

Patrick, Glen Maye & Dalby

Weekly News Sheet: 19th-26th July. 6th Sunday after Trinity

*We welcome all visitors to our churches this week; it's great to have you with us .
Many thanks to everyone who's helped set up our churches and those involved in leading our worship.
And we welcome those still needing to keep isolation, but who are with us in spirit and prayer.*

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.

At this time of Annual meetings we hold the work of our Churches and Chapels before God. We pray for the wisdom and vision that we may adapt to a changing world. We pray for the commitment of our members and communities that together we may share the privilege of serving Christ in serving one another. We pray for volunteers willing to share their skills, time and energy that our church outreach may be strengthened.

We pray for the a generous response to the Disasters Emergency Committee (DEC) Coronavirus Appeal launched this week for the millions of people whose lives are at stake in war torn countries like Yemen, Syria and South Sudan. In Yemen around half the population live in slums, which are overcrowded and lack proper sanitation or access to soap and water. Severe malnutrition and infectious diseases like cholera and diphtheria, are common. With severely weakened immune systems, people are at a far higher risk from coronavirus and much more likely to become seriously ill or die. One in four Yemenis who've contracted Covid-19 has died. Two million under-fives need treatment for malnutrition. The pandemic is worsening food shortages in Yemen, and has led to a reduction in funding for aid programmes. The UN has been forced to close many of its programmes in Yemen The DEC's Coronavirus Appeal has been set up to raise urgent funds to help people fleeing war and living in fragile states. DEC charities are already on the ground in Yemen helping those most in need, but they desperately need more funding to scale up their operations.

Today's Readings Wisdom of Solomon 12.13,16-19 or Isaiah 44.6-8
Romans 8.12-25

Psalm 86.11-17
Matthew 13.24-30,36-43

The generosity of love

As we gather and share our stories and give thanks for our "Covid free" environment, we can't but be aware of those whose stories carry grief and loneliness, loss and insecurity. We must also all be painfully aware of the pain and suffering across the world in countries *so much* less fortunate than ourselves. In the face of the sheer magnitude of human suffering this surely is the time for an outpouring of prayer, love, and generosity. In our teaching last week we heard of the sheer abundance of the sower who distributed the seed, the opportunity of Life, regardless of rocky ground or infertile soil. In our teaching today of the parable of the wheat and the weeds Jesus is again at pains to emphasise the abundant generosity of the Fathers' Love. There is no finger pointing, no judgement of those not within the fold. They are given the opportunity of Life in full. The shame of the impact of the Covid pandemic is that the people now suffering the most, have *never* been given the opportunity of Life in its fullness, even before Covid came amongst them.

Thoughts to ponder

The test of our progress is not whether we add more to the abundance of those who have much; it is whether we provide enough for those who have too little.

Franklin D. Roosevelt

If the misery of the poor be caused not by the laws of nature, but by our institutions, great is our sin.

Charles Darwin

Once poverty is gone, we'll need to build museums to display its horrors to future generations. They'll wonder why poverty continued so long in human society--how a few people could live in luxury while billions dwelt in misery, deprivation and despair.

Muhammad Yunus Creating a World Without Poverty

Sunday Services for next week 26th July: The 6th Sunday after Trinity

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

Kirk Patrick 10.30am
Glen Maye 10.30am
Dalby 6.30pm

Covid 19 Thanks/Giving Service
Morning Worship
Celtic Communion in the schoolrooms

Robert Quayle
Mrs Leslie Motley
The Very Rev'd Nigel Godfrey

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

Weekly Diary 2020

Everyone is welcome to come to any of these events

NB > Please take full personal responsibility for your own regular hand washing / the use of hand gels, and maintaining social distancing.... please respect others who may be shielding and cannot be in close contact.

- **Tues 21st : Dalby AGM and Election of Officers:** 7.00pm in the Hub
- **Thurs 23rd : Meditation at Dalby in the Hub.** 7.30pm – 9.00pm
- **Fri 24th: The Hub Music session from 7.30pm,** bring your own drinks and food to share, your own voices to sing your own instruments to play and come & enjoy ☺
- **Saturday 25th/Sunday 26th Patrick Thanks/Giving Weekend.**
Saturday 25th July: Drop in to Patrick Church for chat, music, prayer, refreshments, 10am-5pm,
Sunday 26th: Thanks/Giving Service for relief from Covid-19 10:30am Donations over the weekend will be split between: Médecin Sans Frontières, the IOM Food Bank, and Church funds.
- **Sun 2nd Aug: Dalby Anniversary Celebration & Songs of Praise 6.30pm** followed by a Tea in the schoolrooms. Hope you can join us as we celebrate our amazing Community through Lockdown and (at last) the re-opening of Dalby Church! There'll be reflections from members of our community, Liz Howarth a Matron at Nobles Hospital as well a representative from Manx Solidarity a charity that has helped so many people on our Island & that our church has already supported. The collection from the service will be split between Dalby Church and the DEC Coronavirus Emergency Appeal.

NB> The Annual Parochial Meeting of the Ecclesiastical Parish of the West Coast will be held at 6.30pm the Cathedral, on Wed 29th July 2020 starting with Eucharist at 6.00pm. For full information please see the notices of this meeting in your church. *Everyone welcome*, though only those on the Parish Electoral Roll are entitled to vote. If you feel you would like to serve your church by assisting in any way please speak with your local Minister. *Thanks* ☺

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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Financial help during the Covid-19 pandemic If you or someone you know is struggling financially by loss of income resulting from the lockdown and need temporary assistance then the Manx Credit Union is here to help. We offer starter or emergency loans of up to £500 repayable over twelve months. Unemployment or age are no barriers to participation. We also offer a 'Save as you Borrow' scheme whereby at the end of the period you have saved as much as you have originally borrowed. The ethos of a credit union is to encourage savings whilst acknowledging that we all need to borrow from time to time. More information on membership of the Manx Credit Union can be found at www.mcu.im or email loans@mcu.im. A message can be left on our telephone 619459

Cathedral Exhibition : The Churches of the Island: All the churches across the Island have been invited to contribute to this exhibition to create an overall picture of our Island Church in 2020. The Exhibition will be launched at Evensong on Sunday 9th August at 3.30pm with tea and cake following the service. Everyone welcome, but to help with numbers for the catering could let your Minister know if you are planning to go.

Advanced Notice : Dalby Diary date:
***Mayhem : Our annual May Day Collectors Fair , on bank holiday Friday August 28th,** from 12 noon – 5.00pm with a wide range of stalls of collectables; the amazing Dalby Bric-a-brac sale in the Hub; the Plant stall, Cake stall, Fairtrade Cupboard..... and homemade lunches, coffees, afternoon teas and time to gather and natter together. All proceeds after costs will go to The Church Restoration Fund, and our two charities for this year : Alana's Gift helping children in the Unit at St. John's school; and the Manx Overseas Charity Beekeeping in Burundi
NB> *if you have bric a brac you'd like to share, or would like to help us in any way please get in touch with Margy : 843768, we'd love to hear from you!*

The Disasters Emergency Committee (DEC) is an umbrella group of UK charities which coordinates and launches collective appeals to raise funds to provide emergency aid and rapid relief to people caught up in disasters and humanitarian crises around the world. Since being formed in 1963, the DEC has had strong relationships with major UK broadcasters in particular the BBC and ITV, who provide airtime to broadcast emergency appeals upon its recommendation. The DEC is a registered charity with 14 charity members all with associated disaster relief capabilities. Its impact is that it utilises the networking and contacts previously established by these charities, whilst working together to share staff & resources to reduce costs and create a rapid and efficient response. Member organisations are : ActionAid ; Action Against Hunger; British Red Cross; CAFOD; CARE International; Christian Aid; Concern; Age UK; Islamic Relief; Oxfam; Plan UK; Save the Children; Tearfund; World Vision
To Donate on line see: <https://www.dec.org.uk/>