

13th October 2013

Trinity 20



Welcome: To Roger Cooke and the Revd Patrick Barton, speakers at our Harvest Thanksgiving services in St Patrick's - and to all newcomers and visitors.

Worship: The heavens declare the glory of God - and so do we in our earthly lives.

Prayer of Preparation:

Give us our Father a sense of your presence as we gather for worship. Grant us gratitude as we remember your goodness, penitence as we remember our sins and joy as we remember your love. Enable us now to lift up our hearts in humble prayer and fervent praise and then to go out to the world to share by lips and lives what you mean to us. Amen.

THIS WEEK

- TONIGHT** Harvest Thanksgiving in St Patrick's at 6.30 pm.
Preacher The Revd Patrick Barton, Rector, Ballintoy, Dunseverick and Rathlin.
- MONDAY** Helpers please to distribute harvest gifts from 10.00 am onwards.
- TUESDAY** Healer Prayer Group at 7.15 pm.
Bible Fellowship meets at 8.00 pm.
- WEDNESDAY** Still Active - St Patrick's at 2 pm. Reminiscing with Trevor.
Sunday School Teachers' meeting at 7.00 pm.

Mothers' Union 8.00 pm.

NEXT SUNDAY Family Service in St Patrick's at 10.15 am.
GIVING Early days yet, clearly some have responded to the 'grace of giving' appeal and increasing their giving to the General Fund through the blue envelopes - thank you.

EACH WEEK

MINISTRY OF PRAYER Each Sunday in St Patrick's after morning and evening service.

PRAYER SUPPORT Team Leader - Sandra Thompson,
Tel No. 2564 1630.

FOODBANK Collection trolley in both St Patrick's and St Columba's.

SHOE BOX APPEAL Shoe boxes are available at back of church.
Donations appreciated.

ADVANCE NOTICE Annual Table Quiz - St Patrick's, Wednesday 23rd October at 7.30 pm. Proceeds to CROCUS.

Two one act comedies - '*You Never Know Your Luck*' and '*The Doctor and Mrs Macauley*' - 15th and 16th November at 7.30 pm in St Patrick's. Admission £7 including supper. Tickets available from Parish Office or News Rack. You may also reserve tickets by adding your name to list at back of church.

CHILDREN'S PRAYER

Thank you God our heavenly Father for all the things you give us and thank you especially today for all our food. Amen.



READINGS IN ST PATRICK'S

Deuteronomy 26:1-11 (Page 188)

St Mark 4:26-34 (Page 37)

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A reading from the Second Book of Kings chapter 5 beginning at verse 1

Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Aram, was a great man and in high favour with his master, because by him the LORD had given victory to Aram. The man, though a mighty warrior, suffered from leprosy. Now the Arameans on one of their raids had taken a young girl captive from the land of Israel, and she served Naaman's wife. She said to her mistress, 'If only my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy.' So Naaman went in and told his lord just what the girl from the land of Israel had said. And the king of Aram said, 'Go then, and I will send along a letter to the king of Israel.' He went, taking with him ten talents of silver, six thousand shekels of gold, and ten sets of garments. He brought the letter to the king of Israel, which read, 'When this letter reaches you, know that I have sent to you my servant Naaman, that you may cure him of his leprosy.' When the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, 'Am I God, to give death or life, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his leprosy? Just look and see how he is trying to pick a quarrel with me.' But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent a message to the king, 'Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come to me, that he may learn that there is a prophet in Israel.' So Naaman came with his horses and chariots, and halted at the entrance of Elisha's house. Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, 'Go, wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored and you shall be clean.' But Naaman became angry and went away, saying, 'I thought that for me he would surely come out, and stand and call on the name of the LORD his God, and would wave his hand over the spot, and cure the leprosy! Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them, and be clean?' He turned and went away in a rage. But his servants approached and said to him, 'Father, if the prophet had commanded you to do something difficult, would you not have done it? How much more, when all he said to you was, "Wash, and be clean"?' So he went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God; his flesh was restored like the flesh of a young boy, and he was clean. Then he returned to the man of God, he and all his company; Naaman came

and stood before him and said, 'Now I know that there is no God in all the earth except in Israel.'

This is the word of the Lord

THANKS BE TO GOD

**A reading from the Gospel according to St Luke chapter 17
beginning at verse 11**

¹¹On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. ¹²As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, ¹³they called out, saying, 'Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!' ¹⁴When he saw them, he said to them, 'Go and show yourselves to the priests.' And as they went, they were made clean. ¹⁵Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. ¹⁶He prostrated himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. ¹⁷Then Jesus asked, 'Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they? ¹⁸Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?' ¹⁹Then he said to the Samaritan, 'Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well.'

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A reading from the prophecy of Jeremiah chapter 29
beginning at verse 1

¹These are the words of the letter that the prophet Jeremiah sent from Jerusalem to the remaining elders among the exiles, and to the priests, the prophets, and all the people, whom Nebuchadnezzar had taken into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon. ⁴Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, to all the exiles whom I have sent into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon: ⁵Build houses and live in them; plant gardens and eat what they produce. ⁶Take wives and have sons and daughters; take wives for your sons, and give your daughters in marriage, that they may bear sons and daughters; multiply there, and do not decrease. ⁷But seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the LORD on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare.

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