

# 21<sup>st</sup> January 2018

## Epiphany 3



**WELCOME** To all visitors and any newcomers.

**WORSHIP** Our Lord with thanksgiving.

### PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Almighty God, you make all things new. May you help all who are in any kind of need, bring peace to those who are in trouble and guide us to do your will. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

### *MAKING FRIENDSHIPS*

#### WITH GOD

- SPECIAL UNITED EVENING SERVICE** As part of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity there will be no service in St Patrick's this evening. A joint evening service will be held at 6.00 pm in the Ballymena Methodist Church to which you are invited. See you there.
- CMSI** A meeting regarding Impact news and stories from CMSI partners as well as an introduction into 'Crossing Bridges' will be held in the Minor Hall at 3.00 pm.
- HEALER PRAYER GROUP** Tuesday 7.15 pm in the Clergy Vestry.
- BIBLE FELLOWSHIP** Begins on Tuesday, 6<sup>th</sup> February at 8.00 pm in the Choir Vestry.
- MID WEEK** Holy Communion on Wednesday at 10.30 am in St Patrick's with refreshments afterwards.
- 'THE WAY' YOUTH FELLOWSHIP** Begins on Sunday, 28<sup>th</sup> January at 6.30 pm in the Minor Hall.
- 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, 23<sup>rd</sup> February at 7.30 pm for a cuppa and a chat about what's next.
- PRAYER SUPPORT** Team Leader - Eleanor Burnett -  
Tel No. 075 1736 5589.

**MINISTRY OF PRAYER**

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

**WITH EACH OTHER**

**POLITE NOTICE**

We are trying to keep some parking spaces free during regular times of worship at St Patrick's for Blue Badge Holders. If you can keep these spaces free on Sundays for those who need them, we would appreciate your co-operation.

*The Rector/Select Vestry*

**MAGAZINE TABLE QUIZ**

Material to the Office by Wednesday please. Notice available regarding Table Quiz at the back of each Church.

**MEN'S FELLOWSHIP REGISTRATION OF VESTRY PERSONS**

Next meeting will take place on the evening of Thursday, 1st February 2018. New signing-in forms for the Register of Vestrypersons are now at the back of each Church. If you are not registered to vote in Church elections, now is your opportunity - your name on the form is all that is required. A review meeting of our Register of Vestrypersons will take place at 7.30 pm on Tuesday, 13<sup>th</sup> February in the Minor Hall.

**SUMMER MADNESS**

Any young person wishing to go to the Summer Madness event from Friday, 29<sup>th</sup> June to Sunday, 1<sup>st</sup> July, please speak to Lucy. Cost £35. Tickets have to be booked by 31<sup>st</sup> January 2018.

**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**

**FIRST AID COURSE**

A First Aid Course is being held on Monday, 5<sup>th</sup> February 2018 at 7.30 pm in the Minor Hall. Those involved have been informed and the course is now full.

**READINGS IN ST PATRICK'S AT 11.30 AM**

**Jonah 3:1-5 and 10 (Page 875) and St Mark 1:14-20 (Page 33)**

# Epiphany 3 - Ballyclug

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A reading from the Letter of St James Chapter 3 beginning at verse 1

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*This is the word of the Lord*

**THANKS BE TO GOD**

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## A reading from the gospel according to St Matthew chapter 6 beginning at verse 7

‘When you are praying, do not heap up empty phrases as the Gentiles do; for they think that they will be heard because of their many words. Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him.

‘Pray then in this way:

Our Father in heaven,

hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come.

Your will be done,

on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our debts,

as we also have forgiven our debtors.

And do not bring us to the time of trial,

but rescue us from the evil one.

For if you forgive others their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you; but if you do not forgive others, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

‘And whenever you fast, do not look dismal, like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces so as to show others that they are fasting. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face, so that your fasting may be seen not by others but by your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

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## Hear the Gospel of our Saviour Christ, according to St Matthew, chapter 6 beginning at verse 7

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**PRAISE TO YOU, LORD JESUS CHRIST.**