

28th SEPTEMBER 2014

Trinity 15



WELCOME To visitors and newcomers.

WORSHIP We seek to focus on God and give ourselves with others to this time of worship.

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

God our Father, as we gather together before you, open our ears to hear you, our hearts to trust you and our wills to desire you.

Renew in us the discovery that we are your beloved children and that you would lead us to wholeness. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

MAKING FRIENDSHIPS

WITH GOD

LIVING FAITH Resumes tonight in St Patrick's at 6.30 pm.

HEALER Tuesday at 7.15 pm in Clergy Vestry.
PRAYER GROUP

BIBLE FELLOWSHIP Meet on Tuesday at 8.00 pm. Studying Book of Hebrews.

PRAYER TIME This Saturday (1st in month) at 8.00 am.

HARVEST SERVICES Next Sunday in Ballyclug at 10.00 am and St Columba's at 11.30 am.

TIME AWAY Retreat at Drumalis on Saturday, 11th October. Please sign up.

BIBLE READING Scripture Union Bible Reading Notes for next quarter now available.

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 - Millicent McClelland,
Tel. No. 077 9173 6117.

WITH EACH OTHER

THANK YOU Irene would like to thank all those who supported her Coffee Morning last Wednesday. Together with all her helpers a total sum of £1030 was raised.

HARVEST SUPPER Wednesday 8th at 7.30 pm in St Patrick's Church Hall. Entertainment and food.

REFRESHMENTS Tea, coffee, juice and biscuits after morning service in St Patrick's today.

WITH THE WORLD

COFFEE MORNING Next Saturday in St Patrick's Hall from 10 am - 1.30 pm in support of Mission Team. Donations of tray bakes, scones or cakes gratefully accepted. Please leave in hall on Friday or early Saturday morning.

MISSION We are using our Harvest Envelopes to seek to encourage our giving to Mission/Charities.

BREAKFAST For clients of Hope Centre and others next Saturday at 9.30 am.

ANTHEM - *Lord for thy tender mercy's sake* (Farrant)

Lord, for thy tender mercy's sake lay not our sins to our charge, but forgive that is past, and give us grace to amend our sinful lives: to decline from sin and incline to virtue, that we may walk in a perfect heart before thee now and evermore. Amen.

CHILDREN'S PRAYER

Dear God, when we say we will help,
may we be ready to do it. Amen.



READINGS IN ST PATRICK'S

Email - kilconriola@btconnect.com Web address - www.ballymena.connor.anglican.org

Matthew 21:23-32 (Page No 22) - Jesus challenges the religious authorities - religious platitudes do not count but true repentance.

Mark 2:1-12 (Page No 34) - Carried to Jesus a paralytic receives spiritual and physical healing.

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A reading from the Letter of St Paul to the Philippians chapter 2 beginning at verse 1

The humility of Christ in coming to share human experience in order that we too might be exalted and united to God.

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, ² make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. ³ Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. ⁴ Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. ⁵ Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, ⁶ who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, ⁷ but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, ⁸ he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death - even death on a cross.

⁹ Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰ so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹ and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your

own salvation with fear and trembling; ¹³for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

This is the word of the Lord
THANKS BE TO GOD

**A reading from the gospel according to St Matthew chapter 21
beginning at verse 23**

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²³When Jesus entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, ‘By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?’ ²⁴Jesus said to them, ‘I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. ²⁵Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?’ And they argued with one another, ‘If we say, “From heaven,” he will say to us, “Why then did you not believe him?” ²⁶But if we say, “Of human origin,” we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet.’ ²⁷So they answered Jesus, ‘We do not know.’ And he said to them, ‘Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things. ²⁸What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, “Son, go and work in the vineyard today.” ²⁹He answered, “I will not”; but later he changed his mind and went. ³⁰The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, “I go, sir”; but he did not go. ³¹Which of the two did the will of his father?’ They said, ‘The first.’ Jesus said to them, ‘Truly I tell you, the tax-collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. ³²For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax-collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.’

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A reading from the Book of Exodus chapter 17 beginning at verse 1

In the midst of their dissatisfaction God still provides living water for the people of Israel.

¹From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the LORD commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. ²The people quarrelled with Moses, and said, 'Give us water to drink.' Moses said to them, 'Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?' ³But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, 'Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?' ⁴So Moses cried out to the LORD, 'What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me.' ⁵The LORD said to Moses, 'Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. ⁶I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink.' Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. ⁷He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarrelled and tested the LORD, saying, 'Is the LORD among us or not?'

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