubilee party on Thursday 26th May 6.30-7.30pm. Please pre book your seat and join us for refreshments and cake. Contact Jayne 01514940719/07859062692

PRAYERS NEEDED

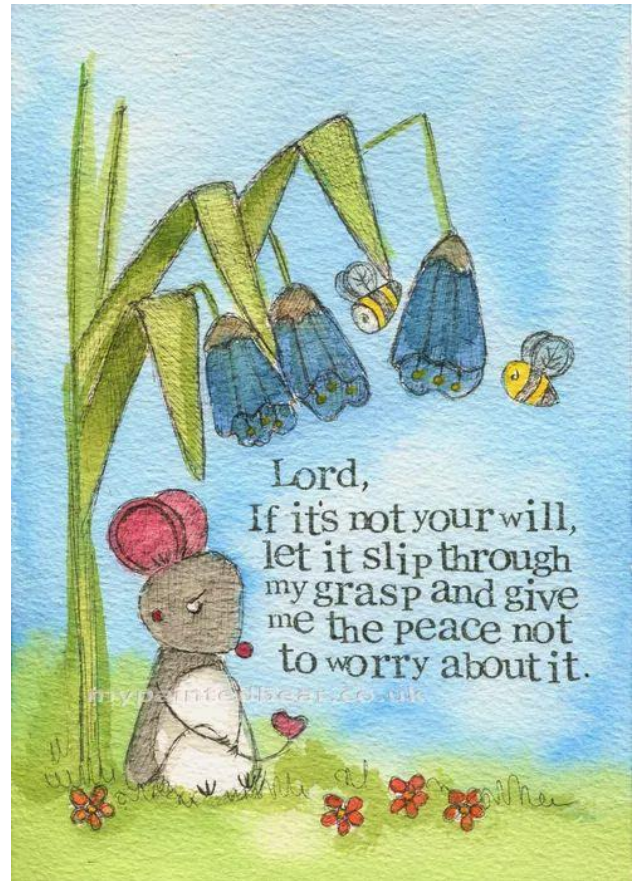
Jesus, you control all the parts of my body, and you know when they're not working at their best. Sickness leaves me stressed and steals time from all the things I want to be doing. I'm honest, Lord. I don't like to be sick. But times like this also make me rest in you, so I thank you for this chance simply to wait on you. I come to you today asking for your touch, Lord. Help me to be patient and allow you to do your work. If doctors are involved, give them wisdom, and thank you for providing the help I need, however you choose to provide. Whether this is a test, or simply a time to trust, I want my response to honour you. As my Good Shepherd, I know you will lead me beside quiet places and restore my soul and body. I trust you and want to follow your leading. Help me to welcome this time not as an interruption in my carefully planned schedule, but as an opportunity to draw strength and nourishment for the journey ahead. You are my healer and my Great Physician. I look to you and give thanks for the promises in your Word that assure me of your presence and your help.

Teach me what you want me to learn during these unpleasant times, Lord. Help me not to take out my discomfort on those around me and show me how to be a good patient while I'm recovering. In these days of sickness, Lord, I'm trusting you and asking you to make me well. And when you've restored my health, give me wisdom so I can treat my body as the temple of your Spirit. I'm eager to get back on my feet serving you, but I realise that even in sickness, I can still draw near to you.

Amen.

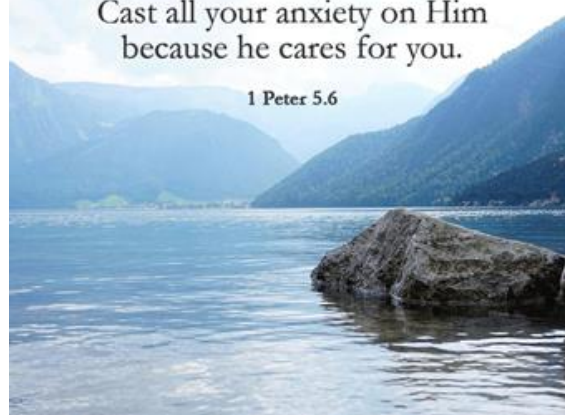
Please remember those at St. James who need our prayers this week, we pray for those close to our hearts, for those known to us and for those only you know of. For those due to undergo surgery and for those recovering.

We continue to pray for Ken Kitchen, John and Sylvia Pagan, Ian Taylor, Arthur Evans, Pat Fagan, Pam Draper, Alex and Doreen Banks, Ron Swindells, John Jeffers, Mike Hughes and Helen Stanford and her family.



Humble yourselves, therefore, under
God's mighty hand, that
He may lift you up in due time.
Cast all your anxiety on Him
because he cares for you.

1 Peter 5.6



Mental Awareness Week

If you have any spare time, why not give a friend a call and ask them if they're ok. Don't forget to ask them twice. It is so important to talk but more importantly listen. It is easy to reply that we're fine.

Speaking as someone who has suffered with mental health problems, I found it helpful to talk to someone and ask for help. The help, helped.

"How are you?"



"Fine thanks."

"Are you really ok?"

Ask Twice.

"Well actually..."



Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.
(Philippians 4:6, 7 NIV)

"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light."

Matthew 11:28-30



CaféJam

spread some song across your heart

Worship with us

Praise God through songs, enjoy cake and fellowship

When: Sunday 29 May 2022

Time: 6.30pm start

Venue: Waterloo United Free Church

Crosby Road North Liverpool L22 0LQ

For more details contact Rita on 07838 103310 or synodclerk@urcmerseysynod.org.uk



It will be livestreamed too.

Christian Aid Week – 15th – 21st May



In Zimbabwe, the climate crisis is causing aching hunger for families like Jessica's.

The combined effects of the Covid-19 pandemic, conflict, and drought have robbed her of the power to provide for her children.

And 7,000 miles away, the war in Ukraine will drive up food prices in Zimbabwe, and around the globe.

Without the fertiliser and food - like wheat and cooking oil - that Ukraine and Russia produce; vulnerable families will be pushed even deeper into hunger. But hope does not disappoint. Hope lives in you.

With every gift, every action, every prayer, we celebrate and share hope with our sisters and brothers facing crisis around the world, from Ukraine to Zimbabwe.



Donate, and help turn hunger into hope.

If you would like to donate to Christian Aid, there will be envelopes in Church on 15th and 22nd May.

If you would prefer to give directly, St James' has an e-envelope, just use the following link: <https://envelope.christianaid.org.uk/envelope/st-james?channel=copy>

Thank you for your support, generosity and prayers.

URGENT MESSAGE

The Olive Branch Community shop Trinity Church, Page Moss

The Olive Branch Community shop at Trinity Church opened its doors to the people of Page Moss on the 5th of October 2021. In just a few short months it has become a vital resource in the community with 125 members which equates to feeding 405 people.

Members pay £3.50 per shop and can choose 10 items: we also give away fresh fruit and veg to every shopper. This means people can purchase goods to the value of between £15-£20. In difficult times it's helping people to budget, as incomes will stretch a bit further.

The supply and demand of goods is now at a balanced rate but there is a storm coming and I feel God is calling us to prepare. Energy bills in the UK are predicted to rise considerably over the next year; some industries have predicted a rise of 50%. This rise will devastate poorer families and so we predict the demand for the community shop will increase greatly.

In the book of Genesis, Joseph was called to manage a predicted famine by filling the storehouses during the 7 good years. This letter comes as an urgent call to ask you if you would help us fill our storehouse at Trinity, so we can be fully prepared to help struggling families in the difficult months to come.

If you can donate in any way, please contact Lee at the Circuit Office on 07851 688920 or lee.livsthcircuit@gmail.com

The items we're most in need of are:

- Washing powder and cleaning products (as these are so expensive for people to buy and we don't get much of these from The Big Help Project)
- Baby goods such as nappies, baby wipes, baby milk and food
- Cereal and long-life milk
- Tinned meat and fish
- Sanitary products We are incredibly grateful for your kindness and generosity.

THE WHITECHAPEL CENTRE

Takes donations of all types of clothing and would like

- **New underwear & socks**
- **New pyjamas & slippers**
- **Coats, hats, scarves & gloves**
- **Shoes, trainers, work boots**
- **Handbags, rucksacks, suitcases**

Thank you!!

We sort through them, and some goes to our clients (mostly men's casualwear) and some are sold in our charity shops (mostly ladies' party wear & fashion).

We also keep a supply of suits for clients who are attending job interviews etc.

Donation point: Unit 6, 10a Blackstock Street Liverpool L3 6EP

Open every Monday, Wednesday & Friday 10am – 3pm (Closed Bank Holidays) 07795 616727



You're invited to a Big Brekkie!

Want to change the world over breakfast? Then come and tuck in at our Big Brekkie! We'll be serving a delicious morning meal, while raising money to fight poverty and injustice worldwide.

Type your event details here

**Court Hey Methodist Church
Roby Road
Liverpool L14 3 NU
Friday 20th May
10.00am to 12.00 noon**



ONE Programme: Connexion



Are you aged between 18-30?
Do you feel called to share your faith?
Want to work with an exciting project for a year learning about faith sharing and leadership?
ONE Programme: Leadership may be the place for you!
Somewhere Else –The Bread Church Community Engagement and Bread Making Facilitator Role
Salary: £7722
Location: City Centre Methodist Church, Liverpool

This is a 1 year (from 1 September 2022 to 31 August 2023) fixed-term, part time vacancy – 15 hours Tuesdays and Thursdays

Perhaps one of Liverpool's best-kept secrets, this fragile Methodist church, community based in the heart of the city centre has worked with the marginalised of Liverpool for more than twenty years. Gathering as a diverse community of all faiths and none around the making and sharing of bread, they extend 'outrageous hospitality' to anyone who crosses the threshold on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Become part of the team in this new role.

Check out the Methodist church website for more details about the ONE programme and more specifically about being a Community Engagement Bread Making Facilitator.

<https://www.methodist.org.uk/our-work/children-youth-family-ministry/for-young-adultsexplore-calling-grow-in-faith/one-programme/one-programme-leadership/>

The link to find out more about the role and apply for the OLP role: <https://methodist.current-vacancies.com/Jobs/Advert/2613260?cid=1885>

For an informal discussion with a member of the team Heather Lovelady on 0151 513 9883 or email: heather.lovelady@outlook.com

Closing Date: Wednesday, 25th May Interviews will be held in Liverpool on Wednesday 15th June 2022

PROGRAMMES YOU MAY ENJOY – Sunday 15th May

6:00 – 9:30 a.m. Radio Merseyside: Daybreak

Helen Jones brings you the Sunday magazine reflecting Merseyside's worlds of faith.

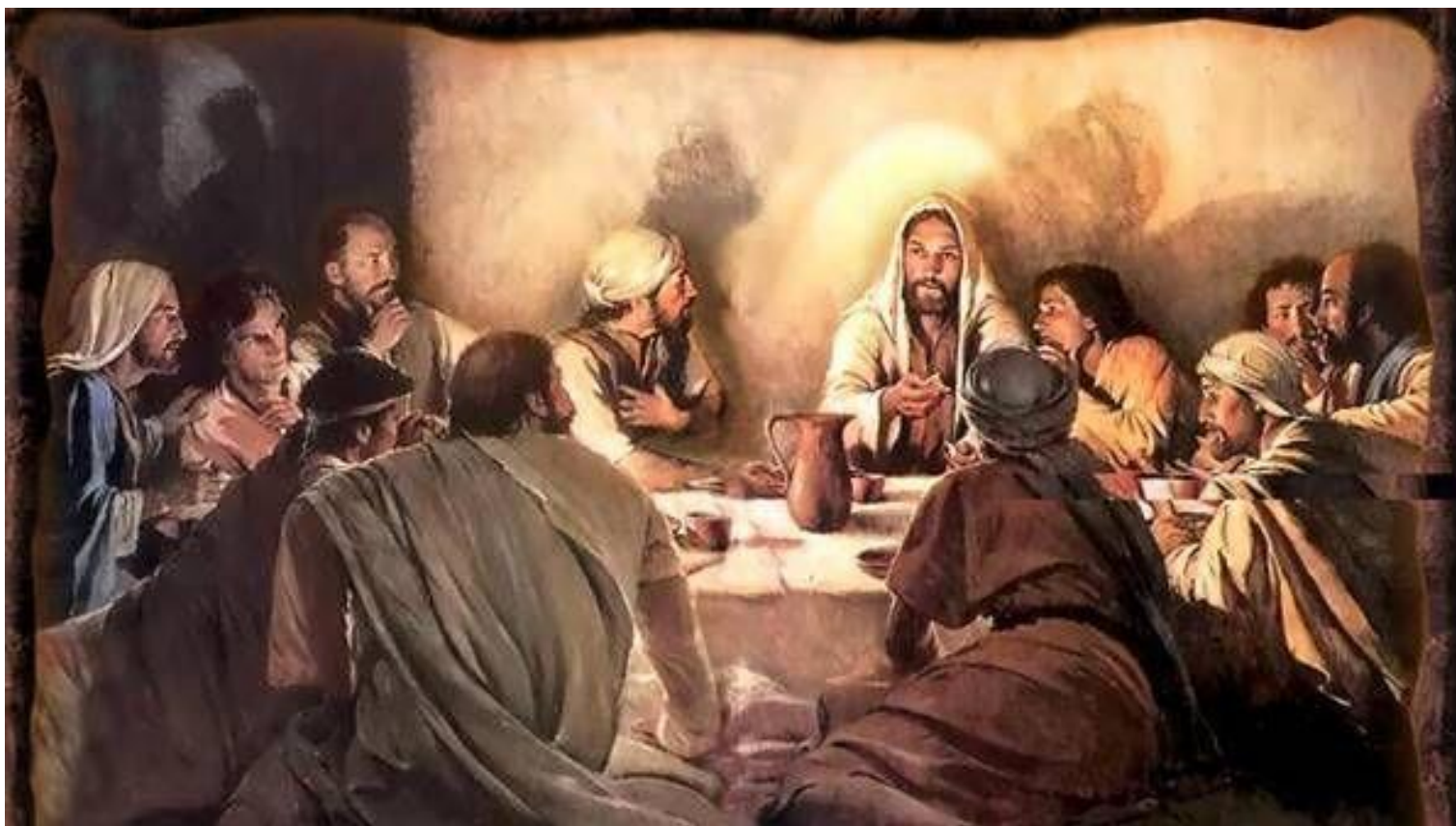
8.10 a.m. Radio 4: Sunday Worship – Celebrate the City

A service live from Newcastle Cathedral which celebrates the concept of a city both in a physical sense, and as images in the bible.

13.15 BBC 1 Songs of Praise: Great Ormond Street

Aled Jones visits Great Ormond Street Hospital to hear stories of faith and hope, plus a special performance of the NHS anthem Bless the Hands That Bless.

Jesus Predicts Peter's Denial



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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