

17th MAY 2015

Sunday after Ascension



WELCOME

We trust that newcomers and visitors will feel welcome.

WORSHIP

May we value the freedom we have to worship and give of ourselves in worship.

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Father God, as we gather from different places and from different situations in life help us to be drawn together in worship. May we with one heart and voice now honour you with our worship and thus inspired may we go from here ready to serve each other in our daily lives. Amen.

MAKING FRIENDSHIPS

WITH GOD

CRUCIFIED CHRIST

This painting from the Methodist Art Collection will be in the parish from Friday evening to Monday evening.

Viewing - Friday - 7-11 pm during Vigil

Saturday - 11.00 - 12.30 pm:
2.30-4.30 pm

Sunday - during service times

Monday - 11.00 am - 5.00 pm.

Volunteers are needed for Monday to supervise please volunteer.

HEALER PRAYER GROUP

Tuesday at 7.15 pm in Clergy Vestry.

BIBLE FELLOWSHIP

Meet on Tuesday at 8.00 pm. All welcome.

METHODIST ART COLLECTION VIGIL Modern Christian Art. Braid Centre until 18 June.
8.00 am - 10.00 pm daily.
A further in our series of Vigils which many have found helpful.
Note time: Friday from 7.00 pm - 11.00 pm.

PRAYER SUPPORT Team Leader - Heather Barr.
Tel No. 2564 1047.

LIVING FAITH Next Sunday at 6.30 pm as usual.

WITH EACH OTHER

MINISTRY TEAM Meets in Minor Hall tomorrow Monday at 7.30 pm.

STILL ACTIVE OUTING Members meet at St Patrick's Church on Wednesday for outing to Newtownards. The group will leave Ballymena at 9.15 am and return at 7.30 pm.

WITH THE WORLD

NEPAL Thanks to all who contributed so generously to the earthquake appeal. Over £5,000 was raised. News has just reached us that where the team worked last November - Jiri has been badly affected - the hospital very badly damaged and the hotel where we stayed as well as much of the town destroyed.

CHRISTIAN AID Still opportunity to contribute through the envelopes. Thanks to those who helped with door to door collection.

READINGS IN ST PATRICK'S

Acts 1:15-17:21-26 (Page No 114)
Matthias is chosen to replace Judas as one of the twelve.

John 17:6-19 (Page No 108)
Jesus prays protection for those who remain in the world and that they may continue faithful and united.

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A reading from the First Letter of St John chapter 5
beginning at verse 9

God's testimony is that the Son has life - thus the gospel is true and this gives us assurance.

If we receive human testimony, the testimony of God is greater; for this is the testimony of God that he has testified to his Son. Those who believe in the Son of God have the testimony in their hearts. Those who do not believe in God have made him a liar by not believing in the testimony that God has given concerning his Son. And this is the testimony: God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life.

This is the word of the Lord

THANKS BE TO GOD

Jesus prays protection for those who remain in the world and that they may continue faithful and united.

Hear the Gospel of our Saviour Christ, according to St John, chapter 17 beginning at verse 6

Jesus looked up to heaven and said, 'Father, I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

PRAISE TO YOU, LORD JESUS CHRIST.

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A reading from the Acts of the Apostles chapter 1 beginning at verse 15

Matthias is chosen to replace Judas as one of the twelve.

Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred and twenty people) and said, 'Friends, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus— for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry.'

So one of the men who have accompanied us throughout the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us—one of these must become a witness with us to his resurrection.' So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. Then they prayed and said, 'Lord, you know everyone's heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place.' And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.

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