

Sunday 27th 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.

Sunday 27th August 2023

10.00am Christ Church
Morning Prayer

11.30am St John's
Morning Praise

Sunday 3rd September 2023

10.00am Christ Church
Family Service

11.30am St John's
Family Service

Join us after the Service in
St John's for Family fun afternoon

For Your Attention

Ordinand Placement

Andy Brooking will be with us for 10 Sundays between Sept - November to gain experience. Please welcome Andy his wife Joy and daughters Niamh & Orlaith into the Parish.

Please Join Us On Sunday 3rd September.

Christina Baillie (Youth Officer for Connor Diocese) will be our guest speaker at our Back-to-School Sunday on **3rd September**. This service provides the entire church with an opportunity to hear the stories of how members of the congregation have been serving God over the summer. Please pick up a leaflet in church this morning and invite a friend. BBQ etc in St John's starting 12:45pm.

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 – Week of Prayer

Every new term we start with a Week of Prayer. We will be starting in St John's on **Monday 4th September at 7:30pm** and alternating between St John's & Christ Church each night. During the week we will be focusing on a different area of Church Ministry. It is so important to communicate with our Lord and ask for the power of the Holy Spirit to bless, direct & guide us.

Fellowship Fridays

Our monthly fellowship will start again in Christ Church Hall on Friday 29th September at 11:30am. Please join us for a time of fellowship along with refreshments and a catch up. **Most important- if you need transport and would like to attend, please contact your pastoral visitor, Sophie, or David in the office.**

Pick up a leaflet in Church this morning giving all the dates to Christmas – why not give one to a friend.

Pastoring

Please pray for:

Please pray for Margaret Parkinson, Maisie Moore, Ed Barton, Bob Ferris, Winnie Mufakwadziya, 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.

Change of Date!

Due to the **3rd of September** being back to school Sunday, the monthly Holy Communion Services in Both Christ Church & St John's will be held at the usual times on **Sunday 10th September** instead.

Tuesday Bible Study @ Christ Church

The Bible Study group will start meeting again on **Tuesday 12th September at 2pm** in Christ Church Hall. Revd Jonny will be leading the group and new members are always very welcome. The study is pitched at a level which is suitable for us all.

Bank Holiday

The office will be closed this Monday (28th). Revd Jonny contactable for pastoral emergencies.

Going into Hospital or ill

If you are going into hospital, have been admitted or ill, please contact Revd Jonny as he doesn't always know details.

Going deeper

Small Groups

Our small groups will be starting back in September week commencing **Monday 11th September**. We have 8 meetings 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/>

Mid-Week Communion

Mid-week Holy Communion will recommence after the summer break on **Wednesday 6th September at 12 noon**. This is an ideal opportunity to take 30 minutes away from the busyness of life to take part in a short service and reflection based on a Lectionary reading.

Genesis Art & Craft Fellowship

As a church community that loves a creator God, we wish to create a safe and welcoming space to encourage and develop people's God-given talents, through artistic discovery, skill development & creative communication.

Are you 18+ and interested in developing your existing art or craft skill or would like to learn a new one? If interested, join us for an initial meeting on **Sat 2nd September @ Christ Church Hall, Ballynure at 10am**. To gauge numbers, please let David know in the office.

Shaping a new generation

Consent Forms 2023/24

The new year/term is about to start. If your children/youth are attending our Sunday Programme, then it is most important that a consent form is completed. We have made a few changes to the form which can be found and completed using the following link: -

<https://theunitedparish.churchsuite.com/forms/inuv4mrc>

Due to our Safeguarding policy no child can attend a group without a consent form being completed. Consent forms are also available from the office or in Church.

Save the Date

The Annual Boy's Brigade Enrolment Service will be held on **Sunday evening, 22nd October at 6.00pm**. All BB boys from all the sections should attend with their families.

Exodus Teams-Summer Celebration

An evening for team members, parents, and supporters to hear about, celebrate and give thanks for our summer teams. **Saturday 2nd September in Greenisland Presbyterian 7pm-8pm.**

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. If you have any 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?

We still have a few jobs/ministries on the list that circulated a few weeks ago in church. If you can help, please chat to the wardens or David.

Royal Bits & Pieces

Canon Derek Kerr will be hosting an evening called 'Royal bits & pieces' on **Friday 10th November 7.30pm** in Christ Church Hall, Ballynure. Derek is a wealth of information on the Royal family, and with his stories and memorabilia that will be a great night to invite friends and family. A supper will also be included. Book your place at: - <https://theunitedparish.churchsuite.com/events/ljnjl n l f> or contact David in the office.

Using the Halls

Organisations using the hall will start again from Sunday 10th September. Revd Jonny encourages all church-based groups to attend the week of prayer which is happening the week before (see note on page 3).

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 **2nd-4th 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.

Parish Visitors

We have a pastoral visiting team that in conjunction with Revd Jonny try to regularly visit about 70 parishioners. This number is ever growing. **If you have a little time and would be interested in visiting a few folk please contact Revd Jonny to discuss.**

Partnering

Baby Basics-Update

Many thanks to everyone who donates to Baby Basics which has enabled us to help **52 families** this year. In order to continue to support needy families we would appreciate donations of the following items - **toiletries for Mum, baby and cot sheets. Outfits in neutral colours for age 0 - 3 months and 3 - 6 months would also be appreciated.**

Please continue to 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 22nd & Saturday 23rd 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.**

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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