

Sunday 14th September 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 14th September

10.00 Christ Church
Morning Prayer

11.30 St John's
Morning Praise

7pm 2nd Sundays

Sunday 21st September

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For Your Attention

2nd Sundays is back this month

After the success of last year, we are continuing with our monthly informal gathering in St John's. This Sunday evening at 7pm we welcome Ian Hannah from Ballymoney who will lead worship, and the guest preacher is Neal Myers from Lurgan. Invite others along.

Alpha starts this September – Mon 22nd Sept

It's not long now until we commence Alpha so book your place soon. As Christians we have an incredible hope in the Lord Jesus. With that hope, comes a joy in sharing with others. Alpha provides a relaxed way for people to find out more about the Christian faith. It involves food, video and discussion. Sessions begin each Monday 7pm – 9pm in St John's commencing 22nd September and will continue until the start of December. Book at <http://bit.ly/462lp1q>

Mother's Union – recommencing 22nd September

A warm welcome awaits all ladies as our Mothers' Union meetings resume on Monday 22nd September at 2.30pm in Christ Church Hall. We hope to have our MU Enterprises Rep with us and she will have a selection of MU cards, Literature and gifts available to purchase.

Compassion Sunday – 5th October

In recognition of the families and lives impacted by Compassion Ministries in our community, we are hosting a Service of Celebration in St John's on 5th October at 6.30pm. Join us to hear stories of hope and to thank God for his faithfulness in these vital community ministries.

Harvest Sunday 19th October

Join us on Sunday 19th October as we celebrate our God who provides all that we have.

Christmas Tree Festival 4th – 7th December

Make a note in your diaries for our Christmas Tree Festival in Christ Church taking place from 4th to 7th December climaxing in an evening celebration service with Bishop George Davison.

Pastoring

Please pray for:

- Ken Robinson recently admitted into hospital
- Damien O'Hara currently in hospital
- Liz Metcalfe
- Tyler McConnell
- Bob McConnell
- Noel Fryer
- Betty & Paul Redfern. Cynthia Banfield supporting her mum.
- for all in our Parish who will be undergoing further tests or surgery or awaiting results over the next few weeks.
- The Select Vestry as they continue with the process of recruiting a new Parish Administrator

Pastoral visits

Rev Jonny encourages all people to let him know if you would appreciate a visit. This has always been Rev Jonny's priority in ministry, but many people do not request a visit.

Mid-week Communion recommence

Mid-week Communion in St John's are held each Wednesday in St John's from 12 noon.

Northern Ireland Chaplaincy Research

The Northern Ireland Healthcare Chaplains' Association is the professional body for healthcare chaplains in Northern Ireland. They are undertaking a study regarding experiences of people who have used healthcare chaplaincy services. Whether as a patient, family member or professional, please use the link to find out more information about the brief survey and to take part.

<https://forms.office.com/e/YFbeb2Zcjm>

Going deeper

House groups have recommenced

Church is not about Sundays – it's community all week long. That's why in the United Parish we encourage everyone to be a part of a small group to study God's word. Here's a list of groups you can join, or speak with Rev Jonny if you would like a different day / time.

Mondays	Hendersons	07774 720241
Tuesdays	Wilsons	07745 828268
	Christ Church	07808 479649
	Burns	07572 817429
	Spences	07766 209262
Wednesdays	Campbell-Smyths	07808 479649
Thursdays	Women's	07749 815478

Bookings are open – Parish Weekend 2026!

We are excited to now open bookings for our Parish Weekend from **27th February – 1st March 2026**. This has always been a time of fun, fellowship and faith. Pauline and Alan Wilson will be our speakers with our theme – Seasons of Life. A full kids programme will also be available. See booking forms in the churches.

Midweek Bible Study – Christ Church Halls

Our midweek study continues on Tuesday 23rd September at 2pm in Christ Church Halls. To complement the Sunday teaching, we are going to be studying the life of Joseph. Join us and bring a friend.

Shaping a new generation

Youth & Children's Programme registration

As our youth & children's programme commences, it is essential that parents & guardians consent for their children to attend. Online consent forms can be found at <http://bit.ly/46njRBz>

Leading young people

As a church, we often talk and promote the ministries we have for our children and youth. However, this does not happen without the investment of dedicated leaders and helpers. We always need more support for this. If you can give a small amount of time each week to this important ministry, please contact Rev Jonny. This would help us plan our programmes as September approaches.

Boys' Brigade – new members welcome

If you have a boy between the ages of P1 – Year 14, then please encourage them to join our weekly BB sections in St John's halls.

P1-4 Anchor Boys Wednesdays 6:15pm – 7:30pm

P5-7 Junior Section Thursdays 7pm - 9pm

Year 8-14 Company Section Mondays 7:30 – 9:30pm

For more details speak with Ian Heaney on 07849 599257

Boys' Brigade Enrolment Service

Our Annual BB Enrolment Service will take place in St John's at 11.30am on 12th October.

Reaching Out & Welcoming in

Door to Door Evangelism moves into the Autumn

There has been incredible blessing as we have met and prayed with people in their homes in Ballynure, sharing with them the transforming love of Jesus. As the nights draw in, we will now be moving Thursday afternoons from 2pm-3pm. Please contact Jonny if you are interested in this vital ministry.

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Christmas Tree Festival 4th – 7th December

Christmas Tree festivals offer an incredible opportunity to invite people into churches and bring the story of Christmas alive for them. Our event will take place in Christ Church from 4th to 7th December. The theme will be 'Jesus is the light of the world – his light shines in the darkness'. We would invite church organisations and other community groups to create a tree that will be displayed during the festival.

Catering and craft stalls will also be available, with all money going to a local charity and the church. Please get in touch with Rev Jonny (07808 479649) or Jackie Wells (07843 982279) to know more.

Partnering

Release International

Lisa Willett has been our link with Release International over recent years, a role from which she is stepping down. We thank God for Lisa's commitment to keeping the parish informed about the persecuted Church. If this is an area that you would consider championing within the parish, please get in touch with Rev Jonny.

Release International Event

Former prisoner of faith, Andrew Brunson will be speaking in St John's on Monday evening 24th November at 7:45pm. In 2016 he and his wife were arrested and falsely accused of terrorism. Andrew was held in prison for 2 years and released in 2018. Join us and invite others.

Christians Against Poverty – Money Coaching

We would like to be able to offer CAP Money courses from time to time. These short courses equip people with the skills and confidence to stay in control of their finances. CAP will be running money coaching training on Saturday 27th September from 10.00 to 3.30 at Glenabbey Church. If you would be interested in attending, please get in touch with Frances (07791 249025).

Baby Basics

We are so grateful for the many donations we receive from our parishioners. This has helped us to support approximately 70 referrals this year. In order to maintain this support, we would appreciate donations of girls' vests and baby grows for age 0 - 3 months, clothes for age 2 - 3 (boys and girls), toiletries for Mum & baby and nappies sizes 1 and 2. Many thanks, 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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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) honsec@theunitedparish.org.uk

