

Sunday 30th 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.

30th October 2022

10.00am Christ Church
Morning Prayer

11.30am St John's
Morning Praise

6th November 2022

10.00am Christ Church
Holy Communion

11.30am St John's
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For Your Attention

Harvest Services & Gifts

Thank you to everyone who helped at Harvest. Several boxes of food were given to the Foodbank The distributed gifts and flowers were greatly appreciated by about 35 of our elderly parishioners.

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 13th November**.

Memorial Service -Sunday 13th November

On this 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 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.

Blythswood- A Shoebox for Christmas!

Please try and return your shoebox this **Sunday (30th)**. If you happen to be away this week, please contact Alwyn or Trish Tweed who are coordinating the appeal Tel: 07733 238175

Pastoring

Please pray for:

Pray for the Clugston, Ferguson, Milligan & Campbell families who have recently suffered family bereavements.

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 readmitted to hospital.

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

Prayer ministry has started 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.

UCB Bible Notes

The next quarters edition is available in both Christ Church & St John's. Please pick up a copy- they are free and are great daily devotionals.

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

Advent Devotional Books

We have a few copies left of our advent devotional book, Gifts of Grace by Jared Wilson. We are subsidising the book this year at a cost of £5.00. Please contact David if you would like a copy.

Shaping a new generation

Sunday Children & Teenagers- Half Term Holidays!

The Sunday Schools are taking the following break

Christ Church Youth Sunday 30th October (Back again on 6th)
Christ Church Sunday 30th October (Back again on 6th)
St John's Sunday 6th November
(Includes JAM, Lighthouse & Teen Bible Study)

Activity packs will be in both Churches for the children so please come along & worship as a family.

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 6th November.

Serve- Mission Trip to Europe!

In the summer of 2023, we plan to offer in partnership with Exodus, the opportunity for our young people (16 and over) to take part in a Mission Trip with Exodus to Europe. Brochures are available in both Churches. To find out more please contact Revd Jonny or Tim on 07572 817429.

Care for the Family

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. The event is at Holywood Baptist Church, **7.30pm on Wednesday 30th November**. Tickets available at: <https://www.careforthefamily.org.uk/events/tourevents/>

Reaching Out & Welcoming in

Can you Help?

Can you help to support the running of our church? Below is a list of roles that we would love people to help with: -

YF Leaders & Christ Church Youth Leaders on a Sunday Morning
Social Media co-ordinator, Website co-ordinator
Audio Visual operators for Christ Church on Sunday Mornings
Sunday School helpers in Christ Church
General maintenance support for St John's Buildings.

If you feel God has given you talents in these areas and you would like to use them, please contact Revd Jonny or David in the office.

Winter Coats Project- Can you Help?

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 need a few folks to help with set up on the morning of **Friday 18th November** and for the event itself on **Saturday 19th November**. If you would like to help, please speak to Frances Wilson, or contact her on 07791 249025.

Creche- started back in St John's!

Creche has started again at the back of St John's Church during morning worship. To find out more please contact Kirsty on 07590 394391

Men's Event- Regular Joes!

The annual men's conference is taking place in **Carnmoney Presbyterian, Sat 5th Nov.9.00am-5.30pm** If you are interested in going, please **contact Revd Joanny**.

Partnering

Release International

Like the CMSi Partnership Plan we are going to create a small group to do exactly the same with Release International. If this is something that might interest you, please contact Lisa Willett on 07456 648380.

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

Thank you for all the gifts at Harvest. We are still collecting donations 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**.

Co-Op Local Community Fund

Baby Basics has been selected as one of the local causes of the Co-Op Community Fund from now until October 2023. This means that we will receive 1p for every pound spent on Co-Op products by members who have chosen us as their preferred charity. We would encourage those who are already members to log into their account and select "Greater Ballyclare Compassion – Baby Basics" as their local cause <https://www.coop.co.uk/local-causes> or call 0800 0686 727. To become a member, you can go to the website <https://www.coop.co.uk/membership> or call 0800 0686 727 or download the app <https://www.coop.co.uk/coop-app> It only costs £1 to join. Further information can be obtained from Frances Wilson (07791 249025)

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 requires the attention of the Select Vestry you can contact them in the following way: - Lorraine Ogilby Hon. Secretary (logilby@gmail.com) or Mobile 07588 039093

