

Sunday 15th September

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

10am	Christ Church Morning Prayer
11.30	St John's Morning Praise

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For Your Attention

Greenisland Parish Arson Attack

After the arson attack on Greenisland, the Bishop has asked for parishioners across the Diocese to consider giving a gift to the Church. Envelopes will be in both churches this morning, a collection plate for donations will also be in situ at rear of each church.

Joint Adult Baptism Service – 29th September

We have six adults being baptised on 29th. Join us for a joint United Service in St John's at **11am**. **There will be no service in Christ Church.**

New Irish Arts- 30th Birthday Concert

We have eight tickets available for the New Irish celebration in the Waterfront **on 28th September**. The Tickets are priced at £30 each and are available from David in the church office. **If you would like a ticket, please let David know by Monday 16th September.**

Harvest Celebrations

We have much to celebrate and give thanks for; this year our Harvest Services will be on **Sunday 20th October**. If folk could arrange to decorate both churches on **Saturday 19th, meeting at 10.30am.**

Bio. Site For The United Parish

It's not recycling but a convenient platform to bring all our technological sites under one place. So easy to use on a mobile, give it a go by clicking on the link: - <https://bio.site/theunitedparish>

2nd Sunday's – What a start!

Thank you to everyone who made the launch of 2nd Sundays a brilliant success. The next service will be on Sunday 13th October and our guest speaker will be Millie Bellew, Children's Development Officer Down & Dromore Diocese.

Pastoring

Please pray for:

Pray for Paul & Graeme Reid along with all their families.

Please pray that the Holy Spirit will comfort them at this challenging time as they deal with the recent death of their father.

Pray for Eileen Green presently in Hospital.

Pray for Isabel Scott after recent surgery.

Pray for Hilary Scott, Bertha Haugh, Irene Howard, Evelyn Boyles & David Metcalfe recovering after hospitalisation.

Please also pray for Jean Smyth, Liz McConnell, and Hilary Smiley. Continue to pray for Anna Mitchell along with Laura & Ryan (relatives of Anna).

Prayer Warriors

The new September edition of Prayer Warriors is available for collection from both Christ Church and St John's or from your pastoral visitor.

Going deeper

Small Groups have commenced

Our small groups started back last week.

We have nine groups meeting 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.

Details are as follows: -

Mon. (Eve)	Leigh & Clive's	Tel. Leigh	07774 720241
Tue. (Eve)	Hugh & Olive's	Tel. Olive	07989 687724
Tue. (2-3pm) (fortnightly)	Jonny's Study Group.	Tel. Jonny	07808 479649
Tue. (Eve)	Tim & Leah	Tel. Tim	07572 817429
Tue. (Eve)	John & Sophie	Tel. Sophie	07745 828268
Wed. (Eve) (fortnightly)	Jonny & Alison	Tel. Jonny	07808 479649
Thur. (Morn) (fortnightly)	Women's Group	Tel. Laura	07749 815478
Thur. (Eve)	Bible Study Fellowship	Tel. Grace	07714 336204
Sat. (Morn)	Genesis Art Fellowship	Tel. Lynne	07747 181938

Confirmation Classes – start this week

For those who wish to make a public declaration of their faith, **Confirmation** classes/preparation will begin week commencing, **16th September**. Please have a chat with the Revd Jonny as soon as possible if you wish to join. **Leaflets are available at rear of both churches this morning.**

Shaping a new generation

Consent Forms 2024/2025- Very Important

The new year/term has recently started – we have had an excellent start with plenty of consent forms being completed. Please remember 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 completed. Consent forms are also available from the office or in Church.

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

Youth Fellowship

Youth Fellowship commences this Sunday (15th) evening with a GBBO Challenge, 7pm in St John's Hall. Pick up the weekly programme flyer at the back of both churches.

Friday Night Serve

If you are in Year 12 and over, Tim & Leah Burns would love to invite you over their home on Friday evenings for food, chat and some bible study. Starting on Friday 13th from 6.30pm to 9.00pm Contact Tim or Leah on 07572 817429.

BB Enrolment Service

Our BB enrolment service this year will be on **Sunday 27th October** in St John's during Morning Family Service.

Reaching Out & Welcoming in

Mothers' Union

Are you free on a Monday afternoon once a month? Are you interested in being part of a Worldwide Christian Organisation.

Would you like to join others in our United Parish for Fellowship, Faith and Fun. Why not come along and join us:- we are starting our new season of **Mothers' Union on Monday 23rd September at 2.30pm in Christ Church Hall**. Join us and join in. For more information contact Vera Jones 07714 286684 or Maureen Paige 07546 576654 in St John's or Rosaleen Buchanan 07759 563190 & Catherine Watson 07746 878507 in Christ Church.

New Waste bins

In St John's the new recycling bins are in our hall, kitchen and lounge. They are clearly labelled and used for items such as tins, plastic, glass, cardboard. One is clearly marked **Food Waste Only**. After you have used the hall, if the food waste bin can be emptied and a new green liner bag inserted- these bags are kept in kitchen under the sink.

Project Can Do

We are pleased to be hosting the Redeeming Our Communities (ROC) 'Project Can Do' programme starting on **Monday 30th September**. ROC will be exploring the "5 Steps to Well-being" over five sessions - Connect, Be Active, Keep Learning, Give to Others and Take Notice. This is a free programme (funded by Impact Network (N.I.)) with guest speakers, self-care resources and refreshments. If you know of anyone who would benefit from this programme or need more info, please have a chat with Frances (07791 249025). Leaflets at rear of church.

Partnering

Grange Community Clean Up

Grange Community Action, our newest Baby Basics referrer, is organising a clean-up on **Sat 28th September**. If you would be able to help, they are meeting at 2.00pm at Wilson's Nearby Shop.

Baby Basics

To help support our ministry we would appreciate donations of the following items: **baby grows in sizes 0-3 months and 3-6 months in neutral colours, vests for girls aged 3-6 months, shampoo, shower gels and baby toiletries (lotion, shampoo, baby bath, nappy cream).**

Newtownabbey Food Bank

The Foodbank require the following items: - **Soap Powder/Liquid, Washing Up Liquid, Gents toiletries, diluting juice.** If contributions can be left in either church on a Sunday, or in the tub at St John's Church Hall. Any queries please contact **Sandra on 07999 580548.** Thank You

Hazaq Coffee

New supplies of cafetiere coffee have arrived. All the proceeds go to the work of **Release International, cost is £6 per bag.** If you would like us to order a different blend or grind: - whole beans, filtered, or espresso, Ethiopian & Indian, contact David.

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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