

Sunday 3rd April 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 3rd April

10.00am Christ Church
Holy Communion

11.30am St John's
Holy Communion

Sunday 10th April Palm Sunday

10.00am Christ Church
Morning Prayer

11.30am St John's
Morning Praise

7pm Ballynure Joint Churches
Meeting at Ballynure Presbyterian

For Your Attention

Keep the date free - Lenten Mid-week Services

The final Service is on the 6th April in Randalstown @ 7.30pm.

Services for Easter

Monday 11th April: Youth & Children's Service- St John's.

Tuesday 12th- Thursday 14th: Holy Week Services.

Friday 15th: Good Friday Holy Communion- St John's.

All Services start at 7pm

Sunday 17th April Dawn Service with Communion at St Augustine's, Ballyeaston @ 7.00am followed by breakfast in Christ Church Halls.

Sunday 17th April 10.00am Christ Church & 11.30am St John's Easter Sunday Celebration Services.

Joint Churches in Ballynure

Palm Sunday Service, **Sunday 10th April @ 7pm** in Ballynure Presbyterian. Church leaders will share on 'What Easter Means to Me.'

Hot Cross Bun Giveaway- Helpers Required

Every Good Friday morning, a team gather to distribute Hot Cross Buns in Ballynure & Ballyclare. If you would like to help, please contact David in the office.

Boy's Brigade gathering

This coming Monday (4th April) at 7.30pm, the boys & parents are invited to Rectory field at Church Road, Ballynure. A chippy van will provide everyone with some food. If you can park in Christ Church carpark and walk up through the Church grounds.

Pastoring

Remember our Prayer Line 07519 805789

Please pray for:

Muriel Reid, Alyson Stanford, Lawrence Stanford's mother, Achie Blair, Colin Ferguson, Agnes Kelly, Hilary Smylie, Lou & Bertie Cornett's daughter Lorraine, Wesley Lamont, Audra Irvine, Ed Barton & Maisie Moore. Continue to pray for the families who have suffered bereavement in the last few weeks and months. Pray for Alison, Jonny & family as Alison's mum receives treatment in hospital.

Weekly Prayer gatherings

We will meet this Thursday (7 April) in Christ Church Halls from 7:30-8:30pm We will then take a short break for Easter.

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.

Save the date!

Every new term we start with a Week of Prayer. Keep the evenings of the 25th-29th April free, more details to follow shortly.

Staff Leave

Dianne will be on adoption leave from **Monday 28th March**. We wish Dianne, Luke, and the girls all of God's blessings in this new chapter. Any queries please get in touch with Rev Jonny.

Going deeper

Wednesday Bible Study & Mid-Week Communion

Meeting as normal on 6th April. Bible Study at 10.45am, with Will McCallion looking at Mark's Gospel, and Holy Communion at 12 noon, in St John's. Bible Study will take a break the 13th & 20th April, starting again on Wed 27th April. No Mid-Week Holy Communion Service on Wednesday 20th April, otherwise as normal.

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 our 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>

Alpha Marriage Enrichment Course

Revd Jonny is running an online course, starting Tuesday 3rd May. If you are interested, please contact him for more details.

Shaping a new generation

Sunday Youth Bible Study!

This Sunday (3rd April) the Sunday Youth Bible Study Group will come to St John's and join together in our Holy Communion Service.

Youth Fellowship.

YF meets every Sunday evening for all youth, at St Johns church hall. We have an exciting programme of events lined up over the next few months, from trips away, activities and teaching.

Parents of Youth Fellowship

If you are a parent whose child attends YF, would you be able to be a helper on one night between now and summer. Please contact Revd Jonny or one of the YF Leaders.

Monday 11th April- Save the date!

At the start of Holy Week, we are having a Youth & Children's Service for all our young people, youth organisations and family at 7pm in St John's- all welcome.

Reaching Out & Welcoming in

Grass Cutting at Christ Church

A couple more volunteers are needed to help with the grass cutting at Christ Church. 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.

Friday Fellowship- New Venue!

We are going to start meeting in Christ Church Halls as parking is much easier. We hope to see existing members and new faces at our next gathering on **Friday 29th April**. If you need transport, please contact either Sophie or David.

New Members Welcome Pack

If you are new to the Parish, please take a welcome pack at rear of both Christ Church and St John's or from the wardens. If you can complete the registration forms inside so that we know about you.

Living Costs

Everyday the news carries items about energy increases and inflation- its not a pretty picture at the moment. This item has been recently brought to our attention for people in receipt of Universal Credit & some other means tested benefits.

<https://www.ofcom.org.uk/phones-telecoms-and-internet/advice-for-consumers/costs-and-billing/social-tariffs>

Partnering

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 along with some size 1 nappies**. We are well stocked on clothing at this moment.

Release International

Release are showing a free video called Sabina: Tortured for Christ, the Nazi Years. Experience the amazing true story that has redefined the concepts of love and forgiveness for millions around the world. In order to watch the full movie for free between the 11th-14th April: <https://releaseinternational.org/sabinamovie/>

CMSI- Job Vacancy

CMSI have recently advertised for a Communications Coordinator. This is a wonderful opportunity if you are interested the world of mission and communicating to many using various platforms and media. Further details can be found by using the following link: <https://www.cmsireland.org/single-post/join-the-cmsi-team>

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**

