



Parish Update

Donegal, Killymard, Lough Eske and Laghey

Sunday 4th Oct - Trinity 17

Bible reading for Today – Psalm 65

For the director of music. A psalm of David. A song.

- ¹ Praise awaits you, our God, in Zion; to you our vows will be fulfilled.
- ² You who answer prayer, to you all people will come.
- ³ When we were overwhelmed by sins, you forgave our transgressions.
- ⁴ Blessed are those you choose and bring near to live in your courts! We are filled with the good things of your house, of your holy temple.
- ⁵ You answer us with awesome and righteous deeds, God our Saviour, the hope of all the ends of the earth and of the farthest seas,
- ⁶ who formed the mountains by your power, having armed yourself with strength,
- ⁷ who stilled the roaring of the seas, the roaring of their waves, and the turmoil of the nations.
- ⁸ The whole earth is filled with awe at your wonders; where morning dawns, where evening fades, you call forth songs of joy.
- ⁹ You care for the land and water it; you enrich it abundantly. The streams of God are filled with water to provide the people with corn, for so you have ordained it.
- ¹⁰ You drench its furrows and level its ridges; you soften it with showers and bless its crops.
- ¹¹ You crown the year with your bounty, and your carts overflow with abundance.
- ¹² The grasslands of the wilderness overflow; the hills are clothed with gladness.
- ¹³ The meadows are covered with flocks and the valleys are mantled with corn; they shout for joy and sing.

Collect for Today

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.

Rector's Thoughts

Psalm 65 is a wonderful psalm for our Harvest Thanksgiving – just take a look and see how many different reasons we have to thank God! He forgives, he creates, he sustains, he hears, he blesses – and lots more things besides. Don't let present difficulties stop you thanking and praising our God!

In-Church Services are currently suspended due to COVID-19 Level 3 rules.

Please join us online, and please us the weekly readings to help you pray.

Online Services (on Facebook Live)

Sundays at 11am, Wednesdays at 8pm, Fridays at 1pm

Announcements

COVID Level 3: The current restrictions in place in Co. Donegal mean our next chance to gather for public worship in the church buildings will be on 18th October, as long as we return to Level 2 before then. Listen out for announcements...

Harvest Collections: The special envelopes will be for the crisis in Beirut, Lebanon following the explosion there. We also have an opportunity to donate dried/tinned food for the Donegal Town Food Bank. These can be dropped outside the Mustard Seed on Friday mornings 0900 – 1300.

Kingdom Kids: An all-action video-based children's programme called 'Kingdom Kids' launches at the start of October. It's a joint project between the churches with teaching from Stephen Richmond, John Montgomery David Huss and others. The videos will go up on all of the 3 churches' Facebook Pages & YouTube Channels each Friday evening.

Youth Alpha: Rev John Montgomery is running a youth alpha course (online) on Sunday nights starting this Sunday 4th October. For anyone of secondary school age. To sign up, contact John at john.montgomery@irishmethodist.org.

Coffee Time & Hope Groups: We are hosting some online meetings via Zoom: A social get-together on Tuesday and Friday mornings 1100 – 1130am, and Hope Groups (encouraging one another with stories of hope from the life of Jesus) on Tuesdays and Fridays 2.00 – 3.00pm. Contact Sandra (number below) to sign up. We can talk you through how to use Zoom – it's a very simple way of having a meeting by video link using your tablet, phone or laptop.

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