

# Patrick, Glen Maye & Dalby

News Sheet :14<sup>th</sup> 21<sup>st</sup> March . 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent

## Mothering Sunday



**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, those grieving the loss of a loved one and those struggling with the insecurity and fear of infection, isolation, and the lack of family contact due to Covid. We pray that they may know God's presence with them and be comforted.

**We particularly remember all those affected with Covid across the Island** and all those currently in isolation awaiting testing. We pray for all of the Island Covid Community Support Team, NHS Staff, 111 volunteers, the Food bank, and all those in our churches and villages who are managing to help and support friends and neighbours whilst working within the Covid restrictions. We give thanks for their resilience.

**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 grief, the mourning and vulnerability of humanity before God and we pray for a just distribution of the vaccine.

**We hold before God all those involved in "Mothering"** the World over; from Mums in refugee camps and tented cities, or war zones listening to the bombing overhead, to Mums walking miles each day to carry water, or working barren land seeking for food, or sitting by a hospital bed holding the hand of their child, or shielding them from an abusive partner.... we hold their pain and their selfless love and we pray for their courage, and strength that dwells in God's Love.

### Today's Readings

**Exodus 2:1-10**  
**Colossians 3:12-17**

**Isaiah 66.13.**  
**Luke 2:33-35**

### *Mothering .....*

Today is the Church's Festival of Mothering, when we celebrate our Mums, or those who have "Mothered" us; those who have nurtured us, and looked out for us and supported us, and who have *always been there for us*. And although this year families are not able to meet to share this time together, we know that Love knows no boundaries. Love is always alive, always with us; because it is of God and God's Love is eternal. And so even in Lockdown, or in bereavement, this is still a day of celebration. A day to count our blessings in all we have learnt of love, of the sacrificial nature of self-giving, empowering, providing, enriching that we have received. Our teaching today reminds us that love and loss are inextricably linked. Mary knew it when she brought her child Jesus to Simeon in the temple and she knew it as she stood at the foot of the cross.... but still she chose the way of Love.

### Thoughts to ponder.....

*As a mother comforts a child so will I comfort you, says the Lord.*

Is 66.13

*"Though we are incomplete, God loves us completely. Though we are imperfect, He loves us perfectly. Though we may feel lost and without compass, God's love encompasses us completely.*

~ Dieter F. Uchtdorf

*"Becoming a mother makes you the mother of all children. From now on each wounded, abandoned, frightened child is yours. You live in the suffering mothers of every race and creed and weep with them. You long to comfort all who are desolate."*

Charlotte Gray

***Please contact us if you are struggling or have any concerns and we will do our best to help, our thoughts and prayers are with you and all our church communities.***

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

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*In the absence of worship in Church there is a varied range of alternative worship available .....*

**The Western Mission Partnership:**

**At the Cathedral:** The 'Cathedral at Home' service for Mothering Sunday 14 March (Lent 4) led by Revd Ruth Walker, Cathedral curate, is attached to the covering email and displayed on the Cathedral website. If you would like to join them by Zoom on a Sunday morning and haven't already registered, please contact Val Garrett on [admin@cathedral.im](mailto:admin@cathedral.im) by 6pm on Saturday evening (13 March).

**.Dalby** has a Church at Home service sheet for a reflective time for private prayer available on their Home page of their website: [www.stjamesdalby.org](http://www.stjamesdalby.org) or this can be mailed to you if you contact Cheryl.

**Patrick** have a zoom service at 10.30 am, please contact Robert Quayle for more info.

**Glen Maye Chapel :** See: Sthie and MAST services by searching for "Isle of Man Methodist Church" at [www.youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com)

**MMAST :** The services will continue to be posted on YouTube each Sunday morning, along with ones for young people.

**Sthie:**worship service videos posted Sunday mornings.

**Facebook Watch Parties:** If you use Facebook you're encouraged to give the watch party a go if you haven't tried yet. They provide a great way to feel connected to the wider church family in these times .

**Thursday Bible Study** at 7pm

**Sunday Worship** at 10.30am or 6.30pm

**YouTube:** Flipped Preaching videos posted Monday mornings

**BBC1 Sunday Worship 14 March 11.15am** Rev Kate Bottley introduces a church service to celebrate Mothering Sunday from St Cuthbert's Church in Preston, led by the Rev Mark Bradford., and writer and broadcaster Andrew Graystone reveals the amazing coincidence that taught him about the meaning of love

**Manx Radio this Sunday at 9.30am** has a half-hour programme by Judith Ley called 'At your service'

**Songs of Praise BBC2 1.15pm** The programme includes a visit to a new Christian community grocery run by a Manchester based charity where shoppers pay a small annual fee to fill their shopping baskets twice a week for just £3. Presenter Brenda Edwards interviews choir leader and Songs of Praise conductor Audrey Mattis about the power of singing together in church. The music will be a mix of hymns and worship songs from St. Elisabeth's, and Gorton Monastery and special performances from both Brenda and Northern Irish

**Godly Play :** This month the plan is to meet for a story and wondering on Zoom so we can all stay safely at home. Sue will tell the story called "Jesus in Jerusalem" which goes through the events in the Easter story. Hopefully this will give you a chance to explore and wonder in preparation for Holy Week. You are invited to join us on **Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 7:30 – 8:30pm**. Please email [hub@sumt.im](mailto:hub@sumt.im) for the Zoom link.

**Can you help this Christian Aid Week?** Christian Aid Week is during May 10<sup>th</sup> -16<sup>th</sup> Please contact [lwhitelegg@christian-aid.org](mailto:lwhitelegg@christian-aid.org) or 474275 for details on how you can volunteer. *Thanks.*

**Prayer on Mothering Sunday**

Loving God,  
Thank you for mums and children  
and for all the joy of family life.  
Be with those who are grieving  
because they have no mother;  
Be close to those who are struggling  
because they have no children;  
Be near to those who are sad  
because they are far apart from those they love.  
Let your love be present in every home,  
And help your church to have  
eyes to see and ears to hear  
the needs of all who come.  
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen..'

**In a week when we have marked International Women's day,** we look at an alternative view of Mary, the Mother of Jesus : "Mary is often portrayed as passive, but actually that is to do her a great disservice....The Magnificat shows her to be an angry woman with a mind to change things. This was the home into which Jesus was born and raised, with a woman who taught him that God was the great turner of tables. Mary was not singing on behalf of the poor, she was the poor who needed liberation. Think of it as a battle cry, a call to arms. Mary is part of God's rebellion and we too are called to be a part of those who work for a just and equal society. In the Magnificat we understand that God is not an observer of humanity, God has chosen sides and he is on the side of the weak. God chooses humble birth, God chooses homelessness, God chooses to be persecuted, God chooses to be a refugee. Her humble origins put her in touch with the poor and outcasts with whom Jesus spent his ministry. If Mary had lived today she would have been the sort of person who needed the food bank and her song challenges the need for people to be poor, she speaks of this not being God's way, God wants a reversal.... Mary is subversive and her song calls for a radical agenda for social change. Mary's song is a statement of what she believes about God."

Charles Rovden

**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*  
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