



# THE UNITED PARISH

Christ Church & St John's

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**Sunday 21st January 2018**  
**"The Promises Of God" Revd Jonny**  
**Isaiah 40:25-31**

**3rd Sunday after Epiphany**  
10.00am Family Service in **Christ Church**  
11.30am Family Service in **St John's**  
**(Prayer Ministry after Morning Worship)**

**Sunday 28th January 2018**  
**4th Sunday after Epiphany**  
**Revd Jonny & Asif Mall (Release International) Genesis 15:9-18**  
10.00am Morning Prayer in **Christ Church**  
11.30am Holy Communion in **St John's**  
**(Prayer Ministry after both Morning Services)**  
Lunch in St John's after Morning Service

## **Please pray for:-**

- Members of our Church Family awaiting operations, test results or treatments.
- Dennis & Dorothy Licence and family circle on the recent loss of mum, granny and great granny Ella. Ella recently celebrated her 100th Birthday and had been a very faithful member of the United Parish & Mothers Union.
- The Matthews family circle on the sudden death of Tommy.
- The Murr Family on the sudden loss of Kevin.
- The family of the late Matt Stewart.
- Alwyn & Tricia Tweed & family on the recent loss of Alwyn's mum.
- Patricia Johnston in Antrim Care Home.
- Madge McCourt at home.
- Pearl Rodgers recovering at home.
- Barbara Bankhead as she continues treatment.
- Derek McLain recently returned home from long stay in Hospital.
- Winston Jenkins recently returned home from Hospital.
- Ina McGuigan recovering at home.
- Kathleen Stavely, currently in hospital
- Nessie Armstrong, currently receiving treatment in hospital.
- All in the Parish suffering from stress, anxiety & depression.

## **RELEASE INTERNATIONAL**

**Listen....Learn...Love**

**Sunday 28th January 2018**

At both our Morning Services we will have Asif Mall with us. Asif was born in Pakistan, has served as an evangelist, trainer, apologist and is a regular contributor to TV ministry outreach in Europe.

We will be able to

**Listen** ...the beliefs & practices of Islam.

**Learn**.....Biblical & Theological responses and

**Love**..... Muslims in Jesus' name.

**After the Service in St John's we are planning to have lunch- Stew or Curry! Please try & join us as we forge closer links with Release.**

Asif will also be at Glenabbey Church at 7pm on Saturday 27th January.

### **SAMS Friday Night Live - date for your diary**

One of our new partnerships as a Parish is with the Missionary organisation, SAMS (South America Mission Society), whose Director Bishop Ken Clarke has been with us on a number of occasions. Every year, SAMS hosts an evening of celebration in Craigavon Civic Centre. This year's gathering will be **Friday 2nd February at 7.30pm in Craigavon Civic Centre.** On **Sunday 4th February** we are delighted that our new link in Chile Revd Cristobal Ceron will be joining us at our morning worship.

**Mothers' Union-**"Mothers' Union will start 2018 on **Monday 22 January** at 8pm with a service of Holy Communion in Christchurch Parish Church. Our supper this month is by courtesy of Tesco. If anyone in the parish has any loose shirt buttons lying about the house can you give them to any member of the Mothers' Union. This is a request from our Teddy Bear knitters. Hilary"

**Holiday Bible Club??-** long time from we had one in the Parish. If you are interested in helping, if you would like your kids and friends to be part of this during the summer please have a word with **Revd Jonny as soon as possible.**

## **KINGDOM WOMEN-Saturday 24th February 2018**

Willowfield Church, Belfast, Doors open 8.45am—1.00pm with brunch @ 10.30am. A morning of worship, bible teaching & Ministry for Women. Speakers & worship include Anne Calver, Nicola Neal, Jude Frame, & Zara Monteith. If you are interested in going please contact Alison by 26/01/18 and she will book a block of tickets.

## **Ballyclare Street Pastors - Training (Commences 27th Jan)**

As part of our desire to reach out into our community with the love of God, Antrim & Newtownabbey Street Pastors are holding training sessions in the New Year for those volunteers who would be interested in being part of the team that goes out onto the streets in Ballyclare & Glengormley. If more volunteers are available then a regular presence can be given in Ballyclare every Saturday night. Please consider this training and if you are interested please speak with **Revd Jonny**

**Communion Lunches:** Wednesday Communion Services recommenced last Wednesday. Bible studies and light lunches will start again on **24th January**

**Bible Study 11.00am Dr John Wilson**

**Communion Service 12.00noon**

**Lunch 12.30pm**

**Its as easy as 1,2,3- please join us for all three, maybe two or just one.**

To assist with lunches we require two to three people willing to serve. Could you be available for an hour? Consider signing up on the sheet this morning with your availability or contact **Ted/Maureen on 93323018**

## **RURAL DEANERY MIDWEEK SERVICES**

January almost over...that was a quick month!

Hard to believe that Ash Wednesday is 14th February.

Times to be confirmed but dates all agreed.

Theme this year **“A Cruise around the Mediterranean, looking at the letters of St Paul”**

Wednesday 14th February

Templepatrick

Wednesday 21st February

Kilbride

Wednesday 28th February

St John's Ballyclare

Wednesday 7th March

Muckamore

Wednesday 14th March

Antrim Parish

Wednesday 21st March

St Patrick's, Park Hill Rd. Antrim

## **BALLYNATURE DAY– 24TH FEBRUARY 2018 ( 12pm-5pm)**

Ballynure & District Community Association invite everyone to Ballynure Day.

One of Northern Ireland's biggest nature events. Over 40 stands to visit, including conservation organisations and many more.

Find out all about our native wildlife and see mini-beasts, birds, bats, birds of prey, ponies, pets, and even snakes.

See & learn bushcraft, blacksmith, wood carving, artists etc.

Loads of crafts, story telling and facepainting for children.

Lots more info on the [Ballynure Village Facebook page.](#)

### **NEWTOWNABBEY FOODBANK CONCENTIO CHAMBER CHOIR**

An evening of sacred & secular music to raise funds for  
Newtownabbey Foodbank.

Monday 5th February @ 8pm

St John's Parish Church, Ballyclare

Free Admittance– offering on the night.

### **FLOWERS– ST JOHN**

2018 Flower List still has some spaces left. If you would like to put flowers into the Church on a specific Sunday please see Margaret.

### **Christians Against Poverty (CAP)**

We will be running our first Money Course towards the end of February.

It will run for 3 nights on consecutive weeks for about an hour and a half each night. Exact details next week but in the meantime if you are interested sign up sheet at back of Church or for more info contact either Barbara in Christ Church or David in the Church Office.

### **FELLOWSHIP CIRCLE**

Starts back this Thursday 25th at  
**11.00am in St John's.**

Join us for an hour of chat, fellowship, short time of worship along with tea & coffee.

If you need transport please contact the Church Office in advance.

### **PARISH PRAYER TIME**

After last weeks weather problems, Prayer Time back on this week at Leigh & Clive's in Ballyeaston.  
Thursday 7.30pm.

During February it will be held at Will & Marion's,  
50 A Sawmill Road, Ballyclare.