

St James' & St John's Monthly Herald

April 2023

Minister's Note

There in the ground his body lay,
light of the world by darkness slain:
then bursting forth in glorious day
up from the grave he rose again!
And as he stands in victory
sin's curse has lost its grip on me,
for I am his and he is mine bought with the precious blood of Christ.
(Stuart Townend and Keith Getty
from the song, In Christ alone, © 2001 Thankyou Music)

This month, we remember the events of Jesus' last week in Jerusalem: his triumphal entry into the city; the days he spent teaching in the Temple; the Last Supper; Jesus' arrest in the Garden of Gethsemane, and the mockery of his trial, followed by flogging and death by crucifixion. And then, on Easter morning, we join in the victory cry: "Alleluia! Christ is risen! He is risen indeed. Alleluia!" Let's *celebrate* this Easter, and let's do all we can to share the best news in the universe with our families, friends and

Regular Services

St James' Church

neighbours.

Sunday at 11.00am

2 April	Sunday Worship	9 April	Holy Communion
16 April	Sunday Worship	23 April	Holy Communion

30 April Sunday Worship

St John's Church

Sunday at 4.00pm

2 April	Café Church	9 April	Café Church (Holy Communion)
16 April	Café Church	30 April	Café Church (Holy Communion)

^{**}Please note there will be no service at St John's on 23rd April due to the Mission Area Confirmation Service at St Mark's Church details of which can be found overleaf**

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

Friday 7 April, Good Friday Stations of the Cross, 9.30 am

Saturday 29 April, **St James' Church Cleaning**, 10.00 am – 12 noon

St John's Church

Friday 7 April, Good Friday – At the Foot of the Cross, 9.30 am

Elsewhere

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

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

Friday 7 April, **Christians Together in Wrexham Walk of Witness** starting at 12 noon from Wrexham Museum

Saturday 8 April, Mission Area Easter Vigil, 8.00 pm at St Giles'

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, Caia Park, LL13 9LA

Thursday 27 April, **Wrexham Mission Area Annual Meeting**, 7.00 pm at Holy Trinity, Esclusham, LL14 4DW

For Prayer

There are two candidates from St James' to be confirmed on Sunday 23 April. Please pray for Daniel and Elisha as they prepare for this significant step.

Pray for Patrick as he completes his ministry amongst us at Easter, and prepares to take up his role in Offa Mission Area. Give thanks for all he and Jane have contributed to the life of both our Church families since they joined us in 2021. And pray also for Luke Bristowe and his family as they leave the Mission Area and Luke takes up his new post in Dyffryn Clwyd Mission Area.

An Easter prayer by John Stott (adapted):

Lord Jesus, risen form the dead and alive for evermore: stand in our midst this Easter as in the upper room; show us your hands and your side; speak your peace to our hearts and minds; and send us forth into the world as your witnesses; for the glory of your name. **Amen.**

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