

# Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> 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.

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

10.00am Christ Church  
Holy Communion

11.30am St John's  
Holy Communion

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

10.00am Christ Church  
Morning Prayer

11.15am St John's  
Morning Praise

# For Your Attention

## Antrim Rural Deanery Services

The Antrim Rural Deanery, **Lenten Midweek Services** continue this **Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> March** at Drummaul, Randalstown, 4 Church Road, Randalstown Co Antrim BT41 3AJ, Starting at 7.30pm.

## Commissioning Service

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

## Men's Breakfast

Please join us on **Saturday March 18<sup>th</sup> @ 8am** for some food and fellowship in St John's.

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

## Changes in St John's

Many of you know that St John's is very busy and buzzing on a Sunday morning. As a short term 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 worship band area 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:

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

Please remember in our prayers Georgina & Roy Rankin, Glenda, Colin, Caleb & Ethan James on the death of a father, grandfather and great-granda. May they know the peace & comfort of the Holy Spirit at this sad 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.

## 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 **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 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, 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)

# 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 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>

## 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](mailto: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 <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

YF is on this Sunday night (5<sup>th</sup>), 7pm-8.30pm. The theme is 'ticket to heaven' and there will be a banquet feast.

# Reaching Out & Welcoming in

## Church Membership & 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.

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

# 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 **£1900**.

## 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.

# 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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