

# Sunday 25th 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.

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

08.30am Christ Church  
Holy Communion

10.00am Christ Church  
Morning Prayer

11.30am St John's  
Morning Praise

## 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2022

10.00am Christ Church  
Holy Communion

11.30am BB Enrolment  
Family Service

# For Your Attention

## Who to contact?

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

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

**Vestry enquiries** letter to Select Vestry [logilby@gmail.com](mailto:logilby@gmail.com)

### Property maintenance

- Christ Church: Peter Watson (07999 249757)

- St John's: letter to 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.

## B.B Enrolment

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

## Harvest Services

Our Harvest Family Services will be in both Churches on **Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> October.** It would be great if we could gather together on **Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> at 10.30am** in both Christ Church & St John's to decorate them. Please let David know if you help. As well as flowers and veg, we will be collecting non-perishable items for Newtownabbey Food Bank - these can be brought in advance and the children can also bring them on the Sunday.

# Pastoring

## Please pray for:

Pray continue to 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.

Pray for Meta Robinson, children Yvonne, & Robert and the rest of the family circle on the death of husband & father, Robert last week.

Helen Osborne and Betty Robinson who are 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, Priscilla Clugston, Maisie Moore, Colin & Cara Ferguson as they care for Cara's dad..

## Safeguarding renewals

If you recently received an email about accessni renewal every 3 years and you wish your AccessNI to be renewed, these forms need to be completed and returned to the office by the end of September. If we don't receive them by this date we will assume that you no longer wish to be AccessNI cleared.

## 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

## 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 ( <b>starts 4/10/22</b> )	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/>

## Good Book Company- New Selection

As you know the church has a virtual bookstore with the Good Book Company. We have updated the bookshelf with a new selection of books for this term and especially Christmas. We will shortly be ordering our advent devotional book, Gifts of Grace by Jared Wilson. If you would like a copy, please give your name to David.

The link for the store is: -

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

# Shaping a new generation

## Sunday Morning Kids' Programme

Parents, if you haven't completed a consent form for your kids attending our Sunday Programmes could this be done asap.

This can be carried out very quickly for each child attending by going to the front page of our website [www.theunitedparish.org.uk](http://www.theunitedparish.org.uk)

Any problems completing form in office please contact David.

## Friday Night Teen Discipleship

New course for teenagers started **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/51zwxcxg>

## YF Leaders required

Please consider becoming a Youth Fellowship leader and invest in our young people's lives. For more information contact Rev Jonny or Andrew on 07950 846621

# Reaching Out & Welcoming in

## Men's Event- Regular Joes!

The annual men's conference is taking place in Carnmoney Presbyterian, Sat 5<sup>th</sup> Nov. 9.00am-5.30pm. Join the rest of the regular joes as we gather to worship, learn from others and equip for life and serving. Great speakers this year namely John Eldredge & Rico Tice. Group discounts are available, if you are interested in going please contact Revd Jonny. To give you a flavour of the event please use the link: <https://www.rumble.vision/events/regular-joes-2022>

## 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

## Christ Church - Autumn Tidy-Up

We are having our autumn tidy-up around Christ Church and the Hall on Saturday, 1<sup>st</sup> October from 10:00am to 12 noon. Folk should bring tools and suitable clothing. Everyone is welcome and "Many hands make light work". For those who are unable to come on Saturday morning, they are very welcome to help earlier in the week cutting the verges around the car park, clearing the weeds around the hall and church and cutting the hedge around the church. Anyone interested in helping can contact Peter on 07999249757 for further details.

# 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.**

## 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.

## Blythswood Shoe-Box Appeal!

This year we are having our annual appeal. Last year the number of boxes collected was in the 70's It would be wonderful to get our numbers up near 100 again. Leaflets are available in Church this morning. Empty boxes are available from Blythswood for a nominal cost of £1. Boxes need to be returned to both churches by end of October. If you have any questions, please contact Alwyn or Trish Tweed who are coordinating the appeal Tel: 07733 238 175

# 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

## CONTACT US

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Any items for publication in the News Sheet must be with David by **12.00 noon on Thursday**

If you have a matter which is under the governance & decision making by the Select Vestry you can contact them in the following way: -

Lorraine Ogilby Hon. Secretary ([logilby@gmail.com](mailto:logilby@gmail.com))  
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