


Sunday 8th 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
Morning Prayer

11.30 St John's
Morning Praise

7 pm 2nd Sundays

Sunday 15th February

10.00 Christ Church
Morning Prayer

11.30 St John's
Morning Praise

For Your Attention

Envelopes allocation

It's come to our attention that there maybe a batch of envelopes which have an incorrect number printed and in order for contributions to be allocated correctly, we would ask that the person/family with a batch number **063** could make contact with the Church Office.

Your News Sheet

Sometimes the Parish Office and Rev Jonny will forget information that is important to share across the Church family. If there's news / prayer requests that you would like included in the News Sheet, please contact the Parish Office before Thursday of each week.

Free Will Offering Envelopes

The envelopes from both Churches are still available for collection at the office. Please advise 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.

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 is still in hospital.
- The family of the late Dinsmore Reid and his sons Geoff and Richard.
- The family of the late Sadie Wilson. In recent days her eldest brother Robert also died and that brings further grief to the family.
- The son of Ed Barton, Jonathan, who is currently in hospital.
- Wendy Trew recently admitted to hospital.
- The number of people in Nursing homes who need to know that their church family has not forgotten them.

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.

Prayer Warriors available

February's edition of Prayer Warriors is now available. Please pray for the various ministries in our parish.

Going deeper

Rural Deanery Lenten Services

The Rural Deanery is a series of churches in the wider Antrim area. We encourage churches to come together each Wednesday evening of Lent for worship & teaching. A flyer is available in the churches providing details of dates & locations.

18th February St Saviour's Connor
25th February St Patrick's, Templepatrick
4th March Drummaul Parish, Randalstown
11th March St John's, Ballyclare
18th March St Jude's, Muckamore
25th March Antrim Parish Church Halls

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>

Called to Serve

A vocations retreat for anyone in the Diocese who is sensing a call of God to ministry (lay or ordained) will be held on Saturday 28th March from 10am – 3pm with Guest Speaker Ken (Fanta) Clarke. Contact Rev Peter Jones to reserve your place. rectormossley@hotmail.com

Shaping a new generation

Connor Youth Night

Young people across the Diocese have been invited to gather for a night of worship, praise and fun on Sunday 1st March, 7pm, at the Church of the Good Sheperd, Monkstown.

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>

Boys Brigade

If you would be willing to become a leader in any of the sections of BB get in touch with Ian Heaney on 07849 599257

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.

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>

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. Please pop to release international website and click on podcast to be updated and informed.

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

