

## All Together Service

### Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> October 2018 – 5<sup>th</sup> Before Advent



**W**elcome to you today if your heart is singing and welcome if your heart is breaking.

Welcome if you're anxious about tomorrow and welcome if you don't have a care in the world. Welcome if your conscience is troubling you and welcome if you're barely able to contain your experience of forgiveness. Welcome if you leapt out of bed this morning and welcome if you had to drag yourself out. Welcome if this is your first visit, and welcome if you have barely missed a single Sunday since the turn of the century. Whether you are here as a visitor or a pilgrim, a seeker or a doubter, a saint or a sinner, a friend or a stranger: **you are welcome!** Our service is all on this sheet today. If you need further assistance please feel free to ask one of our 'regulars' and they will be only too happy to help you. Toilets and Baby Changing Facilities are beside the church. We hope you enjoy worshipping here with us this morning.

#### Bible Verse:

You're here to be light, bringing out the God-colours in the world. **Matthew 5:14**

#### Welcome and Call To Worship

In this place, the community of faith is reminded of the promise:

**God's love endures forever!**

In spite of our impatient grumbling, despite our attraction to the shadows: **Christ's light shines in us!**

When we think our hands empty, when we have no music in our souls: **the Spirit fills us with glad songs, and creates us for good works!**



#### Opening Hymn 195 (Graham Kendrick)

1. Lord, the light of Your love is shining, in the midst of the darkness, shining;  
Jesus, Light of the world, shine upon us, set us free by the truth You now bring us,  
Shine on me, shine on me.

*Chorus: Shine, Jesus, shine, fill this land with the Father's glory;*

*Blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire.*

*Flow, river, flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy;*

*Send forth Your word, Lord, and let there be light.*

2. Lord, I come to Your awesome presence, from the shadows into Your radiance;  
By the blood I may enter Your brightness, search me, try me, consume all my darkness.  
Shine on me, shine on me.

3. As we gaze on Your kingly brightness so our faces display Your likeness.  
Ever changing from glory to glory, mirrored here may our lives tell Your story.  
Shine on me, shine on me.

#### Confession - We Say Sorry to God

Our heavenly Father thank you that you love us and care for us all the time. We know that this week we have not always lived the way you tell us. We have done wrong things and not done all the good things we should have done. Only you can save us, so please forgive us and help us to live as your friends. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.



## Absolution – We Hear God Forgives Us

What has God done to us - shown mercy!

What has God done for us - forgiven us! This is the good news for us.

**We will not boast, for it is not our doing.**

**We will give thanks to God for such grace and hope. Amen.**

## Song TP10: Be Bold Be Strong

Be Bold, Be Strong, for the Lord your God is with you.

Be Bold, Be Strong, for the Lord your God is with you.

I am not afraid.

I am not dismayed - 'cause I'm Walkin in Faith and Victory.

Come on and walk in faith and victory.

For the Lord your God is with you.

## Reading: Matthew 5:14-16

“Here’s another way to put it: **You’re here to be light, bringing out the God-colours in the world.** God is not a secret to be kept.

We’re going public with this, as public as a city on a hill. If I make you light-bearers, you don’t think I’m going to hide you under a bucket, do you? I’m putting you on a light stand. Now that I’ve put you there on a hilltop, on a light stand - shine!

Keep open house; be generous with your lives. By opening up to others, you’ll prompt people to open up with God, this generous Father in heaven.



This is the Word of the Lord: **Thanks be to God**

## Hymn 482 (Susan Warner)

1. Jesus bids us shine with a pure, clear light,  
like a little candle burning in the night.  
In this world of darkness so we must shine,  
you in your small corner, and I in mine.
2. Jesus bids us shine, first of all for Him;  
well He sees and knows it, if our light grows dim.  
He looks down from Heaven to see us shine,  
you in your small corner, and I in mine.
3. Jesus bids us shine, then, for all around;  
Many kinds of darkness in the world abound,  
Sin and want and sorrow; so we must shine,  
You in your small corner, and I in mine.



## Prayers

### 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

Dear Jesus, as I carve my pumpkin, help me pray this prayer: Open my mind so that I can learn about You; Take all my sin and forgive the wrong that I do.

Open my eyes so Your love I will see;  
I'm sorry for times I've turned up my nose at what You've given to me.

Open my ears so Your word I will hear;  
Open my mouth to tell others You're near.  
Let Your light shine in all I say and do! Amen.



## Offertory and Closing Hymn 663 (Anders Nyberg - South Africa)

1. We are marching in the light of God; We are marching in the light of God.  
We are marching in the light of God; We are marching in the light of God.  
We are marching, we are marching oh oh, We are marching in the light of God.  
We are marching, we are marching oh oh, We are marching in the light of God.

2. We are moving in the love of God. (etc...)

3. We are moving in the power of God. (etc...)

## Blessing

### Virginia Group - Weekly Announcements

#### Hospital Visits

If you or someone you know is in hospital and you would like a visit please let the Rector know.

#### October Services

4<sup>th</sup> November 2018: 9.45am Killinkere, 10.45am Virginia, 12pm Billis, 2pm Munterconnaught

- All Holy Communion

11th November 2018: 9.45am Killinkere, 10.45am Virginia, 12pm Billis - All Morning Prayer

18th November 2018: 9.45am Killinkere, 10.45am Virginia, 12pm Billis – All Morning Prayer

25th November 2018: 9.45am Killinkere, 10.45am Virginia, 12pm Billis – Service Of The Word

#### Announcements: Diocesan/Community

**Hazel Rod Dance Therapy:** Starting in Virginia Hall on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> November for 4 weeks from 10am. Cost is €10 per week. Hazel Rod Dance Therapy is a dance exercise programme that engages body & mind, is beneficial for chronic tension, muscle fatigue, pain & soreness in the upper back, shoulders, neck and is a gentle workout for all levels of fitness and ages groups. Booking Essential to ballyhughart@gmail.com

#### Announcements: Parish General

**Prayer Shawl Ministry:** If you know someone who might like a shawl (e.g. ill or bereaved) contact Ivy Stewart (049) 8545036 or Vida McCauley (049) 8548465.

**Bowling Club:** Monday's in Billis Hall at 8pm.

**Gigglers & Wrigglers (Baby & Toddler Group):** Tuesdays in Virginia Hall from 10am to 12pm.

**Whist Drives:** November 13<sup>th</sup> from 8.30pm in Virginia Parish Hall.

**Youth: Grazers (Secondary School 1<sup>st</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup> Year):** November 9<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> in Billis Hall from 8.30pm to 10pm.

**Mothers' Union:** Next meeting: Tuesday 6th November 2018 at 8pm in Virginia Parish Hall.

**Car Boot Sales:** November 17<sup>th</sup>, December 15<sup>th</sup>. All in Virginia Church Grounds. Gates open at 8am. Cars €10 and Vans €15.

**Messy Church:** 11<sup>th</sup> November 2018 in Billis Hall from 3pm to 5pm.

**JOY (Just Older Youth):** Our next monthly Joy Club meeting takes place on **Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> November** 2018 in Virginia Parish Hall from 2.30pm to 4pm. A time to catch up, chat, enjoy a cuppa...

**Safeguarding Trust Training:** Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2018 in Virginia Hall at 7.30pm

**Confirmation 2018:** Date of Confirmation Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2018 at 10.30am in Baillieborough. Please pray for Odhran Hanley, Sarah Magovern and Lucy Kennedy (All Lurgan Parish).

**Weekly Collection** - The weekly offering is an important part of our Christian life and enables ministry to happen across the Virginia Group of Parishes, we are grateful for the generosity of many and for the volunteer work of our treasurers, however as banks become more particular and fussy about lodgements can we ask (even if it means combining a number of weeks collection) that weekly envelopes contain notes only rather than coins (which the banks don't want to take!). If you need envelopes do let the Rector know and the treasurer will provide you with them. Alternatively you can sign up to direct debit either again ask the Rector for details. Thanks You.

**House For Rent:** If anyone knows of a 4 bedroom house for rent in and around BJD or surrounding area can you let the Rector know. Thanks.

## October Prayer Focus

**Worldwide Church:** Central America, Congo, England, Hong Kong. **Church of Ireland Diocese: Clogher:** Bishop John McDowell. **Kilmore, Elphin and Ardagh Diocese:** Bishop Ferran Glenfield. **KEA Children's and Youth Co-Ordinators:** Hannah O'Neill and Damian Shorten. **Kildrumferton Group:** Revd Simon Scott (Ballyjamesduff, Ballymahugh and Kildrumferton), **Edgeworthstown Group:** Revd Christiaan Snell (Mostrim, Granard, Clonbroney, Kiloe, Rathaspeck Streete, Kilglass. **Other Local Churches:** Mary Immaculate - Virginia, Maghera, Clanaphilip, Killinkere, Munterconnaught. Belassis. Redeemed Church of God, Word of Life. **Parish/Townlands:** Carrickeeshil, Carrickgorman, Carricknamaddoo, Carricknaveagh, Cleffin, Cleggan, Coolnacola, Coppanagh Glebe, Coragh.

This Weekly Sheet and the Sunday Sermon can be downloaded from the Parish Website.



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*If you want anything included on this sheet please let Craig know by **Thursday** at the latest.*