



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

**NEWSLETTER – 14<sup>th</sup> August 2022**

*This Week's Collect*



God of the nations, to whose table all are invited and in whose kingdom no one is a stranger: hear the cries of the hungry and mercifully extend to all the peoples on earth the joy of your salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

To set the earth ablaze, O God, your Son submitted to death on the cross, and from his cup of suffering you call the Church to drink. When we are tempted give us strength to run the race that lies before us, and to keep our eyes fixed on Jesus; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

***Minister's Message***

Hello everyone,

I hope you have had a good week, managing to stay cool and safe.

Hopefully many of you will be joining us for our summer coffee morning on Saturday (13th). It is good to get together at this time of year when many of our usual groups take a break.

I hope some of you have the opportunity for some time away, or at least a different rhythm of life at home during August. Whether we are busy or resting, God is with us and wants to give us different experiences of his love and grace.

There is a lot of fear around in the media at present, especially related to forthcoming energy prices. As Christians we believe that whatever the circumstances, God is with us. That doesn't mean that life is always easy but that by God's grace we find a way ahead. God also opens our eyes to those around us who are in greater need, so that we can reach out and help as we are able.

**God bless Peter.**

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### AUGUST 2022

<b>Thursday 11<sup>th</sup></b>	9.30 a.m. - 11.30 a.m. <b>Coffee morning</b>
<b>Saturday 13<sup>th</sup></b>	10 a.m. – 1 p.m. <b>Coffee Morning with brunch</b>
<b>Sunday 14<sup>th</sup></b>	10.30 a.m. Morning Worship – <b>Revd. Peter Hughes (AAW)</b>
<b>Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup></b>	7.30 pm <b>House Group</b>
<b>Thursday 18<sup>th</sup></b>	9.30 a.m. - 11.30 a.m. <b>Coffee morning</b>
<b>Sunday 21<sup>st</sup></b>	10.30 a.m. Morning Worship – <b>Andrew Gillespie</b>
<b>Monday 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	7.00 pm <b>MAG (Mission Action Group)</b>
<b>Thursday 25<sup>th</sup></b>	9.30 a.m. - 11.30 a.m. <b>Coffee morning</b>
<b>Sunday 28<sup>th</sup></b>	10.30 a.m. Morning Worship – <b>Revd. David Frudd (Holy Communion)</b>

### SEPTEMBER 2022

<b>Thursday 1<sup>st</sup></b>	9.30 a.m. - 11.30 a.m. <b>Coffee morning</b>
<b>Sunday 4<sup>th</sup></b>	10.30 a.m. Morning Worship - <b>Paul Holt</b>
<b>Monday 5<sup>th</sup></b>	7.30 p.m. <b>Steward Elders</b>
<b>Thursday 8<sup>th</sup></b>	7.00 p.m. <b>MAG (Mission Action Group)</b>
<b>Thursday 8<sup>th</sup></b>	9.30 a.m. - 11.30 a.m. <b>Coffee morning</b>
<b>Saturday 10<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Coffee Morning</b>
<b>Sunday 11<sup>th</sup></b>	10.30 a.m. <b>Morning Worship</b>
<b>Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup></b>	7.30 p.m. <b>House Group</b>
<b>Thursday 15<sup>th</sup></b>	9.30 a.m. - 11.30 a.m. <b>Coffee morning</b>
<b>Sunday 18<sup>th</sup></b>	10.30 a.m. Morning Worship – <b>Revd. Peter Hughes (Holy Communion)</b>
<b>Monday 19<sup>th</sup></b>	7.30 p.m. <b>Safeguarding</b>
<b>Thursday 21<sup>st</sup></b>	9.30 a.m. - 11.30 a.m. <b>Coffee morning</b>
<b>Sunday 25<sup>th</sup></b>	10.30 a.m. Morning Worship – <b>Revd. John Lansley</b>
<b>Thursday 29<sup>th</sup></b>	9.30 a.m. - 11.30 a.m. <b>Coffee morning</b>

**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 (AAW) 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.**

**Quiet Prayer Times** will now be held on the **2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of every month, between 1.30 and 2.30 pm.**

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.**

**A VERY IMPORTANT Date for your Diary!**

**SUMMER COFFEE MORNING WITH BRUNCH**

**on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> August 2022 from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. 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 belated birthday to **Pauline Taylor**. We trust that you had an enjoyable day.

***Celebration of Brian Stocks' life***

On Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> of August at 2pm we will be spending an hour together at St. James' to celebrate the life of the Reverend Brian Stocks.

His wife Bernice and the family are hoping to join us. We are going to meet informally with refreshments.

If you have any special memories, photos, words you would like to share please let us know.

**Thanks, Jane and Tony Laverty**





## **PRAYERS NEEDED**

Dear God, I know that the first step in all spiritual healing is to believe.

I believe! I open my mind and heart believing in your infinite power and possibility.

I believe that healing is a dynamic and reachable experience, a reality that can be experienced right now.

I maintain a patient and loving attitude, for I believe that your healing activity is now at work in my mind and body.

I look forward, with joyful expectation, to the perfect wholeness that you are now bringing into manifestation through me.

I believe in your constant expression of perfect good in and through me.

I rest in the certainty of your healing power. I know that with you all things are possible.

In Jesus Christ's name, Amen.

Jesus, I know that when you walked on the earth, you trod upon hard places, you felt the strain of this world and the pressures of mental torment.

So, I ask that you come besides me now, lead me through this time where my mind cannot cope. Help me to find peace and calming inner thoughts. You hold me safe Lord, I trust in you. **Amen.**

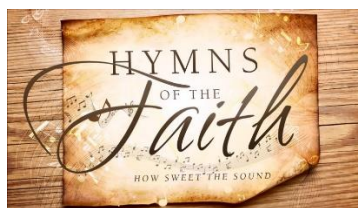
*We also pray for Mike Hughes, Billy Lamb, Pat and Jim, Arthur Evans, Kay (Jan's sister) Graham Martin and Dave and Madge Tilly.*

### **Favourite hymn, bible reading or poem.**

**Do you have a favourite hymn, bible reading or poem etc**, to help the Steward Elders build a couple of services for use if a booked preacher is unable to come to St James' at very short notice?

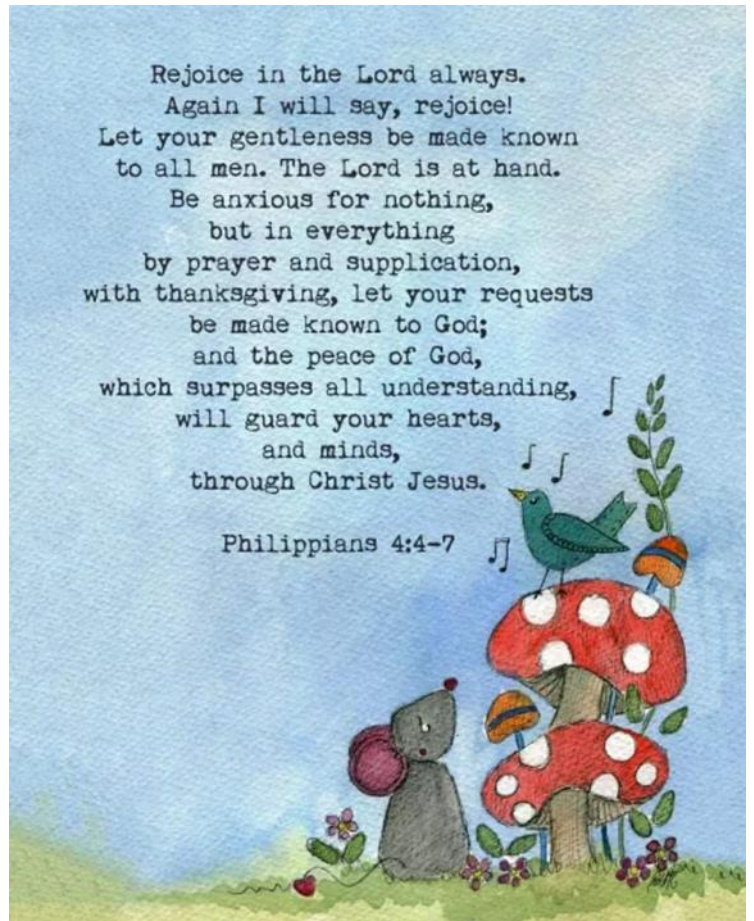
This has happened recently both at St James' and across the circuit, (not least due to Covid) and it would be good to have a home-grown service of treasured worship material which the Steward Elders on duty that day could share with everyone.

Please contact any Steward with your choices just as soon as you like, with or without a brief explanation of what the item means to you.



### ***The Benevolent Fund collection***

The Benevolent Fund Collection on the 31<sup>st</sup> of July in support of action for Children realized £175, plus gift aid. A huge thank you to those who supported this worthy cause.



## WORSHIPPING BY PHONE

### This Sunday our preacher will be Clive Rigby

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** (Liz)
- **Bible reading: Luke 7:1-10** (Wendy Doig)
- **Lord's Prayer** (All)
- **Talk or "mini-sermon"** (Clive)
- **Prayers** (Dave Dickson)
- **Grace and dismissal.** (Liz)



#### PowerPoint at St. James'

**An invitation to anyone with an interest in PowerPoint** (and maybe skills – but not essential as these could be acquired over a comfortable period of time) to help with the projection of service material on Sundays.

It would be helpful if there was an additional person to join Dorothy and Liz on the regular rota, and especially be able to provide confident cover on the rare occasions they are both away. Setting up the weekly slide shows is not expected at this stage (but a natural interest and/or ability to do so, would be a welcome bonus).

Sunday services have come to depend on the projection of words, readings and prayers on screen; to be unable to offer this – even occasionally - will make things very difficult for the worship leaders and be disappointing for the congregation. If you could help, it would be gratefully received. Please talk to Liz, Dorothy or any of the Steward Elders. Thanking you in anticipation.



#### 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.

## Test your Bible knowledge against these children's answers .

**Children were asked questions about the old and new testaments. The following statements about the bible were written by children. Any incorrect spelling has been left in.**



1. In the first book of the bible, Guinness. god got tired of creating the world so he took the sabbath off.
2. Adam and eve were created from an apple tree. Noah's wife was Joan of ark. Noah built and ark and the animals came on in pears.
3. Lots wife was a pillar of salt during the day, but a ball of fire during the night.
4. The jews were a proud people and throughout history they had trouble with unsympathetic genitals.
5. Moses led the jews to the red sea where they made unleavened bread, which is bread without any ingredients.
6. The egyptians were all drowned in the dessert. Afterwards, Moses went up to mount cyanide to get the ten commandments.
7. The first commandment was when Eve told Adam to eat the apple.
8. The seventh commandment is thou shalt not admit adultery.
9. The greatest miricle in the bible is when Joshua told his son to stand still and he obeyed him.
10. David was a Hebrew king who was skilled at playing the liar. He fought the Finkelsteins, a race of people who lived in biblical times.
11. Solomon, one of David's sons, had 300 wives and 700 porcupines.
12. When Mary heard she was the mother of Jesus, she sang the magna carta.
13. When the three wise guys from the east side arrived they found Jesus in the manager.
14. Jesus was born because Mary had an immaculate contraption.
15. Jesus enunciated the golden rule, which says to do unto others before they do one to you.
16. It was a miricle when Jesus rose from the dead and managed to get the tombstone off the entrance.
17. The people who followed the lord were called the 12 decibels.
18. The epistels were the wives of the apostles.
19. One of the oppossums was St. Matthew who was also a taximan.
20. St. Paul cavorted to christianity, he preached holy acrimony, which is another name for marraige.
21. Christians have only one spouse. This is called monotony.



## ***Greetings from Ilkeston***

This week, Jayne and I had the pleasure of catching up with Ian and Pauline Taylor. We were on our way back from spending time with our grandson, Aronas and decided to pop in for a lovely chat in their stunning garden. We were both shocked when they told us that it had been 4 years since they had left Liverpool (St James') and moved to Ilkeston. It hadn't felt that long!

Ilkeston is a town in the Borough of Erewash, Derbyshire, England, on the river Erewash, from which the borough takes its name. Its major industries, coal mining, iron working and lace making/textiles, have now all but disappeared.

**Ilkeston Market Place is the site of a Charter fair.** The fair celebrated its 760th anniversary in 2012, the Charter being granted by King Henry III in 1252. This makes the fair older than Nottingham's famous Goose Fair and it is one of the largest street fairs in the Country, indeed in Europe.

They were in good spirits and wanted to send everyone their best at St. James' and wanted to be remembered in your prayers as you are in theirs. God bless.



Lord, lead me to find and cultivate deeper friendships and be a good friend in all that I do. Shower your blessings upon those I call friends, that you may ever be in our midst. Bind us together, Lord, for a cord of three strands is not quickly broken. **Amen.**

## Seeking Volunteers

### Could You Help with the Discipline Process?

We are currently seeking to recruit more volunteers to help with the URC's disciplinary process which deals with complaints against Ministers and Church Related Community Workers.

We need **8 more people** to serve on the Investigation Team and 10 more people to serve on the Assembly Commission.

**The Investigation Team** has two roles.

First, working in a team of three, it investigates complaints to see if there is any substance to them and, if there is, presents the case to an Assembly Commission for Discipline.

In addition, one member of the team is made available to the accused minister/CRCW to help with preparing their case. You will need to **have experience in investigations** – maybe as part of the police or as part of some civil role, have the time to offer – this would be your main wider church commitment - and you need to be a member of the URC or a congregation which is a local ecumenical partnership which includes the URC. We are seeking more lay members of this team.

**The Assembly Commission for Discipline** hears cases against ministers and CRCWs in teams of three, must evaluate the evidence and make both findings of fact and, if matters are proved, decide on a sanction.

You would need to be experienced at working in a team, unafraid to make difficult decisions, and process a lot of written and oral information at a reasonable speed.

**You probably wouldn't be used much more than once every other year, but a hearing might last two or three days and take place away from your own locale.**

Of course, you'd need to be a URC member or member of a Church in a local ecumenical partnership which includes us.

If you are interested in exploring this further please contact Andy Braunston via [andy.braunston@urc.org.uk](mailto:andy.braunston@urc.org.uk) telling a little about yourself.

Andy will then get back to you to arrange a Zoom chat with you, himself, and the Revd. Dr Janet Tollington - another member of the MIND Advisory Group - to explore your gifts and skills further.

They will then make recommendations to the Nominations Committee.

**If appointed, you will be trained via both online and in-person means before taking up your role.**

**The deadline is around the August 19<sup>th</sup>.**

### 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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