



Sunday 18th April 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.

18th April 2021

10am Christ Church
Morning Prayer

11.30am St John's
Morning Praise

25th April 2021

10am Christ Church
Morning Prayer

11.30am St John's
Morning Praise

THE UNITED PARISH
Christ Church & St John's

For Your Attention

Sunday Worship

Our Church Buildings are open again. We have to follow the Covid guidelines (face masks etc). As numbers are limited booking is essential. Bookings open each Monday for the following Sunday services and close at 5pm on Saturdays. Book via the following link or contact David <https://theunitedparish.org.uk/reopening-our-church-buildings/>

Annual Easter Vestry

Our Annual General Meeting will take place **on Wednesday 28th April at 7.30pm in St John's Hall**. Thanks to our outgoing wardens and Select Vestry for all their help in this past year. Numbers will be limited so you can book via the following link <https://theunitedparish.org.uk/events-calendar/> or phone the parish office and leave your details.

Midweek Communion

Good News – our Midweek Communions restart on Wednesday 28th April at 12 noon in St John's. No booking in required. Please be assured Covid guidelines are followed for your safety.

BBC Radio Ulster Sunday Service

You can listen to a pre-recorded service from St John's on Radio Ulster this Sunday at 10.15am or later by clicking on the following website link: https://www.bbc.co.uk/sounds/play/live:bbc_radio_ulster

Small groups are back.

Small Groups are starting back this week. For more information see page 4 - another new group is starting!!

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, Philip Strange, Cecil Millar, Myrtle Evans, Margaret Scott's continued recovery, Lou & Bertie Cornett's daughter Lorraine, Vera McNeil's daughter, Sharon.

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**.

Weekly Gathering of Prayer for Ballynure

We desire to see spiritual transformation take place across our parish, and at this time Revd Jonny is encouraging Christ Church members to gather every Tuesday in the church at 12 noon to seek God's direction for the mission into Ballynure.

Phone Line Services

If you are unable to attend Church a shortened morning service is available on the phone ministry line. For the price of a standard call you can phone **02893 270020** anytime and listen to the Service

Going deeper

Small groups and Bible studies

Our Small Groups will be recommencing this week. Please contact the host of these groups or David for the exact start back date It would be great to build on our numbers. See our website page for more details. <https://theunitedparish.org.uk/ministries/growing-disciples/small-groups/>

New Small Group

A new small group has recently formed specifically for people who are involved in Youth & Children's ministry, whether in the United Parish or outside. This group will meet on Tuesday evenings, fortnightly. Contact Dianne or David for more details.

Virtual Book Shop!

Our virtual bookstore has been updated with a range of new materials classified into sections for Adults, Teenagers & Kids. Every order placed the Parish receives 6% which we then use for the purchase of study guides and books for the congregation. Why not pay a visit? <https://www.thegoodbook.co.uk/bookstall/theunitedparish/>

New Teaching Series!

We will be starting a new teaching series during Sunday worship from **Sunday 25th April on the Prophet Jonah**. A book to go along with this new series is available from the Good Book Company, entitled "The Prodigal Prophet" by Dr Timothy Keller. Our online bookstall contains this book for order.

Shaping a new generation

Youth & Children's 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.

Reaching Out & Welcoming in

Together Ballyclare – Heating & Lighting Scheme

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. Phone 07713 928775. **If you would like to support this ministry financially, please contact Revd Jonny.**

School Uniform Scheme

Over the last weeks, we have seen increased demand for school uniforms. We currently need High/Secondary school uniforms and PE kits. Arlene Gracey who is overseeing this ministry will be in St John's Halls **every Wednesday morning from 10-12 noon**. If you have donations or know people who need help, please get in touch.

Co-Op Fare Share – we need your help

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 can help please contact Frances Wilson on 07834 544802.

Family Feasts

It's culinary adventure time and this month it's Rachel Wilson aided by sous chef Frances. Please join us as we gather as a church family to cook a meal together. The Zoom details are **872 4925 2525** and the passcode is **153792**. Please join us on **Saturday 24th April @5.30pm**. The recipe will appear on our Facebook page this week or can be downloaded from the following link:

<https://theunitedparish.org.uk/family-feasts-2/>

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 8.00pm, **starting this Monday 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**

CMSi Shine Online – 24th April.

The CMSi Annual Members day will be meeting virtually this year. It is a great way to catch up on all the news and find out what exciting projects are ahead. You can register for the event by clicking on the link <https://www.cmsireland.org/shine>

The new quarterly magazine is available from both Christ Church & St John's.

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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