

# 1<sup>st</sup> MARCH 2015

## Lent 2



### WELCOME

We trust newcomers and visitors will feel at ease in our worship.

### WORSHIP

Let us appreciate how we can worship in freedom and remember others less fortunate.

### PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Help us O God, as we gather, to work at our worship. May we give of ourselves in heart and mind; may we strive to attend to your word and may we seek to offer a sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### MAKING FRIENDSHIPS

#### WITH GOD

ST COLUMBA'S Meeting on Monday night at 7.45 pm.  
COMMITTEE

DISCIPLESHIP Course continues on Wednesday at 7.30 pm in  
EXPLORED Minor Hall.

WOMEN'S Friday, 6<sup>th</sup> March in First Ballymena Presbyterian Church  
WORLD DAY at 8.00 pm. All are welcome to attend.  
OF PRAYER

PRAYER TIME Next Saturday at 8.00 am in Jubilee Room.

FAMILY St Columba's next Sunday at 11.30 am.  
SERVICE

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

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

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## WITH EACH OTHER

**HEALER PRAYER GROUP** Tuesday at 7.15 pm in Clergy Vestry.

**C.L.B.** The C.L.B. Jumble Sale will be held next Friday. Donations of bric-a-brac, clothes, furniture, books, toys, groceries and cakes will be greatly appreciated. For collection of goods, please contact Alan Ross - 2589 2740.

**REGISTER** The Register of Vestry Persons will be amended at a meeting on Tuesday, 10<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30 pm in the Minor Hall. To get your name on the register, please sign forms at back of Church.

**MAGAZINE** March issue, together with an insert regarding Ministry Sunday, plus Connor Connections now available.

## WITH THE WORLD

**NEPAL - IT'S CHALLENGES** Last year's mission team share their experience in the Minor Hall on Tuesday at 8.00 pm. In place of Bible Fellowship.

**BREAKFAST** Next Saturday at 9.30 am for those with addictions and friends.

### **CHILDREN'S PRAYER**

Thank you God that you want to be our best friend. Help us to try hard to be good friends. Amen.



### **READINGS IN ST PATRICK'S**

Romans 4:13-25 (Page No 150)

God's covenant with Abraham brought blessing through faith. Our blessing will come also through faith - in Christ.

St Mark 8:31-38 (Page No 42)

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# Lent 2 - St Columba's

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

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When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to Abram, and said to him, 'I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous.' Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, 'As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you. God said to Abraham, 'As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her.'

*This is the word of the Lord*

**THANKS BE TO GOD**

## A reading from the Gospel according to St Mark chapter 8 beginning at verse 31

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