

Sunday 15th January

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.

15th January 2023

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| 10.00am | Christ Church Morning Prayer |
| 11.30am | St John's Morning Praise |

22nd January 2023

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For Your Attention

Alpha - New Year Start

Alpha starts this evening in St John's. Come along at 6.30pm to see what it's all about or better still come along with a friend.

Postcard invitations are available in both churches.

For more information on **Alpha** please visit our website:

<https://theunitedparish.org.uk/>

Social Media!

We run several pages on Facebook covering: The United Parish, Baby Basics & Compassion Ministries. Presently it is updated on a regular basis by Revd Jonny & David. We are looking for someone to oversee our social media platform. If this is something that you might like to consider doing please contact Revd Jonny or David.

New Teaching Series on Sundays

We have a new teaching series starting this Sunday in both Churches, 'The Promises of God'. A booklet is available this morning which sits alongside this series- please take a copy! If you miss the service you can catch up on our website or YouTube channel. Copies of the teaching are online or contact the office for a copy.

All-Age Family Services

We have our Family Service on the last Sunday of every month. Contained in the new brochure on teaching are the dates and themes we will be following up to the end of June.

Register of Vestry Members

The register of General Vestry members will be open for review during February. A meeting of the Select Vestry to review all changes will take place on **Wednesday 8th March at 7:30pm**. A booklet explaining the roles and responsibilities within the Church is available at the back of each church.

Pastoring

Please pray for:

Albert Green, Winston Jenkins, Revd Jonny, Billy Clarke, Agnes Kelly, David Livingston, Mervyn & Hilary Smylie, Helen Osborne, Jim & Robina Stewart.

Pray for John & Marlon Murr on the recent death of their father George last week.

Weekly Prayer Meetings

The Monday morning & Thursday evening groups will be starting back this **Monday, -16th January @ 10.30am** in St John's & Thursday, - **19th January** at 7.30pm in Christ Church.

Few Dates for the Diary!

The Antrim Rural Deanery, **Lenten Midweek Services** are as follows: -

Wednesday 22nd February, Templepatrick,

Wednesday 1st March, Gartree

Wednesday 8th March, Randalstown

Wednesday 15th March, Ballynure

Wednesday 22nd March, Antrim

Wednesday 29th March, Kells

All services start at 7.30pm

Holy Week

Holy week is from **Monday 3rd April- Sunday 9th April**. We will have a Youth & Children's event on Monday 3rd with further services during the week. As in previous years we will have our Dawn Service & Easter Celebration Services on Sunday 9th.

Going deeper

Tuesday Bible Study change

For those who attend George Colclough's bible study on Tuesday evenings, it has been agreed to now reschedule this to Tuesdays at 2pm fortnightly and relocate to Christ Church Halls. This will help more people attend. To provide support to George, Rev Jonny will lead these bible studies. We will be starting at **2pm on Tuesday 24th January.**

Small Groups-Should I join one?

That is an easy question- absolutely! Our groups are starting back week commencing **Monday 16th January.**

We should all try and join a small group to grow spiritually, have fellowship with fellow Christians and support one another.

Why not make this a New Year's resolution by joining one.

Flyers in Church or just click on the website link to find out more:

<https://theunitedparish.org.uk/ministries/growing-disciples/small-groups/>

Shaping a new generation

Organisations-New Term Started!

All the Sunday clubs started back last Sunday in both Churches.

Youth Fellowship next meeting on **Sunday night(22nd) @ 7pm**

Boy's Brigade- all sections started back last week.

YF & Sunday School Leaders!

All our Youth & Children's ministries are governed by Safeguarding policies to protect all of us. As our numbers grow we are constantly looking for leaders for both Christ Church & St John's. Please contact Revd Jonny if you might be interested in helping.

Exodus Team to Spain

We have seven young people signed up to go at the end of July 2023 as part of an Exodus mission team to Spain. There **are still spaces available** if you would like to be part of the team, get in touch with either Tim Burns or Rev Jonny.

The Team Training will be starting in Christ Church hall week commencing **Monday 13th Feb**. The team will be away in Spain from 21st July to 1st August.

Christ Church Youth Bible Study.

We started this towards the end of last year and numbers are growing. Teaching provided by Revd Jonny, Alison and Claire and runs every Sunday morning (except Family Services) from 10.00am in Christ Church.

Reaching Out & Welcoming in

Christians Against Poverty Life Skills – Jan 2023

CAP Life Skills is an informal 8-week course which helps people manage their finances and make their money go further. We will be starting a new course on **Thursday 19th January**. If you know of anyone who would benefit from participating, please get in touch with Frances (07791 249025).

Welcome Night

Over the last 6 months we have been blessed with new parishioners joining our Church family. We want all of you to know how welcome you are, and therefore we plan to have a welcome night towards the end of February (24th) when we can gather together for some eats and a chat in order to give our new members the opportunity to meet a few people from the Church.

Refreshments @ Family Service.

We still have a few gaps to fill on the Christ Church rota. If you can help with refreshments on the last Sunday in the month, please chat to either Christine or Shelley.

Flowers in Church

If you would like to put flowers in Church, please put your name on the list which is available from the wardens. The flowers don't have to be elaborate displays- a bunch in a vase is all that's required.

Mothers' Union

Mothers Union starts 2023 on 22nd January at our new time of **2.30pm in Christ Church Hall**. We are having a talk from Antrim & Newtownabbey Borough Council about safety in the home. All are welcome, more information from Hilary, 93 340080.

Partnering

Baby Basics

Many thanks for the generous donations given to Baby Basics in 2022 which helped us to bless eighty-five families. We are delighted to have reached the milestone of our 200th referral since we opened in Spring 2019.

The items we urgently need are size 1 and 2 nappies, baby towels, baby bedding (cot size and Moses basket size) toiletries for Mum (including toothpaste and toothbrushes) and toiletries for baby.

Hazaq Coffee-New Supplies have arrived!

We have been overwhelmed by the demand and support for the Hazaq Coffee operated by Release International. 100% of the profits of Hazaq go to support the work of Release International. The cost of each 250grm bag is £6.00. (Cheaper & better than the supermarket!) This is a fantastic opportunity to enjoy good coffee and help the work of Release. Coffee available from David.

CMSi

The Winter edition of the CMSi magazine is available in both Churches

Recycling!

The Council have recently confirmed that everything we dispose off is sorted and recycled. We are treated as commercial waste which is treated differently from domestic.

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
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