



Sunday 20th September 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

10.00am Morning Prayer
Christ Church

11.30am Morning Praise
St John's

Sunday 27th September

8.30am Communion
Christ Church

10.00am Family Service
Christ Church

11.30am Family Service
St John's

For Your Attention

Alpha Has Begun and We Need Your Help!

Alpha has begun and we thank God for the group that took part last Monday; we continue to pray that the Lord will continue to bless this programme. **To make this possible, we need 2 people each evening to serve the cooked food at each Alpha session; the more volunteers we have, the easier it is. Please sign up at the back of church, thanks!**

Please keep encouraging people to sign up.

Register at <https://theunitedparish.churchsuite.com/events/zopdh24v>

Harvest Decorations and Services

Our Harvest Church Decorations will take place on Saturday 17th October from 10am at both churches. You are more than welcome to come along and help us prepare our churches for the Harvest celebrations! We warmly invite you to our **Harvest Services on Sunday 18th October.** As we gather together, we will give thanks to God for His abundant blessings, for the food we receive, the people who care for us, and for His love, guidance and provision throughout the year.

Following the service, we will continue our celebration with a lunch in St John's Halls at 1pm.

As seating capacity is limited, please sign up using the link below to reserve your place:

<https://theunitedparish.churchsuite.com/events/ppgji15u>

New Church Clothing

We have revisited the idea of church merchandise, and it's now here. Sample items and order forms are at the back of church for you to try. Simply try on, pay by card or cash, and place your order, thanks!

We Need your Stories & Memorabilia

We now need people to think of stories and memorabilia of family members who fought in any major conflict. A big thank you to those who have started placing the poppies onto the nets, you are doing a fantastic job.

Pastoring

Please pray for:

- Family of Margaret Turner, who died after a long illness – for Ken, Pamela & Christopher.
- Family of the late Winston Jenkins –for Betty, Martin, Wincy and Elaine.
- Family of the late Georgie Wilson.
- Winnie Johnston, recovering at home following surgery.
- Olive Spence, as she continues treatment.
- Anne Eastop, in Whiteabbey Hospital.
- Isabel Scott's health as she awaits surgery.
- The number of people in Nursing homes who need to know that their church family has not forgotten them.

Wider Cycle of Prayer

Please pray for:

- Rev Johny Carson and The Way Church.
- Rev John Farr and Killead & Gartree Parish.
- Our car parking ministry in St John's, who kindly make parking available for our parishioners.

Going deeper

2nd Sundays on 11th October

2nd Sundays provides more space and time to worship and hear from God. Join us on 11th October at 7pm in St John's and invite others along as we worship, we seek the word, and we fellowship as God's family.

House Groups/Small Groups

Rev Jonny's hope is that everyone desires to be part of a small group where through the week people grow together in their knowledge and love of the Lord. If you would consider hosting in your home or running a small group, please let Rev Jonny know.

Personal devotionals available

Pauline Wilson helped lead our Parish Weekend. She has written a number of personal devotionals that are available to purchase at £8. Take a copy from the back of church and give your money into the Office.

Bible Study on Tuesday 29th September

The next Bible study at Christ Church, led by Rev Jonny, will take place on Tuesday 29th September at 2pm. What a blessing it is to be able to come together, learn and delve deeply into the Word of God. Please come along, you are very welcome.

Shaping a new generation

BB Enrolment 11th October

We are delighted to announce our upcoming Boys' Brigade Enrolment Service on 11th October at St John's. It will be a wonderful opportunity to celebrate our young boys as they begin a journey of faith, service, leadership and fellowship.

Kids' Sunday Programmes

Our Kids's Sunday Programmes has started. If your children/youth are attending any of our church-based programmes, then it is most important that a consent form is completed. We have made a few changes to the form which can be found and completed using the following link

<https://theunitedparish.churchsuite.com/-/forms/ri7fro95>

Even better just click on the QR code:-



You will also find the QR code on the walls at the back of both churches.

Reaching Out & Welcoming in

Joint St John's / Ollardale Community Event

As part of our desire to connect more with our local community we are joining with Ollardale Community Group to hold 6 coffee and chat sessions in the church hall on Thursday mornings from 10.00am to 12.00pm during the autumn. We plan to invite speakers starting on 8th October when we will hear from Community Advice and there will be an opportunity to ask questions. Join us for our first gathering on Thursday 24th September.

Men's Trip to Normandy in March 2027

The United Parish are planning a mens' trip to view the Normandy beaches and other battlefields associated with the 1944 Normandy landings. Information leaflets are at the back of church. Anyone interested should book their space through **Andrew Brannigan on 07950 846621 by 11th October.**

Poppies, We Have Reached 8700, Thanks!

Over the 4 days of the event, we need people to steward the Church for security. If you can give 2 hours, please put your name on the sheet at the back of both Churches, thanks.

We still need more:

- ✓ **Volunteers to attach the poppies...**
- ✓ **Knitting poppies. Another 7,000 would help....**
- ✓ **Memorabilia worth displaying as part of the exhibition.**

Mothers' Union

We commence our 2026/2027 season on Monday 28th September at 2.30pm in Christ Church Hall Ballynure. We look forward to welcoming all our ladies and hopefully some new ones, as we begin our new programme. See you there!
For further information contact **Vera Jones 07714286684.**

Partnering

CMSi Magazine

The new CMSi Magazine has arrived, you will find it with the latest news and prayer requests on the display at the back of the church. You are welcome to take a copy.

UCB “Word for Today”

We now have copies of UCB–The Word for Today (August to October) available at both churches. Please feel free to pick up your free copy. We pray that these daily readings will encourage and strengthen your walk with God.

Voice Magazine

The Voice Magazine (July-September 2026) has arrived. Copies are available at the back of both churches, please do take one. It is a valuable way to keep informed about what our persecuted Christian brothers and sisters are experiencing around the world, and how we can pray for and support them.

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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