

# ST JAMES' & ST JOHN'S MONTHLY HERALD

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## Minister's Note

*God Knows* is the original title of a poem by Minnie Louise Haskins, which became well known when King George VI quoted it in his 1939 Christmas broadcast. It's better known by its first line. The poem begins like this:

And I said to the man who stood at the gate of the year:

"Give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown."

And he replied:

"Go out into the darkness and put your hand into the Hand of God.

That shall be to you better than light and safer than a known way."

So I went forth, and finding the Hand of God, trod gladly into the night.

And He led me towards the hills and the breaking of day in the lone East.

As we move forward into 2018, let's do as the poem suggests, and put our hand into the Hand of God, trusting him to lead us safely forwards.

I believe that our two church families are being called to discover more of God's plans for us as we come together to do the local version of *Leading Your Church into Growth*. I am calling us together for two days, **Saturday 3 February** and **Saturday 17 March**, and I trust that you will make these days a priority, as they will be hugely significant times when important decisions will be made – decisions which we need to make together. Church Council members will be meeting on other occasions as well, as part of the process of thinking about, discussing and praying through how we develop and move forward the mission of St James' and St John's, over the next five years or so

## For Prayer

- For all those who visited our churches over the Christmas period, that they will continue to ponder the song of the angels, and this year be moved to discover more of the purposes of the King of kings for their lives
- For preparations for the LyCiG Local course; pray that the Lord will use the time we all spend together to lead us forward in mission to our communities
- For Lewys James Smith, to be baptised at St James' on Sunday 21 January
- *Please make sure you have a copy of the 'Leading Your Church into Growth' prayer bookmark, and use the prayer for growth in your prayers as often as possible*



## REGULAR SERVICES

### ST JAMES'

Every Sunday at 11am

7<sup>th</sup> January – All Age Worship

14<sup>th</sup> January – Holy Communion

21<sup>st</sup> January – Morning Prayer

28<sup>th</sup> January – All Age Communion

### ST JOHN'S

Every Sunday at 9.30am

7<sup>th</sup> January – Holy Communion

14<sup>th</sup> January – Holy Communion

21<sup>st</sup> January – Matins

28<sup>th</sup> January – Holy Communion

### In addition at St John's:

Each Sunday at 4pm - Service Station – Food for Body & Soul

Each Wednesday at 10am - Communion Service

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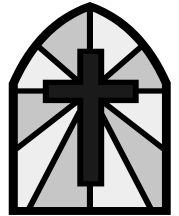
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## Church Events

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### At St James':

Tuesday 2 January, **Midweek Holy Communion**, 10.30 am in Church

Wednesday 10 January, **Church Council Meeting**, 7.30 pm

Sunday 21 January, **United Service for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity**, 6.00 pm. St James' will be hosting fellow Christians from across Wrexham for this service

### At St John's:

Sunday 14 January, **Bring and Share Meal**, following Service Station

Tuesday 16 January, **Church Council Meeting**, 7.15 pm

Saturday 20 January, **Prayer Breakfast**, 9.00 – 10.30 am in Church

### Elsewhere:

Wednesday evenings during term-time, **ConneXions**, Christian fellowship and study. 7.45 – 9.15 pm, 83 Jeffreys Road. Please contact Steve or Andrea, [hottshotts83@gmail.com](mailto:hottshotts83@gmail.com), for further details.

Sunday 21 January, **Resource Church**, 3.00 – 4.30 pm at St Asaph Cathedral. Different ways to be with God through craft, silence, teaching, reflection, prayer, play, coffee, cake and community. For more information visit: <https://stasaphresourcechurch.com/>

Thursday 25 January, **Christians Together in Wrexham Open Meeting**, 7.30 pm at Acton Community Resource Centre

### Forthcoming Events:

Saturday 3 February, **Leading Your Church into Growth Local Day 1**, 9.30 am – 3.15 pm at St John's

Saturday 17 March, **Leading Your Church into Growth Local Day 2**, 9.30 am – 3.15 pm at St John's

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## Church Activities

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- **SUNDAY CLUB:** During term time, for children during the 11am service at St James' (Except on family service's)
- **WHIST DRIVE:** Every other Friday, 7 pm at St. James'. £2 entry including refreshments
- **EMU CLUB:** Social club for over 50's, Mondays, 2.00–3.30 pm in St John's Hall
- **EVENING MOTHERS' UNION:** Second Wednesday, 7.30–9.00 pm in St John's Hall
- **BANANA CLUB:** Thursdays, in term time, 3.15–5 pm in St John's Hall, primary yrs. 1-6
- **COMMUNITY POP IN:** Thursdays, 10.00 am - 12.30 pm at St John's. Come along and make new friends
- To make a contribution to the next issue, please contact Louise at [loub.872@icloud.com](mailto:loub.872@icloud.com) / 01978 310865

