



St James' & St John's

Monthly Herald

June 2023

Minister's Note

At this time of the year, it seems as if everything around us is growing! Trees and plants have fresh green leaves; lots of flowers are in bloom; the lambs are fast growing into sheep . . . In Church, we will soon be putting out the green hangings, etc, to remind us that this season (from the Sunday after Trinity through to late November) is the season for spiritual growth. The Sunday gospel readings focus on Jesus' teaching and ministry, and as we reflect on what we hear in those readings, so our faith is nurtured and grows.

As a Christian believer, I hope that you long to grow to maturity in your faith. A newborn baby has to be fed on milk, because that's all its stomach can digest. But as that baby grows up, so its stomach becomes able to digest solid food. Something would be very wrong for an older child or an adult to continue consuming only milk. Peter writes to the early Christians, *Like newborn babies crave pure spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow up in your salvation* (1 Peter 2:2). We are called to *grow up* in our salvation, and that means taking on board more solid spiritual food. Paul is exasperated with the infantile believers in Corinth when he writes, *I gave you milk, not solid food, for you were not yet ready for it. Indeed, you are still not ready* (1 Corinthians 3:2). The writer to the Hebrews has a similar complaint in Hebrews 5:12-14.

We can't make ourselves grow – *God gives the growth* (1 Corinthians 3:7). But we can put ourselves into the right situation for growth to occur. We can attend Church services each week, asking God to speak to us through the Scripture readings and sermon. We can read a portion of Scripture each day, together with a commentary or Bible notes to help us understand. We can make it a priority to attend courses such as *Christianity Explored*, *Discipleship Explored*, *The Bible Course*, *The Prayer Course*, when the opportunity arises. We can read good Christian books, and we can spend time with Christian friends, learning together. The opportunities are endless; make sure you make the best of them, that you may become mature followers of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Regular Services

St James' Church

Sunday at 11.00am

4 June	Sunday Worship	11 June	Holy Communion
18 June	Sunday Worship	25 June	Holy Communion

St John's Church

Sunday at 4.00pm

4 June	Café Church	11 June	Café Church (Holy Communion)
18 June	Café Church	25 June	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

Dates for your Diary

St James' Church

Saturday 17 June, **St James' Church and Hall Cleaning**, 10.00 am – 12 noon

Wednesday 21 June, **St James' Church Council Meeting**, 7.15 for 7.30 pm

St John's Church

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DATE TBC, **Archdeacon's Visitation Service**, 7.00 pm

Elsewhere

Wednesday 7 June, **Wrexham Nativity Trail Working Group**, 7:00pm at YWAM (25 Hightown Road, Wrexham, LL13 8EB). Anyone who would like to help explore possibilities for this year's trail and help organise this ecumenical Christmas outreach, is welcome to this first meeting of the Working Group.

Forthcoming Events

Sunday 16 July, **Joint Service and BBQ at St John's**, 4.00 pm. (This is a provisional arrangement, but the plan is to have no service at St James' that morning, and for both congregations to worship together at St John's in the afternoon).

Sunday 23 July, **St James' Patronal Festival Service**, at 11.00 am, at which the Ven Dr Hayley Matthews, Archdeacon of Wrexham, will preach and preside at Communion. The service will be followed by lunch at the Holt Lodge.

For Prayer

One Baptism at St John's on Sunday 25 June; 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.

Pray for those to be ordained deacon at St Asaph Cathedral on Saturday 24 June, and those to be ordained priest on Sunday 1 July – the latter group includes **Marcus Pipe**, currently serving his curacy at St Giles', and **Grace Lomas**, who spent some time on placement at St John's during her ordination training.

A prayer for Trinity Sunday from the Church of Scotland:

Almighty God, most blessed and most holy, before the brightness of whose presence the angels veil their faces: with lowly reverence and adoring love we acknowledge your infinite glory, and worship you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, eternal Trinity. Blessing, and honour, and glory, and power be unto our God, for ever and ever.

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www.wrexhamparish.org.uk

<http://stjohns.wrexhamparish.org.uk>

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