

Sunday 26th 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.

26th March 2023

8:30am Christ Church
Holy Communion

10.00am Christ Church
Morning Prayer

11.30am St John's
Morning Praise

2nd April 2023 Palm Sunday

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For Your Attention

Antrim Rural Deanery Services

The last of the mid-week services during Lent, will be held this Wednesday in Connor & Kells (St Patrick's), 50 Parkhall Road, Antrim BT41 1BU. Please come along and join others from the local Deanery area on **Wednesday @7:30pm.**

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.

Serving in God's Church.

As a church family we are blessed to be able to offer so much to our community, reaching out with the good news of Jesus. All of this doesn't happen without people serving God's Church. In a few weeks' time we will have our annual meeting in which important roles within both churches need filled. We would ask everyone to prayerfully consider if they could serve as either of part of the welcome team on Sundays, or helping with the management of our properties. If these roles or others interest you, please speak with Rev Jonny.

Exodus Coffee morning-Sat 22nd April

The youth team that will be going to Tarragona, Spain in the Summer is looking to raise £3,000 to support the ministries out there. This money is not used to pay for the team's travel. To help raise money we are therefore hosting a coffee morning on **Saturday 22nd April in St John's Halls**

Pastoring

Please pray for:

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

Please pray for David & Martina McGuigan and family on the recent death of Martina's mother in Dublin.

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>

The Christian Institute

The Christian Institute is holding a series of meetings across Northern Ireland. They will be addressing a number of issues challenging Christians in the Province and throughout the UK.

The nearest venue to us will be in The Iron Hall Evangelical Church, 100 Templemore Ave, Belfast BT5 4FX on Friday 31st March @ 8:00pm.

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 & Easter Services

Full details of all the services on the Easter flyer- make sure you get a copy in church this morning or from the website.

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.

Ballyclare Churches Praying Together

This year the 24/7 theme is Hope in an Anxious World. The event is from **Wed. 5th-Fri. 7th 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 9th April @ 6:30pm.**

Shaping a new generation

Summer Madness- Book before 30th 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 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>

B.B. Displays-This Week

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.

Youth Fellowship

YF will be meeting this Sunday night (26th) @ 6.30pm in St John's Hall.

Reaching Out & Welcoming in

Mothers' Union

The next meeting will be held on **Monday 27th 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 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.

Coronation of Charles III

During the week of **1-7th 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 your name to Revd Jonny or David asap.

Men's Night Out

Evening meal at the Namaste in Ballyclare, **Friday 28th April 7:30pm**
Numbers limited please book in using the following link asap:

<https://theunitedparish.churchsuite.com/events/s72zzp51>

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 25th March** (Church) & **Saturday 1st 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

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 and selecting the store name, Ballyclare, from the drop-down box. You will be able to vote once every seven days.

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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 the Hazaq Blend for cafetieres 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
the Select Vestry you can contact them in the
following way: - Lorraine Ogilby Hon. Secretary
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