



# Patrick, Glen Maye & Dalby

News Sheet : 28<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> March . 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent

Fairtrade Fortnight 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb – 7<sup>th</sup> 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. We particularly remember those affected in the current cluster of Covid cases on the Island and all those who will be strongly affected hearing the recommendation of the Chief Minister that all activities and events should be cancelled and we are to isolate again from contact with all other families and friends with immediate effect.

**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 grief, the mourning and vulnerability of humanity before God and we pray for a just distribution of the vaccine to all nations. **During Fairtrade fortnight** we remember all who are forced to work but who receive such inadequate "wages" that they remain trapped in poverty. We give thanks for the work of Fairtrade Foundation in its vision to bring justice and shared community wealth through changing our shopping habits

### Today's Readings

**Genesis 17.1-7,15,16**  
**Romans 4.13-25**

**Psalms 22.23-31**  
**Mark 8.31-38**

### *a Journey of truth .....*

As we face the possibility of another Lockdown, and our best made plans yet again appear to evaporate before our eyes, it's natural to feel dispirited and frustrated. A stop/ start approach to life is not what we're used to. It takes time, and energy, and hope, and courage to re-engage..... and yet... with what apparent end results we may well ask? Our teaching for today suddenly feels very pertinent. Jesus says : "If any of you want to come with me you must forget yourself, carry your cross and follow me". Jesus is very clear that the privilege of being his disciple does not come hand in hand with some magic wand that changes reality. Part of the very nature of existence itself includes suffering; however other people's lives may seem to be, none of us are excluded from that. In spelling out the truth Jesus opens the door of awareness; that if we fight this inevitability of suffering, if we deny it, if we resist it, it will become a burden. Seen in the light of His Love for us, if we *accept* our "crosses" we immediately have the freedom then to continue our journey, of seeking His Love, of being His Love.

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

*Awake O sleeper, arise from the dead and Christ shall give you Light*

Ephesians 5 :14

*If you want release from suffering then be done with doubt, desire, and passion. Strengthen your practice, understand goodness and truth, and you will be free of suffering.*

Buddhist wisdom

*The truth that many people never understand, until it is too late, is that the more you try to avoid suffering the more you suffer because smaller and more insignificant things begin to torture you in proportion to your fear of being hurt.*

Thomas Merton

### **Sunday Services for next week : Sun 7<sup>th</sup> March 2021**

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

**Kirk Patrick** 10.30am **Holy Communion**  
**Glen Maye** 10.30 **Morning Worship**  
**Dalby** 6.30pm **Evening Prayer**

**Canon Kelly & Robert Quayle**

**Cheryl Cousins**

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

**Wardens:** Mac Beckerson 845385. John Parr 842618

**Safe Guarding Officer:** Sarah Hedley : 361763

**Minister for Glen Maye :** **Rev'd Andy Fishburne: 842202**

**Steward:** Paul Craker : 845681.

**Secretary:** Julia Sharples 840801.

**Local Minister for Dalby:** **Cheryl Cousins: 843471**

**Wardens :** Margy Killey:843768. Pauline Killey 843494

**Safe Guarding Officer :** Neil Evans: 843253

## Weekly Diary 2021

Everyone is welcome to  
come to any of these  
events

**NB > Due to the current Covid situation on the Island it is not yet known if any of these forthcoming events will be going ahead .....**

- **Mon 1<sup>st</sup> March Dalby Church Steering Group meeting at 6.30pm**
- **Wed 3<sup>rd</sup> : Cathedral Lent Lunches.** The topic of the lunches this year is "Four different journeys, but one destination". The speaker this week is the Dean. Lunch is at the Deanery at 12.30pm everyone most welcome. The special Lenten lunch is home-made soup, biscuits and cheese.
- **Thurs 4<sup>th</sup> , 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 Cooil Chapel Hall.
- **Thursdays at Patrick Board Games Club. 7pm in Patrick Old Schoolroom.** Over 18 years only , all welcome! See us on Facebook @GamesClubIOM
- **Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> : 7.30pm: Fairtrade Fortnight Film at Dalby: Frightened** 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.
- **Fri 5<sup>th</sup>: Dalby Hub Pub,** meeting from 7,30pm bring your own drinks & nibbles to share.
- **Sat 6<sup>th</sup> 11am - 3pm Glen Maye Craft Market** At Glen Maye Chapel & Community Centre. Homemade Produce & Handicrafts by Local Artists. Crafts, Gifts, Knitwear, Jewellery, Artwork etc **FREE ENTRY** - Join us for homemade light lunch, bacon baps, tea, coffee & cake.
- **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

**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](mailto:cherylcousins@manx.net)

## In the absence of any Church Services tomorrow Sun 28<sup>th</sup> :

There will be a Zoom service from the Cathedral on behalf of the Western Mission partnership at 10.30am. If you are already on the list for Zoom services, you will automatically receive an invitation from Susan to join tomorrow's service at 10.30am. If not and you would like to join, please contact Val Garrett [garrett.val3@gmail.com](mailto:garrett.val3@gmail.com).

Dalby will have a church at home service sheet for a reflective time for private prayer available on their home page of their website: [www.stjamesdalby.org](http://www.stjamesdalby.org)

Please also see : **Guided Prayer** : a new, free, online guided prayer series, which draws its inspiration from the Anglican monastic traditions, called [Rhythm of](#)

### *.... More than a shopping habit .....*

*It starts with a change so outwardly insignificant that no one would notice,*

*Except the person behind you in the aisle.*

*Just a moment when instead of seeing rows of labels on a supermarket shelf*

*You imagine .....*

*The people behind them,*

*Tilling the earth,*

*Sowing the seed,*

*Gathering the crops,*

*And you pause,*

*wondering what their names are,*

*where they live,*

*what difference it will make*

*if your hand picks up*

*this box. instead of that ...*

*Wondering:*

*how do I Love these neighbours?*

*Can I help change this child's long journey for water,*

*Her mother's lack of healthcare,*

*the prospect her father faces of another year*

*unable to feed his family well?*

*Just a moment. ....*

*And the person behind you, her impatient baby*

*squirming in the trolley,*

*may never realise .....*

*That in that brief hesitation*

*A life hung in the balance. ....*

### **Step Forward 13th March:** Aged 18 to 30?

Considering ordained ministry in the Church of England.  
? 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](mailto:janice.ward@sodorandman.im)