

St James' & St John's Monthly Herald

November 2022

Minister's Note

When peace, like a river, attendeth my way, when troubles like sea-billows roll; whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say, it is well, it is well, with my soul.

Horatio Spafford (1828 – 1888)

There are plenty of troubles for all of us just at the moment. Financial troubles, as prices and interest keep on rising, but incomes don't. Health troubles, with Covid cases increasing once more, a Health Service which is stretched to breaking-point, and a Care System which is unable to cope with the demands put upon it. The future seems very uncertain, and we feel as if we'll be overwhelmed by the storm.

Jesus' disciples thought they might be overwhelmed by the storm on the Sea of Galilee, when Jesus had sent them on ahead of him. But then, not only did Jesus come to them, walking on the water, but Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water towards Jesus (Matthew 14:22-31). But when he saw the wind, he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, "Lord, save me." As 'troubles like sea-billows roll' around us, we would do well to keep our eyes fixed on Jesus, who will enable us to stay above water. And should we find ourselves beginning to sink, to do as Peter did, and call out to the Lord to save us. Maybe, through this crisis, the Lord is reminding us not to put our hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put our hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment (1 Timothy 6:17).

Regular Services

St James' Church

Sunday at 11.00am

| 6th November | Sunday Worship | 13th November | Holy Communion |
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| 20th November | Sunday Worship | 27th November | Holy Communion |

St John's Church

Sunday at 4.00pm

| 6th November | Sunday Worship | 13th November | Holy Communion |
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| 20th November | Sunday Worship | 27th November | Holy Communion |

Every Wednesday at 10am

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

Caia Food Club



The Caia Food Club is now open every Thursday from 11am - 2pm at St Mark's Church. There are no barriers to using Caia Food Club, and people are welcome to pop in and pick up to 10 items of shopping for just £3 (this includes food, toiletries, and other everyday essentials). The Caia Food Club needs volunteers to help with welcoming, serving refreshments, shopping, and supervising the 'food hall'. If you are interested in volunteering or would like more information about Caia Food Club please email caiafoodclub@gmail.com

Dates for your Diary

St James' Church

Wednesday 9th November, Church Council Meeting, 7.15 for 7.30pm

St John's Church

Saturday 12th November, **Joint Social Evening – Quiz Night**, 7.00pm in the Hall Sunday 13th November, **Commemoration Service**, 6.30pm

Saturday 19th November, **Cantorion Sirenian Singers Concert,** 7.00pm in Church. The programme will include some Christmas music, as well as a variety of other pieces. Tickets will be available soon (price includes refreshments): £10/£5 concessions; £25 family ticket (up to two adults with children). Proceeds will go to church funds. Please pass on publicity when it becomes available, invite your family and friends, and come along for a great evening!

Monday 21st November, **Church Council Meeting**, 7.15pm Thursday 24th November, **Mission Area Conference**, 7.00pm

Elsewhere

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

For Prayer

Pray for our worship services, that on each occasion the Lord will fill each one of us with his Spirit, that we may worship in spirit and in truth; that his name will be glorified, and his kingdom built among us; that our hearts, minds and lives will be prepared to receive his word into good soil, that we will bear abundant spiritual fruit; and that the heart of every person present will be set on fire with love for the Lord.

Pray for your own friends and family members who don't yet know the Lord, that they will see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and understand with their hearts, and turn and be healed (Isaiah 6:10).

A prayer from World Vision for the global hunger crisis:

Heavenly Father, we cry out to you for the millions of people around the world – half of them children – who are on the brink of famine. Covid, climate change and conflict are causing hunger in places where it's already difficult for children to survive. Be with each child, each person, Lord. Give them your hope and comfort, and the food they need. **Amen.**

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