

18th JANUARY 2015

Epiphany II



WELCOME To newcomers and visitors.

WORSHIP 'Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness. Let the whole earth stand in awe of him'.

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Lord God, we gather as your disciples in the world today. Open our hearts to hear your word afresh. Take away our preconceptions that we may be surprised by you, humbled by you and become more faithful to you. Amen.

MAKING FRIENDSHIPS

WITH GOD

CHRISTIAN UNITY Today marks the start of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. We are hosting the service to mark this week - Thursday, St Patrick's 7.30 pm - preacher the Rev. Sarah Groves.

Next Sunday our annual retiring collection for the Irish School of Ecumenics.

HOUSE GROUP Jubilee group meet on Monday at 7.30 pm.

LIVING FAITH SERVICE Next Sunday at 6.30 pm. Speaker: Rev Dr Pat Mollan from the Church's Ministry of Healing, The Mount, who will be speaking on the Armour of God. Please come and join us.

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

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

JOURNEYING ON An opportunity to journey on in our faith - starting 18th February - 6 sessions on theme Discipleship Explored. More to follow.

WITH EACH OTHER

PARISH PANEL Meets on Tuesday.

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.

MAGAZINE Material for February issue to office by Wednesday please.

WITH THE WORLD

MISSION TEAM Meets on Wednesday at 7.30 pm in Jubilee Room.

METHODIST ART COLLECTION This prestigious collection of Christian Art is coming out of the mainland for the first time to Ballymena in May. It is being sponsored by the Council and eight churches including ourselves. Anyone interested - meeting Braid 29th January at 7.30 pm.

BLOOD TRANSFUSION Blood Transfusion will be held in St Patrick's Church Hall, on Thursday, 22nd and Friday, 23rd January from 1.30 pm - 4.00 pm and 5.15 pm - 8.00 pm.

READINGS IN ST PATRICK'S

1 Samuel 3:1-10 (Page No 254)

The call of young Samuel by God is heard through the direction of old Eli.

St John 1:43-51 (Page No 89)

Philip responds to Jesus' call to follow and then Nathanael responds to Philip's call to 'come and see' which leads him in turn to follow Jesus.

Epiphany 2 - St Columba's

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A reading from the First Letter of St Paul to the Corinthians
chapter 6 beginning at verse 12

Paul deals with immorality declaring that your body is where God's spirit lives and is therefore holy.

'All things are lawful for me', but not all things are beneficial. 'All things are lawful for me', but I will not be dominated by anything. ¹³'Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food', and God will destroy both one and the other. The body is meant not for fornication but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. ¹⁴And God raised the Lord and will also raise us by his power. ¹⁵Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Should I therefore take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never! ¹⁶Do you not know that whoever is united to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For it is said, 'The two shall be one flesh.' ¹⁷But anyone united to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. ¹⁸Shun fornication! Every sin that a person commits is outside the body; but the fornicator sins against the body itself. ¹⁹Or do you not know that your body is a temple* of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God, and that you are not your own? ²⁰For you were bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body.

This is the word of the Lord

THANKS BE TO GOD

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Hear the Gospel of our Saviour Christ, according to St John, chapter 1 beginning at verse 43

Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, 'Follow me.'⁴⁴ Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter.⁴⁵ Philip found Nathanael and said to him, 'We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth.'

⁴⁶Nathanael said to him, 'Can anything good come out of Nazareth?' Philip said to him, 'Come and see.'⁴⁷ When Jesus saw Nathanael coming towards him, he said of him, 'Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!'⁴⁸ Nathanael asked him, 'Where did you come to know me?' Jesus answered, 'I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you.'⁴⁹ Nathanael replied, 'Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!'⁵⁰ Jesus answered, 'Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these.'⁵¹ And he said to him, 'Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.'

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PRAISE TO YOU, LORD JESUS CHRIST.

Epiphany 2 - Ballyclug

18th January 2015

A reading from the First Book of Samuel chapter 3
beginning at verse 1

*The call of young Samuel by God is heard through the
direction of old Eli.*

The boy Samuel was ministering to the LORD under Eli. The word of the LORD was rare in those days; visions were not widespread. At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; ³the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the LORD, where the ark of God was. ⁴Then the LORD called, 'Samuel! Samuel!' and he said, 'Here I am!' ⁵and ran to Eli, and said, 'Here I am, for you called me.' But he said, 'I did not call; lie down again.' So he went and lay down. ⁶The LORD called again, 'Samuel!' Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, 'Here I am, for you called me.' But he said, 'I did not call, my son; lie down again.' ⁷Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, and the word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him. ⁸The LORD called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, 'Here I am, for you called me.' Then Eli perceived that the LORD was calling the boy. ⁹Therefore Eli said to Samuel, 'Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, "Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening."' So Samuel went and lay down in his place. Now the LORD came and stood there, calling as before, 'Samuel! Samuel!' And Samuel said, 'Speak, for your servant is listening.'

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