# Sunday 20th March 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.

**No booking is required for attending Church & new relaxed regulations apply**.

## Sunday 20th March

11.00am Christ Church
Morning Prayer

## Sunday 27th March

8.30am Christ Church
Holy Communion

10.00am Christ Church
Family Service

11.30am St John's
Family Service

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# For Your Attention

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

Lenten Midweek Services continue across the Diocese. The next Service is in Muckamore **on the 23rd** it would be great to see many of our parishioners at this event. Following Services, 30th Antrim, 6th April Drummaul. **All services start at 7.30pm**

## Joint Worship Service 20th March

Our Parish Family Weekend in Kilbroney is this weekend 18th-20th March. As many will be away this weekend, rather than having two services with fewer numbers we have just one joint service. This will be held at **Christ Church** on **Sunday 20th March at 11.00am** and not the normal 10.00am.

## Who to contact?

It's always good to have a name in the Parish should you have a query, need or issue. The following are the contacts and their responsibilities: -

Pastoral, Worship & Ministry of Parish: Revd Jonny 028 93462725
Families, Youth & Children's: Dianne Hamilton 07840 667183
Parish Administration: David Brown 028 93354814
Parish Finances & Giving: Lawrence Stanford
Safeguarding issues: Revd Jonny
Christ Church Buildings & Repairs: Peter Watson
St John's Buildings & Repairs: George Heaney
St John's Church, Audio/Visual: David McIlhagger
Purchasing of General Supplies: David Brown
Select Vestry Matters: Lorraine Ogilby
Hall Rentals: David Brown

All users of halls should endeavour to tidy away and store their equipment before leaving. Keeping the kitchen tidy is the responsibility of everyone who uses them.

# Pastoring

## Remember our Prayer Line 07519 805789

## Please pray for:

Muriel Reid, Crawford Surgeoner, Alyson Stanford, Lawrence Stanford's mother, Achie Blair, Colin Ferguson, Agnes Kelly in Antrim Hospital, Hilary Smylie, Lou & Bertie Cornett's daughter Lorraine, Wesley Lamont, Audra Irvine, Ed Barton & Maisie Moore, Kate Winton. Please continue to pray for the families who have suffered bereavement in the last few weeks and months.

## Weekly Prayer gatherings

We encourage everyone to join together every Thursday evening from 7:30-8:30pm in Christ Church halls as we pray for our parish. Alongside Sunday worship, there is nothing more important.

## Meals Ministry - Help Required Urgently

This ministry exists to support individuals & families who have either been discharged from hospital or going through treatment. A meal is delivered as regularly as is necessary just to provide some relief. If you or a friend would value this support, or you would like to help with the meal's ministry, please contact Revd Jonny.

# Going deeper

## Wednesday Bible Study & Mid-Week Communion

Meeting as normal on **23rd March.** Bible Study at 10.45am, with Revd Jonny looking at Mark's Gospel, and Holy Communion at 12 noon, in St John's.

## The Secret Place (Ballyclare)

We have a great Christian Gift & Bookshop in our town on the Rashee Road. If you are looking for something special, why not drop in - they have a great selection. Many small retailers have suffered due to Covid, so it would be great if we could support them in some way. Alternatively visit their website:
https://the-secret-place-shop.myshopify.com/collections/all

## Prayer Warriors!

Can you commit to 15 minutes of prayer per day? We have produced a small booklet with various prayer requests which are relevant to our Church and out Community. Copies are available in Church.

## Praying for Ukraine.

We need to be praying every day for this crisis. A booklet to guide our prayer is available in Church this morning, from website or available to download via the following link:
https://theunitedparish.org.uk/pray-for-peace/

If you would like to give financially via the Church of Ireland Bishop's Appeal the following link will take you directly to the donations page:
https://store.ireland.anglican.org/donations/donate?appeal=the-bishops-appeal&subappeal=Ukraine+Appeal

# Shaping a new generation

**Dianne will be on adoption leave from Monday 28th March. We wish Dianne, Luke, and family all of God's blessings.**

## Youth Fellowship.

YF meets on Sunday evenings for all youth at St Johns church hall. We do hope you can join us!

## Destination.

Easter Youth Event by Connor Youth Council: Sunday 10th April from 6.30-8.30pm in St Michael's Parish, Belfast. There will be a mix of activities (Including inflatables), food and worship. The Youth Forum have planned the event and will be co-ordinating the evening. They are really excited to promote connections between Parishes and encourage young people meeting others together.

## Summer Madness – Save the date!

Summer Madness Youth Festival this year will be held at Portglenone on the 1st – 5th July. All youth (yr8+) are invited to join us!!

## OCN Level One – Youth work.

GBYFC are running a qualification in youth work for young people aged 15-17yrs starting on the **21st March (Monday evenings 6-8pm)**. The course lasts for 6 weeks and costs only £20. They have two spaces left. If you would like to take part, please contact Dianne ASAP

# Reaching Out & Welcoming in

## Mothers' Union

Mothers Union will meet at our new time of 2.30pm on 28th March at Christ Church Hall. We are having a crafty afternoon so come along and hear our exciting plans for the rest of the year. Anyone wishing to join us would be made very welcome.

## Friday Fellowship

Its cold out but always a warm welcome and friendship awaits you at our monthly fellowship. Please join us on Friday 25th March at 11.00am in St John's Hall for a short reflection, a cuppa and a get together with friends.

## Church Hall Supplies

Our organisations have started back, and hall usage has increased. Supplies of toiletry and kitchen items can be found in a plastic tub in both Christ Church & St John's. In Christ Church it is in the toilets and in St John's it is beside the electric's cupboard on the way to the Parish Lounge & basement area. These will be replenished on a regular basis.

## Grass Cutting at Christ Church

A couple more volunteers are needed to help with the grass cutting at Christ Church. Unfortunately, we have lost a couple of regulars and it would be great to have a couple more people help out. Volunteers are only asked to cut the grass once during the year and they can either use their own mower or the church ride-on and small rotary mowers. If anyone is willing to help, they can call or message Peter Watson on 07999249757.

# Partnering

## Christians Against Poverty (CAP) Life Skills

We plan to run a CAP Life Skills course commencing on **Thursday 5th May** and lasting for 8 weeks (10.00 to 12.00). The course is designed to help people gain skills to lift the pressure of life on a low income and will cover such topics as shopping, cooking, healthy eating, etc. If you would like to help or want more information, please speak to Frances Wilson (07791 249025).

## Foodbank

Presently 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

## Baby Basics

The number of referrals continue to grow and we thank everyone for the continued support. We presently have a need **for Baby Baths and towels.**

# 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**