



THE UNITED PARISH

Christ Church & St John's

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Sunday 17th September 2017

Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity

Rev. Jonny Campbell-Smyth

“Living in a messed up world” Daniel 1: 8-21

10.00am Family Service in **Christ Church**

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

(Prayer Ministry after Morning Service)

Sunday 24th September 2017

Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

Rev. Jonny Campbell-Smyth

Daniel 2 1-30

“ Where do you stand? Whose Kingdom Do You Live Under?”

10.00am Morning Prayer in **Christ Church**

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

(Prayer Ministry after Morning Service)

In order to keep our database up to date if you change address or phone especially mobile please let us know in the Church Office.

Please pray for:-

- Members of our Church Family awaiting operations, test results or treatments..
- Patricia Johnston receiving treatment in Whiteabbey Hospital
- David Livingston recuperating in Randalstown after Hospitalisation.
- Winston & Leigh Anne Jenkins on the recent birth of twins Poppy & Parker
- Nessie Armstrong awaiting possible surgery.
- Sarah Alcorn presently with family who are ill in England

Back by popular demand!!

The Wednesday morning Communion Services started again last Wednesday.

It was great to see every part of the morning well supported.

Please come and join us for all three, two or just one.

Wednesday morning will comprise of three things at different times

Bible Study:11.00am

Communion Service:12 noon

Lunch:12.30

Rev. Jonny is teaching on the book of James.

FOODBANK

New Items Needed

Many thanks for all the supplies– we are helping so many. We have had a request for the following-

**Tinned Fruit
Custard
Rice Pudding**

THANK YOU

MONTHLY FELLOWSHIP

**Starts back 11.00am on
Thursday 28th September
11.00am St John's Hall**

Please join us for fellowship, chat and a few eats



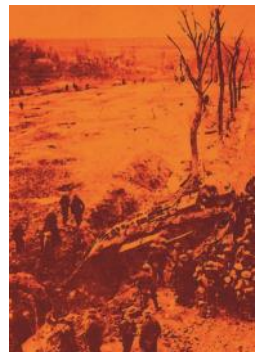
Greater Love Stories, music and images from World War 1 with members of New Irish Choir and Orchestra.

Saturday 11th November, 7:30PM
Ballyclare High School.

hosted by Ballyclare Churches

Tickets priced £10 available to buy from all local churches, Ballyclare Royal British Legion and The Secret Place

For further information please phone
07808 479649
Proceeds to the Earl Haig Fund



Parish Visitors Course - Cancelled

In this past week I have unfortunately had to cancel the Parish Visitors Course, due to a poor take-up of volunteers. The purpose of training and equipping a visiting team was to ensure that we as a Parish can provide pastoral care to the 260 families connected to St John's & Christ Church. It is next to near impossible for me as your Rector to do this effectively on my own, as well as disciple both congregations, and develop opportunities for mission and growth. Therefore the Visiting Team was planned to assist me in this pastoral role. Peter in his 1st Epistle, chapter 4, verse 10 says, "Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms". Unless **all of us** who claim Jesus as our Lord and Saviour, step out in service and mission using whatever gift we have received from him, the work that God has planned for his people here will never truly reach its full potential.

Therefore regarding pastoral visits, until such times as we have a sufficient number for a visiting team, I will only be able to provide pastoral care to the most immediate of needs. I am sure you understand my frustration, as it was always my aim to reach out to as many people within the parish, and especially those who had lost touch with the church in recent years. I'd like to thank the small number that came forward to help who will meet soon to plan what we can do to support this vital ministry. **Revd Jonny.**

There will be a presentation by HeartSine, a local company which is a global leader in the development and manufacture of Automated External Defibrillators on:-

Wednesday 27th September at 7:30 pm in St Johns Church. This presentation is to raise awareness of local communities to help improve survival rates from Sudden Cardiac Arrest.

After the talk Clive Henderson will be donating a HeartSine Defibrillator to the United Parish.

ALL WELCOME

NEW WINE: hosting a morning of worship, bible teaching and ministry for women on 23rd September, "Kingdom Women", held in Willowfield Church Belfast, doors open 8.45am. Tickets available at www.newwineireland.org.

If anybody has purchased a ticket could they contact Alison.

Mothers' Union recommences on the 25th September in Christ Church Hall at 8pm .

Our Speaker this month will be a member of the Gideon Society who will give us an insight into their work.

Hilary

RELEASE INTERNATIONAL

Helen Berhane, gospel singer and former prisoner of faith, is visiting Northern Ireland next month. Many will be aware that Helen was held in a shipping container in Eritrea for refusing to stop singing about her Lord Jesus Christ.

This is a rare and special opportunity to hear first-hand from someone who has endured extreme persecution for their faith and yet has overcome. :

Monday October 2, 8.00 pm at St Anne's Cathedral, Belfast BT1 2HB - this evening is organised in partnership with Divine Healing Ministries. Helen will also share at a Fundraising Meal and Auction in Crumlin Road Jail on **Thursday 5th October**. This is a ticketed event and tickets costing £25 can be purchased from Florence in the Ballyclare office (028 9334 0014) from Monday, September 18.

If you would like more information contact Stephen or Florence on 028 9334 0014.

PIGEONS OR PAMPERING

Ladies' Pampering Night - Friday 29th September 7:30 for 8pm.

An Evening with Jenny McClelland, Tropic skincare representative, who weaves her faith story through an evening of fellowship & pampering.

We need to know numbers. Contact Alison to confirm your place 07973 709261.

Clay Pigeon Shoot- 29th September 2017

Broughshane: £15

(BBQ Facilities-bring your own food)

Meeting @ **St John's 6.30pm**

Please contact Willie Scott in St John's or Errol in Christ Church if going.