

# Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2020



**WELCOME** to the United Parish. We hope that you feel at home in our church family. It is our prayer that you will know the love that God has for you today as we join together in praise, hearing God speak to us, sending us out equipped for the week ahead. If you are new, please pick up one of our Welcome Packs.

## 15<sup>th</sup> November 2020

10.00am Morning Prayer  
Christ Church

11.30am Morning Praise  
St John's

## 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2020

10.00am Morning Prayer  
Christ Church

11.30am Morning Praise  
St John's

**THE UNITED PARISH**  
Christ Church & St John's

THE UNITED PARISH IS REGISTERED WITH THE CHARITY COMMISSION FOR NORTHERN IRELAND NIC 103558

# For Your Attention

## Sunday Services!

It's important to try and book in for our Sunday Services. This can be done via the website <https://theunitedparish.org.uk/reopening-our-church-buildings/> or phoning **Revd Jonny on 07808 479649** or **David on 07732 763827** from 12 noon on Monday.

## Holy Communion

The House of Bishops have been discussing how to safely offer Holy Communion during the Covid-19 crisis. The health & safety of all parishioners is paramount. Therefore, for a temporary period **only**, the Bishops have permitted Churches to offer Communion by individual cups. We therefore plan to start Holy Communion on the first Sunday in December in both Christ Church & St John's. It is intended that we will also celebrate communion via our online services on the same week.

## Catching- Up

Sometimes it is easy to miss events. If you haven't been able to make the mid-week bible study it is recorded and a link available on our website. Visit our website and click under the "latest news" page or by visiting the following link: <https://theunitedparish.org.uk/latest-news/>

## Advent Reading!

For Advent, this year we have selected a book of reflections called **"The Christmas We Didn't Expect"** by **David Mathis**. These are for sale @ £5.00. This is a wonderful book and will help us focus on the one who came to save us and make our futures certain. To secure your copy, pre-order via our website on the following link:

<https://theunitedparish.churchsuite.com/events/adorsfuq>

or phone David to reserve a copy.

# Pastoring

Remember our **Prayer Line (phone or text)**  
**07519 805789** to request prayer

Please pray for:

**The Bingham Family on the recent death of Sam. The Reid Family Circle on the death of Sharon, Myrtle Evans, Alyson Stanford, and Lorraine Cardwell.**

**Please Remember.....**

Please pray for all the relatives of the following folk who died during 2020, whether from Covid or natural causes; **William (Billy) McCann, Florence Kelly, Daphne Gregg, Ken Bradbury, Robert (Bertie) Grissam, Mary Davidson, Laura Moore, Sheila Hammond, John Wright, Derek Moore, Sharon Reid, Sam Bingham.**

**Weekly prayer meetings - Thursdays at 7.30pm**

We cannot meet physically but we can virtually **by Zoom**. Please try and join us each **Thursday at 7.30pm online** as we pray for our parish, our community, and our world. If joining by Zoom - Please use the following Zoom Code 871 4294 6756 with the passcode 153792 or click on the following link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87142946756?pwd=azRLWDB0Zy8wKzJVemhCM3VHbnErQT09>

# Going deeper

## Small groups and Bible studies

Details of our Groups are as follows:

Due to Covid restrictions all the Groups are now meeting via the internet using **Zoom**. You will also need a passcode to get into each meeting- the passcode when prompted is **153792** for all apart from the Campbell-Smyth's & Reid's which is **210471**.

Leigh & Clive Henderson Small Group  
Now using Zoom Meeting (Weekly)

Monday's St John's Church 7.30pm  
Meeting Code 836 1415 1201

Sophie & John's Small Group  
Now using Zoom Meeting (Weekly)

Tuesday's St John's Hall 7.30pm  
Meeting Code 860 5065 9931

Campbell-Smyth's & Reid's  
Meets Fortnightly (Next Nov 24th)

Tuesdays Via Zoom 8.00pm  
Meeting Code 838 5142 7312

Mid-Week Bible Study  
Now using Zoom (Weekly)

Wednesdays I lam Christ Church  
Meeting Code 876 2253 5799

Restored & Transformed Ladies' group  
Now using Zoom Meeting (Weekly)

Wednesday's St John's Hall 7.30pm  
Meeting Code 831 7612 9333

Marion McCallion's Ladies Group  
Meets Fortnightly (2 & 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays)  
Next Meeting November 26th)

Thursdays St John's Hall 9.30am  
Meeting Code 861 8255 8551

Going Deeper in God's Word Group  
(Meets monthly 1<sup>st</sup> Fri)

Friday Christ Church 10.30am  
Meeting Code 865 5471 7563

Why not sign up to one by either contacting the host or register at:  
<https://theunitedparish.org.uk/ministries/growing-disciples/small-groups/>

# Shaping a new generation

## Sunday School

Sunday School is meeting virtually via Zoom. If you attend Christ Church Sunday school or JAM, or are in Primary school, we would love you to join us. We are currently meeting at **10.15am on a Sunday morning**. You should have already received the meeting & access code from Dianne, if you haven't and would like to join please contact her.

## Youth Fellowship

We hope to be meeting face to face soon but due to covid restrictions YF is meeting online fortnightly on Sunday evenings-next one is **Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> November**. For more information please contact Dianne by email or phone.

## Youth Bible Study Small Groups

These will take place fortnightly on Wednesday evenings at 7pm for those in 4th Year plus. (**Next meeting is Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> November**). They will continue to be via zoom for the next few months with the occasional gathering for a hot chocolate and catch up in a local café. We do hope that you will join us for a 45 min study and catch up. If you would like to be in the 1st-3rd Year Bible study group-these will take place on alternate Sunday evenings to YF (**Next one is Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> November**), please contact Dianne for further details.

## Christmas Nativity

This year we are going to run a virtual nativity for children & youth across the Parish on **Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> December**. To take part please sign up via the Church Website (Calendar) by the **16<sup>th</sup> November** or click on the following link:

<https://theunitedparish.churchsuite.com/events/exxgc14f>

# Reaching Out & Welcoming in

## Salvation Army Christmas Appeal

Christmas is just around the corner. No doubt exists that this Christmas is going to be extremely difficult for many families. Over the last number of years, we have collected gifts for the Salvation Army. These are distributed by the team in Larne to all surrounding areas. Could we ask you to help this year by bringing gifts to Church before **Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> December**. This year they are especially looking gifts for 8-16-year-old children. **Please bring the gift unwrapped.** For more information please contact Jeannie Lynd from Christ Church who is coordinating this year's appeal on 07762 781902.

## Alpha One-to-One

Alpha is a brilliant way of exploring the Christian faith. Normally we would be holding this now in the Autumn, but due to the COVID restrictions we have had to find new ways of hosting this. Therefore, we are offering a one-to-one Alpha where you meet regularly with your host who will step you through the course and chat about what questions have arisen from that day's subject. Please contact Revd Jonny for more information.

## Parenting Course- Parent Talk The Primary Years

This course, created by care for the family, is a six-session course facilitated by Dianne Hamilton and Joanne Lewis. It is a mix of video and discussion and will run on Friday evenings via zoom at 730pm – 930pm. It's a great opportunity to discuss challenges you face and share the things that work well.

The dates are 27<sup>th</sup> Nov 4<sup>th</sup> Dec, 11<sup>th</sup> Dec, (Christmas/New Year's Break) 8<sup>th</sup> Jan, 15<sup>th</sup> Jan 22<sup>nd</sup> Jan. Please do sign up via the calendar on the church website, church suite or click on the following link -

<https://theunitedparish.churchsuite.com/events/goutk1pp>

# Partnering

## Newtownabbey Food Bank

Every year we collect items for the foodbank to go into the Christmas Hampers. Because of Covid and the challenging economic environment the need will be greater this year. **We have been tasked to collect Christmas Puddings (Regular & Small) along with Shortbread (Boxes or Packets). The items should be handed in on Sundays at Church up to the last Sunday in November or left in the foodbank box at St John's Hall.**

## International Day of Prayer

Lisa Willet our church coordinator for Release International has asked us to join in the International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church. Release, Open Doors & CSW will be joining for this social media event on **Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> November 7.30pm-8.30pm**. Click on the following link for further information:

<https://releaseinternational.org/events/event/idop-online-2020/>

## CMSI!

Most of you already know Roger Thompson who is a member of our Parish and is also Partnership Coordinator for Kenya with Cmsi. Bert Rea our church coordinator and Roger have exciting things planned for the New Year. We all remember Antony who was with us last year. Many of us know the importance of prayer so why not consider registering for a CMSi prayer event when we can join Antony and his mother. The event will be on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December at 1pm. The link is:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZwkdeqtpz8tGdTIfkJe-QgPOJAgdtlypLWq>

# OUR VALUES

Jesus at the centre

Offering a **pastoral** heart

Going **deeper** with God

**Shaping** a new generation

**Reaching** out and welcoming in

**Partnering** in the Gospel

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Parish Office hours: Normally 9am – 1pm Mon – Fri  
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