



Patrick, Glen Maye & Dalby

News Sheet : 21st-28th Feb 2021. 1st Sunday of Lent

Fairtrade Fortnight 22nd Feb – 7th March

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, and we pray that they may know God's presence with them now and be comforted.

During this cold and wet weather we hold in our prayers all those in our farming community who were affected by the deep frost last week, those with stock on saturated water logged land, and with little grass we pray they may have enough fodder in store to see them through the rest of the winter.

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 give thanks for the work of Fairtrade and all that it has done in raising awareness of issues of global poverty and injustice across the world. And we celebrate the millions of people who have put their money where their mouth is by choosing to shop with love and respect, that others may have a Fair wage.

Today's Readings Genesis 9.8-17
1 Peter 3.18-22

Psalm 25.1-9
Mark 1.9-15

uncertain times

Few of us are comfortable with change or uncertainty. The "not knowing" if things are happening or not happening; not having control over our daily decisions causes us natural frustration and tension. We are living through uncertain times and it's easy to feel buffeted by life's storms, as well as by the weather outside! But our teaching today reminds us of our *inner anchor points*. Last Wednesday we began our journey of Lent. A *great* opportunity in our faith journey, *and* our Life journey, to refocus on our relationship with God. Jesus didn't go into the desert to be tempted and to suffer He went into the desert to seek the heart of God at the start of his Ministry. He went to centre Himself in the Way of God's Kingdom, that every aspect of His life should be of God. At Lent we are invited to do the same. The *temptation* comes in the choice to remain the same, with our own familiar ego orientation, judgements and perceptions, or to have the courage of cast off the mental mind-set that limits us, and have the strength to walk instead, trusting in the fullness and promise of God, that we shall have Life (with a capital L!) in Him.

Thoughts to ponder.....

We must be silent before we can listen. We must listen before we can learn. We must learn before we can prepare. We must prepare before we can serve. We must serve before we can lead.

William Arthur Ward

"So much can change from one day to the next, but the one thing that always remains the same is God. Stay focused on Him.

Germany Ken

Your Kingdom Come, you will be done on earth as it is in Heaven. Not my will but yours be done O Lord.

Jesus of Nazareth . LK 2.:42..

Sunday Services for next week : Sunday 28th February 2021

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

Kirk Patrick 10.30am **Morning Prayer**
Glen Maye 10.30 **Morning Worship**
Dalby 6.30pm **Celtic communion**

Graham McAll & Robert Quayle
Congregational Praise
The Very Revd. Nigel Godfrey

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Weekly Diary 2021

Everyone is welcome to come to any of these

- **Sun 21st Feb : Taize Worship at Dalby. 6.30pm.** A beautiful quiet time of reflection, & song, everyone welcome
- **Wed 24th : Cathedral Lent Lunches.** The topic of the lunches this year is "Four different journeys, but one destination". The first speaker is Phil Craine, from Trinity Methodist Church in Douglas. Lunch is at the Deanery at 12.30pm and everyone is most welcome. The special Lenten lunch is home-made soup, biscuits and cheese.
- **Thurs 25th , 12.00pm – 1.30ppm: 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
- **Thurs 25th : Meditation at Dalby, 7.30pm – 9.00pm;** a guided session following the practice of WCCM (The World Community of Christian Meditation)
- **Fri 26th : Hub Music session from 7.30pm at Dalby,** bring your own instruments, voice, friends , nibbles and drinks to share and come and join in.

Fairtrade Fortnight : 22nd Feb-7th March: Choose the World You want one cup/ one bite at a time ! Climate, Fairtrade and You. Fairtrade Fortnight this year highlights the growing challenges that climate change brings to farmers and workers in the communities Fairtrade works with. The facts are straightforward. Farmers and workers in countries such as Kenya, Ethiopia and Honduras, who have done the least to contribute to climate change are disproportionately affected by it. They have told us that: 1) Climate change is one of their biggest challenges right now. 2) Low prices for their crops mean that they are struggling to fight back. 3) Only with more money will they feel equipped to meet their everyday needs and deal with the challenges they face from climate change. The climate crisis is an immediate and ever-increasing threat and those in climate vulnerable countries are already seeing its impacts from droughts and crop disease to floods, heatwaves and shrinking harvests. With the emergence of the global COVID pandemic, the challenges that farmers face now are bigger than ever before with falling commodity prices and widespread shocks reverberating along our global supply chains. Ongoing poverty in farming communities makes it increasingly hard to cope with the effects of climate change. They need our help to put farmers' voices at the heart of tackling the climate crisis and share the reality of their struggles. Our global trading system is balanced in favour of the powerful few. Trapped in this system, farmers already struggle to meet their immediate needs. More than ever, they need a fair price for their crops and their hard work. Fairtrade works to raise the voices of farmers and workers and prioritise what they need to respond to the environmental crises unfolding in already vulnerable communities. This Fortnight, we are being asked to "Choose the World We Want" and use our voice to tell others about the challenges that farmers face from climate change. Fairtrade is hosting an online Festival bringing together schools, universities, businesses, supporters, campaigners and farmers from across the world to choose the world they want. Join the On-line Fairtrade Festival 2021.

Fairtrade Fortnight : Film at Dalby : Thursday 4th March : 7.30pm: Freightened : revealing the mechanics and perils of freight shipment, an industry that holds the key to our economy, our environment and the very model of our civilisation. A documentary of the true cost of our consumer life styles. Come and join us and find out more as we take on the issues of Living Fairly this Fairtrade Fortnight! Please let others know, bring friends. Fairtrade baking & refreshments will be served. No cost but donations always welcome.

Cathedral Concerts 2021 March 6th at 7.30pm. We welcome Jazz singer Adele Dube and her band 'Nova'. Entry is free but donations are encouraged at the end of the evening in aid of Cathedral Music.

Guided Prayer : a new, free, online guided prayer series, which draws its inspiration from the Anglican monastic traditions, called [Rhythm of Grace - Lent](#) the 'Discovering Prayer' site.?

Step Forward 13th March: 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. Registration for the event which will take place on the **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

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* cheryl cousins@manx.net