

3rd December 2017

Advent 1



WELCOME To all newcomers and visitors.

WORSHIP We worship our God.

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Almighty God, may you enter into our hearts as we begin this season of Advent. Help us to direct our minds and set us free from guilt so that we can worship and praise you with thanksgiving. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

MAKING FRIENDSHIPS

WITH GOD

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

CONFIRMATION Next Sunday in St Patrick's at 6.30 pm. Please remember all of the candidates in your prayers.

HEALER PRAYER GROUP Tuesday 7.15 pm in Clergy Vestry.

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

ADVENT REFLECTIONS Ballymena Church Members Forum. West Church Church on Thursday from 12.30 pm - 1.15 pm.

ADVENT Mid-week Advent Service in Ballyclug Church on Wednesday at 8.00 pm. All welcome.

SUNDAY SCHOOL NATIVITY Sunday, 17th December at 11.30 am. Children should meet in St Patrick's Church at 11.10 am. Tea/coffee and mince pies will be served in the hall after this service.

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

- CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL** Billy Parish Church, Bushmills - Final day of Christmas Tree Festival. Carols at 6.00 pm.
- ST COLUMBA'S COMMITTEE** Tomorrow night at 7.45 pm.
- CHRISTMAS PARTY** For all young people next Saturday in St Patrick's Church Hall. 7.00 - 8.00 pm for primary school age and 8.00 - 10.00 pm for secondary school age. Games, Music, Christmas Jumper Competition, Snacks and Santa. Come along and join in the fun!
- SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS** Christmas Dinner on Wednesday, 13th December at 7.30 pm in Millside, Gracehill. Please contact Lucy on 077 5995 0497 asap if you wish to attend.
- LADIES' NIGHT** Belfast Christmas Market on Friday, 15th December. Meet at Ballymena Train Station at 4.45 pm. We will return at 10.00 pm.
- VISITING THE SICK** Please inform the Clergy if you know of anyone who is sick and requires a pastoral visit either in hospital or at their home.

WITH THE WORLD

- SALVATION ARMY CHRISTMAS APPEAL** Please bring unwrapped presents for the Salvation Army Christmas Appeal.
- CHRISTIAN AID FAMILY APPEAL** Sunday School teachers and children will receive envelopes to enable them to give donations towards the Family Appeal instead of the giving and receiving of presents.
- FOODBANK** The final date for articles to be left in the food basket is 12th December as the last date for collection is 13th December this month. Thank you to everyone who has donated so generously throughout the year.

READINGS IN ST PATRICK'S AT 11.30 AM

1 Corinthians 1:3-9 (Page 162) and St Luke 18:9-14 (Page 78)

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Advent 1 - St Columba's

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A reading from the First Letter of St Paul to the Corinthians
chapter 1 beginning at verse 3

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Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may
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faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord.

This is the word of the Lord

THANKS BE TO GOD

A reading from the gospel according to St Luke Chapter 12 beginning at verse 13

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