

# Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2023

**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.

**2<sup>nd</sup> April 2023**

**Palm Sunday**

10:00am Christ Church  
Holy Communion

11:30am St John's  
Holy Communion

**9<sup>th</sup> April 2023**

**Easter Sunday**

7.00am St Augustine's  
(Ballyeaston)  
Dawn Service

10.00am Christ Church  
All-age service

11.30am St John's  
All-age service

# For Your Attention

## Challenge Jonny!

We now have several challenges lined up for Jonny to raise funds for the ministries in Nairobi and Tarragona which he will be involved in this year. His challenges are 1) walk 10,000 steps every day of April 2) go for a cold water dip at Gleno waterfall 3) run a 5km park-run and 4) wear a Liverpool top at both Sunday services. If you want to see him do these, then donate at:-

<https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/Challenge-Jonny>

## Easter Events & Worship

We have great speakers and worship planned for Holy Week & Easter please join us at some of the following: -

Mon. 3<sup>rd</sup> St John's 7pm Young People's Worship (8+) Christina Bailie  
Tue. 4<sup>th</sup> Christ Church 7:30pm Steve Cave from Biblica  
Wed. 5<sup>th</sup> St John's 7:30pm Dr Alan Wilson, Belfast Bible College  
Thu. 6<sup>th</sup> Christ Church 7:30pm Rick Hill from PCI  
(Refreshments served at end of each Service)

## Good Friday

We are meeting at 9:30am St John's to pack the baskets of hot cross buns & eggs for distribution in Ballyclare & Ballynure.

In the afternoon starting at 2:00pm we will be open for a movie showing of the Gospel of John by LUMO- 'See the life of Jesus through one of his closest friends, John'.

At 7:30pm in St John's we will have a Good Friday service with Holy Communion.

## Easter Sunday

Join us for our Dawn Service, 7:00am, St Augustine's, Ballyeaston followed by Bacon Baps at the Rectory. If that's too early, then we have our Easter Celebration Family Services at Christ Church & St John's (normal times).

# Pastoring

## Please pray for:

Mervyn & Hilary Smylie, Victor McCabe, Gill Clayton, Maisie Moore, Ed Barton, Agnes Kelly & Roy Cleland in hospital, Bob Ferris & Hannah Millar. Please pray for David & Martina McGuigan and family on the recent death of Martina's mother in Dublin.

## Easter Holiday's

The Office will be closed from Monday 10<sup>th</sup> April- Friday 14<sup>th</sup> April. Revd Jonny will be on Annual Leave from Mon. 10<sup>th</sup>- Mon. 17<sup>th</sup> April. In the event of emergency pastoral care please contact Canon Derek Kerr 07828 772057.

## The Marriage Enrichment Course

Time is running out to book for the Marriage Enrichment course from Alpha starting on 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, no group discussions and will be led by Revd Jonny & Alison.**

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/the-marriage-course-tickets-541197565487>

## Holy Communion at Home

If you are housebound and would like a home communion from Revd Jonny, please arrange through David in the office.

## Week of Prayer

Every new term we commence with a week of prayer. After Easter we will be commencing our week of prayer on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April in Christ Church at 7:30pm. Wednesday evening (19<sup>th</sup>) is our Easter Vestry meeting, but we will commence that night in a time of prayer.

## Going deeper

### Walk Through The Bible – Remember to book

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/>

### Discipleship Course - would you like to help lead?

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. 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.**

# Shaping a new generation

## Summer Madness- Book before 2<sup>nd</sup> April!

We are planning to book the tickets this Sunday evening to take advantage of the early bird pricing. Parents from YF will have received an email reminder.

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

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

## Exodus Fundraising - Youth Mission to Tarragona

Please pick up a flyer in Church and support the team. We have events coming up on Sat 22<sup>nd</sup> April ( Coffee Morning) & Fri. 5<sup>th</sup> May ( Table Quiz) Donate at:-

<https://www.totalgiving.co.uk/mypage/adventureawaits48>

## Safeguarding Training

If you still need to complete your Diocesan Training please sign up using the details below: -

Monday 3rd April 2023 at 7.30 pm in All Saints Parish Hall, Railway Street, Antrim. If you wish to attend, please contact Stephen at [archdeacon@connor.anglican.org](mailto:archdeacon@connor.anglican.org).

## Safeguarding Trust

Just in case you didn't know, Revd Jonny and the Select Vestry are committed to upholding good practice in the parish's ministry with children & young people. Safeguarding is overseen by the Select Vestry and the Safeguarding panel. Should you have any queries or concerns please contact the safeguarding panel immediately :

Revd Jonny 07808 479649, Ms Ashleigh Reid 07732 053604 & Mrs Pat Craig 07584 929758.

# Reaching Out & Welcoming in

## Annual Church 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 your name to Revd Jonny or David asap.

## Men's Night Out - Book your place

Evening meal at the Namaste in Ballyclare, **Friday 28<sup>th</sup> April 7:30pm**  
Numbers limited please book in using the following link asap:  
<https://theunitedparish.churchsuite.com/events/s72zzp51>

## Women's Summer Walking Group

Time to get the walking shoes on – this starts again on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April 7:30pm from St John's. The men might need to start one after being at Namaste!

## 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.

# 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.

## CMS Ireland

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 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  
the Select Vestry you can contact them in the  
following way: - Lorraine Ogilby Hon. Secretary  
([logilby@gmail.com](mailto:logilby@gmail.com)) or Mobile 07588 039093

