

26th APRIL 2015

3rd Sunday After Easter



WELCOME To newcomers and visitors.

WORSHIP The most important work in which we can be engaged!

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Father God, may we come as sheep of one fold, united and protected by the love of the good shepherd. May we come to be shaped, challenged and changed and may we come to rejoice that Christ is our rod and staff, our hope and our Saviour. Amen.

MAKING FRIENDSHIPS

WITH GOD

LIVING FAITH Tonight in St Patrick's at 6.30 pm.

DISCIPLESHIP Last evening of this course on Wednesday at 7.30 pm
EXPLORED in the Minor Hall.

HEALER Tuesday at 7.15 pm in Clergy Vestry.
PRAYER GROUP

BIBLE Meet on Tuesday at 8.00 pm in the Minor Hall.
FELLOWSHIP Everyone welcome.

PRAYER TIME Next Saturday at 8.00 am in the Jubilee Room.

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

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

COFFEE MORNING In aid of Good Morning Ballymena, Church Hall on Saturday week 9th May.

LADIES' CIRCLE In St Columba's this Monday at 8.00 pm. Speaker from Kids 4 School.

WITH THE WORLD

MACMILLAN CANCER SUPPORT A concert by CWMBACH Male Choir is taking place in St MacNissi's Church, Randalstown on Monday, 4th May at 7.30 pm. Admission £10. All proceeds to support the work of Macmillan in the local area. Your support would be much appreciated.

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK Starts on Sunday, 10th May. Soup and Cheese lunches that Sunday in St Patrick's and St Columba's. Door to door collection - please consider giving a few hours - you will be along with someone else. Please sign up on the form at back of Church.

BREAKFAST For clients of Hope Centre and others - next Saturday at 9.30 am.

CHILDREN'S PRAYER

Thank you Jesus that you are for all of us the Good Shepherd.

Thank you that you love us, look after us and lead us. Amen.



READINGS IN ST PATRICK'S

Ezekiel 34:1-10 (Page No 816)

Harsh words from the prophet against the religious leaders or shepherds of God's people - they have failed to care for the sheep.

John 10:11-18 (Page No 100)

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A reading from the First Letter of St John chapter 3
beginning at verse 16

As Christ loved us so we must love one another and that should be shown in our actions.

¹⁶We know love by this, that Christ Jesus laid down his life for us - and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. ¹⁷How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?

¹⁸Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. ¹⁹And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him ²⁰whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. ²¹Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; ²²and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him. ²³And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. ²⁴All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

This is the word of the Lord

THANKS BE TO GOD

A reading from the Gospel according to St John chapter 10 beginning at verse 11

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Jesus said to the Pharisees: ¹¹‘I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹²The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away - and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. ¹³The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. ¹⁴I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, ¹⁵just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. ¹⁶I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. ¹⁷For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. ¹⁸No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.’

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A reading from the prophecy of Ezekiel chapter 34
beginning at verse 1

Harsh words from the prophet against the religious leaders or Shepherds of God's people - they have failed to care for the sheep.

The word of the Lord came to me: Mortal, prophesy against the shepherds of Israel: prophesy, and say to them - to the shepherds: Thus says the Lord God: Ah, you shepherds of Israel who have been feeding yourselves! Should not shepherds feed the sheep? You eat the fat, you clothe yourselves with the wool, you slaughter the fatlings; but you do not feed the sheep. You have not strengthened the weak, you have not healed the sick, you have not bound up the injured, you have not brought back the strayed, you have not sought the lost, but with force and harshness you have ruled them. So they were scattered, because there was no shepherd; and scattered, they became food for all the wild animals. My sheep were scattered, they wandered over all the mountains and on every high hill; my sheep were scattered over all the face of the earth, with no one to search or seek for them. Therefore, you shepherds, hear the word of the Lord: As I live, says the Lord God, because my sheep have become a prey, and my sheep have become food for all the wild animals, since there was no shepherd; and because my shepherds have not searched for my sheep, but the shepherds have fed themselves, and have not fed my sheep; therefore, you shepherds, hear the word of the Lord: Thus says the Lord God, I am against the shepherds; and I will demand my sheep at their hand, and put a stop to their feeding the sheep; no longer shall the shepherds feed themselves. I will rescue my sheep from their mouths, so that they may not be food for them.

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