

Patrick, Glen Maye & Dalby

Weekly News sheet : 31st July -7th Aug. Trinity 7. Proper 13

We welcome you to our churches this week; it's great to have you with us .

Our thanks go to those who have helped to set up our churches and all who 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 the increased numbers of people on the Island with Covid again, we pray for their well-being, as well as for their work places facing staff shortages.

We hold before God those who fish our waters and farm our land, all who grow crops & food, all who are dependent upon the cycle of the seasons, weather, temperature, sun, wind and rain. In these challenging times we pray for their livelihoods and security, for their ongoing stewardship of land & sea.

We continue to hold before God the people of Ukraine in their suffering and loss, their betrayal and fear as more promises are broken and the war continues to destroy their country, their homes, their lives, their hopes and expectations. And we pray for all people who live in the desolation and devastation of war and fear. We pray for their courage, their faith and their resilience and for the presence of healing and peace to be tangible in this world, that we may live with a greater empathy, understanding and respect, and a deeper generosity of Spirit .

We hold before God the 820,000 people in northern Mozambique who have fled their homes due to the ongoing violence of the armed group al-Shabaab who have led a campaign of terror over many years. We remember all those who have been forced to become refugees, made vulnerable and dependent upon the generosity, welcome and outreach of a host community .

Today's readings : Ecclesiastes 1.2,12-14; 2.18-23
Colossians 3.1-11

Psalm 49.1-12*
Luke 12.13-21

" the foolishness of God"

As our society finally acknowledges the "Climate Emergency" as if something new now suddenly thrust upon us, priorities in life come into question. Those deep questions as to who *we* are, what *we're* about and where *we* are going, can seem to fade into insignificance in the light of global catastrophe. Man throughout history has been offered the choice, do we engage and take responsibility for the greater good, or do we do as we like and allow the consequences to roll over us and affect everyone else. Our teachings today all reflect upon the foolishness of the self-seeking self-attaining lifestyle. As the Hymn " Come Holy Spirit, come " puts it: " Let us not despise, the humble path Christ trod, but choose ...the "foolishness" of God".

That is: the way of sacrificial Love.

Thoughts to ponder:

So the divine love is sacrificial love. Love does not mean to have and to own and to possess. It means to be had and to be owned and to be possessed. It is not a circle circumscribed by self, it is arms outstretched to embrace all humanity within its grasp. Fulton J. Sheen

We are called to live a sacrificial faith - not a superficial faith. A sacrificial faith always seeks the welfare of others even when it is personally costly. A person with sacrificial faith does not always demand their rights, they fight first for the rights of others. Richard Stearns

Human progress is neither automatic nor inevitable. Every step toward the goal of justice requires sacrifice, suffering, and struggle; the tireless exertions and passionate concern of dedicated individuals.

Martin Luther King Jr

Sunday Services for next week. 7th Aug : Trinity 8. Proper14

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

Kirk Patrick: 10.30am	Holy Communion	Robert Quayle & Canon Kelly
Glen Maye: 10.30am	Morning Worship	Leslie Motley
Dalby: 6.30pm	Celtic Evening Prayer	Cheryl

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 : Margy Killey:843768. Pauline Killey 843494

Safe Guarding Officer: Sarah Hedley : 361763

Secretary: Julia Sharples 840801.

Safe Guarding Officer : Neil Evans: 843253

Weekly Diary 2022:

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

- **Sun 31st : A special time of Reflections & Songs of Praise: 6.30pm at Dalby** , everyone welcome, there'll be tea & cake after the worship, hope you can join us.
- **Tues 2nd Aug : Patrick Coffee Stop** in the Garden Room at the Knockaloe Centre 10.00am
- **Wed 10th Aug : Lunatraktors at Dalby!**
We're excited to be hosting an evening with "Lunatraktors", a broken folk duo with an international reputation! Come join us at 7.30pm for 8.00pm for a great night as we celebrate achieving our Silver Eco Church Award! Please contact Gilly on 844031 to book ,admission @ £12.50 includes savoury nibbles & a Prosecco welcome, but please BYO drinks! All proceeds after costs go to Dalby Church Restoration Fund. Lunatraktors first two albums made the MOJO top ten, and they have received the British Music Collection LGBTQ+ Award and the George Butterworth Award. For more info please see: linktr.ee/Lunatraktors. *Hope you can join us!*

Message from Louise Whitelegg from Christian Aid

Aid : *Many thanks to everyone for all your hard work for Christian Aid week this year. I would love some feedback on how I can help to support you better next year. Please do get in touch. We are £10,000 shy of the target, if you are able to help organise an event over the summer that would be fantastic.*

Can you help? Christian Aid are having a stall at the Royal Show 13/14th August and are looking to Volunteers to help on the Friday or Saturday. If you are able to help, please get in touch Louise Whitelegg Christian Aid IOM Tel: 474275 : LWhitelegg@christian-aid.org *Many thanks*

TT Schedule Public Consultation: this is the second public consultation for the proposed 2023 TT Race Schedule. The Department received a limited number of responses to the original public consultation in 2021. Therefore, due to the importance of this new schedule, the Department is now offering a further opportunity for the Island's residents, businesses and other organisations, groups and associations who wish to participate, as well as off-Island race fans, to provide feedback on the proposed schedule for the 2023 TT Races before confirming the 2023 race schedule. Closing date: 12 th August. To access the survey see: <https://consult.gov.im/economic-development/isleof-man-tt-races-schedule-change-tt-2023/>

East Africa Emergency Appeal

Christian Aid has launched an emergency appeal for East Africa. After the worst drought in 40 years, millions of people across East Africa are facing the acute threat of famine. The severe weather is being made worse by the climate crisis and COVID. Now, Russia's invasion of Ukraine has amplified an increase in global food prices that has turned an already tough situation into a dire crisis. *"Poverty and hunger are set to rise exponentially in some of the poorest parts of the world. Christian Aid is hearing of growing fears that a food crisis could lead to riots and instability. The time to act is now."* – Michael Mosselmans, Christian Aid's Head of Humanitarian response . Working through local partners, Christian Aid is responding to the hunger crisis in the worst-affected areas in Ethiopia, Kenya and South Sudan. With your help we aim to provide life-saving support to over 300,000 people in urgent need –

- In Ethiopia, our local partners will help prevent herders from losing livestock through emergency livestock feed and vaccination programs, as well as improving access to safe water and improving hygiene and sanitation facilities
- In Kenya, our partners will provide cash assistance, improve access to clean water and provide emergency veterinary treatment for livestock
- In South Sudan our partners will provide cash, seeds, fishing kits and support for village savings and loan associations to help support community resilience

Please help if you are able to, marking any donations to East Africa Appeal. NB> We have now left the IOM Bank and are banking with Lloyds. Thank you to everyone who has transferred their monthly giving to the new account. Details below if you require : them: Christian Aid Isle Of Man Acc 46 82 01 60, Sort 30 12 80.

Triskelion Way pilgrimage

Friday 26th - Monday 29th August. Come and join us in this four day adventureAs in past years, we shall follow the full 37 miles (60km) of the trail - from Rushen Abbey via Peel to Maughold, infusing our walking with a spirit of pilgrimage which may include prayer & reflection, poetry & silence. All are welcome. This year's dates coincide with the Manx Grand Prix and road closures affect access and mean we shall walk 'backwards'(!) on Saturday from Kirk Michael to Peel. More details can be found on the info sheet attached, including road closures. Henry Uniacke and Phil Craine (437248 / philcraine44@gmail.com)

"As I make my slow pilgrimage through the world, a certain sense of beautiful mystery seems to gather and grow."
A. C. Benson

If you'd like to have information in this news sheet

could you please send it through to Cheryl Cousins by Thursday @ cherylcousins@manx.net *Many thanks*