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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 – October 9th 2022

This Week's Collect

Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Lord, in your goodness, open our eyes to your light, and so fill our hearts with your glory that we may always acknowledge Jesus as Saviour, and hold fast to his word in sincerity and truth. We make our prayer through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



Jesus heals ten lepers.

God of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things, graft in our hearts the love of your name, increase in us true religion, nourish in us all goodness and of your great mercy keep us in the same; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Minister's Message

Today, we rejoice with members of our sister Church at Garston Park as they celebrate their 150th Anniversary as well as the URC's 50th anniversary Jubilee. We thank God for those who stepped out in faith as the area of Garston was developing and expanding along with other parts of Liverpool in the late 19th century. We think of the faithfulness of those Christians over the years. Several of our St James Church members have their roots in the Garston area and were part of the Methodist and United Reformed Churches. Times like this are an opportunity to look forwards as well as backwards.

In all our Churches, including St James', there are challenges as well as opportunities in this "post pandemic" period. At our Church Council this week we will be discussing how we can become even more welcoming and diverse as well as the possibility of opening the building as a warm space at a new time during the week. At the same time, we are looking for volunteers to help with this and some other important roles within our Church.

God Bless, Peter.

Saturday coffee morning on October 8th – 10 a.m. – noon.
Tea, coffee, and lots of cake!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

	OCTOBER 2022
Thursday 6th	9.30 a.m. – 11.30 a.m. Coffee morning
Saturday 8th	10-12 noon Coffee Morning
Sunday 9th	10.30 a.m. Morning Worship – Liz Hudson. Harvest (AAW) Followed by tea and coffee.
Monday 10th	7.30 p.m. Steward Elders meeting
Wednesday 12th	1.30 - 2.30 p.m. Quiet Prayer Hour (in church)
Wednesday 12th	7.30 p.m. Bible Fellowship Group
Thursday 13th	9.30 a.m. – 11.30 a.m. Coffee morning
Thursday 13th	7.30 p.m. Church Council
Sunday 16th	10.30 a.m. Morning Worship – Revd. Peter Hughes
Monday 17th	10 a.m. Mission Action Group - planning meeting for the Christmas experience for school children.
Thursday 20th	9.30 a.m. – 11.30 a.m. Coffee morning
Sunday 23rd	10.30 a.m. Morning Worship – Revd. Peter Hughes
Thursday 27th	9.30 a.m. – 11.30 a.m. Coffee morning
Sunday 30th	10.30 a.m. Morning Worship – Revd. Peter Hughes (Holy Communion) Followed by tea and coffee.
<p>Quiet Prayer Times will now be held on the 2nd 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.</p> <p align="center">Drop-in for just a few minutes or stay for a while. Everyone welcome.</p>	



Sunday 6th November: Café Jam - spread some song across your heart. Praise God through songs, enjoy cake and fellowship. Here at St. James starting at 6.30. for more details contact Rita on 07838 or synodclerk@urcmerseysynod.or.uk

SATURDAY 19TH NOVEMBER – WINTER FAIR - 10.00 until 1.00. Morning coffee, Brunches, Raffles. Christmas Gifts. Yummy homemade cakes and jams. And lots more. *There will be an early visit from Father Christmas.*

Put the date in your diary now. Any help you can give will be very much appreciated – please ring Wendy on 07867795179. Tell your family and friends to book the date too!

Second Saturday of every month Coffee and Cake in the church.

Thank you for your tinned and packet food donations which are collected weekly and taken to the Whitechapel Centre for distribution. Did you know that socks are one of the most requested items by people who are homeless? Every year Whitechapel give out thousands of new pairs to people they are helping. So please join their *Socktober Campaign* and pop a pack of one or two pairs of warm new socks into your shopping trolley if you can. They will be very much appreciated (both men's and women's please).

Church Council - THIS Thursday 13th October 7.30pm

Our Church Council is meeting this week and all those who are members of the Council are reminded to attend.

Even if you are not a member of Church Council you are welcome to attend and participate in discussions, although only members of the Council can vote.

Included in this meeting's agenda will be a discussion on inclusiveness in our Church.

Church Open for Quiet and Prayer - THIS Wednesday 12th October 1.30 - 2.30pm

Everyone is welcome to come for a short time or the whole hour for a time of quiet and prayer in Church.

It is not a formal prayer meeting, just an opportunity to sit, enjoy the peace of our building, offer a silent prayer, and light a candle.

Job Vacancy - Church Treasurer

We have an urgent need to appoint a new Church Treasurer, as our current Treasurer has been in post for more than six years and has given notice that he will definitely be standing down in the near future. The role does NOT require you to count the collection every week - the Steward Elders cover this task.

The Treasurer has overall management of our Church finances and budgets, advising the Church Council on the state of our funds. The Treasurer completes the annual accounts, reporting to the Church Council and Circuit. It does not require a financial expert but some experience in this area is helpful.

Training and support will be available from the retiring Treasurer, Steve Elliott and the Circuit Treasurer, Roger Heath.

Please speak to our Treasurer if you are interested.

Job Vacancy - Authorised Person for Marriages

We have a vacancy for the Authorised Person for Marriages in our Church (including same sex ceremonies). The role involves attending Marriage ceremonies in order to complete the legal paperwork involved.

The Authorised Person witnesses the couples making their vows and, along with the couple, witnesses, and the Minister, signs the marriage forms which are returned to the Registry Office. It needs a person with an eye for detail and a friendly welcoming manner towards the couple and their guests. The Authorised Person works alongside the Minister.

In the last year we have had 3 Weddings at St James', so the role is an occasional one rather than a job that involves work every week.

Please speak to Peter Hughes if you may be interested.

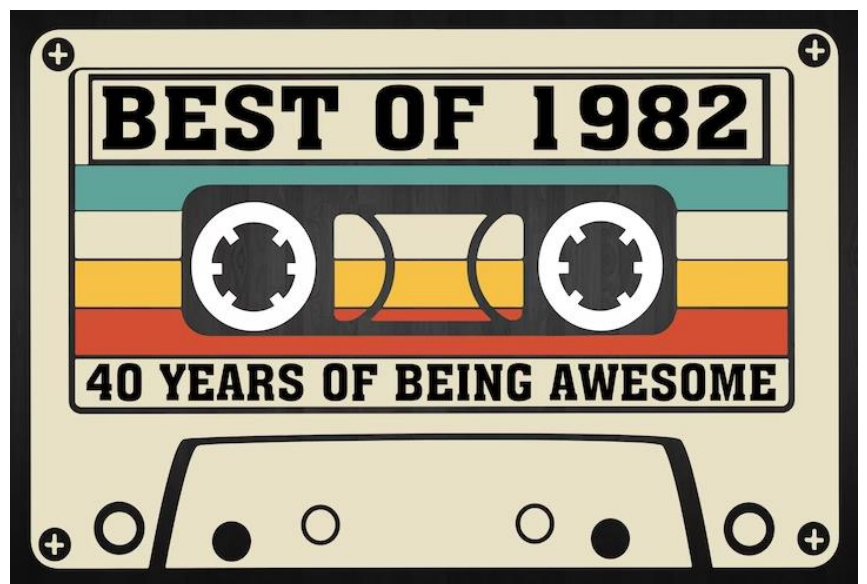
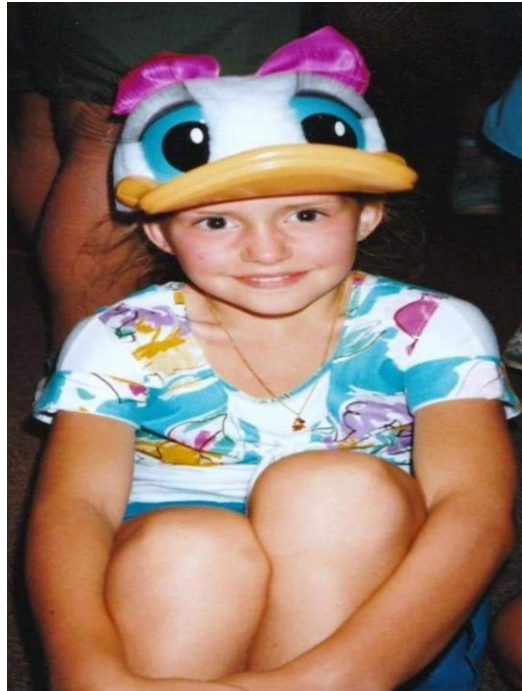


BIRTHDAYS

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 40th birthday to **Helen Ashelby**, who celebrates her special day on **Monday 10th October**. Have a truly wonderful day. Lots of love from all your family and friends.



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Harvest

Harvest thanksgiving will be celebrated this year on **Sunday October 9th**. As we give thanks for our blessings and share with others close to home and further away, please consider making donations in the following ways:

- 'All We Can' gift envelopes will be distributed on Sunday September 25th for cash donations for global concerns via the Methodist Church. Envelopes can be returned at any time up to, and especially during, the morning service on Sunday October 9th.
- Tins and packet goods will be gratefully received in the traditional way during the Harvest service on October 9th but can also be made before the start of other services throughout October.
- Cash donations for local causes can be made in person on October 9th or in advance via the Treasurer. Please see **Steve Elliott**.

The cash donations to the Treasurer and all the tinned and packet goods received will be distributed equally between our local food bank, the Whitechapel Centre and the two refuge/support centres St James supports regularly.

These can be difficult times for us all, and anything you can share with others at this time will be greatly appreciated.

Warm Spaces in Autumn and Winter - We need your help!

The current energy price crisis is causing many people to worry about the cost of heating their homes. Coming to a place such as a Church or public building can be a way for people to keep warm for free.

We are considering opening our buildings during the Autumn and winter for one session a week (possibly a Tuesday afternoon from 2 – 4pm) so that people can come and enjoy a warm place and a warm drink, rather than sitting at home in the cold.

This would be in addition to our Thursday Coffee Morning which remains open to all each week in Church. To do this we would need a small team of volunteers who would be willing to open up, welcome people and serve drinks. If you would be willing to help with this, hopefully on a rota basis. Please, contact Revd. Peter Hughes as soon as possible

PRAYERS NEEDED

Most gracious and loving Father, I want to thank You for all the blessings You've given me, my family, and friends and all those I hold dear.

Thank You Lord for giving me another day to see the beauty of your creations.

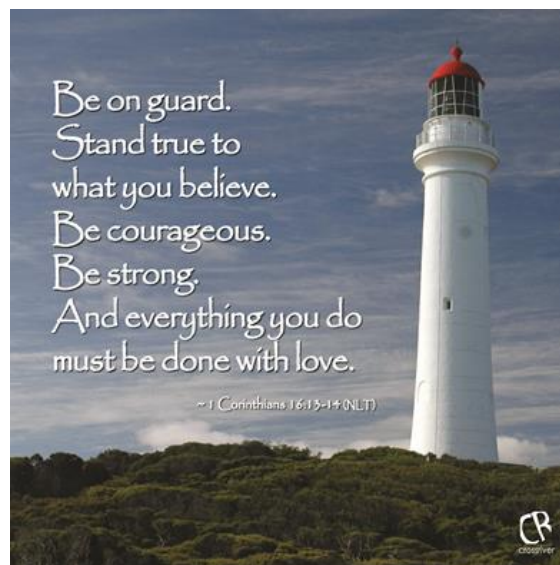
You know the state of crisis that I am in now Lord.

I want to be of use again to You, Lord. In the time of my hospitalization, You Lord remain as my rock and my anchor.

You stand as my lighthouse giving me hope.

I pray Lord that you will heal me soon.

In Jesus name, Amen.



We also pray for Billy Lamb, Arthur Evans, Joan Greenall, Ray and Sue Stenning, Elizabeth Draper, Bob and Janet Rowlands, Rogers Phillips, Gareth and Zarah Hughes, Graham Martin, Heather Hughes and Dave and Madge Tilly.

Clarice Rogers

The funeral of **Clarice Rogers** will take place on Friday 14th of October (10.45 a.m.) at St James'.

History of Saint James

St James the Greater was one of the disciples of Jesus Christ and thought to be the cousin of Jesus himself, as the son of the sister of the Virgin Mary and the brother of St. Jude Thaddeus. He worked as a fisherman with his brother, John, his father, Zebedee, and his partner, Simon. John and James were followers of John the Baptist and later, Jesus.

James, along with his brother John, left life as a fisherman when Jesus called him to be a “fisher of men”. He followed Jesus as one of his disciples until Jesus was crucified by the Romans. Following the crucifixion of Jesus Christ, James made a pilgrimage to the Iberian Peninsula to spread the word of Jesus. He was named by Jesus as one of the Sons of Thunder.

Death and Relics of Saint James

When he returned to Judea, he was beheaded by King Herod Agrippa I in the year 44AD. This is detailed in the Bible in Acts 12 of the New Testament, “King Herod extended his hands to harm certain ones from the church. ² He killed James the brother of John with the sword. ³ Seeing that it pleased the Jews, he proceeded further to arrest Peter also,” (Act 12 Modern English Version).



The remains, or relics, of St James the Greater, were then transported by his followers to the Iberian Peninsula (today's Galicia in Spain) and are said to be buried in Santiago de Compostela, which is why St James the Greater is now the patron saint of Spain. According to legend, his body, along with his followers, sailed to the Iberian Peninsula on a rudderless ship with no sail. Landing on the northwest coast of the peninsula they proceeded up the River Ulla to land at Iria Flavia, (modern-day Padron). The Celtic Queen Lupia ruled

these lands, and when asked by James' followers if they could bury his body she refused and sent troops after them. While chasing the followers of James with his body across a bridge, it collapsed, killing her troops.

Queen Lupia then converted to Christianity and provided an ox and cart for the followers of James to transport the body. Unsure of where they should bury the sacred remains, his followers prayed on this and decided to let the ox continue until it chose a place to rest. After pausing at a stream, the ox finally came to rest under an oak tree at the top of a hill. It's here that the Cathedral of Santiago stands today.

Why is Saint James a Saint?

There are two categories of saints – martyrs and confessors. A Christian martyr is regarded as one who is put to death for his Christian faith or convictions. Confessors are people who died natural deaths.

St James the Greater died in AD 44 after beheading by King Herod, making him a martyr. St James is also widely recognised as the first apostle to be martyred.

St James the Greater is the patron saint of both pilgrims and the nation of Spain. His Feast Day is on the 25th July.



Liverpool with Mike Hughes

First colours of Autumn at Calder stones Park. **Mike.**



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.



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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HARVEST

FESTIVAL 2022