



Sunday 4th 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 4th June

10.00am Christ Church
Morning Prayer

11.30am St John's
Morning Praise

Sunday 11th June

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Holy Communion

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For Your Attention

Change to Sunday Services

Revd Jonny has tested positive for Covid during the week. Therefore we are swapping the service this morning (**4th**) to Morning Prayer/Praise & next Sunday (**9th**) we will have Holy Communion. Apologies if this leads to any confusion but it is better to be safe.

Walk Through The Bible – Remember to book

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**. 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 www.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 bad weather, then we will have the event in St John's Hall. If you can volunteer with preparations please use the sign-up sheet 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 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 5th June at 7.30pm in St John's to discuss plans, so please come along.** ²

Pastoring

Please pray for:

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

Give thanks for Revd Jonny's & Roger's safe return after visiting various parts of Africa. It is important to pray for them for they will have seen extreme poverty but also will have witnessed the Holy Spirit at work, giving hope and help.

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

Mid-week Holy Communion

Holy Communion will be on this week as normal at 12.00 noon. Revd Jonny is back safely from Africa and will be taking the service.

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 from this Sunday- nothing like the real touch of a book and reading the first few pages! Contact David for more information.

Mums' Night Out

Covid prevented many things from happening. I'm just glad we are almost back to some normality.

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

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.

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 with hosting ?

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.

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>

Using Church equipment

If you are taking any items from the church, for example, projector, mics & stands, speakers, tents, BBQ, it is very 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.

Contacting the Office

We are blessed to have David as our Parish Administrator. You can contact him during his working hours of 9am – 1pm.

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.

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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