

# Sunday 29th 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.

**29th November 2020**  
&  
**6th December 2020**

All services will be online on these 2 weeks due to the current Government restrictions

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

# For Your Attention

## Sunday In-Church Services

Due to new Government Regulations we are unable to have In-Church Services this week and next, except for Funeral & Weddings. We are planning to recommence again on 13<sup>th</sup> December. It is important to try and book in for our Sunday Services. This will recommence from Monday 7<sup>th</sup> December via the website

<https://theunitedparish.org.uk/reopening-our-church-buildings/>

or phoning either Revd Jonny or David. Please remember that we continue to provide services online and via our telephone service **(02893 270020)**.

## Worship Online

**Morning Worship** will still be available from 11am onwards through the YouTube Channel *The United Parish Ballyclare* or via

[www.theunitedparish.org.uk](http://www.theunitedparish.org.uk)

**Mid-Week Evening Services** are provided on Wednesday evenings from 8.30pm being streamed on our YouTube Channel *The United Parish Ballyclare* or via [www.theunitedparish.org.uk](http://www.theunitedparish.org.uk)

## Christmas is coming

We are so excited about our Christmas programme this year.

13<sup>th</sup> Dec. Drive in Joint Churches Carol Service @5pm & 7pm  
(Ballyclare Leisure Centre)

20<sup>th</sup> Dec. Children's Recorded Nativity 10.00am & 11.00am  
Adults Recorded Nativity 6.30pm St John's  
(These events will also be shown online)

24<sup>th</sup> Dec. Christmas Eve Holy Communion 11.00pm St John's

25<sup>th</sup> Dec. Christmas Day Family Services 9.30am & 11.00am  
(This Service will also be live streamed)

# 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, Myrtle Evans, Alyson Stanford, Lorraine Cardwell, and Margaret Scott's continued recovery.**

## **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>

## **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.

# Going deeper

## Small groups and Bible studies

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 **032965**.

Mondays - Leigh & Clive Henderson. 7.30pm. Meeting Code 836 1415 1201

### Tuesdays

Sophie & John Wilson 7.30pm

Meeting Code 860 5065 9931

Campbell-Smyth's & Reid's 8pm fortnightly

Meeting Code 820 3288 3412

### Wednesdays

Mid-Week Bible Study 11am

Meeting Code 876 2253 5799

Restored & Transformed Ladies' group 7.30pm

Code 831 7612 9333

### Thursdays

Marion McCallion 9.30am (2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> week)

Meeting Code 861 8255 8551

### Fridays

Going Deeper in God's Word Group 10.30am 1<sup>st</sup> Friday in month

Meeting Code 865 5471 7563

## Christmas Books!

We now have an online bookstore partnering with the Good Book Shop. We have selected books that would make great presents for all family members which are at discounted prices. Follow the links to get to the store:

<https://theunitedparish.org.uk/our-christmas-bookstall-is-live/>

# Shaping a new generation

## Sunday School

Sunday School is meeting via Zoom. 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

Youth Fellowship is meeting on **Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> Dec for an online Christmas event**. Please do join in and look out for Santa knocking on your door in the Santa challenge! We would also love to encourage youth and their families to come to one of the Drive in carol services at the Leisure centre on the **13<sup>th</sup> Dec**...make sure you book a place and don't forget to get out the tinsel/fairy lights and get the car decorated!!

## Parenting Course- Parent Talk The Primary Years

This 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. Great opportunity to discuss challenges you face and share the things that work well.

The dates are 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. You will have missed the introduction session but it's not too late to join to join in please contact Dianne.

## Children's Virtual Nativity 20<sup>th</sup> December

This year our Nativity will be filmed socially distanced... **It's not too late to sign up** – please sign up via the church website or churchsuite before the 1<sup>st</sup> December.

<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. 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. **Jeannie will be at St John's on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> from 10.00am-10.45am & at Christ Church from 11.15am-12 noon to receive gifts.** 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.

## Love Thy Neighbour

'Love thy Neighbour' is one practical way of supporting a family you know this year. We are offering 50 Turkey Hampers (Turkey Crown for 6, Ham, Stuffing, Veg, Christmas Pudding, available on 22<sup>nd</sup> December for **£12.50**. Simply reserve yours via David Brown and bless someone this year.

# 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.**

## 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://bit.ly/36zBhe4>

# 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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