

30th October 2016

4th Sunday before Advent



WELCOME To all visitors and newcomers.

WORSHIP We come together to worship our God.

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Dear Lord, as we meet together may we be aware of your presence. Help us to honour you in our praise and in our prayers and may we receive your blessing as we leave your church today. Amen.

MAKING FRIENDSHIPS

WITH GOD

HEALER PRAYER GROUP Tuesday 7.15 pm in Clergy Vestry.

BIBLE FELLOWSHIP Tuesday at 8.00 pm in the Choir Vestry.

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

PRAYER TIME This Saturday (1st in month) at 8.00 am in Jubilee Room.

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

BHOP The Prayers of Blessing for the town will be held at High Kirk Presbyterian Church on Friday, 4th November from 12.45 pm - 1.30 pm. All welcome.

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

WITH EACH OTHER

GOSHEN HOUSE Friday, 4th November at 7.30 pm in 21 Glenwood, Ahoghill.

WITH THE WORLD

CASTLE PLAYERS The Castle Players would like to thank all members of the congregation who supported them in their recent production.

STUDENT LUNCHES Every Thursday in St Patrick's Church Hall - 12.00 - 2.00 pm. Parishioners are also welcome to come along for tea/coffee. All donations in aid of church funds.

SHOE BOXES For Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child Appeal available at back of churches. Suggested donation £1 towards Parish Christmas Fair.

HARVEST SUPPER We are still accepting donations up to the end of October. The proceeds will then be given to the Salvation Army, Laurel House and St Patrick's Christmas Fair.

ADOPTION AND FOSTER CARE New foster carers are being sought in our local communities. If you are interested and would like to help please ring 0300 123 11 55 or email foster4.nt@northerntrust.hscni.net
www.adoptionandfostering.hscni.net

FOOD BANK Thank you for all your donations which are very much appreciated.

READINGS IN ST PATRICK'S AT 11.30 AM
Habakkuk 1:1-4 and 2:1-4 (Page 886)
St Luke 19:1-10 (Page 79)

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A reading from the prophecy of Habakkuk to chapter 1
beginning at verse 1

The oracle that the prophet Habakkuk saw.
O LORD, how long shall I cry for help,
and you will not listen?
Or cry to you 'Violence!'
and you will not save?
Why do you make me see wrongdoing
and look at trouble?
Destruction and violence are before me;
strife and contention arise.
So the law becomes slack
and justice never prevails.
The wicked surround the righteous -
therefore judgement comes forth perverted.
I will stand at my watch-post,
and station myself on the rampart;
I will keep watch to see what he will say to me,
and what he will answer concerning my complaint.
Then the LORD answered me and said:
Write the vision;
make it plain on tablets,
so that a runner may read it.
For there is still a vision for the appointed time;
it speaks of the end, and does not lie.
If it seems to tarry, wait for it;
it will surely come, it will not delay.
Look at the proud!
Their spirit is not right in them,
but the righteous live by their faith.

This is the word of the Lord
THANKS BE TO GOD

A reading from the Gospel according to St Luke chapter 19 beginning at verse 1

Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through it. A man was there named Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax-collector and was rich. He was trying to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was short in stature. So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to see Jesus, because he was going to pass that way. When Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, 'Zacchaeus, hurry and come down; for I must stay at your house today.' So he hurried down and was happy to welcome Jesus. All who saw it began to grumble and said, 'He has gone to be the guest of one who is a sinner.' Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, 'Look, half of my possessions, Lord, I will give to the poor; and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I will pay back four times as much.' Then Jesus said to him, 'Today salvation has come to this house, because he too is a son of Abraham. For the Son of Man came to seek out and to save the lost.'

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**A reading from the Second Letter of St Paul to the
Thessalonians chapter 1 beginning at verse 1**

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy,

To the church of the Thessalonians in God our Father and the
Lord Jesus Christ:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord
Jesus Christ. We must always give thanks to God for you,
brothers and sisters, as is right, because your faith is growing
abundantly, and the love of everyone of you for one another is
increasing. Therefore we ourselves boast of you among the
churches of God for your steadfastness and faith during all
your persecutions and the afflictions that you are enduring.
To this end we always pray for you, asking that our God will
make you worthy of his call and will fulfil by his power every
good resolve and work of faith, so that the name of our Lord
Jesus may be glorified in you, and you in him, according to the
grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.

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A reading from the Gospel according to St Luke chapter 18 beginning at verse 35

As he approached Jericho, a blind man was sitting by the roadside begging. When he heard a crowd going by, he asked what was happening. They told him, 'Jesus of Nazareth is passing by.' Then he shouted, 'Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!' Those who were in front sternly ordered him to be quiet; but he shouted even more loudly, 'Son of David, have mercy on me!' Jesus stood still and ordered the man to be brought to him; and when he came near, he asked him, 'What do you want me to do for you?' He said, 'Lord, let me see again.' Jesus said to him, 'Receive your sight; your faith has saved you.' Immediately he regained his sight and followed him, glorifying God; and all the people, when they saw it, praised God.

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