

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

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### *Minister's Note*

We've been using the prayer for growth from the LyCiG (Leading your Church into Growth) material for several months now, in both churches. You might be forgiven for wondering whether any answers to that prayer have been apparent! Certainly the number of people in our Sunday services hasn't grown, and in some cases it has diminished significantly this year.

Nevertheless, I see spiritual growth happening in both our churches. It's apparent in the fact that two Bible Study and Fellowship groups have begun meeting this year: on Monday evenings at St James', and on Wednesday evenings led and hosted by Steve and Andrea Shotton. In addition, a small group is currently doing the Christianity Explored course. Our Prayer Breakfasts have seen new people attending. In all these smaller gatherings, as well as through our Sunday worship, people are testifying that they have encountered the Lord in new and powerful ways.

In the New Year, we plan to run the LyCiG Local course. Not everyone is able to attend the residential version of the course, but I hope that many of you will feel able to give up a couple of Saturdays – provisionally **10 February** and **14 April** – to learn more about how we can all work together to lead our churches into growth. Please put these dates in your diary now, and make them a priority! Pray that they will bear much fruit, and keep on praying the prayer for growth at home, as well as in church

### *For Prayer*

- For the opportunities provided over the period running up to and including Christmas, to share the good news of Jesus with our families, friends and neighbours – that we'll 'always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks [us] to give the reason for the hope that [we] have.' (1 Peter 3:15)
- For Isabelle Gauterin, to be baptised at St James' on Sunday 5 November, and Oscar Wynn, to be baptised at St John's on Sunday 19 November
- For all those who have received an invitation to our Commemoration (All Souls') Services in November, that they will know the Lord's comfort in their grief for loved ones departed during the last year

*Please make sure you have a copy of the 'Leading Your Church into Growth' bookmark, and use the prayer for growth in your prayers as often as possible*



### REGULAR SERVICES

#### ST JAMES'

Every Sunday at 11am

5<sup>th</sup> November – All Souls

12<sup>th</sup> November – Morning Prayer

19<sup>th</sup> November – Holy Communion

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

#### ST JOHN'S

Every Sunday at 9.30am

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

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

19<sup>th</sup> November – Matins

26<sup>th</sup> November – 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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[www.wrexhamparish.org.uk](http://www.wrexhamparish.org.uk)

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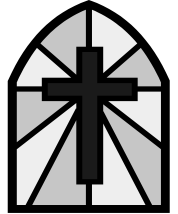
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## Church Events

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### At St James':

Mondays 6, 13, 20, 27 November, **Bible Study and Fellowship**, 7.30 – 9.00 pm in the Church Hall. Everyone from St James' and St John's (and guests!) welcome

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

Wednesday 8 November, **St James' Church Council**, 7.30 pm

Saturday 25 November, **Christmas Bingo**, 7.00 pm at St James' (*Please note change of date and time!*)

### At St John's:

Sunday 12 November, **Commemoration (All Souls') Service**, 6.30 pm in Church. Please give Sarah, in writing, the names of anyone you would like to be included in the Act of Remembrance. Forms are available if you'd like a loved one's name added to our Book of Remembrance.

Tuesday 14 November, **St John's Church Council**, 7.15 pm

Saturday 25 November, **Prayer Breakfast**, 9.00 – 10.30 am, in Church (*Please note change of date!*)

### Elsewhere:

Monday evenings, **Christianity Explored** - seven sessions to find out more about Jesus Christ. Please ask for further details

Wednesday evenings during term-time, **ConneXions**, Christian fellowship and study. 7.45 – 9.15 pm, 83 Jeffreys Road. Please contact Steve or Andrea, [hottshotts83@gmail.com](mailto:hottshotts83@gmail.com), for further details

Friday 17 November, **Ladies' Evening**, 7.30 pm at the home of Julie Barlow.

Bring and Share meal – please see list at the back of church. Guest Speaker: Paul Thorpe, from Ty Nos homeless shelter.

Sunday 26 November, **Christians Together in Wrexham United Service**, 6.00 pm at Trinity Presbyterian Church, King St, LL11 1LE. Guest speaker: Revd Elfed ap Nefydd Roberts

**Feeding the Roofless** are looking for volunteers – usually 2 weekends a year. If you are interested, please contact Pauline Wright (St. John's) - Tel.356367

### Forthcoming Events:

Saturday 9 December, **Christmas Coffee Morning**, 10.00 am – 12 noon at St James'

Thursday 21 December, **Carol Singing around Rhosddu**; meet at St James' at 6.30 pm; followed by fish and chip supper, to be ordered in advance – please see Jackie

- Please see previous editions of the Herald for regular church activities

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