

29th January 2017

EPIPHANY 4



WELCOME

To visitors and newcomers.

WORSHIP

Our Saviour Christ is the Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end.

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Dear God, we come to you with all our hopes and our fears. Help us now to set aside our personal thoughts and to focus our worship and praise on you, our Lord and Saviour. 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 - Millicent McClelland,
Tel No. 077 9173 6117.

MID WEEK

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

CHRISTIAN UNITY

A special service for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity was held in Gracehill Moravian Church last Sunday evening. Our church was represented at this service by the Revd Dennis Christie who read a lesson and by some other members from our churches.

BHOP

The Prayers of Blessing will take place on Friday, 3rd February from 12.45 - 1.30 pm at the Victory Praise Community Church, Pennybridge Industrial Estate, Ballymena. All welcome.

ALPHA COURSE

A 10 week Alpha Course will commence on Tuesday, 7th 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.

MINISTRY OF PRAYER After morning and evening services in St Patrick's in the Prayer Space.

WITH EACH OTHER

STEERING GROUP MEETING Wednesday at 7.00 pm in the Jubilee Room.

FIRST AID COURSE Robing Room on Monday, 6th February from 6.00 - 9.00 pm.

SAFEGUARDING TRUST EVENING TRAINING Leaders of all organisations are invited to a training evening in the Minor Hall on Monday, 20th February at 7.30 pm. The evening will be hosted by PSNI and Extern and provide an update on drugs in the community as affecting young people. Should any other parishioner wish to attend please contact a member of the Parish Panel.

COFFEE MORNING AND CAKE SALE Saturday, 11th February (10.00 am - 12.00 noon). Please come along and bring your friends. All proceeds in aid of Church Funds.

WITH THE WORLD

RETIRING COLLECTION In all churches today for the Irish School of Ecumenics.

REGISTRATION OF VESTRY PERSONS 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, 19th February in the Minor Hall.

STUDENT LUNCHES 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.

FOOD BANK Thank you for all your donations please keep them coming.

READINGS IN ST PATRICK'S AT 11.30 AM
Micah 6:1-8 (Page 880)
St Matthew 5:1-12 (Page 4)

Epiphany 4 - St Columba's

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A reading from the prophecy of Micah chapter 6 beginning at verse 1

Hear what the Lord says:

Rise, plead your case before the mountains,
and let the hills hear your voice.

Hear, you mountains, the controversy of the Lord,
and you enduring foundations of the earth;
for the Lord has a controversy with his people,
and he will contend with Israel.

'O my people, what have I done to you?

In what have I wearied you? Answer me!

For I brought you up from the land of Egypt,

and redeemed you from the house of slavery;

and I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam.

O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab
devised,

what Balaam son of Beor answered him,
and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal,

that you may know the saving acts of the Lord.'

'With what shall I come before the Lord,

and bow myself before God on high?

Shall I come before him with burnt-offerings,
with calves a year old?

Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams,
with tens of thousands of rivers of oil?

Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression,
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?'

He has told you, O mortal, what is good;

and what does the Lord require of you

but to do justice, and to love kindness,
and to walk humbly with your God?

This is the word of the Lord

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A reading from gospel according to St Matthew chapter 5 beginning at verse 1

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‘Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

‘Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

‘Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

‘Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

‘Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

‘Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

‘Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

‘Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

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