



THE UNITED PARISH

Christ Church & St John's

Sunday 2nd July 2017

Third Sunday after Trinity

"The Church is Praying"

Colossians 4:2-12 & Matthew 6:5-15

Rev. Jonny Campbell-Smyth

10.00am Holy Communion in **Christ Church**

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

(Prayer Ministry in St John's)

Sunday 9th July 2017

Fourth Sunday after Trinity

Rev. Jim Stewart "Beginning of the Gospel" Mark 1:9-15

10.00am Morning Prayer in **Christ Church**

Dr John Wilson & Michael Ogilby

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

Please pray for:-

- Please pray for David Livingston as he recovers at home.
- Healing for Torrens Boyd following a recent operation.
- Paula Hilman's sister Michele recovering from surgery.
- All the Henderson family on the sad loss of Leigh's mum Bertha.
- Winnie Larmour as she recovers at home.
- Jim McFerran & family at the death of his wife Yvonne.
- Members of our Church Family awaiting operations, test results or treatments.
- Tim Purdue as he spends the summer in a leadership role at Caperway.
- The Persecuted Church and the work of Release International.
- Folk travelling on holiday over the next few months.
- All young folk and leaders at Summer Madness.
- Rev. Jonny & family as they spend time together on holiday.

New Horizon: 5-11th August University Ulster Coleraine. "Through the Power of His Spirit"

Packed Programmes- check out Facebook & Web Sites.

We would encourage as many from our Church Family to drop into the event. If you are interested in going to some of the sessions or even for a day please contact the office or speak to Rev. Jonny.

Holy Communion-8.30am Christ Church, due to holidays, there will be no 8.30am Holy Communion in **July**, however it will recommence again in **August**.

Parish Visitor's Course - the pastoral and spiritual care of our parishioners is a top priority for Revd Jonny. However it has to be recognised that visiting over 300 families is a tall order. To assist with this, we are hosting a Pastoral Visiting course, commencing 11th September for 4 weeks, to allow those people who are interested in becoming Parish visitors to receive appropriate training and be commissioned for this vital ministry. Everyone who wishes to be a Parish visitor must attend this course. If you would be interested, please get in touch with Revd Jonny.

Confirmation Course-for those interested in Confirmation, please ensure you complete a form and return to the Office. The Confirmation sessions will take place every Sunday afternoon from 10th September for 6 Sundays. Any adults wishing to be confirmed please have a chat with Rev. Jonny.

CENSUS FORMS-So far we have received 150 forms. It is so important to have this information going forward especially from a Pastoral, Administrative and financial perspective. At least another 100-150 are outstanding, if you haven't already completed one could you try and do so asap.

TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY / SMALL GROUPS - would you like to lead? We previously held a weekly Bible study on a Tuesday morning. This was kindly led by Reverend Jim Stewart. If anyone would like to lead this again, please get in touch with Reverend Jonny. Or if a few people took it in turns it would share the load.

SERMON NOTES “ THE CHURCH IS PRAYING ”

Matthew 6:5-15

God desperately desires a 2-way relationship with his people. He does that through his Word, through his Holy Spirit, and through Prayer.

The Lord’s Prayer is Jesus’ model for how we pray, not what we should pray. He gives us the structure.

He wants our prayers to be about :

- **PRAISE** (verse 9) : The focus of our prayers should not be about us, it should be about God.

- **PROVISION** (verse 10-11) : The God of the Universe cares even about the minor details of our lives

-**PENITENCE** (verse 12) : Scars of hurt can run deep, but we have a Good News story to tell as God heals us and restores us.

What can I do next?

- **PRAISE** : Every morning before getting out of bed, thank God for 5 things in your life
- **PROVISION** : Consider signing up to the prayer phone line so that you can pray for others
- **PENITENCE** : Where there is hurt (either you have received or you have given), pray that God will help you to reconcile your differences with another person, and provide an opportunity to do speak with the other person.

NOTES

Holiday Cover-Rev. Jonny & Family will be holiday during July from 7th—22nd). Pastoral Cover will be provided by the Rural Dean, Canon Derek Kerr. He can be contacted on (028) 94 472561. The office will be open as normal during July with the exception of the 12th,13th &14th July.

Worship– Whilst Rev. Jonny is away on holiday, Worship will be led by Rev. Jim Stewart, Dr John Wilson & others from the Parish.

Sunday Morning Kids- Programme at St John’s is being revamped. We desperately need new leaders for this important ministry. If you can help or want to know more please contact either Rev. Jonny or Margaret Scott.

Summer Cycling– Open to everyone, meeting at Christ Church, Sunday Nights in August 7.30pm. (More details to follow).

Teaching Series- at St John’s in August will be “ Super heroes of the Bible”

Release International– Pastor Waseem from Pakistan will be chatting to us about life under persecution and the work of Release, please join us in St John’s on Friday 28th July at 7.30pm

SAFEGUARDING-Date for the diary. All youth leaders who intend working with children and young people will be required to attend a Safeguarding Training/Refresher evening. This will be held on **Wednesday 30th August.**

A DATE FOR THE DIARY & SPREAD THE NEWS. We are planning to have a Vintage Afternoon Tea event on **Saturday 2nd September** in Christ Church. Vehicles, Piano & Saxophone music, with lots of good chat. This is going to be a Parish & Community event with any funds being raised shared between the **Parish & Marie Curie.**

Foodbank– Many thanks for the continued support. Please see poster at back of both churches for items that are required.

Divine Healing Ministries– Tuesday 11th July 2017,
10.30am-2.00pm, St George’s Parish Church.

“Day of Prayer for a Peaceful “Twelfth” and for “Healing in our Land”

Come and go as you please! Personal Prayer & Refreshments

ST JOHN’S PRAYER TREE

If there are people or situations that you want the wider church to pray for, then a prayer tree is located at the back of St John’s. Write your prayer request on a leaf provided and then each week these prayers will be prayed for through our weekly prayer meeting.

CLAY PIGEON SHOOT

Advance Notice

Shoot & BBQ

Friday 29th September

Broughshane

(More details to follow,
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