

21st SEPTEMBER 2014



Trinity 14

WELCOME

To visitors and newcomers.

WORSHIP

Our focus is on God - he embraces all that may be going on in our lives and in our world.

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Generous God, we offer ourselves to you

We offer our hands to do your work

We offer our hearts to pray for your world

We offer our lives to be changed by your spirit

And we offer now our worship in recognition of all that you are for us. Amen.

MAKING FRIENDSHIPS

WITH GOD

NEXT SUNDAY

11.30 am Service in St Patrick's - Celebration of Wholeness and Healing from Book of Common Prayer.
6.30 pm Living Faith resumes.

TUESDAY

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

THURSDAY

'In Joyful Hope'. A new initiative for Ballymena bringing folks from different churches together around the experience of Holy Communion. First in series in various churches - All Saints on Thursday at 8.00 pm.

MINISTRY OF PRAYER

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

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PRAYER SUPPORT WITH EACH OTHER Team Leader - Doreen Cowan, Tel. No. 2564 4709.

HARVEST GIVING We are making a special effort through the Harvest Envelope to support mission. Please keep this challenge in mind.

MONDAY Youth Steering Group meet at 7.30 pm.

SOUP AND COFFEE MORNING Irene's Soup and Coffee morning in 2 Beechwood Avenue this Wednesday 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.

MAGAZINE Material for October issue by Wednesday please.

WITH THE WORLD

STUDENT LUNCHES Each Thursday 12.00 noon - 1.30 pm. If you have any contact with the N.E. Regional College, please promote.

NEPAL Just one fundraising event in support of the mission team.
Coffee Morning and Cake Sale - Saturday, 4th October from 10.00 am - 12.00 noon.

ANTHEM - *Lead me, Lord (Wesley)*

Lead me, Lord, lead me in thy righteousness,
Make thy way plain before my face.
For it is thou, Lord, only that makest me dwell in safety.

READINGS IN ST PATRICK'S

EXODUS 16:2-15 (Page No 64) - God provides generously for his people in the face of their grumbling.

Matthew 20:1-16 (Page No 20) - Instead of complaining we should appreciate the generosity of God.

TRINITY 14 - St Columba's

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A reading from the Letter of St Paul to the Philippians
chapter 1 beginning at verse 21

Paul is deeply concerned for his fellow Christians at Philippi and encourages them to live out the faith even if it brings suffering.

To me, living is Christ and dying is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labour for me; and I do not know which I prefer. I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again. Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For

them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well — since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

This is the word of the Lord
THANKS BE TO GOD

Instead of complaining we should appreciate the generosity of God.

Hear the Gospel of our Saviour Christ, according to St Matthew, chapter 20 beginning at verse 1

Jesus said to his disciples, 'The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire labourers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the labourers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the market-place; and he said to them, "You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right." So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, "Why are you standing here idle all day?" They said to him, "Because no one has hired us." He said to them, "You also go into the vineyard." When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, "Call the labourers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first." When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, "These last

worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.” But he replied to one of them, “Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?” So the last will be first, and the first will be last.’

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
PRAISE TO YOU, LORD JESUS CHRIST.

TRINITY 14 - Ballyclug

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A reading from the Book of Exodus chapter 16 beginning at verse 2

God provides generously for his people in the face of their grumbling.

The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. The Israelites said to them, ‘If only we had died by the hand of the LORD in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger.’ Then the LORD said to Moses, ‘I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not. On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather on other days.’ So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, ‘In the evening you shall know that it was the LORD who brought you out of the land of Egypt, and in the morning you shall see the glory of the LORD, because he has heard your complaining against the LORD. For what are we, that you complain against us?’ And Moses said, ‘When the LORD gives you meat to eat in the evening and your fill of bread in the morning, because the LORD has heard the complaining that you utter against him—what are we? Your

complaining is not against us but against the LORD.’ Then Moses said to Aaron, ‘Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, “Draw near to the LORD, for he has heard your complaining.” ’ And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked towards the wilderness, and the glory of the LORD appeared in the cloud. The LORD spoke to Moses and said, ‘I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, “At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the LORD your God.” ’ In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, ‘What is it?’ For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, ‘It is the bread that the LORD has given you to eat.

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