

Sunday 12th March

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 March 2023

10.00am Christ Church
Morning Prayer

11.30am St John's
Morning Praise

19th March 2023 Mother's Day

10.00am Christ Church
Family Service

11.30am St John's
Family Service

For Your Attention

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.

Antrim Rural Deanery Services

The Service this coming week will be in our own Parish. Please come along to Christ Church in Ballynure on **Wednesday 15th @ 7.30pm.**

Men's Breakfast

Calling all men!- join us on **Saturday March 18th @ 8am** for some food and fellowship in St John's Hall. To help with numbers can you book in:-<https://theunitedparish.churchsuite.com/events/moxhrtg6>

Mother's Day

Next **Sunday (19th)** is Mother's Day. We will have family worship in both Christ Church & St John's along with gifts for all our mums.

Changes in St John's

St John's is very busy and buzzing on a Sunday morning- that's good news. As a trial measure we are introducing the following to accommodate all that is happening:-

-Refreshments will be served at front of Church in pulpit area.

-Prayer Ministry is available in the chancel area (behind communion rail) after the service.

Due to Health & Safety and the vast array of electrical equipment could parents make sure that the children refrain from playing the musical instruments in this area-many thanks.

-Creche will be in the carpeted area at the rear of church.

Pastoring

Please pray for:

Mervyn & Hilary Smylie, Agnes Kelly in hospital, Margaret Gilmore, Victor McCabe, Maisie Moore, Bob Ferris & Hannah Millar.

Over the last 10 days several people in our congregation have sadly died. Please remember in our prayers Georgina & Roy Rankin, Glenda, Colin, Caleb & Ethan James on the death of a father, grandfather and great-granda.

Pray for the family of the late Helen Osborne. Helen was a long-standing member of Christ Church. Please remember Corry, David & Janet at this sad time.

Pray for Yvette, Stephanie & David on the sudden death of Ross McDowell.

May all these families know the comfort & peace of the Holy Spirit at this time and over the weeks and months ahead.

Pray for Revd Jonny for physical & emotional strength as he deals with many pastoral issues in the Parish at this time.

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.

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 & free. Information & signup using the following link.

<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.org.uk/>

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)

Annual Theological Lecture at Queens

This year's lecture will be held on **Monday 20th March @ 6.30pm** in the Drama Theatre at Stranmillis College. The lecture will be given by Professor Trevor Cooling from Canterbury Christ Church University on the subject of 'The Church & Public Education'. More info using:- <https://connor.anglican.org/2023/03/06/annual-theological-lecture-at-queens/>

Shaping a new generation

Summer Madness- Book soon

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>

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@holyltrinitycarrick.org.uk

B.B. Displays

Everyone is invited to the displays which take place on the following dates: -

Anchor Boy's	Wednesday 29 th March
Junior & Senior Sections	Thursday 30 th March

Both nights have a 7pm start.

Great if you can make it to support the boys and leaders.

Reaching Out & Welcoming in

Food Safety Hygiene & Training

It is so important 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**. Details & booking:- <https://theunitedparish.churchsuite.com/events/arkin3xk>

Church Membership & Annual Meeting

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

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

Charity Trustee Training Sessions – Spring 2023

As we get ready to elect a new select vestry this is a good opportunity for existing and potential members of select vestries to attend Charity Trustee training to gain a better understanding of what the role involves. The presentation on charity trusteeship is run by Mrs Janet Maxwell and Mr Stuart Wilson from the RCB in Dublin on the following evenings:

Thursday 23 March at 7.30 p.m.

Wednesday 17 May at 7.30 p.m.

The zoom meeting lasts approx. 40 minutes and the codes to get access are Meeting ID: 834 7917 2751 Passcode: 125252

Friday Fellowship

Time for a catch-up, some singing, a biblical thought along with refreshments, please join us in Christ Church Hall at 11.00am on Friday 24th March.

Partnering

Turkish Earthquake Appeal

The earthquakes & devastation in Turkey have been truly shocking. Thank you to everyone who contributed towards the appeal. We are now able to send via the Bishop's Appeal the sum of **£2000**.

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
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