

St James' & St John's Monthly Herald

March 2023

Minister's Note

This month, we will be holding our Annual Meetings, and taking the opportunity to thank God for his faithfulness to our Churches in the past, and to pray for the coming year, that we will indeed grow in numbers, in spiritual commitment to him, and in service to our local communities.

Our Archdeaconry of Wrexham (which covers from Deeside in the north, to Ruabon and Chirk in the south; from the Welsh/English border in the east, to Coedpoeth, Llanferres and Mold in the west) will welcome its new Archdeacon, the Ven Dr Hayley Matthews; some of our young people will be preparing for Confirmation, and some of us will be taking part in the Lent Course, thinking about unanswered prayer.



I pray that in and through all of this, we will draw closer to our Lord, as individuals and as church families, learning more about trusting him in all circumstances, and allowing him to lead us through both our joys and our sorrows.

Regular Services

St James' Church

Sunday at 11.00am

5 March	Sunday Worship	12 March	Holy Communion
19 March	Sunday Worship	26 March	Holy Communion

St John's Church

Sunday at 4.00pm

5 March	Caté Church	12 March	Caté Church and Annual Meeting
19 March	Café Church (Holy Communion)	26 March	Café Church (Holy Communion)

Every Wednesday at 10am

Midweek Communion (a said service, using the 1984 Church in Wales' Book of Common Prayer)

Dates for your Diary

St James' Church

Sunday 5 March, St James' Annual Vestry Meeting, after a short service at 11.00 am

Saturday 18 March, **Church and Hall Cleaning and Garden Tidy,** 10.00 am – 12 noon *Please come along to help make the Church and grounds 'sparkle'!*

St John's Church

Sunday 12 March, St John's Annual Vestry Meeting, during the 4.00 pm service

Elsewhere

Sunday 5 March, Installation of the Ven Dr Hayley Matthews as Archdeacon of Wrexham, 3.30 pm at St Asaph Cathedral

Forthcoming Events

Sunday 2 April, St James' Meal Out following our Palm Sunday service at 11.00 am

Thursday 6 April, Chrism Eucharist, 11.00 am at St Asaph Cathedral

Friday 7 April, **Stations of the Cross,** 9.30 am at St James' Church

Friday 7 April, At the Foot of the Cross, 9.30 am at St John's Church

Friday 7 April, Christians Together in Wrexham Walk of Witness (details TBC)

Thursday 20 April, **Christians Together in Wrexham Open Meeting,** 7.30 pm at St Mark's Church, Bryn Eglwys Road, Caia Park, LL13 9LA

Sunday 23 April, Confirmation Service, 4.00 pm at St Mark's Church, Bryn Eglwys Road, LL13 9LA

Saturday 29 April, Festival Eucharist for the Feast of St Asaph, at St Asaph Cathedral, time TBC

For Prayer

One Baptism at St John's on Sunday 19 March; pray for the candidate, that he will grow up to know and love the Lord Jesus, and for his parents and godparents as they promise to bring him up in the Christian faith.

The staff of the Bible Societies in Turkey and Syria have appealed for prayer following the earthquakes. They ask us to pray for the provision of temporary warm shelters for the survivors; for the families of those who have lost their lives; for those whose homes are so badly damaged that they cannot return to them; and for those who don't yet know what happened to their loved ones.

<u>Diocese of St Asaph Lent prayer 2023</u>:

Father, the source and fulfilment of true living, grow the gift of faith within us.
Inspire us to be bringers of hope to the world, and lead us to demonstrate love in all things.
May the Teulu Asaph be your holy people, serving the world, and living with joy, in this time and at all times. **Amen.**

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