

# 1<sup>st</sup> October 2017

## Trinity 16



**WELCOME** To parishioners and visitors.

**WORSHIP** We meet to worship the living God.

### PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Our faithful God, we come to praise you and give you thanks for all your goodness and loving kindness to us. May we be encouraged through your word and strengthened by you as we worship together. We ask this in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

### *MAKING FRIENDSHIPS*

#### WITH GOD

**'THE WAY' YOUTH FELLOWSHIP** Tonight at 6.30 pm in the Minor Hall.

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

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

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

**CONFIRMATION CLASSES** Sunday, 8<sup>th</sup> October at 6.30 pm in Frolick Ice Cream Parlour. We look forward to seeing you there.

**PRAYER SUPPORT** Team Leader - Millicent McClelland  
Tel No. 077 9173 6117.

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

#### WITH EACH OTHER

**ST COLUMBA'S COMMITTEE** Tomorrow at 7.45 pm.

**HARVEST FESTIVAL** Sunday, 8<sup>th</sup> October in St Patrick's. Decoration of the Church will take place on Friday, 6<sup>th</sup> October from 10.00 am. Gifts of fruit, vegetables, etc. will be gratefully received from members of the congregation for distribution to indoor members of the Parish.

**THANKS** Sincere thanks to everyone who supported the Antiques & Collectables Fair last Saturday. Total proceeds of £1,370.40 will be divided between Action Cancer and Church Funds.

**BALLYCLUG CHURCH** Coffee Morning and Cake Sale, Saturday, 14<sup>th</sup> October from 10.00 am - 1.00 pm in St Patrick's Church Hall. Your support of this worthy cause will be most appreciated.

**URGENT REQUEST FOR LEADERS OF BROWNIES** At the moment we have no leaders to take the Brownies Group in St Columba's. If you would be willing to help by becoming a leader please contact Hilary Strain: 075 2517 9661 or Elizabeth Peachey: 078 0346 9520 or speak to one of the Clergy who will be delighted to hear from you.

**CHURCH LADS' BRIGADE** Exhibition on the history of the Church Lads' Brigade in The Braid Centre. Parishioners are encouraged to visit during the final week of this display.

### **WITH THE WORLD**

**ROUND POUND COINS** Over the next few weeks there will be an opportunity to pass on to the Church any old 'round pound' coins still in your possession. This money will then be divided between Alzheimer's NI and Ballymena Parish Youth and Children's work.

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

**Philippians 2:1-13 (Page 194)**

**Matthew 21:23-32 (Page 22)**

### **PRAYERS IN ST PATRICK'S**

**Versicle:** Lord by your love

**Response:** Lead us and transform us.

# Trinity 16 - Ballyclug Harvest Festival

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A reading from the Book of Judges chapter 9 beginning at verse 7

When it was told to Jotham, he went and stood on the top of Mount Gerizim, and cried aloud and said to them, 'Listen to me, you lords of Shechem, so that God may listen to you.

The trees once went out  
to anoint a king over themselves.

So they said to the olive tree,  
"Reign over us."

The olive tree answered them,  
"Shall I stop producing my rich oil  
by which gods and mortals are honoured,  
and go to sway over the trees?"

Then the trees said to the fig tree,  
"You come and reign over us."

But the fig tree answered them,  
"Shall I stop producing my sweetness  
and my delicious fruit,  
and go to sway over the trees?"

Then the trees said to the vine,  
"You come and reign over us."

But the vine said to them,  
"Shall I stop producing my wine  
that cheers gods and mortals,  
and go to sway over the trees?"

So all the trees said to the bramble,  
"You come and reign over us."

And the bramble said to the trees,  
"If in good faith you are anointing me king over you,  
then come and take refuge in my shade;  
but if not, let fire come out of the bramble  
and devour the cedars of Lebanon."

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

## A reading from the gospel according to St Luke Chapter 9 beginning at verse 10

On their return the apostles told Jesus all they had done. He took them with him and withdrew privately to a city called Bethsaida. When the crowds found out about it, they followed him; and he welcomed them, and spoke to them about the kingdom of God, and healed those who needed to be cured. The day was drawing to a close, and the twelve came to him and said, 'Send the crowd away, so that they may go into the surrounding villages and countryside, to lodge and get provisions; for we are here in a deserted place.' But he said to them, 'You give them something to eat.' They said, 'We have no more than five loaves and two fish—unless we are to go and buy food for all these people.' For there were about five thousand men. And he said to his disciples, 'Make them sit down in groups of about fifty each.' They did so and made them all sit down. And taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke them, and gave them to the disciples to set before the crowd. And all ate and were filled. What was left over was gathered up, twelve baskets of broken pieces.

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