



THE UNITED PARISH

Christ Church & St John's

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Sunday 18th November 2018

2nd Sunday Before Advent

Revd Jonny Campbell-Smyth & Michael Ogilby

Psalm 25 & Philippians 3:1-11

“ Super Heroes of the Bible & Jim Elliot’s Christian Faith”

10.00am Family Service in **Christ Church**

11.30am Family Service & Baptism in **St John’s**

Wednesday 21st November 2018

11.00am Bible Study & 12 noon Holy Communion in **St John’s**

Sunday 25th November 2018

Revd Jonny Campbell-Smyth

Sunday Before Advent- “White Ribbon Day”

“A Church Community That Offers Refuge”

Colossians 3:18-25 & Psalm 91:1-12

10.00am Morning Prayer in **Christ Church**

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

Please pray for:-

- Eileen Green in Antrim Hospital.
- Anne Magee in Antrim Hospital.
- Clare Davidson in Antrim Nursing Home.
- Errol Agnew recovering at home after recent operation.
- Margaret Gilmore recovering at home after hospitalisation.
- Catherine Sheldon receiving continued treatment.
- May Hayes recovering in Whiteabbey Hospital
- Bishop Alan Abernethy receiving chemotherapy.
- Winston Jenkins in Mater Hospital.
- Madge McCourt at home.
- The Heaney Family, Adrienne Heaney at home dealing with serious illness.
- Cornett family, member of the family awaiting surgery.
- Louise in Edinburgh suffering from various health conditions.
- The short listing for the new associate role has recently taken place please pray for all involved in the selection & interview process along with the applicants who have applied.

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.**

PARISH VISITING TEAM-We are pleased to now have a parish visiting team that will support Revd Jonny in pastoral visits. Our pastoral visitors are **Sophie Wilson, Gillian Taylor, Lorraine Cardwell, George Colclough, Margaret Scott and David Brown.** If they call with you, please give them a warm welcome. You can be assured that all conversations you have with them are confidential, and any urgent matters can be referred to Revd Jonny should you wish.

CHRISTMAS BOOK STALL- THE GOOD BOOK COMPANY

Stall is open before and after the morning services in **St John's**. This morning (18th) after the family service in **Christ Church** books will be available for purchase or ordering during refreshments in the hall. Great selection of books for all ages as gifts and stocking fillers at Christmas.

CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

7th- 9th December in Christ Church, Ballynure

Friday & Saturday 10.00am-9pm

Sunday 5.30pm Community Carol Service

In order for the Christmas Tree festival to be everyone's, There are many different jobs that still need doing both leading up to the event and during the event. We need folk to help with catering, setting up the church prior to festival and welcoming visitors. A sign up sheet is in both churches, please consider helping in anyway you can. For more info please contact Revd Jonny, Jeannie or the Church Office.



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**

Hard Copies of Revd Jonny's sermons available at back of Church

THEOLOGY IRELAND 1919 Starting in January -A course for everyone who wants greater confidence in what they believe, in how to read the Bible and how to pass this on to others.

Courses on various nights of the week—course leaflets including booking information in the leaflet rack in St John's and at back of Christ Church.

RAISING FAITH— for folk who couldn't make the event during last week. We have the book **Raising Faith by Katherine Hill & Andy Frost, Price £2.50** available at the book stall in both churches— we have this book at a special promotion price, -a bargain for helping our children find a faith that lasts.

CAP MONEY COURSE— continues this week in Christ Church Hall Monday 19th @ 7.30pm-8.45pm.

Car lifts for parishioners coming to midweek communion -

Some of our parishioners find it difficult to get along to church because of no transport. We need people on a Wednesday to pick people up from their homes and return them after midweek communion. If you can help, please contact David in the office.

DIVINE HEALING MINISTRIES, ST ANNE'S CATHEDRAL.

Monday 26th November @ 8pm Healing Service with Archbishop Ben Kwashi from Nigeria, teaching will be on the Persecuted Church.

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.

RELEASE INTERNATIONAL- Our partnership with Release International supporting the persecuted church is very important to us. We were all sad when **Jill Crothers** retired from her role as Parish Co-ordinator for Release. We are delighted that **Lisa Willett**, a member of St John's has come forward offering to take on the role. Pray for Lisa as she becomes familiar with the work of Release.

NEWTOWNABBEY FOODBANK– Could we thank everyone for their continued support. At this time of year the team put together Christmas Hampers for distribution. We have been asked to keep the normal food donations flowing but if we could also provide **Tins of Custard, Tins/Boxes of sweets.**
Thank You.

Many of you will have already heard that our previous Rector, Revd Mark McConnell has been made a Canon. He would like to invite any folk in the congregation to the service in Lisburn Cathedral on Tuesday 4th December at 8pm when he will be invested as a Canon.

PLEDGE COMMUNICATION– As you know the pledge letter and guidance notes went out a few weeks ago. Many of these have now been returned however if for some reason you haven't received a letter or require a standing order or gift aid form these are available at the back of both churches or from the Church Office.

We will be shortly issuing FWO envelopes for 2019. If you would like a set of envelopes or discuss standing order please contact David in the office, Ted or Maureen Paige in St John's or Jennifer or Mark Patterson in Christ Church. Please be assured that all matters financial are treated in a highly confidential way.

WHITE RIBBON SUNDAY 25th NOVEMBER 2018

This is an annual day to raise awareness of family violence. The wearing of the **white ribbon** stands for **never taking part in, condoning or staying silent about violence against women.** And on White Ribbon Day, men and boys are encouraged to wear the white ribbon on November 25th and for a week or two afterwards to support and highlight that pledge. We are designated as a **Safe Church** and within our Parish we have two domestic safe place champions, Alison Campbell-Smyth & David Brown. Domestic abuse can take many forms both physical, & mental and through coercive behaviour- **if love hurts its not love!**