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



**MONTHLY NEWSLETTER  
April 2023**

**Welcome to our April newsletter.**

**Email Helen Miller: [newsletter@stjameswoolton.org](mailto:newsletter@stjameswoolton.org) with anything you wish to include or have any suggestions for future editions.**

**MINISTER'S MESSAGE April 2023:**

A Happy Easter to all of you - in anticipation of Easter Sunday 9th April. It is wonderful once again to celebrate the resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ.

This is the most important event in human history, the reason for the existence of the Christian Church and the place where all true hope comes from.

Coinciding in this part of the world with early spring, it makes us feel even more joyful as we look forward to longer, warmer and (hopefully) sunnier days ahead.

The resurrection means that the things that often get us down in life - illness, loss, guilt - are not the last word. The love and light of Jesus are stronger than the powers of darkness. I hope that those who haven't been back to Church for a while will join us at some point during the Easter season, which lasts until Pentecost (28th May).

There are any places in our world and country where we long to see the power of bring about a change. The victims of war in Ukraine, earthquake in Turkey and Syria, and of the rising cost of living in our own country are just a few examples. The resurrection gives us the confidence to believe that these things are not the last word. God does have a plan for a place where there is no more suffering, the risen Jesus is the evidence that this plan will one day be fulfilled. In the meantime, Jesus empowers us to make a difference in whatever small ways we can.

St Paul tells us that we have within us the same power that raised Jesus from the dead (Ephesians chapter 1 verses 19 - 20). The resurrection isn't just something that happened TO Jesus, it also happens IN us.

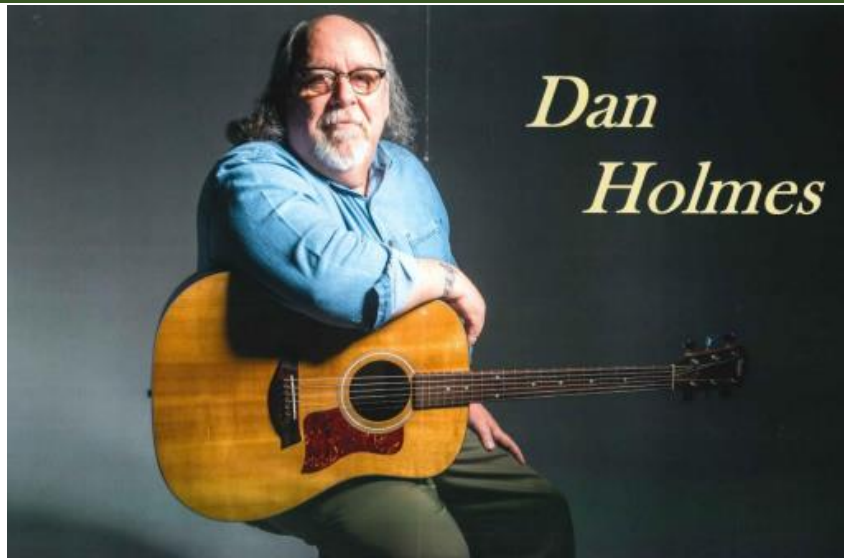
I hope and pray that as individuals and as a Church we will experience that power this Easter time and beyond.

God Bless  
Peter

**These were the beautiful Church flowers on 26<sup>th</sup> March. They were donated by Pam Draper in memory of the passing of her Dad.**

If you would like to donate money for flowers on a particular Sunday - perhaps in memory of a loved one or in celebration of a happy event - please speak to **Jonquil Dickson** who can add you to the calendar for the months ahead.

Please also contact Jonquil for any donations towards the Easter flower arrangements.



## **Dan Holmes**

We are delighted to be welcoming Dan and Sue Holmes back to St James' on the weekend of 15th and 16th April. Come and join us for a relaxed evening as Dan shares his beautiful self-penned songs about the events and experiences that happen along life's way. Doors open at 6.30 pm, concert starting at 7.00 pm on Saturday 15th April.

Tickets from Lynne Barker: £6 adults, £1 children or pay at the door. Proceeds in aid of St James' Development Fund.

Dan is unable to bring CDs this time but will be offering download cards instead.

Anyone who purchases a download card can go to his website and download the album on to their computer/tablet/electronics enabling them to listen to the music on any device they choose. Each download card will be available for 5 pounds, or you can get all five albums for 20 pounds. (Cash only as Dan can't take cards.)

LIVERPOOL CITY CENTRE  
**WALK OF WITNESS**  
**Holy Saturday 8 April 2023 - 2pm**  
Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral Piazza

Walk through the city centre led by the the Acting Bishop of Liverpool,  
the Archbishop of Liverpool, and other Church Leaders.

Finish with prayers and refreshments at Liverpool Parish Church.

### Easter Prayer

*When everything was dark  
and it seemed that the sun would never shine again,  
your love broke through.*

*Your love was too strong,  
too wide,  
too deep  
for death to hold.*

*The sparks cast by your love  
dance and spread  
and burst forth  
with resurrection light.*

*Gracious God,  
We praise you for the light of new life  
made possible through Jesus.  
We praise you for the light of new life  
that shone on the first witnesses of resurrection.  
We praise you for the light of new life  
that continues to shine in our hearts today.*

*We pray that the Easter light of life, hope and joy,  
will live in us each day;  
and that we will be bearers of that light  
into the lives of others.  
Amen.*



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

**April 2023**

**Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup>** 10.30am - Palm Sunday Revd. Peter Hughes

**Thurs 6<sup>th</sup>** 7.00pm - Maundy Thursday Service

**Friday 7<sup>th</sup>** 11.00am - Good Friday Service at St James

12.00pm - Good Friday in the Village

**Sunday 9<sup>th</sup>** 8.30am - Easter Communion Revd. Peter Hughes

**Sunday 9<sup>th</sup>** 10.30am - Easter Sunday and Holy Communion Revd. John Lansley

**Sunday 16<sup>th</sup>** 10.30am - Liz Hudson All Age Worship with Dan Holmes (*\*Margaret Peterson and Chris Hickey coffee*)

**Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup>** 10.30am – Morning Worship, AGM & Communion – Revd. Peter Hughes

**Sunday 30<sup>th</sup>** 10.30am - Morning Worship & Baptism - Revd. Peter Hughes (*\*Wendy Doig and Glenys Evans coffee*)

**Other important dates during April 2023:**

**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> April – 2.30pm** Monday Fellowship meeting (Pam Drapers house)

**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> April - 7.30pm** Steward/Elders Meeting

**Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> April – 7.30pm – 9.00pm** Wednesday Fellowship Group (In Church)

**Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> April - 9.30am – 11.30pm** Coffee Morning

**Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> April –** Farmers market (No coffee morning at Church)

**Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> April - 1.30pm – 2.30pm** Quiet Prayer time in Church

**Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> April 9.30am – 11.30am** Coffee Morning

**Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> April – 7.00pm** Dan Holmes in Concert

**Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> April – 7.30pm** Worship Consultation (in Church)

**Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> April – 7.30pm – 9.00pm** Wednesday Fellowship Group (In Church)

**Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> April 9.30am – 11.30am** Coffee Morning

**Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> April 9.30am – 11.30am** Coffee Morning

**Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> April** Autism Training (Time TBC)



**Congratulations and very best wishes to  
Gareth Barker and Laura Phelan who will be  
married on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> April at The  
Bluecoat.**

**Wishing them a lifetime of love and  
happiness, may their married life be richly  
blessed.**

## Fundraising



**In February Faye and Danny Lavery successfully climbed Kilimanjaro.**

Faye was raising money for a Liverpool charity. Weapons down gloves up organised by the No more knives team.

Faye says: *"I love my city and I want to give back to the community, the people of Liverpool. WDGU aims to reduce crime and offers opportunities to young people through sports, education and employment. Everyone is capable of great things, and WDGU gives young people the opportunity to change their lives and thrive (which is what us scousers do)."*

A big thanks to all who supported Faye and Danny with donations, prayers and encouragement. She has raised £1,474 so far.

**A big WELL DONE from all at St James'.**

## St James' Photo Gallery

Jayne McLaren captured this great photo of our Church looking fabulous one evening this week.



Toby Miller spied a sneaky rainbow over Camphill on his morning walk!