

Wavertree Congregational Church

Messenger - September - October 2023

Matthew 22:37-39

Jesus replied: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.'This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbour as yourself.

Prayers

Please remember the following in your prayers:

Carolyn & Family, Jackie & Jason Hookey, Darren, Alison & Ben, Peter & Val Humphreys and family, Martin Eccles, Eileen Lowe, Dilys Little, Anne Lord, Ann & Alan Ascott, Walter Ash, Stephen Murphy & Phyllis, John Burnell & Margaret, Pauline Campbell, Sue & Ged, Lindsay & Peter, Mei, John & family, Steve & Gill Smith, Jean Dawber and Sue Tanner & family (Annettes Friend)



Tea with a Twist: Saturday 2nd September: Eve & Annette
Saturday 7th October: Carolyn & Viv

Sunday Services

September

3rd - Peter Humphreys / Holy Communion / Church Meeting
10th - Eve / Heritage Weekend
17th - Eve / Heritage Weekend
24th - Sue/ Harvest Service



October

1st - Eve / Holy Communion
8th - Graham Taylor
15th - Rowley Moore/ Church Anniversary 187 years
22nd - Jean Taylor
29th - Sam Rigby



Heritage Weekends

9th & 10th also 16th & 17th September
Church open 12 - 4pm Saturday & Sunday both weekends
Wedding Dress Display of Members and friends



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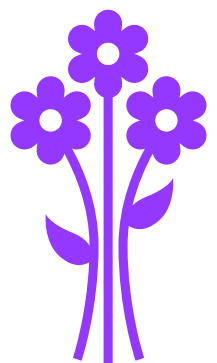
Flower Rota

September

3rd - Viv
10th & 17th - Sue
24th - Ann

October

1st - Ann
8th & 15th - Eve
22nd & 29th - Viv



Dear Friends,

Never in a month of Sundays, did I expect to be writing an appreciation for John, who was with us so many years and who acted as Chair of our Congregation, always sensibly and wisely. I am sure I am not alone in often thinking about John's contribution to Wavertree and the deep sadness of his family, at such an event and loss. We loved him. He was always a helpful supporter for me, as I got to know our fellowship here in Hunters Lane.

As I so often do when I write, sitting watching the back garden, which is at its peek now, with many small birds upon the feeders, as I watch out for Triona (our cat) and the bigger birds, that I keep at bay with my water pistol. There have been rumours, for many years, that I can be like a big kid, and, to be honest, there may be some fun in that!! Life goes on. I first came to Dublin back in 1963 on a day-trip from North Wales. I was there much longer in the 1970's working. Things have changed so much though that neither Val nor I go into town only in the early evening. From what I read in the Echo, Liverpool is very much the same. It leaves me wondering how things have changed so drastically and where do we still fit in. "The Lord is good to those whose hope is in him, to the one who seeks him; it is good to wait quietly for the salvation of the Lord. It is good for a man to bear the yoke while he is young ... For no one is cast off by the Lord for ever. Though he brings grief, he will show compassion, so great is his unfailing love. For he does not willingly bring affliction or grief to anyone." (Lamentations 3: 25-27 and 31-33). These words may feel perhaps a little shallow but, as I know from my own experiences, when we open up our sorrow to Him, His love is unfailing.

Because of my various health challenges, it is not that easy sometimes to go far. But the other week, we decided to go to Mullingar and stay overnight. It is not a glamorous spot but a very friendly one, beside so many beautiful lakes and canals. Please God we may be able to go further before too long, like coming over to my home town in Wavertree! Where ever we are, no matter how we feel, stop, don't keep going regardless. In that maybe short time, talk with God and, perhaps seek His help. We cannot wait for Him to do what we wish. Never. But He will respond in love and His love, with ours, will see us through.

God bless,

Peter

