



St James' & St John's Monthly Herald

May 2023

Minister's Note

Each month, I go through my diary to try and make sure that all our forthcoming events are included on the *Herald*. This time, I found nothing planned for the whole of May! Don't worry – our regular services will be going ahead as usual. And some meetings may be planned at short notice. But it strikes me that this gives us an opportunity . . .

You may be aware that this year the Diocese of St Asaph is celebrating the 1450th anniversary of the consecration of Asaph as the Bishop of this Diocese. We are encouraged to concentrate on those things which are the most important and the most life-giving, in order to allow ourselves to recover our first passion and love for the Lord Jesus.

In his article in the December – February edition of *Teulu Asaph*, Bishop Gregory reminded us of two of Jesus' promises to us. *I came that they [the sheep] may have life and have it abundantly* (John 10:10); and *Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, 'Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.'* Bishop Gregory encourages us to renew our passion for the Gospel and to revive our spiritual lives around these two promises. Also, to think through what will be the treasures of life and ministry, and the giftings of God, that we wish to invest in and celebrate this year.

So, it's over to you! There's more information and updates about Asaph 1450 on the Diocesan website: <https://dioceseofstasaph.org.uk/asaph-1450/>, including a link to the Bishop's article in full (or you can read that in the *Teulu Asaph* magazine mentioned above). If you have any particular responses or thoughts about all this, in reference to yourself, or our churches more generally, I'd love to hear from you!

Regular Services

St James' Church

Sunday at 11.00am

7 May	Sunday Worship	14 May	Holy Communion
21 May	Sunday Worship	28 May	Holy Communion

St John's Church

Sunday at 4.00pm

7 May	Café Church	14 May	Café Church (Holy Communion)
21 May	Café Church	28 May	Café Church (Holy Communion)

Every Wednesday at 10am

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

Farewell to Reverend Patrick Williams

On Easter Sunday, 9 April, our joy in celebrating Jesus' Resurrection was tinged with sadness, as we said 'goodbye' to Patrick at the end of his ministry at St James' and St John's. We've all enjoyed Patrick's ministry amongst us, and we'll keep good memories of his gentleness and care, his commitment to both our churches, and of course, his stories! We have also been privileged to get to know Jane as she's accompanied Patrick throughout his curacy.

On Wednesday 19 April, Patrick was licensed to his new ministry in Offa Mission Area, at a service at St Mary's Church in Johnstown. A number of members of St James' congregation were able to attend the service, where this photo was taken. We all wish Patrick every blessing in his new ministry.



For Prayer

Pray that our Year of Jubilee, Asaph 1450, will enable members of churches around the Diocese to rekindle their passion for Jesus and the gospel, and to be renewed and refreshed in their faith.

Pray for the Lord's provision of all that we need as Church families, so that we can honour him in our life as well as in our corporate worship, and share the Good News of salvation with those in our communities.

Pray for all those who will be taking important exams during this coming term, that they may be able to demonstrate all that they've learned and gain the grades they deserve.

A prayer published by the Church in Wales for the Coronation of King Charles III:

Almighty God, you govern heaven and earth
and your throne is steadfast and eternal:
give to your servant Charles our King,
having been anointed, enthroned and crowned to reign over us,
the necessary gifts to fulfil his duties,
so that truth and justice, holiness and integrity, peace and love
may increase in our land,
and that his life of service
may be a reflection of your sacrificial love
that we see in Jesus Christ our Lord,
who with you and Holy Spirit reigns one God,
now and forever.

Amen.

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