

# Sunday 28th 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

8.30am Christ Church  
Holy Communion

10.00am Christ Church  
Family Service

11.30am St John's  
Family Service

## Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2024

10.00am Christ Church  
Holy Communion

11.30am St John's  
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# For Your Attention

## This Sunday

This morning is Family Service in both Churches. Tim Burns will be continuing with the teaching series on Road Signs- 'Road Works' Philippians 2:12-18.

## St John's Carpark

St John's carpark will be closed until further notice due to maintenance. Please use alternative parking if using the halls. Apologies for any inconvenience caused.

## Holiday Bible Club: Monday 19<sup>th</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup> August

This year we plan to run our Holiday Bible Club - 'All Stars' in August. As in previous years we plan to hold the club in the mornings, and the team from 'Play It by Ear' will be with us.

We now need to build a team to help: Volunteers each day to help with the programme, welcome teams, set builders, arts & crafts Helpers, etc. We are having a meeting on **Wednesday 15th May in St John's Hall at 7.30pm** to plan the event. Please come along and join us, or to discuss further have a chat with Revd Jonny or David.

# Pastoring

## Please pray for:

Pray for Sharon Ames recovering after recent hospitalisation.

Pray for good health for Isabel Scott, Winston Jenkins, Betty Robinson, Bertha Haugh, Liz McConnell, and Hilary Smiley. Continue to pray for Anna Mitchell along with Laura & Ryan (relatives of Anna). Also pray for Michael & Lorraine Ogilby, along with Jean Smyth.

## 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.

## UCB -Word For Today

The next quarters devotional covering May, June & July is now available (free of charge) in both churches and from your pastoral visitor.

# Going deeper

## New Irish Arts- 30<sup>th</sup> Birthday Concert



The New Irish Orchestra which a number of our parishioners are members of are holding their 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary concert in the Waterfront Hall on 28<sup>th</sup> September. Tickets are almost sold out. We have managed to secure 10 Tickets (great seats) for this special night. Join us as we enjoy the New Irish Choir and Orchestra, fabulous Youth Choirs and special guests including Laura Story from Nashville. The Tickets are priced at £30 each and are available from David in the church office.

## Serving

Several weeks ago, Revd Jonny preached about 'Serving' from Romans 12 and the blessing that comes when all parts of the body of Christ serve together. A list of many ways in which all of us can help within the church is available from the back of both churches. If you would like to serve, then get in touch with Rev Jonny.

# Shaping a new generation

## Special Educational Needs Training

On Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> June the Diocese have planned an evening of training in St John's Parish, from 6-9pm. It is planned to support clergy, children and youth leaders, to engage children and young people with additional needs in their programmes and activities.

For more information and to book your place, please contact Victoria Jackson [victoriajackson@connordiocese.org](mailto:victoriajackson@connordiocese.org) or Christina Baillie [christinabaillie@connordiocese.org](mailto:christinabaillie@connordiocese.org)

## Exodus 2024 Fundraising

This year we are blessed to be sending thirteen people on an Exodus Youth mission team to Tarragona in Spain. Various fundraising events are now planned for the coming months – a flyer of these is available this week. The team fundraising page is

<https://www.totalgiving.co.uk/mypage/team-26-2024>

## Revd Jonny & The One Million Steps!

To help with the fundraising for Exodus, Rev Jonny is setting himself the challenge of walking one 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. Updates on his progress will be via the parish Facebook page. If you wish to support him, go to the following website or donate via the office

<https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/1millionsteps>

## School Transferor Representatives

School Boards of Governors are being reconstituted during 2024. The Church has an important role to play within schools today. Rev Jonny would love to speak to anyone who might be interested becoming a Governor. The following guide will help you understand the importance of this role <https://www.csscni.org.uk/news/the-role-of-a-transferor-governor>  
Please speak to Jonny if you are interested.

# Reaching Out & Welcoming in

## An Evening of Music

### **Do you fancy an evening with Musicians from New Irish Choir & Orchestra?**

First Ballyeaston Presbyterian Church are holding a concert on **Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30pm**. Seats can be pre-booked by scanning the QR code below or contacting Des on 07955 623699.

There will be a collection to defray expenses with any surplus funds donated to Macmillan Cancer Support.



# Partnering

## CMSi News

We have an updated newsletter from our mission link in Tujisaidie. The Spring edition of 'Inmission' is also available in both churches. These are packed with information, facts about global mission along with prayer requests. **Please pick up a free copy.**

## Baby Basics

So far this year we have received 32 referrals to help families who are struggling to purchase all that they need for their babies. In order to continue to support these families we would really appreciate donations of baby baths as well as vests and babygrows for girls aged 0 - 3 months and 3 - 6 months. Many thanks.

## Newtownabbey Foodbank

We still accept donations for the Foodbank. These can be left in Christ Church & St John's on a Sunday or into the office on a Mon, Wed, & Friday or in the tub at St John's Church Hall. For more information, please contact Sandra Vaughan on 07999 580 548

## 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: - Rachel Wilson (Hon. Secretary)

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