# Wavertree Congregational Church

**September - October 2024**

## Prayers

Please remember the following in your prayers:
Viv & Jim, Carolyn & Family, Jackie & Jason Hookey, Alison & Ben, Peter & Val Humphreys, Martin Eccles, Eileen Lowe, Dilys Little, Anne Lord, Ann & Alan Ascott, Frank & Phyllis, 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.

**Heritage Weekends**
The church will be open on 7th & 8th Sept and 14th & 15th Sept from 12noon - 4pm
You can find more information about the heritage weekends at the following webpage:
www.heritageopendays.org.uk/submission-event/wavertree-congregational-church.html

## September

1st - Graham Taylor - Holy Communion
8th - Yvonne Campbell - Heritage Weekend
15th - Yvonne Campbell - Heritage Weekend
22nd - Eve Maudsley - Church Meeting
28th - Wedding of Zoe and David
29th - Sue Warburton - Harvest

heritage open days



## October

6th - Eve Maudsley - Holy Communion
13th - Peter Franklin
20th - TBC
27th - Rowley Moore






**Flower Rota**
**September**
1st & 8th - Sue Warburton
15th & 22nd - Ann Ascott
29th - Viv Collingwood

**October**
6th - Viv Collingwood
13th & 20th - Eve Maudsley
27th - Carolyn

**Tea with a Twist**
7th Sept - Eve Maudsley
5th Oct - Ann & Alan



**Galatians 6:7-9**
Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows. Whoever sows to please their flesh, from the flesh will reap destruction; whoever sows to please the Spirit, from the Spirit will reap eternal life. Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up." NIV

## The Mystery

I remember as a kid how changeable summer was. Sometimes, it was really warm. So warm, we would go to the chemist, round the corner, for a special cream (as long as we didn't forget) that helped us not to get burnt! Sometimes, it would lash with rain … more often it would be a bit of both! One thing I always used to do was hunt, in Sefton Park or the Mystery, for the **biggest** conkers. Then, compete with my mates who had the biggest. It was the toughest for our fingers!! Even victory had its cost!

These days, though I don't live as close to the Mystery as I did, I always keep my eyes out, for good conkers. I don't see anything like as many kids doing the same thing. I wonder why? Most kids have their heads buried in their mobile phones. Kids compete with their friends more often with video games or, more often, start to live in their own worlds in their mobiles. That is dead dangerous but, because both Mum and Dad work all day or night, it really can be dangerous.

From friends that have been to Palestine, there is much less money around and their kids play, like I did, in their dusty streets. I wonder what Jesus did as a kid? Unfortunately, there is very little about that in the Bible. That's a real pity. Very little is known about him until his 30's. But I am sure that, as he got older, he helped his Dad up with carpentry. When his Dad passed away, there would have been a tremendous number of things he had to do to help keep the family going. Don't forget that he was one of a large family. There were James, Joshes, Simon, Jude and his two sisters.

'When Jesus entered the synagogue leader's house and saw the noisy crowd and the people playing pipes' (Matthew 9:23). I am sure that even if he wanted to, 'pipes' like all musical instruments, were expensive for a carpenter's son. Indeed, it is evident in Matthew 12:46, Mark 3:31, Luke 8:19 and Acts 1:15 that, though Jesus' mother and family were important, there is a much more important jobs do so. In fact, it is only after his death on the cross, that He is evident to his family (Acts 1:12-14). One of the teachers of the law asked Jesus, **28**"Of all the commandments, which is the most important?" **29** "The most important one," answered Jesus, "is this: 'Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. **30** Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.'**31** The second is this: 'Love your neighbour as yourself.' There is no commandment greater than these" (Mark 12:28-31).

Above all, Jesus asks us to love our family, to love neighbours, to love those we have met and whom we are to meet in the future. But above all, we must love God more than all: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. As Jesus teaches us, that is everyone on earth that we can. In Autumn days, as time gets a bit shorter for going out, keep your loving eyes open. Say 'hello' with a small smile as we may pass them in the park. Stroke their dogs, if you can. If a football comes flying your way, do your best the return it with a smile. And, if you get a chance, have a good look at the conkers and, maybe put them along on the back of your kitchen window, to see what happens. After all, God made it.

God bless,

Peter