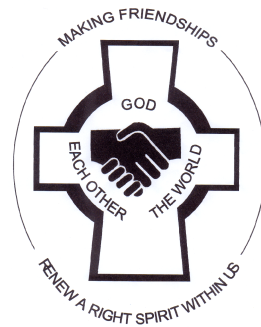


# 6<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2015



## Advent 2

### WELCOME

Good to see everyone, including newcomers and visitors.

### WORSHIP

‘Come let us worship and bow down before the Lord our Maker’.

### PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Prepare us, O God, for the worship of your house, and give us grace to serve you with reverence, joy and thanksgiving; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### *MAKING FRIENDSHIPS*

#### WITH GOD

#### CONFIRMATION SERVICE

Please remember in prayer the following candidates who are being confirmed this evening: Ellie, Dana, Connor, Oliver, Peter, Adam, Callum, Simon, Scott, Adam, Harry and Neil.

The collection at the Confirmation Service will be given to the Bishop’s Special Fund.

Tuesday 7.15 pm in Clergy Vestry.

#### HEALER PRAYER GROUP MID WEEK

Holy Communion on Wednesday at 10.30 am in St Patrick’s with refreshments afterwards.

#### INTER CHURCH - ADVENT REFLECTIONS ADVENT

The second in the series of lunch-time services in West Church on Wednesday from 12.30 pm -1.15 pm. All welcome.

Mid week Advent Service, Compline with a short reflection, in Ballyclug on Wednesday at 8.00 pm with Mothers’ Union in attendance.

#### PRAYER SUPPORT MINISTRY OF PRAYER

Team Leader - Doreen Cowan,  
Tel No. 2556 8278.

After morning and evening services in St Patrick’s - in the prayer space.

#### WITH EACH OTHER

#### ST COLUMBA’S COMMITTEE

Meeting Monday at 7.45 pm.

Email - [kilconriola@btconnect.com](mailto:kilconriola@btconnect.com) Web address - [www.ballymena.connor.anglican.org](http://www.ballymena.connor.anglican.org)

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**SELECT VESTRY  
STILL ACTIVE**

Tuesday in Choir Robing Room at 7.30 pm.  
Christmas lunch and entertainment from 1.00 pm - 4.00 pm on Wednesday in the Main Hall, St Patrick's.  
For all primary school children in all church organisations, Sunday School and Junior Youth Club.  
Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> December in the Church Hall from 7.00 - 8.00 pm.  
Engage Christmas Party (instead of Senior Youth Club) on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> December in Antrim. Bus leaving St Patrick's at 6.30 pm.

**CHRISTMAS  
PARTIES**

**WITH THE WORLD**

**BISHOPS'  
APPEAL  
COMMUNITY  
EVENT**

For world development and disaster relief.  
Envelopes available over the next three Sundays.  
St Columba's, Ballyloughan and Hillside Churches are holding a Christmas event on 12<sup>th</sup> December to help meet the needs of the Doury Road/Dunclug Community. Volunteers needed! See Magazine for more details.

**CHRISTMAS TREE  
FESTIVAL**

Billy Parish Church, Bushmills. Times of opening -  
Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> December - 10.00 am - 5.00 pm  
Sunday 13 December - 11.30 am - 6.00 pm  
Sunday - Prayers in the Forest at 10.30 am  
- Carols in the Forest at 6.00 pm.

**FOOD BANK**

(Teas, refreshments, gifts and home baking).  
Ongoing contributions are much appreciated.  
Supplies of powdered mashed potatoes, tinned vegetables, tinned meats, toiletries, selection boxes and children's sweets are currently be requested.

**SALVATION ARMY  
CHRISTMAS APPEAL**

Please bring unwrapped present for this appeal next week to put under the Christmas tree. The presents will be given to children who do not get anything.

**CHRISTIAN AID  
FAMILY APPEAL**

Envelopes will be given to Sunday School children and their teachers. We are asking you to give a donation to this appeal instead of giving and receiving presents. These will be given in the collection at the Sunday School Carol Service at 11.30 am on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> December.

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

**Philippians 1:3-11 page 193**

**St Luke 3:1-6 page 57**

# Advent 2 - St Columba's

6<sup>th</sup> December 2015

**A reading from the prophecy of Malachi Chapter 3  
beginning at verse 1**

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight - indeed, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. <sup>2</sup> But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; <sup>3</sup> he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the LORD in righteousness. <sup>4</sup> Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years.

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

## A reading from the gospel according to St Luke chapter 3 beginning at verse 1

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