



# Sunday 13th February 2022

**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. **Please continue to book for services via website.**

## Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> February

10.00am Christ Church  
Morning Prayer

11.30am St John's  
Morning Praise

## Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> February

10.00am Christ Church  
Morning Prayer

11.30am  
Morning Praise

# For Your Attention

## Sign-up by Tonight! - Parish Weekend booking

We are keen that this year's weekend goes ahead especially as we had to put last years on hold due to Covid. This is such a terrific opportunity for our Church Family to share and grow together. Flyers and booking forms for our weekend in both Churches this morning or simply visit the front page of web-site: [www.theunitedparish.org.uk](http://www.theunitedparish.org.uk)

**If you are planning to attend, the closing date for bookings is Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> February**

## Register of Members

Register of General Vestry members is now open from the month of **February** for review and addition. Anyone who would like to register as a new member of the church can use the forms at the back of church (Residents for those living inside the parish boundaries or accustomed for those living outside the parish boundaries) or from our website [www.theunitedparish.org.uk/resources/forms](http://www.theunitedparish.org.uk/resources/forms) . A useful guide to Vestries is also provided. A review of all amendments will be carried out at the March Select Vestry meeting on **8th March 2022**.

## Keep the date free - Lenten Mid-week Services

Lenten Midweek Services across the Rural Deanery commence on **Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March at 7.30pm** beginning at St Saviour's, Connor. All parishioners are encouraged to make these weekly services a priority during Lent. A Lent devotional is on its way and will be available to purchase in the coming weeks.

## Volunteers Required for Spring Clean!

Our Church Buildings need a bit of a clean-up and as the saying goes many hands make light work. We would like to do this during the first week in March in order that more meeting space is available. If you can help, please contact Revd Jonny or David.

# Pastoring

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

**Please pray for:**

The family of the late Jim Armstrong, his wife Lorna, sons Matthew & Robert. We are all deeply shocked and saddened by the suddenness of the loss for the family.

Tommy Kane recently admitted to hospital. Alyson Stanford, Lawrence Stanford's mother, Achie Blair, Hilary Smylie, Cecil Millar, Lou & Bertie Cornett's daughter Lorraine, Wesley Lamont, Ed Rodgers, Audra Irvine, Ed Barton & Maisie Moore, David Livingston, and Kate Winton.

Please keep Paul & Jean Bunting in our prayers at this challenging time. Jean's father Daniel is gravely ill in Coleraine Hospital.

Following Rev Jonny's January letter, pray as he begins to discern God's direction in the review of all ministries across the parish and how we can become more focused on building, encouraging and equipping people as we work together as the body of Christ.

## **Sunday Service Telephone Line**

Sadly, due to the lack of volunteers we will no longer be running the Sunday listening service on 028 93 270020. However, all sermons can be posted to house bound parishioners on request.

## **Staff Holidays**

Dianne on Annual leave 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> February.

## Going deeper

### Wednesday Bible Study & Mid-Week Communion

Half-Term Break this week. No Bible Study or Mid-Week Communion on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup>. Meeting normally again on 23<sup>rd</sup>. Bible Study at 10.45am, with Revd Jonny looking at Mark and Holy Communion at 12 noon, both in St John's.

### New Teaching Series on Sundays

Last Sunday we started our new teaching series on Paul's letter to the Ephesians. This will help us understand who we are as church and our response as Christians as we emerge from COVID. If you missed the teaching or service, you could catch up by following the link:

<https://theunitedparish.org.uk/sermons/introduction-to-ephesians/>

### GAFCON Ireland Bible Conference

This important event for Anglicans will be held in St Anne's Cathedral on **Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> March 9.30am- 4.30pm**. The Theme is 'What is the Gospel?' with guest speakers from across the world.

Book early using the following link:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/what-is-the-gospel-proclaim-conference-tickets-252996729027> or contact Revd Jonny.

# Shaping a new generation

## Winter Madness! - 19<sup>th</sup> February

Summer Madness is hosting Winter Madness – YF are invited to come and join us for a taste of Summer Madness with great Worship by Shane Bell, and a fab speaker – Esther Swaffield-Bray. St Annes Cathedral at 730pm – 930pm. Sign up online (spaces are limited!)

## Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> February

**Need for speed:** Those who attend Lighthouse (P7+), and the Youth Bible Studies at St Johns and Christ Church are invited to join us at Need for Speed, Doagh, at 11:15am – 1:15pm.  
(Cost £5, Lunch included)

### **Bishops Installation: Lisburn Cathedral at 6.30pm.**

In a bit of a break with tradition, this service is particularly focused on the young people of the diocese of Connor. Therefore, YF have been invited to attend. (After the event youth are invited to stay for hotdogs etc.)

For more info and to sign up to these events, please go to:

<https://theunitedparish.org.uk/events-calendar/>

(Spaces limited)

## Half-Term Break

Youth and children will take a break from Sunday programmes on the 13<sup>th</sup> February for half term. Including Sunday School, Sunday Bible Study and Youth Fellowship. Children's activity packs will be available in church that Sunday. Programmes will resume again on the 20<sup>th</sup> February.

# Reaching Out & Welcoming in

## Heating & Lighting Scheme

No doubt exists many families are finding it difficult to manage the increasing costs of heating and lighting at this time. A fund has been made available to help people in our local community administered by the local clergy. Could we ask you to promote this scheme and if you know of someone who needs help, please share this contact telephone number. An assessment will be done of their need and help will be provided confidentially. **Telephone 07538 556779**

## Friday Fellowship

February is a short month, just a reminder that the group meets on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> @ 11.00am in St John's. Why not just for a cuppa, fellowship, and a chance to catch up with friends. If you need transport, please contact Sophie Wilson on 07745 828268 or David in the office.

## Giving

Recently we have seen many donate to church funds and other ministries within the Church using, standing order, and card payments rather than by FVO envelope. We are taking this a stage further by introducing a **QR Code**. If you wish to donate at any time, please scan the code with your camera phone and it will take you to our giving portal.



# Partnering

## Baby Basics

Boys & Girls clothing (neutral colours) required for 2-year-olds.

**Can you help?** Due to some people stepping back we now need new helpers with Baby Basics. Commitment is flexible, if interested contact Frances for more details - 07791 249025

## Foodbank

Issues have been resolved at the warehouse. At present we need **Long Life Milk, Tinned Meat & Fish, Shampoo, Shower Gel, Soap, Toothpaste, Toilet Rolls**. For Further Information please contact Sandra Vaughan our Foodbank Coordinator on 07999 580548

## CMS Ireland

It is always good to get an update from our partnership link in Kenya. Hard copies of the January newsletter are available in both Christ Church & St Johns: alternatively visit the news section on our website or click the following link:

<https://theunitedparish.org.uk/cmsi-january-2022-update/>

## Release International

Please join us at the first speaker tour event of 2022. Asif is a ministry partner with Release International and will be speaking about a specialised project he leads called "Operation Philip" This project works to relocate Christians whose lives are in immediate danger due to persecution.

The event is on **Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> February @ 6pm** in Glenabbey Church. If you are interested in attending, please contact either Lisa Willet from our own Parish on 07456 648380 or Stephen McIlroy from Release on 07933 313169

# 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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**Any items for publication in the News Sheet  
must be with David by 12.00 noon on Thursday**

