


# Sunday 28th January 2024



**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 (28<sup>th</sup>)

08:30am Christ Church  
Holy Communion

10.00am Christ Church  
Family Service

11.30am St John's  
Family Service

## Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> February

11.00am St John's  
Morning Prayer  
Joint Service

# For Your Attention

## Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> February Joint Service in St John's

As the staff will be away at our Parish weekend, there will only be **one joint service** that morning in **St John's Ballyclare**. This will commence at the earlier time of **11.00am**. No Service will be held in Christ Church, but it is recommended that those folk who won't be at the weekend meet in St John's. No Children's programmes will operate that morning.

## Rural Deanery Services

Hard to believe that Lent is almost here and the start of our Rural Deanery Services. These are always a fantastic opportunity to meet others, visit different churches and listen to weekly teaching as we journey towards Easter. Details below

Wed. 14 <sup>th</sup> February St Saviour, Kells	Revd Ian Magowan
Wed. 21 <sup>st</sup> February Templepatrick	Revd Jeremy Mould
Wed. 28 <sup>th</sup> February, St John's Ballyclare	Revd Jonny
Wed. 6 <sup>th</sup> March, Muckamore	Revd Derek Harrington
Wed. 13 <sup>th</sup> March Antrim	Ven. Stephen McBride
Wed. 20 <sup>th</sup> March, Kilbride	Revd John McClure

All services start at 7.30pm, this year's theme is 'Grounding', refreshments after each Service.

## Who was St Patrick?

On Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> March we have planned an event in conjunction with 'Play it by Ear' & our Diocesan Children's Officer to hold an event in St John's. Find out who was St Patrick along with some craft making. The event is aimed at Primary School Children & Families  
Exact times to follow shortly.

# Pastoring

## Please pray for:

Pray for Robina Stewart in Massereene Manor. Anne Irvine & Bertha Haugh in hospital.

Continue to pray for Liz McConnell, Mervyn & Hilary Smylie, & Anna Mitchell & Winston Jenkins.

## Prayer Warriors

The February edition of Prayer Warriors is available in both Christ Church & St John's and from your pastoral visitor. Please pick up a copy and continue to pray for Revd Jonny, organisations & community. This little booklet contains many prayer requests which we don't have space to include in the weekly sheet.

# Going deeper

## Theology Ireland – event with John Ortland

Said or sung, memorised, or quoted, the Psalms universally have shaped Christian thinking, living, and devotion. They plumb the depths of humanity and reach the heights of God's sovereign faithfulness. Theology Ireland are hosting a series of 4 sessions from 29<sup>th</sup> Jan – 9<sup>th</sup> Feb 2024 with speaker John Ortland, a prolific writer and theologian from the US. For more information go to <http://www.theologyireland.com/>

## Save the Date!

It's quite a while away- good to get it into your diary.



## UCB Bible Notes

The next quarters edition (Feb, March, April) is now available in both Christ Church & St John's and from your pastoral visitor. This is a free daily devotional, - a short inspirational thought to start the morning or at bedtime.

Margaret Bowers who looks after UCB in N. Ireland will be talking to us about the work of the charity later in April.

# Shaping a new generation

## The Battles Young Christians Face Seminar

The date is a little downstream but good to get booked. Ray Ortlund from America will be talking and encouraging teenagers on how to deal with some of these battles. This is a free event on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2024 from 8-10pm at 1 Cadogan Park in Belfast BT9 6HG and is hosted by Theology Ireland. Booking via the link: <http://www.theologyireland.com/youth>

## 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

## Register of Vestry Members & Easter Vestry

The Register of General Vestry members will be **open for the month of February for review and addition**. Anyone who would like to register as a new member of the church can use the forms at the back of church (residents for those living inside the parish boundaries or accustomed for those living outside the parish boundaries) or from our website: <https://theunitedparish.org.uk/resources/forms/>

A review of all amendments will be conducted at the March Select Vestry meeting.

**Please pick up our new Vestry leaflet ‘What’s it all about then?’ in church this morning.**

# Partnering

## Baby Basics

Thank you to everyone's continuing generosity. During 2023 we have been able to support 90 families. Presently we are so well stocked that we cannot take any further donations at this time.

## CMSi-Quarterly Magazine

The winter edition of 'Inmission' is available in both churches. Packed with information & facts about global mission.  
**Please pick up a free copy.**

## Release International- Hazaq Coffee

New coffee supplies have arrived at the office. All proceeds go to the work of Release International, £6.00 per bag- available from David or at the back of St John's.

# 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 ([logilby@gmail.com](mailto:logilby@gmail.com)) or Mobile 07588 039093

