## 7<sup>th</sup> October 2018 **Trinity 19**

WELCOME To all newcomers and visitors. **WORSHIP** A loving God.

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Dear Father, we thank you for all your goodness to us. May we who have plenty care for those who are less fortunate and look with compassion upon all who turn to you for help and comfort. Amen.

#### MAKING FRIENDSHIPS

WITH GOD

**HEALER PRAYER** 

**GROUP** 

Tuesday 7.15 pm in Clergy Vestry.

**BIBLE** 

**FELLOWSHIP** 

Tuesday at 8.00 pm in the Choir Vestry. Everyone

MAKING FRIENDSHIPS

welcome.

MID WEEK

Holy Communion on Wednesday at 10.30 am in

St Patrick's with refreshments afterwards.

**GOOD BOOK CLUB** 

Friday at 7.00 pm in the Choir Vestry. All welcome.

MESSY CHURCH

Next Sunday at 10.30 am in St Columba's.

Theme: Harvest/Creation.

'THE WAY' YOUTH

**FELLOWSHIP** 

Sunday, 14<sup>th</sup> October at 6.30 pm in the Revd Dennis' house.

**GENERAL SYNOD** 

Bishop Alan and the Staff from Church House would like to thank all who were involved in making the Synod in St

Patrick's such a success.

HOLY COMMUNION

ST COLUMBA'S

Please note that Holy Communion will take place in St Columba's on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of October.

PRAYER SUPPORT

Team Leader - Alex McKay: Tel No. 2564 4698.

**MINISTRY OF** 

**PRAYER** 

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

WITH EACH OTHER

**MOTHERS' UNION** At our branch meeting on Wednesday at 8.00 pm we have

a speaker covering Scams & Crime prevention. Please feel free to join us to hear this informative talk. Area Service tomorrow evening in St Jude's, Muckamore, at

8.00 pm.

SELECT VESTRY

Tuesday at 7.30 pm in the Minor Hall.

Web address - www.ballymena.connor.anglican.org Northern Ireland Charity number: NIC103115

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP Thursday, 11<sup>th</sup> October at 7.30 pm in the Minor Hall.

ST PATRICK'S CHURCH HARVEST

Gifts from parishioners of fruit, vegetables, flowers, etc. for the Harvest Service will be most appreciated. Please let us have these by

Friday next. The Church will be decorated from 10.00 am

on Friday morning. Thank you.

COFFEE MORNING & CAKE SALE

Saturday, 13<sup>th</sup> October from 10.30 am - 1.00 pm in St Patrick's Church Hall. Your support will be appreciated as proceeds are in aid of Church Funds.

THANK YOU

To all who attended Irene's Soup and Coffee. Total to date £1,300. Sincere thanks to you all.

5<sup>TH</sup> BALLYMENA (ST COLUMBA'S) SCOUT GROUP Curry & Quiz Night on Friday, 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2018 in St Columba's Church at 7.00 pm. Tickets £10. There will be a Quiz, Raffle, Musical Entertainment and Curry! Proceeds will be split between Parish Funds and 5<sup>th</sup> Ballymena Scouts who are raising funds for Ellie Hughes, who is taking part in the 24<sup>th</sup> World Scout Jamboree which is being held in West Virginia, USA next year. Tickets available from Heather & Andy Clarke, Liz & Les

Hushes or Helen Weir.

LADIES' NIGHT

Wednesday, 21<sup>st</sup> November in Creative Gardens at 6.00 pm. Shortbread & Mulled Wine, Fork Supper and late night shopping. Please contact Lucy for tickets. Cost £10.

#### **WITH THE WORLD**

THE CASTLE PLAYERS

Performance of Sam Cree Play 'The Mating Season' in the Braid Arts Centre on Friday and Saturday at 7.30 pm. Tickets £8 (£6 concession) available at Braid Centre. You may also pay at the door.

**SHOE BOXES** 

Shoe Boxes for Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child Appeal are available at the back of church. Suggested donation £1 which will go towards Church funds. Filled boxes should be returned by Sunday, 21st

October.

CARE FOR THE FAMILY

Raising Faith. Helping our children to find a faith that lasts. Glenmachan Church of God from 7.30 pm - 10.00 pm on 15<sup>th</sup> November. If you would like to go please contact Lucy: 077 5995 0497.

READINGS IN ST PATRICK'S AT 11.30 AM Exodus 20:1-19 (Page 68) and St Mark 10:2-16 (Page 44)

## Trinity 19 - Ballyclug

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

Live by the Spirit, I say, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh. For what the flesh desires is opposed to the Spirit, and what the Spirit desires is opposed to the flesh; for these are opposed to each other, to prevent you from doing what you want. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not subject to the law. Now the works of the flesh are obvious: fornication, impurity, licentiousness, idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, anger, quarrels, dissensions,

factions, envy, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these. I am warning you, as I warned you before: those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit.

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Then in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. He said to them, 'Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery.'

People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, 'Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it.' And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

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