



THE UNITED PARISH
Christ Church & St John's

Bulletin for Sunday 5th July 2020

Coffee after Church this Sunday.

Please join us for 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

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/carers of Sunday school children and our other children's organisations will receive an email at 7am on Sunday Morning with a link to a non-listed YouTube video either via Dianne or your child's group leader. (This is to ensure safeguarding) **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.

Return to in-Church Worship

It is especially important to take time and prayerfully consider the implications for returning to worship in our church buildings. Every family will shortly receive by post a letter from Revd Jonny on behalf of the Select Vestry on this matter. A copy of this letter will also be attached with today's email & news bulletin. If you go to our web site Revd Jonny has featured a video on the aspect of church reopening or click on the following link: <https://youtu.be/q5Z92cBb3Xc>

Drive-in Worship.

Following the success of last Sunday's service, it is hoped that we will run another drive-in Service on **Sunday evening 26th July.**

Our Services are recorded 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.

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

Please Pray For....

-Sheila Hammond who is receiving palliative care in Mid Antrim Hospital, Magerafelt.

-The family of the late Derek Jenkins - pray for his wife Valerie who was a member of St John's choir and the BB leader, sons William, Colin, and David.

-Jennifer, Stephen Andrew & Timothy Moore on the recent death of Jennifer's mother.

-Martin, Andree & family on the recent death of Martin's mother.

Pastoral Care

Currently Revd Jonny is out visiting people who are considered critically ill or those who are bereaved. For the safety of our parishioners we must adhere to the Government & Church guidance on social distancing to protect each other during this challenging period. Please however know that you can contact Revd Jonny at any time on his mobile 07808 479649 in order that he can help. Now that the lockdown is relaxing, we are also happy to meet you in your garden.

Together Ballyclare

After the benefit to the community during the last three months, we are moving now to partnering with other churches - Ballyclare Presbyterian, The Way Church and Kilbride Presbyterian. We are scheduled to over the service on week commencing 13th July, 10th August, and 7th September. If anyone can help, please contact Revd Jonny for more info.

Pick-up-a-Picnic

Families who are receiving free school meals and those families who are experiencing hard times because of the coronavirus can apply to this programme which provides additional lunches to families every Tuesday lunchtime. Email pickupapicnic@gmail.com for more detail.

Can you help support Pick-up a Picnic? If you are free for an hour each Tuesday lunchtime during the Summer, please contact Revd Jonny who will provide you with more details.

CAP- LIFE SKILLS

Christians Against Poverty (CAP) aims to release thousands of people from the grind of poverty. Through our partnership we aim to run an informal 8-week course later in the year where adults who are on a low budget/income can meet in a friendly group that provides them with the confidence & decision-making skills they need in life. **If you would like to help Frances Wilson run or be involved with this outreach ministry, please contact her on 07791249025 or 02893341634 Training will be provided online starting 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.**

Young Families, Youth & Children

Youth Bible Studies – It was great to spend time studying together over the past few months. Youth bible studies have now stopped for the summer and these will resume in September. We will organise some face to face catch up sessions over the summer. Dianne will be in touch with parents directly.

Junior & Senior Youth Fellowship –YF has now also stopped for the summer and as restrictions lift we are looking at ways in which we can safely connect. Depending on numbers, some of these events will be online and others will be face to face. These will be announce as soon as risk assessments have been completed!

Summer Activities

Restrictions are changing constantly, and we are currently in the process of creating a fun programme of summer activities for youth, children, and families. Some of these programmes are online and some are face to face. If you have any ideas of activities you would love to see happen, please contact Dianne.

An email will be sent to the church family as soon as activities have been approved and risk assessed.

Online BIG Family Quiz Night – We hope you will join us for more online banter at the BIG family quiz night on **Friday 10th July at 6pm. Please contact Dianne for the zoom access ID.**

ONLINE HOLIDAY CLUB – “Cabin fever!” Join us and the Diocese in an online holiday club. See some familiar faces leading wacky science experiments, worship and our very own activities zoom session. **Monday 3rd August – Friday 7th August. 10am – 12pm**

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.

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