



NOTICES



Watch this space!

I'm sure we are all relieved that there is light at the end of the lockdown-tunnel and I'm sure we all look forward to the time when we can meet together as the Church! The first stage of this, as you will know, will be the church opening for personal, private prayer. We are waiting for further guidance as to how this might take shape. We appreciate your patience and your grace at this time. Please pray for the clergy, staff and vestry as we seek God's wisdom and discernment in the coming days, weeks and months. Please keep an eye on our website, Facebook and notice sheets for more information coming

Ladies Zoom

Tuesday 26th May – 7:45-8:30pm

It was lovely to see so many ladies during our last Zoom call. Please 'come along' and encourage other ladies in the parish to do the same. This is a great opportunity to catch up, encourage one another and have a time of prayer and devotion. It's BYOC - Bring Your Own Cuppa!

Please contact Rev Emma for the details: revemaycarson@gmail.com

Friday Morning Coffee

Friday 29th May – 11am

Come along on Friday 29th May at 11am for Morning Coffee! We want to make the most of the technology available to us. On Friday, via Zoom, we'll meet for coffee and a chat. Open to everyone, this is a chance to catch up and encourage one another. Bring your morning coffee and all your biz!

Telephone Services

Our Sunday services are now available to listen to via telephone. Please pass the number below on to anyone who would benefit. The most recent service will be uploaded each Sunday and will be available all week.

028 2517 0007

Keeping in Touch

Please keep an eye on our website and our Facebook pages (Ballymena Parish & Ballymena Parish Youth and Families) for all that is going on in Ballymena Parish. Remember that you can get in touch with Rev Mark and Rev Emma via email:

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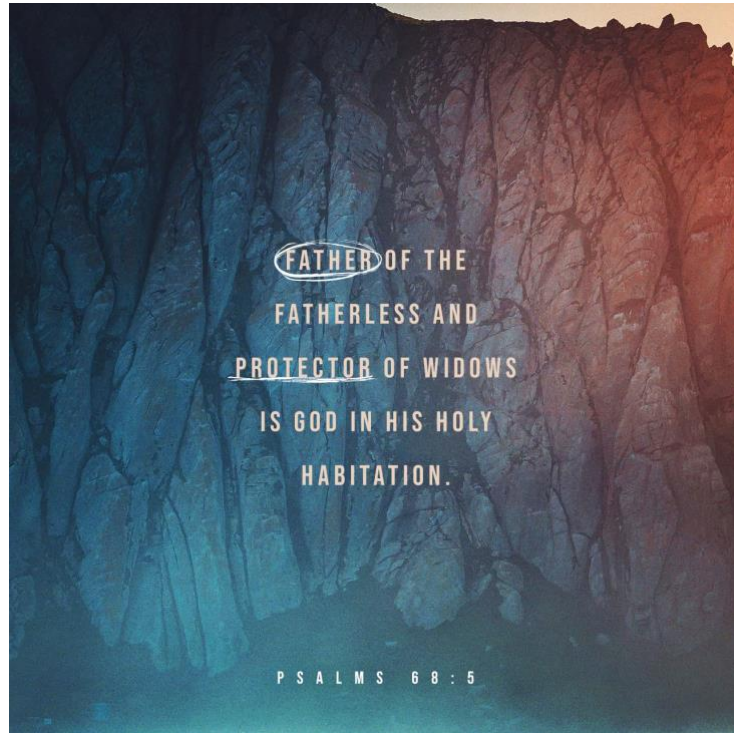
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For any further information please contact Richard by email on rjcotter@sky.com or telephone

Sunday Morning Worship

24th May 2020

The Seventh Sunday of Easter



*Please come with us on a journey of prayer, praise and worship this morning.
Join in with us at home by using this service sheet.*

*"Since we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens,
Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to the faith we profess." Hebrews
4:14*

This is the day that the Lord has made.
Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

Opening Prayer

Almighty God,
your Son has opened for us

a new and living way into your presence.
Give us new hearts and constant wills
to worship you in spirit and in truth;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Opening Worship – Be Thou My Vision

Confession

*Jesus says, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.'
So let us turn away from sin and turn to the Lord,
confessing our sins in penitence and faith.*

Please join in with the response to 'Father God' – **'We ask for your forgiveness'**

God our Father,
we come to you in sorrow for our sins.
For turning away from you,
and ignoring your will for our lives;
Father God -
We ask for Your forgiveness.

For behaving just as we wish,
without thinking of you;
Father God -
We ask for Your forgiveness.

For failing you by what we do,
and think and say;
Father God -
We ask for Your forgiveness.

For letting ourselves be drawn away from you
by temptations in the world about us;
Father God -
We ask for Your forgiveness.

For living as if we were ashamed
to belong to your Son;
Father God -
We ask for Your forgiveness.
Amen.

Affirmation of Faith

If you are able please stand as we affirm our faith:
We join together to say:
**Holy, holy, holy
is the Lord God almighty,
who was, and is, and is to come.**

**We believe in God the Father, who created all things:
for by his will they were created
and have their being.**

**We believe in God the Son, who was slain:
for with his blood,
he purchased us for God,
from every tribe and language,
from every people and nation.**

**We believe in God the Holy Spirit:
the Spirit and the Bride say, 'Come!'
Even so come, Lord Jesus!
Amen.**

Bible Reading – Luke 24: 44-53

Sermon

Collect for the Ascension

Grant, we pray, Almighty God,
that as we believe your only-begotten Son our Lord Jesus Christ
to have ascended into the heavens;
so we in heart and mind may also ascend
and with him continually dwell;
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Collect of the Day

O God the King of Glory,
you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ
with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven:

Mercifully give us faith to know
that, as he promised,
he abides with us on earth to the end of time;
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Prayers and Intercessions

Lord Jesus, we thank You that You ascended as King of heaven and earth and that we are in control of all things: help us to trust You in joy and in sorrow and to obey You always for the honour of Your name.

You, Lord Jesus, are the name above every name;
You, Lord Jesus, are the King of righteousness, the King of peace who is enthroned at the right hand of Father God;
You, Lord Jesus, are our great high priest, advocate with the Father, living forevermore to intercede for us.

You, Lord Jesus, are the author, pioneer and perfecter of our faith and our salvation, You bring many to glory through Your death, resurrection and ascension.

We pray, Lord Jesus, that every knee would bow and every tongue confess that You are Lord.

Loving and Sovereign God, we continue to pray for all those on the frontline of the Covid-19 response; for those figuring out the next stages of lockdown; and for those who have to make tough decisions for our good. We thank You that there better days on the horizon. We pray for wisdom for each of us as lockdown begins to ease.

In a moment of quiet we offer to God the prayers of our own heart, mind and soul ...

So, draw close to us Father now as we bring our time of prayer to an end. Speak to us today, be present in our daily lives, inspire our hearts and renew our confidence. We ask all these things in the power of Your Son's name and by Your Spirit.

Amen

The Lord's Prayer

Wherever we are now, we use the words that our Lord and Saviour Himself taught us to pray. Let's say together:

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done;
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power and the glory,
for ever and ever.
Amen.**

Closing Worship – When I Survey

Closing Prayer and Blessing

Go in peace, be very courageous;
hold on to what is good;
do not return evil for evil;
strengthen the faint-hearted;
support the weak, help the afflicted;
honour all people, love and serve the Lord;
rejoicing in His mighty resurrection by the power of the Holy Spirit;
and by the grace of the Lord Jesus be with you all.
Amen.

And the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

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