

Sunday 27th October

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

8.30 Christ Church
Holy Communion

10am Christ Church
Family Service

11:30 St John's
Family Service &
(B.B Enrolment)

Wednesday 30th

12pm St John's
Holy Communion

Sunday 3rd November

10am Christ Church
Holy Communion

11:30 St John's
Holy Communion

For Your Attention

This Sunday (27th)

We have Family Services in both churches on Sunday. In St John's we will also have BB enrolment – please join us to support the BB Officers, boys and their families.

Blythswood Christmas Shoe Box Appeal

Could boxes or items be returned this Sunday at our Family **Service** or by the end of **October- Latest**. Leaflets are in both Churches, contact Alwyn or Trish Tweed for more information. Many thanks

Remembrance Day Services

Our Remembrance Day services will be held in both Churches on **Sunday 10th November** at the normal times.

Memorial Service -Sunday 10th November

On this evening at **6.30pm in St John's** we will be holding a service to remember all our friends and family who over the years have sadly died. The guest speaker for the evening will be **Ali Knight** who is a counsellor from Coleraine and is the daughter of former Bishop Ken Clarke. Please consider coming along on that evening or invite a friend who you know will find this beneficial.

Confirmation Sunday

Our Confirmation Service with Bishop George will be on **Sunday 17th November**. Such a day of celebration, and afterwards to celebrate with a time of fellowship we will have our customary 'Pudding Party'. **Could we ask folk to sign up on Sunday (Sheet in Church) if they could bring a pudding for this event or contact David.**

Pastoring

Please pray for:

Pray for **Hilary Scott** as she makes a slow but steady recovery.

Please pray for **Cynthia Banfield** as she continues to support her mum at home after hospitalisation.

Please also pray for **Liz McConnell, and Hilary Smiley**. Pray also for **Edith Raj** recently discharged from hospital and **Dorcus Forsythe** following surgery.

Pray for Hazel Bingham who was admitted into hospital this past week.

UCB Bible Notes

The latest quarterly edition is now available in both Churches and from your pastoral visitor.

Connor Connections

The Autumn edition of the Diocesan magazine is now available in both churches. These are free so please collect your copy this morning.

Those who are ill or in hospital

Please let Rev Jonny know if parishioners or families are ill or in hospital. Don't ever feel that it is any inconvenience, as Rev Jonny wants to support everyone as much as possible.

Going deeper

New Wine Leaders Day- Lisburn Cathedral

Revd Tommy MacNeil will be running a leaders' training day on **Friday 22nd November from 10.00am-3.30pm.**

This will be a day of worship, teaching, sharing and prayer ministry. Tommy's theme will be 'Emptiness to fullness- God's vision for your heart, your church, and your community.

Full details and booking can be found on the following link:

<https://www.newwineireland.org/events/leaders-day-lisburn>

Christ Church Bible Study

Revd Jonny holds a bible study every other Tuesday in Christ Church Hall at 2.00pm. This is a great opportunity to join us for fellowship, form new friendships and to gain a better understanding of God's word and its relevance for today. Next meeting is on **Tue 5th Nov.**

Shaping a new generation

Our Parish Christmas Card

If you are in Primary School, we would love you to design our Christmas card this year. It can be anything about the Christmas Story. Make it as colourful as you can, and design in in **landscape** (that's sideways). Closing date for entries is **Sunday 17th November**.

The Spark Has Landed!

UCB Bible Notes have created a **new devotional app** for kids (aimed at ages from 10 to 12) although younger and older kids will enjoy it as well and its available now for free if you visit the link: -

<https://www.ucb.co.uk/spark>

Creation Light Party – 2nd November

The Diocese are running a kids' Creation Light Party on **Saturday 2nd November (4-6pm) in Mossley Parish** – Church of the Holy Spirit. This is a free event and celebrating the God who brought light out of darkness. Booking is essential: <https://forms.gle/vSFGFznrwtfSSyo6>
There are very few spaces left.

Safeguarding Trust

Revd Jonny and the Select Vestry are committed to upholding good practice in the ministry of children & young people. Safeguarding is overseen by the Select Vestry and the Safeguarding panel. Should you have any queries or concerns please contact the panel immediately: Revd Jonny 07808 479649, Ashleigh Reid 07732 053604 & Pat Craig 07584 929758

Parental Consent Forms 2024/2025

Please remember that all children (under 18) must have an annual parental consent form completed when attending any of our children & youth programmes. Please use the following link to complete one.

<https://theunitedparish.churchsuite.com/forms/q35jfvuw>

Reaching Out & Welcoming in

FWO Envelopes 2025

Over the last few years many parishioners have moved from weekly FWO envelopes to Standing Order. We now must order less and renumber existing envelopes. Could you consider the following please

1. If you are using FWO envelopes and either no longer need them or wish to move to Standing Order, please contact David.
2. If you use envelopes could those relating to 2024, be left in before end of December to make transition easier.

Harvest

Thank you to everyone who donated items and decorated our churches last Sunday for our Harvest Celebrations. We had plenty of items for the Foodbank, along with flowers and fruit for our elderly parishioners.

Greenisland Appeal

Another thank-you! Over the last number of weeks, we have managed to raise £1017 towards refurbishment of the church after the recent fire damage.

Mothers' Union

The next Branch Meeting is tomorrow, Monday 28th October 2.30pm Christ Church Hall.

This will be a very interesting afternoon as we welcome

Gary Bissett from Inver Garden Centre.

Gary will be telling us about his faith journey and planting up an autumnal container. Faith fun and fellowship guaranteed.

Why not come along and join us?

Partnering

Baby Basics

Baby Basics is a valuable ministry which reaches out to our community. Our stock of knitted blankets and cardigans is starting to get low so we would really **appreciate donations of knitted items**. We would need **baby-grows for 0-3 months and 3-6 months, ladies' toiletries and baby toiletries**. If you can help, please have a chat with Frances (07791 249025).

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.

Sign Up To Donate

The United Parish is now registered with easyfundraising, which means you can raise FREE donations for us every time you shop online. Over 7,000 brands will donate to us when you use easyfundraising to shop with them – at no extra cost to yourself!

These donations really mount up and make a BIG difference to us, so we'd really appreciate it if you could take a moment to sign up and support us. It's completely FREE and only takes a moment.

You can find our easyfundraising page at <https://bit.ly/3Xsb0Jk>

Since the short time we have been running this campaign, we have 15 parishioners signed up and have been awarded just under £40. If you shop online this is so easy- speak to David if you need help to set up.

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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