

25th February 2018

Lent 2



WELCOME To any visitors or newcomers.

WORSHIP We worship our loving God.

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Dear Lord, help us during this season of Lent to prepare ourselves for Easter. May the light of your love shine into the darkness of our hearts and bring your hope into all our lives. Amen.

MAKING FRIENDSHIPS

WITH GOD

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

HEALER PRAYER GROUP Tuesday 7.15 pm in the Clergy Vestry.

BIBLE FELLOWSHIP Meet on 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.

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

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

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

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

WITH EACH OTHER

- SOUP LUNCH** Today after 11.30 am service in St Patrick's. Please join us. Funds raised in aid of Summer Madness.
- LADIES' CIRCLE** St Columba's tomorrow night at 8.00 pm. Talk on photography by Revd I Magowan.
- WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER** Friday in West Church, Ballymena at 8.00 pm. 'All God's Creation is Very Good!' has been written by the Women of Suriname. Please support.
- JUMBLE SALE** The CLB 'Grand Spring Jumble Sale' will be held on Friday. 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 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.
- 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

- ST PATRICK'S** Tickets are on sale from the Church Office, Church
- NIGHT CONCERT AND SUPPER** 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
1 Corinthians 4:1-5 (Page 164) and St Mark 10:13-22 (Page 44)

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**A reading from the First Letter of St Peter chapter 1
beginning at verse 3**

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THANKS BE TO GOD

Hear the Gospel of our Saviour Christ, according to St John, chapter 4 beginning at verse 7

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PRAISE TO YOU, LORD JESUS CHRIST.

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