

ST JAMES' & ST JOHN'S MONTHLY HERALD

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Minister's Note


Maranatha – our Lord, come! (1 Corinthians 16:22) sums up the themes of the season of Advent. We long for Jesus to return to the earth as King, to put right all that is wrong, and to bring God's kingdom to its fulfilment. During Advent, we prepare ourselves to celebrate Jesus' first coming, born as a baby in Bethlehem just over 2,000 years ago. But we shouldn't lose sight of our expectation and anticipation of his Second Coming. During Advent, we focus our thinking on the Four Last Things: Death, Judgement, Heaven and Hell. We're called to remain awake and watchful as we wait for the arrival of Jesus as the heavenly bridegroom, coming to claim his bride, the Church. Take time this Advent to think and pray on these things. Let's not allow our preparations for Christmas 2016 to squeeze out our spiritual preparation to welcome Jesus as King

For Prayer

- **Bethan Gilliam** will be Confirmed in a service at St Asaph Cathedral on Wednesday 7 December
- **Mark Green and Kimberley Smith** to be married at St James' on Saturday 10 December
- **Barkers Lane School Christmas Service**, at St John's on Thursday 15 December
- **Christmas Services and Events** Please pray that every individual who visits our churches for any service or event over the Christmas period will have an encounter with God, and be drawn into a closer relationship with him

REGULAR SERVICES

ST JAMES'

Every Sunday at 11am 

4th December– Morning Prayer

11th December - Lessons & Carols with Holy Communion

18th December– All Age Worship - Christingle

24th December – Crib Service at 3.30pm

25th December–NO SERVICE

ST JOHN'S

Every Sunday at 9.30am 

4th December – Holy Communion

11th December– Matins

18th December– Holy Communion, **with Christingle Service at 4pm**

24th December – Carol Service at 6.30pm

25th December–Holy Communion **at 10 am**

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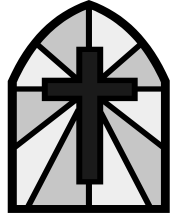
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Church Events



At St James':

Friday 2 December, **Christmas Quiz and Curry Night**, 7.30 pm in the Church Hall. This is a joint event for members of both churches (and your family and friends!) Curry provided by Nandita Anthapurusha – not to be missed! No charge, but donations will be welcome. Please sign the list in church (at both churches) to indicate that you'll be attending, for catering purposes

Tuesday 6 December, **Holy Communion**, 10.30 am in Church

Saturday 10 December, **Wedding of Mark Green and Kimberley Smith**, 2.00 pm

Saturday 17 December, **Christingle-making workshop**, in the Hall from 10.00 am

Wednesday 21 December, **Carol Singing round Rhosddu**, meet at St James' at 6.30 pm

At St John's:

Saturday 3 December, **Prayer Breakfast**, 9.00 – 10.30 am in Church

Tuesday 6 December, **Carol Singalong**, 7.00 pm in the Hall. Invitations are going out to all our Hall users; please also invite your family and friends and come along to enjoy Christmas Carols and seasonal refreshments

Saturday 10 December, **St John's Coffee Morning**, 10-1 in the Church Hall

Elsewhere:

Tuesday 20 December, **Carols in the Park**, Rhosddu Park, 4.00 – 5.00 pm. Live nativity show, free refreshments, Father Christmas and more. Bring a torch and a broly! Wrap up warm!

Looking Ahead

Saturday 7 January, **Service to celebrate the 20th Anniversary of Women's Ordination to the Priesthood in the Church in Wales**, 11.00 am at St Asaph Cathedral. Celebrant and Preacher: the Rt Revd Rachel Treweek, Bishop of Gloucester

Wednesday 18 January, **St James' Church Council**, 7.30 pm

Sunday 22 January, **United Service for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity**, 6.00 pm, Capel y Groes.

Thursday 26 January, **Christians Together in Wrexham Open Meeting**, 7.30 pm at Wrexham Methodist Church, Regent Street

Walkabout Acton Park. Every Thursday, 10.45 for 11.00 am start, from St John's, and finishing with refreshments at St John's Community Pop In. All ages welcome. For more details, visit:
<https://www.letswalkcymru.org.uk/walks/walkabout-wrexham--district---acton-park>



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