



THE UNITED PARISH

Christ Church & St John's

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Sunday 22nd April 2018

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Revd Jonny Campbell-Smyth

Parish Vision Sunday (1) Joshua 1:1-11

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.

**6.00pm Commissioning Service in St John's for Street Pastors
(See Separate notice over leaf)**

Wednesday 25th April 2018

Bible Study 11.00am in St John's

Holy Communion 12.00noon in St John's

Sunday 29th April 2018

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Revd Jonny Campbell-Smyth

Parish Vision Sunday (2) Nehemiah 2:11-18

10.00am Morning Prayer in **Christ Church**

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

Please pray for:-

- Members of our Church Family awaiting operations, test results or treatments.
- Wesley Lamont as he commences his treatment.
- Edward Rogers & family on the death of Ed's wife Pearl.
- Alison Goulden recovering at home after recent heart attack.
- Margaret McDowell recently moved to Clareview.
- Marion Robinson in Abbeylands Care Home.
- Jacqueline Strange and family after recent bereavement.
- 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.

STREET PASTORS: As you know this is one of the organisations which we support as a Parish. We are having a special commissioning service **tonight Sunday 22nd April at 6.00pm in St John's.** Please come along and support Revd Jonny, Alison & George McMillan as they are commissioned for this important work in our community.

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 & BIBLE STUDY.

Starts back in full force this Wednesday (25th). Bible Study at 11.00am followed by Holy Communion at 12.00. Revd Jonny will be leading the first few Bible Studies. Rather than preparing lunch we are going to have tea & coffee and a few biscuits after communion.

You can come to both the Bible Study & Communion or either.

HOLIDAY BIBLE CLUB.....

Great news we are having one this summer during August. A planning meeting has been organised **Tuesday 8th May at 8.00pm in St John's Hall.)**

Date of meeting changed from the 9th. If you are interested in helping out in any way please pop along. For more information please contact Revd Jonny or the Church Office.



Come & Sing: Wednesday 25th April, 7.30-8.30pm in St John's. Music practice for choir, the scratch choir! and anyone else as we go over new worship songs.

Many thanks to **Mark Graham** our caretaker for all the work and service he has carried out over the last number of years. Mark has taken up a new job and we wish Mark God's richest blessings going forward.

**KINGDOM MEN,
NEW WINE IRELAND & CARE FOR THE FAMILY
Saturday 28th April 9.00am-1.00pm
Eat Food. Worship God. Be Inspired**

Kingdom Men is more than a men's breakfast.

New Wine Ireland and Care for the Family are delighted to partner to deliver **Kingdom Men 2018**.

Kingdom Men is about inspiring men to connect with God and live a life that proclaims and demonstrates God's kingdom to those around us - our families, friends, colleagues, neighbours, churches, workplaces, streets. This morning will include times of worship, teaching, ministry and food. Join us and bring a friend.

Our keynote speaker will be Gerrit Bantjes – Gerrit is from South Africa and has a background in military and fitness coaching. He is a husband and father with real compassion and understanding of life's highs and lows.

Tickets available from www.newwineireland.org

ANNUAL EASTER VESTRY 2018: Copies of the Treasurers Report and Accounts for 2017 are available at the back of both Churches.

ROBIN MARK

In Concert with the New Irish Choir & Orchestra.

Saturday 2nd June at 7.30pm, Glenmachan Church, Hollywood Road.

Tickets £15 (selling fast) available from www.robinmark.com

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. All refreshments will be free, all monies raised from cake sale & crafts will go towards UCB .

In light of us not having a cleaner, volunteers are required for approximately 2 hours per week to do a l bit of cleaning & tidying up in St John’s. The Vestry will be reviewing the vacancy and it is envisaged that this cleaning will run from May–September. If you can help please contact George Heaney or David Brown.

Connor MU hosts Women’s Health & Wellbeing morning.

Connor Mothers’ Union is holding a Women’s Health and Wellbeing Morning in the Dunsilly Hotel, Antrim on Saturday 28th April. Speakers are former television presenter Lynda Bryans who will talk about mental health; local GP Dr Laura Bunting who will speak about physical health; and the rector of St Nicholas, Belfast, the Revd Elizabeth Hanna, will address the aspect of spiritual health.

This event is aimed at younger women within the parishes in the diocese who had no previous or limited contact with the Mother’s Union.

Spaces are limited so anyone interested is asked to register with Wendy Halligan as soon as possible on 02893342572 or email wendy.halligan@sky.com