

**ST JAMES' METHODIST & UNITED REFORMED CHURCH
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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 June 28th 2020

Lord of heaven and earth, you sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and power of your Church. Sow in our hearts the seeds of your grace that we may bear the fruit of the Spirit, in love and joy and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Merciful God, out of the depths we cry to you and you hear our prayer. Make us attentive to the voice of your Son that we may rise from the death of sin and take our place in the new creation. We make our prayer through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. Amen.

NEWS

CONGRATULATIONS

It isn't every day somebody turns a century old. We're so glad that Eva Lloyd Jones is one of the lucky few. It's such a blessing to have you in our church family. Happy 100th birthday on the 24th June!

PRAYERS NEEDED

We continue to pray for Linda Gregson and to all those in need at this time.

UPDATE ON DEREK LONG

Derek has had a number of consultations this week and the result is that the treatment will be Palliative Care. There is no curative treatment. The St. James' family send their love, prayers and support during this time.

CHURCH FACEBOOK PAGE

Our church Facebook page which I keep updated daily is accessible to anyone who has access to the internet (you don't have to have Facebook). If you have access to the internet, go to the church website <https://www.stjameswoolton.org/> and in the bottom left hand corner; there is a Facebook symbol, click on that and you can see all that is shared.

I started "sing together A worship song a day" when lockdown began. Every day I upload a song (a mix of traditional and new) that people have sent me for everyone to sing along to- if you would like to nominate a worship song/hymn please get in touch via 07951977709 or amybates93@aol.co.uk or via social media.

We may not be able to be together but we can still sing together (albeit in our own homes).

Thank you – Amy

ST. JAMES' CHURCH PRAYER CIRCLE ON YOUR MOBILE PHONE

We have promoted this in our notices on occasion for anyone to join in but just want to make everyone aware what it actually is. The people who are in this prayer circle share and pray for anyone or any situation that is in need of our collective prayers. It is not exclusive; anyone who has access to a mobile phone and has an app called 'WhatsApp' on it is very welcome to join us in our growing list of 'prayers'. It is a lovely way to prayerfully keep in touch and to combine our prayers. For more help or information please contact me.

Jayne McLaren on 07859062692.

Jimmy is back and as Dolly Parton sings, he's in a Coat of Many Colours!

Following last year's torrential rains when some of the compost and a lot of the plants were washed away, or simply rotted, Jimmy is now back at his best sporting plants of many different colours and textures.

As Garden Centres and nurseries were closed over lockdown, the plants for his mane and head came from our garden plus smaller plants grown on over last winter in the greenhouse. Additional succulents on his body were donations from church members' gardens and he was finished off with over 20 kilos of sphagnum moss. Jimmy is looking great and, in a few weeks' time, he will be standing in a small meadow of flowering nasturtiums.

As one lady said to me "Oh, he's lifted my mood over these last weeks as I've passed him on my daily walks and watched him get replanted". Although the church is currently closed for worship, the gardens are still open so if you are passing come and say hello to him, he would love to see you.
Roy.

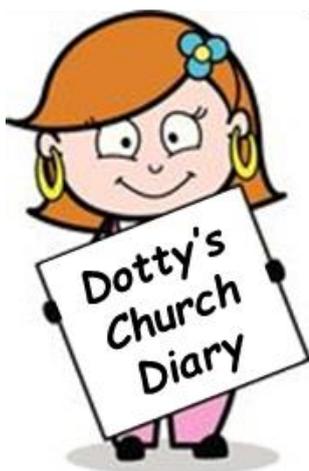
All help welcome...

Can you spare an hour or so to help Margaret and Roy with keeping the garden and church grounds looking lovely and welcoming over the coming months? Nothing big, a little weeding, planting up, dead heading or a quick brush up of the paths, whatever you feel you are able to do at a time to suit you.

If you can help then please drop Margaret an email or call her on her mobile **07761 129935**

DOTTY'S CHURCH DIARY

Can't find my domestic one. Not that there's much to put in it at the moment! But St James is still a hive of activity, even if the buildings *look* closed. The church and hall have been systematically deeper-than-deep cleaned over the many weeks of lockdown, with floors washed, carpets hoovered, chairs scrubbed, and window ledges and skirting boards dusted right back to the plaster (😊).



Early one recent morning when the weather was fine and warm, I believe a whole family of spiders was seen scuttling across the road towards the park, in search of a new and more peaceful home. Outside, the gutters have all been cleaned out, walls repointed, weeds uprooted, minor and major repairs discovered and sorted, and - as you will know from last week's pictures - Jimmy is blooming (marvellous). It feels like a sort of miracle, except it's all been achieved at a considerable human cost of planning, devotion, dogged persistence, time and effort. Those of us who have not

been able to lend a hand owe a huge thank you to Elaine and Frances, Roy and Margaret, Ivor and Wendy. The last few weeks may have been self-isolation and shielding for many of us, but for them it's been rolled up sleeves and socially distanced service on behalf of us all. The rainbows in the hall windows were originally a thank you to key workers. May they stand on, as a thank you to our very own, wonderful, team of keyworkers too.



CAN YOU BE KIND?

KIND distributed over three hundred Easter Food Packs for families across Merseyside, paid for by a very generous local trust. As a result of the conversations with various referrers, KIND has begun a twelve-week Crisis Food Programme, committed to providing a minimum of 150 large family-sized food hampers, which will be delivered to vulnerable/disadvantaged families across our Merseyside community.

Providing 150 hampers over twelve weeks will cost £54,000.00. KIND have begun approaching numerous trusts, individuals and funds to see if they can support this local initiative. If you, your friends and contacts are willing support this local initiative, please make a donation directly into KIND's account:

KIND: Sort code; 20-51-43: Account No.: 70037273

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!

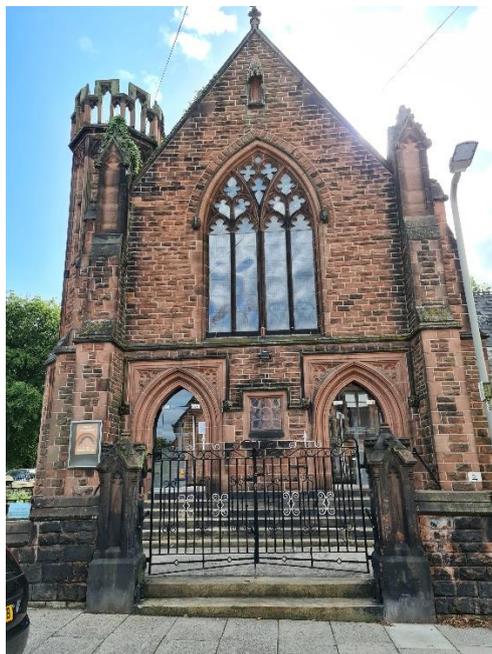
Please contact me, Wendy Doig, on 07867795179 or 0151 428 7180. Thank you in advance.

UNICEF sponsored walk

On 13th July Jane Laverty will be walking 30 miles from Woolton to Southport, this is to raise 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. If you can donate the link is <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/jane-laverty>. Thank you for your support and prayers, Jane.

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 July. 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.

Notices for next week – Please send any messages to Jayne McLaren at jayniemac@hotmail.co.uk



People of the Bible

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PAUL
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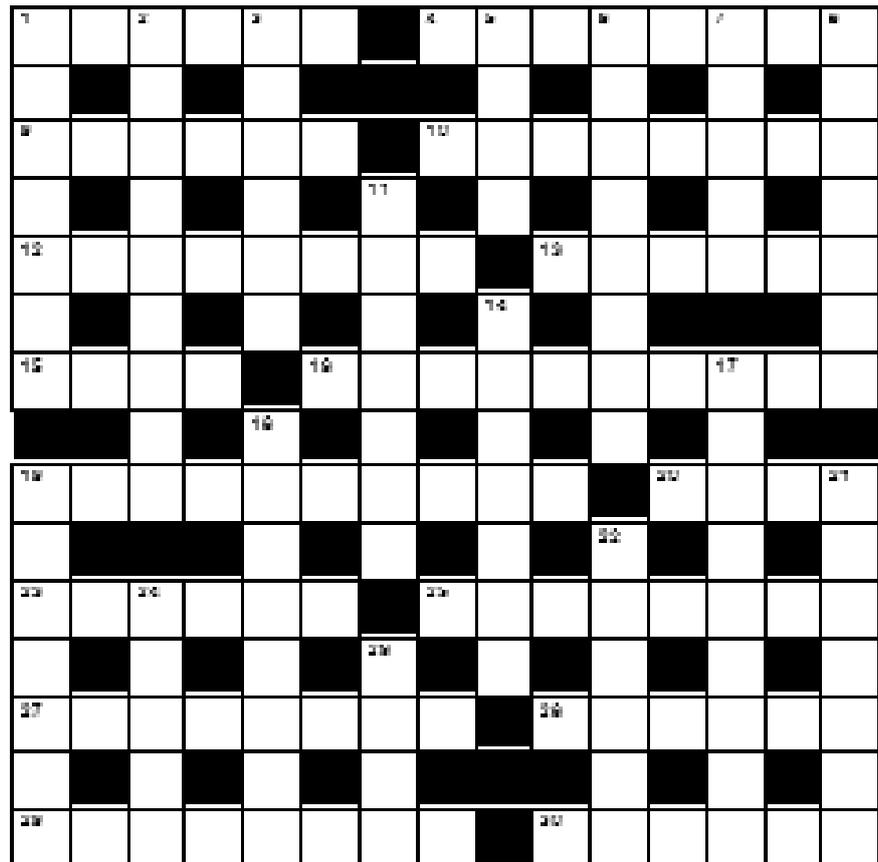
Bible Crossword IV

Across

- 1 Express sorrow (6)
 4 Anticipated (8)
 9 God with judge
people with this (6)
 10 Sore ants (anag); In
 the White House? (8)
 12 Kept confined (8)
 13 Times Peter denied
 Christ (6)
 15 Noah became this by
 faith (4)
 16 Last book of the
 Bible (10)
 19 God's angels (10)
 20 Mix up (4)
 23 Thin length of
material (6)
 25 It never comes (8)
 27 Sooth ed (8)
 28 Money lender (6)
 29 Counted (8)
 30 Rigid sheets of
metal (6)

Down

- 1 A dimension of God's
 love (7)
 2 Himalayas, for
example (9)



by [Orthologos](#)

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3 Gain, reach or arrive
 at (6)

5 Sesame worked! (4)

6 A faithful minister of
 Christ (8)

7 Mother in law of
 Ruth (5)

8 Sun sets in this sky (7)

11 Retaliation (7)

14 Scripture is profitable
 for this (7)

17 Magicians couldn't
 do this for Pharaoh's
 dreams (9)

18 Jerusalem - how her
 house is left (8)

19 Disease of cattle (7)

21 When Jesus comes
 these will be with
 Him (7)

22 Fragment of food (6)

24 Booms (anag) (5)

26 Not there! (4)