



Patrick, Glen Maye & Dalby

Weekly News sheet : 13th – 20thFeb. 3rd Before 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.*

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 hold before God all our farmers and local producers across the Island, all who work the land or fish the sea. We give thanks for the grants and benefits that respect and support the work they do in all weathers throughout the year and ensure the sustainability of their produce. We give thanks for those who create and promote a local market for their goods, all who buy local that they may have a fair and secure income.

Our global prayer continues to be for all who are suffering as a result of the Covid pandemic here and across the world. We mourn for their grief and loss and pray for all involved in the health services, in caring, and is seeking justice that there may be equal distribution of the vaccine and the chance for life for all.

We give thanks for the work of Tearfund in the Democratic Republic of Congo, where they have set up a hub to reuse plastic waste – helping to clean up the capital city and create jobs for local people. So far, 23,500 paving tiles have been made from waste. The plastic road tiles have been approved by the government for use and are being used in a new road-building scheme.

We continue to pray for millions of people facing severe hunger in the Horn of Africa due to record droughts. Water and food shortages have led to crop failure and the loss of livestock. As the climate crisis continues, this is set to worsen. Please Pray for provision for these families

**Today's readings . Jeremiah 17.5-10
1 Corinthians 15.12-20**

**Psalm 1
Luke 6.17-26**

Living the Calling

It seems that the term "the Welfare State" is nowadays more often used in negative criticism than as a blessing of gratitude? The start of Fairtrade Fortnight, next week, is a reminder to all of us of the hundreds of thousands of millions of people, in other countries, who still live *without* state aid, and still live *with* exploitation, injustice, poverty and insecurity. A world without free health care, free education, trade unions, recognised minimal wages, grants, pensions or benefits. Those who are genuinely enslaved, although in full time work, still unable, literally, to bring home enough to feed their family. In our teaching last week we heard of Jesus calling the disciples.... this week we hear what He is calling us to do: to live the gospel *right where we are at*. The challenge of Fairtrade is to live our Christianity in our shopping choices, to prioritise the case of the poor. How hard is that ?! A truth that invites His followers to be as He is. To live in this world, but to live out the values of a very different kingdom; a Kingdom of Love that could transform our World into the Kingdom of Heaven.

Thoughts to ponder

God bestows His blessings without discrimination. The followers of Jesus are children of God, and they should manifest the family likeness by doing good to all, even to those who deserve the opposite. F.F. Bruce

"First we must understand that all of the world's deceptions flow from the belief that love is primarily for the fulfilment and comfort of the self. The world poisons love by focusing first and foremost on meeting one's own needs. Christ taught that love is not for the fulfilment of the self but for the Glory of God and the food of others. True love is selfless. It gives; it sacrifices; it dies to its own needs . " Joshua Harris.

Sunday Services for next week : 20th Feb:

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

Kirk Patrick:	10.30am	Holy Communion	Canon Brian Kelly & Robert Quayle
Glen Maye:	10.30am	Communion Service	Rev Richard Hooton
Dalby:	6.30pm	Taize Worship	Cheryl

Local Ministers for Patrick: Graham McAll : 840813 & Robert Quayle :842912
Wardens: Mac Beckerson 845385. John Parr 842618
Safe Guarding Officer: Sarah Hedley : 361763
Steward:for Glen Maye : Paul Craker : 845681.
Secretary: Julia Sharples 840801.
Local Minister for Dalby: Cheryl Cousins: 843471
Wardens : Marqy Killey:843768. Pauline Killey 843494
Safe Guarding Officer : Neil Evans: 843253

Weekly Diary 2021:

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

NB > *Please always do a LFT before attending events and worship, Many thanks*

- **Mon 14th : "The Chosen" : screening at 7.30pm at Dalby Schoolrooms:** we'd love you to join us for a series of short films and a chat on Monday evenings over the next 5 weeks, as we share insights into the lives of some of those who lived alongside Jesus. Everyone welcome, there'll be refreshments. No need to book.
- **Wed 16th : 'The power of the well-lived life': 10.00 a.m. – 12.30 p.m:** a quiet morning at The Retreat House with the book of Ruth. Part 2. with the option to join with the Thie dy Vea team for a simple lunch of soup & roll and hot drinks. Join David Shirliff for the second in this series of quiet mornings where we explore the inspirational book of Ruth. This month we're in chapter two, looking at themes of generosity, grace and blessing. Please contact us at : welcone@retreathouse.im to book your place. Cost: suggested donation of £15, or £20 if you wish to stay for lunch. Refreshments served from 9.30 a.m
- **Wed 16th : Dalby Soup Stop serving from 12.30pm – 1.30pm** with a range of homemade soups, bread, cakes & coffee, *everyone welcome*. No need to book in advance, donations are always much appreciated ☺
- **Wed 16th : Meeting led by Rita Norrey in St Johns Chapel at 7pm**
- **Thurs 17th : 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
- **Fri 18^h : Glen Maye & Toddler group: 9:30 to 11:30** every Friday in Term-time.

Choose the World You Want this Fairtrade

Fortnight : by sharing the power of Fairtrade and what needs to happen next to ensure farmers and workers are put front and centre of conversations on how to tackle the climate crisis. The COVID-19 pandemic has shown us more than ever how interconnected we are globally. This interconnection is at the very heart of the Fairtrade message and is where our role begins. We all are have the power to drive long-term change, not only with your shopping choices but with your support in spreading the message.

Since last Fairtrade Fortnight we have seen the G7 and COP26 take place. Over 33,000 campaigners joined 1.8m Fairtrade farmers and workers in backing the Be Fair With Your Climate Promise challenge to world leaders at the UN COP26 summit. But frustration came as the wealthiest nations failed to recognise the urgent need to invest in farmer expertise by delaying their promised \$100bn annual funding to the most climate vulnerable countries until 2023. Climate justice was never going to be won or lost at one conference in Glasgow. But where the COP26 agreement fell short, we need to increase the pressure for urgent action. We need to be louder than ever to make sure politicians turn their promises into action at COP27 in Cairo next year. The failure to deliver enough progress at COP26 makes it even more important that governments get serious next year. We also need businesses to support Fairtrade more than ever. In Fortnight 2021 we heard about the determined, ambitious work of Fairtrade farmers taking on the climate crisis. The deep frustration is that politicians from the world's wealthiest nations at COP26 failed to match that ambition and determination.

"The Biggest Little Farm" : Fairtrade Fortnight Film Screening at Dalby : Thursday March 3rd .

7.30pm with Fairtrade Refreshments : Come and join us for this positive , inspiring film about making a difference! From the Critics: *"it gives you a wealth of ideas to ruminate on, leaving you with a substantial amount of hope for the future"* : *The film succeeds beautifully. The science is fascinating, the results thrilling, the message sober and empowering"* : *What a lovely, soul-feeding film this is."* Come and join us, no need to book: no charge, donations welcomed.

Hospice is looking for people aged 65 or over with a

diagnosis of mild/moderate dementia who would like to take part in a trial of an App, designed to stimulate memory, using easy quizzes. The person with dementia and their carer would be asked to complete some questionnaires and interviews and would be loaned a tablet + App to try out and report back on their experience. They would be visited at home so no need to travel anywhere. Recruitment will probably continue through March and the contact details for anyone interested are email: research@hospice.org.im or 'phone: 647424

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



Fairtrade Fortnight : 21st Feb – 6th March

During this fortnight the Islands Fairtrade Group are planning a Treasure Hunt Trail of Shops and Cafés in Douglas that use and sell Fairtrade. More details

to follow..... Each year thousands of individuals, companies and groups, churches & Chapels across the UK come together to share the stories of the people who grow our food and drinks, mine our gold and who grow the cotton in our clothes, people who are often exploited and underpaid. *How can we help get the message out even louder this year??*