

# Sunday 19th May 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.

## Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May

10.00am Christ Church  
Morning Prayer

11.30am St John's  
Morning Praise

## Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> May

No 8:30 communion

10.00am Christ Church  
Family Service

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# For Your Attention

## Holiday Bible Club: Can you help?

The Holiday Bible Club - 'All Stars' will be running in from 19<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> August each morning for primary aged children. We need to build a team to help both in preparation and during the event. **In Church this morning you will see a sign-up sheet- if you can help!**

## Holiday Bible Club bookings

**If you have a child in P1-P7 that would like to attend please see the flyer for details, and book asap, as spaces are limited.**

## Exodus 2024- The Really Big Fundraise

This year we are blessed to be sending 13 people on an Exodus Youth mission team to Tarragona in Spain. The serious fundraising events are about to start – **a flyer of these is available in Church this week- please collect one.**

**COFFEE MORNING – Sat 8<sup>th</sup> June from 10:30am- 1pm.** We need donations of tray bakes, buns, scones left on the Friday night 7<sup>th</sup> down to the halls.

**OPEN MIC NIGHT - Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June** All Saints Halls, Antrim

**700m ZIP LINE CHALLENGE - Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> June** you can sponsor one of the team by chatting to them or simply visit the team fundraising page <https://www.totalgiving.co.uk/mypage/team-26-2024>

## Praise In The Square

As part of the May Fair, a special night of worship & praise has been organised for **Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> May** starting at 6.30pm in the Square!

# Pastoring

## Please pray for:

Pray for Lorraine & Michael Ogilby caring for Lorraine's father Fraser.

Pray for Hilary Scott & Irene Howard in Hospital

Pray for Sharon Ames, Winnie Lorimer & David Metcalfe recovering after recent hospitalisation.

Please also pray for Edith Raj, Roberta Crawford, David Wilson, 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).

## Pastoral Visiting & Home Communion

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. Home Communion are also available.

## UCB -Word For Today

This 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.

## 8:30 Communion – Christ Church

There will be no 8:30 Holy Communion in Christ Church on 26<sup>th</sup> May.

# Shaping a new generation

## 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>

## 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 7-9pm.** 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)

## Rend Collective

The well-known Christian Gospel band will be playing in Botanic Gardens, Belfast on **Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> May**. Paul Reid & Andrew Brannigan have organised taking a group of young people to the concert.

If you are in Year 8 and upwards the cost is £15. Please use the following links for info & booking or contact Paul Reid on 07778 853605 / Andrew Brannigan on 07950 84662 | <https://bit.ly/3K2jrov>



# Reaching Out & Welcoming in

## Ladies' Walking Group recommences this Monday

If you fancy a walk and a chat, meet at St John's halls each Monday at 7:30pm. Contact Alison for more info 07973 709261

## Christmas planning

It seems a long time to Christmas, but we are starting to plan ahead as a team. If you are available this **Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7:30pm** in Christ Church halls, join us as we chat together.

## Fellowship Meeting

Don't forget our fellowship group for seniors meets on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May in Christ Church Halls. Join us for refreshments, singing, and a devotion led by Rev Jonny.

# Partnering

## CMSi News -Dealing with the Flooding

The flooding has caused much devastation in Nairobi and the area where we have our Mission link. In order to help with rebuilding and alleviate the hardship, Vestry recently approved a payment of £1000 to CMSi to support their partners at Tujisaidie Self-Help Group as they give urgent help to victims.

## Baby Basics

So far this year we have received 37 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. **We urgently need baby grows for Girls & Boys 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

## Christian Aid Week Envelopes

Every year we promote the work of Christian Aid. This year they are sending aid to Burundi. We are aware in these difficult economic times we have limited resources, so thank you if you are able to support this cause, Envelopes in Church this morning- **Please return envelopes by Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> May. Thank You**

# 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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