ST JAMES' & ST JOHN'S MONTHLY HERALD

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# Minister's Note

# Happy New Year!

It was encouraging to see lots of people in church over Christmas who were there for the first time or returning after a long break. Thank you to everyone who invited someone to join them in Christmas worship. Don't be discouraged if they refused your invitation – the fact that you invited them is a success in itself!

Please start thinking and praying now for an event coming up in May. It's a Mission Area event which will take place at St John's on **Monday 4 May** (NB the May Bank Holiday has been moved to Friday 8 May this year). **Paul Jones**, the former lead singer of Manfred Mann, and his wife, **Fiona Hendley**, will be speaking about how faith in God has changed their lives. Put the date in your diary now and ask the Lord who you could invite to come along. More details will be available soon.

# Church Events

# <u>At St James'</u>

Wednesday 15 January, **St James' Church Council meeting**, 7.15 for 7.30 pm

# At St John's

Tuesday 21 January, **St John's Church Council meeting**, 7.15 pm



REGULAR SERVICES

### <u>ST JAMES'</u>

Every Sunday at 11am

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

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

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

26<sup>th</sup> January – All Age Holy Communion

#### ST JOHN'S

#### Every Sunday at 9.30am

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

 ${\bf 12^{th} January-Holy \ Communion}$ 

19th January – Morning Prayer

26th January – 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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# Forthcoming Events



Tuesday 4 February, **Mission Area Conference**, St James', 7.00 for 7.15 pm Thursday 13 February, **St James' Church Council meeting**, 7.15 for 7.30 pm Tuesday 25 February, **St John's Church Council meeting**, 7.15 pm

# For Prayer

- Horatio Spafford wrote these words, after he'd lost his business, and all five of his children had died: *When peace like a river attendeth my way, when sorrows like sea billows roll; whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say, "It is well, it is well with my soul."* At the beginning of this new year, if you struggle to echo this response to the Lord's care for you, ask him to draw close to you and assure you that you are precious in his sight, no matter what your personal circumstances.
- For each person who joined us for Christmas worship that the message of the angels will remain in their hearts and minds, and that they will enter a deeper relationship with the Lord over the coming months
- 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 New Year

Lord of the years, we ask your blessing on the year to come. Give us the resilience to bear its disappointments, energy to seize its opportunities and openness to accept the more abundant life which you have promised to us in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

(The Lion Prayer Collection, p 148)

# Church Activities

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



(If you would like to submit anything for the Herald, please email Tracy on tracyjones@uwclub.net)