

1ST JUNE 2014

Sunday after Ascension



WELCOME

To visitors and newcomers
and to our new curate the
Revd John McClure.

WORSHIP

We worship with the worldwide Church and with
all the company of heaven.

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Father God, as we gather today help us not to be
distracted from our worship. Help us to focus on you,
to hear your word, to give glory to you and to be
challenged to live for you during this coming week. We
ask it in Jesus' name. Amen.

THIS WEEK

MONDAY

St Columba's Committee meeting at 7.45 pm.
Parish Panel meeting at 7.30 pm.

TUESDAY

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

WEDNESDAY

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

THURSDAY

Community Bowls in the Parish Hall at 7.30 pm.
All welcome.

FRIDAY Ballymena House of Prayer sponsors 'Prayers of Blessing' for our town, The Wellington Church 12.45 - 1.30 pm.
'The Priests' Concert in St Patrick's at 7.30 pm.

SATURDAY Prayer time at 8.00 am. Jubilee Room followed by Hope Centre Breakfast.

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 - Doreen Cowan
Tel. No. 2564 4709.

ADVANCE NOTICE

CHILDREN'S BIBLE WEEK Starts on Monday, 9th June from 7.00 pm - 8.15 pm.

COFFEE MORNING Coffee Morning on Saturday, 14 June from 10.00 am - 12 noon in St Columba's. As well as refreshments there will be entertainment and paintings by local artists.

READINGS IN ST PATRICK'S

Acts 1:6-14 (Page 114)

St John 17:1-11 (Page 108)

CHILDREN'S PRAYER

Thank you God that we belong together in the church and that we are strong together. Amen.



SUNDAY AFTER ASCENSION - St Columba's

01 June 2014

A reading from the prophecy of Ezekiel chapter 39
beginning at verse 21

I will display my glory among the nations; and all the nations shall see my judgement that I have executed, and my hand that I have laid on them. ²²The house of Israel shall know that I am the LORD their God, from that day forward. ²³And the nations shall know that the house of Israel went into captivity for their iniquity, because they dealt treacherously with me. So I hid my face from them and gave them into the hand of their adversaries, and they all fell by the sword. ²⁴I dealt with them according to their uncleanness and their transgressions, and hid my face from them. ²⁵Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD: Now I will restore the fortunes of Jacob, and have mercy on the whole house of Israel; and I will be jealous for my holy name. ²⁶They shall forget* their shame, and all the treachery they have practised against me, when they live securely in their land with no one to make them afraid, ²⁷when I have brought them back from the peoples and gathered them from their enemies' lands, and through them have displayed my holiness in the sight of many nations. ²⁸Then they shall know that I am the LORD their God because I sent them into exile among the nations, and then gathered them into their own land. I will leave none of them behind; ²⁹and I will never again hide my face from them, when I pour out my spirit upon the house of Israel, says the Lord GOD.

This is the word of the Lord

THANKS BE TO GOD

A reading from the gospel according to St John chapter 17 beginning at verse 1

Jesus looked up to heaven and said, 'Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, ²since you have given him authority over all people, ^{*}to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. ³And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. ⁴I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. ⁵So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

⁶ 'I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. ⁷Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; ⁸for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. ⁹I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. ¹⁰All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. ¹¹And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.

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SUNDAY AFTER ASCENSION - Ballyclug

01 June 2014

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles chapter 1
beginning at verse 6

When the apostles had come together they asked Jesus, 'Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?' ⁷He replied, 'It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.' ⁹When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰While he was going and they were gazing up towards heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. ¹¹They said, 'Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up towards heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.' Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. ¹³When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. ¹⁴All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

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