

ST JAMES' METHODIST & UNITED REFORMED CHURCH WOOLTON L25 7RJ

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Peter will be on holiday from Monday the 24th August and will return on Saturday 5th September. If you need to contact a Minister, please email paul.wilson@methodist.org.uk



NEWSLETTER – September 6th 2020

Redeemer God, you heard the cry of your people and sent Moses your servant to lead them out of slavery. Free us from the tyranny of sin and death and, by the leading of your Spirit, bring us to our promised land; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary

God of all creation, you call all peoples of the earth into your kingdom. Grant that we, with young and old of all nations, may boldly confess Jesus Christ as Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honour and praise, now and for ever. Amen.

St James Church buildings remain closed at the moment, but our halls will re-open for Pre-School at the start of September.

Please watch out for further announcements over the next few weeks. These will give exact information about when the first services will be held and how you can be part of them.

We thank the Delegated Church Council and Steward Elders for all the work they are doing to enable us to return safely to Church.

MESSAGE FROM THE MINISTER

Next Sunday - 13th September - is the day when we hope to have our first Service at St James since March.

Please pray that this will be able to go ahead, with no last-minute problems.

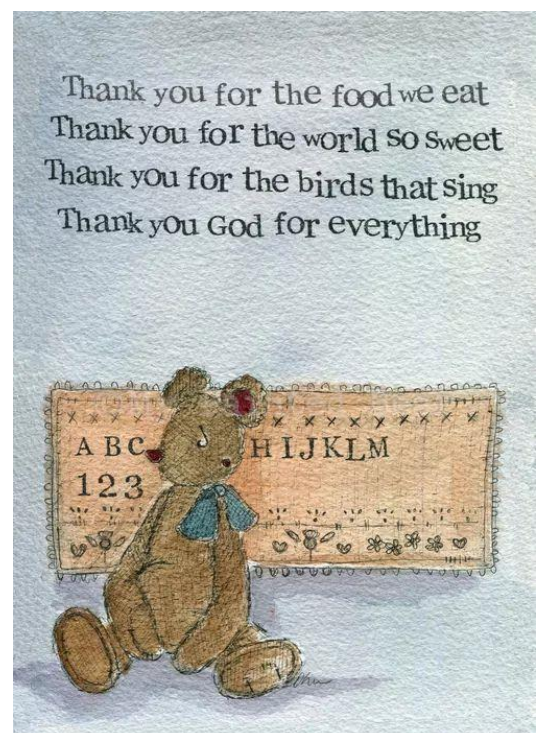
Don't forget that you must book a place to join us in Church next Sunday.

Only around 30 people can now safely fit into our Church at one time.

If you don't manage to get booked in next Sunday, we will do our best to make sure you can come the week after.

Our Service will be shorter than usual - around 30 minutes.

We hope to see you next Sunday, the following week or whenever it is safe for you to join us.



ST JAMES CHURCH RE-OPENING FOR WORSHIP

BOOKING INFORMATION FOR SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 13TH AT 10.30 AM

If you would like to attend this service, please call

Jayne McLaren on 07859062692
or

Email: jayniemac@hotmail.co.uk

AFTER 3.30 PM on Sunday September 6th.

Bookings will be taken in order of their arrival time but any calls or emails before 3.30pm cannot be registered, so please do not make contact earlier,

Places will be given on a first come first served basis. You can book for family members to sit together, but please do be certain of the numbers.

If we can't fit you in at the service, we'll start a waiting list for the current week and / or allocate you first place at the next week's service.

Please don't "turn up" at Church if you haven't booked for that service; we may not be able to accommodate you and we wouldn't like to disappoint.

We also rely on you to let us know if your plans change after you have booked, so others can be allocated your seat(s).



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AN APOLOGY to all members of the church family exempt from wearing a face covering

The Re-opening Church Information issued recently asked anyone exempt from wearing a face covering for health reasons to bring proof of their exemption the first time they came to church, if possible.

Government guidance¹ indicates this is not necessary, and the request was made in error. We apologise most sincerely for any anxiety or distress this has caused.

Coronavirus (COVID-19)

Protecting yourself and others from coronavirus

Face coverings: when to wear one, exemptions, and how to make your own

Cabinet Office Department of Health & Social Care

Guidance:

Face coverings: when to wear one, **exemptions** and how to make your own

Updated 27 August 2020

Exemption cards

Those who have an age, health or disability reason for not wearing a face covering should not be routinely asked to give any written evidence of this, this includes exemption cards. No person needs to seek advice or request a letter from a medical professional about their reason for not wearing a face covering.

Some people may feel more comfortable showing something that says they do not have to wear a face covering. This could be in the form of an exemption card, badge or even a home-made sign.

This is a personal choice and is not necessary in law.

STONEMWORK REPAIRS ON THE CHURCH ROOF

I just wanted to let everyone know that we have arranged for some urgent stonework repairs to be carried out to the church roof at both the front and the rear of the building. The work **has been delayed until** this week **but** we are hoping it will all be completed in two weeks. There will be scaffolding and hoists being used so for health and safety reasons the church gardens and grounds will be closed to everyone while the work is taking place. I'm really sorry for any inconvenience this will cause but it is good that this will all be completed ready for when we are able to re-open the church building. Thank you, Pam Bellis.

Telephone Worship at St. James – 2.20pm for 2.30 pm every Sunday in September

This Sunday our preacher will be Rev John Lansley.

To join in a short (15-20 minutes) Act of Worship :

Between 2.20pm and 2.30pm on Sunday:

From your normal "landline" telephone: Dial: 0330-159-6644

On being asked, enter the following number, or "Pin": 373818

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:

Welcome and opening prayer, Bible reading, Lord's Prayer, Talk or "mini-sermon", Grace and dismissal.

We normally have a "congregation" of 15-19.

COST: – The cost is the same as dialling an ordinary UK number – if you have "free minutes" or "free at Weekend" package from your telephone supplier then there will be no cost.

JENNIFER LONG

Jennifer would like to notify you all about the change of her email address. She can now be contacted @ long.jennifera37@gmailcom

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

For those who are celebrating a birthday this week, remember age is merely the number of years the world has been enjoying you. Everyone at St. James' wishes a happy birthday and enjoy your special day.

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.

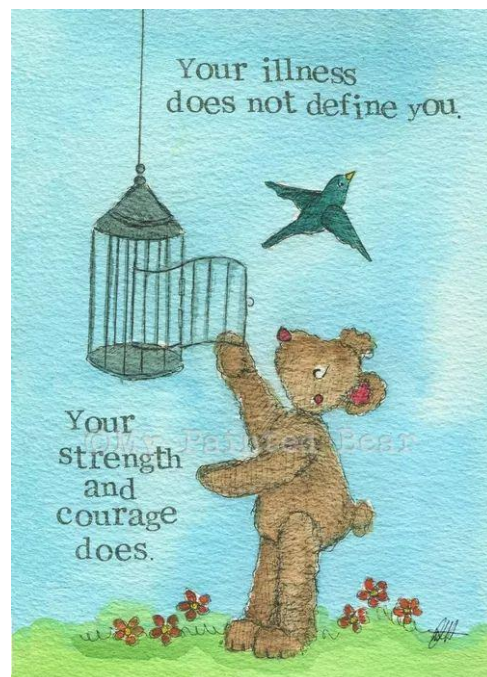
Open my heart to commune with You more deeply.

I want to feel Your loving embrace.

Open the doors that need to be opened and close the doors that need to be closed.

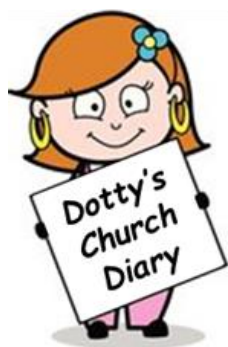
Please set my feet upon the straight and narrow road that leads to everlasting life.

Amen.



We continue to pray for all those in need at this time, especially Clarice Rogers, Isabella and David Meek.

DOTTY'S DIARY



Around the time we stopped clapping our thank yous to Key Workers I was posting a letter and noticed my usual red drop-off point bore a new label which said, 'NHS Priority Post Box'.

"That's kind," I thought, "a special scheme to ensure that Key Worker post is picked up and delivered on time, even if the post office is struggling to keep up with normal demand". Which it clearly has been, in some areas.



And then, being my usual last-minute self, more recently I met up with a cheerful chap emptying one of the boxes and passed comment on the label. 'It's for Corona Virus tests that go by post' he told me with a slightly bemused look.

Which is logical I suppose. Test kits would stand out for re-sorting at depots; key worker post might not, unless the envelope carried a secret code. Did I feel deflated for key workers not being special (in that way), or concerned about the safety of posting corona virus tests? Still, I learn something new every day!

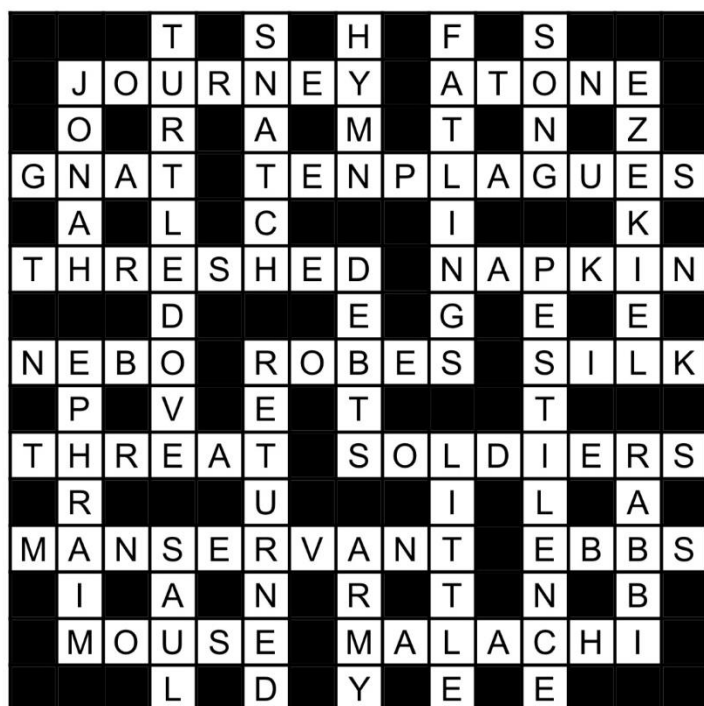


I wonder how many new things our teachers will be able to teach, and our young ones will be able to learn, in the next few weeks? Judging by events where I live, some children are taking to the return to school like ducks to water while others are clearly unsettled and deeply distressed by it. When they have all left for the day, the gardens are eerily quiet. My thoughts and prayers are with them all.

PS – speaking of priority post ... Christmas cards are now on sale in many places. Just thought you'd like to know that!!



LAST WEEK'S CROSSWORD ANSWERS



Across: 6 Journey, 7 Atone, 9 Gnat, 10 Ten Plagues, 11 Threshed, 13 Napkin, 15 Nebo, 17 Robes, 18 Silk, 19 Threat, 20 Soldiers, 23 Manservant, 26 Ebbs, 27 Mouse, 28 Malachi.

Down: 1 Turtledove, 2 Snatch, 3 Hymn, 4 Fatlings, 5 Song, 6 Jonah, 8 Ezekiel, 12 Debts, 14 Pestilence, 16 Ephraim, 17 Returned, 21 Little, 22 Rabbi, 24 Saul, 25 Army.

THIS WEEK'S CROSSWORD

Across

6 Of a limited distance on the Sabbath (7)

7 Make up for (5)

9 A creature to be strained? (4)

10 Precursor of the Exodus (3,7)

11 Beaten (8)

13 Laid aside in the tomb (6)

15 Babylonian deity (4)

17 Priestly apparel (5)

18 Babylonian export (4)

19 Source of danger (6)

20 Personnel of 25d (8)

23 Household worker (10)

26 Wanes (4)

27 An "unclean" rodent (5)

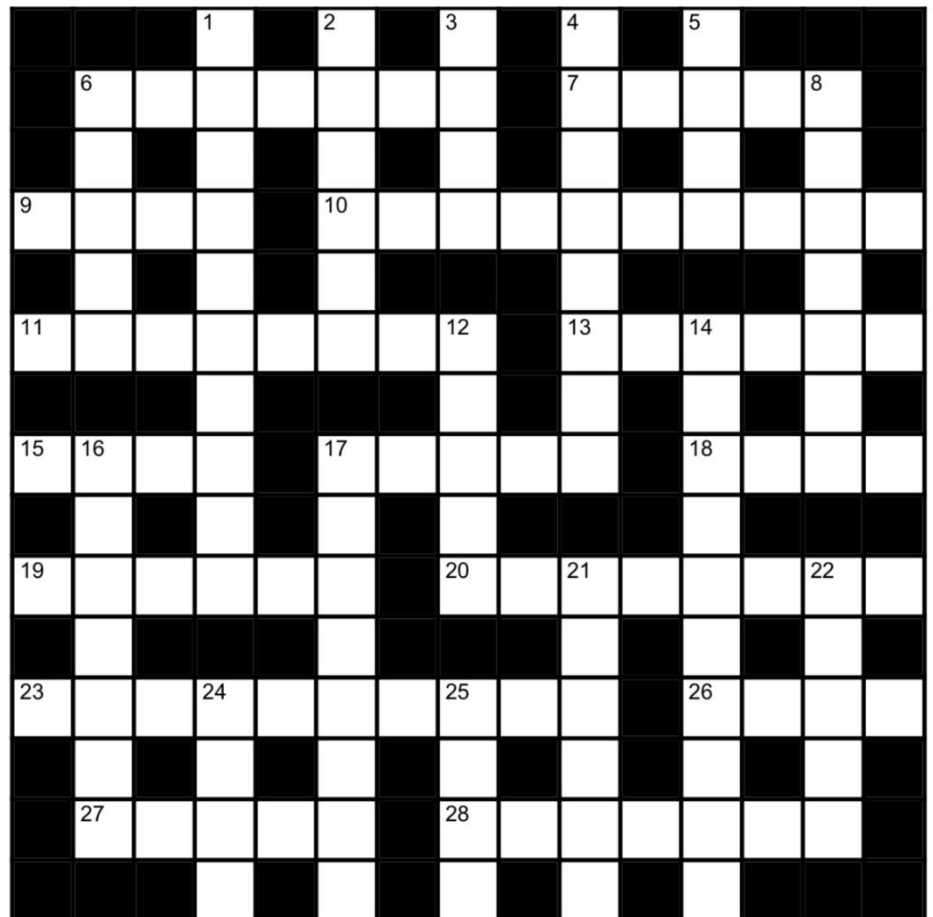
28 Book of prophecy (7)

Down

1 Sacrificial offering (10)

2 Grab harshly (6)

3 Anthem (4)



by Philologus

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4 Young animals for sacrifice (8)

5 Of Solomon, for example (4)

6 Prophet who went to Nineveh (5)

8 A priestly prophet (7)

12 Sins (5)

14 Plague (10)

16 One of the tribes (7)

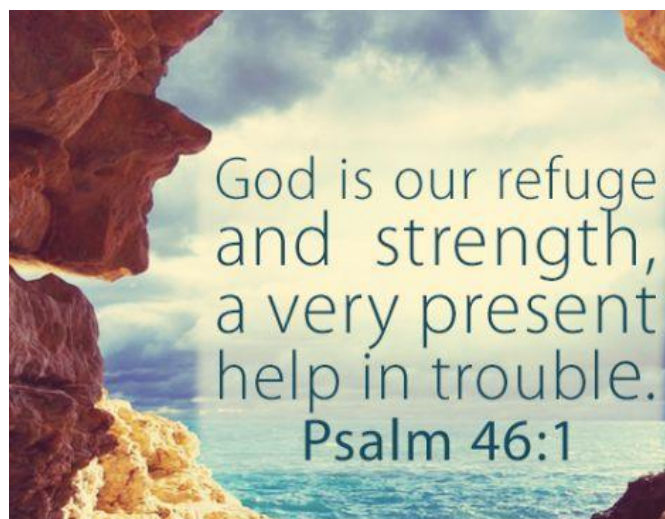
17 Like the Prodigal Son (8)

21 Not much (6)

22 Spiritual leader (5)

24 First Israelite king (4)

25 Military force (4)



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B I B L E

EMERGENCY NUMBERS

When in sorrow.....	John 14
When men fail you.....	Psalms 27
When you have sinned.....	Psalms 51
When you have worry.....	Matthew 6:19-34
When you are in danger.....	Psalms 91
When God seems far away.....	Psalms 139
When your faith needs stirring.....	Hebrews 11
When you are lonely and fearful.....	Psalms 23
When you grow bitter and critical.....	1 Cor. 13
When you feel down and out.....	Romans 8:31-39
When you want peace and rest.....	Matthew 11:25-30
When the world seems bigger than God	Psalms 90
When you want Christian assurance.....	Romans 8:1-30
When you leave home for labor or travel.....	Psalms 121
When your prayers grow narrow or selfish.....	Psalms 67
When you want courage for a task.....	Joshua 1
When you think of investments/returns.....	Mark 10
How to get along with fellowmen.....	Romans 12
For great invention/opportunity.....	Isaiah 55
For Paul's secret to happiness.....	Col. 3:12-17
If you want to be fruitful.....	John 15
If your pocketbook is empty.....	Psalms 37
If your losing confidence in people.....	1Cor. 13
If people seem unkind.....	John 15
If discouraged about your work.....	Psalms 126
If you find the world growing small, and you great.....	Psalms 19

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LAST WEEK'S GUESS WHO?



Were you correct?

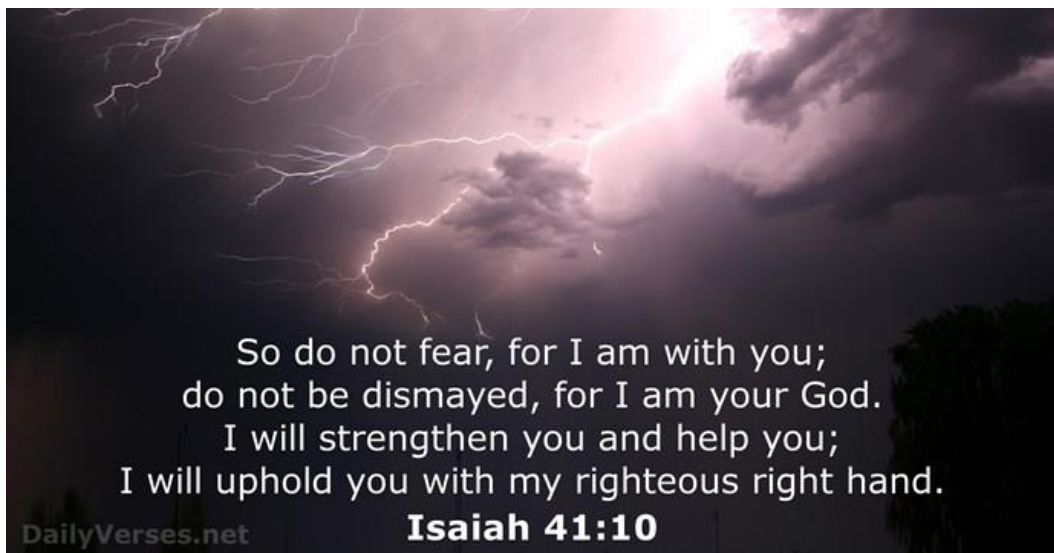


THIS WEEK'S GUESS WHO?



Who is the child on the left?

**Send a photo in for others to guess, to
Jayne at 07859062692 or
jayniemac@hotmail.co.uk**



NEWSLETTER NOTICES FOR NEXT WEEK



If you would like to share anything during lockdown 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
jayniemac@hotmail.co.uk**