

Sunday 8th September 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 (8th)

10am Christ Church
Holy Communion

11.30 St John's
Holy Communion

7.00pm 2nd Sunday's
St John's

Sunday 15th September

10am Christ Church
Morning Prayer

11.30 St John's
Morning Praise

For Your Attention

Worship – starting Sunday

2nd Sundays is a new gathering for followers of Jesus Christ to unite in our love of him. Each evening will be a mix of uplifting worship, teaching from a range of guest speakers and yummy treats as we join in fellowship together. Our speaker tonight **at 7pm in St John's** is Simon Henry, National Youth Officer for the Church of Ireland.

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 available from next Sunday.

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**.

New Irish Arts- 30th Birthday Concert

We have 8 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**.

Joint Adult Baptism Service – 29th September

We have 5 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.

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>

Pastoring

Please pray for:

Pray for Isabel Scott after recent surgery.

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

Please also pray for Jean Smyth, Liz McConnell, and Hilary Smiley.

Peace in Society & our own community that we can all live in harmony and that anti- immigration protests and intimidation will cease.

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.

Staff Holidays

David will be on leave this Tuesday (10th) – any emergencies please contact Rev Jonny.

Going deeper

Small Groups – recommencing in September

Our small groups will be starting back **this week!**

We have 9 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)	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)	Jonny & Alison	Tel. Jonny	07808 479649
Thur. (Morn)	Women's F'ship Group	Tel. Laura	07749 815478
Thur. (Eve)	Bible Study Fellowship	Tel. Grace	07714 336204
Sat. (Morn)	Genesis Art Fellowship	Tel. Lynne	07747 181938



Better still just scan the code to find out more: -

Or use the following link: - [bit.ly_3T7swB2](https://bit.ly/_3T7swB2)

Confirmation Classes & Adult Baptism

Any adults who would be interested in **Adult Baptism**, who haven't yet been baptized, these are being planned for **29th September**.

For those who wish to make a public declaration of their faith, **Confirmation** classes/preparation will also commence on **8th September** with Bishop George joining us for a special service in November. If you are interested in either adult baptism or Confirmation, please have a chat with the Revd Jonny. **Leaflets are available at rear of both churches this morning.**

Shaping a new generation

Consent Forms 2024/2025- Very Important

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 completed. Consent forms are also available from the office or in Church.

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

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

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 & general waste. The Boys' Brigade recycle tins separately so these can be left bagged in the hall porch area.

In St John's we now have recycling bins in our hall, kitchen and lounge. They are 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 biodegradable 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 5 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 would like more information, please have a chat with Frances (07791 249025). Leaflets in Church this morning.

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).**

CMSi News-

The new quarterly magazine is available. If you are unable to come to church but would like a copy posted out, please contact David in the office. The CMSi Annual Ignite conference is at the end of this week; from the **13th-14th September**. Full details can be found at the following link: <https://www.cmsireland.org/ignite>

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 expresso, 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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