

25th September 2016

Trinity 18



WELCOME

We trust that newcomers and visitors will be at ease in our worship.

WORSHIP

We meet to acknowledge Him who gives us life day by day.

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Dear Lord, as we meet here to worship you, help us to remember those who are less fortunate than ourselves, the poor, the lonely and those who are being persecuted for their faith. As we sing your praises may we feel your presence and know that you care for all your people and are still in control of our world. Amen.

MAKING FRIENDSHIPS

WITH GOD

LIVING FAITH

Tonight in St Patrick's at 6.30 pm. The theme of this service will be 'Strengthening yourself in the Lord'. Everyone welcome.

HEALER PRAYER GROUP

Tuesday 7.15 pm in Clergy Vestry.

MID WEEK

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

PRAYER SUPPORT

Team Leader - Adelaide Nimick,
Tel No. 2564 0865.

MINISTRY OF PRAYER

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

WITH EACH OTHER

LADIES' CIRCLE

In St Columba's tomorrow night at 8.00 pm when the speaker will be our Rector Revd Mark McConnell. New members are most welcome.

- 'PARENTALK' COURSE** Continues Tuesday from 7.00 pm - 8.30 pm in St Patrick's Minor Hall.
- MEN'S FELLOWSHIP GROUP** Our Men's Fellowship Group is now due to be relaunched with our first meeting next Thursday at 7.30 pm in the Minor Hall at St Patrick's. We'd love to see you there for a bit of fellowship, teaching and good craic. We are seeking to develop Godly men who want to be equipped to serve God's kingdom. Please speak to Dennis if you have any queries. Mobile: 075 0060 7448. Email: revdennischristie@gmail.com.
- TEA** After the 11.30 am service in St Patrick's today.
- WITH THE WORLD**
- BLOOD TRANSFUSION** St Patrick's Hall - Wednesday and Thursday from 1.30 pm - 4.00 pm and 5.15 pm - 8.00 pm.
- STUDENT LUNCHES** Every Thursday in St Patrick's Church Hall - 12.00 - 2.00 pm. Adults welcome to come along for tea/coffee. Donations to church funds.
- KOSHISH FUND** The appeal has to close by mid-September so we would be grateful if all bottles whether full or partly filled, could be returned by 30th September.
- SHOE BOXES** For Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child Appeal available at back of churches. Suggested donation £1 towards Parish Christmas Fair.
- ADVANCE NOTICE** Harvest Supper in St Patrick's Church Hall on Wednesday, 5th October at 7.30 pm sharp. There will be special Entertainment and Supper. Admission by ticket £7 or you can pay at the door. Contact: Jackie Greer - 077 1061 8196 or 028 2564 2723. Proceeds in aid of the Salvation Army and Laurel House.

READINGS IN ST PATRICK'S AT 11.30 AM

Amos 6:1a & 4-7 (Page 869)
St Luke 16:19-31 (Page 76)

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A reading from the First Letter of St Paul to Timothy chapter 6 beginning at verse 6

Of course there is great gain in godliness combined with contentment; for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it; but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains.

But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life, to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, which he will bring about at the right time - he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honour and eternal dominion. Amen. As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty, or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

This is the word of the Lord
THANKS BE TO GOD

A reading from the Gospel according to St Luke chapter 10 beginning at verse 1

After this the Lord appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. He said to them, ‘The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest. Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road. Whatever house you enter, first say, “Peace to this house!” And if anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on that person; but if not, it will return to you. Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the labourer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house. Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; cure the sick who are there, and say to them, “The kingdom of God has come near to you.”’ But whenever you enter a town and they do not welcome you, go out into streets and say, “Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet, we wipe off in protest against you. Yet know this: the kingdom of God has come near.” I tell you, on that day it will be more tolerable for Sodom than for that town. ‘Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! For if the deeds of power done in you had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago, sitting in sackcloth and ashes. But at the judgement it will be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon than for you. And you, Capernaum, will you be exalted to heaven? No, you will be brought down to Hades.

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A reading from the gospel according to St Luke chapter 16 beginning at verse 19

Jesus said to the Pharisees, ‘There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man’s table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. He called out, “Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames.” But Abraham said, “Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.” The man who had been rich said, “Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father’s house - for I have five brothers - that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.” Abraham replied, “They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.” He said, “No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.” Abraham said to him, “If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.””

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