



THE UNITED PARISH

Christ Church & St John's

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Sunday 28th October 2018

5th Sunday Before Advent

A Church Community That Celebrates In Worship

Revd Jonny Campbell-Smyth

Psalm 100 & John 4:1-24

10.00am Morning Prayer in **Christ Church**

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

Wednesday 31st October

12 noon Holy Communion in **St John's**

Sunday 4th November 2018

4th Sunday Before Advent

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Sunday 28th October 3.30pm, Today!: 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.



Sunday 11th November

Memorial Service

Remembering those we love.

We are having a special service in **St John's at 6.00pm** for everyone who has had a family member or close friend who has died. Please join us for an informal service to remember your loved one.

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 recovering at home 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.
- Albert Green recently admitted to Antrim Hospital.
- 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.**

New UCB Bible Notes have arrived for the Autumn. They are available for collection in the stand at the back of St John's or wardens in Christ Church.

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.

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**

FREEWILL OFFERING & GIFT AID 2017— Printed details of contributions are available for collection from the wardens or the church office. (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).

THANK YOU-Jenny Heaney would like to thank all those who helped and contributed to the MACMILLAN Coffee Afternoon in St John's Hall on Saturday 22nd September. Including Gift Aid the final contribution made to MACMILLAN Cancer Support was £1,912.37

CLAY PIGEON SHOOT

Friday 2nd November @7.30pm

If you are interested in going please contact Errol Lynd 93341923 **asap** . 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

Glenmachan Church of God, Belfast

THIS EVENT

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

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.

BLYTHSWOOD SHOE BOX APPEAL 2018

If by any chance you have forgotten your shoebox this morning please leave it into St John’s office by lunch time this Wednesday.

WORSHIP@ST JOHN’S– Our Choir meets from 7.30-8.30pm on the first and third Wednesdays of each month to sing through songs new and familiar. Open to all so please come along. For more details please contact Olwen Purdue.

Purple 4 Polio Crocus Planting: Young and old members of the congregation are invited to join with the local community groups in Ballynure to plant our 5000 purple crocus bulbs around the Christmas Tree on Friday 2nd November from 10am to noon in support of the “Purple 4 Polio” campaign to eradicate polio worldwide,. Please bring a spade if you can. More details from Peter Watson in Christ Church.

TRAIDCRAFT SHOP– 107 Mill Road, Ballyclare Tel Tom & Elizabeth Pollock 93322238. Saturday 10th November 10.00am-5pm. On sale will be Christmas cards, Christmas Tree biscuits, foods and crafts.

St John’s Church– During office hours 9.00-1.00pm the Church is open for reflection, and prayer.