

Patrick, Glen Maye & Dalby

Weekly News sheet : 20th-27th March. 3rd Sunday of Lent

*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.*

Prayer for Lent : Loving God, remind us of the beauty of unity: show us how we can draw nearer to you, and to become who You have made us to be. We surrender our time this Lent to you, in Jesus' name.

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, those with Covid, 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.

During this period of increased Covid numbers again on the Island we remember before God our health services, infrastructure and schools, as they struggle to maintain their workload due to staff shortages, and we give thanks for all who volunteer their time, skills and expertise to help out.

We continue to hold before God the people of Ukraine in their loss, fear and vulnerability, that they may know the strength and support of Gods' Spirit with them and may find safety and provision. We pray for wisdom, calm and compassion for leaders on both sides: we pray that the church in the region will be a voice for peace and that they and the host countries accommodating refugees will have the resources to help those in need. We give thanks for the humanitarian response and pray for unity and generosity of Spirit. And we pray for Peace that there may be an end to the conflict & suffering.

We continue to pray for all who are suffering as a result of the Covid pandemic across the world. We mourn for their grief and loss and pray for all involved in caring, and is seeking justice that there may be equal distribution of the vaccine.

**Today's readings . Isaiah 55.1-9
1 Corinthians 10.1-13**

**Psalms 63.1-9
Luke 13.1-9**

In darkness, light shines.....

Our hearts and prayers must all be with the people of Ukraine on a daily basis as we witness the continuing devastation of this war on their lives, their relationships, their homes, their culture, their landscape and their economy. But we are also witnessing their selfless courage, their resilience, determination and unity in the face of this onslaught. And closer to home, we witness the amazing compassion and empathy in the generous response to humanitarian aid and in offers of hospitality across the western nations. In darkness, light shines. The UK has announced a scheme to enable families to open their homes to Ukraine refugees and the IOM is considering a similar system. We can register our interest by contacting ukrainesupport@gov.im, who will send you a form to fill in. If you have any queries, see IOM Response to Ukraine webpage, which has lots of information and some Frequently Answered Questions. Not all of us have the where with all to offer rooms in our homes, but we can all offer to help those who do, that as Christian communities across the Island we can reach out in Christs' generosity and love in their need.

Thoughts to ponder

"Generosity is the most natural outward expression of an inner attitude of compassion and loving-kindness." The Dalai Lama

"If you can't feed a hundred people, then just feed one." Mother Teresa

"You often say, 'I would give, but only to the deserving.' The trees in your orchard say not so, nor the flocks in your pasture. They give that they may live, for to withhold is to perish."

Kahlil Gibran

Sunday Services for next week : 27th March : Mothering Sunday . The Fourth Week of Lent

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

Kirk Patrick:	10.30am	Morning Prayer	Graham McAll & Robert Quayle Kelly
Glen Maye:	10.30am	Celebration Praise Service	
Dalby:	6.30pm	Celtic Cmmunion	The Very Revd. Nigel Godfrey

Local Ministers for Patrick: Graham McAll : 840813 & Robert Quayle :842912

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

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 >_Please always LFT before attending events and worship, Many thanks

- **Tues 22nd : Movies in the afternoon : THE RESCUE (12A) (107 mins)** This is the last in our film programme this season : The Rescue chronicles the dramatic 2018 rescue of 12 Thai boys and their soccer coach trapped deep inside a flooded cave. Directors E. Chai Vasarhelyi and Jimmy Chin (Free Solo) reveal the perilous world of cave diving, the bravery of the rescuers and the dedication of the entire community involved in saving the boys' lives. An amazing film. Refreshments will be available, everyone welcome.
- **Tues 22nd : Patrick Home Group** meeting in the Garden Room at 7.00pm
- **Wed 23rd : Dalby Ducklings meeting from 10a. – 11.30am.** Booking in advance, please contact Cheryl
- **Wed 23rd National Day of Remembrance Cathedral open 8am -7pm;** call in to remember those who lost their lives to Covid. Light a candle, pick a flower from the Cathedral grounds and add to vases at the Prayer Stations, or just be quiet and reflect. Join us for a Eucharist at 09.30am, a short Midday Prayer with a minute's Silence, or to sing Monastic Evening Prayer at 5.30pm. Held in association with Marie Curie UK
- **Thurs 24th : Thursday Fellowship at the Guild Room,** Atholl St. Peel. starting at 2.15pm till Easter, speakers, quizzes etc. £1 including tea & biscuits. For further details: Thelma Corlett 80147
- **Thurs 24th : Meditation at Dalby : 7.30-9.00pm a led meditation,** a time for reflection and inner peace , everyone always welcome
- **Fri 25th Glen Maye & Toddler group: 9:30 to 11:30** every Friday in Term-time.
- **Fri 25th Annual Lady Day Festival Eucharist Service at St German's Cathedral** at 2.30pm. Lady Lorimer, our Mothers' Union Patron and Mrs June Houghton, York Provincial President will also be attending. Refreshments will be served in the Cathedral following the service.
- **Fri 25th : The Hub Music session at Dalby from 7.30pm,** bring your own
- **Fri 25th: Join us for a 30 minute "pilgrimage",** moving around the Stations of the Cross in the Cathedral, pausing at each picture for a prayer and short reading.

Friday 25th March | Cree as Anym – Heart and Soul: Using Manx for worship in easy and accessible ways 9.30 a.m. – 12.30 p.m. Join Ruth Kegginn Gell (Culture Vannin) and Claudia Koenig for an engaging morning exploring easy and accessible ways to incorporate Manx language into worship, aimed at all who lead worship or preach, to increase participants' confidence in using Manx in a faith setting. The session is offered by Culture Vannin as part of its development work. Refreshments will be available throughout the morning, donations towards Thie dy Veia would be greatly appreciated for these. A buffet lunch after the workshop is also available @ suggested donation of £7; If you want to stay for lunch please let us know any dietary requirements when booking : contact Ruth Kegginn Gell via email: manxlanguage@culturevannin.im

Lent Lunches:

Michael Parish Church 12-1.30pm. £7 Thursdays.
The Cool Chapel Hall 12-1.30pm £7 on Thursdays – 14th April. Homemade Soup, bread and cheese, pudding, tea/coffee. Proceeds to Tearfund Lent Appeal and MOTIV8 Addiction Service.

Food Poverty; Climate Change and Food Waste

contd : Across the greater Horn of Africa including Ethiopia, Uganda, and Kenya a terrible crisis has been building following the worst drought since 1981. Yemen and Afghanistan are also on the brink of famine. Conflict and climate change are pushing millions towards total disaster. Together as a church we believe in hope. We can bring healing by prayer, by giving.....and by changing our life styles. Growing enough food to feed our wasteful ways is depleting the global supply of freshwater. Hydrating plants and trees, and providing drinking water for animals bred for food increase the need for water companies to dip into groundwater reserves and streams. By doing this, water companies acknowledge they are damaging local ecosystems and environmental cycles. The need to grow more food, means more land is stripped of its natural vegetation. One of the biggest reasons for the destruction of the rainforest is the need for somewhere to graze the cattle to support our fast-food chains. Also, the rotting food creates methane gases that become trapped in the atmosphere and add to global warming (as does the methane created by the cattle as they pass gas.) Reducing our meat consumption, buying local meat, wasting less food can make a world of difference and help reduce global poverty and hunger.

The Disaster Emergency Committee have launched an Appeal for Ukraine. You can donate online at: <https://www.dec.org.uk/appeal/ukraine-humanitarian-appeal>.

The Manx Charity Hands of Hope write : *We are located about 30km from the Ukraine border. We have set up a JustGiving Campaign page here if you wish to make donations specifically for this work.* <https://www.facebook.com/handsofhopeiom/posts/4953645558017998>

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