

# ST JAMES' & ST JOHN'S MONTHLY HERALD



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## Minister's Note

During this year, the Lord has answered our prayers for growth. Both our churches have been blessed by new people coming in and joining our Church families. We've seen people grow in their faith. There's a hunger for God's word, expressed in the numbers who have joined Christianity and Discipleship Explored courses, and come along to Bible Studies. And we've taken opportunities to serve our communities – at St John's through the Church and Community Cold Weather Shelter, and now through the Community Christmas Meal; at St James' through our continuing involvement with the Rhosddu Park playdays.

If you'd like to see this growth continue, then please PRAY. There are suggestions for your prayers below. Or come along to the monthly Prayer Breakfast; it really isn't scary, and it's encouraging to pray with other people. Or on Wednesday evenings, we meet for a low-key time of prayer at the Vicarage, 6.45 for 7.00 pm, finishing by 8.00 pm. Also GET INVOLVED. Both churches are organising a time to go out and deliver leaflets with the details of Christmas events in our neighbourhood (St James' on Friday 30 November; St John's on Saturday 1 December) – or you can take some to deliver in your own time if you prefer. And there are both one-off and ongoing opportunities to volunteer and be part of our outreach to our local communities. Everyone can do something – make sure you're doing what you can.

Please note at **St John's**, both our services on Sunday 9 December will include prayers for healing

## For Prayer

- For the opportunities provided over the period running up to and including Christmas, to share the good news of Jesus with our families, friends and neighbours – that we'll 'always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks [us] to give the reason for the hope that [we] have.' (1 Peter 3:15)
- An Advent prayer - At Advent we should try the key to our heart's door. It may have gathered rust. If so, this is the time to oil it, in order that the heart's door may open more easily when the Lord Jesus wants to enter at Christmas time! Lord, oil the hinges of our hearts' doors that they may swing gently and easily to welcome your coming. Amen. (Prayer of a New Guinea Christian, The Lion Prayer Collection)
- 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 often

## REGULAR SERVICES

### ST JAMES'



Every Sunday at 11am

2<sup>nd</sup> December – All Age Worship

9<sup>th</sup> December – Holy Communion

16<sup>th</sup> December – Morning Prayer

23<sup>rd</sup> December – All Age  
Communion

30<sup>th</sup> December – NO SERVICE

### ST JOHN'S



Every Sunday at 9.30am

2<sup>nd</sup> December – Holy Communion

9<sup>th</sup> December – Holy Communion

16<sup>th</sup> December – Matins

23<sup>rd</sup> December – Holy  
Communion

30<sup>th</sup> December – Joint Service  
with St. James'

### 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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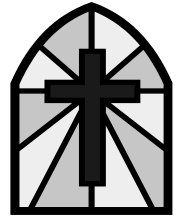
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## Church Events

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### At St James':

*Please see the church Christmas card for details of services through December and over the Christmas weekend*

Tuesday 4 December, **Midweek Holy Communion**, 10.30 am in Church

Saturday 8 December, **St James' Christmas Coffee Morning**, 10.00 am – 12 noon in the Church Hall

### At St John's:

*Please see Christmas fliers (available from 1 December) for details of services over the Christmas weekend*

Tuesday 4 December, **Community Christmas Meal** at St John's. Please sign the list on the noticeboard in church if you can volunteer to help on the day

Tuesday 11 December, **Carol Singalong**, 7.30 – 9.00 pm in Church

Saturday 15 December, **Prayer Breakfast**, 9.00 – 10.30 am in Church

Wednesday 19 December, **'Blue' Christmas Service**, 7.00 pm in Church. A quiet service for people who are hurting, or who find Christmas difficult

### Elsewhere:

Thursday 20 December, **Community Carol Singing in Rhosddu**, starting from St James' at 6.30 pm

Friday 21 December, **Carols in Rhosddu Park**, 4.00 pm

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## Forthcoming Events

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Tuesday 8 January, **St John's Church Council**, 7.15 pm

Wednesday 16 January, **St James' Church Council**, 7.30 pm

Saturday 19 January, **Prayer Breakfast**, 9.00 – 10.30 am in Church at St John's

Sunday 20 January, **United Service for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity**, 6.00 pm

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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
- **EVENING MOTHERS' UNION:** Second Wednesday, 7.30–9.00 pm in St John's Hall

