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

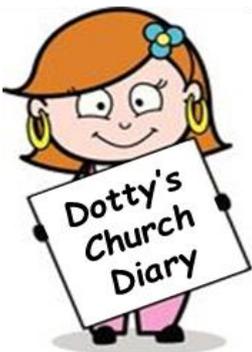
**NEWS FOR THE WEEK ENDING July 12<sup>th</sup> 2020**

Give us, we pray, gentle God, a mind forgetful of past injury, a will to seek the good of others and a heart of love, that we may learn to live in the way of your Son, Jesus Christ, through whom we pray. Amen.

**Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Eternal God, giver of love and peace, you call your children to live together as one family. Give us grace to learn your ways and to do your will, that we may bring justice and peace to all people, in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

***DOTTY'S CHURCH DIARY***



Ah, the joys of lockdown! A chance to evict my personal 'lodger' of 30 years – aka old filing, memorabilia of things I'd rather forget, and other miscellaneous once-loved junk. 3 months and two shredders later, it seems I'm not the only one with the problem. The Tidy Fairy has been at work in the church hall too!

We've both found treasure in the process – e.g. the sheet of yellowing paper headed 'Save St James'. Someone must have done a good job because it was in amongst some 1970's files and we're still here.



The opening paragraph of a fund-raising booklet produced on a Gestetner\* printer said: "Committees have a way of throwing up an idea and then asking one of their members, who was perhaps foolish enough to speak, to carry it through." Sounds familiar? This was dated September 1981!

But probably best of all, is the original letter written by the Minister of the United Reformed Church further up High Street to St James Methodist Stewards in 1986 which began the movement towards the LEP that we are today.



Someone once said, 'the past is a good place to visit but not the best place to live'. Reminiscing is enjoyable, but looking forward - to church being open and meeting up with friends again - is even better. Another day in the future St James was saved for?

(\* If you're under 50 you'll probably need to ask an elderly relative to explain this. If you're the elderly relative asked, pretend you don't remember either.)

## PRAYERS NEEDED

*I said a prayer for you today, that God would touch you with His healing hand and give you the comfort and peace you need to get through.*

We continue to pray for all those in need at this time, especially Brenda Molyneaux. We also pray for Clarice Rogers, as she recovers from her hip operation. Also David Meek, as he recovers from a triple heart bypass.

Keep Linda Gregson, Sheila Carter and their families in your prayers this week. The St. James' family send their love, prayers and support during this time.

*Dear God, please give me strength when I am weak, love when I feel forsaken, courage when I am afraid, wisdom when I feel foolish, comfort when I am alone, hope when I feel rejected, and peace when I am in turmoil. Amen*

## UNICEF sponsored walk

Good luck to Jane Laverty, who will be walking 30 miles from Woolton to Southport this Monday. She is raising money for UNICEF. UNICEF helps children in crisis.

Now more than ever children need water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH). They are basic human rights that UNICEF is working to uphold for every child. What a magnificent cause.

If you can donate the link is <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/jane-laverty>.

Thank you for your support and prayers, Jane.

## CAN ANYONE HELP?

Request for donation of a bicycle: one of the mum's whose children attend nursery at Centre 56 and whom I have known for some time now would dearly love a bike so as she can get around more quickly and do shopping etc.

If anyone has a lady's bike idling/resting/unused in the garage we would love to have it!

Please contact me, Wendy Doig, on 07867795179 or 0151 428 7180. Thank you in advance.

## LAST WEEK'S CROSSWORD ANSWERS

### BIBLE CROSSWORD I - SOLUTION

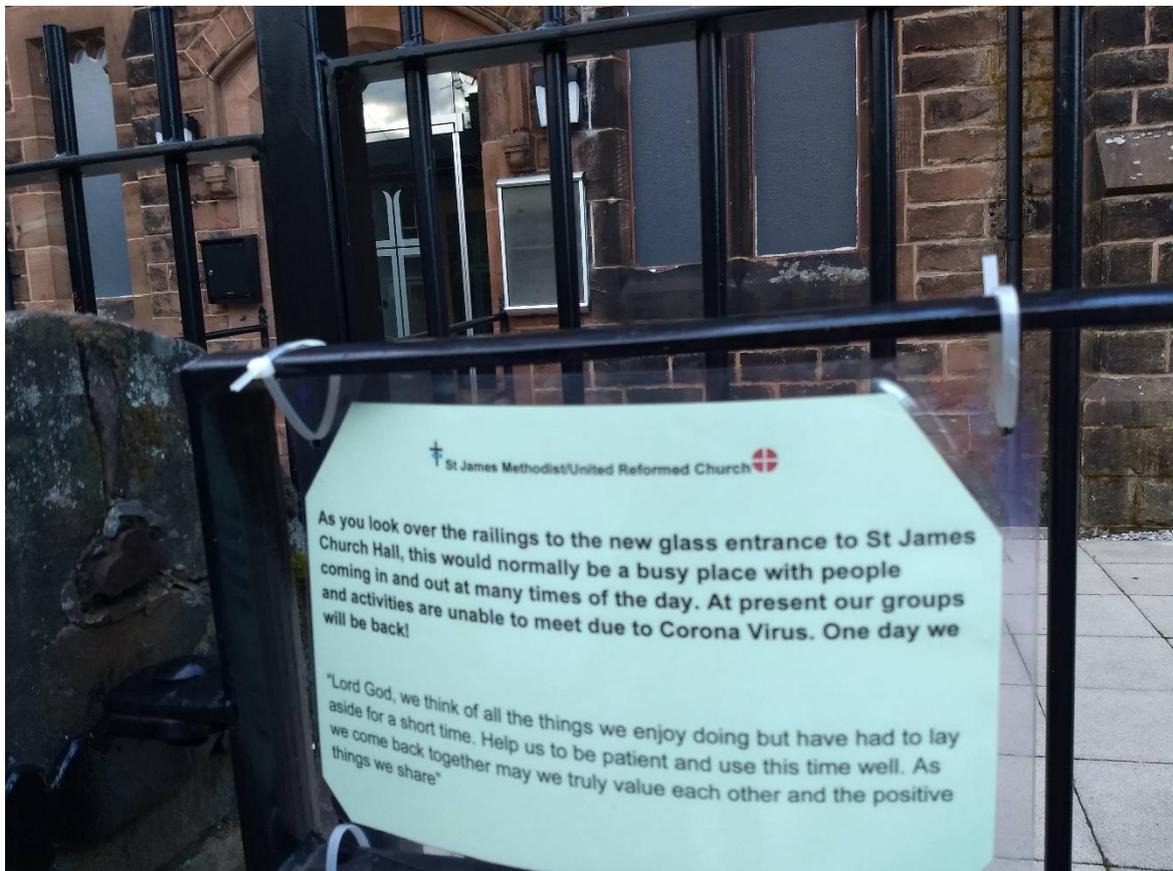
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Across: 1 Shekel, 4 Appeared, 10 Ephesians, 11 Cubit, 12 Rare, 13 Meditation, 15 Raisins, 16 Nathan, 19 Agreed, 21 Torches, 23 Atonements, 25 Baal, 27 Glean, 28 Millstone, 29 Teachers, 30 Rashly.

Down: 1 Shearers, 2 Exhorting, 3 East, 5 Passion, 6 Enchanters, 7 Rabbi, 8 Doting, 9 Bakers, 14 Nineteenth, 17 Ashtaroth, 18 Psalter, 20 Dreamer, 21 Tittle, 22 Taught, 24 Omega, 26 Asia.

## CHURCH RAILINGS

For those who walk past and for those who may not be able to walk past at the moment, here is the first of our prayers on the railings around our church buildings. We will post a prayer a day.



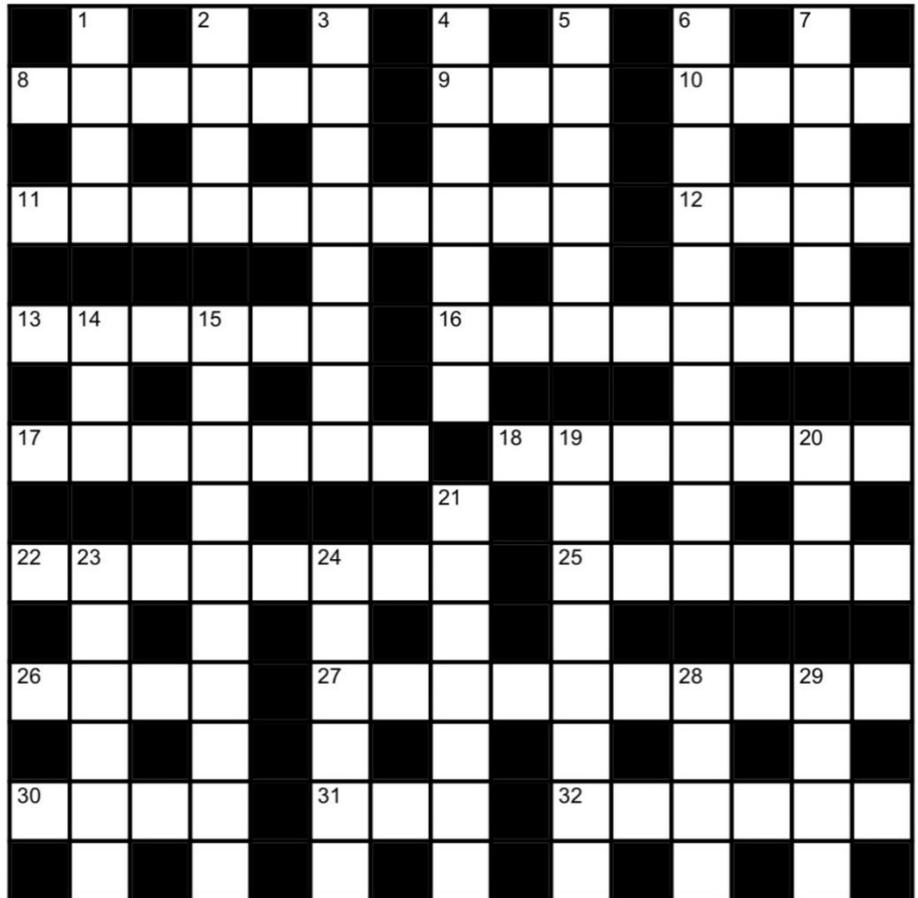
# BIBLE CROSSWORD II

## Across

- 8 Religious service (6)  
 9 Vessel (3)  
 10 Drive forcibly (4)  
 11 Christ does this for us (10)  
 12 Bethesda was the name of this (4)  
 13 Servant of a prophet (6)  
 16 One who leaves the straight and narrow path (8)  
 17 Check the money (7)  
 18 Fragrant offering; make angry (7)  
 22 Come out from among them (8)  
 25 Works with clay (6)  
 26 Main part of text (4)  
 27 Chucked it too far (10)  
 30 Treachery sealed with this (4)  
 31 Simon washed his (3)  
 32 Migratory grasshopper (6)

## Down

- 1 Standard for the tribe of Judah (4)



by Philologus

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2 Brother of James; Hardy book (4)

3 Choice by vote (8)

4 Evening glow (7)

5 All sing the tune (6)

6 To reduce deficiency (10)

7 Take no notice of (6)

14 Look at (3)

15 Alternative Revelation (10)

19 Son of Jacob (8)

20 The blind will (3)

21 Regrets; Serpent (anag) (7)

23 Angels by another name (6)

24 Decorates (6)

28 Say it and you will be in danger of the council (4)

29 Cleanse (4)

# New Testament Bible Quiz

- 1. How many books are there in the New Testament?**
  - 27
  - 39
  - 12
  - 66
- 2. What is the common name given to the first four books of the New Testament?**
  - the Revelations
  - the Gospels
  - the Acts
  - the Synopsis
- 3. Which of the following are NOT one of the first four books of the New Testament?**
  - Mark
  - Luke
  - Matthew
  - James
- 4. Who wrote most of the books in the New Testament?**
  - Paul
  - John
  - James
  - Peter
- 5. Which of these are NOT books in the New Testament?**
  - 3 Peter
  - 1 Corinthians
  - 2 Thessalonians
  - 3 John
- 6. Who wrote the Acts of the Apostles?**
  - Matthew
  - Paul
  - Luke
  - Peter
- 7. Which of these women is mentioned in the New Testament?**
  - Sarai
  - Rebekah
  - Hannah
  - Martha
- 8. Which of these books comes first in the New Testament (relative to the others)?**
  - Romans
  - Hebrews
  - Revelation
  - Ephesians
- 9. Which of these books comes last in the New Testament**
  - Galatians
  - The Acts
  - Colossians
  - Revelation
- 10. Which of the following correctly describes the first four books of the New Testament?**
  - the first gives the details of Christ's birth; the second, of His childhood; the third, of His ministry; the fourth, of the last week of His life
  - the first includes the most important commandments, the second contains the second-most important commandments, and so on
  - they are narratives about the life and ministry of Christ, written by four different authors
  - they are excerpts from the journals of four of Christ's disciples

**News of the possible opening of church buildings for private prayer has been released but communal worship of any kind is not currently scheduled until at least early autumn.**

**The Minister and Steward Elders are in direct contact with Methodist Circuit, URC Mersey Synod and National Church and will update the congregation in due course as to progress and decisions on these matters which will require considerable organisation and will demand appropriate measures.**

**Please note that although the Government has announced some lifting of Covid 19 Regulations our buildings remain closed at this moment in time. Thank you.**

### ***MESSAGE FROM THE MINISTER***

Hello everyone,

I hope you are keeping safe and well. We have written to all Church members asking for your views on how "lockdown" has been for you and your relationship with God. We also want to know your hopes and fears as we plan for the future of the worship and fellowship of our Church.

If you receive a letter please respond to it as soon as you can. Even if you don't get a letter, please let us know your views by emailing or writing to me.

We all miss being together for worship but we need to make sure that we take this unique opportunity to think and pray about the life of our Church after lockdown.

With God's help we can be stronger, deeper, more loving and outward looking. We want to begin again in a way that is safe for us all.

God Bless, Peter.

### ***NOTICES FOR NEXT WEEK***

If you would like to share anything with your Church family in this newsletter; any birthdays, celebrations or anyone to be included in our prayers, please let me know.

**Please send any messages to Jayne McLaren at [jayniemac@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:jayniemac@hotmail.co.uk)**

