



Sunday 13th April 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.

Sunday 13th April

10.00 Christ Church
Vision Sunday

11.30 St John's
Vision Sunday

7.00pm St John's
2nd Sundays

Wednesday 16th April

12.00 St John's
Holy Communion

Sunday 20th April

7.00 Dawn Service
St Augustine's

10.00 Christ Church
Easter Celebration

11.30 St John's
Easter Celebration

For Your Attention

Holy Week Services this Easter

Monday 14th April 7.00 pm St John's

Youth & Children's Worship in St John's Play it by Ear Theatre Company

Thursday 17th April 7.30pm Christ Church

Friday 18th April 7.30pm St John's

Good Friday Holy Communion, St John's

Easter Sunday

Dawn Service **7.00am** at St Augustine's Ballyeaston followed by breakfast at The Rectory.

10.00am & 11.30am Family Celebration in both churches

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Lucy & Kathleen will be staying in the Parish from **5th - 13th May**.

We would love as many people as possible to host them for lunch or dinner. Please sign form at back of churches or contact **Bert Rea**.

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Our annual church meeting will take place on **Wednesday 7th May** in **St John's Church at 7.30pm**. This is open to everyone. We would love to see as many people come to celebrate what God has been doing in our church family and looking ahead to what is ahead.

New Office Opening Hours

The Church office will be closed from week commencing **21st April**. The new office opening hours from **Monday 28th April** will be **Wednesdays & Fridays only from 11am-1pm**.

Pastoring

Please pray for:

- **Hugh & Olive Spence**
- **Dennis Licence** recovering after recent hospitalisation.
- **Mervyn Smylie** on the recent death of his wife **Hilary** and his own recovery 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.

Easter Communion

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

Prayer Warriors – April Edition

Pick up your copy of our monthly prayer guide from the back of church. When God's people pray, He listens.

Rector on Holidays

Revd Jonny will be on holiday from **21st- 27th April** inclusive. In the event of an emergency, he can be contacted on his mobile.

Going deeper

2nd Sundays - 13th April at 7pm, St John's

This month we welcome Andrew McCaw as the preacher. Andrew is the Youth and Young Adults Evangelist at the Gathering Church in Belfast. Join us and invite others along for worship & fellowship.

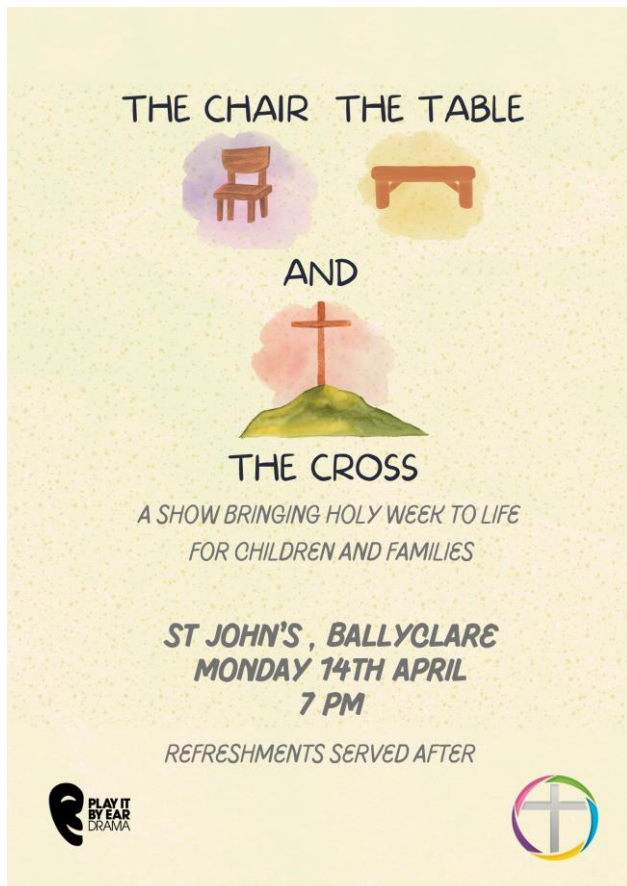
New House Group commencing after Easter

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

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.



Car Wash- Time to get that cleaned!

On **Saturday 26th April** in the afternoon, why not visit the carwash at Christ Church Halls to help raise funds for the Exodus Youth Mission in July.

Reaching Out & Welcoming in

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.**

Hot Cross Bun Giveaway – Good Friday

Every Good Friday we bless our communities by going out and giving away hot cross buns. This is to encourage people in the midst of all the commercialisation of Easter to think more about the cross. In our Year of Evangelism, this is an easy and fantastic way to share a message with people. Would you be willing to help on Good Friday morning to prepare and then distribute these into Ballyclare or Ballynure? Please let Rev Jonny, Laura or Sandra know if you can help. **We will be meeting at St John's Hall at 9.30am.**

Parish Office Interim Arrangements

There will be a period between David departing the parish, and a new Administrator being appointed. Therefore, from **17th April**, please be aware of the following changes.

- We would welcome anyone who would be willing to help with easy tasks around the parish. Below are the tasks that we would appreciate help with. Please contact Rev Jonny if you think you will be able to help.
 - ordering regular supplies of items for the churches
 - be the point of contact for all hall bookings.
 - operate the screens for the midweek communion services.
- Rev Jonny will continue to provide pastoral care and oversight for the parish. However, he will not be able to oversee any administrative functions during the vacancy.
- We are hoping to have the parish office open once a week to allow parishioners to call with queries. More details to follow.
- David's mobile phone & email will not be functioning after
- 17th April. - the new office email will be: - admin@theunitedparish.org.uk -this email will be checked once per week. The office phone will not be manned, but messages can be left, and these will be checked during the week.
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- If you wish to give in Freewill Offering envelopes or payments, please **DO NOT** leave these in the post-box in case of risk of theft. The parish will not be responsible for any moneys lost.
- Wednesday midweek Communion will be looked after entirely by Rev Jonny. Therefore, there will be no live streaming of the service until someone volunteers to oversee this.
- All financial queries should be directed to the Treasurer, Lawrence Stanford.
- For volunteers on rotas, we strongly recommend using the ChurchSuite app. This will provide all you need if you find you are not available and need to swap with other volunteers.

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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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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