

Sunday 29th 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.

29th January 2023

8.30am Christ Church
Holy Communion

10.00am Christ Church
Family Service

11.30am St John's
Family Service

5th February 2023

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Holy Communion

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For Your Attention

Family Service-Sunday 29th January

Please join us this 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.

Refreshments will be served at the rear of Christ Church & St John's at the end of each service- please join us.

Alpha –It's not too late to come along.

Alpha started a few Sunday evenings ago in St John's, but numbers were relatively small. It's not too late to join us. 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/>

Register of Vestry Members & Easter Vestry

The Register of General Vestry members is open for the month of February for review and addition. Anyone who would like to register as a new member of the church can use the forms at the back of church (Residents for those living inside the parish boundaries or accustomed for those living outside the parish boundaries) or from our website: <https://theunitedparish.org.uk/resources/forms/> A useful guide to Vestries is also provided at the back of Church or website. A review of all amendments will be carried out at the March Select Vestry meeting on 8th March 2022 at 7.30pm

Food Safety Hygiene & Training

If you are involved in cooking or preparing food its pretty much essential that you go on this short training session run by the local Council on Monday 20th March at 6.30pm. Full details & booking using the following link:-

<https://theunitedparish.churchsuite.com/events/arkin3xk>

Pastoring

Please pray for:

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

It is with great sadness that we have to report the sudden death of Myrtle Evans last week. Myrtle was 91 and despite being housebound she never missed a service, taking part on her iPad and keeping up to date on all the ministries within the church. We are so blessed that she had a deep faith and was a great encouragement to others.

Please pray for all the family at this sad time; David, Carol, Shirley, Sylvia, Mandy and the wider family circle.

Many in our parish or relatives of members are presently extremely ill, awaiting tests or surgery. Even though they are not named please pray that those folk will know the comfort of the Holy Spirit at this time.

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.**

Going deeper

New Teaching Series on Sundays

We started our new teaching series a few Sundays ago in both Churches, 'The Promises of God.' If you miss a 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- Only a few copies left!

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 a copy.

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.

Tuesday Bible Study- New Venue

We had good numbers attending our new fortnightly bible study last Tuesday in Christ Church Hall. Revd Jonny is leading these bible studies and looking at the subject of prayer. Meeting again on **Tuesday 7th February at 2pm**. If you would like to attend but find transport an issue, please contact David in the office.

Shaping a new generation

Exodus Team to Spain-last call to sign up.

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 applications need to be in by 30th January.** 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 on a Sunday afternoon. The team will be away in Spain from 21st July to 1st August. Please pray for our young people in all their preparations.

Go Karting & Pizza

We have arranged a fun night for all the kids in Church Youth Organisations from Secondary School age upwards. Sunday 5th February 6.30pm to 9.00pm Go Karting & Pizza at Need4Speed in Doagh. The cost is £15 for 1st 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

Holy Week Youth & Children's Night

Keep the date free in your diary during Holy week- we have a service planned for Monday 3rd April at 7.00pm when Christina Bailey our Diocesan Youth Officer will be with us.

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 3rd 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>

Holy Week

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

Antrim Rural Deanery Services

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

Partnering

CMSi Partnership Plan

Please pray for the team as they finalise plans covering the next few years of our partnership with UDP & TAF in Nairobi.

Pray for Revd Jonny as he prepares to travel to Kenya this May.

Baby Basics

Many thanks to everyone for their generous donations. The items we currently 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. We also need hand knitted blankets in neutral colours.

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, 2nd place £400 and 3rd place £300.

We would be so grateful if everyone would vote for us by visiting 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!

The word on the street is that the Ethiopian Coffee is superb. It's so popular we are now having to order every other week. All the proceeds from the sale 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
following way: - Lorraine Ogilby Hon. Secretary
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