

# Sunday 13th August 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 20<sup>th</sup> August 2023

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Morning Prayer

11.30am St John's  
Morning Praise

# For Your Attention

## Ordinand Placement

As part of their training in the Church of Ireland Theological Institute, all ordinands are required to organise training placements.

Andy Brooking will be coming to the parish for 10 Sundays between Sept - November to gain experience.

Here's a little more detail about him.

“Originally from Devon, I came to faith in my mid-20s while living in London, where my wonderful wife Joy, who went to Ballyclare High, played (and still plays) a significant role in encouraging my journey. We have two teenage daughters, Niamh and Orlaith. Five years ago, we felt the Lord ask us to move to Northern Ireland, and we currently live in Ballymoney. I am in my second year of study at CITI, training for Ordained Ministry. I have been a TV producer for over 20 years, but my calling to a new vocation is exciting and brings many blessings. I am really excited and look forward to meeting you all in September.”

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

This Family Service is now a firm date in our church calendar every year. It's a wonderful opportunity to hear from parishioners at how they have served the Lord and been fed by him during the Summer. Please pick up a leaflet in church this morning and invite a friend. To give us some idea of how much food to order would you please book in using the following link: -

<https://theunitedparish.churchsuite.com/events/5z7dpiiy>

## Save the Date-Church Weekend

Every two years we take the opportunity as a church family to have a weekend away. Our 2024 Church weekend will be held on 2-4 February in the Kilbroney Centre, Rostrevor. We will have guests joining us for the weekend; leading our worship and teaching. There will also be a full youth & children's programme. Save the date in your diary now and watch out for more information.

# Pastoring

## Please pray for:

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

## Save the date – Week of Prayer

Every new term we start with a Week of Prayer. Keep the evenings of the Monday 4<sup>th</sup>- Friday 8<sup>th</sup> September free-more details to follow.

## Holy Communion at Home

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

## Thank You

Thank you to everyone who prayed for the Exodus team in Spain. Please pray as Revd Jonny considers how this positive relationship with Exodus can be developed for future teams.

## 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- make sure you pick up a copy.

The next quarters bible notes which started in 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.

### Small Groups

Our small groups will be starting back in September. We have 8 meeting at various times during the week and evenings- offering bible study, support, care for each other and fellowship. It is so important as a member of the parish to try and be available to join one. You can find out more by visiting:-

<https://theunitedparish.org.uk/ministries/growing-disciples/small-groups/>

# Shaping a new generation

## Youth Surfing & Fishing- Fully Booked.... but!

The Youth trip to the North Coast at the end of August is fully booked however if you would still like to go, please contact Andrew Brannigan on 07950 846621 asap.

## Sunday School Leaders

Shaping our children is vitally important for every parent, but even more important is their spiritual growth. To assist in this, the church needs more Sunday school leaders. Could you help by being part of a rota? If so, contact Rev Jonny.

## 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 I Help?

In Church, this morning with the wardens is a list of jobs that need done at the Rectory, St John's & Christ Church. Some of these jobs are serving in various ministries or doing light work about our premises which belong to God – we are mere custodians. God gives us all talents and we can serve in many different ways-please sign up for something.  
**Thank you.**

## Save the Date

In this year of King Charles' coronation, we have invited Canon Derek Kerr to give a talk on the history of the Royal Family, Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November, 7:30pm, Christ Church Hall.

## School Uniforms

The school uniform scheme is closed this coming week on **Monday 14<sup>th</sup> & Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup>** due to Holiday Bible Club being on. We have a great selection and will be open again on **Monday 21<sup>st</sup> & Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup>**. 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.

# 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

If you are interested in the work of CMSi and mission, then the Ignite Annual Conference is the event to attend on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> & Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> September. Full details by using link:

<https://www.cmsireland.org/ignite>

Copies of latest quarterly newsletter available now 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.**

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