

24th MAY 2015

Pentecost



WELCOME To newcomers and to visitors.

WORSHIP A high calling.

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

We praise you Lord that you did not leave your disciples on their own but sent your Holy Spirit to breath life and confidence and authority into their hearts. May your Holy Spirit now come to us in our worship that this worship may be lively, fresh and meaningful and our hearts transformed by your redeeming love. Amen.

MAKING FRIENDSHIPS

WITH GOD

TONIGHT Living Faith - theme using God's gifts.
Those who come appreciate this service - if others came they might similarly value it.

HEALER Tuesday at 7.15 pm in Clergy Vestry.
PRAYER GROUP

BIBLE Meet on Tuesday at 8.00 pm. All welcome.
FELLOWSHIP

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

NEXT SUNDAY Civic Service at 11.30 am in St Patrick's.
No morning service in Ballyclug or St Columba's so that we all can act as hosts in St Patrick's.
Invitations for your friends/neighbours available.

WITH EACH OTHER

MOTHERS' UNION MAGAZINE Young Families Diocesan Event in St Patrick's Main Hall on Tuesday evening.
Material for June please in Office by Wednesday.

WITH THE WORLD

METHODIST ART COLLECTION Continues at The Braid.

CHRISTIAN AID Thanks to all who helped - a amazing total of £2,647.38 was raised, street collection £865.88, soup lunches £610.50 and church collection £1,171.00.

FOOD BANK Please keep the donations coming - except baked beans! - More than enough of these at present.

CHILDREN'S PRAYER

Thank you God that when Jesus left you sent a replacement - the Holy Spirit always there to help us.
Amen.



ANTHEM AT ST PATRICK'S - *Come, Holy Ghost, our souls inspire* (Thomas Attwood)

Come, Holy Ghost, our souls inspire
and lighten with celestial fire.

Thou the anointing Spirit art,
who dost they sevenfold gifts impart,
Thy blessed unction from above
is comfort, life, and fire of live.

Enable with perpetual light
the dullness of our blinded sight.
Anoint and cheer our soiled face
with the abundance of thy grace.
Keep far from foes, give peace at home:
where thou art guide, no ill can come.

Teach us to know the Father, Son,
and thee, of both, to be but One,
that through the ages all along,
this may be our endless song:
Praise to they eternal merit,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

READINGS IN ST PATRICK'S

Isaiah 53 (Page No 694)

A shameful picture of the suffering servant.

John 15:26-27 & 16:4b-15 (Page No 107)

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A reading from the prophecy of Ezekiel chapter 37 beginning at verse 1

A vision of a valley of dry bones which God's spirit then fills with life - a sign that God will give new life to his people Israel.

The hand of the LORD came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, 'Mortal, can these bones live?' I answered, 'O Lord GOD, you know.' Then he said to me, 'Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the LORD.' So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, 'Prophecy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live.' I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude. Then he said to me, 'Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, "Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely." Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the LORD, have spoken and will act, says the LORD.'

This is the word of the Lord

THANKS BE TO GOD

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A reading from the Gospel according to St John chapter 15 beginning at verse 26

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Jesus said to the eleven, ‘When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning.’ I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, “Where are you going?” But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgement: about sin, because they do not believe in me; about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer; about judgement, because the ruler of this world has been condemned. ‘I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.’

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A reading from the Letter of St Paul to the Romans chapter 8 beginning at verse 22

The Holy Spirit continues to work in the world and makes known to God everything we mean especially through our limited prayers.

²²We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labour pains until now; ²³and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? ²⁵But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience. ²⁶Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. ²⁷And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

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