

# Sunday 9th 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.

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

10.00am Christ Church  
Morning Prayer

11.30am St John's  
BB Enrolment  
Family Praise

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

10.00am Christ Church  
Morning Prayer

11.30am St John's  
Morning Praise

# For Your Attention

## Harvest 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 we 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.

## Council Food Hygiene

We have recently had our Council Food Hygiene Inspection. One of the things that we hope to do in the near future is to have folk who are involved in catering (cooking any type of food hot or cold) to have level 2 Hygiene Training; until this takes place, **if you are using the kitchens for food preparation or cooking, please contact the office on food hygiene guidance.**

## 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 have sadly left us. This service will have the opportunity for those present to sign a Book of Remembrance. **Evening is open to all**

## Staff Meetings

Both Jonny & David have a regular staff meeting in the office every Monday and are unavailable from 9-11.30am. Please avoid calling the office during these times.

# Pastoring

## Please pray for:

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

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.

The following families who have recently suffered bereavements: Lamont Family, Robinson Family & Cornett family circle. 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.

## 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. <sup>3</sup>

# Going deeper

## 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

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>**.

## 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 Youth

We are commencing a post-primary school bible study on Sunday mornings in Christ Church. We want to equip our young people in the important informative teenage years. Would you like to be part of a team that provides this teaching to our young people – all the material is provided and easy to follow. Contact Revd Jonny if interested.

# Reaching Out & Welcoming in

## Men's Event- Regular Joes!

The annual men's conference is taking place in **Carmoney 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.

## Blythswood- A Shoebox for Christmas!

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 to near 100 again. 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

# 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 - Tujisaidie

As part of our ongoing relationship with CMS Ireland, it is now time to develop a Partnership plan which will map out our hopes and prayers for the next few years. For anyone that would like to be a part of these short meetings to pray and think ahead regarding our partnership, please contact Bert Rea or Rev Jonny.

We were all 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 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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