



## Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> 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

10am Christ Church  
Holy Communion

1130am St John's  
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### Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> October

10am Christ Church  
Morning Prayer

1130am St John's  
Morning Praise

7pm St John's  
2<sup>nd</sup> Sundays

# For Your Attention

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Sundays continues on 13<sup>th</sup> October

Our next evening worship gathering in St John's is scheduled for **Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> October at 7pm**. Our guest speaker this month will be **Millie Bellew, Down & Dromore Diocese**.

Please use this event as an opportunity to invite friends along.

## Harvest Celebrations

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

## BB East Antrim Battalion Parade

Just a reminder that this year's parade is on this Sunday in 1<sup>st</sup> Larne Presbyterian. The service begins at 3:30pm. Why not come out and support our boys.

## Blythwood Christmas Shoe Box Appeal

This year we are once again running our appeal. If boxes could be returned on our **Family Service (27<sup>th</sup>)** or by the end of **October**. Leaflets in both Churches this morning, contact Alwyn or Trish Tweed for more information.

## Greenisland Parish Donations- Last week

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

# Pastoring

## Please pray for:

Pray for the family of Evelyn Boyles who died recently. Pray for her sons – Alistair, Trevor and Jeff that God's Holy Spirit would comfort them in their grief.

Pray for Jean Smyth who is receiving treatment for cancer.

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

Give thanks for Isabel Scott who has recovered from complications after surgery. Praise God that she has now come back to our Tuesday Bible Study group.

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.

## Prayer Warriors

The October edition is available for collection in both churches this morning and from your pastoral visitor.

# Going deeper

## Tuesday Bible Study Group in Christ Church

Going deeper in God's Word is essential for the Christian Life. Simply attending church isn't enough, in the same way as brushing your teeth once a week doesn't work. We have a group that meets fortnightly in Christ Church Halls on Tuesday at 2pm – 3pm, led by Rev Jonny. We will be meeting this week coming and would love to see more people join us.

# Shaping a new generation

## 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>

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

## 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. Contact Tim or Leah on 07572 817429. **The next meeting is Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October.**

## Creation Light Party – 2<sup>nd</sup> November

The Diocese are running a kids' Creation Light Party on **Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> 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. Those attending are encouraged to dress up as something from God's creation for the chance to win a prize! At the event there will be a light parade, crafts, campfire singing and stories, and much more!

To book a place just fill in this very simple form

<https://forms.gle/vSFGfZnrwtfSSyo6>

## BB Enrolment Service

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

# Reaching Out & Welcoming in

## Year of Evangelism 2025

Last Sunday Revd Jonny gave exciting news about his vision for 2025 which will be marked as a Year of Evangelism in the Parish. This will involve all church based groups and will impact the community at large. There will be teaching provided from now until Christmas at our Sunday morning services. Please make every effort to join us to hear more.

## Mothers' Union

Are you free on a Monday afternoon once a month? Would you like to join others in our United Parish for Fellowship, Faith, and Fun. Why not come along and join us. 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.

## Carpark @ St John's

To avoid damage to your tyres and unit if you are parking in St John's please make sure that the bollard flap is sitting flush with ground.  
Many Thanks

## WAVE Coffee Morning

**Wave** is an interdenominational church for people with learning difficulties. Many in our parish are involved with this ministry. A coffee morning has been organised for **Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> October from 10am- 12.30pm in the Town Hall, Ballyclare** to raise awareness about Wave. For more information, please contact Leigh Henderson.

# Partnering

## Baby Basics

Baby Basics is a valuable ministry which reaches out to our community and has already helped approximately 75 families this year. 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).

## 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

## Project Can Do

We are hosting the Redeeming Our Communities (ROC) 'Project Can Do' programme which started on **Monday 30th September**. ROC will be exploring the "5 Steps to Well-being" This is a free programme 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).

# 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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