



NOTICES



General Vestry 2020

If there are no further lockdown restrictions from the N.I. Executive, we hope to hold a very simple Annual Vestry in St. Patrick's Church Hall at 7.30pm on Tuesday 13th October. This is in line with recent guidance issued by the Connor Diocesan Council.

Please note that booking will be required for attendance at this meeting and we will use the same system as is in place for attending Sunday worship – please book by using the Parish Office tel. no. 02825630741 between Monday 5th and Wednesday 7th with your name number and number attending if in a cluster/family bubble. Please remember anyone can attend this meeting but only those on our register of vestrypersons can participate in voting.

Volunteers will be present to show you to and from your seats and social distancing will be the norm in order to seek to keep everyone attending as safe as possible. Sanitising stations and temperature checking will also take place on the evening.

Please bring a mask or face shield which should be worn throughout the event, also please bring your own pen/pencils/sheets of paper in the event of an election being held on the evening. Being a triennial year the number of elections will be larger than normal so please give time in prayerful reflection as to whether the Lord is calling you to serve in the Church family.

God Bless,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R.M.N.C.' followed by a stylized flourish.

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).

Please pray ...

Please pray for the whole McMaster family on the heartbreaking loss of Brooke. Join us in praying for all those who know and love Brooke.

We pray for all those in our community who have suffered sudden and tragic loss in recent days.

Please pray for our Easter Vestry and those deciding whether the Lord is calling them to serve in the Church family.

Please pray for our nation and our community as we face challenging times together.

Pray for our leaders, those in authority and those caring for the sick.

Please pray for the life of our people, parish, our staff and clergy as we navigate the changing times.



Shoe Box Appeal 2020



Flat pack shoe boxes and leaflets are available for collection at the back of St Patrick's Church each Sunday from 6th September 2020. Anyone attending church is invited to take a shoe box, read the instructions on the leaflet carefully and return the filled shoe box to St Patrick's by 18th October 2020.

For those not attending church but would like to fill a shoe box please phone James Tuff (07738 972919) or Liz Hughes (0795590753) to make arrangements for a box/s to be delivered.

This year there is also the option of buying a box online for £20. You get to choose who you would like to send it to and which items you put in the box and also have the option of including a note to the recipient. This would be a great option of supporting the charity if you are unable to get out and about like you normally would. Full details can be found here: <https://shoebonline.samaritans-purse.org.uk>

Keep safe everyone, Liz/Jean

The Leprosy Mission Virtual Service 2020

The Leprosy Mission has created a fabulous resource for you to access at | Their online service allows us to have a 'virtual visit' from the team.

The theme of the visit is "A brand new start" and includes Bible readings, prayers and a message from Leprosy Mission staff. It also introduces you to Nuhu, a man from Nigeria whose life was devastated by leprosy, but has received a 'brand new start' thanks to the support of people like you.

The virtual service can be accessed via:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xhZ1fNXyeuM&feature=youtu.be>



**The Leprosy
Mission**
Northern Ireland

Sunday Morning Worship

4th October 2020

Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity



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

"...those who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint." Isaiah 40:31

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.*

Nunc Dimittis The Song of Simeon Luke 2: 29-32

BCP p. 94

- ¹ Lord now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace: ■
according to thy word.
- ² For mine eyes have seen thy salvation ■
which thou hast prepared before the face of all people;
- ³ To be a light to lighten the Gentiles ■
and to be the glory of thy people Israel.
- Glory be to the Father, ■
and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;
As it was in the beginning, ■
is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Family Talk

Collect of the Day

Almighty God,
you have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless till they find their
rest in you:
Teach us to offer ourselves to your service, that here we may have your peace,
and in the world to come may see you face to face; 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 123

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.'

Loving God,

this is the day You have made and we are glad for it. We thank You this day for all the good things that surround us – our homes, our families and friends, our church community, the goodness of Your creation, the beauty of the world around us and for the joy and pleasures that are new to us every day:

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

Loving Father,

we thank You that You continue to guide us during these difficult days. You have led us and will continue to lead us through a time when there seemed to be

darkness and great uncertainty. We are thankful that when we have needed You, You have been there:

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

We thank You for the support You have given when we have felt disheartened. We thank You for the courage You offer us each and every day – the courage to keep on believing and the courage to keep seeking after You. Lord when we are tempted to doubt give us the strength to persevere, to keep our eyes fixed on Jesus and on the goodness and grace He gives:

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

Loving and Living Father,

We know many in our local community who are suffering this morning and we are particularly mindful of those who have been bereaved in recent days. We pray especially for the McMaster and the Reid families. We pray for those who are devastated at the loss of Brooke. Father we are thankful that You have said in Your Word that You are a God who draws near to the broken-hearted and to those who are crushed in spirit. We ask that You would be especially close to those mourning today.

We take a moment to lift up to You all those known to us who are in need of Your comfort this morning

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

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

God the Father keep you in His care,
the Lord Jesus Christ
be your constant friend.
and the Holy Spirit
guide you in all you do
now and always. *Amen.*

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