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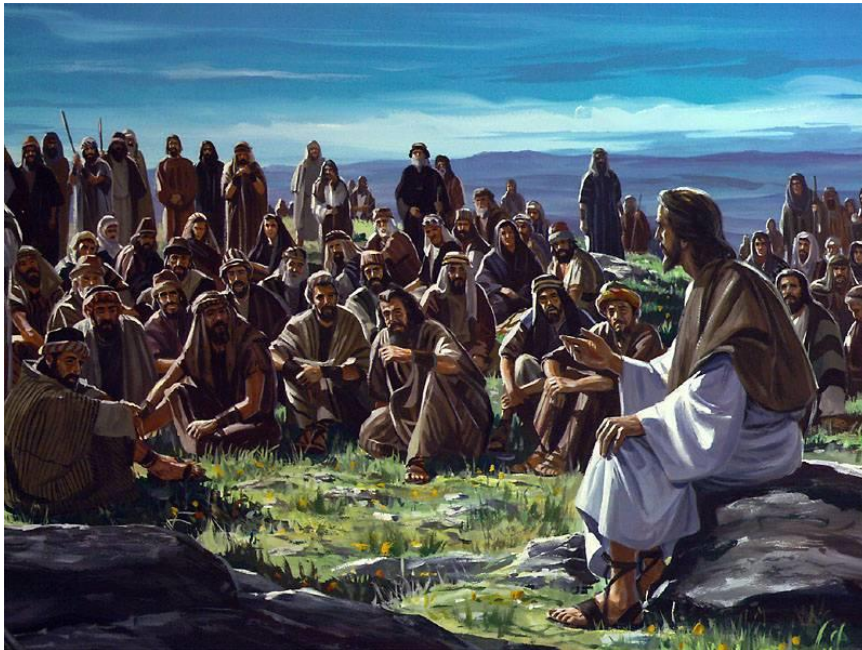
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Peter's day off is Friday - messages and emails left on Fridays will not be received by him until Saturday.



NEWSLETTER – 31st July 2022

This Week's Collect



Lord and giver of life, you alone nourish and sustain your people, through Christ, the bread of life. Feed our hunger and quench our thirst, that we may no longer work for what fails to satisfy, but do what you require, in obedience and faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Almighty God, your Son has opened for us a new and living way into your presence. Give us new hearts and constant wills to worship you in spirit and in truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

July 2022

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 (**no service at St James'**)
Thu 11th 9.30am-11.30am Morning Coffee
Sat 13th Coffee Morning
Sun 14th 10.30am Morning Worship – **Preacher Revd. Peter Hughes (All Age worship)**
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)**

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.

Farewell Service for Revd. Paul Wilson

Sunday 7th August

11 a.m.

Hope University Chapel

Join us to celebrate Revd. Paul's ministry in Liverpool South Circuit and to share our best wishes on his retirement.

Preacher: Revd. Dr Sheryl Anderson

The service will include Holy Communion and will be followed by a buffet lunch. All welcome!!

Just a reminder that St James' will not be open on Sunday 7th August for our usual Sunday service.

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.

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.



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.

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.



Welcome church PowerPoint slide

Liz Hudson is now collecting photographs to put into the Welcome Slide presentation that appears on the screens before worship begins each Sunday. A picture that may be beautiful, funny, thought-provoking or just one of your favourites, would be really welcomed as soon as possible. They'll be seen throughout August and September and credited to you, so please do dig out your photographic gems to share and send them to liz.hudson2@btinternet.com (NB: people pictures are fine, but please confirm you have the permission of the people in the photograph for it to be displayed in this way.) Many thanks, Liz.

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 (e.g., curry chilli). Tinned tinned, 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



Celebration of Brian Stocks' life

On Saturday 27th 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

Heavenly Lord, we stand today in Your grace and everlasting mercy.

It is only by Your solid will that we're here today to have this prayer and by Your grace, we come knocking with the rest of mind that you'll answer us.

Oh Lord, we pray in the stead of the sick and dying, that You be with them for all eternity.

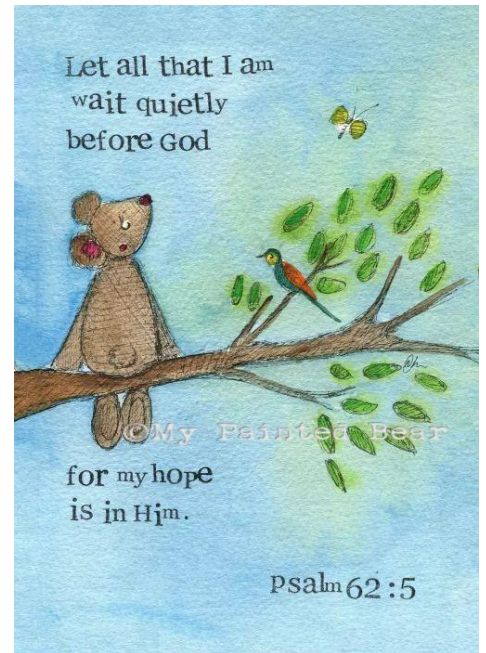
Turn Your sight, not from their souls, and take their hands in Yours as a father would, his sons and daughters.

God, in Your abode, nurture their souls for all eternity and be with all their goals in life.

We thank You for safeguarding them in this world and continuing to do so in the next.

Thank You for listening to our prayer—**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.

WORSHIPPING BY PHONE

This Sunday our preacher will be Revd. Peter Hughes

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 Graham Martin

Order of Worship:

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| • Welcome and notices | (Graham) |
| • Opening prayer | (Pat Fagan) |
| • Bible reading | (All) |
| • Lord's Prayer | (Revd Peter) |
| • Talk or "mini-sermon" | (Liz Hudson) |
| • Prayers | (Graham) |
| • Grace and dismissal. | |

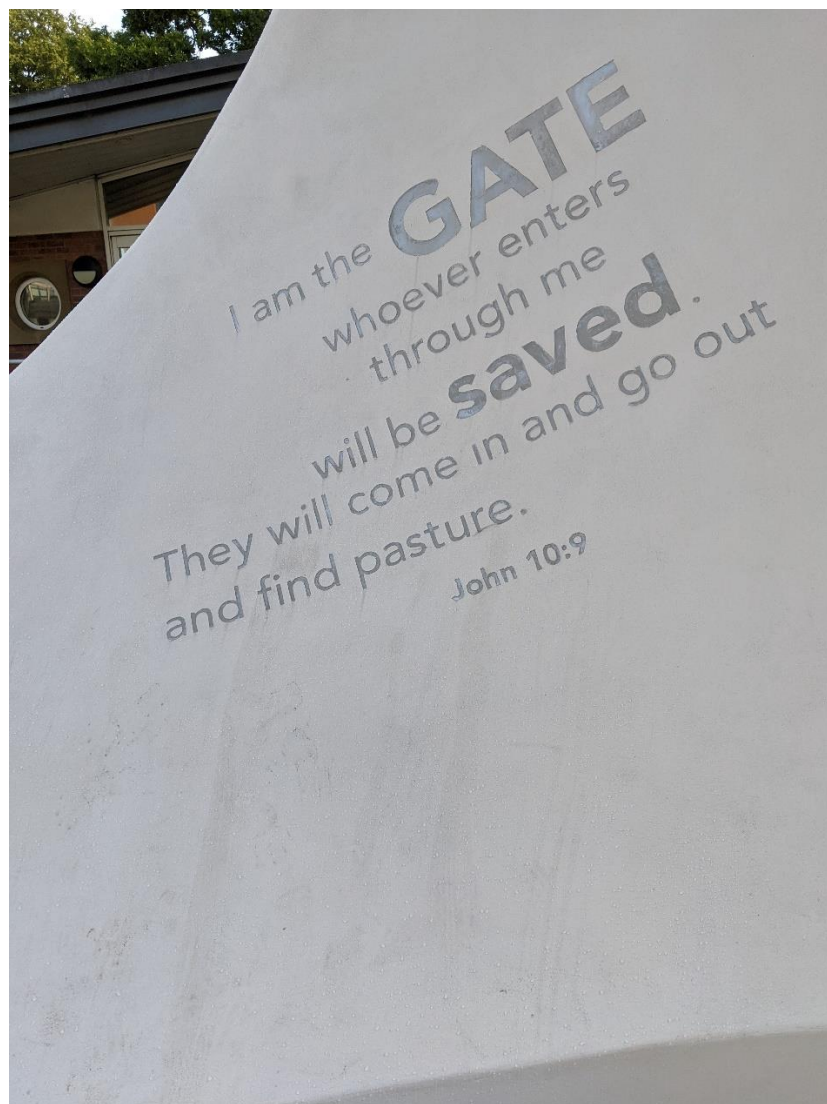
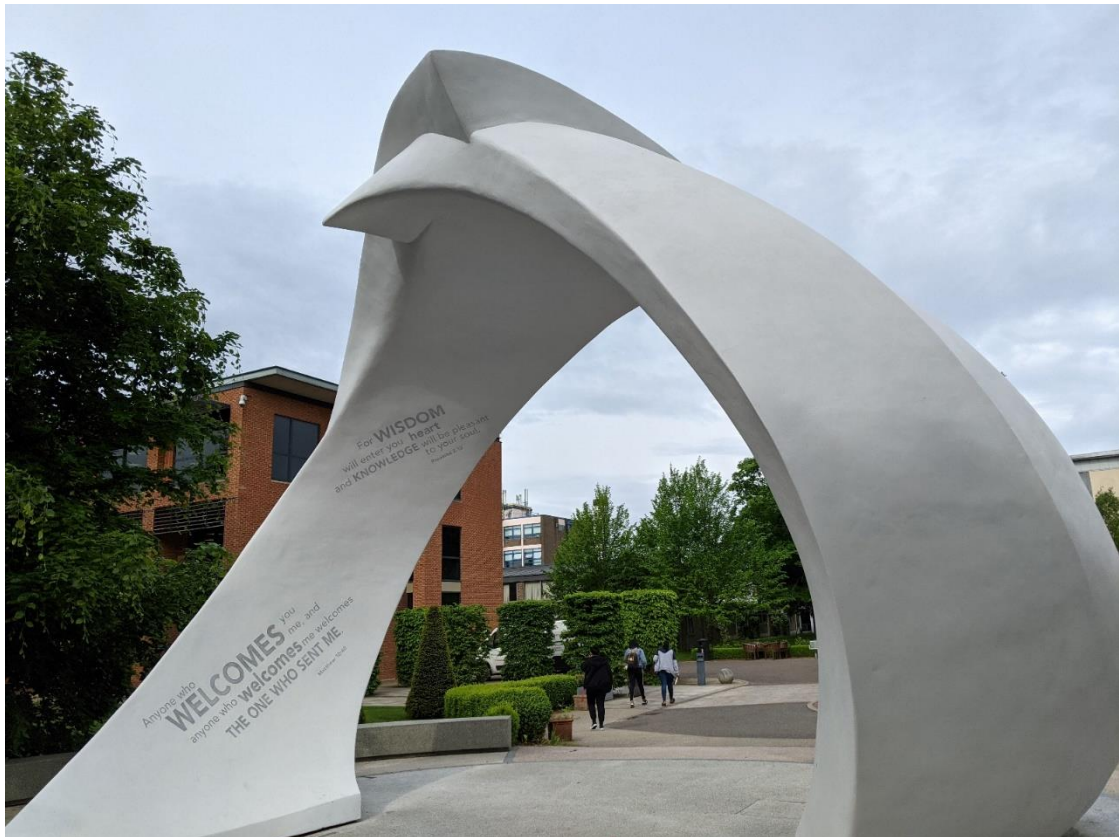


JMA boxes

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

These photos were taken by **Mike Hughes** of the Archway Gate to Hope University.



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

The Benevolent Fund collection at the communion service on 31st 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



Jane Laverty's walk, in aid of UNICEF

Thank you to everyone who offered their prayers, supports, kind wishes and donations for the sponsored walk-in aid of UNICEF.

To date we have raised a grand total of **£2,000** plus gift aid.

Jane Laverty



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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