


Sunday 11th February 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

10.00am Christ Church
Morning Prayer

11.30am St John's
Morning Praise

Sunday 18th February 2024

10.00am Christ Church
Morning Prayer

11.30am St John's
Morning Praise

For Your Attention

This Sunday

Stephen McIlroy from Release International will be our guest teacher this Sunday in both Churches. It will be great to get an update on the work of Release as they help Christians who are persecuted worldwide.

Rural Deanery Services

Lent starts this week and so do the 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.

Wed. 14th February St Saviour, Kells

Wed. 21st February Templepatrick

Wed. 28th February, St John's Ballyclare

Wed. 6th March, Muckamore

Wed. 13th March Antrim

Wed. 20th March, Kilbride

Revd Ian Magowan

Revd Jeremy Mould

Revd Jonny

Revd Derek Harrington

Ven. Stephen McBride

Revd John McClure

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

Pick up a card in church this morning giving all the details.

Who was St Patrick?

Time to find out on **Saturday 16th March** in St John's Church & Hall. Play it by Ear Drama Company will be performing their St Patrick's Show and Connor Children's Council will be providing crafts and activities in the halls. There is also a colouring competition which children can take part in by printing, colouring and bringing along the colouring sheet. (Attached or from Church) Everyone who takes part will get a prize and the overall winner will be announced on Facebook after the event.

Shows will be at 11am and 1pm and booking is required.

Each show will be followed by crafts and games in the hall.

Pick up a leaflet in Church this morning.

Pastoring

Please pray for:

Pray for Robina Stewart in Massereene Manor. Anne Irvine in hospital. Bertha Haugh, Winston Jenkins & Eileen Green who are recovering at home after hospitalisation.

Liz McConnell will be returning home shortly after successful hip procedure, pray for healing and recovery.

Continue to pray for, Mervyn & Hilary Smylie, & Anna Mitchell.

Pray for all the close family and relatives of the late Stella Ferguson who died recently may they know the comfort of the Holy Spirit at this sad time.

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

Save the Date!

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



Information is starting to trickle through for the above event. In the meantime, if you wish to find out more, please visit the following link: <https://www.cief.church/1st>

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.

World Day of Prayer 2024

This year it is the turn of the United Parish to host the World Day of Prayer which will focus on Palestine. Please join us on **Friday 1st March 2024 in St John's Hall @7:30pm** for the annual service written by the ladies of the Christian Church in Palestine. This year we will have a café church; such a wonderful opportunity to join others from our community for fellowship, reflection, and prayer.

Shaping a new generation

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

New Irish Youth & Senior Youth Choirs

They will be holding a summer residential at Ganaway Activity Centre from 27th July-1st August. Auditions opened on 31st January and are now fully booked but they are operating a waiting list. If you are interested in singing in either of these choirs, please visit the following link: -

<https://www.newirisharts.com/youth-choir>

Half Term Holiday's

JAM & Lighthouse @ St John's will be taking a half term break on **Sunday 11th February** and returning on **Sunday 18th** at normal time.

Christ Church Sunday Schools & Teenage Bible Study will also be taking a break on the **11th** and returning on **18th**.

Activity packs will be in Church on the **11th February**.

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.

Christ Church BBC Radio Ulster Service

On **Sunday 3rd March 2024 at 10.00am** BBC Radio Ulster will be broadcasting the morning service from Christ Church. It would be good and important to have a good turnout from the parish at this service-raise the roof with the singing!

Munch on Mondays

We have received substantial funding from Antrim & Newtownabbey Council to allow us to provide additional food to the community. For a short period commencing **Tuesday 20th February** we would therefore like to open the food table on some additional days during the week. We need 2 people each morning to man the table for approximately one hour or less. If you would like to help, you can sign up at the end of the service on Sunday or, alternatively, contact Frances on 07791 249025.

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 will be arriving shortly, last batch has sold out.

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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