

# Sunday 19th 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.

## 19<sup>th</sup> February 2023

10.00am Christ Church  
Morning Prayer

11.30am St John's  
Morning Praise

## 26<sup>th</sup> February 2023

10.00am Christ Church  
Family Service

11.30am St John's  
Family Service  
& Baptisms

# For Your Attention

## Church Membership & Annual Meeting

Every year there is an opportunity to formally register as a member of the church, allowing you to have full voting rights at our Annual Meeting. The register of 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 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**

## Men's Night Out!

Bowling and food – what could be better. **Friday 24<sup>th</sup> February** at Airtastic, Newtownabbey, 6.30pm, cost £11. Book using the link asap as numbers limited:

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

## Pancakes - Date Change!

Due to the teachers' strike action on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup>, we now plan to serve pancakes/crepes to children and parents passing St John's from 8.15am-9.30am on **Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup>**. We need a few more volunteers to help serve. Please contact David asap.

## Antrim Rural Deanery Services

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

# Pastoring

## Please pray for:

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

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.

## 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.**

## Pastoral Visits

Many in our parish or relatives of members are presently ill, awaiting tests or surgery. Should you require a visit please contact Revd Jonny on 07808 479649

# 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. Rev Jonny is leading these fortnightly bible studies and looking at the topic of prayer.

## Easter Books

Our virtual bookshop has been updated with a selection of books for the whole family. It's well worth visiting, just follow the link.

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

The Lent Devotionals have almost sold out- we have one copy of 'Truly Truly I Say to You' remaining. The normal price is £8.99 we have been promoting these at a cost of £5.00. Contact Jonny or David if you would like this copy.

## The Marriage Course

The Church of Ireland Marriage Council is hosting an online Marriage Enrichment course from Alpha commencing **20<sup>th</sup> April**. Whether you have been married 1 year 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>

# Shaping a new generation

## Youth Fellowship

Youth Fellowship is back this Sunday evening (**19<sup>th</sup>**) from 7:00-8:30pm with a special pancake themed evening. All invited but be prepared for a 'bake-off' challenge!

## Half-Term Break

Sunday organisations in **St John's** as normal this **Sunday (19<sup>th</sup>)**.

**Christ Church** are taking the half term break on the **19<sup>th</sup>** - this includes Teen Bible Study & Sunday Schools. Activity packs will be in Church.

## Mission To Spain

We are excited to have a team of ten going to Spain this summer. Our team meetings will commence each Sunday afternoon from 3pm in St John's commencing **26<sup>th</sup> February**. For more details, please get in touch with Rev Jonny 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 3<sup>rd</sup> April at 7.00pm** when Christina Baillie our Diocesan Youth Officer will be with us. As it's an evening Service, this is open to children P4 and upwards.

# 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

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 will meet at Christ church Hall on **27th Feb at 2.30 pm**. Our guests this month will be Hugh and Olive Spence who will talk to us about their time in Africa as missionaries and their journey to our parish.

## Friday Fellowship

The Fellowship Group will be meeting again at Christ Church Hall on **Friday 24<sup>th</sup> 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 20<sup>th</sup> March at 6.30pm**. Full details & booking using the following link:-

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

# Partnering

## 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'.

## 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 5<sup>th</sup> 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. 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.

# 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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