



THE UNITED PARISH

Christ Church & St John's

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Sunday 11th February 2018

Sunday before Lent

Revd Jonny Campbell-Smyth

"Words of Forgiveness" Luke 23:33-38

8.30am Holy Communion in **Christ Church**

10.00am Morning Prayer in **Christ Church**

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

(Prayer Ministry after Morning Service)

6.00pm Worship & Word in **St John's**

Sunday 18th February 2018

First Sunday in Lent

Will McCallion & Michael Ogilby

Words Of Assurance Luke 23:39-43, Ephesians 4:31- 5:2

10.00am Family Service in Christ Church

11.30am Family Service in St John's

(Prayer Ministry after Morning Service)

Please pray for:-

- Members of our Church Family awaiting operations, test results or treatments.
- Stewart Armstrong awaiting surgery.
- Etta Wilson recently discharged from hospital.
- Margaret McDowell currently in Whiteabbey hospital.
- William Graham recovering in Abbeylands.
- Patricia Johnston in Whiteabbey Care Home.
- Madge McCourt at home.
- Pearl Rodgers in hospital.
- Derek McLain recently returned home from long stay in 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.

Rector on Annual Leave: Jonny and the family will be away from Monday 12th February returning on Monday 19th. Should you require URGENT pastoral care, please contact: Canon Derek Kerr on 07828 772057

MIDWEEK COMMUNION DURING LENT

During Lent we will not be having our normal midweek bible studies. Instead we will meet at 12.00 noon for Communion which will include a Lenten Reflection. No lunch after the Service.

WORSHIP & WORD

Tonight in St John's 6.00pm

“WHAT HAPPENS WHEN GOD DOESN'T SEEM TO HEAL”

Fergus McMorrow

Divine Healing Ministries

Worship led by our own worship team

Please join us for a night of fellowship and worship, tea & coffee provided after service.

Christians Against Poverty (CAP)

MONEY COURSE

Monday 26th February, Monday 5th March &

Monday 12th March all in St John's Church @ 7.30pm.

We will be running our first Money Course towards the **end of February/early March.**

It will run for 3 nights on consecutive weeks for about an hour and a half each night.

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.

It is very relaxed; Find out a little more about CAP, It's Free, It teaches budgeting skills, getting to grips with finances...and it works.

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.**

PARISH PRAYER TIME

During the month of February, Parish Prayer Time will be on at Will & Marion's, Thursday nights, 7.30pm
50a Sawmill Road, Ballyclare, Co. Antrim.

******PARISH WEEKEND AWAY (13th-15th April)******

Already lots of interest being shown in our weekend away. Far too much information to squeeze into a small box. The theme is "We are Family". We have Rev Dr Heather Morris, Jill Hamilton & Christina Baillie joining us– something for **all** the family. Brochures available at the back of Church, Web Site or the Office. **If we could get the applications in along with deposits as soon as possible so we can firm up the numbers.**

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 face painting for children.

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

REGISTER OF VESTRY MEMBERS:

Is now open for review. This includes reviewing if you name is already on the register, if the details we hold are correct, if entries need to be removed or you wish to be added to the register. If you wish to review the register it will be available at the Church Office. The register will be open for the month of February and will be reviewed on Wednesday 14th March at 7.30pm in St John's. The annual Easter Vestry will be held on **Wednesday 18th April in Christ Church Parish Hall at 7.30pm.**

**Bishop Michael-Nazir-Ali
Clive West Memorial Lecture**

All Saints' Church-Tuesday 20th February at 7.45pm

"Only one way?-Confidence in the unique Christ in our multi-cultural, multi-faith world"

Fancy a Chinese?? Parish Family Night out at THE BAMBOU, Saturday 24th February @ 7pm (Adults £20, £12 (U15's). Booking sheet in Church's or contact Jeannie or David in the Office.

Bishop's Lent Talks

The Bishop of Connor, the Rt Rev Alan Abernethy, will deliver three talks on the topic of '**God's Mission and the Church today**' for his Lent series 2018.

The second takes place in Jordanstown ,Parish Centre, on Thursday March 15 at 7.30pm

RURAL DEANERY MIDWEEK SERVICES

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

Hard to believe that Ash Wednesday is 14th February.

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

ALL SERVICES START AT 7.30PM.

NEW QUARTERLY UCB BIBLE NOTES AVAILABLE THIS SUNDAY

RELEASE INTERNATIONAL

We would like to thank everyone who helped and shared in our recent family lunch. A fabulous amount of £319.50 was raised for the work of Release in Pakistan.

TREE FELLING AT THE RECTORY: - The Select Vestry have agreed that a small number of trees will need to come down at the back of the Rectory this weekend. Therefore there will be opportunity for parishioners to come and take away wood that could be chopped for firewood. Unfortunately we cannot chop all of this ourselves, so come prepared to either do this or bring a trailer to take away. if you know of any older members of the parish who could use firewood, please let Errol Lynd know and we can chop, bag and deliver these for them.

Fellowship Circle, Friends, Wednesday Communion Folk or anybody who fancies going!!- **Thursday 29th March, Communion in Christ Church @ 11am followed by Carvery Lunch at Tullyglass Hotel(£15.00).** Sheets circulating or contact Sophie or David in the Office.