



Sunday 23rd July 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 in praise, hearing God speak to us, sending us out equipped for the week ahead.

This Sunday

10.00am Christ Church
Morning Prayer

11.30am St John's
Morning Praise

Sunday 30th July

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For Your Attention

Holiday Bible Club - August 2023

We are quickly approaching this year's holiday bible club which runs from **14th-18th August**. We would appreciate all parishioners collecting the following items to help with our daily crafts. Please bring them into church where a box will be left to deposit into

- Bottle corks
- 500ml clear plastic bottles
- Empty Toilet rolls

This year's Club is for children in years **P1-P7**, and the theme is **Jonah & The Whale**. Places are limited so please make sure to book asap using the following link.

<https://theunitedparish.churchsuite.com/events/6i0mm2wa>

Youth Mission Tarragona

The youth team have now left for Tarragona, Spain and will serve there for the next 10 days. At home you can be part of this mission by praying for them. Please pick up a prayer bookmark in church or why not join the Team's WhatsApp group to get regular prayer updates.

Follow this link on your

phone <https://chat.whatsapp.com/ByjhdzGidxIKUOFTImOucf>

Here are some general points for prayer:

- Pray for team members Jonny, Rachel, Emily, Beth, Caleb, Cameron, Jamie, Sophie & Cara that God would use them in an incredible way in their service.
- Pray for team safety in travelling and in all activities. Pray that each member will be protected with good health.
- Pray for the church of Iglesia Christians Unida de Valls that the team will be serving in, and for Pastor Victor in his ministry within Tarragona.
- Pray for the children and youth that will attend the outreach events, and that many will come to know the Lord Jesus as their saviour.

Pastoring

Please pray for:

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

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.

Services During July/August

Our Services during July/August will be normal Morning Prayer & Morning Praise in respective churches. We plan to have Holy Communion on the first Sunday in August (6th). Mid-week Holy Communion services will recommence in early September.

Pastoral Cover

Whilst Revd Jonny is taking the Youth Team away to Tarragona, for pastoral emergency please contact Revd John Farr on 07808 399579

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!

UCB Bible Notes

The next quarters bible notes starting August are available in both St John's (New stand opposite 'Secret Place display' & Christ Church. Copies can also be obtained from your pastoral visitor or David in the office.

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 Surfing & Fishing

We have an exciting weekend planned up the North Coast. Leaving St John's on Friday 25th August (afternoon) and staying the night at one of the church halls in Portrush before arriving back on Saturday evening. It's open to all young people aged 11 and over - places limited to 24 so book quickly. Book using the following link: -

<https://theunitedparish.churchsuite.com/events/jdnx3lek>

Cost is only £45 ... and that includes Surfing from Portrush Yacht Club and Fishing with Causeway Boats. Transport, food (breakfast and lunch only on the Saturday) and accommodation are also included.

For further information please contact Andrew Brannigan on 07950 846621.

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

Sound Team in St John's

We are seeking to recruit a team to support the sound in St John's every Sunday. This is a vital ministry. If you could serve in this way, please contact Rev Jonny.

Partnering

Baby Basics-Update

Many thanks to everyone who donates to Baby Basics which has enabled us to help **51** families this year. To continue to support needy families we would appreciate donations of the following items – Size 1 Nappies.

The new mobile unit has been installed behind Christ Church Hall.

CMS Ireland- Important Update!

Please pray for sanity and peace to prevail in Nairobi and other major Kenyan cities, where demonstrations and riots are currently causing chaos. The protests are being encouraged by former prime minister Raila Odinga who claims that the elections earlier this year were unfair, and that President Ruto is not listening to his concerns. They are also being fuelled by the cost-of-living crisis brought about by the three-year drought, the war in Ukraine and the rise of basic prices like flour, sugar and cooking oil. Earlier this month the government doubled VAT on petrol from 8% to 16% increasing the cost of transport as well as the production of goods.

Last week, according to the BBC <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-africa-66244862> at least 14 people died in protests - 10 of whom were shot dead by police, while in another incident more than 50 children were admitted to hospital after tear gas was fired into their classroom in Nairobi. To protect the children, the Government has responded by closing all Primary and Secondary Schools in Nairobi and Mombasa counties today (19 July), with a review of the situation tomorrow.

Antony says they are grateful there have not been many skirmishes in Kayole/Soweto so far, but Lucy says there is tear gas in the air. Louise is staying home with her family, and they are all doing ok - adding, "My prayer request is that the President and the opposition leaders should dialogue together for the benefit of our country and that our leaders will seek wisdom from God to lead and put Kenya first." Latest newsletter attached with sheet & also available in Church.

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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