

Sunday 4th August 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

10 am Christ Church
Holy Communion

11.30 St John's
Holy Communion

Sunday 11th August

10 am Christ Church
Morning Prayer

11.30 St John's
Morning Praise

For Your Attention

Worship - 2nd Sundays in St John's

Each month, from September, a new worship gathering will commence on the 2nd Sunday evenings in St John's. The purpose of the gathering is to allow more time for praise and teaching, with guest speakers each month, and the Youth worship team leading our praise. We are incredibly excited that the church is growing with people who desire to come into the presence of God. Our speaker for September is Simon Henry, National Youth Officer for the Church of Ireland.

Contacting David – Parish Administrator

David's mobile number has changed, he is now contactable on **07368 110722**, 9am-1pm Mon- Fri. Outside of these hours please leave a message and he will return your call the next day. Many Thanks

Card Machine for Church giving

We have recently acquired a new card machine which is positioned at the rear of St John's Church. This is to facilitate parishioners or visitors who may not have a FVO envelope or Standing Order, or for anyone who simply wishes to just donate to God's work in the parish. The machine will take credit or debit cards and will also recognise phone payments. It's very easy to use and totally secure – a poster with operating instructions is on the wall at the machine. If you have any difficulty using the machine, please contact either Lawrence or David.

New Waste bins

You may have seen new green and brown bins at St John's. The brown bin will take **garden & food waste only**. The green will take general, cardboard, bottles & glass. The Boys' Brigade recycle tins separately so these can be left bagged in the hall porch area.

Over the next few weeks similar coloured bins will appear at Christ Church. From September we will also have recycling bins in our internal premises which can be used for items such as tins, plastic, glass etc.

Pastoring

Please pray for:

Pray for the family of the late Winnie Lorimer who died very recently. May the family know the comfort of the Holy Spirit at this challenging and difficult time.

Pray for Isabel Scott who will be going into hospital for treatment this coming week.

Pray for Irene Howard & Bertha Haugh presently in hospital. Pray for Hilary Scott, & David Metcalfe recovering after recent hospitalisation.

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

UCB Bible Notes

The Autumn Edition is now available in both Christ Church & St John's, and from our pastoral visiting team. This is a great daily devotional to start or end the day on a positive, inspirational way.

Save the date – Week of Prayer

Every new term we start with a Week of Prayer. Keep the evenings of the Monday 2nd - Friday 6th September free - more details to follow.

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. Special Guest will be the Theologian Professor John Lennox. For more details go to <https://newhorizon.org.uk/>

Small Groups – recommencing in September

Our small groups will be starting back in September week commencing **Monday 9th September**. We have 8 meetings at various times during the week and evenings- offering bible study, support, care for each other and fellowship. It is so important as a member of the parish to try and be available to join one. You can find out more by visiting:- <https://theunitedparish.org.uk/ministries/growing-disciples/small-groups/>

Confirmation & Adult Baptism

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

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> Presently we have spaces for another **15 children.**

Consent Forms 2024/2025

The new year/term is about to start in September. If your children/youth are attending any of our church-based programmes, then it is most important that a consent form is completed. We have made a few changes to the form which can be found and completed using the following link. <https://theunitedparish.churchsuite.com/forms/q35jfvuw>

Even better just click on the QR Code:-



Due to our Safeguarding policy no child can attend a group without a consent form being completed. Consent forms are also available from the office or in Church.

(Note that the Boys' Brigade have a separate consent process)

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

School Uniform Scheme

St John's Hall will be open for uniform collection on the following dates: - Monday's 5, & 12 Aug from 7pm-8pm &

Wednesday 14 Aug from 10am-12 noon.

Wednesday 7 Aug from 1:30pm-3:30pm

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

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

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

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).

Using the Halls

Organisations using the hall will start again from Sunday 8th September. Revd Jonny encourages all church-based groups to attend the week of prayer which is happening the week before (see note on page 3).

Partnering

CMSi News-

CMSi Summer Snippets magazine along with the latest update from our brothers & sisters in Nairobi available in church or use the links:

<https://theunitedparish.org.uk/cmsi-link-letter-june-2024/>



Christian Aid

Thank you to everyone who donated during Christian Aid Week. The amount raised for the work of the Charity was £472.

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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