

20th MARCH 2016

Palm Sunday



WELCOME

To those who are newcomers or visitors.

WORSHIP

Christ was honoured as He entered Jerusalem may we honour Him in our worship today.

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Dear God, as we gather for worship on this Palm Sunday, may we appreciate what Christ has done for us as He made His way to the cross. May our worship be worthy of Him. Amen.

MAKING FRIENDSHIPS

WITH GOD

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday in St Patrick's at 7.30 pm. Holy Communion Maundy Thursday at 7.30 pm. Deirdre Zimmerman will speak about Nepal after this service. Good Friday family service at 10.30 am followed by Buns and Crosses in church hall. Good Friday Tenebrae Service at 7.30 pm. Easter Sunday Family Communion at 11.30 am in St Patrick's and St Columba's and 10 am in Ballyclug. No Living Faith on Easter Sunday at 6.30 pm.

MID WEEK

Holy Communion on Wednesday at 10.30 am in St Patrick's with refreshments afterwards. There will be no refreshments after the Holy Communion service on Wednesday, 30 March.

PRAYER SUPPORT

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MINISTRY OF PRAYER

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

WITH EACH OTHER

CHURCH AGM Tuesday, 5th April at 7.30 pm in Minor Hall.

CHURCH OFFICE Closing on Wednesday, 23 March and re-opening on Monday, 4th April 2016.

WITH THE WORLD

MR & MRS EVENING

5th Ballymena (St Columba's) Scout Group is hosting a "Mr & Mrs Evening" (meal included) at St Columba's on Friday, 8th April 2016 at 7.00 pm. Tickets £12 (under 12's £6). Proceeds will be shared between Scouts and Parish funds. Three couples (including the Revd John & Margo) have kindly agreed to participate, so come along, relax, enjoy the fun and the food. Tickets available from Church Wardens at rear of church or from Scout Leaders or Liz Hughes.

FOOD BANK

Thank you for all your donations. These are very much appreciated.

CHILDREN'S PRAYER

Dear God, thank you for Jesus who came into Jerusalem on a donkey to show that He wanted to bring peace to all people. Amen.



READINGS IN ST PATRICK'S AT 11.30 AM

**Isaiah 50:4-9a page 691
St Luke 19:28-40 page 79**

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A reading from the Book of Psalms Number 118 beginning at verse 1

- 1 O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his mercy endures for ever.
- 2 Let Israel now proclaim, 'His mercy endures for ever.'
- 19 Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter and give thanks to the Lord.
- 20 This is the gate of the Lord; the righteous shall enter through it.
- 21 I will give thanks to you, for you have answered me and have become my salvation.
- 22 The stone which the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.
- 23 This is the Lord's doing, and it is marvellous in our eyes.
- 24 This is the day that the Lord has made; we will rejoice and be glad in it.
- 25 Come, O Lord, and save us we pray. Come, Lord, send us now prosperity.
- 26 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord; we bless you from the house of the Lord.
- 27 The Lord is God; he has given us light; link the pilgrims with cords right to the horns of the altar.
- 28 You are my God and I will thank you; you are my God and I will exalt you.
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A reading from the gospel according to St Luke chapter 19 beginning at verse 28

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When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, saying, 'Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden.

Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, "Why are you untying it?" just say this, "The Lord needs it.'" So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, 'Why are you untying the colt?' They said, 'The Lord needs it.' Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, saying,

'Blessed is the king
who comes in the name of the Lord!
Peace in heaven,
and glory in the highest heaven!'

Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, 'Teacher, order your disciples to stop.' He answered, 'I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out.'

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

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?

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