



Sunday 12th September 2021

GOOD NEWS

Due to the easing of COVID restrictions, we are delighted to announce that from this morning, our church buildings will allow for 1 metre distancing, and therefore offers slightly more room for people to join in worship. Please share this news.

Booking via our website is no longer essential but preferable.

12th September 2021

10.00am Christ Church
Holy Communion

11.30am St John's
Holy Communion

19th September 2021

10.00am Christ Church
Morning Prayer

11.30am St John's
Morning Praise

For Your Attention

We are back!!

We are working hard to restart all our organisations & groups, with appropriate COVID safety measures. Contact leaders for more details.

Start Dates

Mondays:

Leigh & Clive's Small Group, in person / Zoom	13th September
BB Company Section, St John's Halls	13th September
Mothers' Union, Christ Church Halls	27th September

Tuesdays:

Ladies Badminton, St John's Halls,	28th September
Rainbows& Brownies, St John's Halls	21st September
Guides, Christ Church Hall,	21st September
Sophie & John's Small Group, Christ Church	21st September
Ballycorr Road Small Group, in person / Zoom	14th September
George Colclough's Small Group, In Person	21st September
Luke & Dianne's Small Group, in person / Zoom	14th September

Wednesdays

Midweek Bible Study, St John's Church	22nd September
BB Anchor Boys, St John's Hall	15th September
Ladies' Small Group St John's Church	22nd September

Thursdays

Ladies' Small Group, Pots of Coffee.	16th September
BB Junior Section, St John's Hall	16th September
Parish Prayer Time, Zoom	16th September

Friday

Monthly Fellowship (4th Friday) St John's Hall	24th September
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Sundays

Christ Church Sunday School	12th September
St John's Creche	12th September
St John's JAM & Lighthouse	12th September
Youth Fellowship	12th September

Pastoring

Please pray for:

Hilary Smylie, Cecil Millar, Myrtle Evans, Lou & Bertie Cornett's daughter Lorraine, Wesley Lamont, Crawford Surgeoner, Ed Rodgers, The Arthur Family, for Etta Wilson's daughter Joan, for Isabel Scott after the passing of her sister Nessie.

Please remember Revd Alan and Karen McCracken as they commence their ministry in the Merville Group of Parishes from this weekend.

Grief Share - Postponement

Due to pressures of restarting church organisations, the church leaders in the Greater Ballyclare area have decided it would be best to delay the GriefShare bereavement programme until everything settles, and therefore it is now rescheduled for January 2022.

Pastoral Visits & Hospital Admissions

Conscious that due to COVID, pastoral visits have been difficult. However, we are now happy to visit you in your home if you are comfortable with this. Please get in touch should you require a visit.

Also, if you or a loved one are going into Hospital, please let us know so we can be praying for you.

Going deeper

Alpha is back!

The Alpha Course will start on Sunday evenings **10th October** and every week in Pots Coffee Shop. Alpha is a great way of bringing along friends and family to a relaxed environment where we explore the Christian faith. Alpha is suited to people who do not have a Christian faith. Who can you invite? For more details and to book a slot see our Alpha page at www.theunitedparish.org.uk/ministries/growing-disciples/alpha **If you would like to be part of the leadership team please contact Revd Jonny.**

New Term...Join A Small Group!

Our small groups are all starting back In September. To find out more please contact the Group Leaders, Revd Jonny, or David in the Office. **Contact details for each small group leader can be found at our website**

<https://theunitedparish.org.uk/ministries/growing-disciples/small-groups/>

Due to COVID, locations have been reconsidered to ensure complete safety.

Midweek Bible Studies restart

We are delighted that our midweek bible studies will commence on Wednesday 22nd September in St John's Church at 10:45am. We will be studying the Gospel of Mark. Please invite friends.

Shaping a new generation

Sunday Morning Kids' Programme

All our kids' programmes have started back this morning. These are as follows:

Christ Church Sunday Kids
St John's Creche (0 to pre-school)
St John's JAM (P1 – P6)
St John's Lighthouse (P7 – Year 10)

Every year we must complete registration forms. We are doing this electronically this year. This can be done very quickly for each child attending by going to <https://theunitedparish.org.uk/2021-2022-parental-consent/>. It is really important to have these forms completed as soon as possible.

SERVE Leadership Development

Are you aged 15-18? We are launching on Friday 24th September a new programme designed to encourage and develop young people's leadership qualities whilst also helping them build firm foundations of faith. Tim & Leah Burns will be hosting this from their home in Straid, and will include dinner, teaching and chat. The programme will run for 10 weeks with a graduation at the end. Places are limited to 10 young people, so book your place at our website <https://theunitedparish.org.uk/serve-youth-leadership/>

YF Walk in the Woods

This Sunday evening, the Junior YF are going for a walk at Woodburn Forest. Contact Dianne for more details.

Sunday School Leaders at Christ Church

We need more help in Christ Church. Please consider giving time to be on a rota.

Reaching Out & Welcoming in

School Uniform Scheme.

Our School uniform scheme is open by appointment only by contacting Arlene Gracey on 07510 121517 We have good quality uniforms in stock and presently don't need any more donations at this time.

Fellowship Fridays

We are back in St John's again! Meeting the fourth Friday of the month. Join us for fellowship, refreshments, a sing-along with a short devotional thought. This is a great way to have a catch up and meet friends. Put the date in the diary - **Friday 24th September 11.00am St John's Hall.** Covid precautions will be in place. If you need transport, please let Sophie Wilson or David in the office know.

Mothers' Union

Mothers' Union will begin again on **Monday 27th September** (Covid restrictions apply) in Christ Church Hall at 8 pm. It will be nice to see all our ladies back and life starting back to normal again. If anyone in the parish would like to join us come along you will be made most welcome. Further Information available from Hilary Scott on 07740 869 671

Christ Church Tidy Up!

What are you doing on **Saturday 18th September?** Could you spare a couple of hours from 10.00am, to clean up around the Christ Church car park & Church. If volunteers could bring their own gardening tools, brush, rake, hoe, hedge trimmers. For more information, please contact Peter Watson on 07999 249757

Partnering

Baby Basics

Referrals are still increasing, we are well stocked, the **only item** that we presently require are a few **Moses Baskets**.

Newtownabbey Foodbank

The items presently required are **Tins of Spaghetti, Crisps, Snacks for Children, and Biscuits**. 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 on 07999 580548.

CMSI-Ignite 18th September

Ignite is CMSi's annual conference on 18th September for the whole CMSI family. It's also open to anyone with a broader interest in global mission. Due to covid restrictions its happening online this year, to register please click on the link below: -

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZlqceusrz8rHtcPFnOqeUpUMlQThnOqLBmB> The Autumn magazine is now available in both churches, further info contact Bert Rea our CMSi Co-ordinator on 07393 695043

Release International

Following the return to power of the Taliban in Afghanistan there are great fears that the persecution of Christians will follow. Please pray for the safety of believers inside the country – both foreign workers who remain and Afghans who have converted to Christianity. For more information, please contact Lisa Willett on 07456 648308

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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