

24th JANUARY 2016

Epiphany 3



WELCOME To newcomers and visitors.

WORSHIP In our worship we hear and respond to God's call.

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Loving God, as we approach you today we trust that you will meet us where we are and receive our worship which we offer in Christ's name. Amen.

MAKING FRIENDSHIPS

WITH GOD

CHRISTIAN UNITY

Today marks the end of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity based around the verses *"But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy."*

Next Sunday there will be a retiring collection which will go towards the Irish School of Ecumenics.

LIVING FAITH Tonight in St Patrick's at 6.30 pm.

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

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BIBLE FELLOWSHIP	Meet on Tuesday at 8.00 pm.
MID WEEK	Holy Communion on Wednesday at 10.30 am in St Patrick's with refreshments afterwards.
GOSHEN HOUSE GROUP	Friday at 7.30 pm in 21 Glenwood, Ahoghill.
PRAYER SUPPORT	Team Leader - Millicent McClelland, Tel No. 077 9173 6117.
MINISTRY OF PRAYER	After morning and evening services in St Patrick's in the prayer space.

WITH EACH OTHER

LADIES' CIRCLE DINNER	Monday in Tullyglass Hotel. All members should meet at 7.00 pm for 7.30 pm.
MAGAZINE	Material for February issue to office by Wednesday please.
FINANCE COMMITTEE	Wednesday at 7.30 pm in Church Office.

WITH THE WORLD

FOOD BANK	The Foodbank were delighted with the donations received from the congregations of St Patrick's, Ballyclug and St Columba's in December. This amounted to 385.3kg and enabled 32 local people who were in crisis to be given 3 day's worth of emergency food supplies.
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READINGS IN ST PATRICK'S AT 11.30 AM

Nehemiah 8: 1-3:5-6:8-10 page 449

St Luke 4:14-21 page 58

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A reading from the Book of Nehemiah chapter 8 beginning at verse 1

Lives can be changed by reading the scriptures.

All the people gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the LORD had given to Israel. Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law.

And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God and all the people answered, 'Amen, Amen,' lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshipped the LORD with their faces to the ground.

So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading.

And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, 'This day is holy to the LORD your God; do not mourn or weep.' For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. Then he said to them, 'Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our LORD; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the LORD is your strength.'

This is the word of the Lord
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A reading from the gospel according to St Luke chapter 4 beginning at verse 14

Jesus the bringer of good news of freedom and healing.

Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

‘The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favour.’

And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, ‘Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.’

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A reading from the First Letter of St Paul to the Corinthians
chapter 12 beginning at verse 12

The gifts of the spirit unite us in the body of Christ on earth.

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body - Jews or Greeks, slaves or free - and we were all made to drink of one Spirit. Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot would say, 'Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,' that would not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear would say, 'Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,' that would not make it any less a part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. If all were a single member, where would the body be? As it is, there are many members, yet one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, 'I have no need of you,' nor again the head to the feet, 'I have no need of you.' On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and those members of the body that we think less honourable we clothe with greater honour, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honour to the inferior member, that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honoured, all rejoice together with it. Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? But strive for the greater gifts.

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