


# Sunday 29th October 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

08:30am Christ Church  
Holy Communion

10.00am Christ Church  
Family Service with  
Holy Baptism

11.30am St John's  
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## Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> November

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# For Your Attention

## Mums' Night Out – Please Consider Signing Up!

Care For The Family are running a series of night outs in N. Ireland. We have block booked 6 tickets at an early bird price of £6- bargain! The event is on **Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2023, 7:30pm** at Dundonald Elim. Contact Alison on 07973 709261 for more info.

## Royal Bits & Pieces

Canon Derek Kerr will be hosting an evening called 'Royal bits & pieces' on **Friday 10<sup>th</sup> 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.

## Remembrance Day Services

Our Remembrance Day services will be held in both Churches on **Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> November** at the normal times.

## Memorial Service -Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> November

On this evening at **6.30pm in St John's** we will be holding a service to remember all our friends and family who over the years have sadly left us. The guest speaker for the evening will be Pauline Wilson from Bridge Counselling Craigavon. Please consider coming along on that evening or invite a friend who you know will find this beneficial.

## Social Media- Can you Help?

If you have a talent for creating posts on Facebook – the church could use your skills to keep the Church Facebook page updated. A few posts every week of a creative nature- if you can help have a word with Revd Jonny or David

# Pastoring

## Please pray for:

Pray for Liz McConnell, Meta Robinson & Eileen Green recovering after hospitalisation, along with Margaret Parkinson & Anne Irvine.

Continue to pray for Maisie Moore, Bob Ferris, Mervyn & Hilary Smylie, Victor McCabe & Anna Mitchell.

Please continue to pray for Deane Coulter our former Treasurer and wider family circle on the recent death of his wife Merle who many of us will have known. May Dean and family know the comfort of the Holy Spirit at this sad and challenging time.

Devastating news over the last couple of weeks in the Middle East, please pray for peace and for families who have lost loved ones.

## UCB Bible Notes

The next quarters notes covering **November, December & January** are available in both churches, from your pastoral visitor or church office. This is a great daily devotional and free!

## Going deeper

### Please return soon- Investing in the future

These leaflets have been available in church over the last few weeks. To aid planning for 2024 could you please return these by the end of next month, -(Nov), many thanks.

**God has blessed us greatly in the past few years, and we are excited with where he is taking us next.**

**Be a part of the future.**

### Genesis Art & Craft Fellowship Exhibition

The group will be holding their first exhibition on **Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> November** in Christ Church from 10.00am- 12.30pm.

Light refreshments available along with small Christmas Craft items for sale.

### Advent Devotional

This year's devotional is called The Advent of Glory by R C Sproul. It contains 24 short devotionals along with a prayer for each day of advent. We have 15 copies so they will be snapped up quickly.

Copies available from David for £5.00.

# Shaping a new generation

## Exodus 2024

It's safe to say that the trip during July to Spain was a great success. Time now to think about 2024. If you would like to be part of the team going, please have a word with Revd Jonny.

## Safeguard Training- Next Date 23<sup>rd</sup> Oct.

All Church-based Youth & Children's Leaders must demonstrate they have received Diocesan safeguarding training in this past year. If you have not received training the following dates are available: -

15 <sup>th</sup> Nov	All Saints Antrim, Ven. Stephen McBride:	<a href="mailto:archdeacon@connor.anglican.org">archdeacon@connor.anglican.org</a>
23 <sup>rd</sup> Nov	St Nicholas's, Carrick Revd Chris St John:	<a href="mailto:christopher.stjohn@btinternet.com">christopher.stjohn@btinternet.com</a>
27 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Glebe Hall, Ballyrashane, Revd Amanda Adams:	<a href="mailto:aeadams@hotmail.co.uk">aeadams@hotmail.co.uk</a>

Sessions start at **7pm.- last approx. an hour** Please email the contact as per above to advise that you plan to attend and let David in office know that you have attended so we can update our records.

## Child Safeguarding.

The safety and wellbeing of all children in our parish is very important. For information on how we care for our young people, go to the Safeguarding page on our website

<https://theunitedparish.org.uk/about/safeguarding/>

## Confirmation Classes

If anyone would be interested in Confirmation, please contact Revd Jonny

# Reaching Out & Welcoming in

## Parish Christmas Night Out- Are you Going??

Always good to have a Christmas bash at the start of December. We have booked 2 nights out; one for men and women at the Brothers Restaurant in Ballyclare. The dates are: -**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> Dec. (Women)** & **Wed. 6<sup>th</sup> Dec (Men)**. The booking links are as follows: -

<https://theunitedparish.churchsuite.com/events/jpswr4zp> (Women)

<https://theunitedparish.churchsuite.com/events/ula4lv3d> (Men)

**Could we ask you to book as soon as possible as the restaurant have asked us for a £10 booking fee for each person, deducted from bill.**

**For any more details contact Alison or David.**

## Car Parking at St John's – Good News!

Ballyclare Primary School have very kindly offered St John's the use of their car parking facilities on Sunday mornings. This will help with the current issues of parking around the church.

We are just finalising details and will hopefully be operational very soon.

We have several parishioners who will be marshals directing parking and leaving each Sunday.

**If you would like to be part of a team on a rota for this, please let David know in the Parish Office or leave details with wardens.**

## Request for China Cups & Saucers

Don't worry- these aren't needed for afternoon tea at harvest!

Laura & Sandra are working on a special project- if you have any spare ones could you give them a call or just leave them in the Church Office. Many thanks.

# Partnering

## Thank You

Thank you to everyone who attended and helped at our recent Harvest Afternoon Tea. Great afternoon of chat, good fun & treats. In just a few hours we managed to raise **£500 for Macmillan Cancer & £225 towards parish funds.**

## Blythswood -Shoe Box Appeal

These Christmas gift boxes make such a difference to adults & children in Eastern Europe. The boxes need returned by **Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> October** to each church.

Alwyn & Trish Tweed are coordinating this year's appeal for more information contact **Alwyn on 07733 238175.**

## Baby Basics

Many thanks to those who have donated to Baby Basics. We have received 72 referrals this year, your support has enabled us to help many families. We really appreciate everyone's support, but we are currently so well-stocked that, presently, we can't accept any more stock.

If anyone is interested in joining our team, please feel free to have a chat with **Hilary (07740 869671)** or **Frances (07791 249025).**

## Release International- Hazaq Coffee

New fresh supplies of coffee have arrived in Church. Available at rear of St John's or David in the office. **£6.00 per bag** with all proceeds going to help the work of Release.

**I plan to do an order for Christmas – if you would like to order bags of beans, filter or cafetiere quality from the Hazaq, Ethiopian or Indian ranges please let me know by Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> November in order that it arrives in time.**

# 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  
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