

**ST JAMES' METHODIST & UNITED REFORMED CHURCH WOOLTON L25 7RJ**

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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 – JULY 26<sup>th</sup> 2020**

Gracious God, your Son Jesus Christ fed the hungry with the bread of life and the word of your kingdom. Renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by your true and living bread, even Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

God, you have poured the Spirit of your Son into our hearts so that we call you Father. Give us grace to devote our freedom to your service that we and all creation may be brought into the glorious liberty of the children of God. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.

**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.**

**SPAREHAND**

I am reaching out from a COVID-19 response initiative called SpareHand.

We help charities find volunteers to fill ad hoc shifts. During the pandemic we have mobilised 40,000+ hours to serve 800,000+ meals.

We have recently started supporting YMCA in Belle Vale (L25) to re-open their charity shop and are currently working with organisations such as ScrubHub to deliver homemade scrubs to hospitals and care homes across the country.

We have been really successful in London, but we don't have as many volunteers onboard in Liverpool and the surrounding areas.

I was hoping you might be able to circulate the opportunity to volunteer with SpareHand to people who are a part of your Church? Many thanks, Rory Clark.

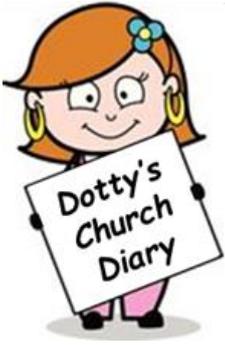
Please speak to Wendy on 07867795179, if you would like to help.

**LINDA GREGSON**

Linda's funeral is at Springwood Crematorium next Friday 31st July at 1pm but due to COVID Pandemic is strictly restricted to family members only. Some members of GB and BB are meeting outside the Crematorium, on Springwood Ave at 12.30 to gather to pay our respects and if any of our church family would like to join us then please do so.

Every Blessing **Sue Moister** (07803598880)

## DOTTY'S CHURCH DIARY



### **Friday:**

Hope the Prayer Bear has taken a little stroll to the other side of the entrance, and is now higher up, with a better view of all that there is to pray over.

Inside church (with permission) I found the prayer chain (remember that?) resting on the communion table.



I wondered if (any) readers would like to send short prayers that could be added to the chain, so that by the time we come back together it will be longer than Rapunzel's hair. I've had mine cut – at last!!

**Monday:** Folks are starting to visit the church garden again too. A local worker slipped in to have her lunch on one of the benches in the sunshine. A little later two friendly church-family faces stopped off on their way home from the shops. They fell into conversation with two equally friendly church-family faces out on an afternoon walk, and our hard-working gardener joined all four from her seat on the planter.

**Tuesday:** Remembered a lovely true story about a small child baking biscuits with her mum. Mum said to leave big spaces on the baking tray between the pieces of dough (so they could spread). The child asked if they were Corona Virus biscuits that had to stay away from each other?

**Wednesday:** Baking day at my house and decisions, decisions! On my right: stewed plums and a vegetable pie; on my left 2 tubs: 1 grated parmesan cheese, the other crumble topping. They look remarkably similar..... I *really* need to get this right!!

Watch this space. 😊

### **METHODIST LOVE FEAST**

As part of our Circuit Worship on YouTube this week, we include a sharing of The Methodist Love Feast. The Love Feast, or Agape, is a Christian fellowship meal recalling the meals Jesus shared with disciples during his ministry.

The service expresses the koinonia or sharing, belonging and fellowship enjoyed within the body of Christ.

While we would normally do this in the same room around tables, with one cake and water from the same jug, in our own homes, we can share cake or biscuit and water. Please have this with you whenever you watch the service.

We will include a testimony and pictures of Drivers, the student and young adult fellowship, sharing in the Love Feast in our service.

I hope we can share in this in our own homes and have that sense of true fellowship in Christ, which transcends all boundaries of time and space.

In Christian love, Paul Wilson

## **BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS**

Billy Edwards will be celebrating his 80<sup>th</sup> birthday on 30<sup>th</sup> July. We hope your birthday is filled with love from family and friends, unforgettable moments, never-ending joy, and happy, happy memories. We're so lucky to have someone as special as you in our lives. On your birthday, we hope that you are blessed with love, health and happiness for many more years to come.

## **CHURCH GARDEN**

If you're missing church, remember someone said: "you're nearer God's heart in a garden than anywhere else on earth". Everything in the Church Garden continues to grow very quickly... it's that time of year, and Margaret would be really grateful if anyone was able to join her for half an hour or so through the week to help keep things tidy, commune with God and nature and serve the church family and community too .

No special skill, tools, gloves or green fingers necessary - they are available and waiting. Just your presence and willingness are what is needed now.

Please ring **Margaret** on **0151 428 3356** to find out when she'll be there, if you'd like to work together (at a distance), or for what needs doing if you'd prefer to work alone.

Many thanks.

## **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, Amen

We continue to pray for all those in need at this time, especially Brenda Molyneaux, Clarice Rogers, Isabella and David Meek.

## **LAST WEEK'S CROSSWORD ANSWERS**

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Across: 1 Despair, 5 Resting, 9 Purer, 10 Galatians, 11 Neglected, 12 Siege, 13 Alms, 15 Ordained, 18 Promises, 19 Days, 22 Amber, 24 Protector, 26 Existence, 27 Gnash, 28 Strange, 29 Treason.

Down: 1 Depend, 2 Straggler, 3 Agree, 4 Righteous, 5 Ruled, 6 Satisfied, 7 Image, 8 Gospel, 14 Samaritan, 16 Dishonest, 17 Egyptians, 20 Camels, 21 Orphan, 23 Brier, 24 Pence, 25 Eagle.

# ADAM & EVE WORD SEARCH



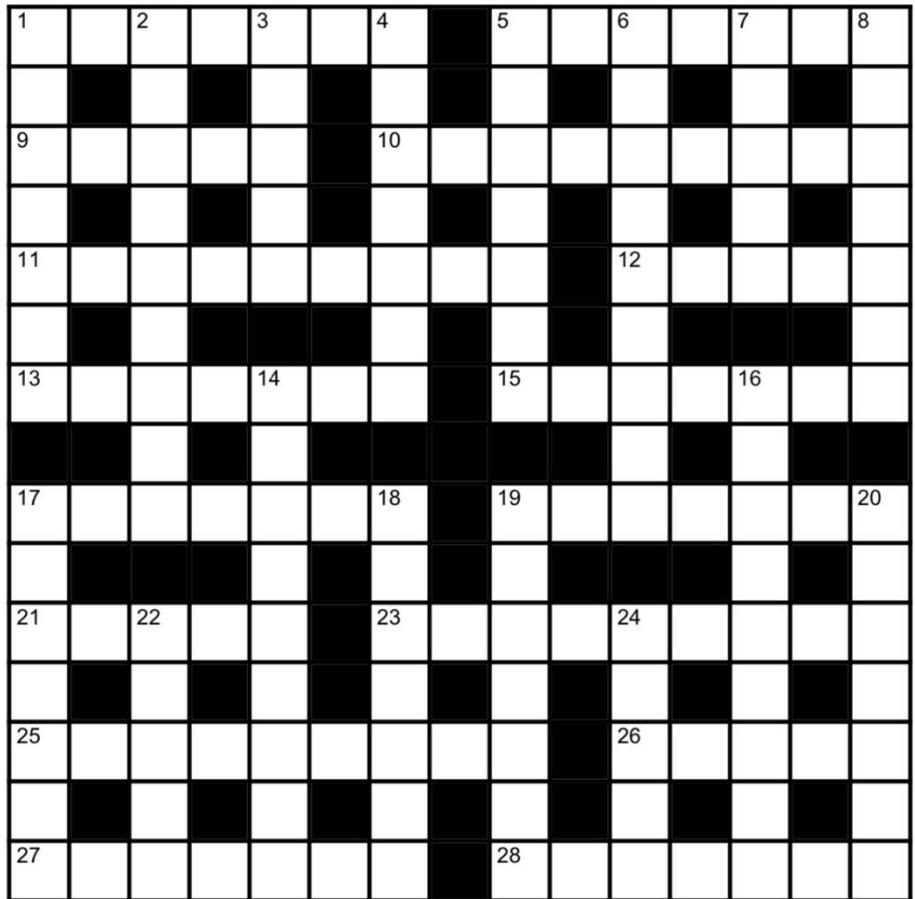
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ANIMALS	GARDEN	NOSTRILS
BONES	GROUND	PLANTED
BREATHED	HELPER	RIBS
CREATED	HUSBAND	SLEEP
DUST	KEEPER	TREES
EDEN	LIFE	WIFE
EVE	LIVING	WOMAN

# BIBLE CROSSWORD VI

## Across

- 1 Purifies (7)
- 5 Tainted (7)
- 9 Forbidden objects of worship (5)
- 10 Abundant (9)
- 11 Wife of David (9)
- 12 Lift up (5)
- 13 Grapple (7)
- 15 Lack of rain (7)
- 17 Sennacherib's realm (7)
- 19 Domain (7)
- 21 Biblical clothing (5)
- 23 Supplant (9)
- 25 Announced (9)
- 26 Tamar's brother (5)
- 27 Person seeking redress for wrong (7)
- 28 Decorates (7)



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## Down

- 1 Colourful arc seen after the flood (7)
- 2 Forehead ornaments (9)
- 3 Bird homes (5)
- 4 Greatest in status (7)
- 5 Servant (7)
- 6 Time of day (9)
- 7 Ruth's mother in law (5)
- 8 Lineage (7)
- 14 Separating wheat from chaff (9)
- 16 Legion's people (9)
- 17 King who was almost persuaded to be a Christian (7)
- 18 One more (7)
- 19 Pummelled bread (7)
- 20 Grass clippings (7)
- 22 Holy book (5)
- 24 Barter (5)

## NOTICES FOR NEXT WEEK

If you would like to share anything during lockdown 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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