

# 4<sup>th</sup> September 2016

## Trinity 15



**WELCOME** We welcome everyone back and give a special welcome to all newcomers.

**WORSHIP** We meet together as a church family to worship God.

### PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Dear God, as we meet here to worship you, help us to be guided by you, challenged by you and encouraged by you as we leave this place. Amen.

### MAKING FRIENDSHIPS

#### WITH GOD

**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 - Eleanor Burnett,  
Tel No. 075 1736 5589

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

#### WITH EACH OTHER

**ST COLUMBA'S COMMITTEE** Meeting Monday at 7.45 pm.

**GOSHEN HOUSE** Friday at 7.30 pm in 103 Gracehill Gardens.

**DIVINE HEALING** Day of Prayer to find God's peace on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> September in St Anne's Cathedral, from 9.00 am to 6.00 pm. Register at [www.premier.org.uk/dayofprayer](http://www.premier.org.uk/dayofprayer)

**ORGANISATIONS**

*St Patrick's Church*  
Monday: Bowls & Youth Steering Group  
Tuesday: Mums & Toddlers & GFS  
Wednesday: Badminton  
Friday: CLB  
Saturday: Youth Club - Juniors 7.00 - 8.00 pm and Seniors 8.00 -10.00 pm. Parents must sign consent forms on the first night.  
Mothers' Union: Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> September at 8.00 pm  
Sewing Group: Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> September at 10.00 am  
Still Active: Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> September at 2.00 pm

### ***St Columba's Church***

Monday: Beavers

Friday: Scouts & Rainbows

Cubs: Monday 12<sup>th</sup> September - 7.00 - 8.30 pm,  
8 - 10 years

Brownies: Tues 13<sup>th</sup> September - 6.30 - 8.00 pm,  
7 - 10 years

Guides: Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> September - 6.30 - 8.30 pm,  
10 - 14 years : Senior Section 8.00 - 9.30 pm, 14+

Squirrels: 21<sup>st</sup> September - 6.30 - 7.30 pm, 4 - 6 years

#### **'PARENTALK' COURSE**

See Lucy for date and times.

#### **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.

#### **PARISH AUCTION**

Saturday, 24<sup>th</sup> September at 11.30 am (viewing from 9.00 am). If you have any items you could donate for the Auction, please leave these with the Caretaker in the Church Hall any weekday from Monday, 12<sup>th</sup> September to Thursday, 22<sup>nd</sup> September (12 noon - 3.00 pm) or contact Joan Holden (St Patrick's), Sandra Duke (St Columba's) or Jackie Greer (Ballyclug).

#### **WITH THE WORLD**

#### **BALLYMENA CHURCH MEMBERS FORUM**

AGM tomorrow at 7.30 pm in the Braid Centre. Guest Speaker Revd Dr Ken Newell OBE, who together with Fr Gerry Reynolds was influential in the peace process. He will be reading from his book 'Captured by a Vision', copies of which will be on sale. The Forum will be launching its new Website at this meeting. Everyone will be most welcome.

#### **MORNING TREAT**

Irene's Soup and Coffee: 2 Beechwood Avenue on Wednesday and Thursday from 11.00 am - 3.00 pm. Proceeds in aid of the Christmas Fair.

#### **KOSHISH FUND**

A big thank you to everyone who has given so generously to the Koshish Fund. This appeal has to close by mid-September so we would be grateful if all bottles whether full or partly filled, could be returned by 30<sup>th</sup> September.

#### **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**

**Philemon 1:1-21 (Page 214)**

**St Luke 14:25-33 (Page 74)**

# Trinity 15 - Ballyclug

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A reading from the prophecy of Jeremiah Chapter 18  
beginning at verse 1

The word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord: 'Come, go down to the potter's house, and there I will let you hear my words.' So I went down to the potter's house, and there he was working at his wheel. The vessel he was making of clay was spoiled in the potter's hand, and he reworked it into another vessel, as seemed good to him.

Then the word of the LORD came to me: Can I not do with you, O house of Israel, just as this potter has done? says the LORD. Just like the clay in the potter's hand, so are you in my hand, O house of Israel. At one moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom, that I will pluck up and break down and destroy it, but if that nation, concerning which I have spoken, turns from its evil, I will change my mind about the disaster that I intended to bring on it. And at another moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom that I will build and plant it, but if it does evil in my sight, not listening to my voice, then I will change my mind about the good that I had intended to do to it. Now, therefore, say to the people of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem: Thus says the LORD: Look, I am a potter shaping evil against you and devising a plan against you. Turn now, all of you from your evil way, and amend your ways and your doings.

***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 25**

Now large crowds were travelling with Jesus; and he turned and said to them, ‘Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, saying, “This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.” Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.’

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A reading from the Acts of the Apostles chapter 9 beginning at verse 26

When Saul had come to Jerusalem, he attempted to join the disciples; and they were all afraid of him, for they did not believe that he was a disciple. But Barnabas took him, brought him to the apostles, and described for them how on the road he had seen the Lord, who had spoken to him, and how in Damascus he had spoken boldly in the name of Jesus. So he went in and out among them in Jerusalem, speaking boldly in the name of the Lord. He spoke and argued with the Hellenists; but they were attempting to kill him. When the believers learned of it, they brought him down to Caesarea and sent him off to Tarsus.

Meanwhile the church throughout Judea, Galilee, and Samaria had peace and was built up. Living in the fear of the Lord and in the comfort of the Holy Spirit, it increased in numbers.

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