


Sunday 1st February 2026



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
Holy Communion

11.30 St John's
Holy Communion

Sunday 8th February

10.00 Christ Church
Morning Prayer

11.30 St John's
Morning Praise

7 pm 2nd Sundays

For Your Attention

2nd Sundays – 8th February 7 pm

Every 2nd Sunday of the month we host a regular gathering of worship and teaching for everyone to unite in their love of Jesus. This takes place in St John's at 7pm. This month we welcome Andrew Brannigan as our speaker.

Free Will Offering Envelopes

The envelopes from both Churches will be available for collection at the office. Please advise to the parish office if you no longer wish to use these.

Church Membership Registration

Every year the church reviews its general list of members. This allows everyone to consider being more engaged in the management of our churches. Anyone over 18 and who subscribes financially to the church via a traceable manner (envelope or bank) can register as a member. Declaration forms are available at the back of each church. Please complete and return them to the parish office. Closing date for additions will be Sunday 15th February. If you have registered previously, it is not necessary to repeat this process.

Teaching Series

Our new teaching series beginning in February will look at the life of Ruth - a story of God's providence in the ordinariness of life. A story of tragedy turned to joy becomes part of the line of King David and ultimately Messiah.

Pledge Update

Thank you to those who have pledged towards our Investing in the Future programme. Please do not set up payment until we get in touch. If you haven't pledged yet, please contact the parish office for more details.

Pastoring

Please pray for:

- Liz McConnell who is still in hospital.
- Don Eastop in hospital.
- Ann Eastop recently discharged from hospital.
- The family of the late Dinsmore Reid and his sons Geoff and Richard.
- The family of the late Sadie Wilson, who died last Friday suddenly after a very short illness.
- The family of the late Margaret Gracey.
- The family of the late Noel Fryer. His wife Marie and his daughters Jennifer and Gillian.
- For all who are undergoing tests or surgery.

Join our Pastoral Visiting Team

In supporting Rev Jonny's pastoral ministry, we have a pastoral visiting team who call with a few parishioners each month. If you would like to be part of the pastoral visiting team, please let Rev Jonny know.

Church Wardens for St John's

We are very blessed to have a group of volunteers who welcome you at our churches each Sunday. However, the wider Church of Ireland requires there to be 2 Church Wardens for every church, whose job it is to open up the church and ensure all the preparations are made along with the minister before Sunday Services. If you would be interested in this role please speak with Rev Jonny.

Going deeper

Monthly 8.30am Holy Communion

Every month Rev Jonny hosts a short Holy Communion Service (old form) in Christ Church at 08:30 am on the last Sunday of the month. Recently numbers have been dropping and in sometimes there has been no attendance. Rev Jonny would like to gauge whether there is still a need for such a service. Please complete the very short anonymous survey to help us understand the need of the parish. Go to <https://forms.cloud.microsoft/r/vVezkIRqAi>

Bookings are open – Parish Weekend 2026!

Remember that bookings are open 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. We are convinced that it will be a blessed weekend for all the Parishioners of The United Parish.

PLEASE BOOK SOON. Booking forms available in the churches. You can also book at <https://bit.ly/3V32zn2>

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>

Exodus 2026

Unfortunately, the demand for this year's youth mission opportunity to Spain did not receive enough interest, and so we have regrettably decided to not send a team this year.

New Irish Arts Youth Choirs

New Irish Arts promotes Christian music and worship through the arts. A number of our parishioners are involved in New Irish Arts. Auditions are happening soon for the New Irish Youth Choir and Senior Youth Choir. If you are P6 – Year 10, or Year 11 to Year 14, which not consider auditioning. Speak with Rev Jonny or Jenny Cobain for more details.

Reaching Out & Welcoming in

Pancake Giveaway

Every Shrove Tuesday as an outreach to our community we provide pancakes to kids going to school. This simple outreach has such an impact. If you can help on Shrove Tuesday from 08.00 am – 09.30 am, please contact Laura Galloway or the Parish office.

Winter Warmer Programme

Last Friday was our last Winter Warmer Programme. We would like to thank our volunteers who have been willing to serve with love and warmth every week.

Supporting our church - Easy fundraising

Did you know that as a Charity we can receive a small percentage from many of your online purchases? This is done through a company called Easy fundraising. It costs you nothing and benefits the parish. To date through 41 supporters over £900 has been raised. With every transaction you make, you can indirectly contribute on purchases from many online companies including Amazon, H&M, M&S, Hotels.com and many more. Tell your friends and family to sign up soon. For more info go to <https://bit.ly/47Un6jH>

Bins at St John's

Please note that the bins at St John's must be used correctly. Over recent months, rubbish has been put into the wrong bins which means that the bin collections will not take our rubbish. Please follow the instructions and help keep our church tidy.

Partnering

CMS Ireland " Fair Play " theme 2025

We are delighted to inform you that funds raised through CMS Ireland's collection boxes in 2025, has amounted to £400.

So, a big thank you goes out to everyone who contributed to this great total.

Release International

In November 2025 we were visited by Andrew and Norine Brunson. Andrew opened up about his time in prison in Turkey while in God's service. Please visit www.wavestarters.org and find out more how God is using Andrew and Norine. One aspect is in preparing the next generation to stand in difficult times.

HAZAQ Coffee for sale

We sell ethically sourced, freshly roasted, great tasting coffee from both churches on behalf of HAZAQ. Hazaq is an organisation where the profits go directly to support the work of Release International. Each bag of filter coffee costs £7.50, and you can order from Iris Grimason in St John's or Olive Maze in Christ Church.

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

