



St James' & St John's Monthly Herald

July 2023

Minister's Note

It's great to worship together, and it's great to eat together! So what could be better than a joint service, followed by a BBQ? Get it in your diary: on **Sunday 16 July** there will be no service at St James'; the congregations of both churches will meet instead at 4.00 pm at St John's, to enjoy worshipping together, and then staying on to share a BBQ. It will be a Bring and Share, so look out in your own church for details of what you can provide – the basic idea is that members of St James' will bring savoury food, and members of St John's cakes and desserts.



St James' will continue the theme the following Sunday, as we celebrate our **Patronal Festival** on Sunday 23 July, and welcome our new Archdeacon to preach and preside at Communion. Afterwards, we will eat together at the Holt Lodge.

I'm looking forward to both these events – I hope you are too!

Regular Services

St James' Church

Sunday at 11.00am

2 July	Sunday Worship	9 July	Holy Communion
16 July	No service (see Minister's Note)	23 July	Holy Communion
30 July	Sunday Worship		

St John's Church

Sunday at 4.00pm

2 July	Café Church	9 July	Café Church (Holy Communion)
16 July	Café Church (joint service)	23 July	Café Church (Holy Communion)
30 July	Café Church		

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

Dates for your Diary

St James' Church

Saturday 22 July, **St James' Church and Hall Cleaning**, 10.00 am – 12 noon

Sunday 23 July, **Patronal Festival Service** with Archdeacon Hayley Matthews, 11.00 am, followed by lunch at the Holt Lodge (please sign up on sheet in church)

St John's Church

Sunday 2 July, **Prayer Meeting**, 3.15 pm (before Service Station starts at 4.00 pm)

Thursday 6 July, **Churches Together in Wrexham Annual Meeting**, 7.00 for 7.30 pm

Wednesday 12 July, **Archdeacon's Visitation Service**, 7.00 pm

Sunday 16 July, **Joint Service followed by a BBQ**, 4.00 pm

Forthcoming Events

Saturday 9 September, **St James' Vision Day**, with the Ven Dr Hayley Matthews

Sunday 17 September, **Compassion Sunday** – a speaker from Compassion UK will be visiting both our churches, to speak about Releasing Children from Poverty in Jesus' Name.

Sunday 16 July, **Joint Service followed by a BBQ**, 4.00 pm

Elsewhere

Wednesday 28 June, **Wrexham Nativity Trail Working Group**, 7:00pm at YWAM (25 Hightown Road, Wrexham, LL13 8EB). Anyone who would like to help explore possibilities for this year's trail and help organise this ecumenical Christmas outreach, is welcome to join the second meeting of the Working Group.

For Prayer

Two Baptisms at St John's on Sundays 16 and 30 July; pray for the candidates, that they will grow up to know and love the Lord Jesus, and for their parents and godparents as they promise to bring them up in the Christian faith.

Pray that the Lord will provide all that we need in each of our churches; for our spiritual needs, our emotional needs and our material needs. Pray that we will faithfully use all that he provides, so that our churches grow, in numbers, in spiritual commitment, and in service to our local communities.

A prayer as we remember St James:

God, our salvation, who called the Apostle James to witness the glory of your Son and to drink the cup of his Master's suffering, grant that we, as Christ's disciples may not fear to profess the name of Jesus, and may show his love in service of our neighbour, so that in our flesh also the life of Jesus may be manifest. We ask this in his name who is Lord for ever and ever.

Amen.

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