

Patrick, Glen Maye & Dalby

Weekly News Sheet: - 7th– 14th June. 1st Sunday of Trinity

We 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 stressed and anxious, the poor and needy, those facing financial pressures and insecurity, and those who are grieving the loss of a loved one; and we pray that they that they may know God's presence with them and be comforted.

We give thanks to God as the Island comes out of lockdown and social distancing is lifted; as we celebrate our new freedoms we hold in prayer those who are suffering financially, those worried and stressed, out of work, unemployed, those with loans and mortgages to pay but still with no income, and we pray they meet with understanding, compassion and generosity in their need. We pray that our communities will once again get together, rebuilding relationships, sharing and supporting where others are hurting, gathering in friendship, love and laughter.

We pray for healing and the restoration of peace where racism has caused the inequality that devalues human life. We pray that the relationships destroyed through racism, that have caused such poverty and suffering may be restored. We pray that our world may live in recognition that *all* are created in the image of God, that *all* lives matter, and that those who have been discriminated against because of the colour of their skin, their faith, their ethnicity and gender may know equality and respect; that world leaders and those who carry responsibility may lead with wisdom, tolerance, truth and unity.

We hold before God all Charities, Churches, Governments and Aid Agencies working to try and bring relief to those suffering the impact of famine, (over quarter of a billion people are thought to be on the brink of starvation) flooding, and war *as well as the devastating impact of coronavirus* on all those living in extreme poverty. We pray for compassion and a generous spirit: In our own predicted economic crisis we pray for extreme generosity in the face of such extreme conditions. *Please pray, and please give*

Today's Readings

Exodus 19.2-8a
Romans 5.1-8

Psalm 100
Matthew 9.35 – 10.9-23

commissioning

We're greatly privileged on the Island to be returning to a world of limited social distancing and no more lock down! A time to celebrate our freedoms and the impressive decisions made by our government but also a time of memo's to self: What did we learn from it all, what must we remember, what was of greatest value, what did we miss / cherish most? How do we hold onto these values, these lessons as we move into life beyond Covid? As a Church we're also at parallel point in our year's pilgrimage. We've journeyed through Easter, Ascension and Pentecost; how have *those* experiences changed our lives? What are our memo's to self, what do we need to hold onto? In our teachings today we read of Christ's commissioning to His church as he sends out the first disciples to go spread the gospel. He recognises there will be pain and suffering and self-sacrifice for those who choose to live Love; but he also speaks of a life of *simplicity and faith* when we live that gospel and bring Peace to others. A life of Blessing. Our mission as a church is that simple.

Thoughts to ponder

Shall we try to make a new rule of life from tonight: Always try to be a little kinder than is necessary?

James M. Barrie

Love isn't a state of perfect caring. It is an active noun, like struggle. To love someone is to strive to accept that person exactly the way he or she is, right here and now.

Fred Rogers

The motive, if you are to find inner peace, must be an outgoing motive. Service, of course--service. Giving, not getting. Your motive must be good if your work is to have good effect. The secret of life is being of service.

Peace Pilgrim

Please Note: All worship, groups, events and activities have been postponed throughout the Churches and Chapels on the Island until further notice.

If you need support or would like to meet with a Minister, please contact your local Minister, details below:

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

Minister for Glen Maye : Rev'd Andy Fishburne: 842202

Local Minister for Dalby: Cheryl Cousins: 843471

Wardens Mac Beckerson 845385 John Parr 842618

Steward: Paul Craker 845681:

Secretary: Julia Sharples 840801

Wardens Margy Killey:843768 Judith Clague: 845348

Psalm 100 :

Break forth
into exclamations of joy and gladness
you who serve the Lord!
God is not dead! He is ever our God!
He made us, we belong to Him:
we will be His children and servants.
And His love for us never runs out;
His care and concern for us will go on forever.
Let the world see our manifestations of Joy!
Let us lift our voices in songs of praise
and surrender our lives
as continual offerings of thanks giving!
Let us bless His name forever!

"Psalms Now" restates , in today's language, the psalmists honest prayers of praise, love, compassion, sorrow, fatigue, and countless other emotions encountered by those who truly experience Life.

Night Shelter Support Worker : Graih, one of the island's homeless charities, is offering an exciting opportunity for a person to join the team working in the emergency night shelter. We are looking to recruit a person to work waking nights on a rota basis, welcoming those who have no other shelter. This is a unique opportunity to work for a pioneering charity, and building relationship with some of the most vulnerable people in our society. A full job description and person specification can be obtained from Erica Irwin, 224807, erica@graih.org.im It can also be found on our website, www.graih.org.im. Applications must be received by 5pm Friday 19th June 2020

Churches re-opening please note that Dalby Church will *not* be re-opening until mid –July at the earliest; we currently have a couple of major maintenance jobs happening both in the schoolrooms and church! Two of our *very* rotten church windows are finally being re-framed, and double glazed, so we will have to wait for the completion of this work before we can have services or meetings. *Sorry for the delay will keep you updated!*

An Eco check list : How green is your church ?
Have a look at the list below you may be surprised at how Eco your church already is: How many do you score out of 6 ?? As a church, do you :

- Hold a service or have quiet times of contemplation outside
- Sing hymns celebrating God's creation
- Preach on the goodness of creation as a life-giving gift from God, and our role as stewards to love and protect what God has made and to love our neighbours as ourselves
- Include prayers about environmental concerns in your church services
- Use poetry/reflections which emphasise the awe and wonder we feel in response to the beauty of God's creation; how we feel closer to God when we are surrounded by all that he has made
- Celebrate Harvest

The Churches Communication & Outreach :

Good news ... If all things stay on schedule churches and chapels across the Island will be able to re-open for worship as from Sun 28th June!
NB > please check with your minister or wardens as this does not necessarily mean they will be opening that Sunday! To ensure safety is it important that everyone entering a church takes full personal responsibility for their own regular hand washing / the use of hand gels, and for maintaining social distancing....

- **At Patrick :** Graham and Robert will be sending an invitation out by email just before 10.30am on Sunday morning to join them online for worship; please contact them if you'd like to be part of this text.
- **At Dalby :** Cheryl is producing a Church at Home weekly worship sheet that is available on our website, www.stjamesdalby.org see the Dalby Church page, or it can be emailed to you on request
- **At GlenMaye :** there's YouTube service which goes out at 10-30 am. each Sunday morning called MAST (Methodist at service together) please see : www.methodist.org.im Its a traditional service lead by one of the Methodist Ministers and helped by various people doing the Bible reading. 2 hymns and prayers.
- **The Western Mission Partnership are combining with The Cathedral** using Zoom to share in live worship with sound & vision. If you'd like to join them next Sunday : The 'host' is Susan Moroney : please email her at chocolatehole@gmail.com so she may invite you to join for 10.30am. Everyone is welcome to be part of this.
- **Private Prayer at the Cathedral:** The Cathedral is now open weekdays from 10.20am – 2.30pm for private prayers only. Mid-day prayer will be said each day at 12 noon.
- **Rev'd Andy Fishburne is running a Facebook Page called Shtie (At Home)** which offers two services on Sunday 10.30 am, for an 11.00 start and another in the evening, 6.00 pm for a 6.30pm start. This is the link: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/489579061710702/> **Also there are bible studies** with Andy Fishburne on the Shtie Facebook Page at 7 pm on Thursdays. If you need support due to self-isolation, there's a support network so please get in touch if you're needing help. Phone 842202 or message via the Facebook or email on: andy.fishburne@methodist.org.uk
- **Manx Radio** goes out at 9.30am with 'At your Service' led by Judith Ley which includes music, scripture, prayers and reflections.
- **Daily Hope phone-line: for those not on the internet.** This is a Free service for the over 75's The line is available 24 hours a day on **0800 804 8044**. It's a simple new way to bring worship and prayer into people's homes while church buildings are closed. Introduced with a special greeting from the Archbishop of Canterbury, there are prayer options for daily prayer as well as a hymn line for your favourite hymns. This is

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