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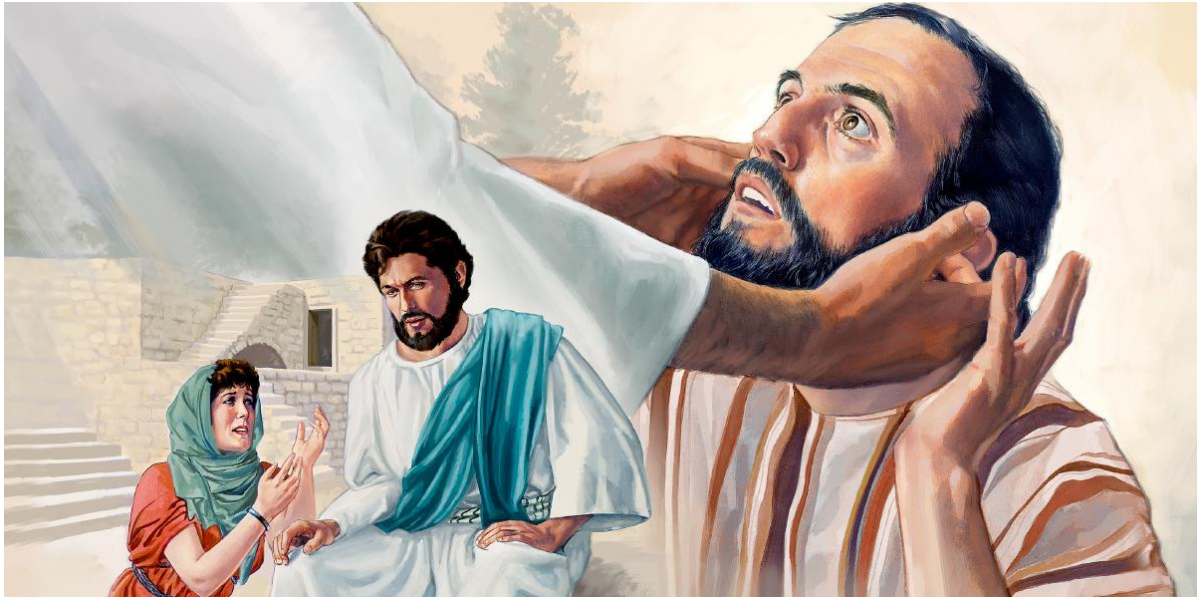
Revd. Peter Hughes is on Sabbatical until Sunday 5th September.
If you need a Minister, please contact Rev Paul Wilson 0151 309 1878



NEWSLETTER – 5th September 2021

MESSAGE FROM THE MINISTER

Our Minister, Peter, is on Sabbatical leave until early September and is not available. During his absence, our Pastoral Visitors and Steward Elders are here to guide and support you. They should be the first point of contact if you need help or information. Our Methodist Superintendent Minister Rev. Paul Wilson (tel. 0151 309 1878) will be available to help with anything where a Minister is needed.



O God, you bear your people ever on your heart and mind. Watch over us in your protecting love, that, strengthened by your grace and led by your Spirit, we may not miss your way for us but enter into your glory, made ready for all in Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Go before us, Lord, in all that we do, with your most gracious favour, and guide us with your continual help, that in all our works, begun, continued and ended in you, we may glorify your holy name, and finally by your mercy obtain everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

UPCOMING PREACHERS

Sunday September 5th Graham Martin (St James') Chris Bolton (phone)

Sunday September 12th Revd. Peter Hughes (St James') Paul Wilson (phone)

This will be a Christening service for Riley Cunliffe, so please ensure you book your place early, as places will be limited.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Special Projects Group - have planned the following events.

Please put the date in your diaries and cross your fingers that Covid does not rain on our parade!

Saturday 16th October – Film Evening in the Church

Saturday 20th November – We are planning a Christmas Fair event

"Quiz Night Cancellation Notice from the Special Projects Group"

It now seems that Saturday September 18th might not be the healthiest or most profitable time to hold the proposed Quiz Night & Fish and Chip Supper and so, with regret, it is being postponed till a better time in the new year. Please circulate this information to anyone you know who had been hoping or planning to attend. With sincere apologies for the short notice, especially to those who have been looking forward to the event and are disappointed. Also grateful thanks to those who have already spent a lot of time preparing for it, especially Richard and Pam. More news of other fellowship and fun-d raising events will follow in the next few weeks. "

Birthdays.

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

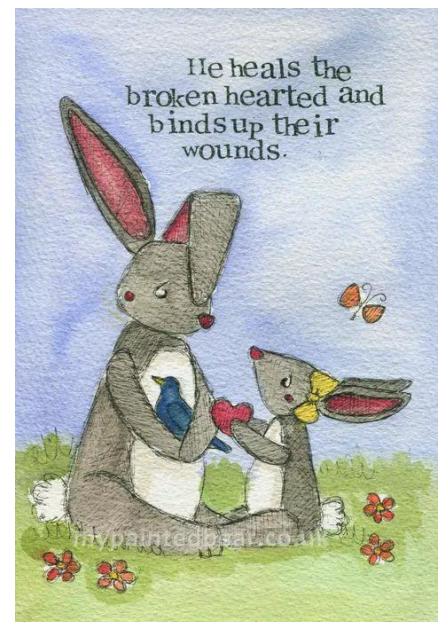
Happy, happy birthday,
That's my birthday wish for you,
I hope your day brings you joy,
Whatever you plan to do.
Live each moment to the fullest,
Every single moment is dear,
This is the time to remember,
You only get one birthday a year.



PRAYERS NEEDED

Blessed Jesus, in the comfort of your love, I lay before you the memories that haunt me, the anxieties that perplex me, the despair that frightens me, and my frustration at my inability to think clearly.
Help me to discover your forgiveness in my memories and know your peace in my distress.
Touch me, O Lord, and fill me with your light and your hope.

Jesus, I know that when you walked on the earth, you trod upon hard places, you felt the strain of this world and the pressures of mental torment.
So, I ask that you come besides me now, lead me through this time where my mind cannot cope.
Help me to find peace and calming inner thoughts.
You hold me safe Lord, I trust in you.
Amen.



We continue to pray for Delilah Morris and family, Gordon and Christine Salmon, Ken Kitchen, Ron Swindells, Joyce Massey, the Elliott family and all those who are close to us.

THANK YOU

The Elliott family, thank everyone for their messages, cards, love and prayers on the passing of their beloved, brave Harry, now entrusted into God's loving care.
We are so thankful for all your love and support throughout this very difficult time x

Opening Prayer

Father God,

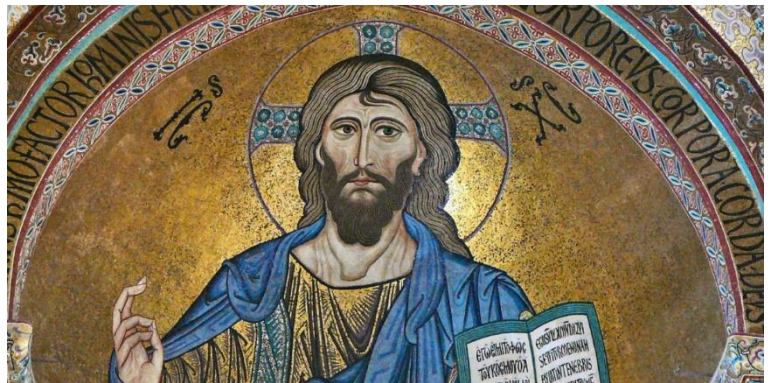
We unite ourselves with all who worship today, both in churches and people's homes. Nothing can separate us from your love and we rejoice that we can celebrate together, giving thanks for all your mercies. Bless our worship today and may we be strengthened and uplifted. **Amen.**

Hymn: StF56 King of Glory, King of Peace

Sing/ Read /pray /proclaim the words or listen to it here

<https://youtu.be/tSESknkhPdo>

King of Glory, King of Peace,
I will love thee;
and that love may never cease
I will move thee.
Thou hast granted my request,
thou hast heard me;
thou didst note my working breast,
thou hast spared me.



Wherefore with my utmost art
I will sing thee,
and the cream of all my heart
I will bring thee.
Though my sins against me cried,
thou didst clear me;
and alone, when they replied,
thou didst hear me.



Seven whole days, not one in seven,
I will praise thee;
in my heart, though not in heaven,
I can raise thee.
Small it is, in this poor sort
to enrol thee:
e'en eternity's too short
to extol thee.
George Herbert (1593-1633)

Let us pray together

Lord God, we

praise your holy name and come before you with awe and wonder. You bless us in many different ways and for that, we give you thanks and praise. We have not always appreciated your gifts and have often abused them. In your mercy, forgive us Lord. We pray that you will help us to keep to your paths and to resist those things that would lead us astray, for you are the rock of our salvation. Blessed be the name of the Lord. **Amen.**

Today's Gospel Reading: Mark 7:24-37

Time to Reflect

If you have time, look at the other lectionary readings for today i.e., Psalm 25 and James 2:1-10. There is a common theme in all of these and it is that God cares for everyone and has a particular heart for the needy and oppressed. God's compassion is not just for those who love Him but reaches out into the wider world. People can be in desperate situations, through no fault of their own, and they need help and support. Yet, there are often barriers that restrict this.

The story in Mark 7 reminds us of prejudices that existed between Jew and Gentile. A Gentile woman, who was also a Canaanite- approached Jesus seeking healing for her daughter as she believed that He was the Messiah. (Note: Canaanites were particularly shunned by Jews). In the story, the word dogs is mentioned, which was a common term for Gentiles. Jesus referred to dogs so was He highlighting this prejudice? The woman responded by saying that even she deserved mercy and Jesus responds by healing her daughter. Despite the barriers before her, the woman persevered and asked for basic care and compassion.

We live in a world of many prejudices based on such things as religion, status, race and gender. Governments may legislate against such things e.g. The UK Equality Act of 2010, but it is often the hearts of people that need to change.

Jesus came to save the world; even those we may feel are undesirable. He is the way to a new life and who are we to put barriers in the way of this? Rather, we should be showing God's love and helping people to see the nature of God and encourage them to find salvation through Jesus.

And to those of us who have accepted Christ as Saviour, how has this changed our perception of the world and those around us? Covid-19 has thrown up many challenges; one being our concern for those less fortunate than ourselves. Let us take a few moments to reflect on what our response has been, and whether barriers – from ourselves and governments - are preventing some people from receiving basic care and compassion.

Amen

Take a time to sit quietly

A time of prayer

God of compassion and mercy, we come before you in our prayers as we bring to you the needs of the world and ourselves. We often feel overwhelmed by the needs around us but you are a great God and we put our trust in you. Show us what we can do to make this world a better place.

Where there is poverty, may we share our riches.

Where there is war, may we bring peace.

Where there is division, may we bring unity.

Where there is despair, may we bring hope.

Where there is apathy, may we challenge and stimulate people to action.

Where there is hatred, may we show love.

We bring before you those known to us personally who have suffered loss and hardship. Visit them and give them all that they need to comfort and sustain them in their time of need.

Strengthen and guide us as we seek to do your will and make this world a better place in which to live for all people everywhere. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father



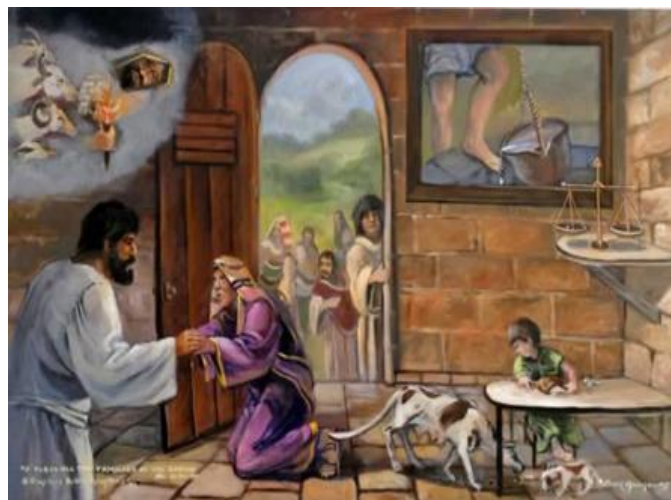
Hymn: Listen to Beauty for Brokenness on <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SxfBh9ay8gE> or sing a verse of a hymn that comes to mind.

A prayer of blessing

Bless our worship today and may that which we have received enrich and bless our lives in the coming days. To that end, may the peace and blessing of God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit be with us all, now and evermore. **Amen.**

Mark 7:24-30

From there he set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit, immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. Now the woman was a Gentile of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. He said to her 'Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs'. But she answered him, 'Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs.' Then he said to her, 'For saying that you may go – the demon has left your daughter. So, she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.



Pictures on the railings

Another action-packed summer adventure picture this week, but what do you see?

Is the climber going up or coming down?
How far away is the top – or the bottom?
Is it work or play?
Mountain rescue or just for fun?
Has the photographer caught a moment of panic – 'What do I do now?'
Or a supremely confident moment of someone in their element?

Take a moment to look *into* the picture as well as *at* it. Does it –
Say anything to you?

Stir a memory?

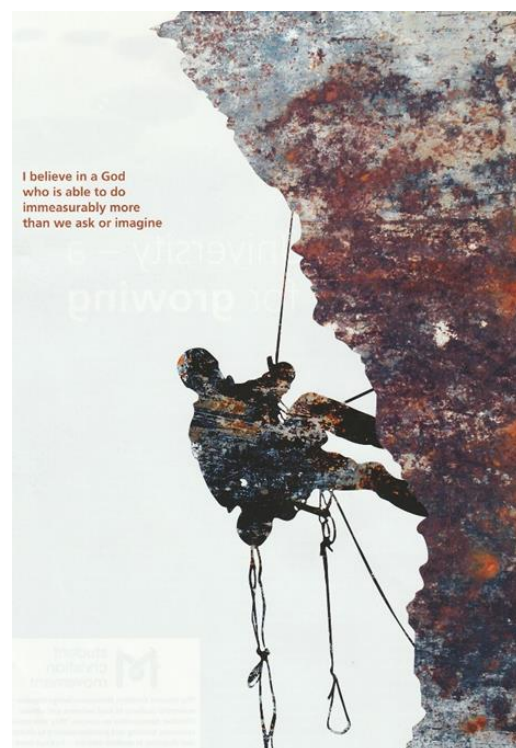
Tell a story?

Or make you want to look away as quickly as possible?

Whatever you are thinking now, read the caption.

And then tackle whatever your day brings with both hands, a physical one and a spiritual one. Be challenged. Be happy. Be safe.

Quotation: words adapted from Eph 3:20. Image: Always an adventure © Jody Bea



Ken Davies

Ken Davies would like to thank everyone for their good wishes and prayers. If anyone would like his address, please contact Jayne McLaren (07859062692)

Couch to 5k plan with Helen Ashelby

So I'm doing the couch to 5k plan and did my first 20-minute run (ever!) on Wednesday. Just finished my run for today to be crowned the '**Local Legend**' of Woolton Road Hill and the Camp Hill Triangle! See you in Paris, Team GB.

On a serious note, I am very proud of myself; given I couldn't walk or even lay down to sleep when I was pregnant with Ella and haven't attempted running for nearly 10 years until I started this plan. If I can do it anyone can - go for it!!

HELP NEEDED

It's that time of year when our thoughts turn to "what shall we make for Christmas this year to give to the school children, congregation, youth groups etc?"

In previous years, we have made angels 🧚 and hearts ♥. This year we are make baubles.

They can be made in various ways e.g. knitted, crocheted, sewn, felt, card, even salt dough!

A very easy knitting pattern is available attached to this newsletter or on the table at the back of Church. So whilst you are sitting in your garden or watching the rain from indoors or on your way to work, why not get making!!! Many thanks in advance

Mission Action Group

Christmas Bauble 1

DK (6) DK = DOUBLE KNITTING

Use any yarn and appropriate size needles for that yarn. Thinner yarn will make a smaller bauble.

Materials:

9mm single-pointed needles

Drops Andes yarn, 1 ball (leftovers will be sufficient) toy stuffing.

Method:

Cast on 7 sts with cable cast-on method Row 1: knit

Row 2: k1, (m1, k1) 6 times. (13sts) Row 3: knit

Row 4: k1, (m1, k2) 5 times, (m1, k1) twice (20 sts) Row 5- 12: knit

Row 13: (k1, k2tog) 6 times, k2 (14sts) Row 14: knit

Row 15: k2tog to end (7sts)

Row 16: knit

Cut thread and sew through last row of stitches, draw together to tighten top.

Sew side seam and stuff with filling.

Thread yarn through remaining sts and pull tight.

Sew in ends. Make hanging cord with a spare piece of yarn.

(To knit stripey bauble change to contrast colour for rows 5-6 and 9-10)



Christmas Bauble 2

Using 4.00mm needles, cast on 34 sts for small bauble or 45 sts for large bauble.
Foundation row (RS) - Inc knitways once in each st ... 68 sts for small bauble or 90 sts for large bauble.

Beg Patt - 1st row (WS) - * K2, P1 tbl, K2, P6, rep from * to last 2 sts, K2.

2nd row - P2, * K6, P2, K1 tbl, P2, rep from * to end.

3rd row - As 1st row.

4th row - P2, * C6B, P2, K1 tbl, P2, rep from * to end.

5th row - As 1st row.

6th row - As 2nd row. Rows 1 to 6 inclusive form patt. Cont in patt until work measures approx 11 cm for small bauble or 17 cm for large bauble from beg, ending with a 5th row.

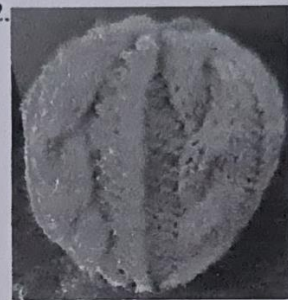
Next row - * K2tog, rep from * to end ... 34 sts for small bauble or 45 sts for large bauble. Break off yarn leaving a long end. Run end through rem sts, draw up tightly to close opening. Leave yarn attached.

TO MAKE UP

DO NOT PRESS. Thread end attached onto wool needle and using mattress st seam, join side edges together. Place knitted piece over ball. Work a running thread along cast on edge, draw up tightly to close opening and fasten off securely.

For Small Bauble - Using 3 strands of yarn, make a plait approx 16 cm long. Knot ends. Fold in half to form a loop and attach ends securely to top of bauble as pictured.

For Large Bauble Using 4 strands of yarn, make a twisted cord approx 24 cm long. Knot ends. Fold in half to form a loop and attach ends securely to top of bauble as pictured.



LAST WEEK'S CROSSWORD ANSWERS

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Across: 1 Antipas, 7 Ashore, 8 Curtain, 9 Deer, 10 Slew, 12 Pleased, 14 Debtors, 16 Half, 18 Fish, 20 Ishmael, 21 Lepers, 22 Emerald.

Down: 1 Accused, 2 Three, 3 Pray, 4 Sandals, 5 Shadrach, 6 Greece, 11 Watchmen, 12 Promise, 13 Defiled, 15 Exiles, 17 Abana, 19 Shoe.

Bible Crossword by BiblePuzzles.org.uk

LAST WEEK'S WORD SEARCH ANSWERS

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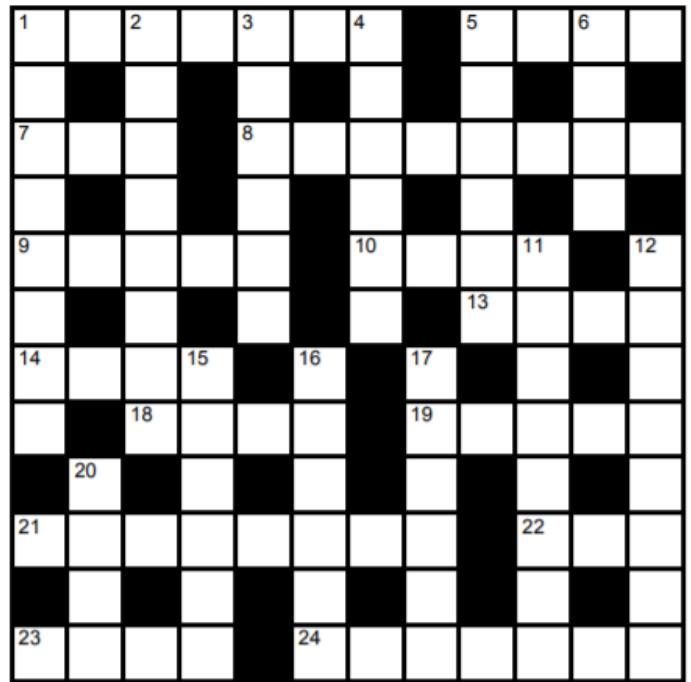
THIS WEEK'S CROSSWORD

Across

- 1 Orders (7)
- 5 Sidon's prophetic partner (4)
- 7 Be indebted to (3)
- 8 Follower of Christ (8)
- 9 Water walker (5)
- 10 Always (4)
- 13 Salty expanses (4)
- 14 Blemish (4)
- 18 Mount from where Moses saw the Promised Land (4)
- 19 Take (5)
- 21 Wife of Moses (8)
- 22 Bind (3)
- 23 Old harp (4)
- 24 Temporal (7)

Down

- 1 Sprinkled with blood at the first Passover (8)
- 2 Genesis (8)
- 3 Persist (6)
- 4 Miriam, to Aaron (6)
- 5 Judah, Issachar, for example (6)
- 6 Reign (4)
- 11 Turned away (8)
- 12 Stringed instrument (8)
- 15 Place of worship (6)
- 16 Sadness (6)
- 17 Queen (6)
- 20 Feel for (4)



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The Boy, The Mole, The Fox and The Horse - Inspirational Quote of The Week:



"Nothing beats kindness," said the horse. "It sits quietly beyond all things."

ANAGRAM - Books of the Bible

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| 1. SOCIAL SONS | 11. SINE PHASE |
| 2. VIOLENT ERA | 12. AH! CLAIM |
| 3. SEE SIGN | 13. WE HERBS |
| 4. EVIL IS CUT | 14. BORE RSVP |
| 5. SMOG FOOLS NOON | 15. ONE MORE DUTY |
| 6. LAST AGAIN | 16. WHET MAT |
| 7. NO RAMS | 17. NATIONAL STEM |
| 8. USED OX | 18. HOP IN ELM |
| 9. AID A HOB | 19. HA! HE MINE! |
| 10. I SELECT CASES | 20. CBURNS ME |

SUMMER WATCH with St. James'

This week's photos were taken in Jayne McLaren's allotment in Allerton.

Luke 12:27-28 "Look at the lilies and how they grow. They don't work or make their clothing, yet Solomon in all his glory was not dressed as beautifully as they are.

And if God cares so wonderfully for flowers that are here today and thrown into the fire tomorrow, he will certainly care for you. Why do you have so little faith?"



WORSHIP AT ST. JAMES'

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

- By booking a place and 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 – Graham Martin

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 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:

The Host for this service is Graham Martin

Order of Worship:

Welcome and notices:

Opening prayer (Host)

Bible reading (Wendy Doig - Mark 7, 24-37)

Lord’s Prayer (Host)

Talk or “mini-sermon” (Chris Bolton)

Prayers (Dave Dickson)

Grace and dismissal. (Host)



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.]

FOLLOWING THE EASING OF COVID RESTRICTIONS IN ENGLAND ON JULY 19TH 2021 - please read the following:

REVISED SAFETY INFORMATION FOR WORSHIP AT ST JAMES CHURCH - so that we can continue to worship safely and protect each other.

For as long as Covid infection rates remain in our area:

Bookings:

Please continue to book in advance to attend a Service.

Seating can then be arranged to respect family groups and social distancing as well as providing Track and Trace information if it is needed.

To book, contact **Jayne McLaren on 07859 062 692** (jayniemac@hotmail.co.uk) from 4pm on the Sunday afternoon for the following Sunday's Service.

The front and vestry doors will open 30 minutes before a service begins.

Face Coverings Still Preferred:

Many enclosed public places and spaces are keeping this safety measure while infection rates are high. Those on duty at church will be wearing face coverings for everyone's protection. We really hope you will too, especially while you are moving about or talking to others.

Hand Sanitising:

Please continue to sanitise your hands on the way in and also on leaving. If there is a queue for any reason, remember the importance of social distancing – respect other people's need for space.

Attending church:

Please do not come if you are

- showing symptoms,
- have recently come into contact with someone who is self-isolating or confirmed to Covid, or
- if you are feeling generally unwell.

Please only come to church when you feel it is safe for you to do so, especially if you are in a vulnerable group. Getting a test in the week before coming to Church will help you to know you are not a risk to others.

Meanwhile:

- The Church's Covid-safe cleaning routines will continue, and
- If you would like help setting up to receive worship via Zoom at home, please contact Jayne McLaren (**07859062692**) and we can arrange for someone to do that with you.

Ventilation:

Some church doors will still remain open to ensure good air circulation; please be prepared for it to be a bit draughty on occasions and bring something warm to wear.

During Worship:

- In order to minimise the risk of transmission, Services will still be shorter than previously.
- **Indoor Singing & Prayer Responses** – preferably quietly, and preferably while wearing a mask - are now allowed.
- **Offerings** should still be left in the boxes near the doors and will be blessed during the worship.
- **Intercession Prayer requests** should still be made via a Steward Elder.
- At the end of the service it is still safer if conversations are held outside.

Children & Families:

Children, young people and families are really welcome at church but, sadly, separate Junior Church cannot resume yet. However, it is hoped to re-introduce a regular all-age element to the first part of worship over the coming weeks. Meanwhile we hope the children will continue to bring drawing /writing materials of their own plus the weekly colouring sheets to complete for display on the railings. But not toys - yet.

Parents:

Thank you for helping your young ones to respect other's space so far; it can be very demanding! Please keep up the good work a bit longer.

Go Safely and come back soon.

PROGRAMMES YOU MAY ENJOY – Sunday 5th September

6.00 – 10.00 a.m. Radio Merseyside: Daybreak

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

8.10 a.m. Radio 4: Sunday Worship

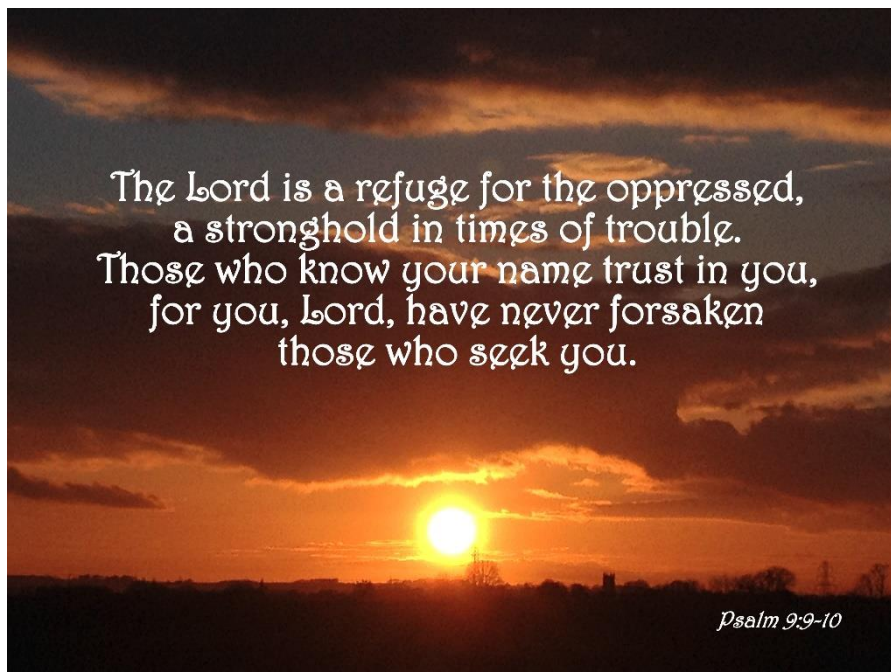
Back to the Square Mile

London's Square Mile churches have been working hard to welcome thousands of workers back the nation's historic financial centre. With the Revd Katherine Hedderly.

13.15 BBC 1 Songs of Praise:

The Journey to Forgiveness

We meet the father who found faith after his daughter's fatal reaction to sesame seeds. The family have successfully campaigned for Natasha's Law to protect food allergy sufferers.



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

jayniemac@hotmail.co.uk