



THE UNITED PARISH

Christ Church & St John's

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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**

Wednesday 28th November 2018

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

Sunday 2nd December 2018

Revd Jonny Campbell-Smyth

First Sunday of Advent

A Church That Welcomes Everybody

10.00am Holy Communion in **Christ Church**

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

Wed 5th December 11.00am Bible Study but No 12 noon Communion Service.

Please pray for:-

- Eileen Green in Antrim Hospital.
- Anne Magee in Antrim Hospital.
- Billy Clarke in Whiteabbey 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 at home after hospitalisation.
- Bishop Alan Abernethy receiving chemotherapy.
- Winston Jenkins at home recovering.
- The family of the late Madge McCourt– Madge sadly died last week.
- 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.
- Interviews have now taken place for the new associate position in the Parish, please pray for the panel and the applicants as the position is finalised.

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.**

******CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL ******

**7th– 9th December in Christ Church,
Ballynure**

Friday & Saturday 10.00am-9pm

Sunday 5.30pm Community Carol Service

URGENT APPEAL FOR HELP

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.



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!**

******White Ribbons available in both Churches******

FELLOWSHIP CIRCLE CHRISTMAS GET TOGETHER

Thursday 29th November @ 11.00am Holy Communion in **St John's** followed by finger buffet. Friends & Family are all invited. If transport is needed please contact office on 93354814 asap.

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 recent event . 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.

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.

CHRISTMAS BOOK STALL— THE GOOD BOOK COMPANY

Stall is open before and after the morning services and every-day in **St John's**. Great selection of books for all ages as gifts and stocking fillers at Christmas.

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.

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

WORSHIP@ST JOHN'S– On **Sunday 16th December** we will be holding our Family Carol Service in St John's. We are putting together a Youth Choir of young folk aged 10 and up (no upper limit) and will hold practices over the next few weeks. We are meeting at **St John's on a Wednesday night at 7pm** with full choir at 8pm. Please contact Olwen for more information.

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.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

7th-9th December 2018 Christmas Tree Festival, Christ Church, Ballynure.

7th & 8th:10.00am-9.00pm Sunday 9th:2pm-5pm

9th December 2018 5.30pm Christmas Tree Festival Community Carol Service B'nure

16th December 2018 10am Children's Nativity Service, Christ Church, Ballynure.

16th December 2018 11.30am Kid's Christmas Celebration Service, St John's Ballyclare.

16th December 2018 6pm Christmas Community Carol Service, St John's Ballyclare.

23rd December 2018 10am Morning Prayer with Carols, Christ Church.

23rd December 2018 11.30am Morning Prayer with Carols, St John's.

23rd December 2018 6.00pm Traditional 9 Lessons & Carols, Christ Church, Ballynure.

25th December 2018 8.30am Christmas Holy Communion, Christ Church, Ballynure.

25th December 2018 9.30am Christmas Family Service, Christ Church, Ballynure.

25th December 2018 11am Christmas Family Service, St John's, Ballyclare.

31st December 2018 11.30pm New Year's Eve Watch Night Service, Christ Church.