

The Risen! **Patrick, Glen Maye & Dalby** **Christ** — 2nd - 9th May 5th Sunday of Easter

*We welcome everyone to our churches this week; it's great to have you with us .
 Our thanks go to those who have helped set up our churches and are involved in leading worship.*

We give thanks for the on-going control of the Coronavirus on the Island; for the care of our health services, and the privilege of receiving free vaccinations, and we pray for those on the Island still ill with the virus. 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 hold in prayer our Chapel and Church Communities here and across the Island, that we may grow in faith and love, in fellowship and commitment, to serve our local communities and the wider world.

Our global prayer continues to be for all who are suffering as a result of the Covid pandemic. We particularly remember the people of India and Brazil who are facing such loss. 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 and equal distribution of the vaccine that all may have the chance of life.

We remember in our prayers the people of Nepal facing the worst forest fires recorded in more than fifteen years, creating air pollution levels which have left communities struggling to breathe and had devastating impact on the local wild life and environment. We pray for the healing of the earth.

Today's Readings :

**Acts 8.26-40
 1 John 4.7-21**

**Psalms 22.25-31
 John 15.1-8**

a return to normality ?

I was told it was impossible to try to get a builder, "things here are manic" they said. Someone else was describing an over-crowded shop as "a nightmare"..... Is this the normality that we've been waiting so long to return to?! In our teaching today Jesus describes us as the branches of the vine, designed to "bear fruit". A sad misinterpretation of this is that we are to become highly productive; hyper absorbed in busyness, good deeds and activity! In fact the focus of Jesus's teaching could be seen as the very opposite. We are to seek to be centred, anchored, at one with Him, The Vine. In stillness and in silence we can absorb His love, and the fruit we bear will be, in His strength, to become Loving people. That is the "Normality" of God's master plan for His Creation; that we live as one in Him.

Thoughts to ponder

Dear friends, let us love one another, because love comes from God. Whoever loves is a child of God and knows God.
 1 John

Meditation is the work of entering the silence of our own true nature and the silence of God's true nature.

Fr. Laurence Freeman

The wonderful beauty of prayer is that the opening of our heart is as natural as the opening of a flower. To let a flower open and bloom it is only necessary to let it BE; so if we simply ARE, if we become and remain still and silent, our heart cannot but be open, the Spirit cannot but pour through into the whole of our being. It is for this we have been created . Fr. John Main.

Sunday Services for next week : Sun 9th May 2021

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

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

Graham McAll & Robert Quayle
Canob Margaret Burrow

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 : Maray Killeev:843768. Pauline Killeev 843494

Safe Guarding Officer : Neil Evans: 843253

Weekly Diary 2021:

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

- **Mon 3rd May : Dalby Collectors Fair on Bank Holiday Monday from 12 noon – 5pm.** Our annual May gathering, with a wide range of Collectables, plus the church bric-a-brac bonanza in the Hub basement, along with plants & cakes for sale, and of course home baking, lunches & teas. Proceeds after costs go to our two charities for the year : Alana's Gift , supporting the Special Unit at St Johns School, and Bees for Burundi, as well as the Dalby Church Restoration Fund. No admission charge, everyone welcome. If you have any items of bric-a-brac looking for a new home we'd be very grateful, please drop them off in the schoolrooms
Many thanks
- **Tues 4th May: Patrick Coffee Stop from 10 am – 11.30am at the Knockaloe Garden room**
- **Fri 7th : Dalby Hub Pub meeting from 7.30pm.** Bring your own drinks, snacks to share.....
- **Saturday 8th May: Island Spirituality Network : at St John's Mill, 10.00am - 1.00pm.** Our speaker for the morning will be the Very Revd Nigel Godfrey, Dean of the Cathedral. The theme for the morning is: "Balance and Benedict - finding balance in life". Nigel, a Manxman by birth, will be speaking to us, not from some theoretical perspective, but out of his own lived and fully committed experience. His heart is rooted and his life deeply engaged in living the balanced life of prayer and work according to the Benedictine Rule. Suggested donation of £5 to help cover costs.
- **Mon 10th: Dalby AGM and election of Church Officers will be at 7.00pm** in the schoolrooms, followed by a steering group meeting.

Parish of the West Coast APCM : is now to be held on Tuesday 25 May. The programme will be:

- 6pm Eucharist
- 6.30pm Bring and share tea
- 7.15pm Meeting to elect Churchwardens, followed by the APCM. These meetings to be followed by first PCC Meeting of 2021/22.

If you would like to be a member of the Local Church Council for your church please talk to your Local Minister for more details.

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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Can you help this Christian Aid Week? Christian Aid Week is during May 10th -16th Please contact lwhitelegg@christian-aid.org or 474275 for details on how you can volunteer. *Thanks*

Praying the Keeills Week : May 22nd – 29th

An opportunity to visit a selection of Keeills –the tiny ancient chapels which dot the Manx countryside which link us with our forebears who built them in faith possibly over 1000 years ago. A time to pray and ponder, just as they did before us. This year's theme centres on Creation, encouraging us to appreciate the splendour of God's gifts in nature, as well as to reflect on how we can sometimes mess things up. There's a wide range of guided walks through the week as well as coach tour and a public lecture. All events are free (apart from the coach trip!). Please see the flyers in church for full information, for final confirmation of the programme see : www.prayingthekeeills.org)

The true source of joy is love—love of God, love of beauty, love of wisdom, love of another human being, it does not matter which. It is all one love: a joyful awareness of dissolving boundaries of our ordinary narrow self, of being one with reality beyond, of being made whole.

from The Door to Joy by Irma Lalecki in "Heron Dance"

The holy life is concerned with the journey, not the goal..... In truth it is the spiritual journey that brings great joy because it is a path of the heart. Discipline is needed; we need to put forth effort. The effort must be light-hearted. We can't be attached to our mistakes or any particular way of doing or being... We bring a sense of equanimity to all life's challenges; we learn to laugh at ourselves, to not take ourselves so seriously, and to get back up when we stumble. This brings us joy. Joy makes life whole and holy.

from OPEN MIND by Diane Mariechild

UNICEF have developed an ambitious scheme to deliver two billion Covid-19 vaccines to health workers and the most high-risk people on our planet. We are invited to be part of this humane global outreach to the World's most vulnerable people. If you would like to make a personal donation please follow the link: <https://www.unicef.org.uk/donate/coronavirus> Or alternatively, Finance at the Cathedral will be happy to collect your gift and pass it on: Bank details are: Account St German's Cathedral, Sort code: 559107, Account no: 18473466, Ref: vaccine. If paying by cheque please use payee St German's Cathedral. With cheque and cash please place in envelopes and label "vaccine". The Cathedral will forward the donations to UNICEF at the end of May. A donation of £45 could deliver 1593 vaccines (less than 3p a jab). Remember "no-one is safe until we are all safe."