

# Sunday 19th 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.

## 19<sup>th</sup> March 2023 Mothering Sunday

10.00am Christ Church  
Family Service

11.30am St John's  
Family Service

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

8:30am Christ Church  
Holy Communion

10.00am Christ Church  
Morning Prayer

11.30am St John's  
Morning Praise

# For Your Attention

## Antrim Rural Deanery Services

The Service this coming week will be in All Saints, Antrim- Church Street BT41 4AE Please come along and join others from the local Deanery area on **Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> @7.30pm.**

## Important-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 20<sup>th</sup> March at 6.30pm.** Details & booking:- <https://theunitedparish.churchsuite.com/events/arkin3xk>

## School Uniforms-Recycling

We have a supply of Spring/Summer uniforms available for Fairview and Ballyclare Primary. St John's will be open on **Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> March** (Church)& **Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> April** (Hall) from 10.00am-12.00 noon for collections only, no donations presently needed. For more info contact Lorraine on 07799 876028 or Arlene on 07510 121517

## Challenge The Rector!

Revd Jonny is raising funds for the ministries in Nairobi and Tarragona (Spain)- this is not to fund the team but to go towards projects & ministries. Why not come up with a challenge that the rector can take part in.

## Ballyclare Churches Praying Together

This year the 24/7 theme is Hope in an Anxious World. The event is from **Wed. 5<sup>th</sup>-Fri. 7<sup>th</sup> April**, 6am-midnight at Greater Ballyclare Youth for Christ Centre. We are hoping that folk from our parish can man the prayer room or come and pray for an hour. You can book using the following link:

<https://signup.24-7prayer.com/signup/0d675f>

A Celebratory All Age service will be held in Ballyclare Presbyterian on **Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> April @ 6:30pm.**<sub>2</sub>

# Pastoring

## Please pray for:

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

It is hard to remember a time when we have had so many funerals in the Parish in such a short space of time. Please remember in our prayers the families of the late George Wilson, Helen Osborne, Ross McDowell, Margaret Gilmore & Jane Wilson. 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 **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 & 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, 16<sup>th</sup> June** and then again on **Saturday (17<sup>th</sup>) 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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)

### Easter Sunday

Easter Sunday is a momentous day to celebrate our Risen Lord. On Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> April we plan to have our dawn Holy Communion Service at St Augustine's Ballyeaston starting at 7.00am followed by breakfast in Christ Church Hall. Family Easter Celebrations will be at the usual times of 10.00am & 11.30am in Christ Church & St John's. **If you would like to help with breakfast please contact David asap.**

### Post Alpha Discipleship

We would love to help people understand their purpose in God's will by hosting Discipleship Explored 6-week course. Would you be interested in hosting and being a part of this team to lead this? If so please get in touch with the Parish Office.

# Shaping a new generation

## Summer Madness- Book before 30<sup>th</sup> March

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 30<sup>th</sup> June to Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> 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>

## B.B. Displays

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

Anchor Boy's	Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> March
Junior & Senior Sections	Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> March

Both nights have a 7pm start.

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

## Youth Fellowship

The next meeting of YF will be at 6.30pm on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> March in St John's Hall.

## Exodus Fund Raising Coffee Morning

Please join us on **Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> April** for coffee/tea and cake in St John's as the group raises funds for the summer trip to Spain.

# Reaching Out & Welcoming in

## 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 24<sup>th</sup> March**.

## Mothers' Union

The next meeting will be held on **Monday 27<sup>th</sup> March at 2.30pm** in Christ Church Hall. This month three of our members will be bringing a special item and telling us about 'My Favourite Thing'

We are collecting toiletries for Baby Basics at our meetings if you could bring one item for baby/Mum/Dad it would be much appreciated.

## Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting will be held this year on **Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> 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.

## Coronation of Charles III

During the week of **1-7<sup>th</sup> May** as a Parish we propose to hold a community style event on one of the days to mark this important occasion. As ever these events require planning and volunteers to help. **If you would like to be involved, please give you name to Revd Jonny or David asap.**

## Men's Night Out

More details to follow but please keep the date free, evening meal at the Namaste in Ballyclare, **Friday 28<sup>th</sup> April**.

# Partnering

## 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](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.

## CMSi

Partnership leaflets and quarterly magazines are on table at rear of both Churches if you haven't already received them.

## Release International- Hazaq Coffee

This month's batch has arrived. We have three bags of the Hazaq Blend for cafeterias in stock. The cost is £6.00 per 250gram bag, best before July 23. All proceeds go to work of Release International; the coffee is ethically sourced and tastes fabulous. Available in church this morning or contact 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  
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