


# Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> 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 (4<sup>th</sup>)

11.00am St John's  
Morning Prayer  
Joint Service

## Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2024

10.00am Christ Church  
Morning Prayer

11.30am St John's  
Morning Praise

# For Your Attention

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

Please remember only **one joint service** this Sunday 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.

## Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> February

Stephen McIlroy from Release International will be our guest teacher next 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 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.

Wed. 14<sup>th</sup> February St Saviour, Kells  
Wed. 21<sup>st</sup> February Templepatrick  
Wed. 28<sup>th</sup> February, St John's Ballyclare  
Wed. 6<sup>th</sup> March, Muckamore  
Wed. 13<sup>th</sup> March Antrim  
Wed. 20<sup>th</sup> 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.

## 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.

Liz McConnell is also in hospital and through her hip operation, pray for healing and recovery.

Continue to pray for, Mervyn & Hilary Smylie, & Anna Mitchell. Also, Winston Jenkins & Eileen Green who are recovering at home after hospitalisation.

Pray for all the close family and relatives of the late Stella Ferguson may they know the comfort of the Holy Spirit at this sad time. Stella was a lifelong member of Christ Church until her health deteriorated over the last number of years. The funeral will be in Christ Church on Wednesday.

## 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.



## 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

## Youth Fellowship trip to Cinema

YF are going to the cinema & McDonalds for eats this Sunday night (4<sup>th</sup>). All the information and booking details can be found on the following link:

<https://theunitedparish.churchsuite.com/events/yvvnfwlm>

## 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 27<sup>th</sup> July-1<sup>st</sup> August. Auditions opened on 31<sup>st</sup> 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 11<sup>th</sup> February** and returning on **Sunday 18<sup>th</sup>** at normal time.

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

Activity packs will be in Church on the **11<sup>th</sup> 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.**

# 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

