

14th SEPTEMBER 2014

Trinity 13



WELCOME Especially to any newcomers.

WORSHIP We come to Church but remember we come to worship.

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

God our Father, we thank you for the freedom which enables us as a church family to gather for worship. We thank you for all who will contribute to this act of worship - may we give of ourselves to honour you. And now, may your Spirit draw us into worship and inspire our offering. We ask it in Jesus' name. Amen.

CHOIR INTROIT

Sing joyfully unto God our strength.

Sing loud, sing loud unto the God of Jacob. Take the song and bring forth the timbrel, the pleasant harp and the viol. Blow the trumpet in the new moon! Even in the time appointed and at our feast day. For this is a statute for Israel, and a law of the God of Jacob.

MAKING FRIENDSHIPS

WITH GOD

FAMILY SERVICE Next Sunday in St Patrick's at 10.15 am.

BLESSING A seminar on Prayer and Prayer Blessing this Tuesday at 7.30 pm. Speaker: Canon David Brown.

HOUSE GROUP 21 Glenwood, Ahoghill this Friday.

RETREAT Drumalis - Saturday, 11th October. List for names.

DAILY PRAYERS St Patrick's 1.15 pm - 1.30 pm.

MINISTRY OF This takes place after the 11.30 am service

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PRAYER and the 6.30 pm service in St Patrick's.

PRAYER SUPPORT Team Leader - Eleanor Burnett, Tel. No. 075 1736 5589.

WITH EACH OTHER

MINISTRY TEAM Meet on Monday at 7.30 pm in Minor Hall.

LADIES' CIRCLE St Columba's on Monday at 8.00 pm. New members are welcome.

SAFEGUARDING TRUST Basic training on Tuesday at 8.15 pm.

STILL ACTIVE Resumes on Wednesday at 2.00 pm. The Rev John McClure will speak to the members and get to know them.

SOUP AND COFFEE MORNING Irene's Soup and Coffee morning will be held in 2 Beechwood Avenue on Wednesday, 24th September from 11.00 am - 3.00 pm. All welcome.

HARVEST SUPPER Entertainment and food on Wednesday, 8th October at 7.00 pm. Tickets available from Church Wardens.

WITH THE WORLD

NEPAL One fundraising event for projects to be undertaken by the team going to Nepal. Coffee morning and cake sale - Saturday, 4th October from 10.00 am - 12.00 noon.

BLOOD TRANSFUSION Blood Transfusion will be held in St Patrick's Church Hall, on Monday, 15th and Tuesday 16th July from 1.30 pm - 4.00 pm and 5.15 pm - 8.00 pm.

MISSION As reported in the magazine, to encourage our mission and charity giving we are making a special appeal which will be channeled through our Harvest Envelopes.

SHOE BOXES Christmas Shoe Boxes are now available in all churches. Instruction leaflets are inside each box.



CHILDREN'S PRAYER

Thank you God for our church family - that we all have a part to play in it. And thank you for our worship - may we all join together in it. Amen.

READINGS IN ST PATRICK'S

Ephesians 4:1-13 (Page 191) and St Matthew 25:14-30 (Page 27)

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A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians chapter 4 beginning at verse 1

Gifts are given by God so that all his people can be equipped for the work of his church.

¹I, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, ²with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, ³making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. ⁴There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, ⁵one Lord, one faith, one baptism, ⁶one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.

⁷But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift. ⁸Therefore it is said,

'When he ascended on high he made captivity itself a captive; he gave gifts to his people.'

⁹(When it says, 'He ascended,' what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? ¹⁰He who descended is the same one who ascended far above all the heavens, so that he might fill all things.) ¹¹The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, ¹²to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, ¹³until all of us come to the unity of the faith and

of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ.

This is the word of the Lord
THANKS BE TO GOD

**A reading from the Gospel according to St Matthew chapter 25
beginning at verse 14**

Whatever the level of our gifting - we should use our gifts in God's service.

Jesus said to his disciples, ¹⁴‘The kingdom of heaven is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; ¹⁵to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. ¹⁶The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. ¹⁷In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. ¹⁸But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. ¹⁹After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. ²⁰Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, “Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.” ²¹His master said to him, “Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.” ²²And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, “Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.” ²³His master said to him, “Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.” ²⁴Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, “Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; ²⁵so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.” ²⁶But his master replied, “You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? ²⁷Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on

my return I would have received what was my own with interest. ²⁸So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. ²⁹For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. ³⁰As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.”

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