



Sunday 27th June 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.

27th June 2021
Celebration Sunday

10.00am Christ Church
Family Service

11.30am St John's
Family Service

4th July 2021

10.00am Christ Church
Holy Communion

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THE UNITED PARISH
Christ Church & St John's

For Your Attention

Celebration Sunday

Today we have a special **Family Celebration Sunday** to thank God for his goodness and faithfulness to us over this past year.

Please try and join us for this service and afterwards from **12.30pm** in the Rectory Grounds for a picnic BBQ.

Sadly, we can't have a bouncy castle, but we can gather in the open air with social distancing. **We will provide the meat and baps, but everyone must bring their own salads, ketchup, drinks & deserts.**

School Uniform Recycling Scheme

We have plenty of uniforms in stock covering schools in the local area. Due to space, we presently cannot take any further donations. See Page 6 for opening times etc. Please make families aware that we have this service to support our community.

Ballynure Churches Prayer Walks – 30th June

If you have a heart to see God move in Ballynure, then please join us with the other churches over the Summer on alternate Wednesdays to pray for the village. The next walk is this **Wednesday 30th June** commencing at **6.45pm in Christ Church** as we pray for our church, before making our way over to Ballynure Presbyterian Carpark at 7pm. For folks that are unable to walk the village you can come by car and stop at the various points we will pray at.

Pastoring

Please pray for:

Margaret McDowell, Nessie Armstrong, Hilary Smylie, Cecil Millar, Myrtle Evans, Ruth Reith, Lou & Bertie Cornett's daughter Lorraine and Vera McNeil's daughter, Sharon, Graeme Reid, Molly McCann on the sudden death of her nephew. Pray for our young people with the many issues of mental health.

Ballynure Churches Prayer Walks – 30th June

We had over 25 at our first prayer walk last Wednesday. As Churches working together in Ballynure, we desire to see a spiritual transformation take place in our village. So, we are going to walk our streets and pray. The next walk is this **Wednesday 30th June** commencing at **6.45pm in Christ Church** as we pray for our church, before making our way over to Ballynure Presbyterian Carpark at 7pm. For folks that are unable to walk the village you can come by car and stop at the various points we will pray at.

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.

Please pray for a new appointment to our team

For many years we were blessed to have Olwen Purdue co-ordinate the singers and musicians in St John's in our weekly worship to God. Before COVID, Olwen stepped down from her role, and since then the position has remained vacant. We are now beginning the process of recruiting for a new Music Ministry Lead. Please pray that God would direct the right person to join our₃ team.

Going deeper

Online Christian Festivals

Keswick at Portstewart 2021

From Sunday **11th-15th July** via YouTube. Details are available on the following link: <https://www.keswickatportstewart.org/main-programme>

New Horizon 2021

The Big Blue Tent is out of action this year and instead New Horizon is moving online from **9th-13th August**. The theme this year is 'People of Peace-Seeking it, Making it, Knowing it'. For more information go to <https://newhorizon.org.uk/news-may-2021>

Joining together

Many from our Parish go to various summer events. As we cannot go physically, we are considering gathering together in either Christ Church or St John's to join in together. If this is something that might interest you, please contact Revd Jonny or David.

Shaping a new generation

All Youth & Children's events can be booked via:

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

Family Holiday Club & Pirates Picnic

Save the dates 19-21st August 11.00am-1.30pm

Families are invited to join us at the Rectory Field, Christ Church for an open-air Holiday Club. Bring a picnic, bring a blanket, and enjoy 3 days of drama, worship, teaching and much more.

We are inviting youth and adults to get involved. Can you help? Why not get involved with drama, set building, worship, stewarding etc. During the 16th- 18th August we will be preparing and setting up for the actual event on the 19th-21st August. For more information, please contact Dianne.

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 9th 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.

Our School uniform scheme is open every Wednesday morning in St John's halls from 10am-12 noon, and Tuesday evenings by appointment. In addition, during July we will also be open every day from 26th-30th July from 10am - 2pm. **We don't need any more stock at the moment. Please let others know that we have plenty of uniforms covering all schools in the local area.**

Alpha – September 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.

MacMillan Coffee Morning

Lisa and Yvonne would like to thank everyone for the help and support at the recent coffee morning which raised £1,123. They are on track this weekend after their walk to have raised just shy of £2,100 for the MacMillan charity.

Partnering

Baby Basics

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

Day of The Christian Martyr is being remembered by Release on Tuesday 29th June. To find out more and register click on the following link: <https://releaseinternational.org/release-campaigns/docm/> or contact Lisa Willett (leecerobinson@hotmail.com) to find out more about Release.

Newtownabbey Foodbank

The item presently required is **Long Life Milk.** Please leave in the tub at St John's Halls or the inside foyer of St John's Church or bring to Christ Church on a Sunday. Further information on the Foodbank can be obtained from Sandra Vaughan our Foodbank Co-ordinator.

CMS Ireland

If you wish to find out more about the work that UDP & Tumaini African Foundation are doing, please contact Bert Rea from St John's at robertreal@talktalk.net We have leaflets in church if you would like to financially support their work; this can help from feeding hungry children to buying books to help educate them.

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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