

28th AUGUST 2016

Trinity 14



WELCOME To everyone especially any newcomers or visitors.

WORSHIP We meet together to worship our living Lord.

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Dear God, as we meet here today, may we come as thoughtful people who put our trust in You. Help us to show our thanks for all that you have done for us in the past and will continue to do for us in the future in our praise and prayers. Amen.

MAKING FRIENDSHIPS

WITH GOD

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

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

ST PATRICK'S SUNDAY SCHOOL Sunday School starts on Sunday next, 4th September. If your child is 4 years or over, we would encourage you to send them to Sunday School. Sunday School takes place during the morning service and the children leave to go to this in the Church Hall. All parents must sign consent forms when collecting their children.

SPECIAL PRAYERS NEXT SUNDAY Special prayers of commissioning for all leaders and helpers in every Parish Ministry and Organisation will take place across the Parish at all morning Services. Please do make every effort to attend (in uniform if you normally wear one). We wish to pray for God's strength, wisdom, enthusiasm, love and protection as a new season in our Parish life begins.

ORDINATION SERVICE There will be no Service of Evening Prayer at 6.30 pm on Sunday, 4th September. This will be replaced by an Ordination Service which will be held in St Patrick's at 3.30 pm. We hope that all of our parishioners will be able to attend.

WITH EACH OTHER

- GOSHEN HOUSE** Friday 9th September at 7.30 pm in 103 Gracehill Gardens.
- YOUTH CLUB** Youth Club starts again on Saturday, 10th September. For juniors (primary school age) 7 - 8 pm and seniors (secondary school age) 8 - 10 pm. Parents much fill in a consent form on the first night.
- DIVINE HEALING** Day of Prayer to find God's peace on Saturday 17th September in St Anne's Cathedral, from 9.00 am to 6.00 pm. Register at www.premier.org.uk/dayofprayer
- ADVANCE NOTICE - ORGANISATIONS**
- St Patrick's Church***
Bowls: Monday, 5th September - 7.30 pm
Mums & Toddlers: Tuesday, 6th Sept - 10 - 12 noon
GFS: Tuesday, 6th Sept - 7.15 pm - 8.15 pm, 4+ years
Badminton: Wednesday, 7th September at 7.30 pm
CLB: 9th September - Martins 7 - 8 pm, 4 - 6 years
Y Team 7 - 8 pm 7 - 10 years
J Team 8 - 9.30 pm - 10 - 13 years
Seniors 8 - 9.30 pm - 13 - 18 years
- St Columba's Church***
Beavers: Monday, 5th Sept - 6.30 - 7.30 pm, 6 - 8 years
Scouts: Friday, 9th Sept - 7.45 pm-9.45 pm, 10+ years
Rainbows: Friday, 9th September - 6.30 - 7.45 pm, 4 - 7 years
- LEADERS REQUIRED** St Columba's Brownies need some leaders. If you are free on Tuesday night from 6.30 pm - 8.00 pm they would be delighted to hear from you. If you can help, please contact Lucy: 077 5995 0497.

WITH THE WORLD

- MORNING TREAT** Irene's Soup and Coffee: 2 Beechwood Avenue on 7th and 8th September from 11.00 am - 3.00 pm. Proceeds in aid of the Christmas Fair.
- FOOD BANK** Thank you once again for all your donations. The food bank has made a special request for biscuits, minerals, teabags and coffee.

READINGS IN ST PATRICK'S AT 11.30 AM
Hebrews 12:1-6 (Page 223)
St Luke 14:1&7-14 (Page 74)

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A reading from the prophecy of Jeremiah chapter 2
beginning at verse 4

Hear the word of the LORD, O house of Jacob, and all the families of the house of Israel. Thus says the LORD: What wrong did your ancestors find in me that they went far from me, and went after worthless things, and became worthless themselves? They did not say, 'Where is the LORD who brought us up from the land of Egypt, who led us in the wilderness, in a land of deserts and pits, in a land of drought and deep darkness, in a land that no one passes through, where no one lives?' I brought you into a plentiful land to eat its fruits and its good things. But when you entered you defiled my land, and made my heritage an abomination. The priests did not say, 'Where is the LORD?' Those who handle the law did not know me; the rulers transgressed against me; the prophets prophesied by Baal, and went after things that do not profit. Therefore once more I accuse you, says the LORD, and I accuse your children's children. Cross to the coasts of Cyprus and look, send to Kedar and examine with care; see if there has ever been such a thing. Has a nation changed its gods, even though they are no gods? But my people have changed their glory for something that does not profit. Be appalled, O heavens, at this, be shocked, be utterly desolate, says the LORD, for my people have committed two evils: they have forsaken me, the fountain of living water, and dug out cisterns for themselves, cracked cisterns that can hold no water.

This is the word of the Lord
THANKS BE TO GOD

A reading from the Gospel according to St Luke, chapter 14 beginning at verse 1

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely.

When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honour, he told them a parable. ‘When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honour, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, “Give this person your place,” and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, “Friend, move up higher”; then you will be honoured in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.’ He said also to the one who had invited him, ‘When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbours, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.’

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A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews chapter 12
beginning at verse 1

Therefore since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

Consider him who endured such hostility against himself from sinners, so that you may not grow weary or lose heart. In your struggle against sin you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding your blood. And you have forgotten the exhortation that addresses you as children -

‘My child, do not regard lightly the discipline of the Lord, or lose heart when you are punished by him; for the Lord disciplines those whom he loves, and chastises every child whom he accepts.’

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