

30th April 2017

Easter 3



WELCOME To any newcomers and visitors.

WORSHIP We worship our risen Lord.

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

O Lord of all healing and forgiveness, draw us to yourself and cleanse us from our sins. Help us to put our trust in You as we worship You with reverence and thanksgiving. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

MAKING FRIENDSHIPS

WITH GOD

BIBLE FELLOWSHIP Tuesday, 2nd May at 8.00 pm in the Choir Vestry.

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

HEALER PRAYER GROUP Wednesday 7.15 pm in Clergy Vestry.

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

YOUTH ALPHA TO CONTINUE Our Youth Alpha Course has proved very successful with around 25 secondary school children meeting every week to explore the fundamentals of the Christian Faith. We are now extending the course for another 4 weeks from Sunday 30th April to 21st May. Please be sure to join us again.

MINISTRY OF PRAYER

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

WITH EACH OTHER

THANKS

To outgoing Churchwardens and best wishes to incoming ones.

St Patrick's - Alex McNeill (Rector's)
Ruth Dixon (People's)
Ballyclug - William Burnett (Rector's)
Jackie Greer (People's)
St Columba's - Laura Doole (Rector's)
Elizabeth Peachey (People's)

SUMMER MADNESS COFFEE MORNING

Thank you to everyone who came to the Coffee Morning yesterday and especially to those who donated cakes/tray bakes/scones. We gratefully value your support towards Summer Madness.

DEFIBRILLATOR

A reminder to the 12 people who have volunteered for training that it takes place on Monday, 8th May at 7.00 pm.

GOSHEN HOUSE GROUP

Will meet again on Friday, 5th May, at 2 Grange Road, Ballymena.

WITH THE WORLD

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK

It's that time of year again and we need your help to assist with the door-to-door collection for Christian Aid Week. This is an important part of this week which begins on Monday, 15th May. If you can help please telephone Mary Campbell: 2564 6701 or email: mer2201@ymail.com or contact the Parish Office: 2563 0741 and leave your name and contact details and Mary will get back to you as soon as possible.

READINGS IN ST PATRICK'S AT 11.30 AM

Philippians 4:10-13 (Page 196)
Hebrews 12:1-11 (Page 223)

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A reading from the First Letter of St Paul to the Corinthians chapter 16 beginning at verse 5

I will visit you after passing through Macedonia—for I intend to pass through Macedonia— and perhaps I will stay with you or even spend the winter, so that you may send me on my way, wherever I go. I do not want to see you now just in passing, for I hope to spend some time with you, if the Lord permits. But I will stay in Ephesus until Pentecost, for a wide door for effective work has opened to me, and there are many adversaries. If Timothy comes, see that he has nothing to fear among you, for he is doing the work of the Lord just as I am; therefore let no one despise him. Send him on his way in peace, so that he may come to me; for I am expecting him with the brothers. Now concerning our brother Apollos, I strongly urged him to visit you with the other brothers, but he was not at all willing to come now. He will come when he has the opportunity.

This is the word of the Lord

THANKS BE TO GOD

A reading from the gospel according to St Luke, chapter 24 beginning at verse 13

On that same day, the first day of the week, two of the Apostles were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, 'What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?' They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, 'Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?' He asked them, 'What things?' They replied, 'The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him.' Then he said to them, 'Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?' Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures. As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, 'Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.' So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, 'Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?' That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, 'The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!' Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

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A reading from the Letter of St Paul to the Philippians
chapter 4 beginning at verse 10

I rejoice in the Lord greatly that now at last you have revived your concern for me; indeed, you were concerned for me, but had no opportunity to show it. Not that I am referring to being in need; for I have learned to be content with whatever I have. I know what it is to have little, and I know what it is to have plenty. In any and all circumstances I have learned the secret of being well-fed and of going hungry, of having plenty and of being in need. I can do all things through him who strengthens me.

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A reading from the Letter of St Paul to the Hebrews chapter 12 beginning at verse 1

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider him who endured such hostility against himself from sinners, so that you may not grow weary or lose heart. In your struggle against sin you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding your blood. And you have forgotten the exhortation that addresses you as children— "My child, do not regard lightly the discipline of the Lord, or lose heart when you are punished by him; for the Lord disciplines those whom he loves, and chastises every child whom he accepts." Endure trials for the sake of discipline. God is treating you as children; for what child is there whom a parent does not discipline? If you do not have that discipline in which all children share, then you are illegitimate and not his children. Moreover, we had human parents to discipline us, and we respected them. Should we not be even more willing to be subject to the Father of spirits and live? For they disciplined us for a short time as seemed best to them, but he disciplines us for our good, in order that we may share his holiness. Now, discipline always seems painful rather than pleasant at the time, but later it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it.

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