

ST JAMES' & ST JOHN'S MONTHLY HERALD

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Minister's Note

Advent is a time of preparation and waiting. Sadly, most of us spend the weeks before Christmas in a mad rush of pre-Christmas parties, buying and wrapping presents, and making sure we have all our favorite goodies to eat over Christmas itself. Why not make an Advent resolution this year, to spend at least a few minutes each day consciously in God's presence? The congregation at St James' will each receive a copy of an Advent devotional booklet; or you could look online, for example at Crosswalk.com; or find time before 1 December to visit Manna bookshop on Charles St and buy an Advent book.

Of course, we have our own programme of pre-Christmas events to keep you busy! Some are detailed below – details of all are on the Christmas Cards (St James') and flyers (St John's). Take the opportunity to **invite** your family and friends to join you in worship this month, to hear the message of the angels and worship the Christ Child. May we all have a joyful, peaceful and blessed Christmas.

Church Events

At St James'

Saturday 7 December, **Christmas Coffee Morning**, 10.00 am – 12 noon in the Hall. Join us for coffee, tea, mince pies and lots of festive treats. Followed by **Prize Bingo**, 12.30 – 2.30 pm; tickets £1.00 per book – lots of great prizes to be won!

Wednesday 18 December, **Carol Singing round Rhosddu**, meet at St James' at 6.30pm (NB change of time)

At St John's

Tuesday 3 December, **Community Christmas Meal** at St John's. Please sign up to help with waiting on, clearing up and/or providing transport – list at the back of church.

Tuesday 10 December, **Carol Singalong**, 7.30 pm at St John's.

REGULAR SERVICES

ST JAMES'

Every Sunday at 11am

1st December – Christingle

8th December – Holy Communion

15th December – Lessons & Carols

22nd December – Nativity/All Age Holy Communion

29th December – Joint HC Service at St John's at 11am

ST JOHN'S

Every Sunday at 9.30am

1st December – Holy Communion

8th December – Holy Communion

15th December – Lessons & Carols

22nd December – Holy Communion

29th December – Joint HC Service at 11am

In addition, at St John's:

Each Sunday at 4pm - Service Station – Food for Body & Soul

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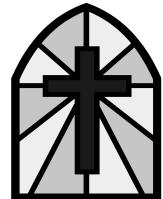
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Forthcoming Events

Wednesday 15 January, **St James' Church Council meeting**, 7.15 for 7.30 pm

Tuesday 21 January, **St John's Church Council meeting**, 7.15 pm at St John's



For Prayer

- Continue to pray for the three people you named if you were in church to hear Captain Chris preach on 22 September. Look for opportunities to share the message of Christmas with them, and pray for the opportunity to invite them to share in Christmas worship with you.
- The Baptism scheduled for St John's on 10 November had to be postponed, because the child was in hospital. It's now to take place on Sunday 1 December. Please pray for her, her parents and godparents, that they will be aware of the Lord's presence and blessing, and draw closer to him.
- *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 Advent

Father God, in Advent we think about and prepare for Christmas. The very word makes us feel excited. You want us to be excited about Christmas, Father, and you want us to enjoy it. But you also want us to understand it. During Advent teach us, Father, what Christmas means . . . through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(adapted from 'For the first Sunday of Advent' in The Lion Prayer Collection, p 322)

Church Activities

- **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 at St John's in the church.

