

# 9<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2014

## 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday before Lent



### **WELCOME**

We trust that folk will feel at home in the worship - especially any newcomers or visitors.

### **WORSHIP**

We come in to worship, we go out to witness.

### **PRAYER OF PREPARATION**

**God our Father as we come to worship and to hear the gospel, may the challenge of that gospel shape us, may the truth of the gospel inspire us and may the promise of the gospel encourage us. Amen.**

### **THIS WEEK**

#### **TODAY**

From today you can add your name to the register of Vestrypersons - this allows you to vote in church elections.

For parishioners who have not done so in the past, it is simply a matter of putting your signature and address on a form which can be found at the back of the church.

#### **MONDAY**

First Aid Course for youth leaders continues in Robing Room from 6.00 pm - 9.00 pm.

Jubilee House Group meets at 7.30 pm.

#### **TUESDAY**

Blood Transfusion Service in St Patrick's Church Hall, from 1.30 pm - 4.00 pm and 5.15 pm - 8.00 pm.

Select Vestry meet in Minor Hall 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.

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Mothers' Union meet at 8.00 pm - the subject is 'Christians Against Poverty'. Any other parishioners who may be interested in this topic are welcome to join us.

## 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 - Alex McKay, Tel. No. 2564 4698.

**CHRISTIANITY EXPLORED** This 7 week course starts on Thursday, 27 February at 7.45 pm in the Minor Hall for any wishing to deepen their appreciation of the basics of the Christian Faith. If interested please add your name to the sheet at the back of the church.

**FLOWER LIST** A Flower List is now available at the back of St Patrick's together with envelopes for donations. We are continuing to have the flowers arranged by Sally's of William Street and would like to thank you for your generous support.

**NEPAL** We are exploring a mission trip to Nepal later in the year. Please give this opportunity consideration and declare any interest.

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

Isaiah 58:1-9a (Page 698) and St Matthew 5:13-20 (Page 4)

## **VERSICLES AND RESPONSES IN ST PATRICK'S**

Lord Jesus when we walk as your disciples  
*May we reflect your light.*

## **CHILDREN'S PRAYER**

Father God, help us not to hide our light but to let it shine out to draw others to you. **Amen.**



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beginning at verse 1

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<sup>1</sup>Shout out, do not hold back! Lift up your voice like a trumpet! Announce to my people their rebellion, to the house of Jacob their sins. <sup>2</sup>Yet day after day they seek me and delight to know my ways, as if they were a nation that practised righteousness and did not forsake the ordinance of their God; they ask of me righteous judgements, they delight to draw near to God. <sup>3</sup>'Why do we fast, but you do not see? Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?' Look, you serve your own interest on your fast-day, and oppress all your workers. <sup>4</sup>Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight and to strike with a wicked fist. Such fasting as you do today will not make your voice heard on high. <sup>5</sup>Is such the fast that I choose, a day to humble oneself? Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush, and to lie in sackcloth and ashes? Will you call this a fast, a day acceptable to the LORD? <sup>6</sup>Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? <sup>7</sup>Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them, and not to hide yourself from your own kin? <sup>8</sup>Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you, the glory of the LORD shall be your rearguard. <sup>9</sup>Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am.

***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 13

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