

22nd FEBRUARY 2015

Lent 1



WELCOME

A welcome is extended to newcomers and visitors. You might like to stay for tea after the service.

WORSHIP

Our focus is to be on the living God - not on anything else.

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

God our Father as we gather from different places and at different stages in life help us to focus on you. Enable us to acknowledge you through our hymns and prayers and open us to your word that it may make a difference in our lives, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

MAKING FRIENDSHIPS

WITH GOD

LIVING FAITH Tonight in St Patrick's at 6.30 pm. Speaker The Rev Brother David Jardine.

HOUSE GROUP Jubilee House Group meets on Monday at 7.30 pm.

DISCIPLESHIP EXPLORED Lenten series continues on Wednesday at 7.30 pm in Minor Hall. Response last Wednesday very encouraging.

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

LADIES' St Columba's tomorrow night at 8.00 pm. Talk by Christine

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CIRCLE Branagh on a visit to Kyrgyzstan.

HEALER Tuesday at 7.15 pm in Clergy Vestry.

PRAYER GROUP

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

C.L.B. The C.L.B. Jumble Sale will be held on Friday, 6th March. 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.

YOUR VOTE Voting at church elections requires that you are registered. To do so just entails signing your name on a form at the back of church. This register will be updated on Tuesday, 10th March at 7.30 pm.

PRAYER BREAKFAST In the Methodist Church on Saturday at 8.00 am. Speaker The Rev. David Cooper. All welcome. If you wish to attend please let Ronnie Rowe know by Wednesday - email ronnie.rowe@btinternet.com or Tel No. 077 5246 1385.

WITH THE WORLD

NEPAL Last year's mission team share their experience through chat, Power Point and short DVD's. Tuesday, 3rd March in Minor Hall at 8.00 pm.

ANTHEM AT ST PATRICK'S - *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 are tempted to do wrong things help us not to give in but to do what will please you. Amen.



READINGS IN ST PATRICK'S

Genesis 9:8-17 (Page No 7)

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A reading from the Book of Genesis chapter 9 beginning at verse 8

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God said to Noah and to his sons with him, ⁹‘As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, ¹⁰and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. ¹¹I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.’ ¹²God said, ‘This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: ¹³I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. ¹⁴When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, ¹⁵I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. ¹⁶When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.’ ¹⁷God said to Noah, ‘This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth.’

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 9**

***We hear of the baptism of Jesus, his temptation in the
wilderness and his gospel proclamation.***

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.' And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. ¹³He was in the wilderness for forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him. Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, ¹⁵and saying, 'The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.'

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A reading from the First Letter of St Peter chapter 3
beginning at verse 18

Through the water of baptism (as symbolically with Noah and the flood water) people are brought to God's safety by the power of Christ's resurrection.

¹⁸Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, ¹⁹in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, ²⁰who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight people, were saved through water. ²¹And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, ²²who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

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