

Patrick, Glen Maye & Dalby

Weekly News Sheet: 2nd-9th Aug . 8th 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.

With the school holidays now upon us we pray for Gods' blessing upon the young people of our Island and for all the families of our churches, chapels and across our communities. We give thanks for our Island and its amazing beaches, landscape and opportunities for time out and staycations. We remember particularly single Mums, parents juggling work and child care & those struggling financially; that their holiday may bring respite & togetherness.

We continue to pray for the a generous response to the Disasters Emergency Committee (DEC) Coronavirus Appeal 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. 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

**Isaiah 55.1-5
Romans 9.1-5**

**Psalms 145.8-9,15-22*
Matthew 14.13-21**

A lesson in sharing

In the press this week we've heard that one in four children in primary schools in Britain are now recognised as being obese; we've also heard statistics that in the Yemen one in four people who have contracted Covid has died due to weak immune systems linked with disease and malnutrition. Our teaching today is on Jesus feeding the 5000. A miracle of generosity. An example of sharing and compassion. How challenging is that to all of us who live well beyond our basic human needs; to our society that endorses materialism and consumerism in the search of economic growth. Jesus took a gift of kindness and divided it amongst those who had nothing. This teaching is timeless. Jesus' action inspires others to be generous with what they have that those who are hungry will be fed. What aspect of this story is so difficult for us to understand today? Currently about 690 million people globally are undernourished.

Thoughts to ponder

Generosity does not apply only to money and material things; it is more about your spirit. You do not have to be financially wealthy to be generous. You can give love, kindness, time, listening, patience, caring, appreciation, compliments, and service. When in doubt, give.

Alan Cohen

You give but little when you give of your possessions. It is when you give of yourself that you truly give.

Khalil Gibran

Sharing what you have is more important than what you have.

Albert M. Wells, Jr.

Sunday Services for next week 9th August: The 9th Sunday after Trinity

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

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

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Weekly Diary 2020

Everyone is welcome to come to any of these events

- **Sun 2nd August 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 the re-opening of our Church! There'll be reflections from members of our community, Liz Howarth a Matron at Nobles Hospital as well a representative from Manx Solidarity The collection from the service will be split between Dalby Church and the DEC Coronavirus Emergency Appeal.
- **Tues 4th : Patrick coffee Stop** in the garden room at the Knockaloe Centre from 10am – 12noon.
- **Fri 7th: the Hub Pub at Dalby from 7.30pm:** bring your own wine/beer + nibbles to share, everyone welcome
- **Sat 8th Aug. 12 midday Bring and Share BBQ** To celebrate Karen's 5 years' ministry in Patrick Upper Allotments Field (Wet weather option = Schoolroom)
- **Sun 9th Patrick Church:10:30am:**'God meant it for good':3rd in the series on Joseph's Attempted Murder'
- **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

Saturday afternoons during August, from 2.00pm – 5.00pm at the Cathedral. 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)*

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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A BIG THANKYOU! To all who came, chatted, prayed, sang and gave at Patrick Thanks and Giving Weekend. Over £3200 raised for MSF, Foodbank and Church!

Triskelion Way pilgrimage: Bank holiday weekend Friday 28 – Monday 31 August. The trail runs 36 miles (60km) across the Island linking the historic centres of Rushen Abbey, Peel Cathedral and Maughold : we are offering a long-weekend hike in a spirit of pilgrimage and prayer : a chance to take time out for reflection and companionship, absorbing local heritage along the way such as keeills (early chapels), crosses and holy wells. All are welcome, whether joining for the whole journey or just half a day. Do get in touch if you have any enquiries (contact details below) but there's no need to book – just turn up! The terrain varies from sheltered glen to scenic clifftop to dramatic waterfall...

Fri 28 Aug: Rushen Abbey to Peel - 12 miles.

Sat 29 Aug: Peel to Kirk Michael - 8 miles.

Sun 30 Aug: Kirk Michael to Ramsey - 12 (hard!) miles.

Mon 31 Aug: Ramsey to Maughold - 4 miles.

We shall aim for a steady pace but won't be rushing.

For more information Please contact Henry Uniacke (255044 / henryuniacke@gmail.com) and Phil Craine (437248 / philcraine44@gmail.com)

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 :
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!*

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

To Donate on line see: <https://www.dec.org.uk/>