

# ST JAMES' & ST JOHN'S MONTHLY HERALD



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## Minister's Note

The other day, I came across a prayer for Lent, which makes connections between the longer days and new life and growth of spring, and our spiritual lives. It's two years this month since Jackie, Steve and I attended the Leading Your Church into Growth residential. In 2018, we did a lot of work on LyCiG in St James' and St John's, and I believe we are seeing growth as a result of that work. It's all been put 'on hold' in recent months, but we will be picking it up again over the next few months, so in the meantime, please do keep praying! We've decided to use the Start! course for Lent this year (details are below). I trust that both long-standing Christians and people who are new to the faith will come along and benefit from thinking about the basics of what we believe. Please do invite family or friends to come as well; no previous knowledge is needed, and there's no cost involved. May this Lent be a springtime for our life in Christ, both individually, and as church families

## For Prayer

- There's one Baptism service this month, at St John's on Sunday 10 March. Please pray for the two sisters to be baptised, their parents and godparents, that each will continue to grow in their relationship with the Lord
- Please make sure you have a copy of the 'Leading Your Church into Growth' prayer bookmark, and use the prayer for growth in your prayers as often as possible

St Asaph Diocese Lent Prayer 2019:

Compassionate God, as you enfold us in your hands, give us your compassion for people in need of your grace, mercy and love. Help us to follow you into places of despair and darkness carrying your light and hope. Touch our lips with wisdom and empower us by your Holy Spirit to bring your life and healing. Teach us, good Lord, to see you in the lives of others. Amen.

## REGULAR SERVICES

### ST JAMES'

Every Sunday at 11am

3<sup>rd</sup> March – All Age Worship

10<sup>th</sup> March – Holy Communion

17<sup>th</sup> March – Morning Prayer

24<sup>th</sup> March – Morning Prayer  
(Annual Vestry Meeting)

31<sup>st</sup> March – All Age Worship  
(Mothering Sunday)

### ST JOHN'S

Every Sunday at 9.30am

3<sup>rd</sup> March – Holy Communion

10<sup>th</sup> March – Holy Communion

17<sup>th</sup> March – **ONE SERVICE ONLY**  
at 11 am (Annual Vestry Meeting)

24<sup>th</sup> March – Holy Communion

31<sup>st</sup> March – Holy Communion  
(Mothering Sunday)

### In addition at St John's:

Each Sunday at 4pm - Service  
Station – Food for Body & Soul

Each Wednesday at 10am -  
Communion Service

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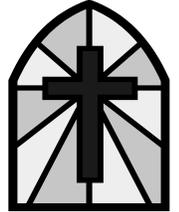
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## Church Events

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### At St James':

Tuesday 5 March, **Midweek Holy Communion**, 10.30 am in Church

Mondays 11,18, 25 March, 1, 8, 15 April, **Lent Course**, meeting at 7.30 – 9.00 pm in St James' Church Hall. We're going to use the Start! Course, which explores the Christian faith in six lively sessions. This is an opportunity to go 'back to basics', which is good for all of us from time to time, and also to bring a friend who would like to know more about what Christians believe. Separate flier available. Everyone welcome

### At St John's:

Wednesday 6 March, **Holy Communion for Ash Wednesday** (to include 'ashing'), 10.00 am in Church

Saturday 16 March, **Prayer Breakfast**, 9.00 – 10.30 am in Church

Saturday 23 March, **Free Prize Bingo**, 3.00 pm in the Hall. Please contact Gemma Wrathall by Saturday 9 March if you'd like to come; tel: 07496 821093; email: [jamesandgemmaw@hotmail.com](mailto:jamesandgemmaw@hotmail.com)

On the run up to the Annual Vestry meetings, each church will be doing the annual revision of the Electoral Roll - please speak to Jackie Jones at St James', or Steve Barnett at St John's, if you would like to have your name added to the Roll, or you would like to know more about what it entails.

Have you ever considered being the church secretary, or reader, or welcoming people into our churches? We are looking for people to join the Church Councils, and the Sunday rotas to do the readings, lead the prayers, be Sidespersons, etc. PLEASE offer your services, even if it all sounds scary and you've never done it before - everyone who is already contributing to the life of our churches in this way can look back to feeling exactly the same!

### Elsewhere:

There are various Lent courses and activities across the Mission Area. For details, see the Mission Area Lent leaflet

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## Forthcoming Events

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Thursday 18 April, **Chrism Eucharist**, 11.00 am at St Asaph Cathedral

Thursday 18 April, **Holy Communion**, 7.30 pm in Church at St John's

Friday 19 April, **Good Friday Worship**, 9.30 am at St John's and **Stations of the Cross**, 9.30 am at St James'

Saturday 20 April, **Prayer Breakfast**, 9.00 – 10.30 am in Church at St John's

Saturday 20 April, **Mission Area Easter Vigil**, St Margaret's, 7.30 for 8.00 pm

