



Sunday 22nd May 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.

Sunday 22nd May

10.00am Christ Church
Morning Prayer

11.30am St John's
Morning Praise

Sunday 29th May

8.30am Christ Church
Holy Communion

10.00am Christ Church
Family Service

11.30am St John's
Family Service

For Your Attention

See page 5 for the Jubilee Celebrations

Thanking our leaders & helpers - 17th June 2022

The Church of God is made up of many people serving and loving others. We want to recognise and thank everyone who serves and helps in different ministries across our parish. Therefore, if you are a leader or helper, please come along to the Rectory on Friday evening 17th June for food. If you can book in using the following link, this will help with numbers for catering.

<https://theunitedparish.churchsuite.com/events/up0ff8kg>

Holiday Bible Club – dates for your diary

We have an exciting Holiday Bible Club lined up this summer partnering with “Play it By Ear” Drama Company. We need to start building our team for the club (**15th-19th August**). Please let Revd Jonny know if you can help in anyway as soon as possible.

Monthly Fellowship.

Meeting as normal on **Friday 27th** In Christ Church Hall @11.00am. Join us for some fellowship & refreshments. If you need transport, please contact Sophie on 07745 828 268 or David in the Church Office.

Can you help us host CMSi ?

We have had a request from Roger Patterson (CMSi) to see if anyone in the Parish could host Louise Githrie who is visiting in August. Louise is from our link in Nairobi (UDP Project). It's only for a few days from the 5th-8th August. If you can help, please contact Revd Jonny as soon as possible.

Pastoring

Remember our Prayer Line 07519 805789

Please pray for

Jim & Robina Stewart (Jim recently recovering after surgery), Achie Blair, Josephine Arrighi, Agnes Kelly, Hilary Smylie, Lou & Bertie Cornett's daughter Lorraine, Wesley Lamont, Audra Irvine, Maisie Moore, Helen Osborne, Crawford Surgeoner. Colin & Cara Ferguson. Pray for Dianne, Luke & the girls as they enjoy adoption leave.

Please pray for Joan Agnew & family on the recent death of Joan's husband Errol. Errol was a long-standing member of our Church Family having served as warden and member of select vestry.

Tucillo Family

Congratulations & sad farewell to the Tucillo Family. They have only recently joined us in St John's but due to Michaela successfully being appointed as Evangelist to Abbey Presbyterian in Monkstown they will be serving each Sunday there. We wish them God's blessing and hope to see them from time to time.

Welcome Wardens!

Welcome to our new wardens in both Christ Church & St John's.

Rector's Wardens: Shelley Jess & David Wilson

People's Warden's: Christine Burns & Paul Comins

Prayer Warriors (May) leaflet available today

Going deeper

Wednesday Morning Bible Study

No Wednesday morning Bible Study this week (25th) in St John's – starting again on Wednesday 1st June at 10.45am. Holy Communion as normal at 12 noon this Wednesday.

Leaders' Spiritual Retreat – 14th June

As part of Jonny's prayer that we all go deeper in our walk with God, he is facilitating a 1 day retreat for anyone involved in leading and serving within the parish. This will be at the Benedictine Monastery in Rostrevor on Tuesday 14th June. **Advise Jonny if you are interested in attending.** These retreats will run during the year so don't worry if you don't get on the first one as numbers for each are limited. The aim of the retreat is to slow down and refocus on Jesus in our lives.

Shaping a new generation

Summer Madness (1st - 5th July)

This annual Youth event is not that far away really- just over a month! We have managed to keep the cost down to £50 for each teenager. Bookings and more information can be found by using the following:
<https://theunitedparish.org.uk/youth-childrens-events/>

Youth Fellowship at Belfast Activity Centre

On **Sunday 5th June** join us for an exciting night out of caving and climbing at the Belfast Activity Centre. This will involve exploring the largest indoor cave in Ireland as well as some climbing and abseiling. It's great fun and only really difficult for the leaders to get round! It's open to anyone aged in P.7 and above and runs from 6:00-9:30pm leaving from St. John's. Please book in using the following website link and complete and bring the additional questionnaire the night of the event: -
<https://theunitedparish.org.uk/youth-childrens-events/>
Contact Andrew Brannigan on 07950 846621 for more info.

Hashtags & Hormones:

Connor Youth is delighted to host Love for Life, some inspiring and practical training for parents of young people and leaders. Never has there been so much pressure on our young people to think and act a certain way when it comes to relationships, image and their online lives. Hashtags and Hormones is an exciting opportunity to gather as parents, carers, teachers, youth workers, or just anyone who has contact with children or young people.

Thu. 26th May, 7.30-9.30, St Matthew's Belfast.

Full details & booking: -<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/hashtags-hormones-love-for-life-and-connor-youth-tickets-289427374067>

Reaching Out & Welcoming in

Queen's Jubilee Weekend – Ballynure

Several events are planned in Ballynure for the Jubilee Weekend. Look on social media for more details.

On the Sunday afternoon 5th June of the Jubilee Weekend the churches in Ballynure will be hosting a Praise & Picnic in the Park. Family worship starting at 3pm. Bring your own picnic and salads, Hotdogs & Burgers will be provided @ 4pm. Everyone welcome.

May Fair Outreach 24th & 28th

The Churches in Ballyclare have come together for an outreach opportunity during May Fair Week. We plan to have a stall/gazebo on the afternoons of the 24th & 28th. There are several ways you could be involved: -

1. Pray for the Events.
2. Serve hot or cold drinks.
3. Man, the free literature table.
4. Chat to interested people about faith.
5. Help prepare resources.

Please prayerfully consider if you can be involved in anyway. We are meeting in St John's Church on Monday 23rd at 7.30pm for training, prep & prayer. If you are interested, please contact Marion on 07821 040 392

School Uniform Scheme

After the success of last year, we will opening again in St John's Hall during July & August, Wednesday's from 10.00am-12 noon. Further details regarding donations will be announced shortly. If you would like to help with the scheme please get in touch with: - Arlene on 07510 121517 or Frances on 07791 249025.

Partnering

Baby Basics – no more donations please

Many thanks to all who have donated so generously to Baby Basics. We are well stocked at the moment so cannot accept any further donations at this time with the exception of Moses baskets and baby baths.

Christian Aid

We had a very enjoyable lunch in St John's last week raising funds for Christian Aid. If you would like to contribute towards the work of the Charity; envelopes are in Church and should be returned by **Sunday 29th May**.

CMSi- Kingdom Voices Celebration.

An evening celebration hosted by CMSi and SAMS Ireland, in St Anne's Cathedral, **Friday 12th August** featuring worship and 'Kingdom Come' stories from the global Church. The main programme begins at 7:30pm, but there will be opportunities to engage with Church leaders from Africa, South America and Nepal from 6:45pm and again after the event, when refreshments will be served. This event is open to all, and no registration is required.

CMSi Global Fun Day

Following on from the Friday night event on **Saturday 13th August** at Sir Thomas & Lady Dixon Park at Dunmurry from 2.00pm-4.30pm. Family Fun Day with BBQ, Bouncy Castle, Fire Engine, Irish Dancing & other entertainment. This is a fantastic opportunity to have fun and meet others from the CMSi family locally & globally. All Welcome.

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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must be with David by 12.00 noon on Thursday**

