



# Patrick, Glen Maye & Dalby

## Weekly News Sheet : 14<sup>th</sup>- 21<sup>st</sup> Feb 2021

### The Sunday Before Lent

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

**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, the stressed and anxious, the poor and needy, those facing financial pressures and insecurity, and those grieving the loss of a loved one, that they may know God's presence with them now and be comforted.

**During this cold weather** we pray for all who are homeless, living rough or suffering through fuel poverty and struggling to heat their homes. We pray that within our communities we can help and support those we know, and we give thanks for the work of Griaah and the food bank in all that they do to support others across the Island.

**Our global prayer continues to be for all who are suffering as a result of the Covid pandemic** We pray not only for those who are grieving the loss of loved ones, but those who cry out in fear and pain with no access to health services or medication. For those whose livelihoods have been lost, who have no security or benefits and no means of procuring food. We hold the universal grief, the mourning and vulnerability of humanity before God and we pray for a just distribution of the vaccine to all nations.

**We hold in prayer the on-going issues created by Climate Change across the globe,** and in the midst of the Covid pandemic we pray that even now carbon reduction may stay as top priority on the world agenda for united action.

#### Today's Readings

**2 Kings 2.1-12  
2 Corinthians 4.3-6**

**Psalm 50.1-6  
Mark 9.2-9**

#### *The power of Love .....*

St. Valentine's day, once a minor Christian feast day, has become a secular celebration of Love. Why not, it's always good to celebrate those we love ☺ We could maybe comment on the consumer marketing that has developed alongside it, but in February, surely a *little* bit of spoiling goes a long way. As does a little bit of Love! How seldom it seems, that we celebrate the good things in life; genuinely celebrate them so that our hearts are lifted and our mood transformed. Because Love does that, it changes us from inside out. In our teaching today we read of the transfiguration of Jesus, and the affirmation by God of Jesus His Son. The endorsement of Love that gives Jesus the strength and vision to turn His face to Jerusalem and to ultimately walk the way of the cross, for us. Love does that, it gives us the courage to live beyond our fears and to reach into the depths of who we are really are. To tap into our intuitive Spirit of generosity and compassion. It transforms us, and it transforms other people through us.

#### *Thoughts to ponder.....*

*If you have ever deeply loved another person you will bear witness to the fact that love gives us the power to transcend our own limitations and fears for the sake of the beloved.*

Tonia Woolever

*Spiritual practice....involves , on the one hand acting out of concern for other's well-being. One the other, it entails transforming ourselves so that we become more readily disposed to do so.*

Dali Lama

*Those in the circle of Christ had no doubt of his love; those in our circles should have no doubt about ours.*

Max Lucado – Just Like Jesus

#### **Sunday Services for next week : Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2021**

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

<b>Kirk Patrick</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>	<b>Canon Kelly &amp; Graham McAll</b>
<b>Glen Maye</b>	<b>11.00am</b>	<b>No service at Glen Maye.</b>	<b>All invited to Crosby</b>
<b>Dalby</b>	<b>6.30pm</b>	<b>Taize Worship</b>	<b>Cheryl</b>

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

**Wardens: Mac Beckerson 845385. John Parr 842618**

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

**Steward: Paul Craker : 845681.**

**Safe Guarding Officer: Sarah Hedley : 361763**

**Secretary: Julia Sharples 840801.**

**Local Minister for Dalby: Cheryl Cousins: 843471**

**Wardens : Margy Killey:843768. Pauline Killey 843494**

**Safe Guarding Officer : Neil Evans: 843253**

## Weekly Diary 2021

**Everyone is welcome to come to any of these**

- **Wed 17<sup>th</sup>: Ash Wednesday Services at the Cathedral:**  
**9.30am** Said Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes.  
**6.30pm** Choral Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes led by Bishop Peter
- **Wed 17<sup>th</sup> : Dalby Soup Stop** serving from 12.30 – 1.30pm with home-made soups, bread, cakes, coffee & tea. No need to book just come and join us.
- **Thurs 18<sup>th</sup> , 12.00pm – 1.30pm: Simple Lent Lunches;** Homemade Soup, Cheese & roll, Dessert, Tea or Coffee £7 Proceeds to Tearfund (Lent Appeal and Motiv8 Addiction Services at the Coil Chapel Hall.
- **Thursdays at Patrick Board Games Club. 7pm in Patrick Old Schoolroom.** Over 18 years only , all welcome! See us on Facebook @GamesClubIOM
- **Sun 21<sup>st</sup> : is Dalby Snowdrop Tea** from 3.00pm. @ £12.50 per person. There will be a selection of homemade sandwiches, cakes, meringues and cream scones, *so come hungry!* Please book in advance by ringing Gilly on 844031 and let us know if you have any special dietary requirements. If you're planning on coming with friends, please book as a group so that you can be seated together. Sadly, we will not be doing the garden walk this year, but pots of snow drops will still be available for sale from the schoolrooms.

### A reflection at the start of Lent:

The Forty Days of Lent have great biblical precedent, not least in the forty years the people of Israel wandered the desert in search of the Promised Land. The example for our own practice lies in the forty days Jesus was in the wilderness before he undertook his public ministry. A time of discipline and preparation is important before any important event or decision in life. Prayer, Fasting and Abstinence are the three tools we use as we prepare for Easter. Fasting and Abstinence have nothing to do with hating or despising the world and its material goods. Neither are they ways of punishing ourselves. Fasting is one way in which we deepen our awareness of God. By denying ourselves food, or a luxury what else do we do except say *"I do not depend on these things"*. It enables us to step back from the usual habits and distractions and give particular attention to God.

An outward restraint can be a sign and symbol of an inner attention, and a help towards it. This is a meaning of the great symbol of ashes given on Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent. This is also the Prayer which lies at the heart of Lent. Reminding ourselves to give time to God so that God may speak to us in the silence of our heart. Archbishop George Stack *"Fasting is food for the soul, nourishment for the spirit"*. (Ambrose of Milan c.339-97)

**Guided Prayer : A suggested Lenten Study :** a new, free, online guided prayer series, which draws its inspiration from the Anglican monastic traditions, called [Rhythm of Grace - Lent](#) will be released on Ash Wednesday, 17<sup>th</sup> Feb. See: the 'Discovering Prayer' site. Bishop Peter says " My hope is that such a programme of prayer, shared with the wider world and drawing on the ancient Christian tradition of the hallowing of time by commending the day to God at its beginning and its end, will offer spiritual structure to the day and God's comfort to the soul."

**Step Forward** is a day for anyone aged 18 to 30 considering ordained ministry in the Church of England. It will include: • Time for worship, prayer and Bible study • An opportunity to find out what being ordained is really like – its highs and lows • Space to look at your own experience and what God might be calling you to in the future • The chance to discover how the selection process and ordination training programmes work. Plans are now well underway for Step Forward 2021. Registration for the event which will take place on the **13th March 2021 from 1pm** on Zoom can be done via the Step Forward website: <http://www.stepforwardanglican.org.uk/> Further information can be obtained from Canon Janice Ward on [janice.ward@sodorandman.im](mailto:janice.ward@sodorandman.im)

**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](mailto:cherylcousins@manx.net)

### **Fairtrade Fortnight : 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb-7<sup>th</sup> March:**

**Climate, Fairtrade and You.** Every year, thousands of individuals, companies and groups 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. This year more than ever, it's important we come together to *stand with the people behind the food we depend on*, as they face the daily realities of the climate crisis. COVID 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 have the power to drive long-term change, not only with our shopping choices but *also* with our support in spreading the message. For more info. on how to get involved on-line and across our communities please see:

[www.fairtrade.org.uk](http://www.fairtrade.org.uk)

*" Fairtrade brings about the transformation of Lives, sip by sip of each cup of Fairtrade coffee and each drop of Fairtrade tea you drink."*