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

**NEWS FOR THE WEEK ENDING July 5<sup>th</sup> 2020**

Servant Lord, grant us both the opportunity and the will to serve you day by day. May all that we do and how we bear each other's burdens be our offering of love and service to the glory of your name. Amen.

**Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Boundless, O God, is your saving power; your harvest reaches to the ends of the earth Set our hearts on fire for your kingdom and put on our lips the good news of peace. Grant us perseverance as heralds of your Gospel and joy as disciples of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. Amen.

**PRAYERS NEEDED**

We continue to pray for Linda Gregson and to all those in need at this time.

**DOTTY'S CHURCH DIARY**



Joyful football celebrations reached the Village recently but, apart from some cans thrown over the wall and disposable glasses wedged in the railings, St James stayed safe amidst the excitement.

Watching the activity prayerfully through the glass doors was Hope, our Prayer Bear, kneeling quietly on a small blue chair - giving thanks for many things? Suggested by the Mission Action Group, Prayer Cards have gone up on the railings round the church and hall in recent weeks. They highlight objects in the grounds, and encourage passers-by to offer their own prayers, or use the thoughtful words Revd Peter has provided.

There's a prayer for new beginnings opposite the hall doors, one for times of waiting, by the bus stop; and one for hope near the Rainbow windows.

Prayers for thanksgiving, trust, and the safety of our loved ones and ourselves are prompted by items in the church garden. And last – or first – depending which way you're walking, is a prayer for all created things, near Jimmy. We know people see and read the notices because they say so, when there's someone around to talk to. And when there isn't, we know they tell their friends on Facebook instead. The church buildings may be closed but St James is still helping God's comfort and peace reach out to others.

PS - Toffee papers in the 'Say One For Me' Community Prayer box near the gate are surely a sign that someone has seen it, and will know where it is when they really need it.



## ***DEREK LONG***

We are sad to announce that Derek Long died in hospital in the early hours of Sunday 28th June. We extend our prayers and sympathy to Jennifer; their children Mike and Kathy and all the family. Derek was a longstanding and much loved member of St James.

He contributed to the life of our Church as organist and Local Preacher. Derek faithfully and efficiently produced our weekly notice sheet, was an active member of the Church Council, Worship Consultation Group and Monday house group fellowship.

Derek's preaching ministry extended beyond our Church to the Methodist Circuit and other United Reformed Churches. He served on the Circuit Meeting and was Secretary of the Liverpool Methodist District Synod for a long period.

Derek will be greatly missed. His funeral will be at Springwood Crematorium at lunchtime on Monday 6th July. Because of the present circumstances only close family will be able to attend. Please remember Jennifer and the family in your prayers, especially at that time. God Bless. St James' church family holds you in our arms.



Flowers and the cross on the organ where Derek played, laid in his memory.

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.  
He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters; he restores my soul.  
He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.

Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff— they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long.

### **UNICEF sponsored walk**

On 13th July Jane Laverty will be walking 30 miles from Woolton to Southport, this is to raise money for UNICEF. UNICEF helps children in crisis.

Now more than ever children need water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH). They are basic human rights that UNICEF is working to uphold for every child. If you can donate the link is

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/jane-laverty>.

Thank you for your support and prayers, Jane.

### **CAN ANYONE HELP?**

Request for donation of a bicycle: one of the mum's whose children attend nursery at Centre 56 and whom I have known for some time now would dearly love a bike so as she can get around more quickly and do shopping etc.

If anyone has a lady's bike idling/resting/unused in the garage we would love to have it!

Please contact me, **Wendy Doig, on 07867795179 or 0151 428 7180**. Thank you in advance.

### **Last week's crossword answers**

## **BIBLE CROSSWORD IV - SOLUTION**

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Across: 1 Bemoan, 4 Foreknew, 9 Equity, 10 Senators, 12 Detained, 13 Thrice, 15 Heir, 16 Revelation, 19 Messengers, 20 Stir, 23 Ribbon, 25 Tomorrow, 27 Assuaged, 28 Usurer, 29 Numbered, 30 Plates.

Down: 1 Breadth, 2 Mountains, 3 Attain, 5 Open, 6 Epaphras, 7 Naomi, 8 Western, 11 Revenge, 14 Reproof, 17 Interpret, 18 Desolate, 19 Murrain, 21 Rewards, 22 Morsel, 24 Bosom, 26 Here.

Bible Crossword by BiblePuzzles.org.uk

***News of the possible opening of church buildings for private prayer has been released but communal worship of any kind is not currently scheduled until at least early July.***

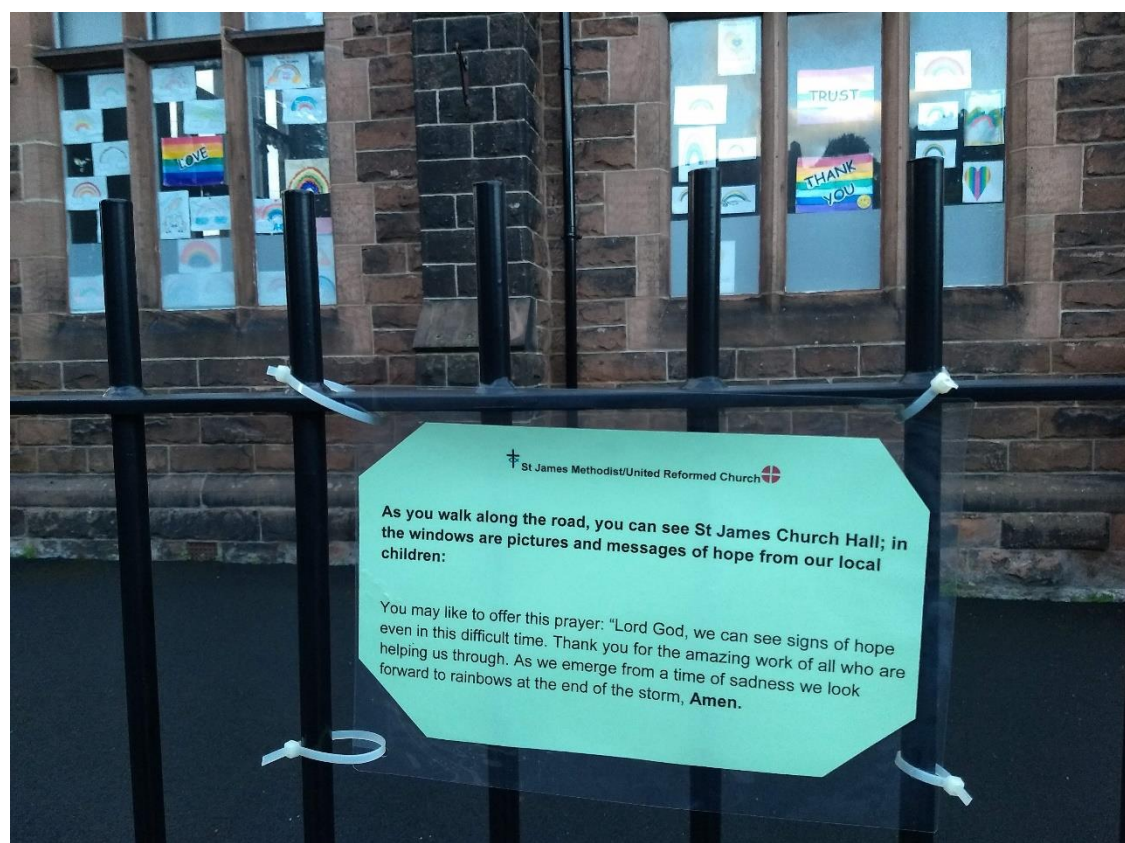
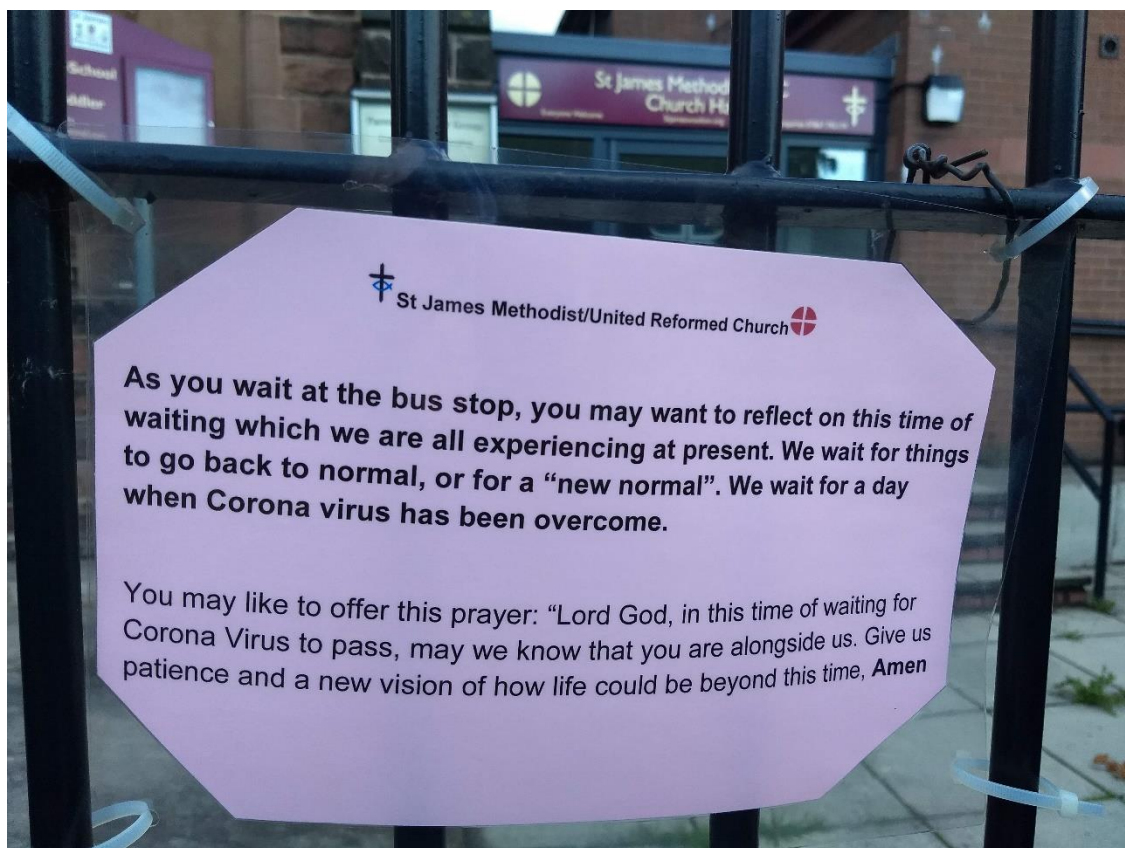
***The Minister and Steward Elders are in direct contact with Methodist Circuit, URC Mersey Synod and National Church and will update the congregation in due course as to progress and decisions on these matters which will require considerable organisation and will demand appropriate measures.***

***Please note that although the Government has announced some lifting of Covid 19 Regulations our buildings remain closed at this moment in time. Thank you.***



## Church railings

For those who walk past and for those who may not be able to walk past at the moment, here is the first of our prayers on the railings around our church buildings. We will post a prayer a day.



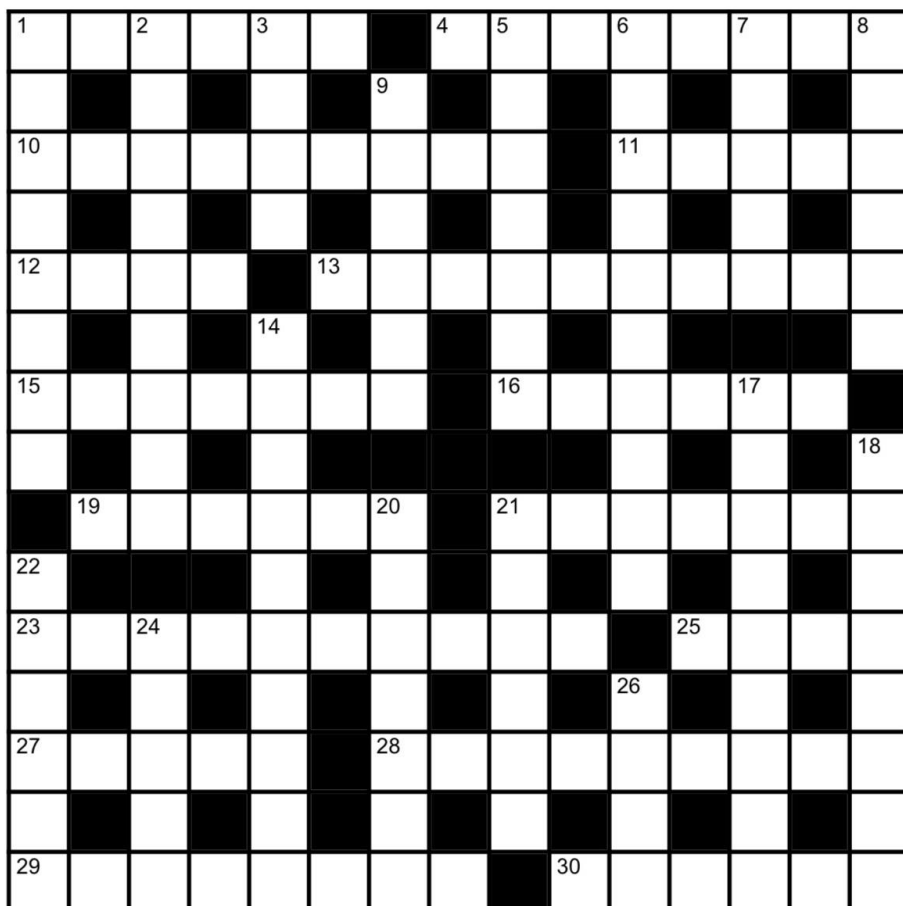
# BIBLE CROSSWORD I

## Across

- 1 An ancient weight (6)  
 4 Seemed (8)  
 10 New Testament book (9)  
 11 Unit of length (5)  
 12 '...it is a \_\_\_\_ thing  
 the king requireth'  
 (Dan 2:11) (4)  
 13 Contemplation (10)  
 15 Abigail supplied David  
 with one hundred  
 clusters of these (7)  
 16 A son of King David (6)  
 19 Concurred (6)  
 21 Light sources (7)  
 23 Propitiations (10)  
 25 A false god (4)  
 27 Gather (5)  
 28 Abimelech was hit by  
 this (9)  
 29 Instructors (8)  
 30 Hastily (6)

## Down

- 1 Skilled animal  
 workers (8)  
 2 Inspiring (9)  
 3 Compass point (4)  
 5 Intense emotion (7)



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- 6 The words of Jeremiah  
 said not to listen to  
 these (10)  
 7 Jewish leader (5)  
 8 'He is proud, knowing  
 nothing, but \_\_\_\_\_  
 about questions and  
 strifes of words...'  
 (1 Tim 6:4) (6)  
 9 Bread makers (6)  
 14 In this year of King  
 Nebuchadrezzar's reign,  
 Nebuzaradan arrived in  
 Jerusalem (10)  
 17 Ancient city of Og, King  
 of Bashan (9)  
 18 Stringed instrument (8)  
 20 Joseph, perhaps? (7)  
 21 Tiny amount (6)  
 22 Jesus did this with  
 authority (6)  
 24 Last letter of the Greek  
 alphabet (5)  
 26 Province of the Roman  
 Empire (4)

**Notices for next week – Please send any messages to Jayne McLaren at**

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