

# 14<sup>th</sup> May 2017

## Easter 5



**WELCOME** To newcomers and visitors.

**WORSHIP** We meet to worship our loving God.

### PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Dear Lord, as we begin another week give us hearts to love you and wills to serve you. Help us to remember the sick and those who are in need at home and throughout the world. May we by our actions show your love to others. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

### *MAKING FRIENDSHIPS*

#### WITH GOD

**EVENING PRAYER** No evening service in St Patrick's today.

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

**BIBLE FELLOWSHIP** Meet on Tuesday at 8.00 pm in the Robing Room.

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

**A LIFE WORTH LIVING** Following the successful Alpha course, many of the group will now be meeting together to go through 'A Life Worth Living' Discipleship course starting on Wednesday, 17<sup>th</sup> May, 7.30 pm in the Choir Vestry - running fortnightly. All welcome whether you have gone through the Alpha Course or not.

**CHORAL EVENSONG** St Patrick's, Sunday, 21<sup>st</sup> May - joint service with All Saints, Antrim & St Patrick's. All welcome.

**PRAYER SUPPORT** Team Leader - Heather Barr, Tel No. 2564 1047.

**YOUTH ALPHA** Youth Alpha continues on Sunday evening.

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

## WITH EACH OTHER

- COMMUNICATION COMMITTEE** Meeting on Monday at 8.00 pm in the Rectory.
- STILL ACTIVE** Outing to Magherafelt area on Wednesday. The bus will leave from the Church Hall at 10.00 am and return at 7.30pm/8.00 pm.
- FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE** Fundraising Committee meeting - Wednesday, at 7.30 pm.
- FACEBOOK PAGE** Congratulations to those in the Parish involved in our Facebook Page and special thanks to Helen Weir. We came runner-up in the most innovative use of social media category in a Church of Ireland Communications competition.
- FINANCIAL REPORT** 2016 report available at back of Churches.
- GIFT FOR REVD JOHN McCLURE** The Parish will combine towards a gift for Revd John McClure. Envelopes available at back of Church. If you wish to attend his Institution on Wednesday, 28<sup>th</sup> June, please sign your name on the list provided also at the back of Church.

## WITH THE WORLD

- CHRISTIAN AID WEEK** The door-to-door collection for Christian Aid Week begins tomorrow. A Soup and roll lunch will take place today after morning service in St Columba's and St Patrick's.
- FLOWER FESTIVAL** Kilcronaghan Parish Church (Tobermore): Theme - 'She Did, What!' - Biblical Women. Friday, 19<sup>th</sup> - Sunday, 21<sup>st</sup> May 2017. Contact Kay Montgomery Tel: 028 7964 3714.
- SUMMER MADNESS** Young people wishing to go to Summer Madness for one day - 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> July, please speak to Lucy.
- A NOTE FOR YOUR DIARY** The Castle Players will perform the Sam Cree play 'Separate Beds' in the Braid Arts Centre on 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> June at 7.30 pm.
- LIFE CHANGES** Free Conference for those working with children and young people with learning disabilities and their families. Saturday, 3<sup>rd</sup> June, 9.30 am - 3.30 pm in Hamilton Road Presbyterian Church, Bangor. Anyone wishing to attend, please contact Lucy Tel. No. 077 5995 0497, as soon as possible.

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

**1 John 4:7-21 (Page 238) and St Luke 10:25-37 (Page 68)**

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# Easter 5 - Ballyclug

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A reading from the First Letter of St Peter chapter 4  
beginning at verse 12

Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice in so far as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you. But let none of you suffer as a murderer, a thief, a criminal, or even as a mischief-maker. Yet if any of you suffers as a Christian, do not consider it a disgrace, but glorify God because you bear this name. For the time has come for judgement to begin with the household of God; if it begins with us, what will be the end for those who do not obey the gospel of God? And 'If it is hard for the righteous to be saved, what will become of the ungodly and the sinners?' Therefore, let those suffering in accordance with God's will entrust themselves to a faithful Creator, while continuing to do good.

*This is the word of the Lord*

**THANKS BE TO GOD**

## **A reading from the gospel according to St John chapter 16 beginning at verse 23**

On that day you will ask nothing of me. Very truly, I tell you, if you ask anything of the Father in my name, he will give it to you. Until now you have not asked for anything in my name. Ask and you will receive, so that

‘I have said these things to you in figures of speech. The hour is coming when I will no longer speak to you in figures, but will tell you plainly of the Father. On that day you will ask in my name. I do not say to you that I will ask the Father on your behalf; for the Father himself loves you, because you have loved me and have believed that I came from God. I came from the Father and have come into the world; again, I am leaving the world and am going to the Father.’

His disciples said, ‘Yes, now you are speaking plainly, not in any figure of speech! Now we know that you know all things, and do not need to have anyone question you; by this we believe that you came from God.’ Jesus answered them, ‘Do you now believe? The hour is coming, indeed it has come, when you will be scattered, each one to his home, and you will leave me alone. Yet I am not alone because the Father is with me. I have said this to you, so that in me you may have peace. In the world you face persecution. But take courage; I have conquered the world!’

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

# Easter 5 - St Columba's

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A reading from the gospel according to St Matthew chapter 10 beginning at verse 16

‘See, I am sending you out like sheep into the midst of wolves; so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves. Beware of them, for they will hand you over to councils and flog you in their synagogues; and you will be dragged before governors and kings because of me, as a testimony to them and the Gentiles. When they hand you over, do not worry about how you are to speak or what you are to say; for what you are to say will be given to you at that time; for it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you. Brother will betray brother to death, and a father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death; and you will be hated by all because of my name. But the one who endures to the end will be saved. When they persecute you in one town, flee to the next; for truly I tell you, you will not have gone through all the towns of Israel before the Son of Man comes.

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

