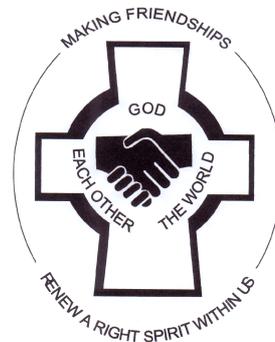


# 22<sup>nd</sup> SEPTEMBER 2013

## Trinity 17



**WELCOME** Good to see everyone - especially any newcomers or visitors.

**WORSHIP** We come to give our prayer and praise to God, to give ourselves to hear his word. We come to give our worship - and in giving receive.

### PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Lord God, as we draw near to you, may you draw near to us. You are enthroned in might, shrouded in mystery and yet you would come to us now in our worship. Shed your revealing light upon our way and help us to learn lessons for our lives. Amen.

### THIS WEEK

**TODAY** Living Faith Service at 6.30 pm in St Patrick's.  
'The importance of family'.

Confirmation - young person's group meet at 7.30 pm in the Minor Hall.

Retiring collection - at all churches - in aid of those suffering in Syria.

**TUESDAY** Bible Fellowship resumes looking at the first chapters of Acts - Choir Vestry at 8 pm.

Healer Prayer Group - Clergy Vestry at 7.15 pm.

**WEDNESDAY** How churches can change communities - Dr Alistair Petrie. An evening sponsored by Ballymena House of Prayer - High Kirk at 7.30 pm.

Blood Donation in the main hall, St Patrick's  
1.30 - 4 pm and 5.15 - 8 pm.

**THURSDAY** Blood Donation sessions as above.

AGM Ballymena Church Members Forum at 7.30 pm in the Methodist Church.

**FRIDAY**

House Group 8 pm.

**SATURDAY**

Annual CLB car boot sale and GFS coffee morning. Any volunteers willing to supply tray bakes for the coffee morning please contact Anne Crawford on 2589 2982.

### **EACH WEEK**

**PRAYER FOR HEALING**

In St Patrick's on Sunday after evening service.

**MID WEEK**

Holy Communion in St Patrick's at 10.30 am.

**PRAYER SUPPORT**

Team Leader - Doreen Cowan, Tel. No. 2564 4709.

### **FOR THE FUTURE**

**COMING**

Ballyclug Harvest Supper - Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> October.

**ONGOING**

Christmas Shoe Box appeal.

**PLEASE NOTE**

Bible Reading notes to assist you in bible reading - if you would consider having these please put your name on list at back of church.

**OF INTEREST**

Ady from Nepal sends his prayer blessing. As well as working with street children in the morning he is working as a volunteer tuition teacher in an orphanage in the afternoon. He is also pleased to have obtained a student visa.

**NEW BISHOP**

Congratulations to former curate the Revd Pat Storey on her appointment as bishop of Meath and Kildare.

### **READINGS IN ST PATRICK'S**

Malachi 3:6-12 (Page 904) and 2 Corinthians 8:1-9 (Page 179)

### **ANTHEM IN ST PATRICK'S - A Clare Benediction (*John Rutter*)**

May the Lord show his mercy upon you;  
may the light of his presence be your guide:  
May he guard you and uphold you;  
may his spirit be ever by your side.

When you sleep, may his angels watch over you;  
when you wake, may he fill you with his grace:  
May you love him and serve him all your days,  
Then in heaven may you see his face.

## **TRINITY 17 - St Columba's**

**22 September 2013**

**A reading from the prophecy of Jeremiah chapter 8  
beginning at verse 18**

<sup>18</sup>My joy is gone, grief is upon me,  
my heart is sick.

<sup>19</sup>Hark, the cry of my poor people  
from far and wide in the land:

‘Is the LORD not in Zion?

Is her King not in her?’

(‘Why have they provoked me to anger with their images,  
with their foreign idols?’)

<sup>20</sup>‘The harvest is past, the summer is ended,  
and we are not saved.’

<sup>21</sup>For the hurt of my poor people I am hurt,  
I mourn, and dismay has taken hold of me.

<sup>22</sup>Is there no balm in Gilead?

Is there no physician there?

Why then has the health of my poor people  
not been restored?

<sup>1</sup>O that my head were a spring of water,  
and my eyes a fountain of tears,

so that I might weep day and night  
for the slain of my poor people!

***This is the word of the Lord***

**THANKS BE TO GOD**

## A reading from the Gospel according to St Luke chapter 16 beginning at verse 1

<sup>1</sup>Jesus said to the disciples, ‘There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. <sup>2</sup>So he summoned him and said to him, “What is this that I hear about you? Give me an account of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer.” <sup>3</sup>Then the manager said to himself, “What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. <sup>4</sup>I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.” <sup>5</sup>So, summoning his master’s debtors one by one, he asked the first, “How much do you owe my master?” <sup>6</sup>He answered, “A hundred jugs of olive oil.” He said to him, “Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.” <sup>7</sup>Then he asked another, “And how much do you owe?” He replied, “A hundred containers of wheat.” He said to him, “Take your bill and make it eighty.” <sup>8</sup>And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. <sup>9</sup>And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes. <sup>10</sup>Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. <sup>11</sup>If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? <sup>12</sup>And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? <sup>13</sup>No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.’

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**TRINITY 17 - Ballyclug**

22 September 2013

**A reading from the Second Letter of St Paul to the  
Corinthians chapter 8 beginning at verse 1**

<sup>1</sup>We want you to know, brothers and sisters, about the grace of God that has been granted to the churches of Macedonia; <sup>2</sup>for during a severe ordeal of affliction, their abundant joy and their extreme poverty have overflowed in a wealth of generosity on their part. <sup>3</sup>For, as I can testify, they voluntarily gave according to their means, and even beyond their means, <sup>4</sup>begging us earnestly for the privilege of sharing in this ministry to the saints - <sup>5</sup>and this, not merely as we expected; they gave themselves first to the Lord and, by the will of God, to us, <sup>6</sup>so that we might urge Titus that, as he had already made a beginning, so he should also complete this generous undertaking among you. <sup>7</sup>Now as you excel in everything - in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in utmost eagerness, and in our love for you - so we want you to excel also in this generous undertaking.

<sup>8</sup>I do not say this as a command, but I am testing the genuineness of your love against the earnestness of others. <sup>9</sup>For you know the generous act of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich.

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