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**NEWSLETTER – 23rd January 2022**

***This Week's Collect***



"Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit, and news of him spread throughout the whole region.  
He taught in their synagogues and was praised by all"  
(**Luke 4:14-15**).

Loving God, through your Son you have called us to repent of our sin, to believe the good news, and to celebrate the coming of your kingdom. Grant that we may hear the call to discipleship and gladly proclaim the gospel to a waiting world; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Third Sunday after the Epiphany**

Almighty God, whose Son revealed in signs and miracles the wonder of your saving love: renew all your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by your mighty power; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Minister's Message**

Hello everyone,

I hope you have all had a good week and have enjoyed the bright winter sunshine. The news this week has been marked by controversy which seems to me to be unduly focused on exposing the failings and weaknesses of people on both sides of the political divide. It all seems to be about who can catch who out. Saying sorry and changing your mind seem to be seen as negatives rather than positives.

When Jesus spoke in the Synagogue in Nazareth, he wanted people to be sorry for the things that were wrong and ready to change to a new way of thinking and living. He challenged the congregation to believe that God's time was here and now, that the Kingdom of God would bring hope, justice and freedom for all. Many people found Jesus's challenge too hard to take but those who did believe were empowered to change the world.

I hope that whatever our differing views may be, we will work together and so be agents of change for the better in our Church and our world.

**God Bless Peter**

**UPCOMING PREACHERS**

**Sunday January 16<sup>th</sup> Liz Hudson (St James') Revd. Peter Hughes (phone)**



## ***Pictures from Peter***

This week I managed to get out on to the Leeds and Liverpool Canal for a bracing walk from Blackburn to Hapton. As you can see from the pictures, Blackburn's mills did not look dark or satanic. It was good to see the mills and mosques blending in together and complementing each other. Soon I had left the city and was out in the beautiful Lancashire countryside with far reaching views across the hills and moors. There's nothing like a picnic by the canal to make you appreciate the joys of winter!



## WORSHIP AT ST. JAMES'

There are now 3 ways in which you can enjoy our Sunday morning services.

- By attending St James'
- Via telephone
- Via Zoom



All details and information are below.

**Please use the Zoom link below**

**Joining from 10.15 for a 10.30 am start – Liz Hudson**

Either click on this link:

<https://zoom.us/j/5913455610?pwd=aVdZcFpaZVVaMDdsZ1BiR3lhRE1yQTo9>

Meeting ID: 591 345 5610

Passcode: 12466

We hope to see you there.

If you want to listen in to the Service on Sunday, dial the above number, then PIN and listen in. You can chat up to 10.30, but when the service starts everyone will be “muted” to avoid feedback/noise.

**Also from St. James Church: - Invitation to Telephone Worship  
(And every Sunday until the end of November)**

**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:

**The Host for this service is Graham Martin**

**Order of Worship:**

- **Welcome and notices:**
- **Opening prayer**
- **Bible reading**
- **Lord’s Prayer**
- **Talk or “mini-sermon” (Revd. Peter Hughes)**
- **Prayers**
- **Grace and dismissal.**



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.

**God Bless Graham Martin**

Communications officer (and local preacher) St. James Church

[Call me on 0151-222-5832 or 07712-525239 if you have any questions.]



## ***DATES FOR YOUR DIARY***

### ***HARMONY CAFÉ at St James'***

Come and join us at 6.30 pm on Sunday 30th January to sing some favourite hymns and worship songs to start the year.

Due to Covid safety measures, we won't be able to share refreshments this time, seating will be appropriately distanced and masks will need to be worn for the singing.

You will receive a warm welcome though and our voices will be raised together in, slightly quieter, praise! Doors open at 6.00 pm.

Please let Lynne or Roy Barker know if you plan to attend or have any questions on 0151 421 1218 or email: [the\\_barkers\\_88@hotmail.com](mailto:the_barkers_88@hotmail.com)

### **Roy Barker & Friends Christmas Sing-along**

Thank you to those who supported the Christmas Concert, a good time was had by all, and who made additional donations for the Foodbank.

#### **The final figures are in:**

£400.00 has been sent to South Liverpool Foodbank via Bankuet (for every £1 donated through Bankuet, more than £1 worth of food is delivered to the Foodbank, thanks to bulk buying)

£335.28 will go to St James' Church Development Fund



Interested in emotional and mental wellbeing and a good listener? **PeerTalk** is looking for volunteer facilitators for its new peer support group for people living with anxiety / depression in Knowsley.

Training Day is on Sat 5th Feb, 10am – 4pm in Manchester (travel costs reimbursed). More details at [www.peertalk.org.uk/volunteer-with-us](http://www.peertalk.org.uk/volunteer-with-us) or contact [enquiries@peertalk.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@peertalk.org.uk) Closing date for applications is 28th Jan

**PeerTalk** is a registered charity, initially funded by the Methodist Church, and is expanding its reach nationally to support people living with mental distress and overwhelm. A brand new peer support group is launching in Huyton. It'll meet every Wednesday morning, 11am – 12.30pm at The Old School House, St John's Road, Huyton, LS36 0UX, starting at the end of February. The need for this kind of support is clearly evident in these difficult times. It is good to see the peer support offering hope to those in a difficult place.

If you can help us spread the word by sharing this opportunity through your networks, church bulletins or through other social media, such as Facebook, that alone would help. You can see our Facebook post here: <https://www.facebook.com/PeerTalk1/posts/2737352446409916>

Thank you in advance for any support you're able to offer.

Kind regards Rosa Trelfa Director of Operations

## ***PHOTOGRAPHS AND FAVOURITE WORDS – have you any to share?***

Regulars at church on Sunday mornings may have noticed that the picture slides shown before worship change every few weeks. The words and pictures come from lots of different places and try to fit in with the seasons, or special times in the church year. We are now looking at refreshing them for February / March and April / May.

Do you have photographs which reflect nature in these months or interesting, memorable or important moments in your life in the period up to Easter, which you are willing to share? (You must own the picture and be able to give permission to use it in church in this way).

Or maybe you have a favourite bible verse – which could be put with the one of the pictures to help everyone reflect and prepare for worship - about 20 words would be ideal.

If you do, please contact Liz on 07866 213330 or e-mail your words and pictures to [liz.hudson2@btinternet.com](mailto:liz.hudson2@btinternet.com) as soon as you can. Then get ready to come to church and see your contributions on screen. In hope, and with love and thanks to you all. Liz

### ***Birthdays.***

For those who are celebrating a birthday this week, wishing you a wonderful time ahead.

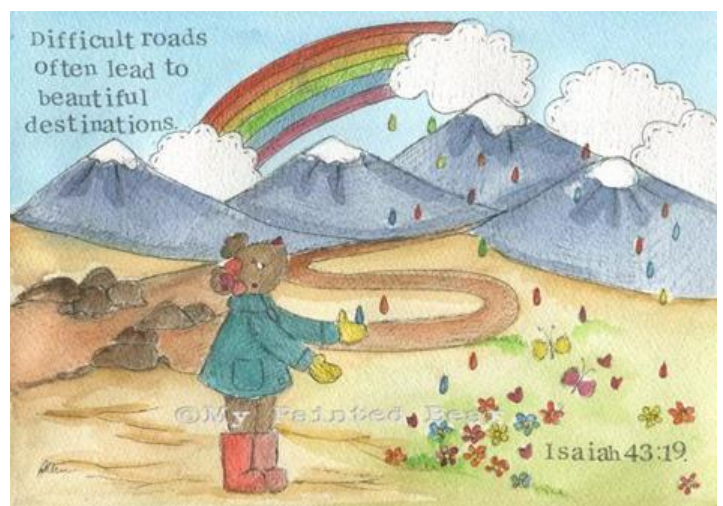
Happy, happy birthday,  
That's my birthday wish for you,  
I hope your day brings you joy,  
Whatever you plan to do.  
Live each moment to the fullest,  
Every single moment is dear,  
This is the time to remember,  
You only get one birthday a year.



Wishing both Doreen Parker and Dot Woods, many happy returns this week. With love from your church family.

### ***PRAYERS***

Father of goodness of love,  
Hear our prayers for the sick members of our church family and for all who are in need. Amid mental and physical suffering may they find consolation in your healing presence. Show your mercy as you close wounds, cure illness, make broken bodies whole and free downcast spirits. May these special people find lasting health and deliverance and so join us in thanking you for all your gifts. We ask this through the Lord Jesus who healed those who believed.  
**Amen.**



We continue to pray for Christine Salmon and her family, Margaret Peacop and her family Ken Kitchen, John and Sylvia Pagan, Pat Fagan, Alix Bedford, Mike Hughes and Arthur Evans.

We continue to pray for those who need our prayers at this time due to ill health, struggling with mental health and all difficult situations.

### **Call to Worship**

We are called to be a part of Christ's team the Church. God is glorified when we can depend on each other.

### **Hymn: StF403 God is love**

Sing/ Read /pray /proclaim the words or listen to it here <https://youtu.be/yz8ESRxoOM>

God is love: his the care, tending each, everywhere. God is love -- all is there!  
Jesus came to show him, that we all might know him:

***Sing aloud, loud, loud!***

***Sing aloud, loud, loud!***

***God is good!***

***God is truth!***

***God is beauty! Praise him!***

None can see God above; neighbours here we can love; thus, may we Godward move, finding him in others, sisters all, and brothers:

Jesus came, lived and died for our sake, crucified, rose again, glorified; he was born to save us by the truth he gave us:

To our Lord praise we sing -- light and life, friend and king, coming down love to bring, pattern for our duty, showing God in beauty:

*Percy Dearmer (1867-1936)*

### **Let us pray together**

We praise and adore you, Creator God.

Young and old, women and men, of all races, cultures and nations we praise and adore you.

We praise and adore you Jesus, our Redeemer.

With those who have gone before us, those who will come after us and those around us today we praise and adore you.

We praise and adore you Holy Spirit.

For your guiding and inspiring, for your warming and abiding we praise and adore you.

We praise and adore our God, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

We give thanks for the community of your Church, O God.

For differences in gifting and serving, for the marvellous variety at the heart of who we are.

for the example and inspiration of your faithful people and most of all for the life, death and resurrection of Jesus we offer to you our deepest gratitude.

**Amen.**

We call to mind the ways in which we have fallen short of your expectations for us.

For the times when we put our needs before others, forgive us.

When we fail to listen to the wise words of others, forgive us.

When we do not want to be a part of any group or team, forgive us.

We rejoice that Jesus gives us his gracious word: 'Your sins are forgiven'.

**Amen**

### **Today's Reading from the New Testament**

1 Corinthians 12.12-31a

## Today's Gospel Reading:

Luke 4.14-21

### Time to Reflect

*If one part suffers, every part suffers with it; if one part is honoured, every part rejoices with it.*

Once upon a time I had a hero. An all-American boy who rode a bike. Who suffered a terrible cancer and yet was able to come back a winner. Who had the grace to say it's not about the bike. Who even took a cameo role in a film as himself, an inspiration.

This hero was embodied in his team. He was only as good as his trainer, physio, mechanic, dietician, manager and doctor. They had to act as one body and each play their part.

*In the church God has appointed first of all apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then workers of miracles, also those having gifts of healing, those able to help others, those with gifts of administration, and those speaking in different kinds of tongues.* In the Church we all have our roles, our tasks to perform.

My hero was invited to talk not just to an audience, but to millions who would watch listen and hear. He admitted the truth, his whole career was based on dishonesty, clever cheating and innumerable lies, like a lance through the heart of all that had appeared to be good and honest and was not.

In contrast Jesus went into the Synagogue in the place where he was known best and read from the Prophet Isaiah. By this reading from the past, he proclaimed not what he had done, but what he was like, what was going on and what he would do. His words proved to be good, honest and reliable. He was who claimed to be.

It's kind of sad when you lose a hero. It's great though to be a part of God's church and to share with others in Christ's team.

### Take a time to sit quietly

#### A time of prayer

In this week of prayer for Christian Unity we pray for the Church in every part of the world. That the Church will be united in mission and service to the world.

We pray also for the world, knowing that for resources to be equally shared the world has to be made up of equals. We pray for an equalization of the wealth and wellbeing of our world.

Having reflected on how good it is to feel part of a team, we pray for those who feel left out of the church or cast aside by society. We pray for those on the margins and for those who work for inclusion.

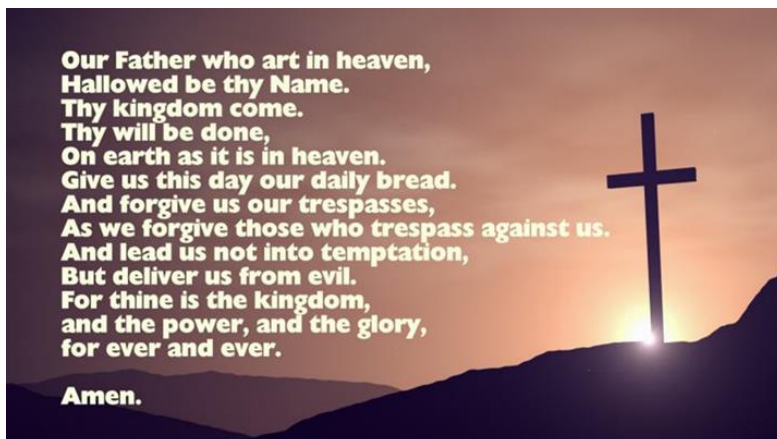
We call to our minds those we know who are unwell, at home or in hospital.

We remember with thanksgiving those who have been important to us on our own journeys of life and faith. We pray that in the fullness of time you will bring us with them into God's house with many rooms, where all can live together in eternal peace and unity.

Our prayers we offer in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

### The Lord's Prayer

Our Father .....



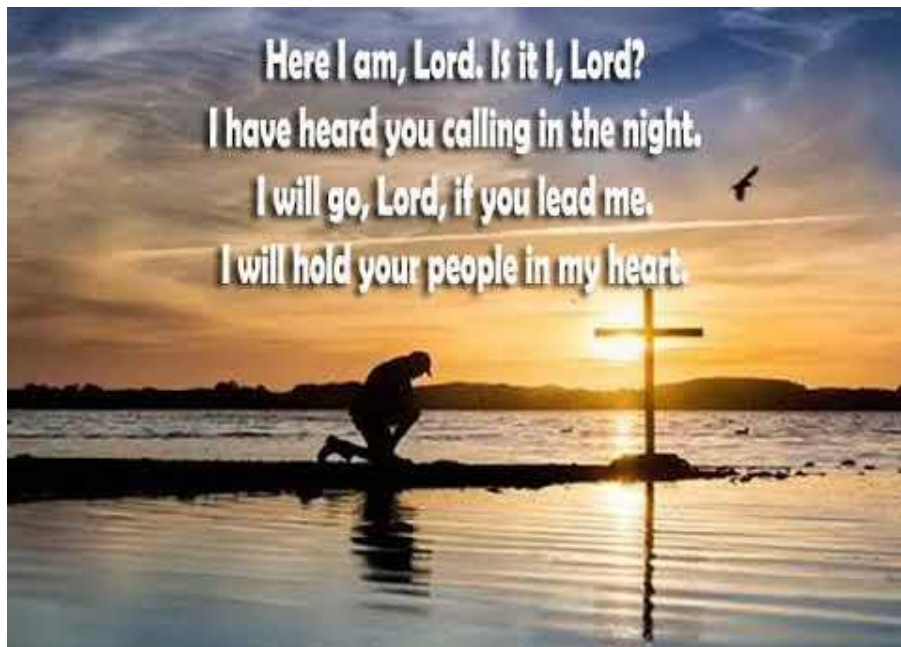


Hymn: Listen to StF663 I, the Lord of sea and sky  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2zr9SMm1gII>

I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.  
All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.  
I, who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.  
Who will bear my light to them?  
Whom shall I send?  
Here I am, Lord.  
Is it I, Lord?  
I have heard you calling in the night.  
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.  
I will hold your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain.  
I have wept for love of them.  
They turn away.  
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone.  
I will speak my word to them.  
Whom shall I send?

I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.  
I will set a feast for them.  
My hand will save.  
Finest bread I will provide till their hearts are satisfied.  
I will give my life to them.  
Whom shall I send?



### **A prayer of blessing**

May God the Father bless us.  
May God the Son bless us.  
May God the Holy Spirit bless us.  
So may the blessing of God who is one in three and three in one bind us together in unity, now and forever.

**Amen.**

*Daniel L. Schutte (b. 1947)*



## 1 Corinthians 12:12-31

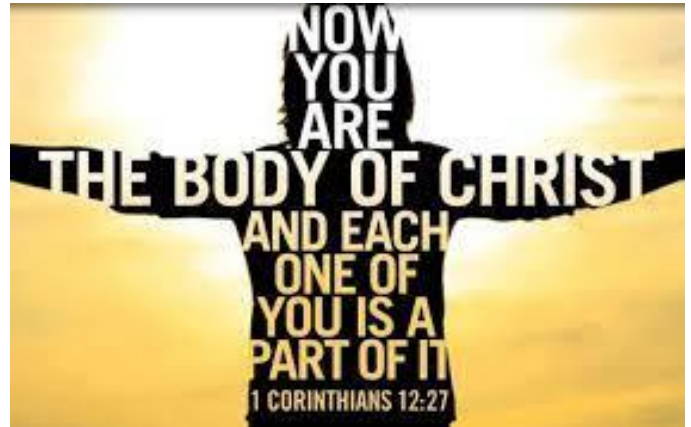
### One Body with Many Members

12 For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ.

13 For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

14 Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. 15 If the foot were to say, 'Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body', that would not make it any less a part of the body. 16 And if the ear were to say, 'Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body', that would not make it any less a part of the body.

17 If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? 18 But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. 19 If all were a single member, where would the body be? 20 As it is, there are many members, yet one body. 21 The eye cannot say to the hand, 'I have no need of you', nor again the head to the feet, 'I have no need of you.' 22 On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, 23 and those members of the body that we think less honourable we clothe with greater honour, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; 24 whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honour to the inferior member, 25 that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. 26 If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honoured, all rejoice together with it. 27 Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. 28 And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. 29 Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? 30 Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? 31 But strive for the greater gifts. And I will show you a still more excellent way.



### Luke 4:14-21

#### The Beginning of the Galilean Ministry

14 Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. 15 He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

#### The Rejection of Jesus at Nazareth

16 When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, 17 and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

18 'The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, 19 to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour.'

20 And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him.

21 Then he began to say to them, 'Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.'



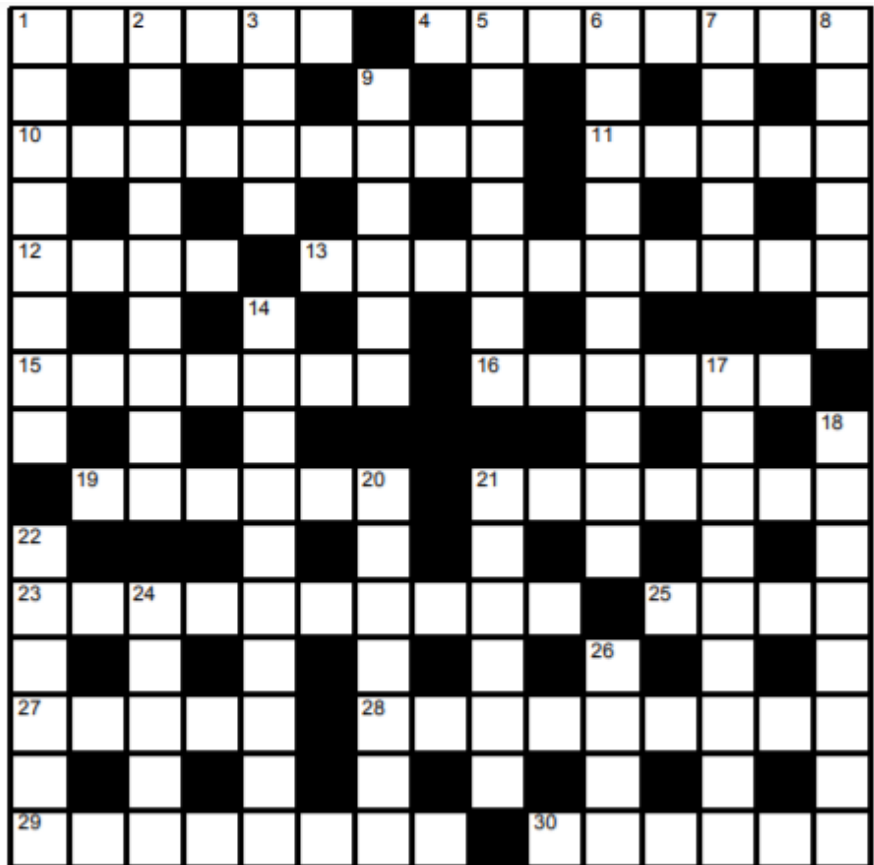
## THIS WEEK'S CROSSWORD

### 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)

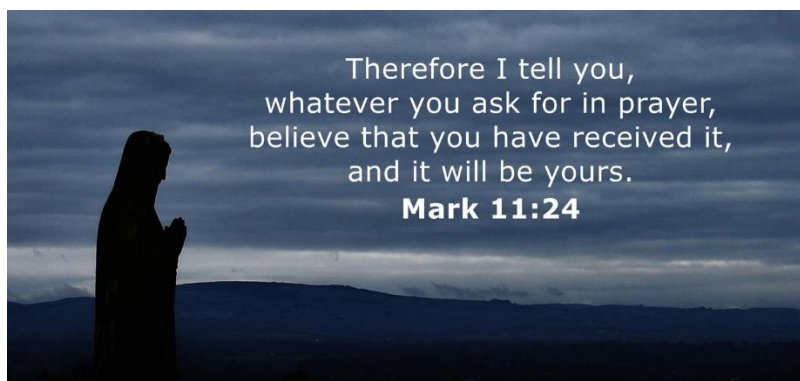
20 Joseph, perhaps? (7)

21 Tiny amount (6)

22 Jesus did this with  
 authority (6)

24 Last letter of the Greek  
 alphabet (5)

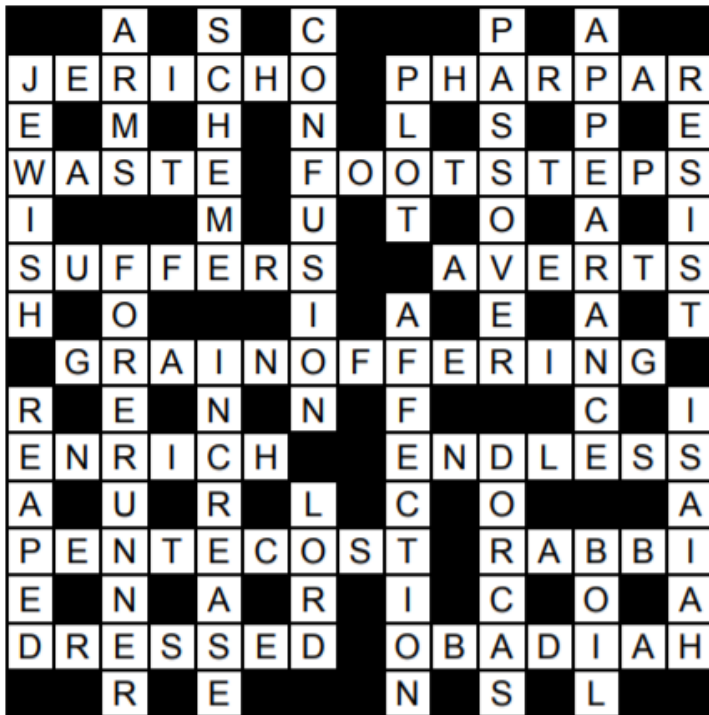
26 Province of the Roman  
 Empire (4)



Therefore I tell you,  
 whatever you ask for in prayer,  
 believe that you have received it,  
 and it will be yours.

**Mark 11:24**

## LAST WEEK'S CROSSWORD ANSWERS



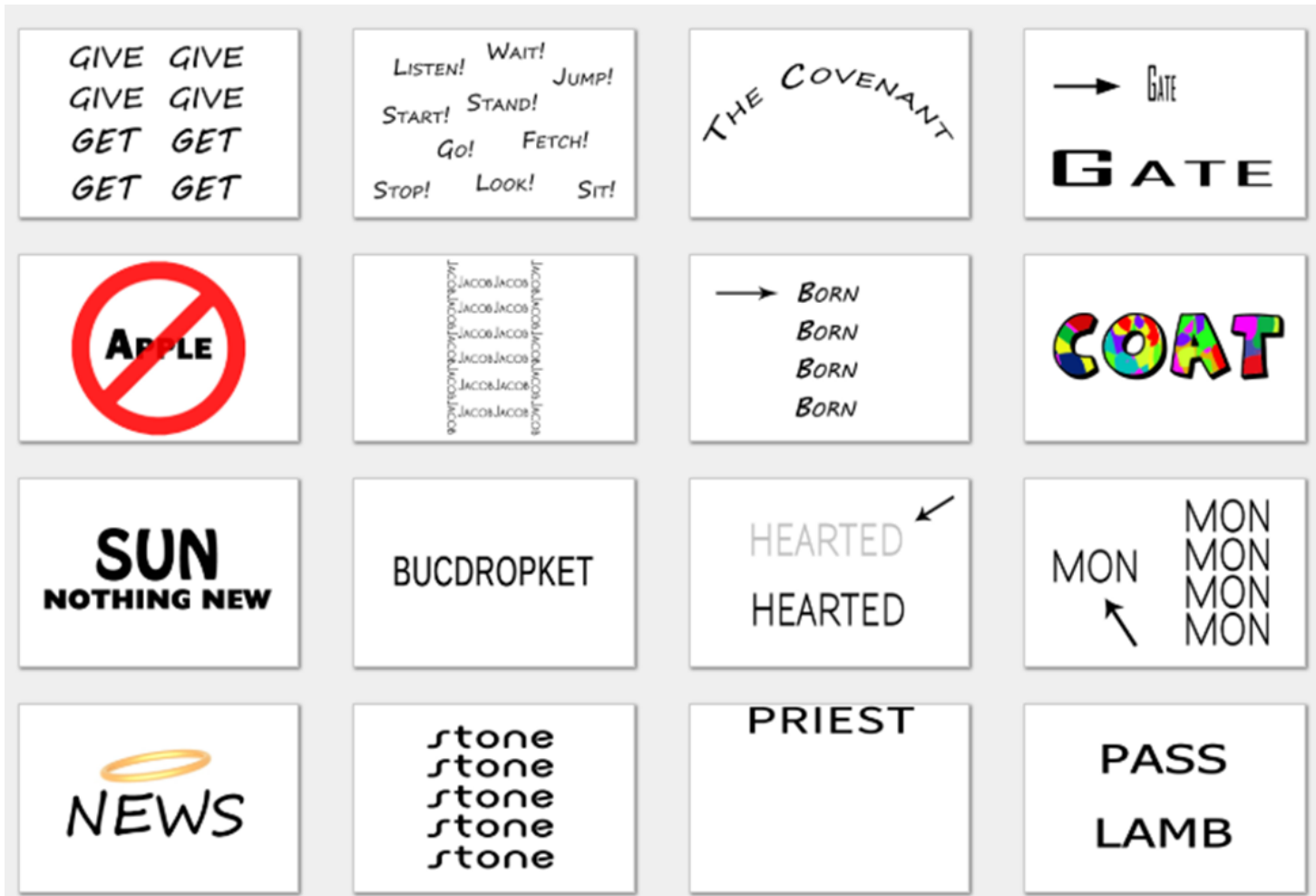
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Down: 1 Arms, 2 Scheme, 3 Confusion, 4 Passover, 5 Appearance, 6 Jewish, 7 Plot, 8 Resist, 12 Forerunner, 14 Affection, 16 Increase, 17 Reaped, 18 Isaiah, 21 Dorcas, 22 Lord, 25 Boil.

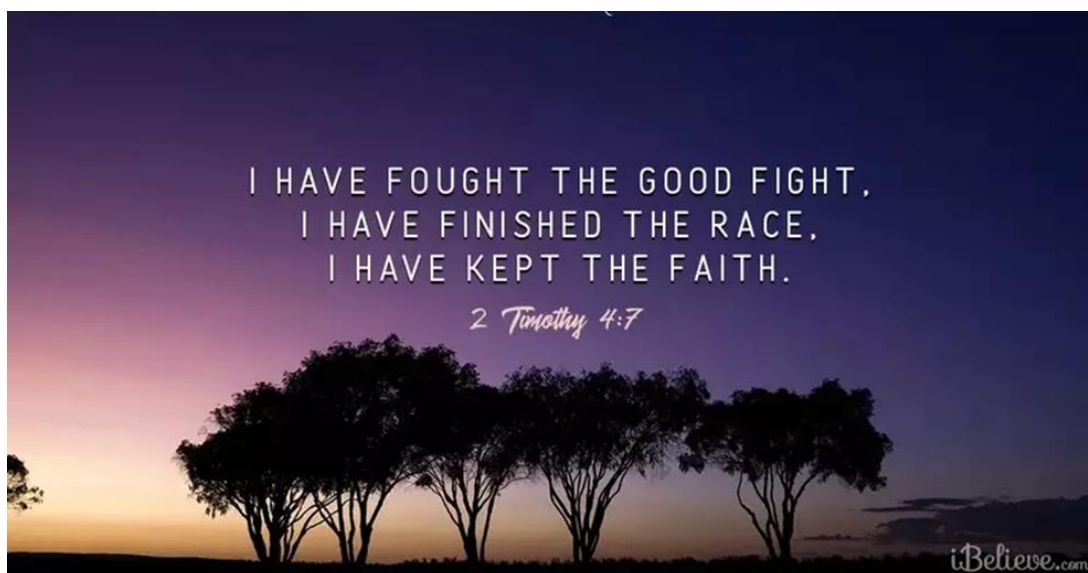
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## ST JAMES' BIBLE DINGBATS

The say what you see puzzle. Work your way across each row. Answers next week. Enjoy!







### **PROGRAMMES YOU MAY ENJOY – Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> January**

#### **6:00 – 9:30 a.m. Radio Merseyside: Daybreak**

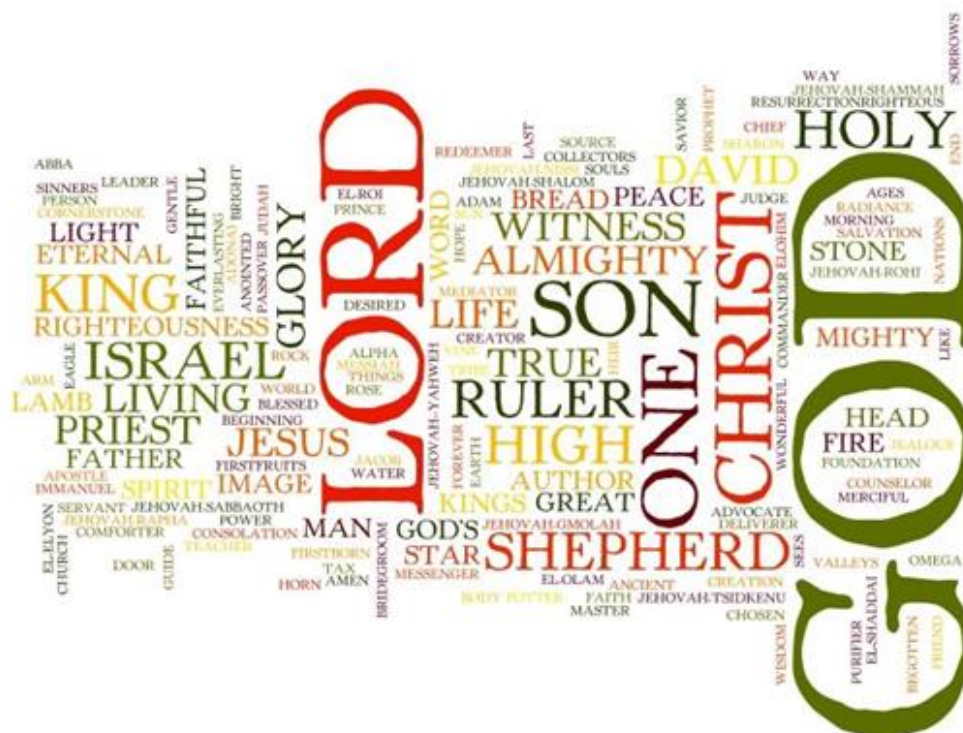
Helen Jones brings you the Sunday magazine reflecting Merseyside's worlds of faith.

#### **8.10 a.m. Radio 4: Transformational Friendship**

In the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Belfast Presbyterian minister, Steve Stockman and Roman Catholic Priest, Martin Magill reflect on how friendship can be transformational.

#### **13.15 BBC 1 Songs of Praise: The Power of the Bible**

The Rev Kate Bottley meets Christians who have experienced how the power of the Bible can change lives, and Gemma Hunt visits a Messy Church.



### **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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