

ST JAMES' & ST JOHN'S MONTHLY HERALD

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Minister's Note

The Church Councils of both our churches have decided, as part of their response to Leading Your Church into Growth, that we should send out invitations to a service on Easter Sunday. At **St James'**, members of the congregation have been given copies of an invitation to pass on to family, friends or neighbours; in addition, invitations will be sent to some of our members who we haven't seen for a while. Please think and pray about who you want to invite, and pass on your invitation in person. At **St John's**, we have given invitations to the children's groups who use our Hall (Brownies, Rainbows, Rhythm Time, Baby Ballet and Banana Club), to come to Service Station on Easter Sunday afternoon. Please pray that there will be people who respond to these invitations. Pray that visitors will have an encounter with the Lord through our Easter worship. Pray that they will enjoy the service they attend, and decide to come again. Pray that this might be a key moment in these people's journey of faith.

As we celebrate the Resurrection this month, let's rejoice and give thanks to our Lord God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ; and let's give ourselves fully to the work of the Lord, knowing that our labour in the Lord is not in vain (1 Corinthians 15:57,58). I wish you all a very Happy Easter.

Forthcoming Events

- Wednesday 2 May, **TCC Strategy Meeting**, 7.30 pm in St John's Church Hall
- Sunday 6 May, **Installation of Revd Mary Stallard as Archdeacon of Bangor**, 3.15 pm at Bangor Cathedral
- Sunday 13 May, **Archdeacon's Visitation Service**, 4.00 pm at St Giles'; **United Service for Christian Aid Week**, 6.00 pm at Capel y Groes
- Saturday 19 May, **Prayer Breakfast**, 9.00 – 10.30 am in Church at St John's
- Sunday 20 May, **Seven Wonders of Wales Challenge Walk 4: St Winefride's Well** Meet at the Well, Plessington House, Greenfield St, Holywell CH8 7PN at 1.30 pm, for a walk including a possible paddle or dip in the healing waters. Further information from Nic Jones, email: jonestycanol@yahoo.co.uk; or mob: 07801 545474.



REGULAR SERVICES

ST JAMES'

Every Sunday at 11am

1st April – All Age Communion

8th April – Morning Prayer

15th April – MP – Annual Vestry

22nd April – All Age Communion

29th April – Joint Service with St. John's

ST JOHN'S

Every Sunday at 9.30am

1st April – Holy Communion

8th April – Holy Communion

15th April – Matins

22nd April – Holy Communion

29th April – NO SERVICE

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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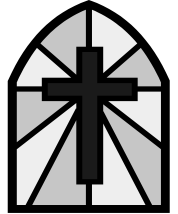
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- As we approach our Annual Meetings, please pray about your involvement in the life and witness of our churches. Is the Lord calling you – to join the Church Council, to volunteer in one of our groups, to become a Church Warden? Don't answer 'no' until you've asked the Lord in prayer – he might surprise you!
- *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 Holy Week (Sunday 25 March – Saturday 31 March):
Gracious God, we fail you, we deny you, we abandon and betray you,
yet still you love us, till you have mercy, nothing able to exhaust your grace.
So we come, with all our faults and weaknesses,
all our doubt and disobedience,
seeking again your renewing touch upon our lives.
Help us to stand again before the cross
and to receive the forgiveness you so freely offer,
so that our lives may speak of your goodness
and honour you through all we are and all we do. Amen.
(Nick Fawcett, Resourcing the Christian Seasons Book 1, p 349)
- A Prayer for Easter Week (Sunday 1 April – Saturday 7 April)
Lord Jesus Christ, we thank you that you meet us day by day,
just as you met your disciples in the days following your resurrection.
We thank you that your victory of good over evil,
of love over hate, of life over death
continues to make such a difference in our lives, just as it did to theirs.
We thank you that for us too you turn weakness into strength,
fear into confidence, and doubt into faith.
And we praise you that for each of us
there is always the assurance of a new beginning when it seems like the end,
new hope where there seems only despair. Amen.
(Nick Fawcett, Resourcing the Christian Seasons Book 1, p 426)

Church Events

At St James':

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

Sunday 15 April, **Annual Church Meeting**, after a short service at 11.00 am

Sunday 29 April, **Joint Service of Holy Communion, and Baptism of Ruby Jayne Holmes**, 11.00 am

At St John's:

Saturday 14 April, **Leading Your Church into Growth Leaders' Session**, 9.30 am – 11.30 am in Church

Tuesday 17 April, **Annual Church Meeting**, 7.30 pm

Saturday 21 April, **Prayer Breakfast**, 9.00 – 10.30 am in Church

Elsewhere:

Saturday 31 March, **Mission Area Easter Vigil**, 7.00 pm at Holy Trinity Rhostyllen

Wednesday evenings during term-time, **ConneXions**, Christian fellowship and study. 7.45 – 9.15 pm, 83 Jeffreys Road. Please contact Steve or Andrea, hottshots83@gmail.com, for further details.

Tuesday 24 April, **Mission Area Conference**, 7.00 pm at Holy Trinity Rhostyllen

Thursday 26 April, **Christians Together in Wrexham Open Meeting**, 7.30 pm, venue TBA

Sunday 29 April, **Seven Wonders of Wales Challenge Walk 3: Wrexham Steeple** Meet at St Giles' at 1.00 pm for an ascent of the tower, followed by a walk. Further information from Nic Jones, email: jonestycanol@yahoo.co.uk; or mob: 07801 545474.

Church Activities

- **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 Church
- **BANANA CLUB:** Thursdays, in term time, 3.15–5 pm in St John's Hall, primary yrs. 1-6

