

21st FEBRUARY 2016



Lent 2

WELCOME To all who are newcomers or visitors.

WORSHIP May we recognize that we are part of God's family throughout the worldwide church.

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Dear Lord, Help us to attend to your word as we worship here today. May we concentrate on you as we offer our worship and praise. Amen.

MAKING FRIENDSHIPS

WITH GOD

HEALER PRAYER GROUP Tuesday 7.15 pm in Clergy Vestry.

BIBLE FELLOWSHIP Meet on Tuesday at 8.00 pm. All very welcome.

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

LENT SERIES Lenten service in Ballyclug on Wednesday at 8.00 pm.

PRAYER SUPPORT Team Leader - Eleanor Burnett,
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MINISTRY OF PRAYER After morning and evening services in St Patrick's in the prayer space.

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WITH EACH OTHER

- JUMBLE SALE** CLB Jumble Sale will be held in St Patrick's Hall on Friday, 4th March at 7.00 pm.
- LENT SEMINAR** The Bishop of Connor's 2016 lent Seminars on the theme of Grace will take place on:
February 23rd - Lisburn from 7.30 - 9.30 pm.
There will be a break for refreshments and fellowship at each Seminar.
- LIVING FAITH** Sunday, 28th February at 6.30 pm in St Patrick's.
Speaker: Revd Canon Brother David Jardine
Theme: Practicing the Presence of God.
There will be laying on of hands during this service.
- PRESENTATION
TO ST COLUMBA'S
ORGANIST** Sunday, 6th March at Family/Mothering Service
there will be a presentation made to Sandra Montgomery who was St Columba's Organist for 26 years. This service will be followed by refreshments. Everyone is welcome to attend.
- REGISTERED?** If you have not already done so, please register to vote in church elections. Forms at back of Churches.

WITH THE WORLD

- FOOD BANK** Thank you for all your donations please keep them coming.

READINGS IN ST PATRICK'S AT 11.30 AM

Genesis 15:1-12&17-18 page 12

God's promise to Abram that he would have more descendants than could be counted and a vast country to call their homeland.

St Luke 13:31-35 page 73

Jerusalem God's dwelling place. Jesus laments the way his people have treated this holy gift.

Lent 2 - Ballyclug

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A reading from the Book of Genesis chapter 15 beginning at verse 1

God's promise to Abram that he would have more descendants than could be counted and a vast country to call their homeland.

The word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, 'Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.' But Abram said, 'O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?' And Abram said, 'You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.' But the word of the LORD came to him, 'This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir.' He brought him outside and said, 'Look towards heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.' Then he said to him, 'So shall your descendants be.' And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness. Then he said to him, 'I am the LORD who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess.' But he said, 'O Lord GOD, how am I to know that I shall possess it?' He said to him, 'Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtle-dove, and a young pigeon.' He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away. As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him.

When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire-pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, 'To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates.'

This is the word of the Lord
THANKS BE TO GOD

A reading from the gospel according to St Luke chapter 13 beginning at verse 31

Jerusalem God's dwelling place. Jesus laments the way his people have treated this holy gift.

Some Pharisees came and said to Jesus, 'Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you.' He said to them, 'Go and tell that fox for me, "Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed away from Jerusalem." Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, "Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord."'

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