


Sunday 3rd March 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
(Radio Ulster Service Live
Broadcast)

11.30am St John's
Holy Communion

Sunday 10th March 2024

10.00am Christ Church
Morning Prayer

11.30am St John's
Morning Praise

For Your Attention

Christ Church BBC Radio Ulster Service

Come to Christ Church on Sunday at **9.30am** for our **10.00 am** Service. BBC Radio Ulster will be broadcasting our morning service. It would be good and important to have a good turnout from the parish at this service-raise the roof with the singing!

We must be seated for 9:30am

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. 6th March, Muckamore

Wed. 13th March Antrim

Wed. 20th March, Kilbride

All services start at **7.30pm**, this year's theme is 'Grounding',

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

Revd Derek Harrington

Ven. Stephen McBride

Revd John McClure

Services at Easter.

Monday 25th March

Youth & Children's Service, St John's 6.30pm
'The Story of Easter'

Maundy Thursday

Agape Meal & Service, St John's 7pm

Good Friday

Holy Communion, St John's, 7pm

Easter Sunday

Dawn Service 7am St Augustine's B'Easton
Followed by B'fast in Christ Church Hall

10.00am & 11.30am Easter Sunday Celebration
in Christ Church & St John's

No organisations should meet during Holy week unless approval sought from Revd Jonny.

Pastoring

Please pray for:

Pray for Winston Jenkins, Anne Irvine, & Betty Robinson in hospital. Bertha Haugh, Eileen Green & Liz McConnell who are recovering at home after hospitalisation. Continue to pray for, Mervyn & Hilary Smylie, & Anna Mitchell.

Pray for Liz & David Metcalfe & family circle on the very recent death of Liz's brother, Dennis. May the families have the comfort of the Holy Spirit at this sad time.

Prayer Warriors

The March edition of Prayer Warriors is now available in both churches and from your pastoral visitor, please pick up a copy- more can always be printed!

Ill or in Hospital

If you are ill, going or taken into hospital or require a pastoral visit please contact Revd Jonny or David in the office know.

Gift Ministry

Thank you to the generosity of folk donating their beautiful china cups & saucers. We have been able to repurpose them into candles. If you know of anyone in the Parish who would welcome a gift, after a bereavement or lengthy illness, please contact Laura or Sandra in St John's.



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>

Shaping a new generation

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.

The following Diocesan link will take you to the booking page:-

<https://connor.anglican.org/event/patricks-story/>

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

Pick up a leaflet & colouring sheet in Church this morning.

Safeguarding Training

A further series of Safeguarding Trust training sessions have been organised for across Connor Diocese in the period from April 30 to June 27. This training is for clergy, staff and volunteers who have not undergone safeguarding training in the last three years. **It's compulsory if you are involved with children in the parish to complete this training.**

- 30 April 2024 – Ballyrashane Gebe Hall at 7pm – Canon Amanda Adams
- 8 May 2024 – St Nicholas', Carrickfergus, at 7pm – Rev Chris St John
- 21 May 2024 – Holy Trinity, Carrickfergus, at 7pm – Rev Dr Alan McCann
- 20 June 2024 – Derryvolgie, Lisburn, at 7pm – Rev James Boyd
- 24 June 2024 – St Bartholomew's, Stranmillis, Belfast at 7pm – Canon Kevin Graham
- 27 June 2024 – Antrim Parish Centre, Antrim, at 7pm – Ven Dr Stephen McBride

All registration requests for these events should be emailed to David McGrory, Connor Safeguarding Trust Compliance Officer, at davidmcgrory@connordiocese.org

Reaching Out & Welcoming in

Register of Vestry Members & Easter Vestry

The Register of General Vestry members has now closed after being open for the month of February. A review of all amendments will be conducted at the March Select Vestry meeting.

Our Annual Easter Vestry (AGM) will be held in April. We would encourage parishioners who are on the register to please join us at our AGM. We have produced a new leaflet **‘What’s it all about then?’ in church this morning.**

Munch on Mondays

The food table is open on Fridays for a limited period from **Friday 23rd February to Friday 22nd March**. If you know of anyone who would benefit from this ministry, please let them know that free food will be available outside St John’s from 11.00am

Help Required – Holy Week

To help with our Easter outreach & services we need a few volunteers. A sign-up sheet is in both churches or contact David in the office.

Needed: -

1. Monday help & preparation along with refreshments
(This is a Youth Service so help from parents & those with creative skills would be appreciated)
2. Help with Agape meal on Maundy Thursday.
3. Help with Hot Cross Bun giveaway on Good Friday.

Partnering

CMSi- News

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

-**CMSI Zoom Prayer Room** event on Wed 6 March from 1pm – 1.45pm where Tujisaidie leaders will be speaking - register at <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0vcuusqT0jGNfEPsOwODrZDIzFbUst5zPu#>

- **CMSI Shine at CITI in Dublin** on Sat 23 March 10.30am – 3pm. An opportunity to meet other CMSI members, hear inspiring stories of Mission and to take part in the AGM – free lunch is provided, and lifts are available from Belfast. <https://www.cmsireland.org/shine> - Contact rogerthompson@cmsireland.org or Mob 07754684662

“Hands Out” Children’s Resource 2024 – Free Resource for Churches, Sunday Schools, Schools and other Children’s Groups. Focus on Refugees with Bible teaching, age-graded lessons, videos, crafts, service outline etc. info at <https://www.cmsireland.org/childrens-resource>

Release International- Hazaq Coffee

New supplies will be arriving shortly. Available at back of St John’s or Church office. The cost is £6.00 per bag with all proceeds going to the work of Release International.

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) or Mobile 07588 039093

