

1st FEBRUARY 2015

Epiphany 4 Septuagesima



WELCOME To newcomers and any visitors

WORSHIP Our appreciation of God brings us to worship but also the call of Jesus 'Follow me'.

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Lord our God we gather as those who know our need of your strength and our need of your mercy. We gather as those who long to know your presence and strive to follow your call. May we offer now of our best, bowing to your authority and seeking your blessing. Amen.

MAKING FRIENDSHIPS

WITH GOD

DISCIPLESHIP EXPLORED Our Lent Series. Please read the information leaflet and consider whether you could be part of it. Names please on form at back of churches.

HOUSE GROUP Friday House Group this week at Cheryl's house.

PRAYER TIME First Saturday in month - next Saturday at 8.00 am in Jubilee Room.

PRAYER SUPPORT Team Leader - Millicent McClelland,
Tel. No. 077 9173 6117.

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

WITH EACH OTHER

ST COLUMBA'S Meeting on Monday night.

COMMITTEE

FIRST AID COURSE Meet on Monday from 6.00pm - 9.00 pm in the Robing Room.

YOUR VOTE Now is the opportunity to register to vote at church elections. The Register of Vestry Persons is open now for additions - until Sunday, 8th March. If you are not on the register it's only a matter of putting your name on a form at the back of churches.

MAGAZINE February issue now available.

HEALER PRAYER GROUP Tuesday at 7.15 pm in Clergy Vestry.

BIBLE FELLOWSHIP Meet on Tuesday at 8.00 pm in the Robing Room.

WITH THE WORLD

SAINSBURY'S ACTIVE KIDS 2015 This promotion in Sainsbury's started on 28 January. St Columba's Scout Group are asking for your tokens again this year. There will be collecting boxes in our three churches. Your support for this project will be much appreciated.

BREAKFAST For any who would appreciate company and a free breakfast. Next Saturday at 9.30 am in the Parish Hall.

CHILDREN'S PRAYER

Father God, help us to put Jesus in charge of our lives and to do what he wants. Amen.



READINGS IN ST PATRICK'S

1 Corinthians 8:1-13 (Page No 167)

Paul answers the question as to whether Christians should eat food known to have been offered to an idol - only if it does not cause offence to fellow Christians.

St Mark 1:21-28 (Page No 33)

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**A reading from the Book of Deuteronomy chapter 18
beginning at verse 15**

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commanded by God. Such authority must be obeyed by the
people.***

Moses said to all Israel: The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own people; you shall heed such a prophet. ¹⁶This is what you requested of the LORD your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said: 'If I hear the voice of the LORD my God any more, or ever again see this great fire, I will die.' ¹⁷Then the LORD replied to me: 'They are right in what they have said. ¹⁸I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their own people; I will put my words in the mouth of the prophet, who shall speak to them everything that I command. ¹⁹Anyone who does not heed the words that the prophet shall speak in my name, I myself will hold accountable. ²⁰But any prophet who speaks in the name of other gods, or who presumes to speak in my name a word that I have not commanded the prophet to speak—that prophet shall die.'

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THANKS BE TO GOD

A reading from the gospel according to St Mark chapter 1 beginning at verse 21

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