

Sunday 12th February

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.

12th February 2023

10.00am Christ Church
Morning Prayer

11.30am St John's
Morning Praise

19th February 2023

10.00am Christ Church
Morning Prayer

11.30am St John's
Morning Praise

For Your Attention

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**

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

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>

Commissioning Service.

We are delighted that Ken Chiaji a member of St John's will be commissioned on 12th March as a Parish Reader. Please come along and support him.

Turkish Earthquake Appeal!

The earthquakes in Turkey this week have been truly shocking. Over the next two weeks you will find envelopes in church if you would like to donate. We will be sending monies raised via the Church of Ireland Bishop's Appeal. If you find it more convenient to give by bank transfer or card payment, please contact David or use the following link: <https://theunitedparish.churchsuite.com/donate> and use drop down fund menu 'Turkish Earthquake Appeal'.

Pastoring

Please pray for:

Albert Green, Revd Jonny, Mervyn & Hilary Smylie,
Helen Osborne, Victor McCabe, Elizabeth Burns, Bob Ferris & Hannah Millar.

Revd Jim & Robina have settled well into Rylands Residential Home; they would like to keep up contact with our church family. Please consider dropping in for a 15 minute chat with them.

Since the start of the year, we have sadly lost three dear members of our church family. Please pray for the Wilson, Evans & Murr family circles at this difficult time.

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. Should you require a visit please contact Revd Jonny on 07808 479649.

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.**

Prayer Warriors Booklet.

The February edition of Prayer Warriors is available in both Churches, from the pastoral visiting team or the office.

Going deeper

Tuesday Bible Study.

Meeting again on **Tuesday 21st February at 2pm in Christ Church Hall**. If you would like to attend but find transport an issue, please contact David in the office. Revd Jonny is leading these fortnightly bible studies and looking at the topic of prayer.

UCB Bible Notes.

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

Easter Books.

Our virtual bookshop has been updated with a selection of books for the whole family. It's well worth a visit, just follow the link; you can even have a look inside the book before purchasing.

<https://www.thegoodbook.co.uk/bookstall/theunitedparish/>

Antrim Rural Deanery Services.

The Antrim Rural Deanery, **Lenten Midweek Services** start on Wednesday 22nd February at Templepatrick. Starting at 7.30pm, if you need transport, please contact the office.

The Marriage Course

The Church of Ireland Marriage Council is hosting an online Marriage Enrichment course from Alpha commencing 20th April. Whether you have been married 1 years or 60 years, why not sign up to be encouraged in your marriage. The course is online and free. Click on the link for more information and sign up.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/the-marriage-course-tickets-541197565487?aff=ebdssbdestsearch>

Shaping a new generation

Half- Term Break.

Sunday organisations in **St John's** will be taking a break this Sunday (**12th**)- activity packs will be in Church. Activities back to normal the following Sunday **19th**.

Christ Church Sunday organisations are on this Sunday (**12th**) but taking the half term break on the (**19th**) this includes Teen Bible Study & Sunday Schools.

Mission To Spain.

We are excited to have a team of ten going to Spain this summer. The weekly Team Training will be starting soon 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.

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 Baillie our Diocesan Youth Officer will be with us. As it's an evening Service, we thought it easier from P4 upwards.

Reaching Out & Welcoming in

Men's Night Out!

Bowling and food – what could be better. Friday 24th February at Airtastic, N'Abbey, 6.30pm, cost £11. Book using the link asap as numbers limited.

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

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 visitors teaching. As in previous years we will have our Dawn Service & Easter Celebration Services on Sunday 9th.

Pancakes- Shrove Tuesday.

On **Tuesday 21st February** we plan to serve pancakes/crepes to children and parents passing St John's from 8.15am-9.30am. We need a few more volunteers to help heat & serve. If you would like to take part & help please contact David asap.

Friday Fellowship.

The Fellowship Group will be meeting again at Christ Church Hall on **Friday 24th February at 11.00am**. We would love to see as many as possible for a chat, singing & refreshments.

Food Safety Hygiene & Training.

If you are involved in cooking or preparing food it's 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>

Partnering

CMSi Partnership Plan.

We will be launching our partnership plan covering the next few years of our link with UDP & TAF in Nairobi on **Sunday 5th March**. Over the last few years our ties have grown, and we wish to develop this partnership further- this is an exciting step forward.

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

Baby Basics-Items Required.

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.

Asda Green Token Scheme- Keep Voting!

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. **We are presently sitting in 3rd place!**

Hazaq Coffee-New Supplies arriving shortly.

So popular we are almost sold out again. Hazaq blend which seems to be the most popular arriving next week. All the proceeds from the sale of coffee 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 or in church.

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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