



# St James' & St John's Monthly Herald

December 2022

## Minister's Note

*Maranatha – our Lord, come!* (1 Corinthians 16:22) sums up the themes of the season of Advent. We long for Jesus to return to the earth as King, to put right all that is wrong, and to bring God's kingdom to its fulfilment. During Advent, we prepare ourselves to celebrate Jesus' first coming, born as a baby in Bethlehem just over 2,000 years ago. But we shouldn't lose sight of our expectation and anticipation of his Second Coming. During Advent, we focus our thinking on the Four Last Things: Death, Judgement, Heaven and Hell. We're called to remain awake and watchful as we wait for the arrival of Jesus as the heavenly bridegroom, coming to claim his bride, the Church. Take time this Advent to think and pray on these things. Let's not allow our preparations for Christmas 2022 to squeeze out our spiritual preparation to welcome Jesus as King.

## December Services

### St James' Church

4 December at 11.00 am	Christingle
11 December at 11.00 am	Holy Communion
18 December at 11.00 am	Lessons and Carols
24 December at 3.30 pm	Crib Service
24 December at 5.00 pm	Holy Christmas Communion



### St John's Church

4 December at 4.00 pm	Sunday Worship
11 December at 4.00 pm	Holy Communion
18 December at 4.00 pm	Christingle
24 December at 11.30 pm	First Communion of Christmas
25 December at 10.00 am	Holy Communion

### Every Wednesday at 10.00 am

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 3 December, **Christmas Coffee Morning**, 10.00 am – 12 noon

Saturday 10 December, **Church Cleaning**, 10.00 am – 12 noon

### St John's Church

Monday 12 December, **Carol Singalong**, 7.00 pm

Saturday 17 December, **Christingle Workshop**, 10.30 am

## Elsewhere

1 – 31 December, **Wrexham Nativity Trail** Follow the trail to reveal the Christmas story. Details on flyers in Church, or at [www.facebook.com/wrexhamnativitytrail](http://www.facebook.com/wrexhamnativitytrail)

## Forthcoming Events

Wednesday 18 January, **St James' Church Council Meeting**, 7.15 for 7.30 pm

Saturday 21 January, **St John's Meal Out**, 1.00 pm at the Cunliffe Arms

Sunday 22 January, **Service for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity**, 6.00 pm, venue TBC

Monday 23 January, **St John's Church Council Meeting**, 7.15 pm

## For Prayer

One Baptism at St John's on Sunday 4 December; 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 all those who will find Christmas difficult; those who have been bereaved this year and will spend their first Christmas without a loved one; those who are homeless, hungry, cold, lonely; those who are struggling with the increasing cost of living; pray that they will know the peace and love of Christ this Christmas, and that their physical needs will be met abundantly.

An Advent prayer adapted from *The Lion Prayer Collection*:

Father God, in Advent we prepare ourselves to celebrate Christmas. That very word makes us feel excited. You want us to be excited about Christmas, Father, and you want us to enjoy it. But you also want us to understand it. In these days of Advent, teach us, Father, what Christmas means; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

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