

Patrick, Glen Maye & Dalby

Weekly News sheet : 9th-16th Jan 2022. 1st of Epiphany

*We welcome everyone to our churches this week; it's great to have you with us .
Our thanks go to those who have helped set up our churches and are involved in leading worship.*

We continue to remember before God all those in our communities who are vulnerable or struggling: the elderly; the isolated and lonely; single parents; those who are ill or depressed; the stressed and anxious; the poor and needy; those facing financial pressures; those grieving the loss of a loved one. We pray that they may know God's presence with them and be comforted.

We particularly pray for those suffering with Covid on the Island, and all those who are in isolation, and we remember its on-going impact on the work place, our local communities and economy. We hold before God the people in our social services, our schools and hospitals, our emergency services, and all who are working under pressure due to staff shortages at this time.

We pray for the emergency situation in Afghanistan where children are dying of starvation. A million children under the age of five are said to be at risk of dying over the next three months and more than eight million people are on the brink of famine. Years of conflict, the Covid-19 pandemic, a change of government and the worst drought in 27 years have led to catastrophic hunger and the situation will only get worse as the freezing weather sets in. We pray for a compassionate and generous response to the DEC Appeal to help avert this humanitarian disaster.

Our global prayer continues to be for all who are suffering as a result of the Covid pandemic and the escalating numbers with the omicron variant here and across the world. We mourn for their loss and pray for justice that there may be equal distribution of the vaccine and the chance for life for all.

**Today's readings . Isaiah 43.1-7
Acts 8.14-1**

**Psalm 29
Luke 3.15-17,21,22**

A God of new beginnings

I love the fact that Christmas is followed by a New Year! That the time of reflection, meeting with God at the stable, is followed by the invitation of a fresh start. An opportunity for new visioning of who we are and what we are about. A meeting with God is about transformation: from living through our *own* strength, to dwelling in *His* presence. In our teaching today of the Baptism of Jesus, we hear of that promise in the prophecy of Isaiah, and see that promise again at the start of Christ's Ministry. The Baptism into new life, casting off the old and putting on the new. At Christmas we celebrate the presence of God in our World, incarnate in Jesus. In our gospel reading today we hear of the adult Christ as He receives the Blessings of that presence in the Spirit; awakening, empowering, enabling. A presence that is always with us.for as long as we are always seeking.

Thoughts to ponder

"Do not be afraid—I will save you. I have called you by name—you are mine. When you pass through deep waters, I will be with you; your troubles will not overwhelm you.

Isaiah 43

"Why do some persons 'find' God in a way that others do not? Why does God manifest His Presence to some and let multitudes of others struggle along in the half-light of imperfect Christian experience? Of course the will of God is the same for all. He has no favourites within His household. All He has ever done for any of His children He will do for all of His children. The difference lies not with God but with us.

A.W. Tozer

Sunday Services for next week : 16th January :

Refreshments are served after all these services, please stay for a cuppa and enjoy a natter

Kirk Patrick: 10.30am Holy Communion
Glen Maye: 10.30am Morning Worship
Dalby: 6.30pm Taize Worship

Robert Quayle & Canon Brian Kelly
Mrs Rita Norrey
Cheryl Cousins

Local Ministers for Patrick: Graham McAll : 840813 &
Wardens: Mac Beckerson 845385. John Parr 842618
Steward:for Glen Maye : Paul Craker : 845681.
Local Minister for Dalby: Cheryl Cousins: 843471
Wardens : Marqy Killey:843768. Pauline Killey 843494

Robert Quayle :842912
Safe Guarding Officer: Sarah Hedley : 361763
Secretary: Julia Sharples 840801.
Safe Guarding Officer : Neil Evans: 843253

Weekly Diary 2021:

Anyone is very welcome to come to any of these events.....

NB >In line with Government Covid

guidelines and to maintain the well-being and safety of us all, we respectfully ask that if you have any cold-like symptoms you stay safely snucked in by the fireside and look after yourself! Please always do a LFT before attending events and worship, wear a mask and maintain social distancing throughout..... that way we can stay safe whilst still continue meeting and enjoying each other's company.
Many thanks

- **Mon 10th :Friends Planning meeting at Dalby 7.00pm**
- **Wed 12th : Dalby Ducklings; 10am – 11.30**, we are operating with restricted numbers so please contact Cheryl to book
- **Tues 11th : Patrick are starting a Home Group** on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month meeting in the Garden Room at 7.00pm. Anyone interested to know more please speak to Graham or Robert
- **Thurs 13th : Meditation at Dalby** : A guided time into stillness and silence stillness 7.30pm – 9.00pm in the schoolrooms
- **Fri 14th : : Glen Maye & Toddler group: 9:30 to 11:30** every Friday in Term-time.

Wed19th January | 'The power of the well-lived life': a quiet morning at the Retreat House with the book of Ruth. Part 1. 10.00 a.m. – 12.30 p.m. with the option to join with the Thie dy Vea team for a simple lunch of soup & roll and hot drinks. The book of Ruth is a gem of a story providing inspiration and hope. It reminds us how God can use the well-lived life so powerfully. Join David Shirtliff for the first of four monthly quiet mornings when we unpack this timeless classic. This month we'll be exploring chapter one with its themes of family, loss and faithfulness. Please contact us to book your place : welcomes@retreathouse.im Cost: suggested donation of £15, or £20 if you wish to stay for lunch. Refreshments served from 9.30 a.m.

Christmas Stamps: If you've saved stamps from your Christmas cards, we've a collecting box for them in Dalby Schoolrooms.... they are worth literally thousands of pounds to help the work of The Leprosy Mission! Please do just drop them in when your passing; the collection finishes at the end of January. *Many thanks*

If you'd like to have information in this news sheet could you please send it through to me by Thursday each week :
Many thanks cherylcousins@manx.net

An invitation to join : "The Chosen" ?!! Starting on Thursday Jan 20th at 2.30pm and running for six weeks at Dalby schoolroom. We invite you to come and share with us this screening from the series of The Chosen, an incredible new Bible series. The series is fiction, but tries to remain faithful to the Bible account of the lives of those who surrounded the life of Jesus. Events in the series often take places in the spaces that the Bible leaves to our imagination. Everyone welcome, there will be refreshments, No need to book, just come along when you can, each session is a standalone viewing, hope you can join us!

"He does not ask much of us, merely a thought of Him from time to time, a little act of adoration, sometimes to ask for His grace, sometimes to offer Him your sufferings, at other times to thank Him for the graces, past and present, He has bestowed on you, in the midst of your troubles to take solace in Him as often as you can. Lift up your heart to Him during your meals and in company; the least little remembrance will always be the most pleasing to Him. One need not cry out very loudly; He is nearer to us than we think."

Brother Lawrence, The Practice of the Presence of God

DEC Afghanistan Crisis Appeal DEC charities are already on the ground providing lifesaving aid, scaling up their operations and reaching those most in need. They are delivering emergency food to hungry families. Providing urgent nutrition to young children & mothers. Supporting healthcare facilities to treat malnutrition. Providing winter kits to help displaced families stay warm. Due to the challenge of the coronavirus pandemic and many people in isolation there will *not* be an all island street collection, but we are asking you to share the news of the appeal with friends, family and work networks and encourage people to donate online at <https://donation.dec.org.uk/afghanistan-crisis-appeal>
Thank you

The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour.' Isaiah 61:1 Lk 4:18

Everyday Eco Awareness for a New Year! :

- When possible, walk or ride your bike in order to avoid carbon emissions completely. Carpooling and using public transport drastically reduce CO2 emissions by spreading them out over many passengers.
- Speeding and unnecessary acceleration reduce car mileage to the gallon by up to 33%, it wastes petrol and money, and increases your carbon footprint.
- • Insulate and seal your home : reduce drafts.
- Make energy efficiency a primary consideration when choosing a new boilers, dishwasher, refrigerators etc.
- Reduce: reuse, recycle, repair.