



# Sunday 30th May 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.

## 30th May 2021

10.00am Christ Church  
Family Service

11.30am St John's  
Family Service

## 6th June 2021

10.00am Christ Church  
Holy Communion

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

# For Your Attention

**We want to see you back in Church.**

As restrictions ease, we are doing all that we can to make our buildings safe, so please consider returning – we have missed you. Book your place before 5pm on a Saturday at:

<https://theunitedparish.org.uk/reopening-our-church-buildings/>

Due to increasing numbers at Sunday Worship at St John's, the hall is now operating as an overflow. This will only open once the main church is becoming full.

**Holy Communion** next Sunday (6<sup>th</sup>). Covid safety precautions in place- individual cups being used.

## Online Services

Should you not be able to attend our church services, we have a LiveStream at 11.30am each Sunday morning. Go to the front page of our website [www.theunitedparish.org.uk](http://www.theunitedparish.org.uk) and click the button to watch.

## Save the date

On **20<sup>th</sup> June** it's Fathers Day. This will be a family service and we are excited that our CMSi Mission Link in Nairobi Kenya, Antony Njoroge will be speaking that day. Also on **27<sup>th</sup> June** we will have a special Celebration Day in which to thank God for his goodness and faithfulness to us over this past year. Please join us for both Sundays.

## MacMillan Coffee Morning/Afternoon!

Anyone fancy a cuppa? Then please keep an hour free on **Saturday 5th June 2021** and pop over to Macmillan Coffee Morning/Afternoon (socially distanced) happening at 42 Carrickfergus Road Ballynure to support **Lisa Holmes and Yvonne Wells** who are completing the Causeway Mighty Hike later in June.

# Pastoring

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

**Please pray for:**

The following members of our Church Family - Margaret McDowell, Nessie Armstrong, Hilary Smylie, Cecil Millar, Myrtle Evans, Lou & Bertie Cornett's daughter Lorraine and Vera McNeil's daughter, Sharon. Pray also for our young people with the many issues of mental health.

## **Weekly Gathering of Prayer for Ballynure**

We desire to see spiritual transformation take place across our parish, so we are encouraging Christ Church members to gather every **Tuesday in Christ Church at 12 noon** to seek God's direction for the mission into Ballynure. Look out for more details of our prayer walks around the village.

## **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

## **Staff Holidays**

Staff will be on annual leave on 30<sup>th</sup> (Bank Holiday). David is on annual leave from Friday 4<sup>th</sup>-Wed 9<sup>th</sup> June (incl). Revd Jonny is on annual leave from Wed 9<sup>th</sup>- Friday 11<sup>th</sup> June (incl). In case of pastoral emergencies please contact Revd Alan on 07860 115799

# Going deeper

## Mid- Week Communion Service

Every Wednesday morning at 12 noon, lasting approx 45 minutes, we have a lovely reflective service. Please join us if you can; no booking required, and we use individual communion cups. If you cannot attend, we are streaming the service via our Facebook page at the following link: [https://www.facebook.com/theunitedparish/live\\_videos](https://www.facebook.com/theunitedparish/live_videos)

A copy of the reflection will also appear on the Latest News section our website.

## How are you going deeper?

We talk a lot today about mental health, but what about your spiritual health? We'd like to recommend a few resources and events worth scheduling into your diary. If you would like more one-to-one support, please contact Revd Jonny.

**Xplorations Ministries** – Established by Desi Maxwell, this online resource of videos is a bible teaching ministry modelled on the risen Lord's instruction of his disciples on the Emmaus Road  
<http://www.xplorations.org/>

**New Wine Summer Conference 2021** – New Wine is a movement of churches across Ireland working together to change our land through the power of God's Holy Spirit. The Conference this year is online. Find out more at  
<https://www.newwineireland.org/summer21/>

Plenty of summer reading available at via our online book shelf. Please visit: <https://www.thegoodbook.co.uk/bookstall/theunitedparish/>

# Shaping a new generation

## Mental Health workshops for youth & parents

During YF on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> June (Junior YF) and Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> June (Senior YF) Christina Baillie will join us. She will be leading mental health workshops for teens using the recent Shaken material created by Christina and The Big House. You don't have to be a member of the YF to come along so please sign up via the link below)

On Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> June at 6.30 – 7.45pm in St Johns Church we will have Tom Tate from “Why Mind?” leading a parent's workshop in Mental Health First Aid. **Please sign up via the youth and children's page on our website.**

## Signing up for all youth & children's events

We now have a dedicated youth and children's calendar on our website which will allow you to see and sign up to activities and events. **Please do sign up for your child weekly for YF and Sunday school as spaces are limited at present due to current restrictions.**

The following link takes you directly to the page:

<https://theunitedparish.org.uk/ministries/youthchildren/>

## Online Sunday School comes to an end.

Sunday school is back running in Christ Church. Parents can worship in Church with the kids being looked after in the hall. In St John's we are providing creative packs for kids to keep them engaged throughout the service.

# Reaching Out & Welcoming in

## CAP Life Skills – September 2021

More and more people in our community are struggling to make ends meet and to deal with everyday life. From 9<sup>th</sup> September we will be running a weekly Christians Against Poverty Life Skills course. This is a relaxed and friendly course where members can gain practical skills and discover new ways to live for a brighter future. If you know of anyone who would be interested in joining us or would like more information, sign up at <https://theunitedparish.org.uk/events-calendar/> or contact Frances Wilson on 07834 544802.

## School Uniform Scheme has started

Our School uniform scheme is now open – every Wednesday morning in St John's halls, and Tuesday evenings by appointment. We have enough stock at present, but we would love to help people in our community. So if you know of anyone please get in touch.

## Run the Race Men's Event

Living through the last year has not been easy. It's recovery time!- "How do we recharge and look after ourselves?" Dealing with stress, pacing the race and resting. Care for the Family have produced this wonderful 1 hour session online dealing with all these issues during the following dates 8,9,10, or 12 June (7am-11am). Book online: [https://www.careforthefamily.org.uk/events/events-online-2/run-the-race-recovery?utm\\_source=RTR&utm\\_medium=CHL-EM](https://www.careforthefamily.org.uk/events/events-online-2/run-the-race-recovery?utm_source=RTR&utm_medium=CHL-EM)

## Alpha 2021

We are at the early stages of organising Alpha for Autumn 2021. If you would like to be involved in the team, please get in touch with Revd Jonny.

# Partnering

## Baby Basics – thank you.

The only items we currently need are **Moses baskets, Baby baths, Baby towels and top cot sheets.** Our team can receive items on Tuesday mornings at Christ Church Halls or contact Frances on 07834 544802.

## Release International

Please join our local Release International team on the **first Wednesday** of every month 12.30 - 1.30 to pray (via Zoom). This is an opportunity to join with other believers to pray for our persecuted brothers and sisters throughout the world. Contact Lisa ([leecerobinson@hotmail.com](mailto:leecerobinson@hotmail.com)) for Zoom details or to find out more about Release.

## Our new Food Bank Co-ordinator

We welcome **Sandra Vaughan** from St John's who is stepping into the co-ordinator role. Please pray for Sandra as she continues this outreach. The items currently required are **Pasta Sauce, Canned Fish, Tea, Tinned Custard & Rice.** Leave items in tub at St John's Halls/the inside foyer of St John's Church, or bring to Christ Church on a Sunday.

# 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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