



Sunday 30th 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.

Mothering Sunday

08.30 Christ Church
Holy Communion

10.00 Christ Church
Family Worship

11.30 St John's
Family Worship

Wednesday 2nd April

12.00 St John's
Holy Communion

Sunday 6th April

10.00 Christ Church
Morning Prayer

11.30 St John's
Morning Praise

For Your Attention

Sunday 6th April Services

The first Sunday of each month is normally scheduled as Holy Communion. Rev Jonny will be leading this year's Exodus team on a retreat on 5th & 6th April, and therefore he will not be present to lead our services. Instead, there will be the normal Morning Prayer & Morning Praise services. Sorry for the inconvenience caused, however there are no ministers available elsewhere to assist us.

Investing in the Future – Sunday 13th April

Rev Jonny on behalf of the Select Vestry will be presenting the future vision for our buildings, in order that they continue to support the ministries which God has placed on us to serve for this time. Please make every effort to attend either church service.

Farewell to David Brown & Gift

It's sad news that David is moving to Scotland. We wish David all of God's blessings in this next chapter. As recognition of all that David has done, we are having a celebration night on Fri 11th April. Please make every effort to attend. Envelopes are available in the pews if you wish to donate towards his leaving gift. 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 :** 90102768
Reference: David Brown Gift

Message from David

As we shortly move to Scotland, 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?**

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**. Following the funeral Mervyn took unwell and is now recovering after hospitalisation.
- **Jack Buchanan** recovering well after being 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.



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.

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 at church, feel free to sit up near the front where there is lots of room.

Going deeper

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 Play it by Ear Theatre Company

Thursday 17th April

Service of Tenebrae, Christ Church

Friday 18th April

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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**.

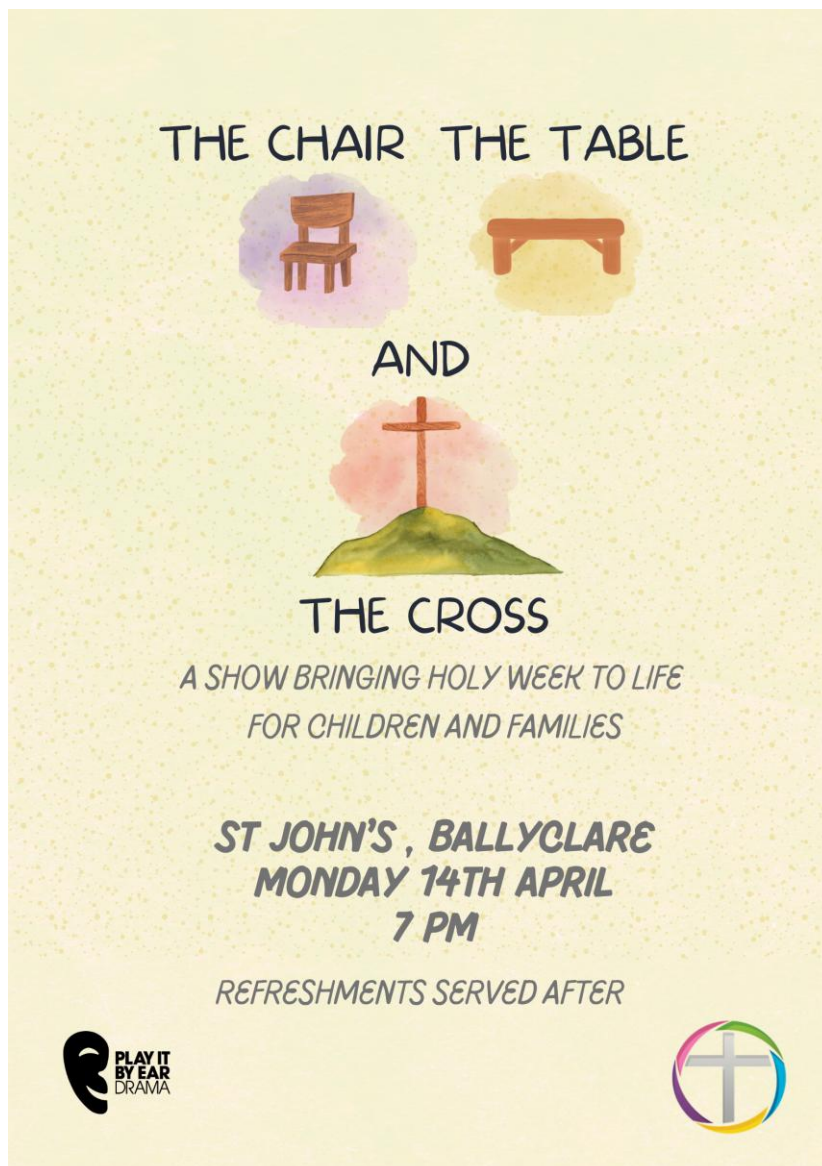
Shaping a new generation

Boys Brigade Displays

The Company & Junior Company Displays are **Monday 31st March** in **St John's** starting at **7pm**. The Anchor Boys will be at the same venue for their display on **Wednesday 2nd April also at 7pm**. Please come along and support our Officers, Boys and their families.

Holy Week – Children & Family event

On Monday 14th April we are inviting the whole family along to a special service for Holy Week. Led by 'Play it by Ear' Theatre Group it will bring the story of Holy Week to life. Invite friends and family along. Refreshments after the Service.



Reaching Out & Welcoming in

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.**

The Great United Parish Clean Up!

On **Saturday 12th April from 10am-12 noon** we are having a Church clean up- **inside and out in both Christ Church & St John's** Please come along & help, many hands make light work. For more info contact **Pam on 07896 532792 & Jacqui on 07843 982279**

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.

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).

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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