

# Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 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.

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

10.00am Christ Church  
Holy Communion

11.30am St John's  
Holy Communion

## 9<sup>th</sup> October 2022

10.00am Christ Church  
Morning Prayer

11.30am St John's  
BB Enrolment  
Family Praise

# For Your Attention

## 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 9th October, and will be a family service.** After the Service the boys will be having a lunch in the hall followed by the annual BB Parade.

## 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 on **Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> at 10.30am** in both Christ Church & St John's to decorate them with flowers. Please let David know if you can help. We will also be collecting non-perishable items for Newtownabbey Food Bank - these can be brought in advance or children can also bring them on Harvest.

## Monday Morning Prayer-Time

No better way to start the week than with a time of prayer. St John's Church is open every Monday Morning at 10.30am for a short time of prayer led by Jill Clayton.

## Council Food Hygiene

We recently had our Food Hygiene Inspection carried out by the Council. One of the things that we hope to do soon is to have folk who are involved in catering (cooking any type of food hot or cold) to have level 2 Hygiene Training. Once we have the details, we will be contacting you if we feel that this is something you might like to consider.

# Pastoring

## Please pray for:

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.

Helen Osborne recently out of hospital. Betty Robinson in Clonmore nursing home. Barbara Bankhead, Lynne Brannigan Ed Barton, 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.

Pray for Louise Githrie UDP Coordinator in Nairobi, Louise's brother recently died in Kenya.

Pray for the planned new morning bible study for teens in Christ Church.

## Safeguarding renewals- Final Call!!

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 **Friday 7<sup>th</sup> October** 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 is a list of groups and contact details.

|   |            |             |
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| 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 |

## 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>

## Prayer Warriors

October Edition now available in both Christ Church & St John's- please take a copy.

# Shaping a new generation

## Youth Fellowship!

All our Youth & Children's ministries are governed by Safeguarding policies to protect all of us. Therefore, as our YF becomes more popular we need extra leaders to remain compliant with safeguarding. Presently we need more volunteers and until such times as they increase, we will have to move to a fortnightly gathering. If you can help, please contact Andrew Brannigan or Revd Jonny. During October the dates will be **Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup>**.

## Friday Night Teen Discipleship

New course for teenagers started **Friday 16<sup>th</sup> September** at Tim & Leah's home in Straid. It is 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>

## 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 Hollywood Baptist Church, **7.30pm on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> November**. Tickets available using the following link: -

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

## Christ Church-Bible Study

We would like to have a post primary school bible study on Sunday mornings in the Rectory. We want to equip our young people in the important informative teenage years. Would you like to be part of a rota to help with a short bible study each Sunday during Christ Church service? Contact Revd Jonny if interested.

# 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.

## Alpha

2023 is almost upon us along with New Year resolutions! How about Alpha? We have the new course scheduled for January 2023. Plenty of notice to plan. Why not consider coming along or inviting a friend or relative. For more information contact Revd Jonny.

## 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 any time-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

Thank you for all the recent donations. We presently don't require any donations of clothing but urgently need baby baths, Moses basket sheets, cot sheets, towels, size 2 nappies and toiletries for Mum and baby. We would really appreciate hand-knitted baby blankets in neutral colours.

## Newtownabbey Food Bank

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.**

## CMSI Link-Kenya

We were all very sad to learn about Louise Githrie's brother who recently died. Please keep Louise & family especially in our prayers. Continue to pray for Isabelle & Antony and their work with UDP & TAF. The Centre of Excellence is progressing well, as ever they always need equipment for the students & help for the community meals they provide at weekends.

The trip to Nairobi by members of the parish has been slightly delayed, the plan is to reschedule the trip as soon as possible in 2023.

Autumn Edition of In Mission magazine is in Church, if you would like any information on CMSi, contact Bert Rea on 07393 695043

## 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 238175

# 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**

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

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