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NEWSLETTER 11th April – 2021

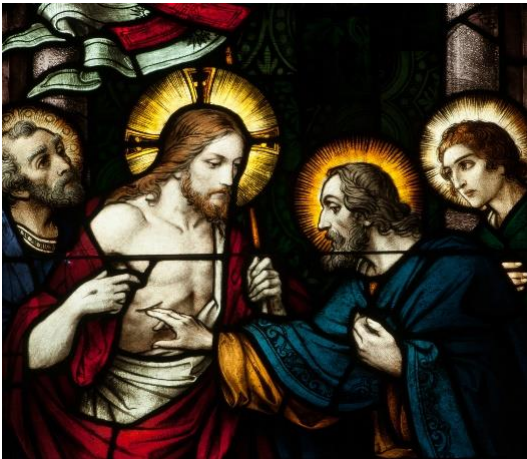


Faithful God, the strength of all who believe and the hope of those who doubt; may we, who have not seen, have faith and receive the fullness of Christ's blessing; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Second Sunday of Easter

God of the prophets, you fulfilled your promise that Christ would suffer and rise to glory. Open our minds to understand the scriptures that we may be his witnesses to the ends of the earth. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. Amen.

MESSAGE FROM THE MINISTER



The Easter message is so special and so much at the heart of our faith that we celebrate not just for 40 days (like Lent) but for 50 days - from now until Pentecost - 23rd May. The Risen Jesus is the reason why we are Christians, who we have hope for this life and for the future.

Today we think of Thomas, who missed the opportunity to see Jesus on Easter Sunday. A week later he got his chance. His response was "My Lord, and my God". May we worship Jesus as our Lord and God today, wherever it is that we are. May we not miss out on experiencing the presence of Jesus who walks with us and talks with us along life's narrow way.

Like Thomas, we may have questions to ask and problems to work through. We may be going through a time of loss and struggling to find hope. Jesus welcomes our questions and comforts us as a friend. I pray that this will be true for you today.

God Bless Peter.

UPCOMING PREACHERS

Sunday April 11th

Revd. Peter Hughes (Zoom) & Andrew Gillespie (Telephone)

Sunday April 18th

Andrew Gillespie (Zoom) & Revd. Peter Hughes (Telephone)

Sunday April 25th

Revd. Peter Hughes & Chris Bolton (Telephone)

Picture from our Church Railings.

This week again, our picture focuses on the light radiating from the tomb. The words tell us that it is at the very time when everything seems dark and hopeless that the resurrection light and life of Jesus shines out.



**When everything was dark
and it seemed that the sun would never shine again,
your love broke through.
Your love was too strong,
too wide,
too deep
for death to hold.
The sparks cast by your love
dance and spread
and burst forth
with resurrection light.**

SUNDAY SERVICES AT ST. JAMES'

Morning Worship at St. James is now being held as a “Zoom” service.

Joining from 10.45 for an 11am start – Preacher: Revd. Peter Hughes

Either click on this link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5913455610?pwd=R3RFV1RWU2NpKzJ1cTM1VFJ2STk4UT09>

Meeting ID: 591 345 5610

Passcode: 6WbLRw

We hope to see you there.

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

This Sunday our preacher will be Andy Gillespie.

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:

- **Welcome and opening prayer**
- **Bible reading,**
- **Lord’s Prayer,**
- **Talk or “mini-sermon” – By Andy Gillespie**
- **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.

If there is a lot of “noise” during your session you can mute everyone’s telephones by pressing #5 – but please unmute – by again pressing #5 – at the end of your contribution.

PLEASE NOTE: Where a preacher provides a copy of the words of their sermon, we will include this (after it has been preached) with our Church Notices and other Worship Material. – We do not want to waste a good sermon! even if it arrives a few days after it was preached.

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]

CHURCH AGM

Our Church AGM is on Tuesday **THIS WEEK** - 13th April. This will be held on Zoom and everyone is invited. The log in details will be the same as you use for Sunday Worship.

Please join us as we reflect on the last year in the life of our Church and as we elect our Steward Elders - new and continuing.

PRAYERS NEEDED

Heavenly Father, it hurts so bad. Dull the pain with Your love.

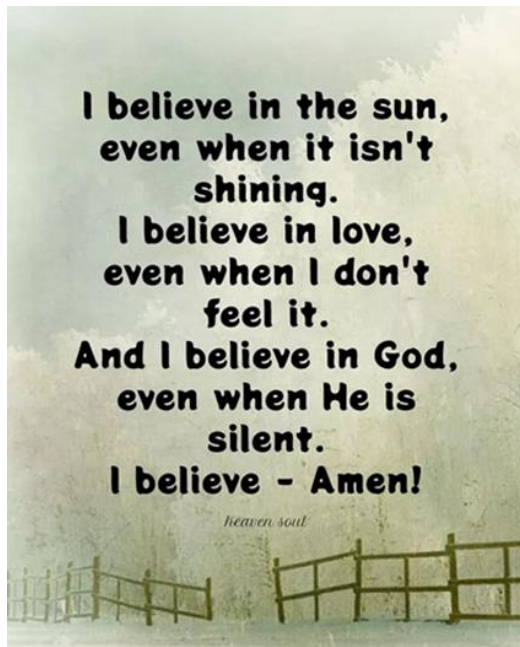
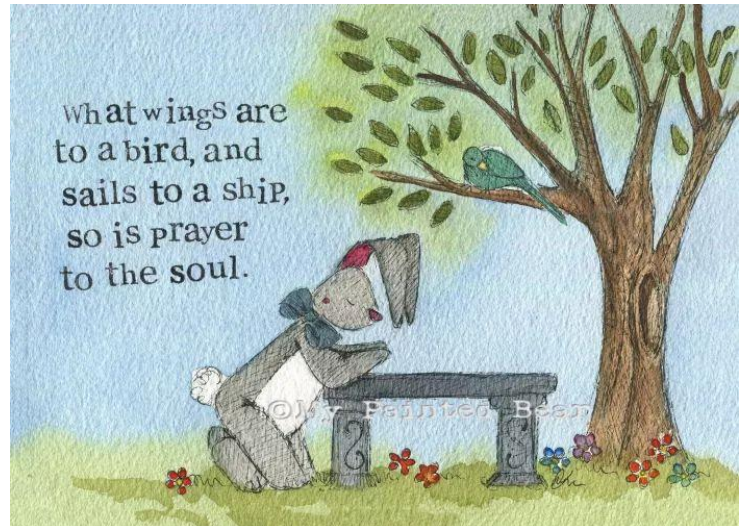
Blur the sharp edges by reminding me that from bad comes good. Help me appreciate that after the sorrow, joy is sweeter.

I look forward to better times. I can endure anything with You by my side. Amen.

Lord of Heaven, I rest underneath your mighty wings of love. I dwell within your gentle heart. I know there is healing in your touch. Through the sufferings of Christ, I can ask for restoration and trust in your goodness.

You are my Lord, my Saviour, My healer and my friend. I dwell within your gentle embrace.

Amen.



Special prayers for **Dorothy Woods** who is in Ward 7b of the Royal University Hospital with DVT (deep vein thrombosis). Here's to a speedy recovery.

The funeral of Chas Moister takes place, this Thursday 8th April at Springwood Crematorium. Whilst numbers inside the chapel are restricted due to Covid, if any of our church family wish to pay their respects we will meet outside at 2.45pm.

After an amazing century of life **Eva Lloyd-Jones** passed to glory on the 31st of March 2021.

The funeral will be on the 15th of April 11 a.m. at Springwood Crematorium.

"Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you."
St. John C14 V27

Birthdays.

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

Sending you smiles for every moment of your special day...

Wishing Jayne McLaren, a happy birthday on April 12th. Have a wonderful day.

Lots of love from all your family and friends x 2m2c

**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.**

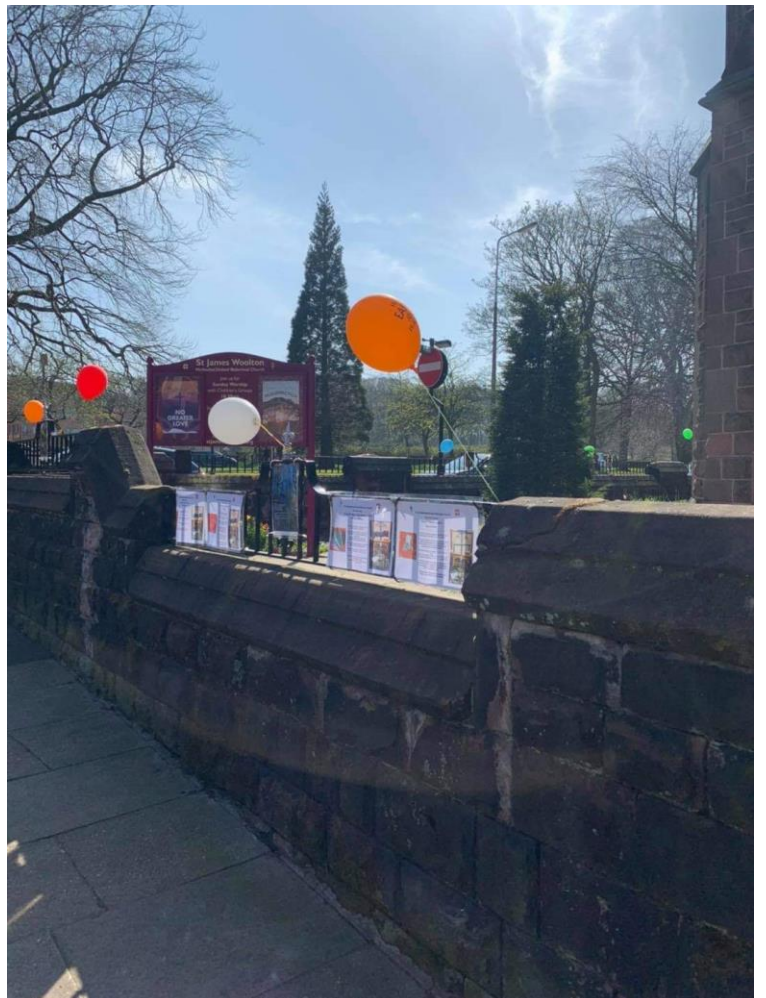
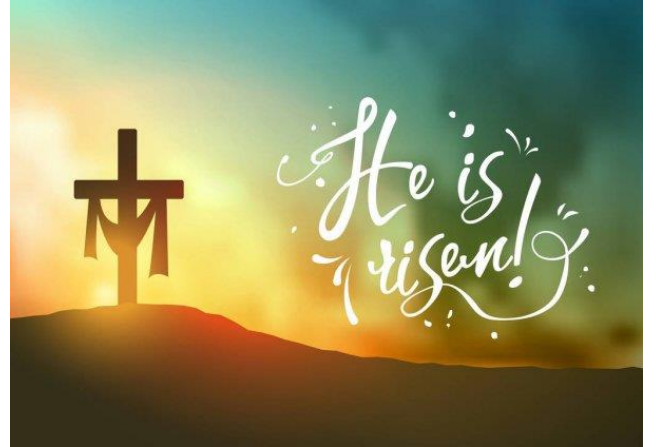


Happy belated birthday to Debbie Stanford and Lilian Jeffers. Everyone at St. James' wishes you a happy birthday and enjoy your day.

Easter at St. James'

A huge thank you to Jonquil and Dave Dickson for decorating The Easter Cross with flowers.





Easter Bible Quiz – ANSWERS

1. What was the Jewish feast which was being celebrated the week Christ was crucified?

Passover (Luke 22:1)

2. When Jesus entered Jerusalem during what is known as His Triumphal Entry, what animal was He riding on?

A young donkey (Matthew 21:1-7; Mark 11:1-7; Luke 19:28-35; John 12:12-15)

3. Why is the Sunday before the resurrection called Palm Sunday?

When Jesus entered into Jerusalem at the beginning of the Passion week, the people welcomed Him as king and Messiah. They covered the road with their garments and palm fronds as a symbol of their worship and acceptance of Him as king (Matthew 21:8; Mark 11:8; Luke 19:35, 36; John 12:12, 13).

4. Which disciple cut off the ear of the high priest's servant in an attempt to protect Jesus from being taken as a prisoner?

Peter (John 18:10)

5. What was the name of the high priest's servant who had his ear cut off by the disciple and subsequently reattached by Jesus?

Malchus (John 18:10)

6. How many times did Peter deny Christ after the abandoned the Lord?

Three times (Luke 22:54-57; Mark 14:69, 70; Matthew 26:73-75; John 18:13-27)

7. How many pieces of silver did Judas trade the life of Jesus for?

30 (Matthew 26:15)

8. How did Judas identify Jesus to the soldiers?

By giving Him a kiss (Matthew 26:47-49).

9. In repentance Judas returned the money to the priests that he was given as the price of betrayal of the Lord and then did what?

Hanged himself (Matthew 27:3-5)

10. The priests took the money that Judas had returned to them and did what with it?

Bought the potter's field with the money which is where strangers were buried (Matthew 27:6-8).

11. Who was surprisingly released before Pontius Pilate sentenced Jesus to death?

Barabbas (Matthew 27:15-26; Mark 15:6-15; Luke 23:18; John 18:40)

12. What did Pilate's wife counsel him to do concerning Jesus?

To leave Jesus alone because He was a just man. She had a bad dream concerning the Lord and she probably felt it would bring bad luck on the household of Pilate (Matthew 27:19).

13. A man named Simon was compelled to carry the cross of Jesus. In Mark 15 we are told the names of Simon's two sons. What were their names?

Alexander and Rufus (Mark 15:21)

14. What was the inscription above the cross?

"Jesus of Nazareth, King of the Jews" (Luke 19:19). It was written in three different languages according to John 19:20: Hebrew, Greek and Latin.

15. Can you quote 4 of the 7 statements recorded in the Bible that Christ said from the cross?

"Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do." (Luke 23:34)

"Verily I say unto thee, today shalt thou be with me in paradise." (Luke 23:43)

"...he saith unto his mother, Woman, behold thy son! Then saith he to the disciple, Behold thy mother!" (John 19:26, 27)

"Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani? that is to say, My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?" (Matthew 27:46; Mark 15:34)

"I thirst." (John 19:28)

"It is finished." (John 19:30)

"Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit." (Luke 23:46)

16. "Truly this was the Son of God" (Matthew 27:54). Slightly different statements, but the same idea is found in Mark 15:39; Luke 23:47.

16. Following the statements of Jesus on the cross, there was a statement by a Roman soldier concerning Christ. What was it?

"Truly this was the Son of God" (Matthew 27:54). Slightly different statements, but the same idea is found in Mark 15:39; Luke 23:47.

17. What happened in the Temple as a sign that the death of Jesus had made way for the individual believer to approach God?

The veil in the temple was torn from top to bottom (Matthew 27:51).

18. When Jesus died there was darkness in the land. How long did it last?

The veil in the temple was torn from top to bottom (Matthew 27:51).

19. In John 19 two men helped prepare the body of Christ for burial. One is said to have been a secret disciple and another secretly came to Jesus early in His ministry to ask question. Who were these men?

Joseph of Arimathea and Nicodemus (John 19:38-42).

20. Who was the first person to see the risen Christ?

Mary Magdalene (Mark 16:9)

SPRINGWATCH with St. James'



What wonderful photos taken by the Revd. Peter Hughes whilst walking around the Leeds and Liverpool Canal near Barnoldswick.



A message from Dotty.



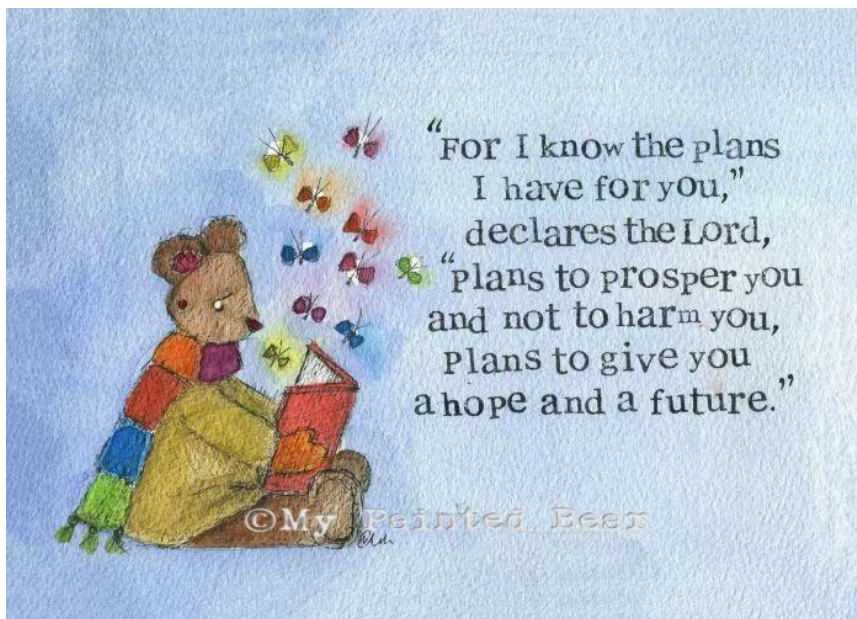
Giving credit where it's due....

Many people seem to have been moved by the church family's video Reflection for Holy Week and Maundy Thursday that has been on the front page of the website and on Facebook over the last few days.

Just to put the record straight and say thank you properly to the contributors who made it all possible, they were (in order): music by Pam Alexander and Roy and Lynne Barker; readings by Rev Peter Hughes, Wendy Doig, Jamie Cooke, Jennifer Long, Carol Skyner, Dave Bedford and Kate Cook.

Unlimited technical patience from Steve Miller and Amy Bates.

Dotty dabbled, gratefully, with project inspiration from the Lord.



LAST WEEK'S CROSSWORD ANSWERS

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Across: 1 Flame, 4 Barley, 8 Grandmother, 13 Reptile, 14 Giants, 16 Israel, 17 Regards, 20 Nicolaitans, 21 Myrtle, 22 Prays.

Down: 2 Lyre, 3 Mint, 5 Antipas, 6 Ear, 7 Omers, 9 Elijah, 10 Wells, 11 Agora, 12 Haggai, 15 Turmoil, 16 Isaac, 18 Star, 19 Envy, 20 Nay.

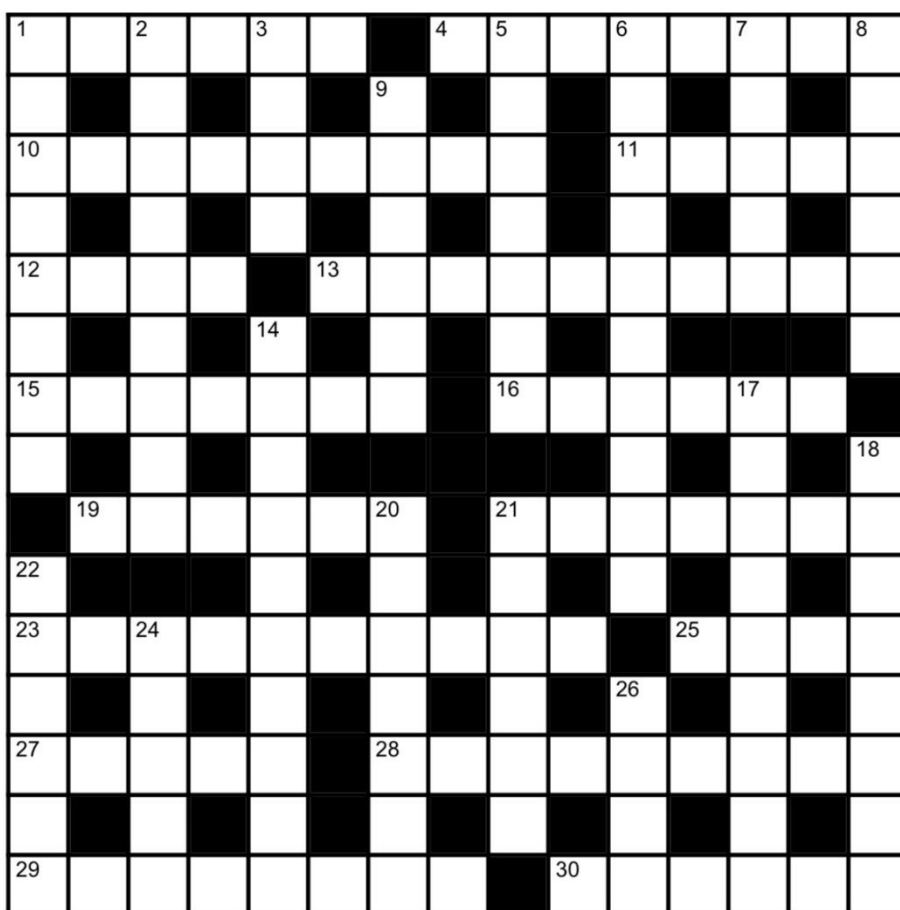
THIS WEEK'S CROSSWORD

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)



by Philologus

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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)

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.

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