

## ST JAMES' & ST JOHN'S MONTHLY HERALD



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### *Minister's Note*

As most of you know, in July last year, my family and I cycled from Lands End to John O'Groats. Reflecting on the experience of planning that journey, and bringing it to a successful conclusion, encouraged me to organise the LyCiG Local course which we did jointly before Easter, and to plan for growth in our two churches. In July, a small steering group met for the first time, to review where we're up to with the plans we made earlier in the year, and to begin to think about how we continue to move forward. It was very encouraging to realise that many of the short-term things we planned before Easter have already happened (eg the Pentecost invitation service at St James', and the men's evening), and that we are moving ahead with medium-term and ongoing plans (eg a group has completed Christianity Explored over the last few months, and another group has been meeting for Bible Study). It's also encouraging to see new people joining all our congregations, beginning to feel at home, and joining in with church activities. I do believe that the Lord is working amongst us in answer to our prayers. So thank you to all those people who pray faithfully for our churches, and who come along to the Prayer Breakfast). Please do use the pointers for prayer on the monthly Herald, continue to use the prayer for growth, and take opportunities like the Prayer Breakfast to join with other people in prayer. And don't forget to praise and thank the Lord for all that he's doing amongst us to grow his kingdom!

### *For Prayer*

- There is a wedding at St James' this month. 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.
- *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 as often as possible*
- A prayer for the holidays -Lord God, we put ourselves into your hands, and pray that you will bless us and our families during the summer holidays. May we all help make our home a place of relaxation, joy, love, peace and safety. May we be generous and considerate, not thinking only about ourselves, but helping others enjoy the blessings of summertime. We ask this through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen (adapted from 'Prayers for Summer 2012', at <http://www.edgeleyandcheadleheath.org.uk/>)

### REGULAR SERVICES

#### ST JAMES'

Every Sunday at 11am

5<sup>th</sup> August – All Age Worship

12<sup>th</sup> August – Holy Communion

19<sup>th</sup> August – Morning Prayer

26<sup>th</sup> August – All Age Communion

#### ST JOHN'S

Every Sunday at 9.30am

5<sup>th</sup> August – Holy Communion

12<sup>th</sup> August – Holy Communion

19<sup>th</sup> August – Matins

26<sup>th</sup> August – Holy Communion

#### 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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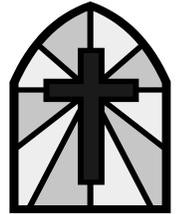
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## Church Events

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### At St James':

Tuesday 7 August, **Midweek Holy Communion**, 10.30 am in Church

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

### Elsewhere:

Tuesday 28 August, **Rhosddu Park Playday** (please note change of date), 12 noon – 3.00 pm on Rhosddu Park on Garden Road. Free refreshments, bouncy castle, craft activities and more . . . Fancy dress competition (age groups: 4 and under; 5 to 8; 8 plus). St James' is helping to provide refreshments, so please let Jackie know if you could bake some cakes beforehand, or help out on the day. Come along to enjoy a great community event

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## Forthcoming Events

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Wednesday 5 September, **St James' Church Council meeting**

Tuesday 11 September, **St John's Church Council meeting**

Saturday 15 September, **Prayer Breakfast**

Thursday 27 September, **Christians Together in Wrexham Open Meeting**, at St Mark's

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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

