

Sunday 23rd June 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

08:30am Christ Church
Holy Communion

10.00am Christ Church
Family Service

11.30am St John's
Family Service

Sunday 30th June

10.00am Christ Church
Morning Prayer

11.30am St John's
Morning Praise

For Your Attention

Exodus Commissioning Service This Saturday!

It would be great if many in the parish could go along and support the group who are going to Spain with Exodus in July.

A special commissioning service will be held in Wellington Presbyterian Church, Ballymena on **Saturday 22nd June at 7:00pm.**

Family Celebration BBQ & Fun for All

On Sunday (**23rd**) in church, we will have our annual Family celebration in Church followed by Church BBQ & 'Fun For All Afternoon' at the Rectory starting at 1pm-this is for all ages! We will have lots of eats, Activity Runs & Bouncy Castles, Face Painting and more. We will provide burgers hot-dogs and drinks. If those attending can bring some salads & puddings and a chair to sit on. **Good Weather hopefully organised!**

Staff Holidays

Revd Jonny & Family will be on holiday from **Tuesday 25th June until Friday 12th July (inclusive).**

Hall Use- Christ Church & St John's

Various activities and maintenance take place in our churches and halls-over summer; if you wish to use them apart from normal services please have a chat with David in office beforehand, thank you.

Pastoring

Please pray for:

Continue to pray for Lorraine, Michael, Jacob and Jude. May they know the power & comfort of the Holy Spirit at this time.

Pray for Isabel Scott after recent health news. We pray that things will progress promptly with treatment.

Pray for Hilary Scott as she returns from hospital to home soon.
Pray for Irene Howard presently in hospital.

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

Please also pray for Roberta Crawford, David Wilson, Winston Jenkins, Betty Robinson, Bertha Haugh, Liz McConnell, and Hilary Smiley. Continue to pray for Anna Mitchell along with Laura & Ryan (relatives of Anna).

Connor Connections- Please Collect a Copy

The Summer edition of Connor Connections is now available in each church. It's a great way to keep up to date with news from the Diocese. Even better its free! Please collect your copy.

Pastoral Cover

Whilst Revd Jonny is on holiday, emergency pastoral cover will be provided by Ven Stephen McBride who can be contacted on 07718 588191

Going deeper

New Horizon – Coleraine: 3rd – 9th August

Each year we are privileged to have New Horizon hosted in Coleraine. This is a great opportunity to join with thousands of Christians from across Ireland for teaching, seminars, kids & youth programmes. This year's speakers include Canon J John, Laura Bell and John Graham, and Peter J Williams from Tyndale House will lead the Morning Bible Teaching. For more details go to <https://newhorizon.org.uk/>

Confirmation & Adult Baptism

Advance notice for the Autumn.

Any adults who would be interested in **Adult Baptism**, who haven't yet been baptized, these are being planned during September.

Confirmation preparation for youth and adults will also commence in September with confirmation in November.

If you are interested in either adult baptism or confirmation, please have a chat with the Revd Jonny.

Mid-Week Holy Communion

We will be taking a break during July & August; Holy Communion will recommence on Wednesday 4th September.

Shaping a new generation

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>

Health & Safety at Worship Area in St John's

Could parents please try and keep children away from the worship area. We have lots of leads, live electricity units etc, - important to keep our precious ones safe.

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.

Munch on Mondays

We would like to offer tea and coffee to the people who come to the Munch on Monday's food table. To do this, we need some extra help. If you would be interested or would like to know more, please have a chat with Frances (07791 249025).

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

School Uniform Scheme

St John's Hall will be open for uniform collection on the following dates: - Monday's 8, 22, 29 July & 5, 12 Aug from 7pm-8pm & Wednesday's 3, 10, 24, 31 July & 7, 14, Aug from 10am-12 noon.

We have an excellent selection of uniforms for local Primary & Secondary Schools.

We cannot accept any further trousers or shirts, but we would really welcome PE Kits & Blazers.

For more information, please contact Lorraine on 07799 876028 or Arlene on 07510 121517.

Partnering

CMSi News- Sanctuary Sunday 23rd June

“You are invited to join friends of CMS Ireland for worship, learning and liturgy at their Sanctuary Sunday service on **Sunday 23rd June at 6.30pm in The Hub, 22 Elmwood Ave, Belfast BT9 6AY.**

This event is set to think about the ways in which the church can live out its mission to be God on the ground, welcoming newcomers by listening to their stories of faith, offering shelter and sharing hospitality with new arrivals to Ireland and all who are seeking refuge.”

Always good to get an update from our brothers & sisters in Nairobi. June Newsletter available for collection in church or click on the link: <https://theunitedparish.org.uk/cmsi-link-letter-june-2024/>

Baby Basics

We really appreciate the support we receive from parishioners, members of the local community and organisations such as The Hygiene Bank. This allows us to meet the needs of families who struggle to buy the essentials for their babies. **We are well stocked at the moment but urgently need babygrows for girls aged 0-3 months.**

Hope 365 Teddy Bears' Picnic

Join Hopesy Bear as he hosts his first ever Teddy Bears' Picnic, at **Junction One on Saturday 29th June (Various Times)** where there will be fun, games, stories and much, much more!

Each child registered to attend will receive a teddy bear with their ticket, a picnic snack bag and access to JCB World at the Junction for the duration of their session. Tea, coffee and refreshments will be provided for accompanying adults. **All profits go to Hope365 to rescue and empower Street Kids in Ethiopia.**

This event is aimed at primary school children and tickets can be purchased through the following link: -

<https://www.tickettailor.com/events/junction>

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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