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MONTHLY NEWSLETTER
November 2023

Welcome to our monthly newsletter.
Email Helen Miller: st.james.notices@gmail.com with anything you wish to include or have any suggestions for future editions.

MINISTER’S MESSAGE November 2023

I hope you are all well and surviving the very windy and wet autumnal weather.

November has been recognised in recent years as a Season of Remembrance. This begins with All Saints and All Souls Days (which were on 1st and 2nd), continues through Armistice Day (11th), and Remembrance Sunday (this year on 12th) and culminates with the Feast of Christ the King (this year on 26th).

Different parts of this season speak to each of us in different ways. Hopefully for all of us there are those moments to pray, give thanks to God, honour those who have gone before us, and rejoice in the ultimate victory of Jesus Christ the King who keeps the souls of the departed safe in his loving arms.

This year we are reminded by events in Israel/Palestine, Ukraine and elsewhere that war is not something to be praised or seen as an honourable way to settle the world’s conflicts. War is not part of God’s will for our world.

During November there will be a prayer vigil at St James to help us focus our prayers for peace.

God bless
Peter
Remembrance prayers.

O God of truth and life, during these turbulent times – with violence and loss once again at the forefront of world affairs – help us to lift our eyes above the torment of this broken world. As together we honour the past, may we put our faith in your future; for you are the source of life, health and hope, now and forever. Let us pray for all who suffer as a result of conflict, and ask that God may give us peace:

For the service men and women who have died in the violence of war, each one remembered by and known to God; may God give peace.

For those who love them in death as in life, offering the distress of our grief and the sadness of our loss; may God give peace.

For all members of the armed forces who are in danger this day, remembering family, friends and all who pray for their safe return; may God give peace.

For peace-makers and peace-keepers, who seek to keep this world secure and free; may God give peace.

Amen.
The Revd Richard Smith (Army chaplain.
Amen.)

In case of a medical emergency, St James’ Church has a defibrillator situated in the church hall.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY
Future Services this month at St James’:

Sunday 5th November 10.30am – Paul Holt
Sunday 12th November 10.30am – Obeth Thevanesan, Remembrance Service,
(*Coffee in hall – The Millers)
Sunday 19th November 10.30am - Revd. Peter Hughes
Sunday 26th November 10.30am – Revd. Peter Hughes, Holy Communion *(Glenys Evans & Gill McIntyre)
Other events during November 2023:

- **Thursday 9th November 9.30am – 11.30am** – Coffee Morning
- **Saturday 11th November 10am – 12 noon** – Farmers market and Coffee morning
- **Wednesday 15th November 7.45pm** – Wednesday Fellowship Group
- **Thursday 16th November 9.30am – 11.30am** – Coffee Morning
- **Thursday 16th / 17th November 2.00pm – 2.00am** – Church open for peace vigil
- **Saturday 18th November 10.00am** – Christmas Fair
- **Thursday 23rd November 9.30am – 11.30am** – Coffee Morning
- **Monday 27th November 7.30pm** – Steward/Elders meeting
- **Tuesday 28th November 7.30pm** – Finance & property meeting

**Roy Barker & Friends Christmas Sing-a-long is on Saturday 2nd December at 7.00 pm (doors open at 6.30pm).**

Come and join us for some Christmas fun and lots of singing. Wear your Christmas hats and sweaters and bring your voices. Proceeds will be split between St James’ Church Projects Fund and the Steps to Work programme at Strawberry Field. Strawberry Field continues the legacy of caring for young people in the local community as a safe, calm and spiritual home for trainees. The Steps to Work programme empowers young adults aged 18 – 25 with learning difficulties, who are neurodivergent or have barriers to employment into paid work.

- Contact Roy and Lynne Barker 0151 421 1218

**Grassendale Flower Arranging Society**

You are warmly invited to attend our sessions at 7.30 pm at All Hallows Church Centre, 1 Greenhill Road, Allerton. A floral arrangement is made and then raffled off at the end of the evening. Visitors £7.00

- **9th November:** ‘Glitz and Glamour’

*A recent flower display in St James’*
A peace vigil will be held at St James’ Church
Woolton L25 7RJ
on Thursday 16th November.
The Church will be open from 2pm-2am

All are welcome
It will be a space to share our support for peace with quiet reflection for all those affected by the conflict in Palestine and Israel.

There will be the opportunity to light candles, listen to music, pray and reflect on the devastating experiences men, women and children are currently facing.

If anyone wishes to donate any money it will be going to UNICEF who are supporting those children who are facing and witnessing pain, loss, and violence.
Autumn Gallery in our local parks