

Sunday 12th June 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 12th June

10.00am Christ Church
Holy Communion

11.30am St John's
Holy Communion
(Refreshments after Service)

Sunday 19th June

Father's Day

10.00am Christ Church
Family Service
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For Your Attention

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 & fellowship. To help with numbers for catering please let us know you are coming at the following link:

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

Family Services during June!

Next Sunday: **19th June** is our Father's Day Celebration, and **26th June** will be our Family Celebration with gift day for children followed by BBQ & Inflatables at the Rectory field. Keep these dates free in your diary and invite friends along.

Youth & Children's Ministry.

If you are involved in Children's ministry, it is mandatory that you attend training on a yearly basis. The Diocese are facilitating a training course for Wednesday 29th June @7pm via zoom. Please book in using the following link:

<https://theunitedparish.churchsuite.com/events/oixxjow6>

Spiritual Retreat

This Tuesday a small group of leaders will be taking a half day retreat at the Benedictine Monastery Rostrevor. Should you wish to attend or are planning to come but have not heard anymore detail please get in touch with Revd Jonny.

Pastoring

Remember our Prayer Line 07519 805789

Please pray for

Lorraine Ogilby, Jim & Robina Stewart (Jim recently recovering after surgery), Achie Blair, Hilary Smylie, Lou & Bertie Cornett's daughter Lorraine, Wesley Lamont, Audra Irvine, Maisie Moore, Helen Osborne, Crawford Surgeoner in hospital. Colin & Cara Ferguson.

Pray for Peter & Catherine Watson & family on the recent death of Peter's father.

Pray for Paula, Sophie & Cain McCreight on the sad death of Paula's mum Josephine. Josephine joined the church recently and we are thankful that she had a strong faith.

Many in our Parish have suffered bereavement in the last few months. Pray that all these families may know God's comfort and peace as they deal with the loss of dear relatives and friends.

Prayer Warriors (May) leaflet available.

A request from Rev Jonny

As your pastor I am extremely keen to know when anything arises to parishioners and family where I can be praying for you. I regularly am told that you don't want to hassle me because I am very busy, but the wellbeing of each person in our church family is the most important thing I can be doing. So please drop me a text or email or phone call so you know I am praying for you. Thank you. Rev Jonny

Going deeper

New Horizon Coleraine – 6th – 12th August

Why not take a journey up to the North Coast to New Horizon. This year's teaching will be on "Renewed Minds - challenges and possibilities." We so need the mindset of Christ as we navigate much in our lives and our world in these days. Therefore, we need our minds renewed and strengthened in these times in the midst of our circumstances or struggles.

Summer Reading!

It's always good to have a supply of books at hand. We have updated our Bookshelf in partnership with the Good Book Company. Rather than being overwhelmed by a larger number of books we have reduced the selection of what we think are the best summer reads for adults, teenagers, and children. Follow the link:

<https://www.thegoodbook.co.uk/bookstall/theunitedparish>

RESET Responses

We received 63 responses from Rev Jonny's RESET form. We would love that everyone completes these forms. If you haven't completed one, please visit the link: -<https://theunitedparish.org.uk/reset/>

Revd Jonny is now reviewing these to see how he can support and encourage each person in their spiritual journey to go deeper with the Lord, so he will be in touch. Thank you.

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/>

Surfing & Coasteering – 20th & 21st August

We have booked an exciting weekend away for Teenagers at the end of our Holiday Bible Club. On the **20th & 21st August**, the plan is to head up to the North Coast staying in Portrush. A weekend of events & fellowship including an afternoon of surfing on Saturday & Coasteering on the Sunday. Bookings opening shortly.... advance notice to save the date.

Holiday Bible Club – 15th – 19th August

We have an exciting Holiday Bible Club lined up this summer partnering with **“Play it By Ear” Drama Company**. You will be able to book the kids in by using the following link:

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

It is important to book as soon as possible, numbers will be limited, and we will be opening it up to the wider community.

Please let Revd Jonny know if you can help in anyway with the club as soon as possible.

Confirmation

If any parents would like their teenagers to explore Confirmation of their faith, could they contact Revd Jonny.

B.B. Camp Out

The Junior Section are having a camp out at the Rectory Field on Friday 24th June starting at 7pm. Further info. from Neill Jess on 07866522948.

Reaching Out & Welcoming in

School Uniform Scheme

After the success of the last 2 years, we will be opening again in St John's Hall during July and August on Wednesdays from 10.00 am to 12.00 noon. This is an important ministry for our community, especially in the light of the rapidly increasing cost of living.

However, we really need more people to help us on Wednesday mornings. If you can help, please contact Frances (07791 249025) or Arlene (07510 121517). Frances and Arlene will be at the back of both churches on Sunday should you wish to have a chat with them.

Flower Rotas

It was lovely to see our Churches decorated with flowers last Sunday for the Queens Jubilee, - the faint smell of Stock managed to make its way into the Church Office! We have a rota in each Church if you would like to put flowers into Church for a special occasion. They don't have to be fancy, a bunch from the garden is more than sufficient.

Keeping Our Halls Tidy

Can we ask that should you use the halls for any activities that you leave the space ready for the next people that may be using it. Due to the amount of hall users, it is easy to neglect the condition of the space we share. Thank You.

Partnering

Baby Basics – no more donations please

This year we have already received 43 referrals from the Northern Trust and various charities. Thanks to so much generosity we are currently well-stocked and cannot accept any more donations at this time except for **Moses' baskets, baby baths and nappies sizes 1 and 2.**

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.

CMSi Summer Snippets

Summer edition of Cmsi magazine now out: copies available in both Christ Church & St John's or available to download using the following link: <https://theunitedparish.org.uk/cmsi-summer-snippets/>

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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