

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

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### Minister's Note

Happy New Year! Sadly, as we look around us, life does not look very happy for millions of people, and we might be forgiven for dreading what 2017 might bring, rather than anticipating it with eagerness. Things looked much darker at the end of 1939, when King George VI quoted these words in his Christmas message to the British Empire:

*And I said to the man who stood at the gate of the year:*

*"Give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown."*

*And he replied:*

*"Go out into the darkness and put your hand into the Hand of God.*

*That shall be to you better than light and safer than a known way."*

*So I went forth, and finding the Hand of God, trod gladly into the night.*

*And He led me towards the hills and the breaking of day in the lone East.* (from the poem *God Knows* by Minnie Louise Haskins)

So let's go forth into 2017 with our hands in the Hand of God, knowing that he will never let us go, and will lead us through whatever the year has in store for us

#### Pulpit exchange

On Sunday 22 January, Nick Pengelly of The Community Church will preach at 9.30 am at St John's, and at 11.00 am at St James'. Sue Allen from ChristChurch will lead Service Station at 4.00 pm at St John's

### For Prayer

- 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
- Give thanks for the women who have served as priests in the Church in Wales over the last 20 years, and pray for all Christian ministers that they will receive guidance and encouragement from the Lord in their leadership of his people
- For political leaders across the world, dealing with war and terror, and their consequences, as well as economic problems and many other issues. Pray that the Lord will give them wisdom, and a desire to serve in the best interests of the people they lead, rather than for their own benefit

### REGULAR SERVICES

#### ST JAMES'

Every Sunday at 11am

1<sup>st</sup> January – Christmas Praise with Carols

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

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

22<sup>nd</sup> January – Morning Prayer

29<sup>th</sup> January – NO SERVICE

#### ST JOHN'S

Every Sunday at 9.30am

1<sup>st</sup> January – Holy Communion

8<sup>th</sup> January – Matins

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

22<sup>nd</sup> January – Holy Communion

29<sup>th</sup> January – All Age Joint Service with St. James'

#### 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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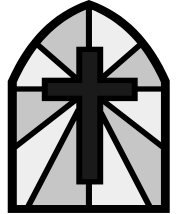
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## Church Events

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### At St James':

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

Wednesday 18 January, **Church Council Meeting**, 7.30 pm in the Church Hall

### At St John's:

Wednesday 4 January, **Prayer Evening**, focusing on David Fewster and his forthcoming ministry in Thailand, 7.30 - 9.00 pm, at the Vicarage, 160 Borrass Road

Tuesday 10 January, **Church Council Meeting**, 7.15 pm in the Church Hall

### Elsewhere:

Saturday 7 January, **Service to celebrate the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the ordination of women to the priesthood in the Church in Wales**, 11.00 am at St Asaph Cathedral

Monday 9 January, **Mark on the Park Prayer Gathering**, 9.15 am, St Mark's Church, Bryn Eglwys Road

Sunday 22 January, **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

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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 from April 29<sup>th</sup>, 7 pm at St. James'. £2 entry including refreshments
- **EMU CLUB:** Social club for over 50's, Mondays, 2.00–3.30 pm in St John's Hall
- **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
- **COMMUNITY POP IN:** Thursdays, 10.00 am - 12.30 pm at St John's for anyone to come along and make new friends

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