

# 31<sup>st</sup> MAY 2015

## Trinity Sunday



### **WELCOME**

We extend a warm welcome to all who are visiting from throughout our community.

### **WORSHIP**

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty, who was and is and is to come.

### **PRAYER OF PREPARATION**

God our Father, as we gather from many places in our community, give us a sense of your presence in our worship. Grant us gratitude as we remember your goodness, penitence as we remember our sins, and joy as we remember your love; and enable us now to lift up our hearts in humble prayer and fervent praise; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### **MAKING FRIENDSHIPS**

#### **WITH GOD**

**TONIGHT** Service of Wholeness and Healing in St Patrick's at 6.30 pm.

**HEALER** Tuesday at 7.15 pm in Clergy Vestry.  
**PRAYER GROUP**

**SATURDAY** 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday in month - prayer time followed by breakfast.

**PRAYER** Team Leader - Doreen Cowan.  
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#### **WITH EACH OTHER**

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**ST COLUMBA'S** Meeting on Monday.  
**COMMITTEE**  
**PARISH** Meet on Wednesday at 7.30 pm.  
**PANEL**

## WITH THE WORLD

**NEPAL** Has now reached £5,402.  
**APPEAL**

**CHRISTIAN** The total figure is now:  
**AID**

Lunches	£ 610.50
Church plate	£1351.70
Door-to-door	<u>£ 923.42</u>
	<u>£2885.62</u>

**FOOD BANK** Please keep the donations coming.

**GOOD** Collection at Civic Service to this worthwhile  
**MORNING** charity.  
**BALLYMENA**

### **READINGS IN ST PATRICK'S**

Isaiah 6:1-8 (Page No 645)

Isaiah is called to his prophetic task by an overpowering vision of the magnificence and holiness of God.

John 3:1-17 (Page No 90)

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A reading from the prophecy of Isaiah chapter 6 beginning at verse 1

*Isaiah is called to his prophetic task by an overpowering vision of the magnificence and holiness of God.*

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. And one called to another and said: 'Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory.' The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. And I said: 'Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!' Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: 'Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out.' Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, 'Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?' And I said, 'Here am I; send me!'

*This is the word of the Lord*  
**THANKS BE TO GOD**

A reading from the Gospel according to St John chapter 3 beginning at verse 1

***God's purpose for the world is that of salvation through his son and Nicodemus has to learn that a new kind of birth is necessary to carry us into this new kind of life.***

There was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, 'Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.' Jesus answered him, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.' Nicodemus said to him, 'How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?' Jesus answered, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, "You must be born from above." The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.' Nicodemus said to him, 'How can these things be?' Jesus answered him, 'Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? 'Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.'

***This is the word of the Lord***  
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