

# Sunday 6<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.

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

10.00am Christ Church  
Holy Communion

11.30am St John's  
Holy Communion

## 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

# For Your Attention

## 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 Rev Jonny or Bert Rea (CMSi) or Lisa Willett (Release). We intend meeting during this month to plan.

## Remembrance Sunday

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**.

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

Next Sunday (13<sup>th</sup>) 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 are now going to recommence a collection during our service starting this Sunday. If you give by a means other than by envelope little cards are available in each pew to place on the plate.

## Organisations

Now that the weather is getting colder, we are going to adjust the timings for heat to come on/off in the Church Buildings. If a group or organisation is not meeting, please let David in the office know so we are not spending funds unnecessary on utilities.

# Pastoring

## Please pray for:

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

Helen Osborne recently out of hospital. Albert & Eileen Green, Betty Robinson in Clonmore nursing home. 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

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.

## Prayer Warriors

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

## Connor Clergy Conference

Revd Jonny will be away at the conference from 8<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> November inclusive. Jonny can be contacted in cases of emergency.

## Mid-week Communion.

Due to logistical availability issues, sadly mid- week Communion is cancelled on **Wed 9<sup>th</sup> Nov**; on as normal at **12 noon on Wed 16<sup>th</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

Details on the groups can be found on our website using the following link: -<https://theunitedparish.org.uk/ministries/growing-disciples/small-groups/>

## Christmas Books & Cards

Our virtual bookshop is updated for Christmas. Lots of ideas and stocking fillers for all age groups. Follow the link to enter the store!  
<https://www.thegoodbook.co.uk/bookstall/theunitedparish>

## Alpha-New Year Start!

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

# Shaping a new generation

## Sunday Children & Teenagers- Half Term Holidays!

The Sunday Schools at **St John's** are taking the following break  
**Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> November** (Includes JAM, Lighthouse & Teen Bible Study)  
**Christ Church** activities on as normal.

Activity packs will be in church 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 6<sup>th</sup> November for a half term party.**

## 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 30<sup>th</sup> 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 18<sup>th</sup> November** and for the event itself on **Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> November**. If you would like to help, please speak to Frances Wilson, or contact her on 07791 249025.

# Partnering

## International Day of Prayer-Persecuted Church

This **Sunday (6<sup>th</sup>)** is International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church. Our partners Release International will be taking part in a joint online event with other agencies. In order to join this event this Sunday @7.30pm please use the following link: -

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/idop-online-2022-tickets-390959609717?aff=ea>

## 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**.

## 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).

## Blythswood Shoe-Box Appeal

Thank you to everyone who donated Christmas Boxes. In a tough economic climate, we collected 57 which is wonderful.

# 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](mailto:logilby@gmail.com)) or Mobile 07588 039093

