



NOTICES



Church of Ireland Parish of Kilconriola And Ballyclug

Seeks applications for the position of:-

Parish Administrator

(Initially 12 hours per week with potential to increase to 18-20 hours p.w.)

This position is based within the Office Suite situated within St. Patrick's Church Hall, Castle Street, Ballymena.

Working hours ideally to be Monday-Wednesday mornings 9.30am-1.30pm

Job Description available by email request to Rev. Canon R.M. McConnell (email - revmarkmcconnell@gmail.com).

Please apply by email to the parish secretary, Mr R J Fleming at rjfleming1954@icloud.com

Or in writing to the parish secretary, Mr R J Fleming at 44 Meadowvale, Ballymena BT42 4EY

In both instance please enclose a full Curriculum Vitae.

Closing Date for applications is the 30th November 2020

Return to Church

We are delighted to be back in church worshipping together!

Please continue to remember to 'book-in' to attend Church by contacting the church office (02825630741) between Monday – Wednesday 10am-12pm. Please leave your name, contact number and the number of people booking in with you.

We strongly encourage you to wear a face covering (unless you are medically exempt).



Kids' Sunday Packs

Kids' Sunday Packs are available at the back of Church!

Please pray ...

Pray for each other as we enter into the season of Remembrance.

Pray for each other as we all cope with this short-term lockdown.

Pray that we would all find new and creative ways to support and encourage one another.

Pray that even in these difficult days we would know the Joy of the Lord as our strength.

Pray for our children and young people, our teachers and support staff as schools remain closed.

Pray for all those in the local community and local business who will find another shutdown particularly challenging.

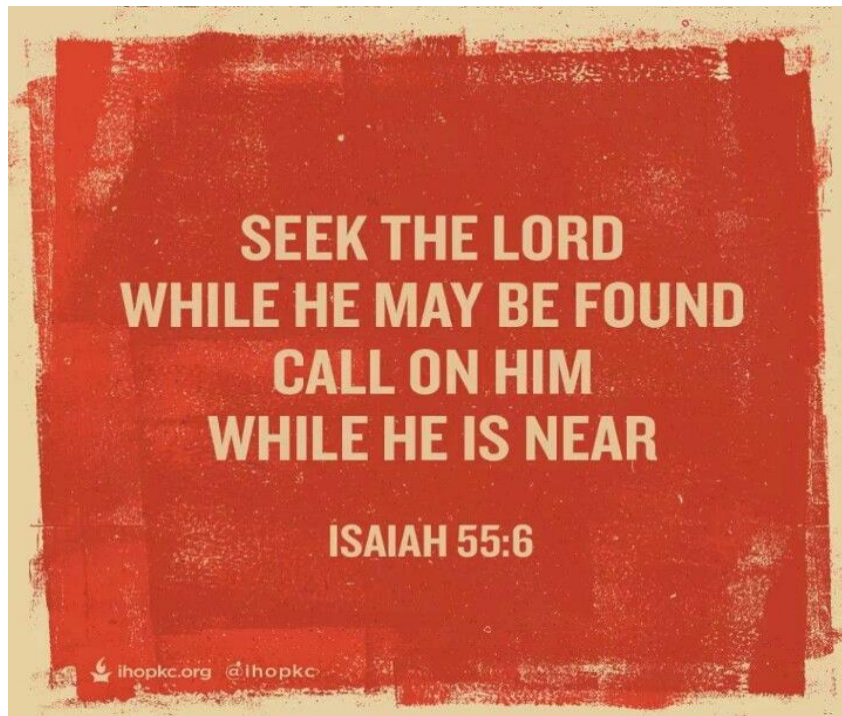
Pray for medical staff, those who care for the sick and vulnerable and for those receiving medical treatment at this time.



Sunday Morning Worship

1st November 2020

Fourth Sunday before Advent



***Please come with us on a journey of prayer, praise and worship this morning.
Join in with us using the words in red print.***

*“Seek the Lord while he may be found, call upon him while he is near ... “
Isaiah 55:6*

Welcome and Opening Prayer

Invitation to Confession

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Dearly beloved brethren, the Scripture moveth us in sundry places to acknowledge and confess our manifold sins and wickedness; and that we should not dissemble nor cloke them before the face of almighty God our heavenly Father; but confess them with an humble, lowly, penitent and obedient heart; to the end that we may obtain forgiveness of the same, by his infinite goodness and mercy. And although we ought at all times humbly to acknowledge our sins

before God; yet ought we most chiefly so to do, when we assemble and meet together to render thanks for the great benefits that we have received at his hands, to set forth his most worthy praise, to hear his most holy Word, and to ask those things which are requisite and necessary, as well for the body as the soul. Wherefore I pray and beseech you, as many as are here present, to accompany me with a pure heart, and humble voice, unto the throne of the heavenly grace, saying after me:

Let us humbly confess our sins unto almighty God.

Almighty and most merciful Father; We have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against thy holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; And we have done those things which we ought not to have done; And there is no health in us. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders. Spare thou them, O God, which confess their faults. Restore thou them that are penitent; According to thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake; That we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, To the glory of thy holy Name. *Amen.*

Absolution

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Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who desireth not the death of a sinner, but rather that he may turn from his wickedness, and live; and hath given power, and commandment, to his Ministers, to declare and pronounce to his people, being penitent, the Absolution and Remission of their sins: He pardoneth and absolveth all them that truly repent, and unfeignedly believe his holy Gospel. Wherefore let us beseech him to grant us true repentance, and his Holy Spirit, that those things may please him which we do at this present; and that the rest of our life hereafter may be pure and holy; so that at the last we may come to his eternal joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Hymn 643 – Be Thou My Vision (verses 1, 3 & 5)

^{1.} Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart,
naught be all else to me, save that thou art;
thou my best thought in the day and the night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

^{3.} Be thou my breast-plate, my sword for the fight;
be thou my armour, and be thou my might;
thou my soul's shelter, and thou my high tower,
raise thou me heavenward, O Power of my power.

^{5.} High King of heaven, when the battle is done,
grant heaven's joy to me, O bright heaven's sun.

Christ of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my Vision, O Ruler of all.

Family Talk

Collect of the Day

Almighty and eternal God,
you have kindled the flame of love in the hearts of the saints:
Grant to us the same faith and power of love,
that, as we rejoice in their triumphs,
we may be sustained by their example and fellowship;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Apostle's Creed

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I believe in God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth;
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty.
From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,

and the life everlasting. *Amen.*

Bible Reading – Psalm 127

Father God, Open the eyes of our understanding and prepare our hearts by the power of Your Spirit, that we may receive Your Word with much joy and rejoicing and may we leave here having a deeper understanding of Who You are.

Amen.

Sermon

Prayers and Intercessions

In our prayers and intercessions this morning the response to ‘Lord, in Your mercy’ is ‘*hear our prayer.*’

‘Lord, in Your mercy’

‘*hear our prayer.*’

‘For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come... will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.’ (Romans 8:38-39)

Living God,

we thank You for Your promise

that when we come together in the name of Christ,

He is here among us.

We thank You that He is here now,

ready to speak, listen, forgive, teach and love.

Lord, in Your mercy, *hear our prayer.*

God of heaven and earth,

in these times of isolation,

apart from loved ones

distant from friends

away from neighbours

thank you that there is nothing

in all of creation,

not even coronavirus,

that is able to separate us from your love.

Lord, in Your mercy, *hear our prayer.*

God of all hope we call on you today.

We pray for those who are living in fear:

Fear of illness, fear for loved ones, fear of other’s reactions to them.

May your Spirit give us a sense of calmness and peace.

We pray for your church in this time of uncertainty.
For those people who are worried about attending worship.
For those needing to make decisions in order to care for other
For those who will feel more isolated by not being able to attend.
Grant us your wisdom.
Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

May your love that never fails
continue to be shared
through the kindness of strangers
looking out for each other,
for neighbours near and far
all recognising our shared vulnerability,
each of us grateful for every breath,
and willing everyone to know the gift
of a full and healthy life.
Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Holy Lord, we remember that you have promised that
Nothing will separate us from your love – demonstrated to us in Jesus Christ.
Help us turn our eyes, hearts and minds to you.
Keep us all in your care.
Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer. Amen.**

The General Thanksgiving

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Almighty God, Father of all mercies, We thine unworthy servants Do give thee most humble and hearty thanks For all thy goodness and lovingkindness to us, and to all men. We bless thee for our creation, preservation and all the blessings of this life: But above all, for thine inestimable love In the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; For the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we beseech thee, give us that due sense of all thy mercies, That our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful, And that we show forth thy praise, Not only with our lips but in our lives; By giving up ourselves to thy service, And by walking before thee in holiness and righteousness all our days; Through Jesus Christ our Lord, To whom with thee and the Holy Spirit Be all honour and glory, World without end. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

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 Prayer and Blessing

The Lord bless and watch over you,
the Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you,
the Lord look kindly on you and give you peace. . .

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

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