



St James' & St John's Monthly Herald

August 2023

Minister's Note

At this time of year, everything quieters down, and many of us will be enjoying a well-earned break away from home. We get the opportunity to reflect on all that's happened in recent months, personally and in the lives of our churches and our nation. I hope that you will enjoy a slightly slower pace of life during August, and even if you're not able to get away, take some time to do something you really enjoy, or something you've never done before but have wanted to try!

In recent weeks, I have been writing a weekly update, which has been sent out through email and posted on our church Facebook pages. I realise that those who are not online are unable to access this, and so I repeat here my recommendation of a great book which you could read over the summer: *Gentle and Lowly: the Heart of Christ for Sinners and Sufferers*, by Dane Ortlund; (Crossway, Illinois, 2020); ISBN: 9781433566134.

If you've read a good Christian book recently, which you'd like to recommend to others, please let me know the details, and I'll pass on the recommendation. If you'd like a copy of the weekly update sent by email, please send me your email address and I'll add you to the distribution list. I'm sorry that distributing paper copies will not be possible, unless you'd like to collect one when you're in Church.

Regular Services

St James' Church

Sunday at 11.00am

6 August	Sunday Worship	13 August	Holy Communion
20 August	Sunday Worship	30 August	Holy Communion

St John's Church

Sunday at 4.00pm

6 August	Café Church	13 August	Café Church (Holy Communion)
20 August	Café Church	30 August	Café Church (Holy Communion)

Every Wednesday at 10am

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



The Caia Park Holiday Hunger Scheme needs volunteers to help make filled rolls for the many hungry children who attend two play centres in Caia Park. The team work at The Venture, Garner Road, LL13 8SF on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 10.30 am - 1 pm. If you can offer just one date over the school holidays it would be greatly appreciated. Please contact suzannenantcurvis@gmail.com for further information.

There are also opportunities to support the Church Army hot meals scheme over the summer. For further information please email Josh.Smith@churcharmy.org.

Dates for your Diary

St John's Church

Sunday 6 August, **Prayer Meeting**, 3.15 pm (before Service Station starts at 4.00 pm)

Forthcoming Events

Saturday 2 September, St James' Church and Hall Cleaning, 10.00 am – 12 noon

Wednesday 6 September, St John's Church Council Meeting, 7.15 pm

Saturday 9 September, St James' Vision Day, with the Ven Dr Hayley Matthews

Wednesday 13 September, St James Church Council Meeting, 7.15 for 7.30 pm

Sunday 17 September, Compassion Sunday – a speaker from Compassion UK will be visiting both our churches, to speak about Releasing Children from Poverty in Jesus' Name.

For Prayer

Two Baptisms at St John's on Sunday 13 August; pray for the candidates, that they will grow up to know and love the Lord Jesus, and for their parents and godparents as they promise to bring them up in the Christian faith.

Pray that every member of our church families will get the rest and refreshment they need during this month. And that we will each find *rest for our souls* in and through our Lord Jesus Christ in every season of the year.

A thanksgiving and prayer for those who are travelling:

Thank you, God, for the fun of travelling. Thank you for jets and helicopters, liners and yachts, for rockets and spacecraft, underground trains and escalators; for cars and trains, scooters and lorries. Please watch over all who travel today. Give them common sense and politeness. Teach them to guard against accidents and to obey the rules made for their safety. **Amen.**

(written by Zinnia Bryan, from The Lion Prayer Collection, p 137)

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