

Patrick, Glen Maye & Dalby

Weekly News sheet : 16th-23rd Jan. 2nd of Epiphany

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

We continue to 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. We pray that they may know God's presence with them and be comforted.

We particularly pray for those suffering with Covid on the Island, those who are fearful, and all those who are in isolation. We hold before God the on-going impact on the work place, our local communities and economy. We pray for the people in our social services, our schools and hospitals, our emergency services, and all who are working under pressure due to staff shortages at this time.

Our global prayer continues to be for all who are suffering as a result of the Covid pandemic and the escalating numbers with the omicron variant here and across the world. We mourn for their grief and loss and pray for justice that there may be equal distribution of the vaccine and the chance for life for all.

We hold before God all those who were affected by Super Typhoon Rai which hit the southern islands of the Philippines in December causing widespread devastation. Around 550,00 people still remain homeless. We hold in God's Love the Tearfund partners and other Aid agencies that are providing support, clean water and food to those affected, and those facing the difficulties of trying to coordinate travel to get supplies to different islands; and we pray for a generous response to help them in their work.

Today's readings .

Isaiah 62.1-5

1 Corinthians 12.1-11

Psalms 36.5-10

John 2.1-11

Life in abundance :

It seems that so often we walk boldly into a new yearand yet, by this time in January we are once again facing that dawning realisation that in fact not a lot has changed! We *still* face the same old issues, as people, as nations, as a global community. But, *in our teaching today*, in the familiar story of the wedding Feast at Cana, we hear that here *can* be change, we hear of that transformative, celebratory incident of hope, of generosity, of love and sheer abundance *in the presence of Christ!* It's too easy for us to get caught up in the small worries and anxieties of life, the details and responsibilities that weigh us down, that we forget the bigger picture of the gift of transformation offered to us through Christ. In our lives there are seldom dramatic miracles that change our external circumstances, but our *inner* reality will change when our focus is on knowing the wholeness and healing that Christ brings and we live our lives in the knowledge of that as a reality. Christ said : *I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.* John 10:10

Thoughts to ponder

This coming to know Christ is what makes Christian truth redemptive truth, the truth that transforms, not just informs. .

Harold Cooke Phillips

Christianity is not a theory or speculation, but a life; not a philosophy of life, but a living presence.

Samuel Taylor Coleridge

Jesus does not respond to our worry-filled way of living by saying that we should not be so busy with worldly affairs. . . . He asks us to shift the point of gravity, to relocate the centre of our attention, to change our priorities. Jesus does not speak about a change of activities, a change in contacts, or even a change of pace. He speaks about a change of heart. H..M. Nouwen

Sunday Services for next week : 23rd January :

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

Kirk Patrick: 10.30am Morning Worship
Glen Maye: 10.30am Morning Worship
Dalby: 6.30pm Celtic Communion

Graham McAll
Rev. Brian Kelly.
The Very Revd. Nigel Godfrey

Local Ministers for Patrick: Graham McAll : 840813 &
Wardens: Mac Beckerson 845385. John Parr 842618
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Safe Guarding Officer : Neil Evans: 843253

Weekly Diary 2021:

Anyone is very welcome to come to any of these events.....

NB > In line with Government Covid guidelines *and to maintain the well-being and safety of us all, we respectfully ask that if you have any cold-like symptoms you stay safely snuggled in by the fireside and look after yourself! Please always do a LFT before attending events and worship, wear a mask and maintain social distancing throughout..... that way we can stay safe whilst still continuing to meet and enjoying each other's company. Many thanks*

- **Mon 17th : Dalby Church Steering Group Meeting 7.00pm** in the schoolrooms
- **Tues 18th : Patrick Home Group** meeting in the Garden Room at 7.00pm. Anyone interested to know more please speak to Graham or Robert
- **Wed 19th : 'The power of the well-lived life':** a quiet morning at the Retreat House with the book of Ruth. Part 1. 10.00 a.m. – 12.30 p.m. with the option to join with the Thie dy Vea team for a simple lunch of soup & roll and hot drinks. Please contact us to book your place@ : welcomer@retreathouse.im
Cost: suggested donation of £15, or £20 if you wish to stay for lunch. Refreshments served from 9.30am.
- **Wed 19th : Dalby Soup Stop** with a selection of homemade soups, bread, cakes & Coffee. Serving from 12.30- 1.30pm. No need to book, just come and join us. Donations to help us meet our costs are always greatly appreciated ☺
- **Thurs 20th : "The Chosen "** at Dalby: **2.30pm – 4.00pm:** we invite you to join us for a series of short films and a chat over the next 6 weeks on a Thursday afternoon, as we share insights into the lives of those who lived alongside Jesus. This is a new Bible series that looks at the events that often took place in the spaces that the Bible leaves to our imagination. Everyone welcome, there will be refreshments. No need to book, just come when you can, each session is a standalone viewing. Hope you can join us!
- **Fri 21st : : Glen Maye & Toddler group: 9:30 to 11:30** every Friday in Term-time.
- **Fri 21st : Racing across the Atlantic on a Sailboat** – One Goal, Two People, and Three thousand miles against Wind and Tide. A Bistro Style evening at Dalby Schoolrooms at 7.30pm with an illustrated talk by Charlene Howard. Admission @ £12.50 includes a supper of Scouse with chunky bread and pickle followed by crumble and custard. Bring your own wine / beer. Please book in advance by ringing Gilly 844031 stating if you have any special dietary requirements.

Thursday Fellowship at the Guild Room, Atholl St. Peel. Every Thursday starting at 2.15pm, till Easter, speakers, quizzes etc. £1 including tea & biscuits. For further details: Thelma Corlett 801471

From Tearfund: At the end of last year, the Ethiopian government declared a 'state of emergency', urging its citizens to fight. This is due to the escalating conflict between government forces and Tigray armed groups; a crisis that has left millions of people traumatised, homeless and facing severe hunger. This week, a camp in northern Ethiopia for people who have been forced from their homes by the violence, has reportedly been hit by an airstrike, killing 56 people – including children – and wounding at least 30. Ephraim Tsegay, the Leader of Tearfund's work in Ethiopia says : 'We need prayer. It is God who can bring restoration and healing between all people. And we must be persistent in bringing this crisis to Him. As the Bible tells us to "Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer" (Romans 12:12) We ask that you join with us in prayer. " Please pray for provision of food, shelter, clean water and job opportunities for people who have been made homeless or who are suffering due to the violence. Please lift up those who are traumatised, and pray for God's comfort over their mind and body. Please pray for people's protection. Please Lift up The work of Aid agencies and Tearfund's local partners who are providing people with food, clean water and essentials in often challenging situations; pray for their safety as they travel and work. Please ask God to bring peace, healing and reconciliation between all people in Ethiopia and for the violence to end'

There are people in the world so hungry, that God cannot appear to them except in the form of bread.

Mohandas Gandhi

"Poverty is a very complicated issue, but feeding a child isn't."

Jeff Bridges

The belief that the world is getting worse, that we can't solve extreme poverty and disease, isn't just mistaken. It is harmful."

Bill Gates

Being unwanted, unloved, uncared for, forgotten by everybody, I think that is a much greater hunger, a much greater poverty than the person who has nothing to eat

Mother Teresa

Christmas Stamps: If you've saved stamps from your Christmas cards, we've a collecting box for them in Dalby Schoolrooms.... they are worth literally thousands of pounds to help the work of The Leprosy Mission! Please do just drop them in when your passing; the collection finishes at the end of January. *Many thanks*

If you'd like to have information in this news sheet could you please send it through to me by Thursday each week :
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