



Sunday 23rd March 2025

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

10.00 Christ Church
Morning Prayer

11.30 St John's
Morning Praise

Sunday 30th March

08.30 Christ Church
Holy Communion

10.00 Christ Church
Family Worship

11.30 St John's
Family Worship

For Your Attention

Rural Deanery Lent Services

Our Lenten Services continue this week, and we are in St Patrick's Templepatrick at 7.30pm. Please join us and invite a friend.

Farewell to David Brown & Gift

It's sad news that David is leaving us and moving to Scotland. We wish David all of God's blessings in this next chapter. As recognition of all that David has done for us, we are having a celebration night on Friday 11th April. Please make every effort to attend. Envelopes are available in the pews today if you wish to donate towards his leaving gift. Also if you would prefer to pay electronically, then use the details below:

Account Name: United Parish of Ballynure & Ballyeaston (Ballyclare)

Bank: Danske Bank

Sort Code: 95-02-27

Account Number: 90102768

Reference: David Brown Gift

another piece of prose and an appeal from your Church Administrator as I move to Scotland around Easter. We must always remember who we are serving, **God**, we should try and live according to the teachings of **Jesus**, to love each other – we do that in our service. So, before I clear out, we need a new Treasurer, Wardens for St John's, people to help on Sundays with our young people, a few more helpers for refreshments and St John's carpark. **Remember - what happens if we don't get folk in situ?**

Creche in St John's

We are blessed with many little ones each Sunday at the back of St John's. Because of our numbers, we need to keep this space clear for families. If you arrive late into church, feel free to sit up near the front where there is lots of room.

Pastoring

Please pray for:

- **Shelley, Andrew, Georgia Jess and family** on the recent death of Shelley's mum. May they know the comfort and peace of the Holy Spirit at this sad and challenging time.
- **Mervyn Smylie and sons Mervyn & Jason** on the recent death of **Hilary**. Hilary had been seriously ill for many. Following the funeral Mervyn took unwell and is now in hospital.
- **Jack Buchanan** currently in hospital
- **Willie & William Magee**, both challenged by poor health.
- **Betty & Paul Redfern. Cynthia Banfield** supporting her mum
- for **Anna Mitchell and Hazel Greer** with ongoing health issues.
- for all in our Parish who will be undergoing further tests or surgery or awaiting results over the next few weeks.

Thank you!

Rosaleen Buchanan would like to thank The Church Wardens, Yvonne and Andrew and all who helped for their assistance on Sunday, when **Jack** took unwell in church. Thanks to their speedy actions the ambulance arrived within 10 minutes, and he was taken to Antrim Hospital. Thankfully he is beginning to make good progress.

Evangelism bracelets



Following our successful Evangelism Course, we are selling the 4 point armbands which can be used to open up conversations with people about the Gospel message. These cost £1 and will be available from both churches. Simply take one and drop your £1 into the basket. We pray God will use these to encourage you in your conversations

Easter Communions

If you would like a home communion, please let Rev Jonny know,

Going deeper

Rural Deanery Midweek Lent Services

Pick up an invite card in Church for the midweek Lent Services.

Wed. 26 th March	St Patrick's T'Patrick	A Humble God
Wed. 2 nd April	St Bride's Doagh	A Suffering God
Wed. 9 th April	All Saints Halls Antrim	A Calling God

All services start at **7.30pm**, this year's theme is '**What The Cross Tells Us about God**', refreshments after each Service. The retiring collection each evening will be split evenly between Scripture Union NI & the Antrim Parish Fire Damage Repair Fund.

Holy Week Services this Easter

Holy Week Services this year will cater for everyone.

Monday 14th April	Youth & Children's Worship in St John's with guests Play it by Ear Theatre Company
Thursday 17th April	Service of Tenebrae, Christ Church
Friday 18th April	- Holy Communion, St John's
Easter Sunday	Dawn Service at Ballyeaston Family Celebration in both churches

New House Group commencing after Easter

A new house group will commence in Trevor & Olive Maze Home from 28th April. Look out for more details in the coming weeks. Gathering early on Monday evenings, the hope is that this group will encourage people who don't like being out too late in the evenings. Each evening will conclude with a short service of Compline or the Late Evening Office, all finished by 8.30pm. Get in touch with **Trevor** and **Olive** if you are interested **07808 812276**.

Shaping a new generation

Journey To The Tomb – Easter Event

Connor Children's Council are inviting Sunday School & Families to an event in St Stephen's Church, Belfast on Saturday 12th April from 4pm-6pm. Travel on Jesus's journey to the cross through sensory activities, crafts, storytelling and a BBQ to finish. It's a free event but please book using the following link or QR Code: - <https://bit.ly/4loiU9l>



Reaching Out & Welcoming in

Mothers' Union

Have you ever wondered what Mothers' Union is all about? What are our values? What ministries are we involved in both locally and wider?

Come along to **Christ Church Hall on Monday 24th @ 2.00pm** where you will receive a warm welcome and find out more. We have invited two members from the Diocese, with a wealth of experience to share the Story of Mothers' Union from its beginning until now.

It will be a great afternoon, and we look forward to sharing it with you. See you there! Vera Jones 07714 286684

Spring Ladies Evening

The ladies plan to meet on **Friday 28th March from 7.30pm- 9pm** in Christ Church Hall to create Jam Jar Posies. This will be a night of fellowship and fun as you take home a beautiful Spring Posy to keep or give as a gift. Entrance donation towards church funds. To book a place text or leave a voicemail on **07747 181938**.

Mighty Men – axe throwing

Our men's ministry is out again on **4th April** – this time we're going Axe throwing. Yes, you read correctly. Places are limited so please contact Rev Jonny or Andrew Brannigan as soon as possible to book your place. Cost is £20.

Equipping for door-to-door evangelism

After the success of George Newell's Evangelism Training, we have now asked him to return in May to do 2 evenings specifically on door-to-door evangelism. Please keep the following dates free **Thursdays 22nd & 29th May**.

Partnering

CMSi Tujisaidie Visitors 2025

Guess who is visiting us? We have Lucy Irungu & Dr Kathleen Anangwe coming to the parish in May. An Information sheet about the ladies and their ministry in Kenya is available in church. For further information please contact Bert Rea.

Care for the Family – Going the distance event

Care for the Family is a Christian organisation that we have supported for many years. They are hosting events in the Spring for couples who desire to invest further in their relationship together. Events are being held from **25th – 27th March** in various locations at 7:30pm. To book your place, go to cff.org.uk/goingthedistance or phone 029 2081 0800.

Release International

Release International hold a prayer meeting on the first Friday of the month 6:45pm - 7:30pm in Ballyclare. Please speak to Lisa Willett if interested in attending Tel. 07456 648 380 dates can sometimes change depending on how many people are available so better to contact Lisa for more information).

Divine Healing Ministries

DHM healing service on the notice sheet. It's in Shankill Methodist on **Thursday 27th March at 11 am**. The speaker is Sharon Jennings. A lady with an investing testimony. 3 parishioners will be on the prayer team.

Hazaq Coffee

Last bag available this month is available at rear of St John's £6.00 per bag with all proceeds going towards work of Release International.

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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