

**27<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2016**

## **Easter Day**



**WELCOME** To any visitors or those home on holiday, we wish you a blessed and joyful Easter.

**WORSHIP** The Lord is risen. Alleluia!

### **PRAYER OF PREPARATION**

**We come to worship the risen Lord. He gives us confidence with our uncertainties and hope for our fears. We are his witnesses and we proclaim together, Alleluia risen Lord we are your disciples. Amen.**

### ***MAKING FRIENDSHIPS***

#### **WITH GOD**

**SERVICES** As usual next Sunday.

**MID WEEK** Holy Communion on Wednesday at 10.30 am in St Patrick's.

**PRAYER SUPPORT** Team Leader - Heather Barr,  
Tel No. 2564 1047.

**MINISTRY OF PRAYER** After morning and evening services in St Patrick's in the prayer space.

#### **WITH EACH OTHER**

**THANKS** To those responsible for the Easter decorations.

**EASTER VESTRY** The Annual General Vestry or AGM of the parish.  
Tuesday, 5<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30 pm in Minor Hall.

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**CHURCH OFFICE** Open - Monday, 4<sup>th</sup> April 2016.

**WITH THE WORLD**

**MR & MRS  
EVENING**

5<sup>th</sup> Ballymena (St Columba's) Scout Group is hosting a "Mr & Mrs Evening" (meal included) at St Columba's on Friday, 8<sup>th</sup> 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.

**MID & EAST  
ANTRIM  
PENSIONERS**

If you are over 60 and wish to make your voice heard there will be a Mid & East Antrim Pensioners Parliament meeting on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> April (10.30 am - 3.30 pm) in Tullyglass Hotel. Register to attend by phoning 028 9031 2089. More info at [www.pensionersparliament.org](http://www.pensionersparliament.org)

**CHILDREN'S PRAYER**

Thank you God for raising Jesus to new life so that he is alive for us today. Amen.



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

**Isaiah 65:17-25 page 706  
St John 20:1-8 page 111**

# Easter Sunday - Ballyclug

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A reading from the prophecy of Isaiah chapter 65 beginning at verse 17

I am about to create new heavens  
and a new earth;  
the former things shall not be remembered  
or come to mind.  
But be glad and rejoice for ever  
in what I am creating;  
for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy,  
and its people as a delight.  
I will rejoice in Jerusalem,  
and delight in my people;  
no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it,  
or the cry of distress.  
No more shall there be in it  
an infant that lives but a few days,  
or an old person who does not live out a lifetime;  
for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a youth,  
and one who falls short of a hundred will be considered accursed.  
They shall build houses and inhabit them;  
they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit.  
They shall not build and another inhabit;  
they shall not plant and another eat;  
for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be,  
and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands.  
They shall not labour in vain,  
or bear children for calamity;  
for they shall be offspring blessed by the LORD -  
and their descendants as well.  
Before they call I will answer,  
while they are yet speaking I will hear.  
The wolf and the lamb shall feed together,  
the lion shall eat straw like the ox;  
but the serpent - its food shall be dust!  
They shall not hurt or destroy  
on all my holy mountain, says the LORD.

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

## A reading from the gospel according to St John chapter 20 beginning at verse 1

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.' Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went towards the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; <sup>9</sup>for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. <sup>10</sup>Then the disciples returned to their homes.

<sup>11</sup>But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; <sup>12</sup>and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. <sup>13</sup>They said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping?' She said to them, 'They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.' <sup>14</sup>When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. <sup>15</sup>Jesus said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping? For whom are you looking?' Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, 'Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.' <sup>16</sup>Jesus said to her, 'Mary!' She turned and said to him in Hebrew, 'Rabbouni!' which means Teacher. <sup>17</sup>Jesus said to her, 'Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, "I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God."' <sup>18</sup>Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, 'I have seen the Lord'; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

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# Easter Sunday - St Columba's

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**A reading from the First Letter of St Paul to the  
Corinthians chapter 15 beginning at verse 19**

If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being; for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ. But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. Then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, after he has destroyed every ruler and every authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

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**PRAISE TO YOU, LORD JESUS CHRIST.**

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