



# St James' & St John's Monthly Herald

January 2024

## Minister's Note

Happy New Year!

If you make New Year resolutions, it may be that one of them is to be more diligent in prayer in 2024. We should all be praying for our own city of Wrexham, and the new Wrexham City Prayer Diary can help you do just that! You may remember previous editions; this has been fully revised and updated, and is available:

- on paper: just pick up a copy in Church (there are only a few, so please only take on if you're going to use it!)
- as an MS-Word file: ask me to forward you the email with the details
- via the PrayerMate App: ask me to forward you the email with the details

For each day you will have three things to pray for: a church or ministry; an area of Wrexham; a people group or area of influence. There are also key Bible verses and some tips for praying for our city. The prayer diary can help you form a habit of praying for Wrexham, and it's also an act of unity as we pray for the same thing as other believers. So make sure you get hold of your copy, and that you use it in your daily prayers!

## Regular Services

### St James' Church

#### Sunday at 11.00am

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

### St John's Church

#### Sunday at 4.00pm

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

#### Every Wednesday at 10am

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

## Dates for your Diary

### St John's Church

Wednesday 17 January, **St John's Church Council Meeting**, 7.15 pm

### St James' Church

Saturday 13 January 2024, **St James' Church Cleaning**, 10.00 am – 12 noon

Thursday 24 January, **St James' Church Council meeting**, 7.15 for 7.30 pm

### Elsewhere

Sunday 21 January, **Christians Together in Wrexham United Service for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity**, 6.00 pm at Wrexham Methodist Church, Regent Street, Wrexham, LL11 1RY.

### Forthcoming Events

Thursday 1 February, **Christians Together in Wrexham Quarterly Meeting**, 7.00 for 7.30 pm, at St Giles' Church

Thursday 21 February, **St James' Church Council Meeting**, 7.15 for 7.30 pm

Saturday 24 February 2024, **St James' Church Cleaning**, 10.00 am – 12 noon

## For Prayer

For each person who joined us for Christmas worship, or visited our churches over the Christmas period – that the message of the angels will remain in their hearts and minds, and that they will enter a deeper relationship with the Lord over the coming months

*Please make sure you have a copy of the new Wrexham City Prayer Diary, and use it daily to pray for our city (for details of how to get hold of a copy online or on paper, see 'Minister's Message' above).*

### A prayer for the new year:

For all the possibilities ahead in this new year make us thankful, O Lord. Give us wisdom, courage, and discernment in the face of so much chaos, despair, and fear. Help us to see how, in our circumstances, we can contribute towards peace, faith and love. And give us the will to translate our desires into actions. **Amen.**

*(Leslie D Weatherhead, in The SPCK Book of Christian Prayer)*

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