Wavertree Congregational Church

January - February 2025

Happy New Year!

Sunday Services

January
5th - Elizabeth Sweeney-Smith - Holy Communion
12th - Yvonne Campbell
19th - Eve Maudsley - Church Meeting
26th - Rowley Moore

February
2nd - Yvonne Campbell - Holy Communion
9th - Peter Franklin
16th - TBC
23rd - Eve Maudsley

Please remember the following in your **prayers**:

Viv & Jim, Carolyn & Family, Jackie & Jason Hookey, Alison & Ben, Peter & Val, Nick & Kate and baby Eleanor, Linda Keys, Sue, Stan & Martin Eccles, Dilys Little, Anne Lord, Ann & Alan Ascott, John Arnold, Graham & Gerald Taylor, Jenny Hudson, Maureen Harvey, John Burnell & Margaret, Pauline Campbell, Sue & Ged, Lindsay & Peter, Mei, John and Family, Jean Dawber, Jen & Mark Firkins, baby Luan and Annettes' friend Saima, and her family.

Flower Rota

- 5th January - Christmas Decorations
- 12th & 19th January - Eve
- 26th January & 2nd February - Viv
- 9th & 16th February - Carolyn
- 22nd February - Sue

Tea with a Twist

- 4th January - Eve Maudsley
- 1st February - Yvonne & Poppy

In Memory of Eileen Lowe
1933 - 2024

Eileen Lowe was a cherished and longstanding member of Wavertree Congregational Church, whose dedication and love profoundly impacted the lives of countless people. As a leader of the Girls' Brigade and Sunday School, Eileen devoted herself tirelessly to nurturing the faith and development of young people, leaving a legacy of encouragement and inspiration. Her warmth, generosity, and unwavering commitment to the church community were evident in all she did, touching the hearts of all who knew her. Eileen gave so much of herself to the church, becoming a pillar of strength and kindness for so many. Her last four years were spent in Prince Alfred Care Home, our thanks to all the staff who cared for Eileen. She will be greatly missed, but her contributions and the love she shared will never be forgotten.

Dear Friends,

Looking at the TV News, we have not had snow or floods so far, but there is plenty of Winter news left. I feel so sorry for those that have had this disaster before and just don't know what to do it all again. Now I wasn't necessarily drawing a direct comparison at all of the floods we are experiencing in every continent at the moment. Scientists are telling us again and again that the World is suffering, due to human greed. The poor not the poorest suffer most. But it reminded me of what happened in Noah's time, thousands of years ago, when God's anger at the waste of the beautiful Earth that He had made was not that different.

In *Genesis 6*, we learn that '**5** The Lord saw how great the wickedness of the human race had become on the earth, and that every inclination of the thoughts of the human heart was only evil all the time. **6** The Lord regretted that he had made human beings on the earth, and his heart was deeply troubled. **7** So the Lord said, "I will wipe from the face of the earth the human race I have created—and with them the animals, the birds and the creatures that move along the ground—for I regret that I have made them." We learn that Noah's family alone does finds favour in the eyes of the Lord and is not perished.

Walking in the park nearby, workmen were cutting down some very old trees that had been snapped in the local storm. They must have been over a hundred years old easily. We must think again of the ways in which people, like us, have cut down trees for profit, as the North and South Poles are shrinking it seems relentlessly … Just like me, this abuse of Nature seems impossible to stop. The best we can do is that, if we have a bit of a garden, we might be able to grow plants that our neighbours may try doing that themselves. We might write letters of protest. We sell plants we have grown that support those organisations that are working so hard to stop the Earth's destruction. Simple things can become big.

As with so many things that are not godly, we can do what we can to follow to the Lord's instructions to love the world He has made. After all, it is still very beautiful.

God bless,
Peter

May the Lord bless you and keep you; The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you;

2025

The Lord turn His face toward you and give you peace.

Numbers 6:24-26