



St James' & St John's Monthly Herald

September 2023

Minister's Note

After a quieter few weeks in the summer, things get busy again in September! In particular this month, St James' will be holding a Vision Day – actually just a morning, 9.30 am – 1.00 pm on Saturday 9 September. Archdeacon Hayley will be helping us to discern ways in which we can move forward as we seek to fulfil our church's mission statement, 'Bringing Christ to the community; bringing the community to Christ'. It is an important session, and I continue to ask anyone from St James' who cannot attend and who has not already told me so, to inform me if this is the case.



On Sunday 17 September, we look forward once more to welcoming Paul Goodship to speak at both of our churches, about the work of Compassion UK. Compassion works around the world to release children from poverty in Jesus' name, by means of encouraging Christians in the UK to sponsor a child.

If you want to see an example of the difference Compassion makes in children's lives, there are lots of videos on the Compassion UK YouTube channel, including this one: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=778HJDrl5c0>

Do make a point of being in Church on Sunday 17 September to find out more!

Regular Services

St James' Church

Sunday at 11.00am

3 September	Sunday Worship	10 September	Holy Communion
17 September	Sunday Worship	24 September	Holy Communion

St John's Church

Sunday at 4.00pm

3 September	Café Church	10 September	Café Church (Holy Communion)
17 September	Café Church	24 September	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 John's Church

Sunday 3 September, **Prayer Meeting**, 3.15 pm (before Service Station starts at 4.00 pm)

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

St James' Church

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

Saturday 9 September, **St James' Vision Day**, with the Ven Dr Hayley Matthews, 9.30 am – 1.00 pm

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

Elsewhere

Tuesday 26 September, **A Time to Pray**, 7:30 pm - 9:00 pm at the Community Church, 15 Prices Lane, Wrexham, LL11 2NB. A time for the various compassion ministries in Wrexham to come together and pray for the church and ministry in Wrexham

Forthcoming Events

Saturday 21 October, **St James' Church and Hall Cleaning**, 10.00 am – 12 noon

For Prayer

Two Baptisms at St John's in September; 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 for everyone who is involved in the education system at the beginning of a new academic year; in particular those who are starting at new schools, or have left school and will be going to University this term. For teachers and other staff who are starting new jobs, especially for those who are newly qualified. Pray that schools, colleges, universities and all places of education may be safe places, filled with inspiration and aspiration.

A prayer adapted from John Knox:

O God of all power, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep: comfort and defend the flock which he has redeemed by the blood of the eternal covenant. Increase the number of true preachers; enlighten the hearts of the ignorant; relieve the suffering of the afflicted, especially those who suffer for their faith in you; by the power of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Amen.

(adapted from The Lion Prayer Collection, p 244)

Websites / Media:

www.wrexhamparish.org.uk

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

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