



THE UNITED PARISH
Christ Church & St John's

Bulletin for Sunday 31st May 2020

What's happening this week in the Parish?

Coffee after Church this Sunday

As an experiment we are going to attempt to have virtual refreshments after our Sunday worship. At 12 noon grab a coffee, a bun, and join us on Zoom for a chat and catchup. **The Zoom meeting code is 896 5409 6239**

Mondays - Fridays

Late Evening Office every night @ 8.30pm being streamed on our YouTube Channel *The United Parish Ballyclare* or via www.theunitedparish.org.uk

Wednesday

Weekly Youth Bible Study for 14+, using Zoom from 2.30pm. Parents please contact Dianne for a Zoom code.

Weekly Bible Adult Bible Study using Zoom from 7.30pm-8.30pm. To use Zoom, see details in this News Sheet. **The meeting code is 340 683 336.**

Thursday

New Children's Bible Study for ages 11-13 from 2.30pm using Zoom. Parents please contact Dianne for a Zoom code.

Join us 7.30pm-8.30pm for our **Parish Prayer Time** on Zoom. To use Zoom, see details further down our News Sheet. **The meeting code is 864 1606 7721**

Friday

Junior Youth Fellowship (1st-3rd year) 12th & 26th June from 7.30pm on Zoom
Senior Youth Fellowship (4th-6th year) 5th June, 19th June, 3rd July from 7.30pm using Zoom. Parents please contact Dianne for a Zoom code.

Sundays

Morning Worship is available from 11am onwards through the YouTube Channel *The United Parish Ballyclare* or via www.theunitedparish.org.uk

Kids' Church – all parents/guardians of Sunday school children and our other children's organisations will receive an **email on Saturday** with a link to a non-listed YouTube video either via Dianne or your child's group leader. **PLEASE DO NOT PASS THIS LINK ONTO ANYONE WHO IS NOT A MEMBER OF OUR CHILDRENS' WORK.** Resources to go alongside the video and a short bible study for older children will also be available on our website.

How to use Zoom

We are using this facility for our meetings - it is so easy to use. Type into your web browser <https://zoom.us/join> or download the zoom app to your phone or tablet. When it prompts for the meeting code type in the relevant code.

Our Services are now on the phone

We have created a phone service for those without internet. For the price of a standard call you can phone **02893 270020** **anytime** and listen to a Service. These are updated on Sunday mornings & Wednesday evenings.

Help Required!

It is more than likely that we will be streaming our Sunday Services over the summer and possibly longer. Could you therefore help with a bible reading or lead prayers? It's fairly straightforward. If you can help please contact David asap.

Need Prayer??

The Church Premises & Office will remain closed for the foreseeable future. At this difficult time some in our congregation may wish to receive prayer. Please contact Revd Jonny, Dianne or a member of the pastoral visiting team who will be happy to speak with you on the phone.

Pastoral Care

We can't visit you at this time **however please contact Revd Jonny at any time on his mobile 07808 479649, if you need help with or to discuss any pastoral matter.**

Prayer Line

Please remember our dedicated prayer line number is still in use. Please phone or text **07519 805789** if you need prayer or know someone who does.

Points for prayer

Sadly, some of our Church family have died over the last few months. Please keep these families in your prayers.

Pray for folk waiting delayed tests or operations, the anxious & depressed, the self-employed, unemployed, and furloughed employees that are facing an uncertain future.

Parish Finances – FWO envelopes

Some of our parishioners have been asking us how they should continue to support the church financially through these difficult times. Currently our income is naturally less than normal, however the bills are still coming in. There are alternative ways to donate, just click the following link:

<https://theunitedparish.org.uk/giving-during-covid-19/>

Many still wish to use their Free Will Offering Envelopes. All parishioners contributing by envelope would have received a letter last week. If you would like to avail of this facility please contact Revd Jonny or David.

Please remember that this is in no way to be seen as putting pressure on our Church Family at this precarious time. Please pray for our families who have been affected financially because of the Coronavirus. If anybody is facing financial difficulty, please speak to Revd Jonny in confidence.

Parish Family Weekend 2021

Next year we will be hosting our **Parish Family Weekend** at the Kilbroney Centre on the **19th – 21st March 2021**. We are delighted that Bishop Ken (Fanta) Clarke will be our keynote speaker. We hope you will join us for a weekend full of fun and fellowship for all the family! More information about the weekend and how to book will be released in September.

Baby Basics

Baby Basics is still supporting new mums via the Northern Health Trust. Please check out the Baby Basics Antrim and Newtownabbey FaceBook page for information on what and how to donate much needed items or contact Dianne. *Currently St John's will be open from 10.30am -12.30pm on Thursdays to receive donations.* **We presently need toiletries for mum, dad & baby along with financial donations. If you are able and willing to volunteer for baby basics by creating baskets/sorting clothing/items, please talk to Dianne.**

The Irish Blessing

Some of you may have seen the UK Blessing where 65 churches across the UK came together to bless the nation in song. Many Churches across Ireland, North and South have come together to bless our land. **The song will be launched on Pentecost Sunday.** Look out for the link on our website and Facebook Page, or go direct **via YouTube at**

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCsEpreI0a79mmgM2XS5RnEQ>

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