

## Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2018 – Easter 2



Welcome 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 comes from the **Book of Common Prayer (Morning Prayer P101 and Holy Communion P201)**. Hymns come from the **Red Church Hymnal (CH)**. You will also find the relevant parts and supplementary songs on this sheet. 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.

### Welcome/Introduction (Book of Common Prayer – P101)

#### Hymn CH321: Holy, Holy, Holy

#### Confession/Absolution (Book of Common Prayer – P102)

Heavenly Father, we have sinned against you and against our neighbour in thought and word and deed, through negligence, through weakness, through our own deliberate fault; by what we have done and by what we have failed to do. We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ who died for us, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may serve you in newness of life to the glory of your name. Amen.

#### Proclaiming and Receiving the Word (Book of Common Prayer – P103)

O Lord, open our lips: **and our mouth will proclaim your praise.**

O God, make speed to save us: **O Lord, make haste to help us.**

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:

**as it was in the beginning, is now, and shall be for ever. Amen.**

Praise the Lord: **The Lord's name be praised.**

#### Psalms 133 (Book of Common Prayer – P749)

<sup>1</sup> Behold how good and pleasant it is to dwell together in unity. <sup>2</sup> It is like the precious oil upon the head, running down upon the beard, <sup>3</sup> Even on Aaron's beard, running down upon the collar of his clothing. <sup>4</sup> It is like the dew of Hermon running down upon the hills of Zion. <sup>5</sup> For there the Lord has promised his blessing: even life for evermore.

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**

#### Reading: 1 Peter 1:13-16 - Be Holy

<sup>13</sup> Therefore, with minds that are alert and fully sober, set your hope on the grace to be brought to you when Jesus Christ is revealed at his coming. <sup>14</sup> As obedient children, do not conform to the evil desires you had when you lived in ignorance. <sup>15</sup> But just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do; <sup>16</sup> for it is written: "Be holy, because I am holy."

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

## Hymn CH270: I Know That My Redeemer Lives

### Sermon

## Hymn CH580: I Want To Walk

### The Apostles' Creed (Book of Common Prayer – P112)

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come again to judge the living 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.

### The Prayers of the People (Book of Common Prayer – P112)

The Lord be with you: **and also with you.**

Lord, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.** Lord, have mercy.

### The Lord's Prayer (Book of Common Prayer – P113)

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.

Show us your mercy, O Lord: **and grant us your salvation.**

O Lord, guide and defend our rulers: **and grant our government wisdom.**

Let your ministers be clothed with righteousness: **and let your servants shout for joy.**

O Lord, save your people: **and bless those whom you have chosen.**

Give peace in our time, O Lord: **and let your glory be over all the earth.**

O God, make clean our hearts within us: **and renew us by your Holy Spirit.**

### Collect of the Day: Easter 2

Almighty Father, you have given your only Son to die for our sins and to rise again for our justification: Grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness that we may always serve you in pureness of living and truth; through the merits of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### Prayers of Intercession

At the end of each prayer: Lord in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

At the end of the prayers: Merciful Father: **accept these prayers for the sake of you Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

### The Grace (Book of Common Prayer – P116)

The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. Amen.

### Announcements

Closing and Offertory Hymn CH658: One More Step Along The World I Go

## Closing Diocesan 20:20 Prayer

Heavenly Father, we want to catch your vision for these dioceses and for our parish. But to catch your vision we first need to listen to you. Too often we leave you out. Forgive us. Help us to catch a sense of where your Spirit is leading. Give us courage to love and serve you. Give us boldness to proclaim Christ faithfully and to build your kingdom. Lord, come to us; our door is open. Amen.

## Blessing And Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord: **in the name of Christ. Amen.**

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# 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.

## April 2018

Normal Services

## Announcements: Diocesan/Community

**Virginia Ramblers** walks continue twice weekly including a variety of town & forest walks, a canal walk, Tara, Dalgan Park & Dartry forest. Follow us on Facebook for all details.

**Active Virginians:** Tuesday Social takes place in the Church of Ireland Parish hall at 2.30pm and Bowls in St. John's Hall at 7.30pm. Remember, if you attend both events on a Tuesday, you only pay one weekly fee. New members welcome.

**Virginia and District Historical Society** will host a lecture on 'From Virginia to Monte Cassino: the story of Tim Gillick's World War 2 experiences in North Africa, Italy, France and Germany from 1942 to 1945'. His daughter, Margaret Gildea will deliver this lecture in the People's Hall, Church of Ireland, Virginia on Friday April 20th at 8.30 pm. The AGM of the Society will take place before the lecture at 7.00 pm. All are welcome.

## 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.

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

**Youth:** Our Grazers Youth Group meets **13<sup>th</sup>** and **27<sup>th</sup> April** from 8.45pm to 10pm. **(ANYONE IN 6<sup>th</sup> CLASS NOW WELCOME TO COME ALONG)**. The 'Grazers+' group meets on **Friday 4<sup>th</sup> May** from 8.45pm to 10pm. Both in Billis Hall.

**General Easter Vestries: Killinkere** Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> April 2018 at 8.30pm.

**Virginia Church Grounds Tidy Up:** Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April 2018 at 7pm. Bring gloves etc... Bags provided.

**Mothers' Union:** Next Virginia Mothers' Union Meeting: Closing Service on **Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> April** in **Killinkere Church at 8pm**. (Don't forget overseas money - thanks).

**Billis NS:** Our annual clothes collection takes place on **16<sup>th</sup> April**. Please ask family and friends to remember us if they are doing a spring clean of their wardrobes! Bags can be dropped into school anytime from Mon 9th April, with the collection taking place on the 16th April. The following items are accepted: clean, clothes, bed linen, towels, curtains, shoes, bags, belts and soft toys. No household bric-a-brac, pillows, duvets or cushions are accepted. Thank you in advance for your support.

**Whist Drives: April 17<sup>th</sup>** 2018 from 9pm in Virginia Parish Hall.

**World Day Of Prayer:** The rescheduled service will now be on **Friday 27<sup>th</sup> April** in Mary Immaculate Church at 8pm.

**JOY (Just Older Youth):** Our next monthly Joy Club meeting takes place on **Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May** in Virginia Parish Hall from 2.30pm to 4pm. A time to catch up, chat, enjoy a cuppa...

**Parish Day Trip (with Bailieborough Group): 6<sup>th</sup> May 2018.** To St Patrick's Church Monaghan for 10:30am service (followed by tea in the hall) Then the Ulster American Folk Park, Omagh @1pm for dinner followed by free time in the folk park. Bus leaving Tesco Car Park, Bailieborough at 9am. **Total Cost:** €20 per person, including bus and entry to the folk park. Dinner extra to be paid at the folk park – roughly £8-11stg. If you are interested in coming **contact Valerie Shekleton** at 086 0723642.

Next **Messy Church: Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2018** in Billis Hall from 3pm to 5pm.

**Confirmation 2018:** It is hoped to have confirmation in the Autumn of 2018. If you are interested in Confirmation let the Rector know by the end April 2018. Anyone going into first year in secondary school and older can be confirmed. For anyone to be considered for confirmation they must be regular in church and a regular member of our Grazers Youth Club.

### Monthly Prayer Focus

**Anglican Communion:** The Anglican Church of Southern Africa, The Anglican Church of South America, Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan & Sudan, The Anglican Church of Tanzania. **Church of Ireland Diocese: Kilmore, Elphin and Ardagh Diocese:** Bishop Ferran Glenfield. **KEA Children's and Youth Co-Ordinators:** Hannah O'Neill, Marion Edwards and Erin Moorcroft. **Arva Group:** Revd Hazel Hicks (**Arva, Carrigallen , Columbkille (Aughnaccliffe) and Gowna) Calry: Canon Patrick Bamber. Other Local Churches:** Mary Immaculate - Virginia, Maghera, Clanaphilip, Killinkere, Munterconnaught. Belassis. Redeemed Church of God, Word of Life. **Parish/Townlands:** Killyduff, Kilmore, Kilnagun, Knockaraheen, Knocktemple, Knocknagartan, Knocknaveagh, Lateaster, Lattoo.

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**This Weekly Sheet and the Sunday Sermon can be downloaded from the Parish Website or Facebook:**

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

**WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY ABOUT...**