

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

No 8:30 communion

10.00am Christ Church  
Family Service

11.30am St John's  
Family Service

## Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> June

10.00am Christ Church  
Holy Communion

11.30am St John's  
Holy Communion

# For Your Attention

## Exodus Fundraising Coffee Morning – 8<sup>th</sup> June

We would love as many people to join us on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> June in St John's Halls from 10:30am – 1pm as we raise money for the Exodus Mission to Spain. If you cannot join us, why not donate at <https://www.totalgiving.co.uk/mypage/team-26-2024>

## 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 preparation and during the event. Contact Rev Jonny

## 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. Book at <https://bit.ly/44Jehag>

## Exodus 2024- The Really Big Fundraise

Other fundraising events have been organised for Team Tarragona.

**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>

## Children's Gift's & Family Fun Day

On **Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> June** in church, we will have our annual children's celebration followed by 'Family Fun Afternoon' at the Rectory starting at 1pm; BBQ, Activity Runs & Bouncy Castles, Face Painting and more. We will provide burgers hot-dogs and drinks. Please join us and don't worry if weather is poor as the event will still proceed in St John's Hall.

# Pastoring

## Please pray for:

The family of the late Norman Wamsley, his wife Rae, son Neil, daughters Arlene & Julie. May they know the comfort & peace of the Holy Spirit at this sad and challenging time. Norman died last week and was a long-standing member of Christ Church.

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).

Pray for Anna & Chris Wray who will be travelling back from France to see their son Thomas who has recently been ill.

## 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.

## Office Holidays

The office will be closed this **Monday, 27<sup>th</sup>** as it is a Bank Holiday. Both David & Revd Jonny will be on holiday with their respective families. Rev Jonny can be contacted any time for pastoral emergencies.

# 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**. 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.

## 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!

## Artificial Intelligence- Religious Friend or Foe?

The 66<sup>th</sup> Annual Church of Ireland Theological Lecture will be held in The Great Hall, Queens University on **Monday 27<sup>th</sup> May at 6pm**. Professor Stephen Williams will give a lecture on the aspect of Artificial Intelligence and how it interacts with religion.

# Shaping a new generation

## Summer Madness

The time is fast approach and its time to book your space as places are limited. This year we will be taking a youth group to the Summer Madness Festival in Portglenone from **Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June to Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July**. You can attend for the whole festival or for the weekend.

Please use the following links for info & booking or contact Paul Reid on 07778 853605/Andrew Brannigan on 07950 846621. <http://bit.ly/3wHA7OV>

## Revd Jonny & The One Million Steps-A month to go!

Only a month to go for Revd Jonny to complete the step challenge. Why not walk with him any day. Just get in touch via his mobile. If you wish to support him, go to the following website, or donate via the office <https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/1millionstps>

## 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 846621 <https://bit.ly/3K2jrov>



## 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.

# Reaching Out & Welcoming in

## Ladies' Walking Group

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.

## Mothers' Union

Mothers' Union will meet **Monday 27th at 2.30pm** in Christ Church Hall. This will be our last get together before our Summer Break.

We will meet again on the 4th Monday of September (30th)  
Wishing everyone a pleasant and restful summer.

## Fellowship Meeting

Don't forget our fellowship group for seniors meets on **Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May** in Christ Church Halls at 11.00am. Join us for refreshments, singing, and a short devotion.

# Partnering

## CMSi News -Dealing with the Flooding

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

**An updated newsletter is in church this morning please pick up a copy.**

## 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

# 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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