



St James' & St John's Monthly Herald

October 2023

Minister's Note

On Sunday 1 October, both St James' and St John's will be celebrating Harvest. Why not invite a friend, neighbour or family member to come to church with you that day? At St John's we have plenty of invitation cards to help you do that.

Our Harvest donations at St James' will go to Caia Food Club who would greatly appreciate donations of cereal, UHT milk, tinned soup, biscuits and jam. If you prefer to donate money, you can do so by putting cash in an envelope marked 'Caia Food Club', and placing it on the offering plate in church.

St John's donations will go to Wrexham Foodbank. Currently, particular needs for the Foodbank include: tinned fruit and vegetables, UHT milk, biscuits, pasta, tea and coffee. If you prefer to donate money, you can do so by putting cash in an envelope marked 'Wrexham Foodbank', and placing it on the offering plate in church; or by bringing a cheque payable to 'Wrexham Foodbank'; or online here: <https://wrexham.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-money/>

Following the enjoyable joint service and BBQ back in July, we will be holding a joint Songs of Praise service at St James' at 11.00 am on Sunday 29 October, followed by a Bring and Share lunch. Please note that there will be no service at St John's that afternoon. Make a note in your diary, and come along to St James' that morning to enjoy worshipping and eating together!

Regular Services

St James' Church

Sunday at 11.00am

1st October	Sunday Worship	8 October	Holy Communion
15 October	Sunday Worship	22 October	Holy Communion
29 October	Songs of Praise (see Minister's Note above for more details)		

St John's Church

Sunday at 4.00pm

1st October	Café Church	8 October	Café Church (Holy Communion)
15 October	Café Church	22 October	Café Church (Holy Communion)
29 October	Songs of Praise, 11am at St James' Church (see Minister's Note above for more details)		

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 John's Church

Sunday 1 October, **Prayer Meeting**, 3.15 pm (before Service Station starts at 4.00 pm)

Saturday 7 October, **Table Top Sale**, 2.00 – 4.00 pm in the Church Hall, raising funds for Christians Together in Wrexham. If you wish to book at table, at a cost of £10.00, please call 07708 947376, or email: kelmscott07@gmail.com

St James' Church

Saturday 21 October, **St James' Church and Hall Cleaning**, 10.00 am – 12 noon

Sunday 29 October, **Joint Songs of Praise**, followed by a Bring and Share lunch, 4.00 pm

Elsewhere

Thursday 5 October, **Christians Together in Wrexham Quarterly Open Meeting**, 7.00 for 7.30 pm at Salisbury Park URC Church

Forthcoming Events

Wednesday 8 November, **St James' Church Council Meeting**, 7.15 for 7.30 pm

Wednesday 15 November, **St John's Church Council Meeting**, 7.15 pm

Sunday 26 November, **Christians Together in Wrexham United Service**, 6.00 pm at Rock Chapel, 1 Bernard Road, Wrexham, LL13 8EL; guest speaker: Tim Rowlands, head of the Evangelical Alliance in Wales

For Prayer

One baptism service at St James' in October; pray for the twin girls, 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.

October is a fairly quiet month, but things get much busier as we head into November, with All Souls' / Commemoration services, Remembrance Sunday, and gearing up towards Advent and Christmas. Pray for all those who will come to services through this season, especially those who are not regular members of our congregations, that each will feel the touch of God's hand on their life, and be drawn to seek a deeper relationship with him.

A Harvest prayer:

Bring to fruition, Creator God, the work of your kingdom. Make us part of that joyful harvest in which your loving purpose is completed. Help us to realise how important the smallest words and deeds are in the context of eternity. At harvest time, when we remember your goodness make us grateful also for all we have received from the labour of others who have sown the seeds of faith, hope and love in our lives. **Amen.**

(The Lion Prayer Collection, p 338)

Websites / Media:

www.wrexhamparish.org.uk

<http://stjohns.wrexhamparish.org.uk>

<http://stjames.wrexhamparish.org.uk>

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