

11th JANUARY 2015

Epiphany 1



WELCOME To newcomers and any visitors.

WORSHIP The wise men came to the Christ child and fell down in worship. Worship is central to our Christian lives.

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Father God, as crowds gathered to hear John the Baptist and as Jesus himself was drawn, so may we gather here with expectancy. Help us to gather with a sense of excitement, in awe and humility to listen to scripture, to open our hearts to your leading and to pray for our world. Amen.

MAKING FRIENDSHIPS

WITH GOD

FAMILY SERVICE Takes the form of a Christingle Service in St Patrick's next Sunday at 10.15 am.

HEALER PRAYER GROUP Tuesday at 7.15 pm in Clergy Vestry.

BIBLE FELLOWSHIP Meet on Tuesday at 8.00 pm. Looking at the Letter to the Philippians.

PRAYER SUPPORT Team Leader - Heather Barr, Tel. No. 2564 1047.

MINISTRY OF PRAYER Takes place after the 11.30 am service and the 6.30 pm service in St Patrick's.

WITH EACH OTHER

MINISTRY TEAM Meets tomorrow night at 7.30 pm in the Minor Hall.

SELECT VESTRY MOTHERS' UNION Outing Tuesday night at 7.15 pm for 7.30 pm.
Wednesday - Annual Dinner in Tullyglass House Hotel.
Please meet at 7.00 pm, dinner at 7.30 pm.

HOUSE GROUP Friday at 7.30 pm in 2 Grange Road, Ballymena.

ENVELOPES If anyone has not received envelopes for 2015, please let the Office know.

WITH THE WORLD

THANKS To all who contributed to the collections at our Christmas Services. We have been able to give over £1,200 to Radio Cracker, Church Army and the Christian Aid Family Appeal.

SEWING GROUP The Sewing Group meet on Thursday at 10.00 am in the Minor Hall.

STUDENT LUNCHES If you know anyone who studies at the N. E. Institute, please let them know of the student lunches on Thursday in the parish hall.

CHILDREN'S PRAYER

God our Father, as we grow up and make our way through life, help us to journey with Jesus. Amen.



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, thou Lord only,
That makest me dwell in safety.

READINGS IN ST PATRICK'S

Genesis 1:1-5 (Page No 1)
The voice of God brings about a beginning of creation.

St Mark 1:4-11 (Page No 33)

A new beginning for Jesus with his baptism which led to the beginning of his public ministry. The voice of God confirms his call to renew the whole creation.

Epiphany 1 - Ballyclug

11th January 2015

A reading from the Book of Genesis chapter 1 beginning at verse 1

The voice of God brings about a beginning of creation.

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, ²the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. ³Then God said, 'Let there be light'; and there was light. ⁴And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. ⁵God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

This is the word of the Lord

THANKS BE TO GOD

A reading from the gospel according to St Mark chapter 1 beginning at verse 4

A new beginning for Jesus with his baptism which led to the beginning of his public ministry. The voice of God confirms his call to renew the whole creation.

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. ⁶Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷He proclaimed, 'The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. ⁸I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.' In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. ¹¹And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.'

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