

# Patrick, Glen Maye & Dalby

Weekly News Sheet : 24<sup>th</sup>- 31<sup>st</sup> Jan 2021

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Epiphany: The 7<sup>th</sup> day 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 now 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 .

**As we come to the close of 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 and 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** 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

**Genesis 14.17-20  
Revelation 19.6-10**

**Psalm 128  
John 2.1-11**

## *giving, sharing, receiving .....*

Hospitality is at the heart of most cultural traditions and Festivals. It is at the core of Welcoming; extending friendship, the uniting of strangers (*and is much missed during our enforced culture of lockdown!*) Before His ministry began, Jesus demonstrated the generosity of unconditional giving at the wedding at Cana ... and brought His earthly Ministry to a close with the breaking of bread and the sharing of wine with His disciples at the Last Supper. In our teaching today we hear of the giving, the sharing, *the receiving* in abundance that is The Core of our Christian discipleship. It reflects the spontaneous abandonment of generosity that is the very nature of God Himself.

## *Thoughts to ponder .....*

*Hospitality means we take people into the space that is our lives and our minds and our hearts and our work and our efforts. Hospitality is the way we come out of ourselves. It is the first step towards dismantling the barriers of the world. Hospitality is the way we turn a prejudiced world around, one heart at a time.*

Joan Chittister

*Hospitality means primarily the creation of free space where the stranger can enter and become a friend instead of an enemy. Hospitality is not to change people, but to offer them space where change can take place. It is not to bring men and women over to our side, but to offer freedom not disturbed by dividing lines.*

Henri J.M. Nouwen.

*Hospitality is the practice of God's welcome by reaching across difference to participate in God's actions bringing justice and healing to our world in crisis.*

Letty M. Russell

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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. This video sharing platform is free to download and use– see website [www.cathedral.im](http://www.cathedral.im). You can join them for the service on:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81447751848?pwd=d1BvNVk0T0JPWS91RE9MU3E0T3ROQT09> **Meeting ID: 814 4775 1848 Passcode: 154324**

If you haven't already registered, could they please contact Val Garrett on [admin@cathedral.im](mailto:admin@cathedral.im) by 6pm on Saturday 23 January. To enable the service to start on time, the host Susan Moroney will mute everyone at 10.28am – it is possible to join the meeting from 10.20am so please join early if you can as this will assist Susan who can only let people in one at a time.

. 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](http://www.stjamesdalby.org) or it can be delivered to you as a hard copy on request. Please contact Cheryl.

- **Patrick is meeting each Sunday on Zoom at 10.30am;** please contact Robert Quayle for more information.

- **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

### **The easing of Lockdown restrictions .....**

With the possibility of lockdown restrictions across the Island beginning to be eased, it is now hoped that Churches can be open for Worship again for Candlemas on Sun 7<sup>th</sup> February (dependant obviously upon their being no new cases in the community.) ..... Let's hope! ☺

### **Scripture Union Ministries Trust (SUMT) is looking for a person to work within the Secondary school curriculum.**

The closing date is 5pm on Monday 22 February. Salary will dependent upon hours ( flexible/negotiable ) and experience. The current range for a full time position is (£20,000-£24,000). For full information please see their website [www.sumt.im](http://www.sumt.im) or email Ruth at [ruth.w@sumt.im](mailto:ruth.w@sumt.im).

### **, "Abide in my love and you shall bear much fruit":**

This the theme for this year's week of prayer for Christian Unity based on John 15:1-17. The Week, which comes to its conclusion this Monday, has been prepared by the Monastic Community of Grandchamp in Switzerland and the theme expresses Grandchamp Community's vocation to prayer, reconciliation and unity in the Church and the human family.

### **Prayer for Christian Unity :**

**God of life, you have created everyone in your image and likeness. We sing your praise for the gift of our many cultures and traditions. Grant us the courage to stand against injustice and prejudice .**

**Merciful God, you have shown us in Christ that we are one in you. Teach us to use this gift in the world so that believers of all faiths in every country may be able to listen to each other and live in peace .**

**O Jesus, you came into the world and shared fully in our humanity. You know the hardships of life for people who suffer in so many different ways. May the Spirit of compassion move us to share our time, gifts and resources with all those in need.**

**Holy Spirit, you hear the fury of your wounded creation and the cries of those already suffering from climate change. Guide us toward new ways of living that are in harmony with all creation.**

**At the centre of the world is God, in whom all our desires and longings find their meeting place.**

**As we move closer to God, so we draw closer to one another. And the closer we come to one another . . . the closer we come to God. Amen.**

### **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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