

2nd FEBRUARY 2014

Epiphany 4



WELCOME

Especially to visitors and newcomers.

WORSHIP

In some small measure we seek to appreciate the glory of God and we come to acknowledge his worth.

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

God our Father we gather as those who know our need of your strength, our need of your mercy, our need of your peace in our hearts. Help us now to approach this act of worship expectant of all that you would give us. We ask it in Jesus' name. Amen.

THIS WEEK

TODAY

Sunday School teachers are asked to attend an introduction to this year's CMS Lent Project - Minor Hall 3.30 pm.

February magazine available. Newcomers please take a copy.

South Sudan - Our Bishop has asked that we support our partner diocese in South Sudan as they struggle to meet the needs of those fleeing from conflict.

Retiring collection.

MONDAY

First Aid Course will be held in the Robing Room from 6.00 pm - 9.00 pm.

St Columba's Committee at 7.30 pm.

TUESDAY

Sponsored by Ballymena Church Members Forum - Conversation between The Revd Heather Morris, Methodist President and Bishop Eamon Martin, in Moravian Church Hall, Gracehill, at 7.30 pm.

Healer Prayer Group - 7.15 - 8.00 pm in Clergy Vestry.
Bible Fellowship at 8.00 pm in Choir Vestry. All welcome.

WEDNESDAY Holy Communion in St Patrick's at 10.30 am followed by tea/coffee.

FRIDAY Two further interchurch events -
Another in series of Prayers of Blessing for our town sponsored by Ballymena House of Prayer in Moravian Church from 12.45 - 1.30 pm.
'Discovering more about each other'. A walk between All Saints, St Patrick's, 1st Ballymena and Methodist Churches.
Starting 'All Saints' at 8.15 pm. Organised by Methodist Men's Society and for men.

EACH WEEK

MINISTRY OF PRAYER This takes place after the 11.30 am service and the 6.30 pm service in St Patrick's.

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

EXPLORING CHRISTIANITY As mentioned last Sunday, if at all interested in this pre Easter Course, please put names on list at back of church.

NEPAL Some have indicated interest in possible mission trip to Nepal later this year. Any others - please speak to rector.

NEXT WEEK

ST COLUMBA'S Family Service next Sunday at 11.30 am.

BLOOD TRANSFUSION Blood Transfusion will be held in St Patrick's Church Hall, on Tuesday, 11 and Wednesday, 12 February from 1.30 pm - 4.00 pm & 5.15 pm - 8.00 pm.

READINGS IN ST PATRICK'S

CHILDREN'S PRAYER



Dear God, help us to keep you at the centre of our lives and to follow your teaching. Amen.

4th SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY - St Columba's

2 February 2014

A reading from the prophecy of Micah chapter 6 beginning at verse 1

¹Hear what the LORD says:

Rise, plead your case before the mountains,
and let the hills hear your voice.

²Hear, you mountains, the controversy of the LORD,
and you enduring foundations of the earth;
for the LORD has a controversy with his people,
and he will contend with Israel.

³'O my people, what have I done to you?
In what have I wearied you? Answer me!

⁴For I brought you up from the land of Egypt,
and redeemed you from the house of slavery;
and I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam.

⁵O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab
devised, what Balaam son of Beor answered him,
and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal,
that you may know the saving acts of the LORD.'

⁶'With what shall I come before the LORD,
and bow myself before God on high?
Shall I come before him with burnt-offerings,
with calves a year old?

⁷Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams,
with tens of thousands of rivers of oil?
Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression,
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?'

⁸He has told you, O mortal, what is good;
and what does the LORD require of you
but to do justice, and to love kindness,
and to walk humbly with your God?

This is the word of the Lord
THANKS BE TO GOD

**A reading from the Gospel according to St Matthew
chapter 5 beginning at verse 1**

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside
and sat down. His disciples came to him, and he began to
teach them, saying:

“Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are those who mourn,
for they will be comforted.

Blessed are the meek,
for they will inherit the earth.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,
for they will be filled.

Blessed are the merciful,
for they will be shown mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart,
for they will see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they will be called sons of God.

Blessed are those who are persecuted because of
righteousness,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

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