



St James' & St John's

Monthly Herald

November 2023

Minister's Note

November is a month which includes a number of special services. On **Sunday 5 November**, the service at St James' will be the **All Souls' Service**.

Sunday 12 November is **Remembrance Sunday**, which will be reflected in services in both our churches; St John's will also hold the **Commemoration Service** at 6.30 pm that evening.

On **Sunday 19 November**, the Mission Area is holding a clergy 'swap-round' Sunday; Jonathan Smith will take the service at St James' that morning, and Dylan Parry-Jones will be at St John's in the afternoon. Meanwhile, I will be at Holy Trinity Rhostyllen followed by St Mary's Bersham that morning.

After all that, **Sunday 26 November** will see just our regular services! However, that evening there will be a **United Service** organised by Christians Together in Wrexham – details are below.

When I'm preaching, I often remind you that as followers of Jesus, we're all called to share our faith with our friends and family. That's not an easy thing to do! Recently I came across an idea from the Evangelical Alliance called *Motivating Mission: Using the 'Couch to 5k' model to empower evangelism in your Church*. I hope and pray that using this model will encourage many of you to join a group to learn and support one another, one step at a time. We'll start on **Monday 13 November**, meeting in person in the evening, and continue each Monday evening up to and including **Monday 4 December**. We'll then take a break and resume in the New Year. Venue TBA, depending on the number of people who indicate an interest – please speak to me if you'd like to join in.

Regular Services

St James' Church

Sunday at 11.00am

5 November:	Morning Prayer for All Souls'
12 November:	Holy Communion for Remembrance Sunday
19 November:	Morning Prayer
26 November:	Holy Communion

St John's Church

Sunday at 4.00pm

5 November:	Café Church
12 November:	Café Church (Holy Communion) for Remembrance Sunday
6.30pm Commemoration Service	
19 November:	Café Church
26 November:	Café Church (Holy Communion)

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 12 November, **Commemoration Service**, 6.30 pm

Wednesday 15 November, **St John's Church Council Meeting**, 7.15 pm

St James' Church

Wednesday 8 November, **St James' Church Council Meeting**, 7.15 for 7.30 pm

Thursday 23 November, **Fundraising Concert, featuring Mr Mark Thompson (organ) and the Rhos Orpheus Male Choir**; tickets: £10 single, £5 concessions, £25 family ticket – look out for details of how to get tickets

Elsewhere

Monday 13 November (and each Monday until 4 December), **You will be my witnesses** group sessions, starting at 7.00 pm, ending by 9.00 pm. Venue TBA (see Minister's Note above).

Sunday 26 November, **Christians Together in Wrexham United Service**, 6.00 pm at Rock Chapel, 1 Bernard Road, Wrexham, LL13 8EL; guest speaker: Tim Rowlands, head of the Evangelical Alliance in Wales.

Forthcoming Events

Saturday 2 December, **St James' Christingle Workshop and Coffee Morning**, 10.00 am – 12 noon

Monday 11 December, **St John's Carol Singalong**, 7 pm

For Prayer

Commit to pray regularly for five people you're in contact with, who don't yet know Jesus. If you're not sure who to pray for, ask God to guide you as you choose. There are suggestions about how to put this into practice, and a suggested prayer, here: <https://www.thykingdomcome.global/resources/pray-five-friends>

Wrexham Nativity Trail will be running in the city centre throughout December. Pray that all those who take part will encounter Jesus in a fresh way as a result. Pray that those who don't yet know Lord will respond to the invitation to join a church in worship at Christmas. Pray for that the Nativity Trail will bear fruit in the extension of God's kingdom here in Wrexham this Christmas.

A prayer for Israel and Gaza from 24-7prayer.com:

God of all nations, we pray today for Israel and Gaza. We pray for those grieving the sudden loss of loved ones, captives, and those whose homes have been destroyed. We pray for a miraculous de-escalation of this conflict, asking for reason to overcome rage and revenge. We also ask that other nations will be restrained from escalating this situation further. We pray for effective international peacemaking, seeking diplomacy over warmongering on all sides. Blessed are the merciful and the peacemakers. (Matthew 5:7, 9). **Amen.**

Websites / Media:

www.wrexhamparish.org.uk

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

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