

# Sunday 16th 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.

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

10.00am Christ Church  
Morning Prayer

11.30am St John's  
Morning Praise

## 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2022

10.00am Christ Church  
Family Harvest

11.30am St John's  
Family Harvest

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

10.00am & 11.30am  
Morning Worship in both Churches

# For Your Attention

## Harvest Services & Preparation – can you help?

Our Harvest Family Services will be in both churches on **Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> October** with all our young people present. It would be great if some could gather on **Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> at 10.30am** in both Christ Church & St John's to decorate the churches with flowers. Please let David know if you can help. We will also be collecting non-perishable items for Newtownabbey Food Bank – there will be an opportunity to receive these during our Harvest Family Service.

We will also be meeting on **Monday 24<sup>th</sup> at 10.00am** in Christ Church to make up flower bouquets to distribute to our housebound parishioners- help will also be required.

## CMSi Partnership Plan

As our partnership with Tujisaidie in Nairobi, Kenya develops, we feel it is now the time to create along with Antony, Isabelle, and Louise a sustainable partnership plan for the next 3 years of our relationship. If you would like to be a part of these discussions to create this plan, please speak with Rev Jonny or Bert Rea. We intend meeting in November to plan.

## Remembrance Sunday- Date for the Diary

Our Services this year will be in Christ Church & St John's at 10.00am & 11.30am respectively on **Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> November**.

In the evening at **6.30pm in St John's** we will be holding a service to remember all our friends and family who over the years we have sadly left us. The guest speaker for the evening will be John Wonnacott, Chaplain to the MacMillan unit in Antrim Hospital. Please consider coming along on that evening or invite a friend who you know will find this beneficial.

# Pastoring

## Please pray for:

Pray for the family of the late Priscilla Clugston who died last week.

Please remember in our prayers Colin & Cara Ferguson and Noel Fryer on the death of Bobby Fryer.

Please also pray for Margo & Jim Milligan on the recent death of Margo's sister Esther.

Helen Osborne recently out of hospital. Betty Robinson in Clonmore nursing home. Barbara Bankhead, Lynne Brannigan, Jim & Robina Stewart, Achie Blair, Hilary Smylie, Audra Irvine, Maisie Moore, Sadie Wilson recovering after hospitalisation.

## Weekly Prayer Meetings extended!

Is there anything more important than praying together for our parish and community? We now have two slots, so hopefully one of these will suit everyone. Join us each **Thursday evening in Christ Church halls at 7:30pm or how about a Monday morning in St John's Church at 10.30am.**

## Prayer Ministry- Recommencing

We have been able to restart prayer ministry again in both Christ Church & St John's. If you would like to have prayer with the prayer ministry team, please stay behind in Christ Church or St John's. The Prayer ministry team can be identified by their lanyards. Also, if you feel you would like to be part of this important ministry, speak with Rev Jonny for more information.

## Staff Holidays

David will be on holiday next week, Mon 17<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> October.

# Going deeper

## Reset

A document is now available on the idea of RESET which Revd Jonny has been prayerfully developing with the help of others within the parish. Copies are available in both Churches.

## Why not 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.

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

## 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

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

# Shaping a new generation

## Christ Church Youth

The post-primary school bible study starts this Sunday (16<sup>th</sup>) in Christ Church Hall. It's important that we equip our teenagers during the important informative years. For more information or if you would like to be part of a team that provides this teaching to our young people, please contact Revd Jonny or Alison – all the material is provided and easy to follow.

## 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. YF will meet again on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> October.

## 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/touevents/>

# 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>

## Blythswood- A Shoebox for Christmas!

This year we are having our annual appeal. Information leaflets are available in Church this morning. Empty boxes can be purchased from Blythswood for a nominal cost of £1. Boxes need to be returned to both churches by end of October. If you want to provide some items rather than whole shoebox that would be great- these can be left into the office. If you have any questions, please contact Alwyn or Trish Tweed who are coordinating the appeal Tel: 07733 238175

## Mothers' Union

Mothers' Union is hosting the Mid Connor Area Service on 24th Oct at 2.30 pm in Christchurch Ballynure, all welcome.

## Winter Coats Project

We are delighted to have partnered with ROC (Redeeming Our Communities) to provide a winter coats project for Ballyclare.

This will involve receiving donations of winter coats, hats and gloves from the local community and hosting an event for people to pick up these items free of charge. **We therefore need a team of people to help with this event.** If you would like to help, please speak to Frances Wilson or contact her on 07791 249025.

# Partnering

## Baby Basics - Update

We are so grateful for the donations we receive which have allowed us to bless 72 families this year. We are presently fully stocked so don't require any donations until further notice. We would, however, really appreciate hand-knit baby blankets.

## 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 - Tujisaidie

We were all sad to learn about Louise Githire's brother who recently died. Please keep Louise & family, especially in our prayers. Continue to pray for Isabelle & Antony and their work with 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

# 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**

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