

Sunday 21st May 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.

21st May 2023

10.00am Christ Church
Morning Prayer

11.30am St John's
Morning Praise

28th May 2023

10.00am Christ Church
Morning Prayer
Incl. Holy Baptism

11.30am St John's
Family Service

For Your Attention

Pastoral Cover & Services

Revd Jonny will be in Kenya from Friday 19th-30th May inclusive. All the Services will continue as normal except for the early morning (8.30am) Holy Communion service on Sunday (28th) which is cancelled. Pastoral cover is being provided by Canon Derek Kerr who most of us know. Canon Derek contactable by phone: -07828 772057.

Youth Mission Family Quiz night – 2nd June

Keep the date free- **Friday 2nd June- St John's Hall.** A Family Quiz Night followed by supper. Quizmaster: - the famous Jimbo McDowell. <https://www.totalgiving.co.uk/mypage/adventureawaits48> **pick up a leaflet in church this morning.**

Women's Breakfast

We are planning a breakfast in St John's Hall on **Saturday 10th June at 8.30am.** Please try and join us, for breakfast, chat & fellowship. Please book in using the link <https://theunitedparish.churchsuite.com/events/42ovicdp>

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, 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 if they are accompanied by an adult. Book and pay at

<https://theunitedparish.org.uk/>

Make sure you pick up an invitation in Church this morning. If you can book asap to give us an idea of numbers for catering.

Pastoring

Please pray for:

Please pray for Mervyn Wilson, Maisie Moore, Ed Barton, Bob Ferris, Winnie Mufakwadziya, Gill Clayton, Mervyn & Hilary Smylie, Victor McCabe. Agnes Kelly as she settles into Victoria Court Nursing Home in Carrickfergus.

Pray for Revd Jonny as he visits our partnership link in Nairobi from 19th-30th May. We are blessed that Jonny will have an opportunity to see at first hand the work that Antony, Isabella & Lois are doing. Pray for his health and safety and for Alison and the boys as Jonny travels.

Pray for Revd Roger Thompson as he returns home from his trip with CMSi to Burundi & Rwanda. If you are

Going deeper

UCB Bible Notes

The next quarters edition covering May, June & July is available in both Churches, from your pastoral visitor or Church Office. This is such a great daily devotional and its free! If you are in Carrickfergus on Saturday 20th May – drop into the Presbyterian Hall (Beside Fire Station), UCB are holding a coffee morning and cake sale to raise funds for UCB.

Summer Reading

We have just updated our virtual bookshop in conjunction with the Goodbook Company. Great selection of summer reads for all ages. Plenty of new titles covering many different themes. Why not pay a visit by visiting the link:-

<https://www.thegoodbook.co.uk/bookstall/theunitedparish/> If you have any problems ordering or for more information contact David in the office.

Mental Health & Your Church

Is life easy today? -absolutely not. How many of us struggle with mental health issues? -probably quite a few!

A new book has been launched by The Good Book Company which covers this area and was recently reviewed by Biblical Counselling UK.

<https://www.biblicalcounselling.org.uk/mental-health/mental-health-and-your-church/>

On an initial browsing this looks like a good read and would be useful for many of us in the Parish. If you would be interested in getting a copy please have a word with David, cost will be £7.00 per book.

<https://www.thegoodbook.co.uk/mental-health-and-your-church>

Shaping a new generation

Holiday Bible Club 2023

We are excited that 'Play it by Ear' will be with us again at this year's Holiday Club. The date this year will be **14th- 18th August** and the theme is **Jonah & The Whale**. If you would like to be involved in the preparations or help with crafts, music etc please give your name to Revd Jonny or David in the office.

Exodus Vision Night – Friday 9th June 7:30pm

Partnering with Exodus this year has been wonderful for our young people going to Tarragona. A Vision Night is being organised for all parents, youth leaders and Church leaders across Greater Ballyclare to hear about the possibilities for the future in our town. Book your place at <https://forms.gle/yeuc3ucXBgn9BxzL9>

Consent Forms – Important

If you are new to the Parish or just visiting and your children are attending Sunday School or any youth organisation, it's so important that a consent form is completed before the children attends. **No child can be left unless a consent form is completed. A supply of consent forms is held in both Churches.**

Safeguarding Trust

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

Screens @ Christ Church

On Sundays when we need to use the screen in Christ Church it is currently operated by Rev Jonny while he also leads the service. Volunteers are urgently required. Full training will be given- it's pretty straight forward. Please give your name to Christine or David in the office if you might be interested. Many thanks.

Can you Help?

The person who will be leading **Walk Through The Bible** will need a family to stay with on Friday 16th June, for one night. If you can help, please let David in the office know. Many thanks.

Partnering

Baby Basics-Update

We have received 37 referrals this year from the Northern Trust and various charities. We are delighted that Tiny Life and Monkstown Community Group have partnered with us and have already sent in their first referrals. Many thanks to all who donate to us so generously. We are well stocked at the moment **but currently need Moses baskets.**

Thank you to everyone who voted in the Asda Foundation Green Token scheme- we didn't get first place, but we received £300 towards the work of Baby Basics.

Release International- Hazaq Coffee

We have sold all our stock for this month, but we can order additional supplies for different coffee making methods and blends. The cost is £6.00 per 250gram bag. All proceeds go to work of Release International; the coffee is ethically sourced and tastes fabulous. Why not visit the website <https://www.hazaqcoffee.com/> or contact David.

Christian Aid Week

If you can help with the annual Christian Aid appeal to give aid to people in Malawi it would be appreciated. Donation envelopes are in both churches from this Sunday. If you wish to donate could these be returned by the end of the month please, many thanks.

CMSI

CMSI Collection boxes and quarterly magazines are available in both churches. If you need more information, please contact Bert Rea in St John's.

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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