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



SUNDAY APRIL 26th 2020

Dear friends, Graham has circulated a letter about the needs of MHA, and I encourage you to act in whatever way you can in response.

As we pray for the present crisis and those affected by it, we should also pray about the future. I wonder if you heard Sam Wells on Radio 4 on Wednesday morning saying that when all this is over, the world will be very different from the past. It was a reminder that almost every page of the Bible is about change: how God works to change our world into the kind of society that it was meant to be from the beginning. Read Amos, read the gospels, read Acts, and the end of the Revelation, and look forward to a new future with hope, rather than fear. Keep safe, and keep washing your hands.

The Collect for the Third Sunday of Easter

God of life and love, your Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of the bread. Open our eyes that we may see him in his redeeming work; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

ST. JAMES' CHURCH PRAYER CIRCLE ON YOUR MOBILE

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.

CONGRATULATIONS

To Pam Draper, who reaches her 90th birthday on Wednesday. We wish her every blessing, and as much celebration as possible in the circumstances!

RAINBOWS of PROMISE

We have many windows in our church hall building with nothing happening behind them at the moment. Perhaps we could cheer up those passing our building by having some Rainbow pictures in the windows? There will be many budding artists amongst our St. James' family, and others who are not, of course - HOWEVER we would be so pleased if as many of you as possible will draw a happy Rainbow of Promise (A4 size please). You pop our pictures into the Hall post box (this will be checked every day) or send them to Wendy Doig via post or email

Message from Pam Draper

My family has persuaded me to make my walks round my garden into a fundraiser and have put me on Justgiving to do 9,000 paces before my 90th birthday next Wednesday! 13 circles a day. People from Church who might like to donate to the NHS can do so. I have already done 6 days in case you were worried about the arithmetic! Keep safe.

Pam D.

Happy news from Helen Munroe

Grandad has been discharged from hospital and is enjoying life in a lovely care home.

Reminder of online worship:

Circuit: (Please note: only available from Sunday)

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCrmGqAipfSRgi767l2srwrQ>

Wesley's Chapel, London Sundays 11am

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCUAUqhmhevz5sqhh72LIMxA>

Methodist Central Hall, Westminster: Sundays 11am

<https://www.youtube.com/mchwevents>

Swan Bank Methodist Church:

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCYNwI_EIBLfbqOhoz9cy6Dg

A MESSAGE FROM WOOLTON COMMUNITY LIFE

We have been going through very challenging times due to the current COVID-19 pandemic. This has been particularly and severely affecting some of our vulnerable elderly residents of this Community. We, at Woolton Community Life, have been striving to support our beneficiaries both individually and through their designated befrienders.

We are now entering into a shared partnership with Salvation Army and Life rooms, to reach out to those in our Community most in need at this very difficult time. During our Trustees' meeting there was a suggestion that we could perhaps enthuse our younger members of this Community to write to our lonely residents here in Woolton and the surrounding area, just to uplift their spirits and let it be known that we are thinking of them.

We are trying to work out the logistics of posting any letters, cards, pictures, drawings from young people which will be such a wonderful thing during these dark days.

I should be grateful if you could discuss the possibility of getting those materials, addressed to say 'Dear Resident/ Fellow Woolton resident'. We will arrange to collect those letters etc and post them to our elderly residents. I am sure that will cheer them up.

Catherine Higgins, chair of our Trustees, has her office in Woolton Village and is happy to collect those letters and post them if you can drop them through her letterbox. Her office is on Allerton Road, opposite the News Agent: Catherine Higgins Law, Solicitors.