



Sunday 6th 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
Holy Communion

11.30am St John's
Holy Communion

Sunday 13th August 2023

10.00am Christ Church
Morning Prayer

11.30am St John's
Morning Praise

For Your Attention

Holiday Bible Club -Don't forget to book!

We are quickly approaching this year's holiday bible club which runs from **14th-18th August**. This year's Club is for children in years **P1-P7**, and the theme is **Jonah & The Whale**. **Places are filling up fast so please make sure to book asap using the following link.**

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

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

New Horizon, Coleraine 5th – 11th 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

Back to School Sunday – 3rd 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 at St John's Hall for a fun filled afternoon- BBQ, Bouncy Castles & games. In order 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>

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.

Save the date – Week of Prayer

Every new term we start with a Week of Prayer. Keep the evenings of the Monday 4th- Friday 8th 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.

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.

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 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.

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 just about fully booked however if you would still like to go please contact Andrew Brannigan on 07950 846621 asap.

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 10th November. Exact time & location to follow.

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.

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 21st & Saturday 22nd 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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