

Sunday 9th 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.

Sunday 9th June

10.00am Christ Church Morning Prayer

11.30am St John's Morning Praise

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For Your Attention

Open Mic Night – Fri 14th June All Saints, Antrim

To help support the funding for the Tarragona Mission, Antrim Parish are holding a talent show. Your own rector may be playing also. Anyone who would like to take part with their act (singing, dancing, storytelling), get in touch with Rev Jonny. All Saints Halls, Antrim

700m ZIP LINE CHALLENGE - Sunday 16th June. Some of the Tarragona Mission team including Rev Jonny will be taking the plunge on a Zip Line at the Colin Glen Activity Centre. Come and watch us and if 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>

Special Educational Needs Training

This **Wednesday 12th 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.

Children's Gift's & Family Fun Day

On **Sunday 23rd 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. **A sign-up sheet is in Church this morning if you can bring salads and puddings. Thank You**

Pastoring

Please pray for:

Lorraine, Michael, Jacob & Jude along with the rest of the family circle. Very sadly Lorraine's mother & father both died over the last month. May they know the healing power of the Holy Spirit at this time.

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 shortly 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 Communions are also available.

Prayer Warriors

The summer edition of Prayer Warriors, covering June, July & August is available in both Churches and from your pastoral visitor.

Connor Connections

The latest 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.

Going deeper

CIEF- How Broad Can Anglicanism Be?

The Church of Ireland Evangelical Society is holding an event on Friday 14th June at 7.30pm in St Pauls & St Barnabas, York Street Belfast. Dr Martin Davie will be giving a lecture on the state of Anglicanism. Please join us for a time of worship, discussion, and teaching. More details available on the site <https://www.cief.church/home> If you missed going to the First Things conference, recordings of the event are also available from this site.

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.

Shaping a new generation

Summer Madness- Time Running Out To Book!

The time is fast approaching for our youth to book your space at Summer Madness. Places are limited. This year we will be taking a youth group to the Summer Madness Festival in Portglenone from **Friday 28th June to Tuesday 2nd 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. Book at <http://bit.ly/3wHA7OV>

Holiday Bible Club: We need your help

The Holiday Bible Club - 'All Stars' will be running in from **19th – 23rd 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>

Revd Jonny & The One Million Steps

Rev Jonny has been busy clocking up the steps every day of his challenge. To date he has walked 635,000 steps with 365,000 to go (which is 12,000 steps a day up to the end of June). 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>

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. In order 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

New Irish Arts- 30th Birthday Concert

The New Irish Orchestra which a number of our parishioners are members of are holding their 30th anniversary concert in the **Waterfront Hall on 28th 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.



Partnering

CMSi News- Sanctuary Sunday

“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.”

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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