

18th MAY 2014

Easter 5



WELCOME Especially to visitors and newcomers.

WORSHIP 'Be still and know that I am God' - worthy of worship.

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Father God, as we gather together may we put aside distracting thoughts and focus on all that you are to us. And as we engage in worship may we encounter him who is the way, the truth and the life and be encouraged to follow him all our days. Amen.

THIS WEEK

TODAY Christian Aid envelopes still available. Thanks to all who helped with the door to door collection and to those who provided lunches.

MONDAY Ministry Team meets at 7.30 pm in Choir Vestry.

TUESDAY Special service at 7.30 pm in St Patrick's for all parishes in Dalriada Archdeaconry.
Preacher - Bishop Alan Abernethy.
Healer Prayer Group meets in Jubilee Room.

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

Magazine distributors are invited to tea in the Minor Hall at 6.00 pm. Please let the office know if you can come.

THURSDAY Finance Committee meets in Office at 7.30 pm.

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 - Heather Barr,
Tel. No. 2564 1047.

ADVANCE NOTICE

NEXT SUNDAY Annual Civic Service at 11.30 am in St Patrick's.
No service in Ballyclug/St Columba's.
Please all come - we are hosts. Also invite someone from the wider community.

MAGAZINE Material for June issue by Wednesday please.

READINGS IN ST PATRICK'S
Deuteronomy 6:20-25 (Page 170)
St John 14:1-14 (Page 105)

EASTER 5 - St Columba's

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beginning at verse 2

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⁴Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and ⁵like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. ⁶For it stands in scripture:

'See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious; and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.' ⁷To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe, 'The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner', ⁸and 'A stone that makes them stumble, and a rock that makes them fall.' They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

⁹But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvellous light. ¹⁰Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

This is the word of the Lord
THANKS BE TO GOD

Hear the Gospel of our Saviour Christ, according to John, chapter 14 beginning at verse 1

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¹¹Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. ¹²Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. ¹³I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.’

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