



Sunday 28th March 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.

Easter Sunday

10am Christ Church

11.30am St John's

**6.30pm Ballyclare
Churches
Drive-In
Leisure
Centre
Carpark**

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

Holy Week & Easter Sunday Services

Holy Week Services will run online each evening this week from 7.30pm. Each night will include a guest from our partner organisations. Due to COVID restrictions these will be available online via YouTube, website or via our phone line service. Each evening will consider people who met Jesus on his journey towards the cross.

The **Dawn Communion Service** on Easter Sunday morning will now be online via our website and YouTube channel from 7 a.m. Please join us as we share together with bread and wine.

On **Easter Sunday** we can meet again in Church at our normal times. As numbers are limited booking is essential. Bookings will open midday Mondays for the following Sunday services. Booking can be done via the website using the following link <https://theunitedparish.org.uk/reopening-our-church-buildings/> or phone David on 07732763827. We would prefer that you book via our website if possible. Online services will continue, however from Sunday 11th April this will become a livestream service from St John's at 11.30am.

Remember our phone ministry for all services **02893 270020**

The Greater Ballyclare Churches are hosting for an **Evening Easter Celebration Drive-in Service** on Easter Sunday 4th April @ 6.30pm in Ballyclare Leisure Centre Car Park. Book your place at: <https://theunitedparish.org.uk/easter-celebration/>

Annual Easter Vestry

Our re-scheduled AGM will now take place in conjunction with an **Act of Worship on Wednesday 28th April at 7.30pm in St John's Hall**. Further details will appear over the coming weeks. Thanks to our outgoing wardens and Select Vestry for all their help in this past year.

Pastoring

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

Please pray for:

The following members of our Church Family - Hilary Smylie, Ed Barton, Lesley & Margaret Parkinson, Cecil Millar, Myrtle Evans, Margaret Scott's continued recovery, Lou & Bertie Cornett's daughter Lorraine, The Crothers & The Bradley families.

Week of Prayer – 12th – 15th April 2021

As you all know we start every new term in the Parish with a week of prayer. At this stage we are unsure whether we can meet physically in Church or by Zoom. We will communicate this asap. Starting **Monday 12th April @7.30pm lasting approximately an hour.**

Staff Annual Leave

Revd Jonny will be on holiday from Tuesday 6th - Sunday 11th April (inclusive). Canon Derek Kerr will be covering all pastoral emergencies and can be contacted on 028 94 472561.

Dianne will be on holiday from Monday 5th – Sunday 11th April.
David will be on leave from Monday 5th- Friday 9th April (inclusive).

Revd Jonny's new contact details

From the month of April onwards if you need to contact Revd Jonny please use the following number **028 93 462725.**

Going deeper

Lent

Please try and join us daily for a time of daily reflection from the staff team. The daily devotion will be available every morning from 9.00am via our website & Facebook pages. Using the following links:

<https://theunitedparish.org.uk/lent-2021-devotions/>

<https://www.facebook.com/theunitedparish/>

Small groups and Bible studies

Our Small Groups are now finished for Easter. They will recommence week commencing 19th April. Why not consider joining one in the new term. See our page <https://theunitedparish.org.uk/ministries/growing-disciples/small-groups/>

Shaping a new generation

Easter Prayer Garden & Art Exhibition

Families have been painting canvases depicting the Easter story. These will be displayed as prayer prompts for the Easter Prayer Garden at Christ Church during Holy week. The space will be open on Monday to Friday 12.30pm – 6.30pm. **It is important that you book a time slot via ChurchSuite to come along and visit the space with your family/bubble.** We still need a few volunteers to help out Thursday and Friday next week – if you can help; For more info contact Dianne.

<https://theunitedparish.churchsuite.com/events/qw6ugo9n>

Easter Story Trail - Ballynure

During Holy week (Monday-Saturday) we have an Easter Trail in Ballynure for families to explore the Easter Story. The trail is interactive with QR codes leading to videos of the Easter story. It will begin at the play park opposite Ballynure Primary School and end at Christ church where children can collect an Easter egg during the prayer garden opening times or on Saturday between 10am and 12am. An optional work sheet can be downloaded from the website.

Youth & Childrens Leaders - can you help?

Our youth organisations are important and popular in our Church & wider community. Due to a few retirements we presently have an urgent need for BB Leaders in Anchor boys and Sunday School leaders for St John's. These roles are starting in September. If you are interested, please contact Revd Jonny or Dianne asap.

Sunday school Easter Sunday

No Sunday School next week. Families are encouraged to watch the online Easter family Service via our YouTube channel from 11am.

Reaching Out & Welcoming in

Together Ballyclare – Heating & Lighting Scheme

Over the last few weeks, we have helped many in our community with utilities assistance. If you live in the greater Ballyclare area, and due to the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic you, or someone you know, is experiencing difficulty in covering the costs of heating & lighting, we may be able to provide assistance. Each case is assessed based on circumstances. Phone 07713 928775. **If you would like to support this ministry financially, please contact Revd Jonny.**

School Uniform Scheme

Many families within our community found this past year really tough. We are restarting the School Uniform Scheme to both collect school uniforms and assist families who need school clothes. We are in need for High/Secondary school uniform and PE kits. We are delighted that Arlene Gracey will oversee this important ministry. If you can help or need help, please leave your details on the Parish telephone line 02893354814. Arlene will be at St John's Hall on Wednesday 31st March from 10.00am- 12.00 noon to assist people.

Family Feasts

Our monthly family feast nights are for anyone and great fun. Join us this Saturday night (27th) as Team Hamilton cook Greek Meze. Join us on Zoom at 5.30pm, I.D. 872 4925 2525 & pass code 153792. The full recipe is at <https://theunitedparish.org.uk/family-feasts-3/>

Partnering

Christians Against Poverty – Kick Start

CAP Kick Start is a programme aimed at helping people in our community who have been affected financially and mentally because of the pandemic. It gives people the opportunity to have a conversation about the challenges they are facing and provides practical tips on how to deal with these issues. We will be running 3 CAP Kick Start sessions on Zoom on Monday evenings from 7.00 to 8.00, starting on 19th April. The sessions will cover Anxiety and worry, Lifting financial pressure and Handling loss. Go to our Events Calendar to book a place <https://theunitedparish.org.uk/events-calendar/>

If you know of anyone who would find these sessions helpful, contact Frances Wilson, our new CAP Life Skills Manager on 07834 544802

Baby Basics Update

After a recent review of our Baby Basics outreach, we are delighted that Frances Wilson who oversees CAP will also now co-ordinate Baby Basics in developing new partnerships with Referral Agencies. Hilary Scott (Mothers' Union) and Gillian Taylor will continue to be responsible for the day-to-day running of this important ministry. Frances can be contacted on 07834 544802.

Co-Op FareShare – we need your help

Every day within UK Supermarkets there is an incredible amount of food which is dumped because it has met its display-by-date. And yet it is still in date. We have been working with Co-Op UK and they have now agreed for us to take the food they will waste and give it to people in our community free of charge. To commence this Outreach we are looking for people who will collect stock on Sunday nights from the Co-Op and set up on Monday mornings outside St John's. If you would be interested in helping please contact Revd Jonny or Frances Wilson on 07834 544802.

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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