

# ST JAMES' & ST JOHN'S MONTHLY HERALD



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## Minister's Note

A year ago, this nation was battered by a series of attacks following in quick succession one after another – Westminster Bridge Manchester Arena, London Bridge, Finsbury Park, Parsons Green Tube Station. And on top of all this, the Grenfell Tower fire. As the anniversaries of these horrendous events are rolling around, we are all reminded of them, and those who were directly affected are doubtless reliving their experiences.

We might well cry out, 'Why, Lord? Why didn't you stop these things happening? Why didn't you protect the innocent? Why do you allow people to suffer like this?'

We'll never fully understand why – at least, not in this life. But I hope we also ask the Lord to show us how he wants us to respond. The people of Manchester, and in London, especially around Grenfell Tower, came together in the aftermath, to help the victims in whatever way they could. Christians around the country prayed for them. We need to continue to pray, and to act. Pray for hearts to be changed, so people turn away from violence. Pray for the security services as they work to protect us from violent attacks. Pray that people are put before profit in all areas of life, especially in the construction of buildings. Be ready to support victims of violence or other disaster, and to do whatever we can to enable our neighbours to live in safety. As Jesus' followers, we are called to *proclaim good news to the poor . . . to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed* (Luke 4:18), in short, to be and to do Good News.

## For Prayer

- There are Baptisms taking place in July at both churches, and a wedding at St James'. New data protection rules mean we can no longer include names for prayer without explicit consent from those concerned. But the Lord knows who they are, so please keep them in your prayers
- Sarah taking an assembly at Barkers Lane School on Friday 13 July
- Please make sure you have a copy of the 'Leading Your Church into Growth' prayer bookmark, and use the prayer for growth in your prayers often
- **A prayer for refugees** -O God, when in Jesus you walked this earth, you had no place to call your own, no place to lay your head. As we stand by the landless and the homeless and support those who struggled alongside them, may we stand by you, seeing your face and image there. Amen. (Barbara Vellacott, The SPCK Book of Christian Prayer n.117)

## REGULAR SERVICES

### ST JAMES'

Every Sunday at 11am

1<sup>st</sup> July – All Age Worship

8<sup>th</sup> July – Holy Communion

15<sup>th</sup> July – Morning Prayer

22<sup>nd</sup> July – All Age Communion

29<sup>th</sup> July – NO SERVICE

### ST JOHN'S

Every Sunday at 9.30am

1<sup>st</sup> July – Holy Communion

8<sup>th</sup> July – Holy Communion

15<sup>th</sup> July – Matins

22<sup>nd</sup> July – Holy Communion

29<sup>th</sup> July – Joint service

### In addition at St John's:

Each Sunday at 4pm - Service Station – Food for Body & Soul

Each Wednesday at 10am - Communion Service

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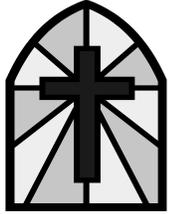
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## Church Events

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### **At St James':**

Mondays 2, & 9 July, **Bible Study: Nothing More and Nothing Less**, 7.30 – 9.00 pm in the Church Hall

Tuesday 3 July, **Midweek Holy Communion**, 10.30 am in Church

Wednesday 11 July, **Church Council Meeting**, 7.30 pm in the Church Hall

Sunday 22 July, **Patronal Festival Service** at 11.00 am, followed by lunch at the Holt Lodge

*Please be reminded that there is an opportunity for prayer ten minutes prior to each Sunday service*

### **At St John's:**

Sunday 1 July, **Paul Robinson** will be speaking at St John's Service Station, 4.00 pm in church

Tuesday 3 July, **Church Council Meeting**, 7.15 pm in the Church Hall

Saturday 21 July, **Prayer Breakfast**, 9.00 – 10.30 am in Church

### **Elsewhere:**

Thursday 10 July, **Mission Area Conference**, 7.00 for 7.15 pm, All Saints Poyser St

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## Forthcoming Events

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Wednesday 29 August, **Rhosddu Park Playday**

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## Church Activities

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- **SUNDAY CLUB:** During term time, for children during the 11am service at St James' (Except on family service's)
- **WHIST DRIVE:** Every other Friday, 7 pm at St. James'. £2 entry including refreshments
- **EVENING MOTHERS' UNION:** Second Wednesday, 7.30–9.00 pm in St John's Hall
- **BANANA CLUB:** Thursdays, in term time, 3.15–5 pm in St John's Hall, primary yrs. 1-6

