

# Sunday 30th 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.

## 30<sup>th</sup> April 2023

8.30am Christ Church  
Holy Communion

10.00am Christ Church  
Family Service

11.30am St John's  
Family Service

## 7<sup>th</sup> May 2023

### Coronation Celebration

10.00am Christ Church  
Holy Communion

11.30am St John's  
Holy Communion

# For Your Attention

## Services-30<sup>th</sup> April & 7<sup>th</sup> May

This Sunday (30<sup>th</sup>) in both Christ Church & St John's we have our Coronation Family Service when we look at the area of 'What it means to be King'.

On Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May we will have a Coronation Service incorporating Holy Communion. After the Service, please join us for Coronation Cake and Refreshments in either Christ Church or St John's.

## Commissioning Service-CMSi

Revd Jonny is heading to Kenya to our CMSi Partnership in Nairobi for 10 days. It is so important that we ask for the power of the Holy Spirit to guide, protect and be with Revd Jonny as he travels. Part of our worship on **Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> May** we will have an Act of Commissioning- please try and attend for this important service in both churches.

## 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 **14<sup>th</sup>- 18<sup>th</sup> 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.

## N.I Church Survey

The Evangelical Alliance are doing a survey of the Church in Northern Ireland and they would love to obtain as many responses as possible. Could you please take about 10 minutes to complete the questionnaire by following the link below, Many thanks.

<https://ea.typeform.com/to/Xllj4hll>

# Pastoring

## Please pray for:

Please pray for the following family circles who have sadly lost loved ones in the last fortnight: - McNeill's, Winton's and Chase families. May they all know the comfort of the Holy Spirit at this sad and challenging time.

Please also pray for Victor McCabe, Maisie Moore, Ed Barton, Agnes Kelly, Roy Cleland, Bob Ferris, Mervyn Wilson, Gill Clayton, & Mervyn & Hilary Smylie.

Pray for Revd Roger Thompson as he travels to Burundi & Rwanda shortly. Pray for Fiona & the family that they know the comfort of the Holy Spirit & also for Roger's safety & wellbeing.

## Holy Communion at Home

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

## Staff Leave

The Church Office will be closed this Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May. Revd Jonny will be travelling to London, Monday & Tuesday for the Alpha Leadership Conference. Please pray for a safe journey & course. Jonny can be contactable in cases of pastoral emergency.

## 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 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.**

### UCB Bible Notes

The next quarters edition is available in both Churches, from your pastoral visitor or Church Office. This is such a great daily devotional and its free!

### Parish Giving

What is it that motivates you to give to the church? Is it because you think it gives you a better standing with God? Is it to support the expenses of running a parish? Would it surprise you that whilst we so appreciate those that give, we are more interested that you give because you desire to express your heartfelt gratitude to God for what he has done for you. At our recent AGM the Treasurer, Lawrence Stanford highlighted that presently 25% of our registered parish, -100 households give nothing to God's work in our parish. We recognise that the current economic climate is difficult for everyone, however the Treasurer showed that for every £1 we receive from parishioners, we are spending £1.05, and that is after careful budgeting. We would ask everyone to consider their current giving to the Lord. This is not to be seen as putting pressure on people to give but if you wish to increase your FWO please speak in confidence to our Hon Treasurer Lawrence Stanford (07743 316400) or collect forms from the church or from our website. Thank you.

# Shaping a new generation

## Youth Mission Family Quiz night – 2<sup>nd</sup> June

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

## Sunday School & Youth Leaders needed

As we approach the end of another busy year for our children's & youth programmes, we need to think ahead to September. If you would be interested in helping out at Christ Church or St John's please have a chat with Revd Jonny or any of the existing leaders.

## Exodus Vision Night – Friday 9<sup>th</sup> 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 attend. **No child can be left unless a consent form is completed.**

## 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

## Challenge Jonny!

Several challenges have been 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 parkrun 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>

## Screens @ Christ Church

We would like to use the screen a little more often in Christ Church. A rota seems the best solution (like St John's). 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.

## Women's Summer Walking Group

Time to get the walking shoes on -meeting Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May 7:30pm from St John's. Due to Bank Holiday on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May- walking shoes can take a break, no walking that night.

## Social Media

We would like someone to oversee the updates to our Facebook page which occur regularly through the week. Can you give a small amount of time to this?

# Partnering

## Baby Basics-Items required

We have received 32 referrals this year from Northern Trust staff and various charities. A huge thanks to all who have donated to us as this allows us to continue to help needy families. In the last week we have received 2 donations from organisations outside of our parish - the Larne Christians Against Poverty Debt Centre and The Hygiene Bank, Ballymena. The Hygiene Bank donates to us on a regular basis; if anyone would like to contribute to their work, they now have donation points in Ballyclare in Boots North End and Boots The Square. **The main items we need at the moment are the smallest sizes of baby clothing as we have now partnered with Tiny Life.**

## 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

We have the Ethiopian & Indian blends 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 ([logilby@gmail.com](mailto:logilby@gmail.com)) or Mobile 07588 039093

