

Patrick, Glen Maye & Dalby

Weekly News sheet : 23rd-30th Jan. 3rd 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 of Covid on the work place, our local communities and economy.

And we give thanks for all those who are actively involved in community life in our parishes & across the Island, those who freely give their time and energy, who help lift the burdens of others and to spread the Gospel of Love!

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 give thanks for the work of Aid workers, NGO's and Churches across the world who work tirelessly to support the poor and vulnerable, helping them to adapt to climate change and overcome hunger. We pray for those who are taking action to help refugees and migrants, those who campaign for justice and human rights, those who work for peace, unity and reconciliation. And we pray for all those who risk their lives whilst working in war zones, in the face a disaster emergencies, and civil unrest.

During this week of Christian Unity we pray for all Christian's across the world, that we may celebrate our differences, our unique giftings, our strength in diversity, and be united in God to witness His Love in our world.

**Today's readings . Nehemiah 8.1-3,5-6,8-10
1 Corinthians 12.12-31a**

**Psalm 19*
Luke 4.14-21**

A Vision to believe in

It is easy to believe that the world is in a mess that things are spiralling out of orbit, and that we are all *very* small fish in an enormous sea where the waves seems relentless. So, in a Titanic scenario, where are we? The first to get in the life-rafts to escape? Those who deny what's happening and party on? Or those who help with a rescue plan, bringing stability and hope into an escalating situation ? In our teaching today we read of Jesus at the start of His ministry, as He picks up the scriptures and reads from Isaiah. In that one statement Jesus sets out His vision, His aim and objectives and the mission statement for Himself *and His followers*: "to bring good news to the poor", to set humankind free, to open our eyes, our hearts and minds that we may *live with a different awareness*. God invites us to live a life of fullness and Love *within His Kingdom here on Earth*. He gives us the vision of fulfilment that lies ahead for those who choose to Travel His Way. His is a Way of hope, stability, serenity and peace and deep connection with humanity and the whole of the created world! What do we choose?

Thoughts to ponder....

Christ-likeness is your eventual destination, but your journey will last a lifetime

Rick Warren

"Our greatest fear should not be of failure but of succeeding at things in life that don't really matter."

Francis Chan

"God does not give us everything we want, but He does fulfil His promises, leading us along the best and straightest paths to Himself." –

Dietrich Bonhoeffer

Sunday Services for next week : 30th January :

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

Kirk Patrick:	10.30am	Morning Worship	Graham McAll & Robert Quayle
Glen Maye:	10.30am	Celebration Praise	
Dalby:	6.30pm	Songs of Praise and Poetry	with reflections by members of our community

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

Wardens: Mac Beckerson 845385. John Parr 842618

Steward:for Glen Maye : Paul Craker : 845681.

Local Minister for Dalby: Cheryl Cousins: 843471

Wardens : Marqy Killey:843768. Pauline Killey 843494

Safe Guarding Officer: Sarah Hedley : 361763

Secretary: Julia Sharples 840801.

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 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 all stay safe whilst still continuing to meet! Many thanks*

- **Sun 32rd: Cathedral Concert Series 2022** The first concert in the 2022 Cathedral series is this afternoon at 5.30pm when Dr Peter Litman, the Cathedral Organist will give a concert.
- **Mon 24th : The BBC series : The Chosen : screening at 7.30pm at Dalby Schoolrooms:** we'd love you to join us for a series of short films and a chat on Monday evenings over the next 6 weeks, as we share insights into the lives of some of those who lived alongside Jesus. Everyone welcome, there'll be refreshments. No need to book.
- **Tues 25th : Movies in the afternoon at Dalby : 2.30 p.m. . JULIE & JULIA** (Cert 12. 118 mins) Another chance to see Meryl Streep as culinary legend, Julia Child, who inspires Julie Powell to whip up 524 recipes in 365 days. A delicious comedy about joy, determination, butter and chopped onions. Everyone welcome!
- **Tues 25th : Patrick Home Group** meeting in the Garden Room at 7.00pm. Anyone interested to know more please speak to Graham or Robert
- **Wed 26th : Dalby Ducklings: 10am – 11.30 .** *please book with Cheryl in advance.*
- **Thurs 27th : 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
- **Meditation at Dalby, from 7.30pm -9.00pm .** A Journey into stillness and silence following the Practice of the World Community of Christian meditation. *Open to everyone.*
- **Fri 28th : Glen Maye & Toddler group: 9:30 to 11:30** every Friday in Term-time.
- **Fri 28th : The Hub Music session:** meeting from 7.30pm
- **Sun 30th: Songs of Praise & Poetry at Dalby, 6.30pm** if you'd like to share your favourite hymn with us please contact Cheryl *before* Thursday this week, and come and join us on Sunday!

Considering Ministry? 'Step Forward' is an exploratory online conference on Saturday 5th March, focusing on Ordained Ministry. Contact Canon Janice Ward (851378) or the Dean for further details.

Saturday 29th January | 'Here comes the Sun'
6.00 – 7.00 p.m. 'Here comes the Sun' offers a gentle evening of words, music (played by Darren McPhee), candles and visual images. Christian in ethos, the evening may be particularly welcomed by those who don't 'do' church, or maybe not for a long time! Come alone- or come with a friend. Come and just rest, be, listen, reflect- and join in where you want to. Teas and coffees will be served at the end for those who want to linger longer. Led by Judy Cannan, and the TdV team. Cost: donations are invited. - please contact us to book your place: welcome@retreathouse.im Numbers limited

During this Week of Prayer for Christian Unity
this message comes from the Churches of the Middle East, the history of which was, and still is, characterised by conflict and strife, tainted with blood and darkened by injustice and oppression. Conscious that the world shares many of the issues and much of the difficulties that it experiences it offers this message to the Global Church : *Serving the Gospel today requires a commitment to the human being, especially the poorest, the weakest and those marginalised. It requires that churches have a transparency and accountability in dealing with the world, and with each other. That churches cooperate to provide relief to the afflicted, to welcome the displaced, to relieve the burdened, and to build a just and honest society. This is a call for churches to work together so that young people across the world can build a good future according to God's heart, a future in which all human beings can experience life, peace, justice, and love.*

Prayer of Mother Teresa:

Dear Lord, help us to spread your fragrance wherever we go. Flood our souls with your Spirit and Life, and possess our whole being so utterly, that our lives may be a radiance of yours. Shine through us and be so in us, that every soul we come in contact with may feel your presence in our soul. Let them look up and see no longer us but only Jesus..... Let us preach you without preaching, not by words, but by our example, by the catching force, the sympathetic influence of what we do, the evident fullness of the love our hearts bear to you.

Christmas Stamps: If you've saved, we've a collecting box for them in Dalby Schoolrooms to help the work of The Leprosy Mission! 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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