



Sunday 6th December 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.

6th December 2020

Service this morning will be online due to the current Government restrictions

13th December 2020

10.00am Morning Prayer in Christ Church

11.30am Morning Praise in St John's

Evening Drive-in Carol Service

THE UNITED PARISH
Christ Church & St John's

For Your Attention

We hope you will join us this Christmas



13th December	DRIVE IN Joint Churches Carol Service 5pm & 7pm at the Sixmile Leisure Centre Carpark (BOOKING ESSENTIAL – Please call 07907 665885 or book online)	
20th December	Children's Nativity (Pre-recorded)	10am  , 1130am  11am  YouTube
	Adult Nativity (Pre-recorded)	630pm  ,   YouTube
24th December	Christmas Eve Communion	11pm 
25th December	Christmas Day Family Service	930am  , 11am  

 Christ Church, Ballynure  St Johns, Ballyclare

 Facebook live at 11am - <https://fb.me/e/lpvCMI98T>

 YouTube YouTube Premiere – The United Parish Ballyclare

*All services are subject to government guidelines.
For more information or to book a place at a service/drive in, go to www.theunitedparish.org.uk*

Back in our buildings – book your place

It's great to be back in our buildings from 13th December, but it's really important that you book for each of the Services over this Christmas period. We have limited seating, but it would be great to see you out. Go to the front page of our website (www.theunitedparish.org.uk) where you will be able to book ahead. Bookings for our Christmas services will open on **Monday 7th December**. Or you can phone Revd Jonny or David to book your place. Please remember that we continue to provide services online and via our telephone service **(02893 270020)**.

Churches Together Carol Service – 13th December

Places are going quickly for our churches together Carol Service, held next Sunday evening at the SixMile Leisure Centre Carpark. You have a choice of 5pm or 7pm. Book via our website on phone **07907 665885**.

Pastoring

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

Please pray for:

Myrtle Evans, Alyson Stanford, Lorraine Cardwell, Margaret Scott's continued recovery, Lesley & Margaret Parkinson, and the family of the late Sharon Cooper.

Weekly prayer meetings - Thursdays at 7.30pm

There is no greater thing that we can do but to draw close to God. We need people praying in these days. Please make it a priority to join us each **Thursday at 7.30pm online** as we pray for our parish, our community, and our world. We meet via 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>

Week of Prayer – January 2021

As you all know we start every new term in the Parish with a week of prayer. Even with Covid we still plan to have this whether it be physically in the Church or virtually via Zoom. Please keep the evenings of week commencing **4th January 2021 free.**

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 (2nd & 4th week)

Meeting Code 861 8255 8551

Fridays

Going Deeper in God's Word Group 10.30am 1st Friday in month

Meeting Code 865 5471 7563

Some of our groups will be taking a break soon for Christmas, please check with host or David if you need any clarification.

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. Go to the front page of our website to order your books www.theunitedparish.org.uk

Shaping a new generation

Sunday School

Sunday School continues to meet via Zoom 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 6th 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 families to come to the Drive in Carol Services at the Leisure centre on the **13th Dec**...make sure you book a place and don't forget to get out the fairy lights and get the cars decorated!!

Parenting Course - ParentTalk 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 11th Dec, (Christmas/New Year's Break) 8th Jan 15th Jan 22nd Jan. You will have missed the first few sessions, but it's not too late to join to join in please contact Dianne.

Upside Down Christmas Story Book

Every primary school child will be given a free book this week, produced by the Parish telling the story of our Christmas Theme 'Upside Down Christmas'. Look out for it in their school bags.

Reaching Out & Welcoming in

Salvation Army Christmas Appeal Closing Soon!

Last call to bring gifts for the Salvation Army Christmas Appeal. These are distributed by the team in Larne to all surrounding areas. **Jeannie will be at St John's on Monday 7th 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 that will feed a family of 6. These can be collected from the Church Halls on 22nd December for **£12.50**. Simply reserve yours via David Brown and bless someone this year.

Newtownabbey Foodbank

Don't forget to put a few extras in the shopping basket in the next weeks to support the important ministry of Newtownabbey Foodbank.

Partnering

Mission Allocations

Each Christmas, the Select Vestry allocates a portion of our income (our tithe) to bless many charities and mission organisations that we either partner with or we want to support. 2020 has been a difficult year for many organisations and so the need to bless is even greater. Please pray for our Select Vestry who will meet on Wednesday 9th December to discern how we should support others outside our walls this Christmas.

CMS Ireland

In this past week CMS Ireland held an online prayer event with focus on Kenya, specifically praying for its connections in Kajiado Diocese, and also with the Urban Development Programme (UDP) in Nairobi with its links to the Tumaini African Foundation which we have a growing relationship through Antony Njoroge. Members of the United Parish joined in that prayer event, having the opportunity to speak with CMSi Mission Associate Isabelle Prondzynski, and UDP Co-ordinator Louise Guthrie.

Please pray for the work of UDP and Antony in these difficult times with COVID. Here are a few prayer points to help:

- Pray God's protection and healing for the many people on the streets that are ministered to, asking God to protect them from the pandemic
- Pray for the many young mothers who are receiving food and nappies and clothes for their young children
- Pray for the youth mentoring programme which Antony oversees
- Pray that no child will go hungry over this Christmas period.

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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