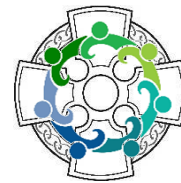


# ST JAMES' & ST JOHN'S MONTHLY HERALD



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## Minister's Note

On Easter Day, we'll be celebrating the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ from the dead. The Resurrection lies right at the heart of our faith. And yet, even some Christians struggle to accept that Jesus rose physically from the dead, and prefer the idea of a spiritual resurrection.

There are various theories which claim to explain away the bodily resurrection of Jesus: his body was stolen or went missing; he didn't really die on the cross; he had a twin brother who either died in his place, or appeared as an impostor after the crucifixion; the witnesses of the resurrection were hallucinating or hypnotised; he rose spiritually rather than bodily. At first glance, each of these theories appears to provide a more likely explanation than the traditional belief that Jesus rose physically from the dead.

As Christians, we need to be convinced ourselves of Jesus' bodily resurrection. After all, as Paul writes, *if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins* (1 Corinthians 15:17). We also need to be *prepared to make a defence to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you* (1 Peter 3:15). There are various books which might help you with either your own convictions or your preparation for being asked about the Resurrection, including: *Who Moved the Stone?* by Frank Morison, *The Case for Easter* by Lee Strobel, *Evidence for the Resurrection* by Josh and Sean McDowell, *The Evidence for the Resurrection* by JND (Norman) Anderson, and *The Son Rises* by William Lane Craig.

Let's make sure that on Easter Day we can join in wholeheartedly and with absolute conviction with the Acclamation: Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

## Church Events

### At St James':

Tuesday 2 April, **Midweek Holy Communion**, 10.30 am in Church  
Mondays 1, 8, 15 April, **Lent Course**, meeting at 7.30 – 9.00 pm in the Church Hall.  
Friday 19 April, **Stations of the Cross**, 9.30 am in Church  
Thursday 25 April, **Coffee Morning**, 10.00 am – 12 noon in the Hall

### At St John's:

Thursday 18 April, **Holy Communion**, 7.30 pm in Church, to be followed by an informal vigil  
Friday 19 April, **Good Friday Worship**, 9.30 am in Church  
Saturday 20 April, **Prayer Breakfast**, 9.00 – 10.30 am in Church

### Elsewhere:

Thursday 18 April, **Chrism Eucharist**, 11.00 am at St Asaph Cathedral  
Saturday 20 April, **Mission Area Easter Vigil**, St Margaret's, 7.30 for 8.00 pm

## REGULAR SERVICES

### ST JAMES'

#### Every Sunday at 11am

7<sup>th</sup> April – All Age Worship

14<sup>th</sup> April – Holy Communion

21<sup>st</sup> April – All Age Communion

28<sup>th</sup> April – Morning Prayer

### ST JOHN'S

#### Every Sunday at 9.30am

7<sup>th</sup> April – Holy Communion

14<sup>th</sup> April – Holy Communion

21<sup>st</sup> April – Holy Communion

28<sup>th</sup> April – Morning Prayer

#### 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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## Forthcoming Events

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Tuesday 14 May, **Safeguarding Course**, 7.00 pm at the Tin Can Youth Centre on Rhosnesni Lane.  
You will need to attend this course if you work within your Church with children and/or vulnerable adults

Wednesday 15 May, **St James' Church Council Meeting**, 7.30 pm

Saturday 18 May, **Prayer Breakfast**, 9.00 – 10.30 am in Church at St John's

Tuesday 21 May, **St John's Church Council Meeting**, 7.15 pm

Tuesday 28 May, **Whit Holiday Fun Day** on Rhosddu Park

Thursday 30 May, **Coffee Morning**, 10.00 am – 12 noon in St James' Church Hall

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## For Prayer

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- Sarah is taking an Assembly at Rhosddu Primary School on Thursday 4 April
- *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*

An Easter prayer by John Stott (adapted):

Lord Jesus, risen from the dead and alive for evermore: stand in our midst today as in the upper room; show us your hands and your side; speak your peace into our hearts and minds; and send us forth into the world as your witnesses; for the glory of your name. Amen.

(The SPCK Book of Christian Prayer, p 404)

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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 services)
- **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

