



THE UNITED PARISH

Christ Church & St John's

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Sunday 21st October 2018

21st Sunday After Trinity

Super Heroes of Faith– Athanasius

Revd Jonny Campbell– Smyth

Colossians 1:15-20

10.00am Family Service in **Christ Church**

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

Wednesday 24th October 2018

11.00am Bible Study, 12 noon Holy Communion in **St John's**

Sunday 28th October 2018

5th Sunday Before Advent

A Church Community That Celebrates In Worship

Revd Jonny Campbell-Smyth

Psalm 100 & John1:4-24

10.00am Morning Prayer in **Christ Church**

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

Office closed this Monday (22nd), open again as normal on Tuesday, Revd Jonny can be contacted via mobile or email.

THURSDAY FELLOWSHIP GROUP– This month we have a change of venue. We are meeting in Christ Church Hall on **Thursday 25th @ 11.00am**. If you require transport please contact David in the office before Wednesday. This will be a great opportunity for sharing together and seeing the recent work that has been carried out in Christ Church Hall.

FREEWILL OFFERING & GIFT AID 2017- Along with your notice sheet this morning you will receive a print out of your contributions to the Parish during 2017. (No's 300....relate to standing order payments. If you need clarification on amounts etc please contact Peter Watson (Gift Aid Sec.) or recorders, Mark & Jennifer Patterson (Christ Church) or Ted & Maureen Paige (St John's).

Please pray for:-

- Church Family members awaiting operations, treatment & results.
- Sandra Stewart recovering at home after hospitalisation.
- Ted & Maureen Paige & Family after death of Maureen's mother, Maureen Alexander.
- Margaret Scott recovering after recent hospitalisation.
- Anne Magee at home receiving dialysis
- Clare Davidson in Antrim Nursing Home.
- Errol Agnew in RVH recovering after recent operation.
- Olivia McCune in Antrim Hospital.
- Margaret Gilmore recovering in Whiteabbey Hospital.
- Bertie Beggs recovering at home after hospitalisation.
- Catherine Sheldon receiving continued treatment
- May Hayes recovering in Whiteabbey Hospital
- Wesley Lamont with continuing treatment.
- David Livingston in Clonmore recovering
- Madge McCourt at home.
- The Heaney Family, Adrienne Heaney at home dealing with serious illness.
- Cornett family, member of the family awaiting surgery.
- The position for the new associate role has recently been advertised please pray for all involved in the selection process and for the right applicant to apply.

This list is only part of those who we pray for in our Parish, we have many folk who are not on this list needing prayer, perhaps they are lonely and feel isolated, crippled by worries and suffering from anxiety and depression. Important to let others know that this is their Spiritual Home, we have a prayer ministry and pastoral visiting team that are available to help.

CRISIS PRAYER LINE

Praying God's peace and healing for people facing challenging circumstances can bring much comfort. **All requests for prayer should either be texted or phoned to Alison on 07519 805789.**

Sunday 28th October 3.30pm: Come and support **Michael Ogilby** our former BB Captain as he is commissioned as a lay reader. Service in St Bride's, Church of Ireland, **Doagh**, with refreshments in hall after the service.

CAP MONEY COURSE– is a free course that will teach you budgeting skills and a simple cash based system that works. Over 3 Monday nights you will get to grips with your finances so you can **budget, save and prevent debt.**

After the success of our course in St John's a new 3 week course starting in **Christ Church Halls, Monday 5th,12th,19th November @7.30pm-8.45pm** . For more info contact Barbara Shortall in Christ Church & David at Church Office. Places limited and fill up fast, you can also book direct on **www.capuk.org**

Christmas Tree Festival - WE NEED YOUR HELP!

In order for the Christmas Tree festival to be a success and incredible witness of the Gospel into our community, we need everyone's help. There are many different jobs that still need doing both leading up to the event and during the event. We'd like to meet with all those willing to volunteer in any way. If you can be available on:

Monday 5th November, Christ Church Halls, from 8pm - 9pm.

DISCIPLESHIP - SHAPING A NEW GENERATION

As a parish we want to sow into the lives of our young people. In 2019 we would love to send some young people on a mission trip with a local organisation called **EXODUS**. This will rely on adults journeying with these young people through weekly discipleship and encouragement.

We need 2 adults who would be willing to be available to do this from January 2019. The commitment is one evening a week for 16 weeks. Full training will be provided through **EXODUS** for this role. For our young people, this investment is invaluable and will shape them for the future. Can you help? Please get in touch with Revd Jonny if you sense God calling you to this important ministry.

FIRST AID– We are trying to compile a list for both Christ Church & St John's of folk who have **recent basic/first aid training** to help if someone in the congregation falls ill during services or events. Please contact the office if we could add your name to this list.

CRECHE IN ST JOHN'S– getting busier, we would like a few more volunteers to help out perhaps once every 4 weeks. If you can help please contact **Kirsty Jess on 07590394391**

CLAY PIGEON SHOOT

Friday 2nd November @7.30pm

As numbers are limited early booking is advisable-
contact Errol Lynd 93341923

Barbecues provided, please bring your own food.

Cost £15.00 per person.



RAISING FAITH— helping our children find a faith that lasts. So how do we sow seeds of faith that help them grow up loving God?

Great event being run by Katharine Hill (UK Director of Care for the Family & Andy Frost (Director of Share Jesus International)

Thursday 15th November, 7.30pm **PLEASE SUPPORT
THIS EVENT**

Glenmachan Church of God, Belfast

We have a supply of tickets in the Church Office, please contact Revd Jonny or David (Tickets £5)

St John's Church— During office hours 9.00-1.00pm the Church is open for reflection, and prayer. If you need a time of stillness this is the spot and if its not too busy you might even get a cup of coffee or tea from the office.

New UCB Bible Notes have arrived for the Autumn, will be available in the stand in St John's and at the back of Christ Church **next Sunday**.

BLYTHSWOOD SHOE BOX APPEAL 2018

Every year we collect Shoe Boxes filled with various items. We take many things for granted, like shampoo, a pair of socks, a bag of sweets....these are luxury items for people living in poverty.

What should be in the shoebox? If you didn't get a leaflet ask the wardens, **Alwyn or Tricia Tweed (St John's)**

Please bring you shoe box in on **Sunday 28th October**

If this date is not suitable please leave you shoebox into either Church or Church Office.

Thank You to everyone who helped at Harvest...tidying and decorating Christ Church & St John's, distributing flowers and fruit along with donations of several boxes and bags of food for the Newtownabbey Food Bank.