



Sunday 11th June 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 11th June

10.00am Christ Church
Holy Communion

11.30am St John's
Holy Communion

Sunday 18th June Father's Day

10.00am Christ Church
Family Service

11.30am St John's
Family Service
& Holy Baptism

For Your Attention

Volunteers BBQ-Thursday 15th June

If you help in the Parish in any way, please come along this Thursday night at 7.30pm for a BBQ at the Rectory. We are blessed to have such a dedicated group so bring yourself, spouse/partner, and children.

Last Call!

This is a brilliant opportunity to find out more about the Old Testament. We have arranged for an organisation called Walk through the Bible to come and host a virtual tour through it. Starting on the **Friday evening, 16th June** and then again on **Saturday (17th) morning**. Tickets cost £15 for the event or £20 to include lunch on Saturday. Children aged 11-17 go free if an adult accompanies them. Book and pay at <https://theunitedparish.org.uk/>
https://www.bible.org.uk/wtb_adult_events.php#promo-videos-section

Children's Gift Day & Summer BBQ

Please join us on the **25th June** for our end of term Family Service. 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. If you could bring salads or desserts that would be brilliant. If we get harsh weather, then we will have the event in St John's Hall. **Sign-up sheet in both churches-see the wardens!**

Holiday Bible Club 2023

We are excited that 'Play it by Ear' will be with us again at this year's Holiday Club. The dates 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. **We have a meeting planned this Monday night 12th June at 7.30pm in St John's to discuss plans, so please come along.**

Pastoring

Please pray for:

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

Please pray for Antony, Lois & Isabella in Nairobi, Kenya. Revd Jonny's recent visit has highlighted many needs for prayer and support.

Holy Communion at Home

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

Prayer Warriors – Summer Edition

We would encourage everyone to be praying regularly for the mission of our parish. The Summer Edition of the Prayer Warriors leaflet is available now and will guide you on the issues that we would appreciate your prayerful support.

Going deeper

The Secret Place- Summer Reading

Always good to have a selection of reading material. Alison from The Secret Place Shop in Ballyclare has put together a table of books which cater for us all. Some of these items can be bought right away or ordered. The books are available on that table at the back of St John's on Sunday's- nothing like the real touch of a book and reading the first few pages! Contact David for more information.

If you wish to browse during office hours Mon/Wed/Fri- please drop in- you might even get coffee & biscuits as well!

Mums' Night Out

Care for the Family are having this night out in Belfast at Dundonald Elim on Wednesday 8th November 7.30pm- 10pm. Effective well-being tools, stories and laughs all for £6 if you book before 19th September. Follow the link for more details: -

https://www.careforthefamily.org.uk/events/tourevents/mums-night-out/?utm_source=Campaign+Monitor&utm_medium=Email&utm_campaign=MNO+autumn+23+TI+STD

Shaping a new generation

Youth Fellowship

No YF this Sunday night (11th). On Sunday 18th June we are planning a visit to the Ice Bowl for Ice Skating & Bowling. Leaving St John's at 6:30pm and returning at approx. 9pm. Cost will be £8.00 plus some money for McDonalds. For more information contact Andrew on 07950 846621. Book in using the following link:

<https://theunitedparish.churchsuite.com/events/ln9llaht>

Exodus Commissioning Service

As Exodus teams begin final preparations for going away this Summer, a Commissioning Service has been arranged for **Saturday 17th June at 7:15pm** in Wellington Presbyterian Church, Ballymena. Please consider coming along to pray and support our church youth team.

Summer Madness

A few places are still available at the end of this month/early July. If you are interested in going, please contact Andrew Brannigan asap.

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

Using Church equipment

If you are taking any items from the church, for example, projector, mics & stands, speakers, tents, BBQ, it is particularly important that these are booked via the office. This is for several reasons the main one being – **if someone else needs them we need to know where they are or who has them.**

Ballynure Presbyterian

Ballynure Presbyterian will be 300 years old in a couple of weeks. As an integral part of the celebrations the church is having the Clare Chorale taking part in a Celebration Praise Service on **Sunday 11th June** at 7.30pm, everyone welcome.

Women's Walking Group

Great weather for an evening stroll. Time to get the walking shoes on. Meeting at St John's **Monday night, 12th** @ St John's Church, 7:30pm.

Thank You

Thank you to a few of the parishioners who have been tidying up the outside of both Christ Church & St John's- it makes a vast improvement. We have a few elderly parishioners who could do with a little help with light gardening eg putting bark down and weeding. If you can help, please contact David asap. Thank you.

Partnering

Baby Basics-Update

Many thanks to all who donate to Baby Basics. We have received 41 referrals this year from the Northern Trust and various charities. We are well stocked at the moment but would welcome donations of **hooded baby towels, Moses basket sheets, cot sheets and toiletries for Mum and baby.**

Release International- Hazaq Coffee

New supplies will be arriving shortly, please remember we can order additional supplies for different coffee making methods along with a section of blends; Hazaq, Ethiopian or Indian. 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.

CMS Ireland

Now that Rev Jonny has returned from his visit to Tujisaidie & Tumaini in Nairobi, he is keen to provide people with information on our mission partnership. If you would like him to speak at one of your group meetings (Mothers' Union, Small groups etc) please get in touch to arrange.

The summer edition of the CMSi magazine is available in both Christ Church & St John's. Please take a copy in order to keep up to date with the work of the Society overseas. Alternatively click on the link: - https://www.cmsireland.org/_files/ugd/40aba3_d97326cdb22e4a05ad5b85d0fbb18e53.pdf

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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