

Patrick, Glen Maye & Dalby

Weekly News Sheet : 17th - 24th Jan 2021

2nd Sunday of Epiphany: The week of Prayer for Christian Unity

*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 and be comforted.

We hold before God all those who have Covid here on our Island and those who are showing symptoms of the Virus. We hold their suffering, and the suffering, fear, concern and anxiety of their families and friends in prayer, that they may know the healing, holding, the nurturing and caring of the presence of God with them. We hold our Island's health care team and all working in the medical services before God, and we pray for their safe keeping and protection. And we remember before God our own families and friends across who are facing such extreme conditions, and pray for their safe keeping

In this Week of Christian Unity we pray for the Church across the world, in all its varying forms and practices, that we may be united by our Love of God in Christ and celebrate the inclusive strength of our diversity. We pray that together we may seek the guidance of His Spirit in our lives that collectively we may be a witness to His Love in our complex world. **Our global prayer is for all who are suffering as a result of the Covid pandemic across the world.** 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 pray for the universal grief, the mourning and vulnerability of humanity, and we pray for the healing of the Nations, for new beginnings, new consciousness, new generosity and compassion, that change may come to our world and we may live in the Unity of God's Love.

Today's Readings 1 Samuel 3.1-10 [11-20]
Revelation 5.1-10

Psalm 139.1-5,12-18*
John 1.43-51

Belonging

We all must have learnt a lot about ourselves over the last year, stuff deeply personal, stuff universal: from the things we feel deprived of to the things we cherish; from how we cope without our props in life, to how we indulge ourselves on negative days! Maybe one of those universal things is the quintessential human need to belong. Our normal groups and herds may have been dismantled, but we soon replaced them with Whats App, facetime and Zoom. We don't *belong* in isolation. In our teaching today we hear two incidents of God "Calling". God is *always* Calling as God knows our need to belong. He placed that need within us before the beginning of time, like a homing signal to assist our return to Him. At the start of the new year we are reminded of that Call, to re-awaken us from our slumber, to invite us into the journey of discipleship. A Calling is an invitation an invitation to belong..... and invitation awaits an answer .

Thoughts to ponder

Belonging is the innate human desire to be part of something larger than us. Because this yearning is so primal, we often try to acquire it by fitting in and by seeking approval, which are not only hollow substitutes for belonging, but often barriers to it.

Brene Brown

The call of God is not just for a select few but for everyone. Whether I hear God's call or not depends on the condition of my ears and exactly what I hear depends upon my spiritual attitude.

Oswald Chambers

Church is not an organization you join; it is a family where you belong, a home where you are loved and a hospital where you find healing

Nicky Gumbel

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Worship during

Lock down

Sadly our church buildings are once again closed to help safeguard the unnecessary spread of infection. But, at the point in time when the need for prayer is at its greatest, the church across the island is active and praying in different and varied ways. At the time when our church Community would usually be gathering we gather in the safety and isolation of our own homes to collectively worship God, to be still in His Presence, to leave our burdens at the foot of is cross and to Know His Spirit dwelling in us. That we may be strengthened that we transformed, that we may Live His Love in this World.

- **In The Parish of the West Coast The Cathedral**

are continuing with Morning Prayer Monday to Saturday via zoom and for the Sundays during lockdown there will be a 10.30am service via zoom. Last Sunday over 50 people joined in. This video sharing platform is free to download and use– see website www.cathedral.im. The 'Cathedral at Home' service for Sunday 17th January is attached. You can join us for the service on:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81447751848?pwd=d1BvNVk0T0JPWS91RE9MU3E0T3ROQT09> Meeting ID: 814 4775 1848 Passcode: 154324 As you might imagine, there's a lot of work going on 'behind the scenes' to get them set up and running. Attached is a copy of the Cathedral 'Link' service which is based on listening and talking to God..

- **Dalby Church also has a simple act of worship and reflection** available on the home page of their website : www.stjamesdalby.org or it can be delivered to you as a hard copy on request. Please contact Cheryl.

- **The Archbishop of Canterbury** has launched a [Lambeth Conference Prayer Journey](#), a weekly cycle of prayers led by the global Anglican Communion to pray for hope, justice and transformation in our world. The Environment is one of the weekly themes, Hope for the Planet – which features on Thursday this week. New prayers every week

- **The Church of England has a resource: "Daily HOPE"** A free phone line of hymns, reflections and prayers, a weekly service and daily Morning and Evening prayer, with an introduction from Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury. Tel : 0800 804 8044

- **Manx Radio this Sunday at 9.30am is a half-hour programme by Judith Ley.** Judith shows that Christian churches of all denominations on the Isle of Man are alive and well, and doing great things! Join her for inspiring stories, interesting interviews, great music and moments for quiet reflection

BBC1 Songs of Praise this Sunday is at 13.15pm, both on the NW Region or Northern Ireland, and presented for the first time by singer Brenda Edwards. She is in east London, joining the Bonny Downs Baptists on their Sunday 'walking church' around the Flanders Field memorial garden, finishing with Holy Communion in their community garden. She also joins their walking football team to hear about the benefits of fun, faith and footie. Katie Piper meets the Rev Chris Lee, whose 60- second online sermons have gone viral, attracting over 170,000 followers. Katie also meets two award winning women whose charity Wave brings those with and without learning disabilities together in friendship. There's music from around the country, including a performance from Brenda.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity: 18th -25th

January: With more than 100 years of history, this annual observance involves Christian communities throughout the world represented through The World Council of Churches . This is a fellowship of churches which confess the Lord Jesus Christ as God and Saviour according to the scriptures, and therefore seek to fulfil together their common calling to the glory of the one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. It is a community of churches on the way to visible unity in one faith and one eucharistic fellowship, expressed in worship and in common life in Christ. It seeks to advance towards this unity, as Jesus prayed for his followers, "so that the world may believe." (John 17:21) and it is the broadest and most inclusive among the many organized expressions of the modern ecumenical movement, a movement whose goal is Christian unity. The Word Council of Churches (WCC) brings together churches, denominations and church fellowships in more than 110 countries and territories throughout the world, representing over 500 million Christians and including most of the world's Orthodox churches, scores of Anglican, Baptist, Lutheran, Methodist and Reformed churches, as well as many United and Independent churches. While the bulk of the WCC's founding churches were European and North American, today most member churches are in Africa, Asia, the Caribbean, Latin America, the Middle East and the Pacific. There are now 350 member churches. For its member churches, the WCC is a unique space: one in which they can reflect, speak, act, worship and work together, challenge and support each other, share and debate with each other. During the week Congregations and parishes all over the world exchange preachers or arrange special ecumenical celebrations and prayer services.

We hold their work before God and pray for His Spirit to help us recognise that diversity is the richness of God's created world and is to be embraced with peace in our hearts as we seek the wholeness and Unity of His Love.

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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