

Sunday 26th 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.

26th February 2023

8.30am Christ Church
Holy Communion

10.00am Christ Church
Family Service

11.30am St John's
Family Service
& Baptisms

5th March 2023

10.00am Christ Church
Holy Communion

11.30am St John's
Holy Communion

For Your Attention

CMSi Partnership Launch

On **Sunday 5th March** we will be launching our new partnership plan covering the next few years of our link with Tujisaidie in Nairobi. Our guest preacher will be Revd Roger Thompson.

Antrim Rural Deanery Services

The Antrim Rural Deanery, **Lenten Midweek Services** continue this **Wednesday, 1st March** at Gartree Parish, 97A Largy Road, Crumlin BT29 4RS Starting at 7.30pm.

Newcomers Welcome Night-Friday 3rd March

Many new folks have recently joined our Church family. We want all of you to know how welcome you are, and therefore we are having a Welcome night on Friday 3rd March at Paul & Leanne's home, starting at 7.30pm-4 Ballycorr Heights, Ballyclare BT39 9ZT. Please book in at <https://theunitedparish.churchsuite.com/events/qkz9wqhm>

Commissioning Service

Ken Chiaji from our congregation will be commissioned as a Parish Reader on Sunday 12th March in St John's. The guest preacher will be Revd Peter Jones. Please come along and support Ken & his family.

Pancake Giveaway

Thank you to everyone who helped prepare and serve pancakes to children & parents on Wednesday. We made 250 people incredibly happy and even a dog sampled the produce!

Connor Connections

The latest copy of the Diocesan Magazine is available this Sunday.

Pastoring

Please pray for:

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

Weekly Prayer Meetings

Why not join us on Monday mornings @ 10.30am in St John's or on Thursday evenings in Christ Church Hall @ 7.30pm.

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

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 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>

Going deeper

Walk Through The Bible - Tickets now on sale

Do you feel at times that you don't understand bits of the Old Testament? Rev Jonny has arranged for an organisation called Walk through the Bible to come and host a virtual tour through the Old Testament. Starting on the Friday evening, 16th June and then again on Saturday (17th) morning; this will be such an opportunity to learn & discover information from The Beginnings right through to the Prophets. Tickets cost £15 for the event or £20 to include lunch on Saturday. Children aged 11-17 go free as long as they are accompanied by an adult. Book and pay at

<https://theunitedparish.churchsuite.com/events/yle9c7xg>

Holy Week Services

We have an exciting line up of speakers planned for Holy Week, **Monday 3rd April- Good Friday**. We start on Monday evening in St John's at 7pm with Christina Baillie (Connor Youth Diocesan Officer) leading our Youth & Children's night. Over the week in Christ Church & St John's we welcome:-

- Dr Alan Wilson (Belfast Bible College),
- Steve Cave (Biblica)
- Rick Hill (PCI)

Shaping a new generation

Summer Madness

July seems far away but it will be upon us so quickly. We are in the process of securing 'early bird tickets' to keep the cost down.

This year the cost will be £60 which includes the event from Friday 30th June to Sunday 2nd July, along with Food & Transport.

Could we ask you to book asap so we know numbers:-

Bookings and more information can be found by using the following:

<https://theunitedparish.churchsuite.com/events/44ksowyn>

Exodus Mission To Spain

We are excited to have a team of nine young people going to Spain this summer. Our team meetings will commence each Sunday afternoon from 3pm in St John's commencing **26th February**. For more details, please contact Rev Jonny. Please pray for our young people and leaders in all their preparations.

Safeguarding Training – all leaders

If you are AccessNI cleared and involved in running or helping out at children's activities it will be **mandatory** for you over the next year (if you have not already attended a Diocesan Training event) to attend one. The next course to get booked on is:-Sunday 12 March 2023 at 3.00 pm in St Nicholas Church Hall, Lisburn Road, Belfast. If you wish to attend, please contact Revd Alan via email at: rector@holytrinitycarrick.org.uk

Reaching Out & Welcoming in

Mothers' Union

Mothers' Union will meet at Christ Church Hall on **Monday 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. **Everyone welcome including men!**

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>

Men's Breakfast

Always good to start Saturday with a good feed. Please join us on Saturday March 18th @ 8am for some food and fellowship in St John's.

Church Membership & Annual Meeting

The closing date to register as a new member of the church is approaching soon. Please use the forms at the back of church or from website <https://theunitedparish.org.uk/resources/forms/>. A review of all amendments will be carried out at the March Select Vestry meeting on 8th March 2022 at 7.30pm

In order to vote at the Annual General Meeting, you must be registered. You must demonstrate that you give to the church through a method that can be recorded (standing order, envelope or electronic donation).

The Annual Meeting will be held this year on Wednesday 19th April at 7:30 in Christ Church. This is an important year to fill positions in the parish but also in the wider Church of Ireland. Please attend.

Partnering

Turkish Earthquake Appeal! - Final Week

The earthquakes in Turkey over the last month have been truly shocking. We wish to get the funds sent via the Church of Ireland Bishop's Appeal as soon as possible. This is the final Sunday for collections – envelopes in church or 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'.

Baby Basics-Items required

Many thanks to everyone for their kind donations. As a result of everyone's generosity we currently do not need any more clothing. The items we 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 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
following way: - Lorraine Ogilby Hon. Secretary
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