

# Sunday 18th September

**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.

## 18<sup>th</sup> September 2022

10.00am Christ Church  
Morning Prayer

11.30am St John's  
Morning Praise

6.30pm St John's  
Service of reflection for the  
late Queen Elizabeth.

## 25<sup>th</sup> September 2022

10.00am Christ Church  
Morning Prayer

11.30am St John's  
Morning Praise

# For Your Attention

## Select Vestry Update - Keeping our church tidy

Over recent months as the church buildings become busier, it has been highlighted to members of the Select Vestry that in some cases our buildings are untidy and dirty.

The Select Vestry simply wants to update you that we will be addressing this matter in the coming weeks. **It is also the responsibility of each organisation or group that use our buildings to ensure the facilities are tidied after use.** Whilst we must ensure cleaners do their job correctly, it cannot be their responsibility to tidy away items left by groups, and therefore we would request that all groups and individuals store or remove anything that they use after each session.

## Who to contact?

In recent months, people have been asking who to contact in the event of certain queries in the parish. We hope the following helps:

**Pastoral & spiritual matters** - Rev Jonny 07808 479649

**Children & Youth ministries** - Rev Jonny (as above)

### Property maintenance

- Christ Church: Peter Watson (07999 249757)
- St John's: email or letter to Secretary of Select Vestry:  
[logilby@gmail.com](mailto:logilby@gmail.com)

**Hall bookings & equipment hire:** David Brown (028 93 354814)

**Giving:** David Brown (028 93 354814)

**Parish finances:** Lawrence Stanford (07743 316400)

**Compassion ministries:** Frances Wilson (07791 249025)

**General enquiries:** David Brown (028 93 354814)

## YF Leaders required!

We have many young people in our Youth Fellowship every Sunday night. Currently we need a few extra leaders to sustain this ministry. If you can help, please contact Revd Jonny or Andrew Brannigan.

# Pastoring

## Please pray for:

We give thanks to God for the life of Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth. For her dedication, her service and as a loyal servant to God and the nation. May the Holy Spirit be with members of the Royal Family as they grieve at this challenging time.

Pray for Yvonne Lamont and the family on the sudden death of Wesley. Wesley was a very active member of our Parish, serving on Select Vestry and will be sadly missed. A Service of Thanksgiving will be held in Christ Church on **Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> Sept. at 12.30pm.**

Helen Osborne who is in hospital, Ed Barton recently home from hospital, Jim & Robina Stewart, Albert Green, Achie Blair, Hilary Smylie, Lou & Bertie Cornett on the recent death of daughter Lorraine, Audra Irvine, Maisie Moore, Colin & Cara Ferguson as they care for Cara's dad.

## Safeguarding renewals

This is an area which we take very seriously within the Parish. The importance of having volunteers AccessNI cleared & trained is paramount. It is mandatory that everyone is checked every 5 years although this is shortly moving to every 3 years. You may have received an email recently about renewing your accessni check. If you have and you still wish to be cleared, can you complete the online application and return the application with 3 pieces of ID to David in the office by the **end of September**. The form is below, if you need to discuss, please contact David on 07732763827.



Access NI  
Application.pdf

## Weekly Prayer meeting on Thursdays

Is there anything more important than praying together for our parish? Join us each Thursday in Christ Church halls at 7:30pm

# Going deeper

## New Small Group

We have a new small group starting on **Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> October at 7:45pm** at Hugh & Olive's home in Burnside. Olive & Hugh are parishioners in St John's and look forward to giving you a warm welcome. For more information, please contact Hugh on 07766 209262

## Join a small group

We now have more study groups than ever, and we would love to see every member of the church joining one. Here's a list of groups and contact details.

Leigh & Clive Henderson	Tel Leigh	07774720241
Sophie & John Wilson	Tel Sophie	07745828268
Hugh & Olive Spence	Tel Hugh	07766209262
Jonny & Alison Campbell-Smyth	Tel Jonny	07808479649
George Colclough	Tel George	02893341420
Women's Fellowship & Coffee Group	Tel Laura	07749815478
Women's Bible Study Fellowship	Tel Grace	07714336204
Tim & Leah Burns	Tel Tim	07572817429

## Care for the Family

The statistics are quite frightening: 1 in 6 children report that they struggle with their mental health. Care for the Family have an evening session this Autumn called 'A Mind of Their Own'. This is aimed at parents to give simple and effective strategies to use at home along with guidance and advice from mental health professionals.

The event is at Holywood Baptist Church, **7.30pm on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> November**. Tickets available using the following link: -

<https://www.careforthefamily.org.uk/events/touevents/>

# Shaping a new generation

## Sunday Morning Kids' Programme

All our kids' programmes have started back. Registration & Consent forms need to be completed annually.

This can be done very quickly for each child attending by going to the front page of our website [www.theunitedparish.org.uk](http://www.theunitedparish.org.uk) After this Sunday we cannot accept any children unless a consent form is already completed.

## Friday Night Teen Discipleship

New course for teenagers starts **Friday 16<sup>th</sup> September** at Tim & Leah's home in Straid. It's important to have the right skills to help lead, build confidence and at the same time growing in faith. Full details can be found on sign up page below. Tim can be contacted on 07572 817429  
<https://theunitedparish.churchsuite.com/events/5lwxcxg>

## YF Trip to Prison Island

YF are going to Prison Island this Sunday evening (18<sup>th</sup>). Info & booking in using the following link or by contacting Andrew on 07950 846621  
<https://theunitedparish.churchsuite.com/events/8seo2p7w>

## Connor Takes the Castle 2022

The annual Diocesan Residential Youth Weekend (11–18-year-olds) is back in full force after the pandemic. Running from Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> September – Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> September in Castlewellan Castle, with sessions, activities, great food and lots of fun- subsidised cost is £40. - Can you please sign up using the following link:

<https://theunitedparish.churchsuite.com/events/b4ewngxb>

Further information from Andrew on 07950 846621

## B.B Enrolment

BB Enrolment this year will be at the **11.30am Service on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> October**, Holy Communion will be as normal on that Sunday in Christ Church.

# Reaching Out & Welcoming in

## New Alpha Course in Autumn

A new course is planned for this **Autumn**. A planning meeting has been organised for this Thursday (23<sup>rd</sup>) @ 8:30pm in the Church Office. For more information, please contact Revd Jonny.

## Musical talent?

Are you a guitarist or pianist? Has God given you a talent and you might like to use this playing as part of our worship team in St John's? If you would like to explore this opportunity, please contact Revd Jonny for an informal chat.

## Mothers' Union.

Mothers Union will start again on **26<sup>th</sup> Sept 2022 at 2.30 pm** in Christ Church Hall. It will be great to see you all back after the summer break. New members always welcome to join, if you want to find out more, please Hilary Scott on 07740 869671

## Midweek Communion Services

This is the best kept secret in The United Parish. Why not take time out from the busyness of life for a short Holy Communion Service & Biblical Reflection. We start back in St John's on **Wednesday 21st September at 12 noon.**

## Monthly Fellowship

New term starts after the summer break on **Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> September**. Please join us for a time of fellowship, a cuppa and a short reflection. Every 4<sup>th</sup> Friday in the month at Christ Church Hall starting 11.30am. If you need transport, please contact Sophie Wilson on 07745 828268 or David in the office.

# Partnering

## Baby Basics - Update

We are so grateful to all who have been so generous in giving to Baby Basics. We presently don't require any donations of clothing but urgently need baby baths. The following items are also needed: Moses baskets, Moses basket sheets, cot sheets, towels, size 2 nappies and toiletries for Mum and baby. If you, or anyone you know likes to knit, we would really appreciate hand-knit baby blankets in neutral colours.

## Newtownabbey Food Bank

Earlier in the year the Foodbank had a few logistical issues which have now been resolved. We are starting to take donations again so please leave these in both churches and the tub at the front door of St John's Hall. They presently need **tinned rice, custard, tinned fruits, tinned fish/meat, and long-life milk.**

## Refugee Information Evening

On **Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> September at 7:30pm** Glenabbey Church will be hosting an Information Evening that will give you the opportunity to hear from a range of presenters about the Homes for Ukraine Scheme and other potential opportunities to serve & support refugees in our local community. Everyone is welcome, full details of the evening programme can be found in both churches.

## Rescheduled Mission trip to Nairobi

We have recognised that more time is required in planning the forthcoming trip to Nairobi, and therefore in conjunction with CMS Ireland we have decided to delay our visit and reschedule the trip as soon as possible in 2023.

# 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**

