

ST JAMES' & ST JOHN'S MONTHLY HERALD



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Minister's Note

A couple of months ago, someone at St John's showed me a copy of an old church newsletter, dated October 1980. The following is the message from that newsletter written by the then Vicar, Hodge, which is still very much relevant today:

MAKE YOUR CHURCH A SUCCESS

Every believer is contributing either to the success or failure of His church. While dedicated spiritual leaders are essential, the most capable pastor cannot carry the burden alone. In a thriving, healthy church, EVERY member is doing his or her part.

When a highly respected and successful businessman retired, he was asked what advice he would give to the younger men. He said: "Belong to something bigger than yourself – work with others towards a common goal – do your part – take a pride in doing your job well – work hard to make your ideas become a reality – and build something of lasting value."

Do we apply these six principles to ourselves as a Church.

1. Do I want my Church to be large enough to welcome all believers, regardless of race or social standing?
2. Do I work well with others, not insisting on my own way?
3. Have I tried to determine my spiritual gifts and put them to use?
4. Do I serve the Lord to the best of my ability?
5. Do I keep praying and working until goals are accomplished, or until God calls me to another task?
6. Am I relying on the Holy Spirit and not building with the perishable materials of self effort?

If we have to answer NO to any of those points, we are hindering the growth and success of our church.

REGULAR SERVICES

ST JAMES'

Every Sunday at 11am

6th January – All Age Worship

13th January – Holy Communion

20th January – Morning Prayer

27th January – All Age Communion

ST JOHN'S

Every Sunday at 9.30am

6th January – Holy Communion

13th January – Holy Communion

20th January – Matins

27th January – 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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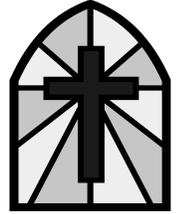
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Church Events



At St James':

Wednesday 16 January, **St James' Church Council**, 7.30 pm

At St John's:

Tuesday 8 January, **St John's Church Council**, 7.15 pm

Saturday 19 January, **Prayer Breakfast**, 9.00 – 10.30 am in Church

Elsewhere:

Sunday 20 January, **United Service for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity**, 6.00 pm at Rock Chapel, Bernard Road, LL13 8EL. Preacher: David Rowlands, pastor of Rock Chapel. Everyone is welcome as we join together in worship with our brothers and sisters from churches across Wrexham

Thursday 31 January, **Christians Together in Wrexham Quarterly Meeting**, 7.00 for 7.30 pm at the Tin Can (Rhosnesni Chapel on Rhosnesni Lane). Everyone welcome

Forthcoming Events

Wednesday 13 February, **St James' Church Council**, 7.30 pm

Saturday 16 February, **Prayer Breakfast**, 9.00 – 10.30 am in Church at St John's

Tuesday 19 February, **St John's Church Council**, 7.15 pm

For Prayer

- There's one Baptism this month, at St John's on Sunday 6 January. Please pray for the child, parents and godparents, that each will continue to grow in their relationship with the Lord
- For all those who visited our churches over the Christmas period, that they will continue to ponder the song of the angels, and this year be moved to discover more of the purposes of the King of kings for their lives
- 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 the season of Epiphany - O God, who by a star guided the wise men to the worship of your Son; we pray you to lead to yourself the wise and the great of every land, that unto you every knee may bow, and every thought be brought into captivity; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(Church in Jerusalem and Middle East, The SPCK Book of Christian Prayer, p 381)

