

# 29<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2013



## Trinity 18 St Michael and All Angels

**Welcome:** Visitors and newcomers are especially welcome.

**Worship:** As we come to worship may we truly value the freedom we have to worship.

### *Prayer of Preparation:*

**Father God, as we gather from varied lives help us to focus on you. Help us to give ourselves to this act of worship, to hear what you would say and to respond positively. We ask it through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### THIS WEEK

**MONDAY** Young Persons' Steering Group. Jubilee Room at 7.30 pm.

**TUESDAY** Healer Prayer Group at 7.15 pm.  
Bible Fellowship at 8.00 pm.

Ballymena Church Members Forum - proposed trip to Ethiopia next summer with Habitat for Humanity.  
Information evening The Braid at 7.30 pm.

**SATURDAY** Prayer Meeting 8.00 am Jubilee Room.

### EACH WEEK

**PRAYER FOR HEALING** In St Patrick's on Sunday after evening service.

**PRAYER SUPPORT** Team Leader - Millicent McClelland,  
Tel No. 2564 6407.

**FOODBANK** Collection trolley in both St Patrick's and St Columba's. The Foodbank in Ballymena is proving a valuable initiative and is being much used.

**SHOE BOX** Shoe boxes are available at back of church.  
**APPEAL** Donations appreciated.  
**FOR THE FUTURE**

**NEXT SUNDAY** Harvest in Ballyclug at 10.00 am and St Columba's at 11.30 am. Preacher the Rev R. Elsdon. Gifts of vegetables, fruit, flowers etc appreciated.

**COMING** Wednesday, 9<sup>th</sup> September - Harvest Supper and Entertainment.

**PLEASE NOTE** Financial Appeal. The harvest is to trigger a response to our appeal for an increase in giving to the General Fund (blue envelopes).

From 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in October a ministry of prayer will be available after the morning service in St Patrick's.

Syria - We had a retiring collection for Syria last Sunday. If anyone would still like to give, please do so this Sunday.

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

Jeremiah 32:1-3:6-15 (Page 747) and 1 Timothy 6:6-19 (Page 208)

### **ANTHEM - ST PATRICK'S**

Rejoice, the Lord is King, your  
Lord and King adore;  
Mortals, give thanks and sing,  
and triumph evermore;  
Lift up you hearts, lift up your  
voice,  
rejoice, again I say rejoice.

Jesus, the Saviour, reigns, the  
God of truth and love;  
When he had purged our stains,  
he took his seat above:  
Lift up your hearts, lift up your  
voice,  
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice.

His kingdom cannot fail; he  
rules o'er earth and heaven;  
The keys to death and hell are  
to our Jesus given:  
Lift up your hearts, lift up your  
voice,  
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice.

He sits at God's right hand, till  
all his foes submit,  
And bow to his command and  
fall beneath his feet:  
Lift up your hearts, lift up your  
voice,  
Rejoice again I say rejoice.

Rejoice, the Lord is King, your  
Lord and King adore;  
Mortals, give thanks and sing,  
and triumph evermore:

Lift up your hearts, lift up your  
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## TRINITY 18 - St Columba's

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A reading from the prophecy of Malachi chapter 3  
beginning at verse 6

6 For I the LORD do not change; therefore you, O children of Jacob, have not perished. <sup>7</sup>Ever since the days of your ancestors you have turned aside from my statutes and have not kept them. Return to me, and I will return to you, says the LORD of hosts. But you say, 'How shall we return?'

8 Will anyone rob God? Yet you are robbing me! But you say, 'How are we robbing you?' In your tithes and offerings! <sup>9</sup>You are cursed with a curse, for you are robbing me—the whole nation of you! <sup>10</sup>Bring the full tithe into the storehouse, so that there may be food in my house, and thus put me to the test, says the LORD of hosts; see if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you an overflowing blessing. <sup>11</sup>I will rebuke the locust\* for you, so that it will not destroy the produce of your soil; and your vine in the field shall not be barren, says the LORD of hosts. <sup>12</sup>Then all nations will count you happy, for you will be a land of delight, says the LORD of hosts.

*This is the word of the Lord*  
**THANKS BE TO GOD**

## 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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# TRINITY 18 - Ballyclug

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A reading from the prophecy of Jeremiah chapter 32 beginning at verse 1

<sup>1</sup>The word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD in the tenth year of King Zedekiah of Judah, which was the eighteenth year of Nebuchadnezzar. <sup>2</sup>At that time the army of the king of Babylon was besieging Jerusalem, and the prophet Jeremiah was confined in the court of the guard that was in the palace of the king of Judah, <sup>3</sup>where King Zedekiah of Judah had confined him.

<sup>6</sup>Jeremiah said, The word of the LORD came to me: <sup>7</sup>Hanamel son of your uncle Shallum is going to come to you and say, 'Buy my field that is at Anathoth, for the right of redemption by purchase is yours.' <sup>8</sup>Then my cousin Hanamel came to me in the court of the guard, in accordance with the word of the LORD, and said to me, 'Buy my field that is at Anathoth in the land of Benjamin, for the right of possession and redemption is yours; buy it for yourself.' Then I knew that this was the word of the LORD. <sup>9</sup>And I bought the field at Anathoth from my cousin Hanamel, and weighed out the money to him, seventeen shekels of silver. <sup>10</sup>I signed the deed, sealed it, got witnesses, and weighed the money on scales. <sup>11</sup>Then I took the sealed deed of purchase, containing the terms and conditions, and the open copy; <sup>12</sup>and I gave the deed of purchase to Baruch son of Neriah son of Mahseiah, in the presence of my cousin Hanamel, in the presence of the witnesses who signed the deed of purchase, and in the presence of all the Judeans who were sitting in the court of the guard. <sup>13</sup>In their presence I charged Baruch, saying, <sup>14</sup>Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: Take these deeds, both this sealed deed of purchase and this open deed, and put them in an earthenware jar, in order that they may last for a long time. <sup>15</sup>For thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: Houses and fields and vineyards shall again be bought in this land.

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## THANKS BE TO GOD

A reading from the First Letter of St Paul to Timothy chapter 6 beginning at verse 6

<sup>6</sup>Of course there is great gain in godliness combined with contentment; <sup>7</sup>for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it; <sup>8</sup>but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. <sup>9</sup>But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. <sup>10</sup>For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains. <sup>11</sup>But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. <sup>12</sup>Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life, to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. <sup>13</sup>In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, <sup>14</sup>I charge you to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>15</sup>which he will bring about at the right time - he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. <sup>16</sup>It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honour and eternal dominion. Amen. <sup>17</sup>As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty, or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. <sup>18</sup>They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, <sup>19</sup>thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

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