



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

NEWSLETTER – 24th July 2022

Minister's Message

Hello Everyone,

I hope you have survived the almost unbearable heat of the last week. I never remember being so relieved as I was on Wednesday morning to feel the breeze and the much cooler temperature. I was reading Psalm 91 in preparation for a meeting and these words seemed very relevant:

"Whoever dwells in the shelter of the Most High will rest in the shadow of the Almighty".

Shelter and shadow would have been particularly welcome as the sun was beating down upon us all. The Psalm is talking about God's protection, speaking of the Lord as the one who gives us refuge under his wings. It talks about trusting God and not being affected by the dangers and difficulties which afflict others. However, our experience is that "the pestilence" and "plague" mentioned in the Psalm do affect us as Christians as much as they do everyone else. Plenty of us caught covid and it wasn't through lack of trust in God. Even though the Psalm says that "you will not strike your foot against a stone", I stubbed my toe on a dressing table the other day and my language wasn't very restrained when it happened! Being under the shadow of God's wings does not always protect us from bad things happening. Words at the end of Psalm 91 perhaps explain what it means for us to know God's protection

"He will call on me and I will answer him, I will be with him in trouble...and show him my salvation".

In the troubles and challenges of life we know that God is with us and that nothing can separate us from his love. Nothing can take away the salvation which we have through Jesus.

May you shelter under God's wings whatever the weather this week, God Bless, Peter.

This Week's Collect



Gracious God, your Son Jesus Christ fed the hungry with the bread of life and the word of your kingdom. Renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by your true and living bread, even Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

God, you have poured the Spirit of your Son into our hearts so that we call you Father. Give us grace to devote our freedom to your service that we and all creation may be brought into the glorious liberty of the children of God. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. **Amen.**

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

July 2022

Sun 24th	10.30.am Morning Worship – Preacher Graham Martin
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)

A VERY IMPORTANT Date for your Diary!
SUMMER COFFEE MORNING WITH BRUNCH
on Saturday 13th August 2022 from 10am - 1 pm. in the Church Hall

- Tea, Coffee, cold drinks and toasted snacks throughout the event
- Brunches from 11.30 am:
Starring: bacon butties and the 'Barker Bistro's' famous home-made Soup,
- Homemade cakes to buy, eat in and/or take away
- Bring and Buy stall, including homemade preserves, fancy goods, plants etc
- Raffle
- A colouring competition
- and a chance to see the stained-glass window pictures designed by the Year 2 children from Woolton Primary School following their recent 'Experience Church' visit to St James.

Funds raised to be shared by the Church and the Ukraine Emergency Appeal.

**Tables inside and out (weather permitting).
Bring your family, friends and neighbours to join in the fun.**

Please speak to Wendy Doig, Lynne Barker, Pam Bellis, or Liz Hudson to offer practical help before during or after the event, or if you have items for sale. (These can be collected if necessary).

If you are unable to come on the day for any reason, and would like to donate in lieu, either by cash, cheque or bank transfer, this would also be gratefully received.

Please contact Wendy, Pam or the Church Treasurer, Steve Elliott.



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.



A happy 19th wedding anniversary to Andrew & Jayne McLaren on the 25th of July.

St James' Stewards



Last Sunday, saw the welcoming of our new church stewards and the rededication of our existing ones. Unfortunately, some stewards were unable to attend and missed the photo opportunity! We are so grateful for all the hard work that they do. God bless you all.

A prayer for good stewardship

Father of creation:

You made all things through love

You spoke with authority and life sprang into being

You made us in your wonderful image to be stewards of your world. Forgive us, Lord:

When we have failed to reflect you

When we have lived with selfish intention, placing our own needs above those of others

When we have misused or polluted creation

When we have acted in a way that has caused disadvantage and hurt.

Help us, Lord, to reflect you:

By being faithful stewards of your creation

By showing love and concern for the world.

May our actions produce lasting fruit,

for the sake of your Kingdom

Amen



DONATIONS FOR WHITECHAPEL CENTRE and CENTRE 56.

Our donation boxes will again be open for your kind donations to help the service users of these centres. The box will be placed on a table at the back of the church each Thursday and Sunday morning.

The Whitechapel Centre would be grateful for the following items:

Cereal and UHT milk. Bottled water and cordial. Coffee, tea bags. Sugar. Tinned meals (eg curry chilli). Tinned tuna, ham, corned beef. Microwave meals. Noodles. Pulses and rice. Mayonnaise, brown sauce & tomato ketchup. Biscuits. Honey and jam. Tinned fruit. Crisps.

Toiletries: shaving foam. Disposable razors. Deodorant (spray not roll-on) Shampoo. Shower gel (not bath foams etc)

Clothing: men's boxer shorts. (NEW small/medium only) Female underwear (new/small/medium) women's leggings. Socks (new) gloves, scarves. Hats.

Centre 56: any craft items for the children to use in Nursery setting and after school club. Ages 3 to 12.

THANK YOU



SUNDAY MORNING Tea and Coffee following worship: We are pleased to offer this opportunity to chat together over a cuppa following worship on the Sunday mornings following a Holy Communion Service and following an All-Age Worship service. This means there will be usually two Sundays in each month when we can meet and catch up on news, renew friendships and welcome visitors. The weekly news sheet will remind us of these dates.

The next Tea and Coffee Meet and Greet will be Sunday 31st July.

You can also join us any Thursday morning in church for Coffee, Tea, Toasted Teacakes from 9.30 to 11.30 a.m. A warm welcome awaits you.



SATURDAY 13TH AUGUST – COFFEE MORNING BRUNCHES – 10.00 UNTIL 1.00 in the church hall. Including Bring and Buy stalls and Raffle. Funds raised to be shared between The Ukraine Appeal and our church maintenance funds.

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.

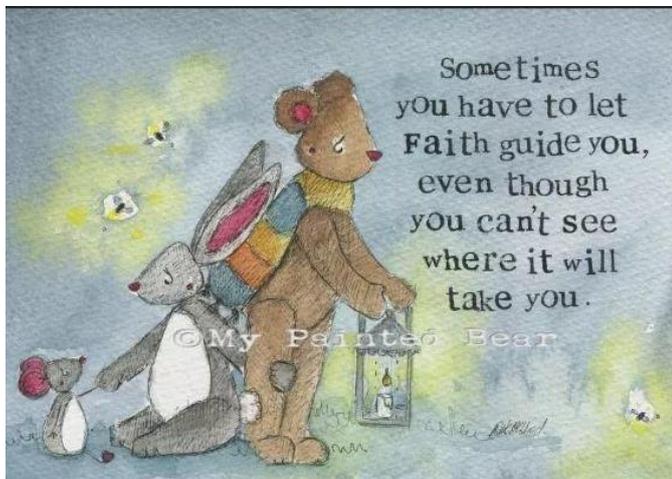
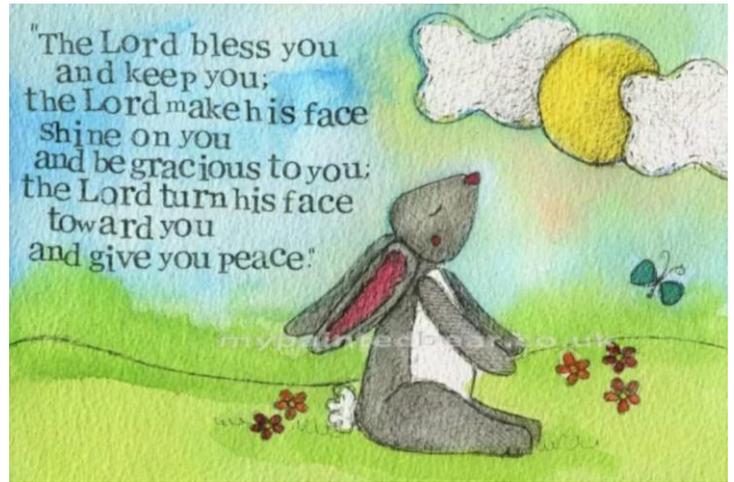
I offer you my life, heart, mind, body, soul, and spirit.

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.

Come together with Christians At Pride in Liverpool

BY 2008, our year as European Capital of Culture, Liverpool was the largest British city not to have its own Pride event. Then on 2nd August that year, an 18-year-old gay man, Michael Causer, died in hospital following a brutal homophobic attack. The outpouring of grief and anger following Michael's murder led to plans for a march in his memory, which evolved into an annual vigil for Michael and all victims of hate crime. In 2009, following another serious assault, 2500 people attended a candle-lit vigil, and 1500 people walked in a March Against Homophobia, led by Michael's family. A group of LGBT+ Christians called on the Presidents of Churches Together in Merseyside (including Catholic, Anglican, Baptist, Methodist, United Reformed and Salvation Army church leaders), to issue a statement, which affirmed a commitment **'to work with others to build a community where all can have their place of belonging, feel welcome and live in safety.'** Liverpool's first official Pride festival was in 2010, on the Saturday nearest Michael's anniversary, as part of a community partnership to make our city a safer, more inclusive and welcoming place.

THIS MONTH Pride In Liverpool is back, with the theme #ComeTogether, like the Beatles song. Why not show your solidarity and join us?

The march will start from St George's Hall and end at the Pier Head. Each year there has been a growing number of Christians in the march, including the former CofE Archdeacon and Bishop of Liverpool, and the Chair of Liverpool Methodist District (see top photo). People from churches across Merseyside will once again join the march. Christians at Pride will also have a community stall at the Pier Head after the march, and a reflective Taizé service in the Lady Chapel of Liverpool Cathedral at 6.30pm on Sunday 31st.

How do I join in?

- 1. Let us know you're coming:** Email Kieran: network@opentable.lgbt ASAP so we can share where the group will muster. We're expecting a large group so we'll gather from 10.30am. This gives the stewards time to organise the march, which begins at 12 noon and will end between 1 and 1.30pm.
- 2. What to wear:** Come as you are - be as fabulous as you want and comfortable as you can. If you want options:
 - a) Buy a Christians at Pride t-shirt for £15 - onebodyonefaith.org.uk/shop/christians-at-pride-t-shirt
 - b) If you are ordained, please consider wearing your dog collar and/or a stole/scarf.
- 3. Make placards:** Drop in to St Bride's, Percy Street, L8 7LT on Monday 25th July between 4.00-7.30pm to create placards or banners to carry during the march sharing a positive Christian message. Alternatively make your own at home or in your church and bring them on the day. Or if your church has a banner, bring that!
- 4. Help out on the Open Table stall:** Christians At Pride will host a community stall on the Pier Head. If you can spare an hour to help between 10.30am & 6pm on Saturday 30th July, let us know.
- 5. #ComeTogether for Pride @ Liverpool Cathedral,** a reflective service of music, prayer and anointing, with music from Taizé, Sunday 31st July 6 for 6.30pm.
- 6. Extend the invitation:** If you know of any other people or churches who would love to show their support, please extend the invitation or send their details to network@opentable.lgbt and we'll do it for you!



Christians at Pride in Liverpool July 2018 with the former Archdeacon of Liverpool (left), the Chair of the Liverpool Methodist District and the Bishop of Liverpool (centre).



Michael Causer from Whiston (9 October 1989-2 August 2008)
Pride in Liverpool marks the anniversary of his death.



Christians At Pride t-shirt

WORSHIPPING BY PHONE

This Sunday our preacher will be Chris Bolton

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.



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

The Benevolent Fund collection at the communion service on 31 July is for Action for Children.

Action for Children is the children's charity of the Methodist Church, founded in 1869. Today, Action for Children has grown to become a leading children's charity running over 500 projects and working with more children and young people affected by poverty, disability and abuse than any other UK charity.

Action for Children protects and supports children and young people, providing practical and emotional care and support, ensuring their voices are heard, and campaigning to bring lasting improvements to their lives. They work closely with children and families to spot problems early and to offer extra help when it is needed, in many ways – including:

- Childcare
- Mental health programmes
- Parenting support
- Early years' work
- Child poverty
- Fostering, adoption and residential care
- Neglect and abuse
- Support for young carers
- Families with disabled children
- Young people
- Parenting support

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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