

# St James' & St John's Monthly Herald

February 2023

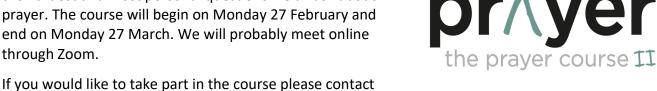
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# Minister's Note

On the afternoon of **Sunday 23 April**, there will be a Mission Area Confirmation service taking place at St Mark's Church. If you are 13 years old or more, and would like to be confirmed, please have a word with me (Sarah) as soon as possible. Confirmation preparation will be starting in February. Further details about the service will be publicised nearer the time; everyone is welcome to attend, so please make a note of the date, and please pray for those who will be making a public profession of their faith, and being confirmed by Bishop Gregory that day.

# **Lent Study**

This year's Lent study is The Prayer Course II 'Unanswered Prayer'. Following on from The Prayer Course, these five sessions go deeper, provoking honest conversation around the hardest and most personal questions we all ask about prayer. The course will begin on Monday 27 February and end on Monday 27 March. We will probably meet online through Zoom.



Sarah.

# **Regular Services**

## **St James' Church**

### Sunday at 11.00am

5 February	Sunday Worship	12 February	Holy Communion
19 February	Sunday Worship	26 February	Holy Communion

### St John's Church

#### Sunday at 4.00pm

5 February	Café Church	12 February	Café Church (Holy Communion)
19 February	Café Church	26 February	Café Church (Holy Communion)

## **Every Wednesday at 10am**

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

# **Dates for your Diary**

## St James' Church

Wednesday 15 February, **St James' Church Council Meeting**, 7.15 for 7.30 pm

#### St John's Church

Monday 20 February, **St John's Church Council Meeting**, 7.15 pm

Wednesday, 22 February, Holy Communion for Ash Wednesday, 10.00 am at St John's Church

Saturday 25 February, **St John's Meal Out,** 1.00 pm at the Cunliffe Arms

#### Elsewhere

Thursday 2 February, **Christians Together in Wrexham Open Meeting**, 7.30 pm at Wrexham Methodist Church.

Sunday 26 February, **Riding Lights performance:** *The Uneasy Sleeps of Max Maxwell - Waking up to Artificial Intelligence*, 7.30 pm at St Giles'. Details of how to book tickets, and more information about the event, are available on the flyers in Church.

## **Forthcoming Events**

Sunday 5 March, St James' Annual Meeting, following a short service at 11.00 am

Sunday 5 March, Installation of Revd Canon Dr Hayley Matthews as Archdeacon of Wrexham, 3.30 pm at St Asaph Cathedral

Sunday 12 March, St John's Annual Meeting, during the Sunday Service at 4.00 pm

Sunday 2 April, St James' Meal Out, 1.00 pm (venue to be confirmed)

# **For Prayer**

### For Prayer

One Baptism at St James' on Sunday 19 February; pray for the candidate, that she will grow up to know and love the Lord Jesus, and for her parents and godparents as they promise to bring her up in the Christian faith.

Pray for our Churches as we approach our Annual Meetings in a few weeks' time. It has been a challenge this last year, as neither St James' nor St John's has had even one Churchwarden: pray that the Lord will raise up those who are able and willing to take on this role. Pray for inspiration and wisdom for outreach into our communities, to share the good news of Jesus and demonstrate his love and care for everyone.

## A prayer from the Church in Wales Year of Prayer:

All loving God, you call me to love my neighbour as myself: help me to pray for those I find it hard to love or call 'neighbour'. Show me the way in which I can offer a welcome to those I call a 'stranger', those different from myself, and see in them, your holy presence. Reveal within me a generous heart and accept my slow and hesitant steps to include all when I come before you in prayer. This I ask in the name of Jesus. **Amen.** 

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