

Patrick, Glen Maye & Dalby

Weekly News Sheet: 26th July-2nd Aug . 7th 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

**1 Kings 3.5-12
Romans 8.26-39**

**Psalm 119.129-136
Matthew 13.31-33,44-52**

what are we seeking

The new norm ?? It's mentioned often enough in the media, but have you noticed it's no longer referred to as a thing of vision, or an opportunity for new beginnings; but as a list of restrictions we will all have to cope with as we try to re-introduce life, "just as it used to be". But, talk to anyone in the majority world, and they will *not* be hoping that everything goes back to their old "normal". In our teaching today we read a series of Jesus' parables that talk of the opportunity for growth, transformation and joy for those who *seek with single minded focus*. Our Old Testament reading celebrates Solomon's humility in *seeking God's wisdom*, that he may prioritise *governing with Justice*. During Covid many of us were aware that there has to be drastic change for the well-being of people and planet. If we are truly seeking, and single focused in trying to live God's way, then we really can't be seeking the return of the old norm but the "kingdom of heaven" : peace, unity, equality and justice.

Thoughts to ponder

*And the people stayed home.
And read books, and listened, and rested,
and exercised, and made art, and played games,
and learned new ways of being,
.... and were still. And listened more deeply.
Some meditated, some prayed, some danced.
Some met their shadows.
And people began to think differently.
And the people healed.
And in the absence of people living in ignorant,
dangerous, mindless, and heartless ways,
the earth began to heal.
And when the danger passed,
and the people joined together again,
they grieved their losses,
and made new choices, and dreamed new images,
and created new ways to live and heal the earth fully,
as they had been healed.*

Kitty O Meara.

Sunday Services for next week 2nd August: The 8th 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

Holy Communion
Morning Worship
Anniversary Songs of Praise

Canon Kelly
Rev Richard Hooton
Cheryl

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

- **Sun 26th 6.30pm :Celtic Communion in the Hub at Dalby**
- **Tues 28th : Western Mission partnership Meeting in Dalby Schoolrooms; starting with a shared meal at 6.30pm**
- **Wed 29th: 6.00pm Holy Communion at the Cathedral**
6.30pm :The Annual Parochial Meeting of the Parish of the West Coast 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* ☺
- **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.

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 PS> *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!*

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*
cherylcousins@manx.net

Sunday 9th August at 3.30pm the launch of the Cathedral Exhibition : The Churches of the Island

All 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 followed by tea and cake. Everyone welcome, but to help with numbers for the catering could let your Minister know if you are planning to go.

Each Saturday afternoon during August, from 2.00pm – 5.00pm, the Cathedral offers an open invitation for visitors to enjoy tours of the gardens, play mini golf in the Cathedral, see the Manx Christianity 2020 exhibition, child friendly activities available e.g. eye-spy sheets, scones, cakes, tea, coffee, cold drinks available or a full afternoon tea by arrangement, sale of plants, etc.

If you feel you could offer help on any specific Saturday(s) in any way – tours (training available), baking, serving, supervising golf, etc – please do let Helen know (deanpa@cathedral.im/ 482516)

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

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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

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