

18th February 2018

Lent 1



WELCOME To visitors and newcomers.

WORSHIP We worship our God.

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Dear Lord, shine into our lives with your goodness. Keep us from all that is wrong and bring your healing love into our hearts. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

MAKING FRIENDSHIPS

WITH GOD

'THE WAY' YOUTH FELLOWSHIP Tonight at 6.30 pm in the Minor Hall.

HEALER PRAYER GROUP Tuesday 7.15 pm in the Clergy Vestry.

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

LENTEN REFLECTIONS Ballyclug Church on Wednesday at 7.30 pm, 'Big Words for Lent - Grace'. All welcome.

CMSI PROJECT Crossing Bridges - CMSI boxes are available at the back of Church.

ALPHA & 'LIFE WORTH LIVING' If you attended and enjoyed either the Alpha or the Life Worth Living course last year, you are invited to the Rectory on Friday at 7.30 pm for a cuppa and a chat about what's next.

LIVING FAITH Next Sunday in St Columba's Church at 6.30 pm. Speaker Billy Moore, Lay Reader in Lisburn Cathedral.

PRAYER SUPPORT Team Leader - Alex McKay - Tel No. 2564 4698.

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

WITH EACH OTHER

- SOUP LUNCH** Next Sunday after 11.30 am service in St Patrick's. All welcome. Funds raised in aid of Summer Madness.
- FUNDRAISING CTE.** Meeting on Tuesday at 7.30 pm in the Jubilee Room.
- MAGAZINE** Material for March issue to Office by 12 noon on Wednesday please.
- STILL ACTIVE** Wednesday at 2.00 pm. 'Granny's spoons' - Christine Williams.
- JUMBLE SALE** The CLB 'Grand Spring Jumble Sale' will be held on Friday, 2nd March. Donations of bric-a-brac, clothes, furniture, books, toys, unused gifts, groceries and cakes will be gratefully received. Anything you would like to donate can be brought to the halls anytime on Thursday, 1st March and if you need items collected contact Alan Ross: 2589 2740 or 077 5991 6755.
- SUMMER MADNESS** Fireside quizzes are available at back of Church in aid of Summer Madness.
- FLOWER ROTA** The rota for 2018 is now available in St Patrick's.
- VISITING THE SICK** Please inform the Clergy if you know of anyone who is sick and requires a pastoral visit either in hospital or in their home.

WITH THE WORLD

- CLIVE WEST MEMORIAL LECTURE** Tuesday in All Saints' Church, University Street, Belfast at 7.30 pm. Bishop Michael Nazir-Ali will speak on the topic 'Only one way?' - Confidence in the unique Christ in our multi-cultural, multi-faith world. Please contact a member of the Clergy if you are interested in attending.
- ST PATRICK'S NIGHT CONCERT & SUPPER** Tickets are on sale from the Church Office, Church Wardens and Good Morning Ballymena for the St Patrick's Night Concert on Saturday, 17th March at 7.30 pm in the Church Hall. You may pay at the door, but for catering purposes it would be helpful if you could buy your ticket/s in advance. Programme includes a Castle Players' sketch, featuring Canon Stuart Lloyd and Evelyn Riddel.

READINGS IN ST PATRICK'S AT 11.30 AM
Genesis 9:8-17 (Page 7) and St Matthew 4:1-11 (Page 3)

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

Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, 'As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, and 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. I 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.' God 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: I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, I 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. When 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.' God 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 Matthew chapter 4 beginning at verse 1

Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. The tempter came and said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.' But he answered, 'It is written,

“One does not live by bread alone,
but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.” ’

Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, 'If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written,
“He will command his angels concerning you”,

and “On their hands they will bear you up,
so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.” ’

Jesus said to him, 'Again it is written, “Do not put the Lord your God to the test.” ’

Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour; and he said to him, 'All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.' Jesus said to him, 'Away with you, Satan! for it is written,

“Worship the Lord your God,
and serve only him.” ’

Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

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A reading from the Book of Numbers Chapter 30 verse 2

When a man makes a vow to the Lord, or swears an oath to bind himself by a pledge, he shall not break his word; he shall do according to all that proceeds out of his mouth.

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A reading from the First Letter of St John chapter 2 verse 5

but whoever obeys his word, truly in this person the love of God has reached perfection. By this we may be sure that we are in him:

This is the word of the Lord

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