

Sunday 3rd November

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

11:30 St John's
Holy Communion

Wednesday 6th

12pm St John's
Holy Communion

Sunday 10th November

Remembrance Sunday

10am Christ Church
Morning Prayer

11:30 St John's
Morning Praise

6:30 St John's
Memorial Service

For Your Attention

Remembrance Day Services

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

Memorial Service - Sunday 10th November

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 Pauline Wilson. 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 in St John's at 11.00am**. This will be a joint service as we have timing and accommodation issues to consider. No Service will be held in Christ Church so we are hoping that the change of time will suit everyone.

This is a such a celebration for those that are being confirmed. After our service we will continue the joy with a time of fellowship: - the customary 'Pudding Party'.

Could we ask you to sign up on Sunday (Sheet in Church) if you could bring or serve a pudding for this event.

Parish Fundraising

Over the next year there are several urgent repairs required to our buildings. For example, bell tower repairs to Christ Church, structural issues with the rectory outbuildings etc. Colin Ferguson will be asking for your help in considering fundraising ideas. Please speak with Colin for more info – 07517 486107.

Pastoring

Please pray for:

Please pray for Dorcus Forsythe as she remains in hospital after surgery.

Pray for **Hazel Bingham** presently in hospital awaiting further test results.

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

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

Please also pray for **Hilary and Mervyn Smiley**.

UCB Bible Notes

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

Prayer Warriors

The November edition is now available to collect in both churches and also from your pastoral visitor.

Pastoral Support

If you require pastoral support or would simply like a visit from the clergy, please contact Rev Jonny.

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. Meeting on **Tue 5th Nov.**

Clive West Memorial Lecture.

This year's lecture will be given by Revd David Short on Wednesday 13th November at 7.30pm in St Nicholas' Church Hall, 1 Cadogan Park, Belfast BT9 6HG.

David is the Rector of St John's in Vancouver. His lecture is called '**Tipping Point**'; -when your denomination seems to leave the faith.

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>

Safeguarding Trust

The Select Vestry are committed to upholding good practice in the ministry of children & young people. Safeguarding is delegated to 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. Details of our policies can be found at <https://theunitedparish.org.uk/about/safeguarding/>

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.

Christmas Tree Light Switch On

Our children and grandchildren will know how many sleeps until Christmas Day! It's not that many until the lights are switched on in Ballyclare- **Saturday 30th November**.

We are planning to have our Light Party in St John's starting at 6.30pm. If you would like to be involved, please contact Revd Jonny asap.

Partnering

Baby Basics

Recently we have been very blessed in respect of donations from both individuals and organisations. **However, our stock of baby grows for ages 0-3 and 3-6 months is very low, and we would really appreciate your help.** 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 for Christmas** - whole beans, filtered, or espresso, Ethiopian & Indian, contact David.

Sign Up To Donate- Ideal at Christmas!

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!

As we approach Christmas many of us will be doing online shopping- this is such an easy opportunity to help the church!

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

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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