



NOTICES



We're back online!

Due to the two-week lockdown, there will be no in-person Church services on Sunday 29th November and 6th December. However, we will be 'meeting online!' Services for Sunday 29th November and 6th December will be available via our usual platforms.

Our Advent Series will also look a little different! We will open and close our Advent Series in Ballyclug 'in-person' on Wednesday 25th November and Wednesday 16th December. On Wednesday 2nd and 9th December our Advent services will be made available online.

Please note: due to limited seating, you must book in for the Advent service on Wednesday 25th November.

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.)

Please see our website for more details.

Please pray ...

- Pray for one another as we begin this two week lockdown.
- Pray for all those working in frontline services.
- Pray for those with Covid-19 and for those who are recovering.
- Give thanks for the development of Coronavirus vaccines and pray for continued progress and success.
- Pray for the Executive, our Health Minister and for all those in authority.
- Ask and seek God for peace in our community, our nation and in our world.
- Take a moment to examine your heart. Pray that we would be those who have clean hands and pure hearts (Psalm 24:4).



Prayer Teams for November and December

November

22nd Eleanor Burnett – 07517365589

29th Irene Thompson – 25641834

December

6th Millicent McClelland – 07791736117

13th Adelaide Nimick – 25460865

Christmas Callers

Each and every one of us can expect to find Christmas a little different this year... We would love to continue to support and encourage those who need friendship and fellowship over the Christmas season with a team of Christmas telephone callers! If you would to join the team, receive calls from a friendly voice this Christmas or know someone in the Parish who would, please contact Canon Mark or Rev Emma. Please note: due to data protection we need verbal consent from those who wish to receive calls over the Christmas period.

Salvation Army Christmas Toy Appeal

Ballymena Salvation Army are now accepting vouchers and toys for the Christmas Toy Appeal. Toys can be donated, however, due to COVID restrictions vouchers would be preferable. Donations can be made on Wednesdays 10am-1pm at the Salvation Army shop on Broughshane Street. Please get involved and help out families in need this Christmas!

Sunday Morning Worship

22nd November 2020

The Sunday before Advent

The Kingship of Christ



"He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob for ever, and of his kingdom there will be no end."

Luke 1:32-33

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.*

Family Talk

Collect of the Day BCP p.301

Stir up, we beseech thee, O Lord,
the wills of thy faithful people;
that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works,
may of thee be plenteously rewarded;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Eternal Father,
whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven
that he might rule over all things as Lord and King:
Keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit
and in the bond of peace,

and bring the whole created order to worship at his feet,
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **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 130

Dear Lord, we thank You for Your Living Word. We pray that in the power of Your Holy Spirit, You would open our hearts and minds to the truth. Open our ears to hear Your voice speaking to us. May we grow in grace and in a knowledge of the Lord Jesus today. Feed our hearts, by faith, with thanksgiving we pray. In Jesus' name, 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.'

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.**

We thank You that whoever we are, wherever we are,
whatever we might be doing,
You are with us in Christ,
constantly by our side, travelling with us,
and looking to lead us forward
into new experiences of Your love.
Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Loving Father,
we thank You for Your guidance
during these difficult eight months,
for continuing to lead us through these days
when the times have seemed uncertain.
We pray that You would renew our trust
in Your continuing purpose for us.
Hold us secure in the assurance that, whatever we face,
Your grace is and will be sufficient for us.
Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for our nation, our families and ourselves using the words of this prayer
from Bishop Tom Wright:

Loving Father God, be with us in our distress: be with our families, friends and
neighbours, our country and our world. Give health to the sick, hope to the fearful
and comfort to mourners. Give wisdom to our frontline and key workers, insight to
our government, and patience to us all. Overcome disease with the power of Your
new life, through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **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

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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,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among us and remain with us always. Amen.