



Sunday 24th 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 and February will be online and via the telephone service due to new government guidance.

Don't forget our midweek Evening Services on Wednesdays.

THE UNITED PARISH
Christ Church & St John's

For Your Attention

Sunday 31st January – Kid's Church

Children are very much part of our Church family. Next Sunday our online service will be led by Dianne along with our kids from both Christ Church & St John's. This will continue each month while online. Please join us at our normal time of 11.00am.

Free Will Offering

Towards the end of this month/early February you will be receiving a statement showing your contributions to the Parish during 2020. This will be sent to you by email (if we have one for you) or by letter. Thank you all for the generous donations in what was an exceedingly difficult year for many. Should you notice any errors or omissions please contact David immediately on 07732763827.

Children's and Youth leaders meeting.

All leaders across our children's and youth ministry, including uniformed organisations are invited to join Dianne and Rev Jonny on a short zoom call on Wednesday evening at 8pm (27th Jan). It is a great opportunity for us all to share what's good, what's difficult, be encouraged and to pray together. Your organisation/team leader will have the details or please contact Dianne.

Service of thanksgiving for the life of Billy Phillips

We are sad to inform you of the death of Billy Phillips, a committed member of St John's. A Service of Thanksgiving for his life will be held on Monday 25th at 11am. Due to regulations this will be strictly private, however the service may be watched online at

<https://fb.me/e/11URIIAlb?ti=wa>

Pastoring

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

Please pray for:

The following members of our Church Family : Myrtle Evans, Alyson Stanford, Margaret Scott's continued recovery, Lou & Bertie Cornett's daughter Lorraine, Lesley & Margaret Parkinson, Cecil Millar, Achie Blair, Errol Agnew, the Crothers family, Ann Irvine in Antrim Hospital, the Hamilton family after the death of Jim. Please also pray for Colin James who recently lost both parents to Covid. Finally pray for the family of Billy Phillips, particularly for his daughter Barbara and the wider family circle at this sad time.

Pastoral Care

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.

We now have a small groups resources page on our website. This is well worth a visit- great if you missed a meeting or wish to download material. The link can be found at: -

<https://theunitedparish.org.uk/resources/small-group-resources/>

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

Next meeting Tuesday 26th January.

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

Next Meeting Friday 5th February

Meeting Code 865 5471 7563

Shaping a new generation

Youth Fellowship

This week's YF will be Pizza Making... You can find the ingredients list on the church website. We will meet via zoom at 630pm (with the usual Zoom codes – if you need the zoom codes please contact Dianne). The direct link for pizza recipe is:

<https://theunitedparish.org.uk/youth-fellowship-pizza-recipe/>

Weekly Ballyclare Boardgame Challenge

We have created a fun, interactive game for families to enjoy at their leisure. A series of 6 weekly challenges based on your favourite board games will be uploaded to our dedicated Facebook page (@ballyclareboardgamechallenge) and the church website each Wednesday at 5pm. All details can be found on the Facebook page. Each week the winning family gets a Domino's Pizza Meal Deal.

XCITE – Kids Praise Party

At 10:15am each Thursday morning we will be holding 'Xcite' – our new weekly children's programme. A 15-minute programme giving primary school children a short break in the morning from home schooling to interact in a zoom session of high energy praise and a short thought. Dianne will email zoom codes to parents directly.

Monthly Family Feasts

On the **last Saturday of the month at 5.30pm**, we will be inviting the church family to join us as we cook a meal together. Each session will be led by a different family who will teach us their favourite recipe. Join us on the 30th of January, as this month we are led on a culinary adventure by the Campbell-Smyths. The ingredients list will be posted to the website every Monday. The Zoom details are 872 4925 2525 and passcode 153792

Reaching Out & Welcoming in

12 at 12- A call to pray for our Country.

I am calling on all of us to pray for our country. At this time there is nothing more important that you could do. If you don't know what to say in your prayers, just talk to God, tell him what is on your heart – he is listening. Please pray for these 12 things at noon every day.

Revd Jonny

1. **The Health Minister, Robin Swann MLA.**
2. **The Northern Ireland Executive and the decisions they make.**
3. **The Education Minister, Peter Weir MLA.**
4. **The 6 Health Trusts (5 trusts plus the Ambulance Service).**
5. **Our doctors, nurses, surgeons, and all health staff.**
6. **ICU staff who treat the most critically ill patients.**
7. **Patients who are currently in hospital or at home ill with Coronavirus, and those awaiting treatment for other conditions.**
8. **Care homes and staff looking after the elderly and weak.**
9. **For children's education and parents assisting in home schooling.**
10. **Head Teachers, Teachers, and support staff.**
11. **The effective roll-out of the vaccination programme.**
12. **In a season of chaos, pray that God's people – his Church, may embody the hope that comes only from Jesus, and that this may be a time of great revival as people turn back to God**

Partnering

CMSi

Many of you will have joined us last Sunday when we heard about Antony's work in Kenya. You can watch again by clicking on the following link.

<https://theunitedparish.org.uk/sermons/voices-of-hope/>

If you would like to find out how you can be more involved with CMSi or how you can further Antony's work, please contact Bert Rea from St John's who is our CMSi representative. **Bert can be contacted on 07393 695043.**

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. We have just been advised that no collections will take place until after the present covid restrictions are lifted. The Foodbank is currently well stocked- we will let you know when collections start again.

Release International.

Release is the voice for persecuted Christians worldwide. Sadly, in what is meant to be a civilised world people are simply being tortured for believing in God. You can listen to a podcast about Persecution Trends in 2021 by clicking on the following link:

<https://bit.ly/3ot3iMg>

The current edition of Release magazine can be downloaded at:

<https://releaseinternational.org/resources/magazines/>

If you are interested in finding out more about Release please contact our **Release Representative, Lisa Willett on 079456 589487**

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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