

# ST JAMES' & ST JOHN'S MONTHLY HERALD



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## Minister's Note

This edition of the Herald will be available on Trinity Sunday. When we talk about the Trinity, it's a shorthand way of saying that God is both one and three. We believe in one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Some people find it hard to accept that Jesus is God. But the New Testament clearly shows that he is. Jesus does things which only God could do, for example stilling a storm with a couple of words (Mark 4:39). Jesus says things which only God could say, for example *your sins are forgiven* (Mark 2:5 – the teachers of the law were right when they asked, *Who can forgive sins but God alone?* but wrong in their conclusion that Jesus was blaspheming). Jesus accepts worship (Matthew 14:33), and so clearly believes himself to be God. Supremely, Jesus rose from the dead, not to this life, but to resurrection life, which means, in the words of Paul, *he cannot die again; death no longer has mastery over him* (Romans 6:9).

It can be even harder to accept that the Holy Spirit is also God. There are very few, if any, New Testament verses or passages which explicitly state that he is. But there are verses which imply it, e.g. Mark 3:29, John 15:26 and 1 Corinthians 6:19-20. But, like Jesus, the Holy Spirit does things which only God can do, i.e. he gives believers life and makes them holy (John 6:63). And the Holy Spirit doesn't need to be renewed or sanctified himself. Therefore, he must be God.

If you can't get your head around God being both three and one, that's the way it should be! God is beyond our understanding (Romans 11:33-34). But it's very important to be clear that Christians worship the one God who reveals himself as Father, Son and Holy Spirit. If you want to know more, why not sign up to do 'Christianity Explored'?

## Forthcoming Events

- Sunday 1 July, **Paul Robinson** will be speaking at St John's Service Station, 4.00 pm in church
- Thursday 10 July, **Mission Area Conference**, 7.00 for 7.15 pm, All Saints Poyser St
- Saturday 21 July, **Prayer Breakfast**, 9.00 – 10.30 am in Church at St John's

## REGULAR SERVICES

### ST JAMES'

#### Every Sunday at 11am

3<sup>rd</sup> June – All Age Worship

10<sup>th</sup> June – Holy Communion

17<sup>th</sup> June – Morning Prayer

24<sup>th</sup> June – All Age Communion

### ST JOHN'S

#### Every Sunday at 9.30am

3<sup>rd</sup> June – Holy Communion

10<sup>th</sup> June – Holy Communion

17<sup>th</sup> June – Matins

24<sup>th</sup> June – 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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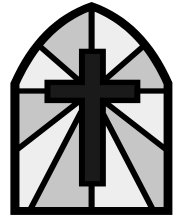
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## Church Events

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### At St James':

Mondays 4, 11, 18, 25 June, 2, & 9 July, **Bible Study: Nothing More and Nothing Less**, 7.30 – 9.00 pm in the Hall

Tuesday 5 June, **Midweek Holy Communion**, 10.30 am in Church

**PLUS:** GARDEN GNOMES urgently required! We are looking for a small team of volunteers to keep our church grounds tidy. It will mainly involve grass cutting, weeding and brushing the paths. This will be on a rota'd basis as we hope to get plenty of helpers! If you can help please speak to Gareth Jones. Thank you in advance

### At St John's:

Saturday 16 June, **Prayer Breakfast**, 9.00 – 10.30 am in Church

Thursday 28 June, **Christians Together in Wrexham AGM**, 7.15 for 7.30 pm

### Elsewhere:

Tuesday 12 June, **Connected - Confident Parenting in a Digital Age**, a Care for the Family event hosted by! Audacious Church, Chester, 7.30 – 10.00 pm. More information and tickets:

<https://www.careforthefamily.org.uk/events/parenting-events/connected>

Thursday 21 June, **The Greatest Story Ever Toured**, a night of laughter and learning, as the big story of the Bible is unfolded, Northgate Church, Upper Northgate St, Chester, CH1 4EF, 7.30 – 10.00 pm. More information and tickets @ £6.00 available here: <https://www.biblesociety.org.uk/products/ticket-tbc-chester/>

Sunday 24 June, **Mission Area Confirmation Service**, 3.00 pm at St Giles'

Saturday 30 June, **Ordination of Rebecca Sparey-Taylor to the Priesthood, and of Heather Shotton to the Diaconate**, 10.00 am, St Asaph Cathedral

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## For Prayer

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- Isla Mai Evans, to be baptised at St James' on Sunday 3 June; also Amanda Harris and Darren Edwards, to be baptised at St James' on Sunday 24 June
- Confirmation candidates from across the Mission Area
- *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 those doing exams  
Dear Lord Jesus, please help all those doing exams this month. Help them not to be nervous but to keep calm and to do their best, knowing that you are close beside them. Amen.

*(Adapted from The Lion Prayer Collection, p 294)*



NB: For the usual schedule of church activities, please see previous editions of the Herald