



# THE UNITED PARISH

Christ Church & St John's

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## **Sunday 26th August 2018**

### **Thirteenth Sunday After Trinity**

**Ephesians 6:10-18 & John 6:56-59**

10.00am Morning Prayer in **Christ Church**

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

## **Sunday 2nd September 2018**

### **Fourteenth Sunday After Trinity**

#### **Back to School Sunday**

10.00am Holy Communion in **Christ Church**

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

(Tea, Coffee, Juice after morning service in St John's)

## **Sunday 9th September 2018**

### **Fifteenth Sunday After Trinity**

8.30am Holy Communion in **Christ Church**

10.00am Morning Prayer in **Christ Church**

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

7.00pm Healing Service in St John's (Bro. David Jardine)

Church Office closed Monday 27th-Friday 31st August, (David on holiday) Revd Jonny can be contacted on his mobile 07808479649.

### **Please pray for:-**

- Members of our Church Family awaiting operations, test results or treatments.
- Leslie & Margaret Parkinson on the recent death of Leslie's brother.
- Anne Magee at home awaiting dialysis
- Etta Wilson at home after recent hospitalisation.
- Sam Crawford after recent injury.
- May Hayes recovering in Whiteabbey Hospital
- David Livingston recovering in Whiteabbey hospital.
- Adrienne Heaney under going treatment.
- Cornett family, member of the family awaiting surgery.
- Deaconess Michelle Purdy (Ballyclare Presbyterian) receiving treatment for cancer.
- The Interview panel as they discern God's will for the new post of Families, Youth & Children's Associate.
- Reid & McCourt family on recent sudden loss of Samuel Haveron.

## **St Johns - Back to School Sunday 2nd September**

We would love to know what folk have been doing over the summer holidays, so before Sunday 2nd September we'd like you to send us (email) [jonny@theunitedparish.org.uk](mailto:jonny@theunitedparish.org.uk) a picture of your holidays or an event that you attended. Also in the email tell us where the picture is from. This is also the first Sunday back after Summer so we will be hearing from various people who have been serving God over the summer in mission teams. What a wonderful way to start the new term by worshipping and sharing together— **we will have a great gift for all our children in both Christ Church & St John's.**

### **CRISIS PRAYER LINE**

Praying God's peace and healing for people facing challenging circumstances can bring much comfort. Therefore we are setting up a **Crisis Prayer Line.** This allows people in the parish who are willing to pray, to receive text messages to their mobile phones on specific issues that individuals have asked prayer for. All requests for prayer would be on first name terms so as to provide anonymity. If you would like to be part of a group that prays for different situations please let **Alison Campbell-Smyth (07973 709261)** or the Parish Office know, and you will be added to the list to receive text messages when people ask for prayer. More details of how people can request prayer for situations will be communicated at the start of September.



### **SMALL GROUPS (Everyone Invited!)**

Church is more than just a Sunday, it is the people gathering. Meeting in small groups provides encouragement and growth to God's people in their daily lives. We would love to grow these, and even develop new groups. Please make this a priority in your busy schedules. We will commence with an all-together night in **St John's on Tuesday 11th September at 7.30pm,** where Revd Jonny will explain more about the term ahead and provide teaching.

**STAYING IN TOUCH CARDS IN THE PEWS**– In recent months Revd Jonny has not been informed about folk going into hospital or requiring pastoral care. Important to let us know if your personal details have changed or if you know of others that might require help.

**Christ Church Weekly Intercessions** - I'd like to encourage more lay involvement in our Sunday worship. One way of doing this is by leading the prayers of intercession. If you would like to do this on occasions, please get in touch with me. I'm happy to provide as much guidance and resources to help. **Revd Jonny.**

**WEEK OF PRAYER IN CHRIST CHURCH & ST JOHN'S**

As you know its important to start every new term with prayer. We will be having this week from **Monday 3rd September—Friday 7th September** starting in St John's at 7.30pm. Every night will be prayer on a different theme—please try and join us in either Church. The Friday night will be at home when we will have an opportunity to reflect and pray with our families or individually.

**HEALING SERVICES**– As you know we hold Healing Services on the Second Sunday of each month in both Christ Church & St John's. This month Revd Bro. David Jardine will be speaking to us at **7.00pm in St John's on Sunday 9th September.**

**St John's** - We are planning to develop our hospitality in St John's again from early September providing we can get enough helpers. We would like folk to help on a Sunday morning serving refreshments from 10.45am at the back of Church. This is an ideal way for fellowship, sharing and welcoming people into our Church family. If you are interested in helping please contact Revd Jonny or David asap.

## **MID WEEK COMMUNION & BIBLE STUDY.**

Wednesday morning Bible Study & Communion will start up again in September. **Holy Communion** will start on **Wednesday 5th September at 12.00 noon** followed by tea, coffee and a chat. Bible Study will recommence a week later on **Wednesday 12th September at 11.00am**, Revd Jonny will be leading the first few sessions.

**THANK YOU-Outreach event during 12th July in Ballyclare, an amount of £458.29 was raised for Church Funds.**

**Everyone who helped at the Holiday Bible Club....what a success!**

## **SUNDAY SERMONS**

Revd Jonny's Sermons are available on Facebook and the website. We also make them available in printed format or by email. If you would like a copy for yourself or for housebound folk please let either Revd Jonny or David know.

**WORK ON CHRIST CHURCH HALL-** The hall will not be available for routine use for the month of August., the new kitchen is going to be fitted mid-September. A temporary portaloos will be in place behind the hall if needed during church services.

As part of the kitchen refurbishment we have available a large fridge, gas hob, & electric oven. If you are interested in any of these items please contact Jeannie or Errol .

## **MOTHERS UNION**

Mothers' Union are holding a Diocesan event in St Patrick's Parish Church Hall, Ballymena on Tuesday 11th September . We are all invited to a Worldwide information evening focusing on our overseas links. There will be quizzes, games, fun and fellowship. We did have Noreen Hurst at one of our meetings and it was an entertaining evening. If you would like to attend this evening can you let me know as soon as possible so I can book you in and we can organise transport.

Mothers' Union will be recommencing on 24th Sept when Noreen Reid will be giving us an inspiring Esther Experience. The meeting will be as usual in Ballynure Hall. We would also welcome any new members to our branch so why don't you come and enjoy our fellowship. We would love to see you there.

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