



THE UNITED PARISH

Christ Church & St John's

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Sunday 15th April 2018

Third Sunday of Easter

Dr. John Wilson

“After Easter– What’s next?” 1 John 3:1-9 & Luke 24:36-48

10.00am Morning Prayer in **Christ Church**

11.30am Morning Prayer in **St John's**

Wednesday 18th April at 11.00am

Holy Communion at 12 noon in St John's

Sunday 22nd April 2018

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Revd Jonny Campbell-Smyth

Parish Vision Sunday

10.00am Morning Prayer in **Christ Church**

11.30am Morning Prayer in **St John's**

(Over the next two Sundays Revd Jonny will talk about the vision which God has placed in his heart for the Parish.

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 Barrett.
- Wesley Lamont as he commences his treatment.
- Pearl Rodgers recently moved to Hamilton Nursing Home
- Fiona Thompson recovering after recent surgery
- Alison Goulden recovering at home after recent heart attack.
- Muriel Reid recovering at home from a minor stroke.
- Margaret McDowell recently moved to Clareview.
- Walter Stewart in Clareview Nursing Home.
- Marion Robinson in Abbeylands Care Home.
- Ken, Simon & Linda and the wider family circle on the death of Beth Bradbury
- Students and young folk in the Parish as they prepare for GCSE, A/S & A Levels along with those sitting important university exams.

MOTHERS UNION

" Mothers' Union will meet on 23 April in Christ Church Hall at 8pm. Our speaker will be Noreen Hurst our Diocesan Overseas Rep who will be talking about the work of Mothers' Union overseas and how the money we collect is used and the projects that are a priority overseas. "

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.

Revd Jonny will be presenting additional information on the vision, Sundays 22nd & 29th April

PRAYER MINISTRY– Do you need someone to pray with you, Prayer Ministry is available in both Churches on a Sunday. We also have a healing service once a month (2nd Sunday) alternating between St John's & Christ Church.
(Sunday 13th May at 6.00pm in St John's)

MID WEEK COMMUNION : Communion this week (18th April) at 12.00noon. The following week (25th) Bible Study recommences from 11.00am with Holy Communion at 12 noon.

STREET PASTORS: As you know this is one of the organisations which we support as a Parish. We are having a special commissioning service on Sunday 22nd April at 6.00pm in St John's. Please come along and support the folk from the Parish & others who give generously of their time to help others.

GAFCON IRELAND **ONLY 200 TICKETS REMAIN**

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.

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



A GOD VENTURE—Family Activity Workshop

Saturday 21st April @ 10.00am-1pm (light lunch to follow)

**St Mark's Church Parish Hall. Church Street Newtownards
Aimed at Families, Children & Family Workers, Sunday
School Leaders.**

**A great morning to get ideas for engaging people of all ages
in faith development.**

HOLIDAY BIBLE CLUB.....

Great news we are having one this summer during August. A planning meeting has been organised for

Wednesday 9th May at 8.00pm in

St John's Hall. If you are interested

in helping out in any way please pop

along. For more information please contact Revd Jonny or the Church Office.



UCB BIBLE NOTES

This quarters bible notes “The Word For Today” & “Word For You” are now available in the stand at the back of St John’s and also in Christ Church. These notes are a wonderful aid for Bible Study & Daily Reflection. They are so easy to follow and read and free!

UCB are also having a coffee morning & cake sale on **Saturday 12th May 2018 in Carrickfergus Memorial Hall** beside the Fire Station from **10.00am– 12.30pm** . Everyone will be made most welcome and admission is free. This will be a morning of sweet delights, fellowship and handmade gifts and products for sale from a selection of talented artists and creatives. There will also be lots of UCB resources available to take away free of charge and children’s activities will also be available.

All refreshments will be free, all monies raised will go towards UCB .

Antrim & Newtownabbey Pensioners Parliament

Over 60? Want to make your voice heard on issues like health and social care, community safety and the cost of living? Come along to the Antrim & Newtownabbey Pensioners Parliament on Friday 20th April 2018 (10.30am - 3.30pm) in Mossley Mill, Newtownabbey. Register to attend by phoning 02890312089. More info at www.pensionersparliament.org.

BALLYNURE PRESBYTERIAN

Men’s Breakfast with Howard Beverland from Crusaders FC. Come along to hear Howard's story of being a Christian in the Northern Irish Premier League and the success he has enjoyed with Coleraine & Crusaders FC. Saturday 5th May in Ballynure Presbyterian Church Hall at 9.00am. Please confirm your attendance with Gareth Gilchrist on (07813 811717) by Sunday 29th April. Cost: Small donation to cover catering.