



# Sunday 30th 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 6<sup>th</sup> August

10.00am Christ Church  
Holy Communion

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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

- 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>

## New Horizon, Ulster University, Coleraine 5<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> August

Every year we are blessed to have a Christian event that offers a great opportunity during Summer to be refreshed and recharged in the Lord Jesus. New Horizon is a 7-day festival providing space for thousands of people and children to be taught from the bible, and be inspired by worship and story, developing a missional heart and engage in relevant and challenging issues. The event is entirely free due to the contributions of many supporters.

Rev Jonny encourages us all to take time to be filled during the summer so that we can be strong witnesses into a new term. For more detail go to [www.newhorizon.org.uk](http://www.newhorizon.org.uk)

## Back to School Sunday – 3<sup>rd</sup> September

This Family Service gives the whole church an opportunity to hear from parishioners at how they have served the Lord and been fed by him during the Summer. After the morning services we will gather together as a church family for refreshments. Each child as they go back to school will also be provided with resources useful for the school term.

# 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.

## Pastoral Cover

Whilst Revd Jonny is taking the Youth Team away to Tarragona, for pastoral emergency please contact Revd John Farr on 07808 399579  
**Revd Jonny will be back this coming Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> August.**

## 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 8<sup>th</sup> November 7.30pm- 10pm. Effective well-being tools, stories and laughs all for £6 if you book before 19<sup>th</sup> 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](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 25<sup>th</sup> 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.

## School Uniforms

The school uniform scheme is open this coming week on Monday night 7pm-9pm & on Wednesday 10am-12 noon. If your child/teenager needs uniforms, please pop along, and see the team we have a great selection of uniforms (in great condition) which are available **free of charge**.

## Hazaq Coffee

We have just received fresh supplies of coffee from Release International. It's still only £6.00 per bag. A bargain compared to what's in the Supermarkets, great taste and all the proceeds go to help the work of Release International. Available in St John's on a Sunday Morning or from the office on a Mon, Wed or Friday.

## Walk Through the Bible

This event was an enormous success earlier in June. We still have a few items left for sale if you missed out getting them on the Saturday morning. Please contact David for more information.

# 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 - toiletries for Mum, Dad and baby, cot sheets and size 1 nappies. Baby clothes in neutral colours for age 0 - 3 months and 3 - 6 months would also be appreciated.**

Please pray for the Baby Basics team as we will be busy during the summer moving into our mobile unit.”

## 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.

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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