

Sunday 28th 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.

Sunday 28th May 2023

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| 10.00am | Christ Church
Morning Prayer
Incl. Holy Baptism |
| 11.30am | St John's
Family Service |

Sunday 4th June

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| 10.00am | Christ Church
Holy Communion |
| 11.30am | St John's
Holy Communion |

For Your Attention

Pastoral Cover & Services

Revd Jonny will be returning from Kenya on Tuesday 30th. Have a look at our Church Facebook page for updates on Jonny's visit. It will be exciting to hear at first hand what is happening with our link partners. Pastoral cover for the next few days 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

Please join us on **Friday 2nd June at 7.30pm in St John's Hall**. A Family Quiz Night followed by supper. Quizmaster: - the famous Jimbo McDowell. Pick up a leaflet in church this morning for all the info. If you have a team gathered that's good news, if you are on your own or not enough to make up a team **just turn up and we will sort one**.

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

Women's Breakfast

We are planning a breakfast in St John's Hall on **Saturday 10th June at 9.00am**. 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? We have 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/>

Use the link below to find out more

https://www.bible.org.uk/wtb_adult_events.php#promo-videos-section

Pastoring

Please pray for:

Please pray for Mervyn Wilson, Maisie Moore, Ed Barton, Bob Ferris, Winnie Mufakwadziya, Gill Clayton, Mervyn & Hilary Smylie, Victor McCabe.

Pray for Revd Jonny as he travels home from our partnership link in Nairobi. We are blessed that Jonny will have seen at first hand the work that Antony, Isabella & Lois are doing.

Give thanks for Revd Roger Thompson's safe return home from his recent trip with CMSi to Burundi & Rwanda.

Important to pray for Jonny & Roger as they return, for they will have seen extreme poverty but also will have witnessed the Holy Spirit at work, giving hope and help.

Monday 29th May

Bank Holiday on Monday, Church office will be closed.

Going deeper

Summer Reading

We have just updated our virtual bookshop in conjunction with the Goodbook Company. Excellent 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-Ordering this week

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 an informative 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>

Mid- Week Holy Communion

Holy Communion will be on this week as normal at 12.00 noon. Revd Peter Jones will be taking this service in Jonny's absence.

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

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.

Services In June

Hard to believe that summer is almost here. We have the following services in June: -

Sunday 4 June	Holy Communion
Sunday 11 June	Morning Prayer/ Morning Praise
Sunday 18 June	Family Service Father's Day

Sunday 25 June Family Service & Children's Gift Day

Please join us on the 25th for our end of term Family Service. The Children in both Christ Church & St John's will be receiving a gift from their Sunday School/Club leaders.

At 1.00pm please join us in the Rectory grounds for our Family Fun afternoon & BBQ. We will have the Bouncy Castles & Activity Run, Slushy and Pop Corn Machines. All we ask you to do is bring yourselves and family along with a rug and chair. We will provide the BBQ & Drinks- any salads or deserts bring your own or some to share. If we get terrible weather, then we will have the event in St John's Hall. Plans are coming together- if you can help, please contact David asap. Many thanks.

Bridging Across Cultures

If you are interested in finding out the basics of Islam, Arabic Culture and how to **bring our neighbours the good news of Christ**. An event is being held in Glenabbey Church, Sunday 3rd June 9.30am-12.30pm. For more info contact Sophie Wilson or click on the link: - <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/bridging-across-cultures-tickets-619683198127?aff=ebdssbdestsearch>

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.**

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.

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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