



# Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> April 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  
Holy Communion

11.30am St John's  
Holy Communion

## Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> April

10.00am Christ Church  
Morning Prayer

11.30am St John's  
Morning Praise

# For Your Attention

## Annual Church Meeting – everyone welcome

Our Annual Church Meeting will be held this week: -

**Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> April in St John's Church at 7.30pm.**

This is perhaps one of the most important events in our church calendar. Our desire is for everyone to join us to celebrate what God has been doing, and what our hopes are for the future.

If you need creche or child minding to attend, please let us know and we will facilitate this.

**Please pray that people will come forward to take up important roles in the church for the coming year – we need Wardens to open the Churches on Sundays, and we will need a new Honorary Secretary for the Vestry to look after minutes of the monthly meeting, and we need someone who would oversee the properties at St John's.**

# Pastoring

## Please pray for:

Please pray for the family of the Ann Irvine, that they may know the comfort and peace of the Holy Spirit at this sad and challenging time. Ann was well known in St John's and attended faithfully until recently due to her health deteriorating.

Pray for Isabel Scott, Winston Jenkins, Betty Robinson, Bertha Haugh, Liz McConnell who are recovering after hospitalisation. Continue to pray for Anna Mitchell along with Laura & Ryan (relatives of Anna). Also pray for Michael & Lorraine Ogilby

## Pastoral Visiting

Please remember that Rev Jonny is very willing to visit you at any time. Simply contact him or the Parish Office, and he will arrange a time that suits you.

## Prayer Warriors

Copies of the April/Easter edition are still available in both Christ Church & St John's and from your pastoral visitor.

# Going deeper

## Small Groups

Small Groups start meeting again during this week. If you don't belong to a group why not consider joining one. Full details can be obtained from the website link:

<https://theunitedparish.org.uk/ministries/growing-disciples/small-groups/>

# Shaping a new generation

## Exodus 2024

This year 12 people are going on an Exodus Youth mission team to Tarragona in Spain. Over the next few months a few fundraising events will be organised to support the costs which Exodus incur in running the overall mission. None of the fundraising goes towards the costs of the individuals within the team.

To start our fundraising, Rev Jonny is setting himself the challenge of walking 1 million steps starting April 1st and finishing no later than June 30th. He is also inviting people to walk with him any day. Just get in touch via his mobile. If you wish to support him, go to: - <https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/1millionsteps> or if you would like to donate by cash or cheque please do so via the Parish Office.

# Reaching Out & Welcoming in

## Kintsugi Hope

We have our new course starting this Monday (15<sup>th</sup>) in **St John's at 7.00pm**. We still have a couple of places available; if you would like to attend or find out more, please contact Frances on 07791 249025 or Liz on 07779333286

## Mothers' Union-April News

Mothers' Union members have a busy couple of days in April!

Firstly, we will be joining with members from the whole Diocese of Connor, our Diocesan President Mrs Sally Cotter, and Diocesan and All Ireland MU Chaplain The Ven Dr Stephen McBride at St Anne's Cathedral on **Sunday 21st April** for our Annual Festival Service. Our speaker will be Mrs June Butler MBE All Ireland President.

Please join us on **Monday 22nd April in Christ Church Hall at 2.30pm** for our monthly Branch Meeting 'A Right Royal Afternoon'. Canon Derek Kerr who is no stranger to us will be entertaining us with his collection of Royal Memorabilia and the stories behind them. We have invited our local Mothers' Union Branches along with ladies from the neighbouring parishes.

For further information please contact Vera Jones on, 07714 286684

# 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.**

## UCB Coffee Morning

UCB are having a Coffee Morning & Cake Sale in First Carrickfergus Presbyterian Memorial Hall (beside Fire Station), on **Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> May, 10.00am-12.30pm**. All proceeds go to the work of UCB (Producers of The Word for Today).

# 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

