

# Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> November 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.

## 13<sup>th</sup> November 2022

10.00am Christ Church  
Remembrance Day Service

11.30am St John's  
Remembrance Day Service

6.30pm St John's  
Memorial Service

## 20<sup>th</sup> November 2022

10.00am Christ Church  
Morning Prayer

11.30am St John's  
Morning Praise

# For Your Attention

## Memorial Service -Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> November

Tonight 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 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.

## Freewill Offering

During Covid for safety reasons we ceased FWO collections in church. We have now recommenced a basket collection during our services on Sundays. If you give by a means other than by envelope little cards are available in each pew to place on the plate.

## Hazaq Coffee by Release International

We have entered a trial partnership with Hazaq coffee, operated by Release International. Every month we will have for sale 250g packets of fresh bistro cafetiere coffee. 100% of the profits of Hazaq go to support the persecuted communities which Release help. The cost of each bag is £6.00. This is a fantastic opportunity to enjoy good coffee and also help the work of Release International. For more details see <https://www.hazaqcoffee.com/>. Look out for the coffee being available at our coffee times at the end of church.

## Christmas Dinners – 5<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> December

It's time to begin the Christmas celebrations. We would like to invite you to a Christmas dinner in Brothers Restaurant. The women will gather together on Mon 5<sup>th</sup> December and men on Wed 7<sup>th</sup> December. Book your place at our website [www.theunitedparish.org.uk](http://www.theunitedparish.org.uk)

# Pastoring

## Please pray for:

Pray for families recently bereaved over the last few months. Let us also pray for Helen Osborne recently out of hospital. Albert & Eileen Green recovering after Covid, Betty Robinson in Clonmore nursing home, David Metcalfe, Barbara Bankhead, Jim & Robina Stewart, Achie Blair, Hilary Smylie, Audra Irvine, Maisie Moore, Sadie Wilson, Billy Clarke.

## Weekly Prayer Meetings extended!

We have two slots when we can meet and pray for our community & church. Join us on a Thursday evening in Christ Church halls at 7:30pm or a Monday morning in St John's Church at 10.30am.

## UCB Bible Notes

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

## Prayer Warriors

The November edition of Prayer Warriors is available for collection in both Churches.

## Pastoral cover

Revd Jonny will be annual leave from Friday 18<sup>th</sup>- Monday 21<sup>st</sup> November. In case of **pastoral emergencies** please contact Rev Ian Magowan on 07810 636167

# Going deeper

## Alpha - New Year Start!

Alpha starts January 2023. Please start praying for the event and think of people that you could invite; especially those who are exploring the Christian faith.

## Clive West Lecture

The annual Clive West Lecture will be held in St Nicholas' Parish Church, Lisburn Road on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> November at 7.30pm. The speaker will be Rev Tim Ward and the subject is 'Understanding God'. Tim lectures at Oakhill Theological College on Biblical Interpretation & Word Ministry. Many in our Church have attended these lectures in the past, they are pitched at a level that we can all benefit from.

## Theology Ireland

Many of us would like answers to big questions: -  
Why bother with Church? What do we do when we are at Church?  
Do we need Church?.... and many more.

Starting in January 2023, Revd Dr Earngey from Moore College, Australia will be running a few evening courses at The Halls, Cadogan Park, Belfast or if travelling is a problem, you can join the lectures online. For more information follow the link or contact Revd Jonny.

<http://www.theologyireland.com/>

## An event for men

The Irish Men's Convention are holding their annual gathering on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2023. We'd love to take a group of men from our parish along to this. For more information follow the link: -

<https://irishmensconvention.com/>

# 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. **YF will meet again on Sunday 20th 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.

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## Christ Church Youth

We have now started a youth bible study on Sunday mornings in Christ Church. If you have a young person post-primary please come along. The group meet in Christ Church halls during Sunday services.

## 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.' The event is at Holywood Baptist Church, **7.30pm on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> November.** Tickets available at:

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

# 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 Appeal (In partnership with ROC)

We are so grateful for the generosity of our community who have donated so many coats, hats and scarves to this scheme which will bless many families. The event itself will take place on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> November in the church hall from 9.00 to 1.00. Many thanks also to the Ballynure Co-Op who have kindly offered to provide and serve tea and coffee. If you are free to help with setting up on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November, please get in touch with Frances (07791 249025).

## Christmas Lights Switch On!

The Christmas lights are being switched on in Ballyclare on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> November from 4.30pm-6.30pm.

After the switch-on we welcome the community back to St John's Hall for eats and a get together. In previous years we couldn't hold this event but this year we are firing on all cylinders.

If you would like to help the team looking after this event please contact Lorraine Cardwell, Paul Reid or Andrew Brannigan.

# Partnering

## Baby Basics - Update

We are so grateful for the donations we constantly receive. 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

Wow! Thank you to everyone who donated at Harvest. We have just received notification that our contribution was **204KG**- which is the equivalent of **582** meals.

## CMSi & Release Partnership Plans

As our partnerships with CMSi & Release International develop and grow, we feel now is the time to put in place sustainable partnership plans for the next 3 years of these ongoing relationships. If you would like to be a part of these discussions to create these plans, please speak with Bert Rea (CMSi) or Lisa Willett (Release).

## CMSi requests prayer for Kenya

CMSi have produced a prayer letter to support our brothers & sisters in Kenya who are experiencing a devastating drought. Please take a copy of the prayer leaflet from church or check our website update at <https://theunitedparish.org.uk/lastest-news/>

## Salvation Army Christmas Family Gifts Appeal

Many in our community are struggling so let's try and help if we can. Every year we collect new toys and gifts for children aged up to 16 years old. Please consider giving to this appeal, - gifts need to be with us by Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> December. It's hoped that Captain Philip Cole from the Salvation Army will be joining us at our evening Carol Service on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup>.

# 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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