

16th September 2018

Trinity 16



WELCOME

All our newcomers and visitors.

WORSHIP

We meet to worship our loving God.

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Almighty God, we worship you with grateful hearts and pray that you will guide us in our prayers and praise. When we are troubled may we seek your help and put all our trust in you. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

MAKING FRIENDSHIPS

WITH GOD

'THE WAY' YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

Tonight at 6.30 pm. Please note that these meetings are being held at **Revd Dennis' house (6 Old Antrim Mews)**! Anyone needing to drop off early can do so anytime from 6.15 pm onwards. We finish at 7.45 pm. Please bring any outstanding consent forms (new forms available on the night). Snacks provided as usual. Open to all from P7 to Upper 6th. All welcome!

HEALER PRAYER GROUP

Tuesday 7.15 pm in Clergy Vestry.

BIBLE FELLOWSHIP

Tuesday at 8.00 pm in the Choir Vestry. Everyone welcome.

MID WEEK

Holy Communion on Wednesday at 10.30 am in St Patrick's with refreshments afterwards.

GOOD BOOK CLUB

Friday, 28th September at new time of 7.00 pm in the Choir Vestry. Everyone welcome.

PRAYER SUPPORT

Team Leader - Patricia McWhirter: Tel No. 2587 9071.

MINISTRY OF PRAYER

After morning and evening services in St Patrick's in the Prayer Space.

WITH EACH OTHER

STILL ACTIVE

Wednesday at 2.00 pm. Revd Neil Cutcliffe will give a talk on 'Bottles and what they teach us'.

ORGANISATIONS

As we start another Church season, we would be most grateful if the leaders of organisations would ensure that all doors are closed before leaving Church premises.

- MORNING TREAT** Irene's Soup and Coffee at 2 Beechwood Avenue this Wednesday and Thursday from 11.00 am - 3.00 pm. Proceeds in aid of St Patrick's Parish Church. Please give this coffee morning your support. Thank you.
- ANTIQUES & COLLECTABLES** St Patrick's Church Hall - Saturday, 29th September from 10.30 am - 4.00 pm. Over 20 Quality Dealers selling China, Crystal, Clocks, Fine Porcelain, Ceramics, Oil Lamps, Original Paintings, Antique and Vintage Jewellery, Stamps, Small Furniture, Linen, Silverware, Coins, Militaria, etc. Admission £2, children (accom.) free. Refreshments available. Proceeds in aid of Church Funds
- MOTHERS' UNION** Monday, 8th October - advance notice of Mid-Connor Area service in St Jude's, Muckamore at 8.00 pm. All welcome.
- WITH THE WORLD**
- CHRISTIAN FILM** The Christian film "I Can Only Imagine" (PG) continues at Antrim's Omniplex for another week - daily at 4pm, 6.20pm and 8.40pm until this Wednesday. (Then at 4pm only on Thursday, 20th September). Do see it if you haven't already - take a friend if you have! For details see: www.icanonlyimagine.co.uk
- BALLYMENA CHURCH MEMBERS FORUM** Invite you to the First 'Conversation' in its autumn 2018 programme at 7.30 pm on Wednesday, 26th September in Montgomery's Restaurant. Revd Steve Stockman, Fitzroy Presbyterian Church and Father Martin Magill, Sacred Heart Parish, Belfast, reflect on their respective faith journeys and the crossing of their pathways. Light refreshments. Everyone welcome. (There will be a very short AGM prior to the 'Conversation').
www.ballymenacmf.com
- THE CASTLE PLAYERS** Performance of Sam Cree Play "The Mating Season" in the Braid Arts Centre on Friday 12th & Saturday 13th October 2018 at 7.30 pm. Tickets £8 (£6 concession) available at Braid Centre. You may also pay at the door.
- SHOE BOXES** Boxes for Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child Appeal are available at the back of church. Suggested donation £1 which will go towards Church funds. Filled boxes should be returned by Sunday, 21st October.
- EXPLORING ENTERPRISE 4 PROGRAMME** A free programme helping people to take the first steps to gain employment or exploring your business idea. For more information contact Laura McCourt on 028 2826 9973: email: laura.mccourt@ledcom.org

READINGS IN ST PATRICK'S AT 11.30 AM
2 Thessalonians 3:6-14 (Page 204)
St Mark 8:27-38 (Page 42)

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A reading from the Book of Genesis chapter 1 beginning at verse 26

Then God said, 'Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.'

So God created humankind in his image,
in the image of God he created them;
male and female he created them.

God blessed them, and God said to them, 'Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.' God said, 'See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.' And it was so. God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

This is the word of the Lord
THANKS BE TO GOD

A reading from the gospel according to St Matthew chapter 25 beginning at verse 14

‘For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master’s money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, “Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.” His master said to him, “Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.” And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, “Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.” His master said to him, “Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.” Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, “Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.” But his master replied, “You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.”

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Hear the Gospel of our Saviour Christ, according to St Matthew, chapter 25 beginning at verse 14

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PRAISE TO YOU, LORD JESUS CHRIST.

