



THE UNITED PARISH

Christ Church & St John's

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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**

(During this mornings services the prayer ministry team will be commissioned)

Wednesday 2nd May 2018

12.00 Holy Communion in **St John's**

Sunday 6th May 2018

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Revd Jonny Campbell-Smyth

Waiting on the Lord 1 Samuel 3:1-10 & John 10:1-5

10.00am Holy Communion in **Christ Church**

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

Please remember that members of the Prayer Ministry Team are available at all our Services.

Please pray for:-

- Members of our Church Family awaiting operations, test results or treatments.
- Wesley Lamont as he continues his treatment.
- Carol, Dean & Caitlin on the birth of new daughter, Erin
- Edward Rogers & family on the death of Ed's wife Pearl.
- Marion Robinson in Abbeylands Care Home.
- June Boyd as she recovers from surgery.
- Wilma McMaster currently in hospital.
- 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.
- Please pray for our local Street Pastors, especially George McMillan, Jonny & Alison recently commissioned to carry out the work in the local 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)**. Members recently trained and commissioned today are John & Sophie Wilson, Clive & Leigh Henderson, Iris Grimason & Andree Bradley, Lynne Brannigan & Gillian Taylor, Marion McCallion & George Colclough.

MID WEEK COMMUNION & BIBLE STUDY.

Started back in full force last Wednesday. Bible Study at 11.00am followed by Holy Communion at 12.00. Revd Jonny is leading the first few Bible Studies on the early Church at Antioch. 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.

ST JOHN’S CLEANING

In light of us not having a cleaner, volunteers are required for approximately 2 hours per week to do a 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.

Congratulations to Andrena Berry who recently completed the London Marathon. A few from our Parish are running in the up coming Belfast Marathon, let us support them in whatever way we can.

Email address– if you have changed your email address , mobile phone number etc please complete one of the “ Staying in Touch” cards in the pews or contact the parish office.

UNITED PARISH VISION & PLEDGE SUNDAY

During the last week you should have received a booklet on the Parish Vision. If you haven't received a hard copy or one by email these are available at the back of both Churches, from the Wardens and the Church Office.

In order to give us all a time to pray and reflect we will be having a special Pledge Sunday on **Sunday 13th May** when we will have the opportunity to return completed pledge forms.

The pledge on the card is in addition to what you already give. For example if you currently give £50 per month and would like to give an additional £25 for the new vision then insert £25.

This is such an exciting time for the Parish as we live out the Lord's purpose for the Parish and Community. If you wish to discuss any aspect of the vision please do not hesitate to contact Revd Jonny.

Some dates for the diary,

Tuesday 8th May, Brownies & Guides Parents Night in St John's

Thursday 10th– 12th May, General Synod, Armagh City Hotel. The Church Office will be closed both Thursday & Friday of that week.

Sunday 13th May, Evening Healing Service in St John's.

Christian Aid Week **13th –19th May**, envelopes will be in the pews on **Sunday 13th** to be collected on **Sunday 20th May**.

Sunday 20th May, Fund Raising lunch in St John's for Emily Brannigan & Lauren Hilman who are both going overseas this summer with the Diocese of Down & Dromore & SAMS.

Sunday 17th June, Fathers Day Services,

Sunday 24th June, Sunday School Prize Giving and Family Fun Day at the Rectory.

UCB BIBLE NOTES NOW AVAILABLE

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 .

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.

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

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

HEALING SERVICES: We will be having a regular Healing Service in the United Parish once a month on the second Sunday in the evening. The first one will be in **St John’s** on **13th May** and in **Christ Church** on the **10th June**. Exact times to be confirmed next week, details will also appear on the Church website and Facebook page.