

Sunday 6th October 2019

WELCOME to the
United

Parish. We hope that you feel at home in our church family. It is our prayer that you will know the love that God has for you today as we join together in praise, hearing God speak to us, sending us out equipped for the week ahead. If you are new, please pick up one of our Welcome Packs.

6 October 2019

10.00am Holy Communion
Christ Church
11.30am Morning Praise
with B.B. Enrolment

13 October 2019

8.30am Holy Communion
Christ Church
10.00am Service of The Word
Christ Church
11.30am Holy Communion
St John's
7.00pm Service of Healing
Christ Church

THE UNITED PARISH
Christ Church & St John's

For Your Attention

Alpha – You're invited.

Last Sunday was a great start to our new Alpha Course. Feel free to come along and join us tonight at 6.30pm in Pots of Pleasure. Invite a friend along who you feel needs to hear the good news of Jesus.

Defibrillator Training – 16th October

We have arranged for a training session on how to use the defibrillators located in both Christ Church & St John's Halls. We would encourage a leader or representative from all our organisations to try & attend on **Wednesday 16th October in Christ Church Hall @7.30pm**

Blythswood Shoe Box Appeal 2019

Leaflets for this year's appeal are at the back of both Churches. Boxes will be brought forward as part of our offering at the Harvest Celebration Service on **Sunday 20th October**. For more information please contact Alwyn & Trish Tweed on 07733238175

Harvest Evening Service & Supper – 19th October

Our main Harvest Services are on Sunday 20th October. These will be Family Services to include our young people. We are also having a special community Harvest Service in Christ Church on Saturday 19th @ 7pm followed by stew in the church hall. Please come along and invite a friend.

Christmas Craft Fair 30th Nov – Can you help?

Stall holders, helpers, afternoon tea servers, elves for the grotto, Cakes & Buns...if you can help or for more information please contact Kirsty Jess on 07590394391.

Pastoring

Remember our Prayer Line – 07519 805789

Please pray for

- Billy & Molly McCann.
- Cynthia Banfield recovering after recent eye surgery.
- Ongoing illness in the Cornett family.
- Margaret Gilmore at home recovering after surgery.
- Vivian, Patrick, Hilary & family dealing with recent bereavements.
- Pray for all those leading Alpha & the people attending.
- Shelley Jess recovering at home after recent surgery.
- Nikki, Glenn & Anna Taggart on the arrival of a new daughter & sister, Georgia.
- Martin Bradley continuing with treatment.
- Please pray for Antony Njoroge as he now moves on to Portadown. Pray for his wife Nancy back in Nairobi, Kenya.
- Jamie Reid, as he continues to receive treatment.
- Nessie Armstrong in Abbeylands Nursing Home.
- Pray for those affected by the recent news of the Wright Bus closure.
- People in our parish awaiting tests or surgery.

Healing Service – 13th October in Christ Church

This month's Service of Healing will take place on Sunday 13th October at 7pm in Christ Church. Our guest preacher will be Revd Pat Mollan, Director of Ministry for the Church's Ministry of Healing. Come along or bring someone that you know would appreciate receiving prayer.

Going deeper

Bible Studies & Communion Services

The Wednesday morning Bible Study Group meets at 11am. The Teaching Theme looks at the prophet Amos. Invite a friend. Mid-Week Holy Communion follows at 12 noon.

Small Groups.

Small groups are growing - no better time to join one. If you have any ideas on starting a new one, please contact Revd Jonny. It is important that we can care and encourage each other during the ups and downs of life. **Leaflets are at the back of both Churches.**

Want to listen to sermons or talks?

You can listen again or catch up on missed talks by listening on our new podcast www.theunitedparish.podbean.com or subscribing to our new **iTunes podcast by searching The United Parish.**

If you missed the BBC Radio Broadcast, CD copies are available at the back of both Churches and from the Church Office at a cost of 50p.

Going Deeper with Acts

If you don't have access to the internet or have streaming facilities and would like a typed copy of Revd Jonny's Sermons or other speakers talks please contact the office.

Shaping a new generation

Youth Alpha leading to Confirmation (Year 10+)



We deserve to give our young people (teens) the opportunity to **explore more about the Christian Faith, this may lead to Confirmation.** We meet every Friday at 5.30pm in Dianne's & Luke's home (includes food). **It's not too late to join the group: Contact Dianne for more information.** We have invited Bishop Fanta Clarke to lead a Confirmation Service on **Sunday 17th November.**

Sunday Youth Bible Study with Hot Chocolate

The new bible study for teens (Year 11) is meeting in **St John's at 11.30am** and then walking down to Browns Coffee Shop for hot chocolate and a bible study. For more details please speak with Dianne.

Youth Fellowship (**URGENT**)!!

We **urgently** need more leaders to help on a Sunday night as we have so many joining the fellowship, which runs from 7pm-9pm. If you could help, please contact Dianne asap. Without helpers, we will not be able to accept many more children.

Reaching Out & Welcoming in



ALPHA – It's not too late!!

Alpha started last Sunday night **in Pots Coffee Shop at 6.30pm.** Alpha gives people the opportunity to explore some of the big questions of life in a very open friendly environment. There will be light refreshments, a video, and then guests will have a chance to chat openly with each other, where there's no obligation to say anything and there's nothing that you can't say.

Invitation cards are available in both churches, so either come along yourself, or invite someone to come along with you- tonight!

Christmas Fair @ St John's

We are planning to have our Christmas Fair on Saturday 30th November from 10am-3pm. Lots of craft stalls, afternoon teas, Church home baked stall and a Santa's Grotto. We plan to support the Crohn's & Colitis UK charity through this event. More information to follow, in the meantime if you would like to help and support please contact Kirsty Jess on 07590394391

Partnering

CMSi Update

Antony Njoroge has now completed his time with us in the Parish. A huge thankyou to all those that hosted him and made him so welcome. We hope to strengthen this link with Antony in Nairobi, developing our partnership through CMSi. Revd Jonny will be organising a meeting in the next month with anyone who might be interested in developing this new mission link. Look out for prayer updates and CMSi Newsletters to keep you informed.

Baby Basics

The Baby Basics outreach is growing & developing. Many thanks to all who support financially, prayerfully and the volunteers who sort and organise supplies. It would be great to have a few more volunteers who can help on a rota basis on Tuesday mornings; making up baskets, organising items etc. Please contact **Hilary Scott on 02893340080** if you can help or for more information.

Street Pastors

Street Pastors would like to be out in Ballyclare every weekend. In order to do this, we need more volunteers. Training is about to commence during late October & November. If you would like to know more, please contact Revd Jonny.

Newtownabbey Foodbank

It is important to keep supplies coming in as we approach Autumn. It is our plan again this Harvest to support the Foodbank. Currently they have a need for **tins of rice, tinned meat, chicken & fish along with toiletries for males, females & children.**

OUR VALUES

Jesus at the centre

Offering a **pastoral** heart

Going **deeper** with God

Shaping a new generation

Reaching out and welcoming in

Partnering in the Gospel

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