



# St James' & St John's Monthly Herald

October 2022

## Minister's Note

September 2022 was a month like no other! We were all shocked to hear of the death of HM Queen Elizabeth II on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> September. For the next ten days, we were gripped by the procedures and paraphernalia of mourning the Queen, culminating in her state funeral on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> September. We feel bereft, as if our one source of constancy in an ever-changing world has been torn away from us. But I trust that you're aware, as the Queen herself reminded us each Christmas, that the only true source of constancy in this world is God himself. I trust you're aware that it was her reliance on God's strength and grace which enabled the Queen to carry out her role faithfully, with such good humour and kindness, throughout the 70 years of her reign. And I hope that when you're talking to your family and friends, you take the opportunity to say that God offers his strength and grace to each one of us who, like the Queen, accepts his offer of forgiveness, and offers up our life to him in grateful praise. And if your family and friends want to know more, point them in the direction of our **Christianity Explored** course . . . .

**What's the best news you've ever heard?** is a question which is asked in the first session of **Christianity Explored**. CE is an informal and relaxed seven-week course, where you can explore what the Christian faith is all about, find answers to challenging questions, hear real life stories from other people who have explored Christianity, and discover how you can explore further. We will be starting a Christianity Explored course on **Wednesday evenings from 5<sup>th</sup> October**. For more information, contact Sarah (tel: 01978 266018; email: [saraherrington@cinw.org.uk](mailto:saraherrington@cinw.org.uk))

## Regular Services

### St James' Church

#### Sunday at 11.00am

2nd October	Sunday Worship	9th October	Holy Communion
16th October	Sunday Worship	23rd October	Holy Communion
30th October	Sunday Worship		

### St John's Church

#### Sunday at 4.00pm

2nd October	Sunday Worship	9th October	Holy Communion
16th October	Sunday Worship	23rd October	Holy Communion
30th October	Sunday Worship		

#### Every Wednesday at 10am

Midweek Communion (a said service, using the 1984 Church in Wales' *Book of Common Prayer*)

St James Church, Rhosddu Road, Rhosddu, Wrexham, LL11 2NW  
St John's Church, Herbert Jennings Avenue, Rhosnesni, Wrexham, LL12 7YF

## Harvest



On Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> October, both our Churches will be celebrating **Harvest**. As I write, we haven't yet decided which charity/charities we will be supporting, but we're all aware of the great need in our society which is resulting from the Cost of Living Crisis. Please look out for information about what items are particularly requested, and give as generously as you can. Pray for anyone who has difficulties in providing food, heat, or other essentials for their families, and pray for the government as they make decisions which will have an impact on every one of us. And don't forget to give thanks for the Lord's generous provision and promises to us.

## Dates for your Diary

### St James' Church

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> October - **Christians Together in Wrexham Autumn Quarterly Meeting**, 7.30pm

Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> October - **Prayer Breakfast**, 9.00 – 10.30am in the Hall; come along to pray for both our churches, as well as other matters on your heart.

### St John's Church

Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> November, **Prayer Breakfast**, 9.00 – 10.30am

Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> November, **Mission Area Conference**, 7.00pm

### Elsewhere

Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> November, **Christians Together in Wrexham United Service**, 6.00pm at the Community Church, Prices' Lane, Wrexham, LL11 2NB.

## For Prayer

One candidate for Baptism this month, on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> October at St James' – please pray for the child, his parents and godparents.

Pray especially for non-believers who came to the **Evening with Paul Jones and Fiona Hendley**, that they come to a saving faith in our Lord Jesus Christ. Pray that those who want to know more will join the Christianity Explored course.

A prayer following the Queen's death and funeral:

Heavenly Father, we thank you for the life of service of Her Late Majesty Queen Elizabeth, and for the sustaining grace which she received from you which made it possible. We thank you that she has now "cast her crown before you, lost in wonder, love and praise". We thank that your Word, heard by billions around the world as it was read, sung and preached at her funeral, will not return to you empty, but will accomplish your purposes. We pray for each and every person who witnessed the Queen's funeral will turn to you in sorrow for their sin, and experience your gracious acceptance and forgiveness.

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