



# Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2021

**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.

**Services in January will be online and via telephone service due to new government guidance.**

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

# For Your Attention

## Worship during January

The UK Government in recent days has highlighted the increased threats and risks to the population due to Coronavirus. The devolved governments have now responded to this with greater levels of lockdown.

At a meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> January between Church leaders and MLAs it was agreed that all public gatherings for worship and all other in person church activities should cease until Saturday 6th February 2021, subject to review in late January, with the exception of weddings, funerals, arrangements for recording and/or live-streaming, drive-in services and private prayer (as permitted by regulations)

Our services will continue online and via our phone line services every Wednesday evening and every Sunday.

## Sundays Online

**Morning Worship** is available from 11am onwards through our YouTube Channel *The United Parish Ballyclare* or via the main page of our website [www.theunitedparish.org.uk](http://www.theunitedparish.org.uk)

## Midweek Evening Service

This will be on a **Wednesday evening @ 8.30pm** being streamed on our YouTube Channel *The United Parish Ballyclare* or via [www.theunitedparish.org.uk](http://www.theunitedparish.org.uk)

## Our Services are recorded on the phone.

For parishioners that do not have the internet we have a great alternative! We have the phone ministry line for the price of a standard call you can phone **02893 270020** anytime and listen to a Service.

# Pastoring

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

Please pray for:

**Myrtle Evans, Alyson Stanford, Margaret Scott's continued recovery, Lou & Bertie Cornett and their daughter Lorraine, Lesley & Margaret Parkinson, Cecil Millar, Billy Phillips, Achie Blair & Errol Agnew, along with the family of the late Sharon Cooper.**

## Pastoral Care

As we are now in another partial lockdown the importance of caring for others is particularly important. Isolation and loneliness are major problems for many at this time... we can all play our part by contacting others in the parish and community.

The pastoral visiting team whilst unable to visit at this time will be keeping in contact with parishioners via telephone. Both Revd Jonny and Dianne over the next number of weeks will be trying to contact many in our congregation. **If at any time you need to contact Revd Jonny, he can be reached on his mobile on 07808 479649.**

## Praying for our Parish

Nothing is more important than God's people praying and interceding. We would like everyone to make this a priority in 2021. Join us as we pray together each Thursday evening from 7.30pm. Zoom meeting ID **871 4294 6756**, Passcode **153792**

# Going deeper

## Small groups and Bible studies

Small groups are the heartbeat of community within our church family. We are not a community group that simply gathers. We are God's people that are called to go deeper into his Word so that we can reach a community with his love. Please make this a priority for a New Year. If you need help with joining a group, please contact Revd Jonny.

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 groups.

### **Mondays**

Leigh & Clive Henderson. 7.30pm.

Starting Back Monday 11<sup>th</sup> January

Meeting Code 836 1415 1201

### **Tuesdays**

Sophie & John Wilson 7.30pm

Starting back Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> January

Meeting Code 860 5065 9931

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

Starting back Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> January

Meeting Code 820 3288 3412

### **Wednesdays**

Mid-Week Bible Study 11am

(Start date to be advised)

Meeting Code 876 2253 5799

Restored & Transformed Ladies' Group 7.30pm

Starting back Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> January

Code 831 7612 9333.

### **Thursdays**

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

Starting Back Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> January

Meeting Code 861 8255 8551

### **Fridays**

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

Next Meeting Friday 5<sup>th</sup> February

Meeting Code 865 5471 7563

# Shaping a new generation

## Youth fellowship online.

Due to the current restrictions, Youth fellowship will recommence bi-weekly online, beginning this Sunday evening. Please do join us if you are in secondary school. It's a varied programme with lots of fun, opportunity to explore faith and to pray together. Please contact Dianne via phone, text, or email (Not WhatsApp) for more information. (Dates for this term are **Jan:** 10<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup>, **Feb** 7<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, **Mar:** 7<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>)

## Youth Bible Study small groups.

We currently have 2 small groups: one for those in 1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> yrs., and one for those in 4<sup>th</sup> yr.+. These groups will resume on a bi-weekly online programme beginning on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> January. (Dates for this term are **Jan:** 17<sup>th</sup>, 31<sup>st</sup>, **Feb:** 14<sup>th</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup>, **Mar:** 14<sup>th</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup>). Please contact Dianne (Not WhatsApp) for info.

## Sunday School Online

Our Sunday School will resume online this Sunday (10<sup>th</sup> Jan) at 10:15am. The last Sunday of the month will now become an online Kids' Church with our young people leading our church family in worship. Dianne will be in contact with families and leaders about how to take part in these services.

## Confirmation/Youth Alpha

This year at **Pentecost (23<sup>rd</sup> May)** we have invited the Bishop to hold a Confirmation Service. Confirmation is a stage where a person publicly declares their faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. In preparation for this we will be running a Youth Alpha course starting in February. Joining Youth Alpha does not mean you have to go forward for Confirmation, so to find out more contact Dianne or Revd Jonny.

# Reaching Out & Welcoming in

## Reaching out through evangelism

Our Core Value 'Reaching Out' has seen us in this past year reaching out in very practical ways, through Together Ballyclare, and more recently the Love thy Neighbour Christmas programme. However if all we are is a church that reaches out in practical ways but doesn't reach people with the Gospel message, then we could be considered no different than a Community Organisation. In this coming year, Revd Jonny will be helping us explore how we are Messengers of the Gospel into our everyday lives and as Church into the neighbourhoods and streets. If you are interested in evangelising, then have a chat with Jonny as he begins to discern what God would have all of us in the year ahead. We have a Gospel to proclaim!

# Partnering

## CMSi

As you know we partner with Church Missionary Society Ireland. Within our Parish, Bert Rea from St John's is our CMSI representative and we are blessed that Roger Thompson who is a member of our Parish is also the CMSI Partnership Coordinator for Kenya, Nepal & Rwanda.

Roger will be joining us online on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> January, teaching on Acts & Mission, but also give us a few thoughts on how we can practically help the work of CMSI.

Last year Antony from Nairobi joined us for a few weeks. We would like to get more involved with Antony's project and hopefully in the not too distant future take a team out to Nairobi. Please join us next Sunday online or to find out more about the work of CMSI, contact either Bert Rea, Roger Thompson, or Revd Jonny.

## Newtownabbey Foodbank

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the Foodbank over the last year. We have made a difference to so many in what has been a difficult year. Collections have started again. Please put items in the tub at St John's Hall for onward delivery. **The items currently needed are Canned Fish- Tuna, Salmon & Mackerel along with Long Life Milk.**

# 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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