

# 15<sup>th</sup> January 2017

## EPIPHANY 2



**WELCOME** To newcomers and visitors.

**WORSHIP** 'Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness'.

### PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Dear God, help us as we come into your presence to do your will and listen to you. As we begin this New Year, open our minds to hear your word and to put our trust in you. Amen.

### *MAKING FRIENDSHIPS*

#### WITH GOD

**HEALER PRAYER GROUP** Tuesday 7.15 pm in Clergy Vestry.

**BIBLE FELLOWSHIP** Meet on Tuesday at 8.00 pm.

**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.

**ALPHA COURSE** A 10 week Alpha Course will commence on Tuesday, 7<sup>th</sup> February in the Minor Hall. This will begin with tea at 6.00 pm. If you would like to attend, please add your name to the list at the back of Church. Volunteers needed for the following - catering, small group leaders and a technical team. If you can help, please speak to the Rector. A prayer preparation evening will take place on Sunday, 22<sup>nd</sup> January at 8.00 pm in the Rectory. Please do come and join us.

#### WITH EACH OTHER

**STILL ACTIVE** Wednesday - Bring & Buy Sale and Quiz.  
Next Saturday - Theatre visit to see 'Annie'. Leaving Church Hall at 12.45 pm.

<b>FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE</b>	Meeting on Wednesday, 18 <sup>th</sup> January at 7.30 pm in the Jubilee Room.
<b>SEWING GROUP</b>	Meet in Minor Hall on Thursday at 10.00 am.
<b>MEN'S SOCIETY BREAKFAST</b>	Saturday, 21 <sup>st</sup> January from 9.00 am - 12 noon. Speaker: Bishop Ken Clarke.
<b>LADIES' AFTERNOON TEA</b>	Saturday, 28 <sup>th</sup> January at 2.00 pm in Leighinmohr House Hotel. If you wish to attend, please give your deposit of £5 to Lucy McLaughlin.
<b>CMS PROJECT</b>	The 2017 CMS Project for Sunday School Teachers will be held at 3.00 pm in the Minor Hall on Sunday, 22 <sup>nd</sup> January.
<b>CHURCH HALLS</b>	As we begin a new year it would be very much appreciated if all organisations/individuals would keep the church halls clean and tidy. As part of the Health and Safety regulations, the halls can be inspected at any time and must be found to be well maintained, tidy and in good order. Your co-operation would be very much appreciated.

### **WITH THE WORLD**

<b>BISHOPS' APPEAL</b>	Bishops' Appeal envelopes are now available in all of our Churches.
<b>REGISTRATION OF VESTRY PERSONS</b>	New signing-in forms for the Register of Vestrypersons are now at the back of each Church. If you are not registered to vote in Church elections, now is your opportunity - your name on the form is all that is required. A review meeting of our Register of Vestrypersons will take place at 8.00 pm on Sunday, 19 <sup>th</sup> February in the Minor Hall.
<b>STUDENT LUNCHES</b>	Every Thursday in St Patrick's Church Hall - 12.00 - 2.00 pm. Parishioners are also welcome to come for tea/coffee and a chat.
<b>FOOD BANK</b>	Thank you for all your donations which are very much appreciated.

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

**Isaiah 49:1-7 (Page 689)**  
**St John 20:26-31 (Page 112)**

# Epiphany 2 - Ballyclug

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A reading from the prophecy of Isaiah chapter 49 beginning at verse 1

Listen to me, O coastlands,  
pay attention, you peoples from far away!  
The Lord called me before I was born,  
while I was in my mother's womb he named me.  
He made my mouth like a sharp sword,  
in the shadow of his hand he hid me;  
he made me a polished arrow,  
in his quiver he hid me away.  
And he said to me, 'You are my servant,  
Israel, in whom I will be glorified.'  
But I said, 'I have laboured in vain,  
I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity;  
yet surely my cause is with the Lord,  
and my reward with my God.'  
And now the Lord says,  
who formed me in the womb to be his servant,  
to bring Jacob back to him,  
and that Israel might be gathered to him,  
for I am honoured in the sight of the Lord,  
and my God has become my strength—  
he says,  
'It is too light a thing that you should be my servant  
to raise up the tribes of Jacob  
and to restore the survivors of Israel;  
I will give you as a light to the nations,  
that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.'  
Thus says the Lord,  
the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One,  
to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations,  
the slave of rulers,  
'Kings shall see and stand up,  
princes, and they shall prostrate themselves,  
because of the Lord, who is faithful,  
the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you.'

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

## A reading from gospel according to St John chapter 1 beginning at verse 29

John saw Jesus coming towards him and declared, 'Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, "After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me." I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.' And John testified, 'I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, "He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit." And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God.'

The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, 'Look, here is the Lamb of God!' The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, 'What are you looking for?' They said to him, 'Rabbi' (which translated means Teacher), 'where are you staying?' He said to them, 'Come and see.' They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, 'We have found the Messiah' (which is translated Anointed). He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, 'You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas' (which is translated Peter).

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# Epiphany 2 - St Columba's

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**A reading from the First Letter of St Paul to the Corinthians  
chapter 1 beginning at verse 1**

Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes,  
To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind— just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you— so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

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## Hear the Gospel of our Saviour Christ, according to St John, chapter 1 beginning at verse 29

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