



THE UNITED PARISH

Christ Church & St John's

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Sunday 25th March 2018

Palm Sunday

Revd Jonny Campbell-Smyth

Words of Contentment Luke 23:44-49 & Psalm 31:1-5

10.00am Morning Prayer in **Christ Church**

11.30am Holy Communion in **St John's**

Sunday 1st April 2018

Easter Sunday Celebration

Revd Jonny Campbell-Smyth

6.45am Dawn Service at **St Augustine's Ballyeaston**

10.00am Family Service in **Christ Church**

11.30am Family Service in **St John's**

Please pray for:-

- Members of our Church Family awaiting operations, test results or treatments.
- George, Jacqueline & Heather & family circle on the recent death of Ethel.
- Wesley Lamont home following short time in hospital.
- Pearl Rodgers recently moved to Hamilton Nursing Home
- Fiona Thompson after recent surgery
- Muriel Reid recovering at home from a minor stroke.
- Stewart Armstrong recovering at home.
- Margaret McDowell recovering in Joymount Nursing Home.
- William Graham recovering after time in hospital.
- Walter Stewart in Clareview Nursing Home.
- Marion Robinson in Abbeylands Care Home.
- Patricia Johnston in Broadways Nursing Home.

EASTER SUNDAY DAWN SERVICE: Please join us for our Easter Dawn Service at St Augustine's Ruins in Ballyeaston at 6.45am followed by breakfast in the rectory.

******PARISH WEEKEND AWAY (13th-15th April)******

Our Family Weekend has almost arrived. Far too much information to squeeze into a small box. The theme is “We are Family”. We have Rev Dr Heather Morris, Jill Hamilton & Christina Baillie joining us – something for **all** the family. Brochures still available at the back of Church, Web Site or the Office. **The Revd John Bond will be celebrating Holy Communion with us on the Sunday Morning. If we could get the applications in along with deposits as soon as possible so we can firm up the numbers. If you can't make it to the whole weekend why not join us for the day on Saturday or Sunday.**

**GOOD FRIDAY
HOT CROSS BUN & EASTER EGG
OUTREACH IN BALLYNURE &
BALLYCLARE**



As per previous years, we are looking volunteers to come and give out hot cross buns & Easter eggs to folks in the streets on Good Friday morning.

This year, we would love to do this in both Ballyclare **and** Ballynure. Can you spare 2 hours to help? We are planning to meet at both Christ Church Halls & St John's Halls from 10.00am until approx. midday. Thank you for your support as we bless the people in our community this Easter.

Please contact Marion or Jeannie for more information.

No formal Parish Prayer time at Leigh & Clive's until Thursday 12th April at 7.30pm....but keep praying!!

The Church Office will be closed on Easter Monday & Tuesday. Both David & Mark will be holiday for the rest of the Easter Week. Revd Jonny can be contacted on his mobile as normal. Revd Jonny will be on annual leave from Sunday 8th April to Wednesday 11th April inclusive. Canon Derek Kerr will be covering the Parish during these few days and can be contacted on 94472561

Scratch Choir - Easter Sunday at St John's

Calling all budding Mariah Carey's and Pavarotti's. Do you enjoy singing in the shower, or joining in to the songs on X-Factor and the Voice? This Easter in St John's, we are pulling together, for one performance only, a Scratch Choir which will sing on Easter Sunday morning at our 11.30 Family Celebration. Revd Jonny (aka Gareth Malone) will put you through your paces from 4pm - 5pm on Saturday 31st March in St John's. Just one practice will be needed. Whether you are 7 or 70, come along and make this an Easter Celebration never to be forgotten. You do not need any prior experience, so if the dogs howl in the street when you open your mouth, you will still be very welcome. To gauge numbers, please put your name on the sign-up sheet. (CDs of the music will be available on Palm Sunday to take home)

Annual Easter Vestry

This year the date for the Annual Vestry is

Wednesday 18th April,

7.30pm Christ Church Hall

It would be wonderful to have as many folk at our Annual Vestry. Come and find out about the life of our Parish and the exciting year ahead. This year Revd Jonny will be reviewing the previous year and sharing the new vision for the Parish and the exciting times ahead.

Over the last year a group along with Jonny have been prayerfully working on a strategy for the Parish. Exciting times are ahead— please try and make it to the Annual Easter Vestry. Revd Jonny will be presenting additional information on the vision, Sundays 22nd & 29th April

GOOD FRIDAY : Please try and join us during the day from 12 noon to 3pm on the hour for reflective meditations on The Cross in St John's. Christ Church will also be open for reflective prayer during these hours.

We will be having an Evening Communion Service in St John's at 7.30pm—please try and join us at some stage during this day and over the weekend.

Easter Services (See Flyer– Why not invite a friend?)

Monday 26th	Youth & Uniform Service	7.00pm	St John's
Wednesday 28th	Mid Week Reflection	7.30pm	Christ Church
Friday 30th	Good Friday Service	7.30pm	St John's
Sunday 1st April	Easter Dawn Service	6.45am	St Augustine's
Sunday 1st April	Easter Celebration	10.00am	Christ Church
Sunday 1st April	Easter Celebration	11.30am	St John's

Fellowship Circle & Friends,

Thursday 29th March,

The day begins with a service of Holy Communion in Christ Church at 11.00am, followed by coach from Christ Church carpark to Tullyglass for lunch at 12.30pm. returning to Christ Church about 3.30pm.

There are still a few places left on the coach but David/Sophie need to know numbers by this Monday lunch time at the latest.

The cost is £15 and any outstanding payments will be collected on the day.

GAFCON IRELAND

The GAFCON movement (Global Anglican Future Conference) is a global family of authentic Anglicans standing together to retain and restore the Bible to the heart of the Anglican Communion.

The GAFCON journey began in 2008 when moral compromise, doctrinal error and the collapse of biblical witness in parts of the Anglican communion had reached such a level that the leaders of the majority of the world's Anglicans felt it was necessary to take a united stand for truth. For more information on GAFCON, visit <https://www.gafcon.org> .

GAFCON Ireland is now being established to ensure local Church of Ireland parishes guard and proclaim the unchanging, transforming Gospel through biblically faithful preaching and teaching.

Revd Jonny and other GAFCON members are inviting parishioners of their local churches to come to the Waterfront Exhibition Hall in Belfast on the 21st April to support the launch and hear more about GAFCON Ireland. The day will include input from Greg Venables, the presiding Bishop for the Province of South America, Peter Jensen, former Archbishop of Sydney and Vaughan Roberts, Rector of St Ebbe's Church, Oxford.

Lunch for everyone is included free of charge.

Entry is by free ticket only, to register please go to launch_gafconireland.eventbrite.co.uk