

13th SEPTEMBER 2015

TRINITY 15



WELCOME

We welcome back folk and we welcome newcomers.

WORSHIP

We join with the family in worship and offer our contribution to that worship.

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Father God as we gather here today, disciples of our Lord, may we look to him to guide us, challenge us and encourage us - and may we seek to honour him through our worship. Amen.

MAKING FRIENDSHIPS

WITH GOD

HEALER PRAYER Tuesday 7.15 pm in Clergy Vestry.

PRAYER TEAMS Meeting on Tuesday night in Minor Hall.

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

PRAYER SUPPORT Team Leader - Doreen Cowan, 2564 4709.

MINISTRY OF PRAYER Takes place after the 11.30 am service and the 6.30 pm service in St Patrick's.

NEXT SUNDAY Family Service in St Patrick's 10.15 am.

WITH EACH OTHER

CUBS Resumes in St Columba's on Monday.

STILL ACTIVE Meet on Wednesday in St Patrick's - Keeping safe and warm in the home - Mid and East Antrim Council.

- SQUIRRELS** Start on Wednesday at 6.30 pm in St Columba's.
- SCOUTS** Start in St Columba's on Friday at 7.45 pm.
- ENVELOPES** If you have slipped behind in your giving over the summer, please try to make it up.
- GORE TRUST** Grants available from Gore Trust in Parish for anyone in 3rd level education. All that is required - name, address, course - submitted to Treasurer at Parish Office.
- COFFEE MORNING** Saturday 19th September from 10 am - 12 noon in Church Hall.
- WITH THE WORLD**
- BALLYMENA CHURCH MEMBERS FORUM** AGM on Monday at 7.30 pm in All Saints.
- REFRESHMENTS** After morning service in St Patrick's 2nd and 4th Sundays - thus today.

CHILDREN'S PRAYER

Day by day dear Lord we pray
 To see you more clearly
 Love you more dearly
 Follow you more nearly
 Day by day. Amen.



READINGS IN ST PATRICK'S AT 11.30 AM

Isaiah 50:4-9a page 691

Isaiah pictures a faithful servant of God who is unjustly humiliated but remains dignified in suffering - foretelling perhaps the suffering of Jesus.

Mark 8:27-38 page 42

A turning point in Mark's gospel as he introduces the themes of cross and suffering - which in some way every disciple must expect to face.

Trinity 15 - Ballyclug

A reading from the prophecy of Isaiah chapter 50 beginning at verse 4

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The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of a teacher,
that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word.
Morning by morning he wakens - wakens my ear
to listen as those who are taught.

The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious,
I did not turn backwards.

I gave my back to those who struck me,
and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard;
I did not hide my face from insult and spitting.

The Lord GOD helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced;
therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall
not be put to shame; he who vindicates me is near.

Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together.

Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me.

It is the Lord GOD who helps me; who will declare me guilty?
All of them will wear out like a garment; the moth will eat
them up.

This is the word of the Lord

THANKS BE TO GOD

A reading from the gospel according to St Mark chapter 7 beginning at verse 24

In Gentile territory need is met by the compassion of Jesus.

From the land of Gennesaret, Jesus set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice,²⁵ but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet.²⁶ Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter.²⁷ He said to her, 'Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs.'²⁸ But she answered him, 'Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs.'²⁹ Then he said to her, 'For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter.'³⁰ So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis.³² They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him.³³ He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue.³⁴ Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, 'Ephphatha', that is, 'Be opened.'³⁵ And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly.³⁶ Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it.³⁷ They were astounded beyond measure, saying, 'He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak.'

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