

# Sunday 22nd 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.

## 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2023

10.00am Christ Church  
Morning Prayer

11.30am St John's  
Morning Praise

## 29<sup>th</sup> January 2023

8.30am Christ Church  
Holy Communion

10.00am Christ Church  
Family Service

11.30am St John's  
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# For Your Attention

## Alpha – Who are you inviting along?

Alpha started last Sunday evening in St John's, but numbers were small. Alpha relies upon Christians inviting friends. Who can you bring this Sunday?.

For more information on **Alpha** please visit our website and book your place.

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

## Tuesday Bible Study- New Venue

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. **Starting this Tuesday(24<sup>th</sup>) at 2.00pm. Revd Jonny will be looking at the subject of Prayer.**

## Register of Vestry Members & Easter Vestry

The register of General Vestry members will be open for review during February. If your details have changed or if you wish to check if you are registered please contact David in the office. A meeting of the Select Vestry to review all changes will take place on **Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> March at 7:30pm**. A booklet explaining the roles and responsibilities within the Church is available at the back of each church.

## UCB Bible Notes

The next quarter's notes are now available. These can be collected in both Churches, from pastoral visitors or if you need a copy posted contact David in the office. This booklet is free and a great way to start each day with a daily devotional thought & reading.

# Pastoring

## Please pray for:

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

Pray for Linda, John & Marlon Murr on the recent death of their father George.

## Weekly Prayer Meetings

Why not join us on a Monday morning @ 10.30am in St John's or on a Thursday evening in Christ Church Hall @ 7.30pm- **prayer makes a difference.**

## Few Dates for the Diary!

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

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Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February, Templepatrick,

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March, Gartree

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> March, Randalstown

**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March, Ballynure**

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March, Antrim

Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> March, Kells

**All services start at 7.30pm**

## Holy Week

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

## Going deeper

### Small Groups-Should I join one?

Our groups all started back last week. We should all try and join a small group to grow spiritually, have fellowship with fellow Christians and support one another.

We have flyers in Church or just click on the website link to find out more:

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

### New Teaching Series on Sundays

We started our new teaching series last Sunday in both Churches, 'The Promises of God.' Demand outstripped supply! all the booklets that sit alongside this series vanished last Sunday; additional copies available this morning-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 at <https://theunitedparish.org.uk/sermon-archive/> or contact the office for a copy.

### Lent Devotional

Every year as we approach Lent, we make available a devotional that covers the 40 days of Lent. Shortly, we will have copies arriving of **'Truly Truly I say to You' by Adam Ramsey**. It comprises of 40 brief but rich meditations on the words of Jesus from the Gospel of John. The normal cost of this book is £9.99 we are making it available for £5.00. Please contact David if you would like to reserve a copy.

# Shaping a new generation

## Family Service-Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> January

Please join us next Sunday for our family worship. Revd Jonny will be looking at the theme of 'Life with Jesus is full of Joy' Matthew 9:14-17. Morning Sunday clubs and Bible Study won't be on so please join us in Church – activity packs will also be available for the children in both Churches.

## Exodus Team to Spain-closing date 30<sup>th</sup> January.

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 weekly Team Training will be commencing **Monday 13<sup>th</sup> Feb.** The team will be away in Spain from 21<sup>st</sup> July to 1<sup>st</sup> August. Please pray for our young people in all their preparations.

## Youth Fellowship

Meeting this Sunday night in St John's (22<sup>nd</sup>) at 7pm.

## Go Karting & Pizza

We have arranged a fun night for all the kids in Church Youth Organisations from Secondary School age upwards. Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> February 6.30pm to 9.00pm Go Karting & Pizza at Need4Speed in Doagh. The cost is £15 for 1<sup>st</sup> child per family;£10 for each additional child. Please book in using the following link: -

<https://theunitedparish.churchsuite.com/events/rplgc3fy>

In the meantime if you need to discuss please contact Paul Reid on 07778 853605

# Reaching Out & Welcoming in

## Newcomers Welcome Night.

Over the last year 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 on **Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March** at Paul & Leanne's home starting at 7.30pm-4 Ballycorr Heights, Ballyclare BT39 9ZT

We can gather together for some eats and a chat in order to give our new members the opportunity to meet people from the Church. In order to help us know numbers planning to attend could we ask you to book in using the link:-

<https://theunitedparish.churchsuite.com/events/qkz9wqhm>

## Mothers' Union

Mothers Union starts 2023 on **Monday 23rd 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.

## Friday Fellowship

The Fellowship will not be meeting in January- planning to meet at Christ Church on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> February at 11.00am.

# 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 200<sup>th</sup> 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.**

## Asda Green Token Scheme

We are delighted that Baby Basics is part of the Asda Green token online scheme from now until 30th April. This will allow us to raise funds to help needy families. The group which receives most votes will receive £500, 2<sup>nd</sup> place £400 and 3<sup>rd</sup> place £300.

We would be so grateful if everyone would vote for us by visiting [www.asda.com/green-tokens](http://www.asda.com/green-tokens) and selecting the store name, Ballyclare, from the drop-down box. You will be able to vote once every seven days, so please return and continue voting as often as possible. Many thanks for your support.

#AsdaFoundation #GreenTokenGiving

## 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 250g 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.

# 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  
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