

# Patrick, Glen Maye & Dalby

Weekly News sheet : 30<sup>th</sup> Jan - 6<sup>th</sup> Feb

## Candlemas / Epiphany 4



*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 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.

**On the feast of the Presentation of Christ at the Temple** we hold before God the older and retired people in our churches and chapels and within our communities. We give thanks for all they contribute. And we pray that God's Spirit nurtures and inspires them as they use and share their experiences of life with wisdom, humility and gladness.

**Our global prayer continues to be for all who are suffering as a result of the Covid pandemic** here and across the world. We mourn for their grief and loss and pray for all involved in the health services, in caring, and is seeking justice that there may be equal distribution of the vaccine and the chance for life for all.

**We continue to pray for peace in Yemen** where ongoing conflict, disease and hunger are causing suffering on an unimaginable scale. More than 10,000 children have been killed in the violence and hundreds of thousands more are at risk of starvation. In the midst of this, the UK Government is apparently fuelling the conflict by allowing UK companies to sell weapons to parties involved in the violence. We pray that the UK Government will become ambassadors for unity and peace by stopping the issue of these licenses, and work to bring about peace in the region.

**Today's readings . Malachi 3.1-5  
Hebrews 2.14-18**

**Psalm 24.[1-6]7-10  
Luke 2.22-40**

### A Celebration of light .....

This Sunday, as we look to the Festival of Candlemas on Wed 2<sup>nd</sup>, we celebrate the Churches Festival of Light! A time where we mark the purification of Mary, (traditionally symbolised by bringing snowdrops into the church). We also celebrate the presentation of the child Jesus at the Temple... the new order, coming from the old; (traditionally symbolised by the candles of the Church being blessed, and the people bringing in their household candles for blessing, that the new light may shine in the world.) In our teaching today we hear of the wisdom of the elders, Anna and Simeon, recognising The Christ Child. The old, blessing the new; making way for the new. But, despite the beauty of the symbolism of the candles and the snowdrops, this is no light-weight, feel-good Festival. We hear Simeon's hard hitting prophecy that spells out that the *way of Light* is the way of *revelation*, of seeing again, starting afresh, cleansing, that will do away with hypocrisy, and apathy, and self-seeking, and will bring in a new order of justice, and equality, honesty and truth. It is a time for renewal and recommitment; for seeking to have the courage within ourselves to become the Light that will eradicate the darkness, and bring in unity and peace.

### Thoughts to ponder ....

*Awake O sleeper , arise from the dead, and Christ will bring you Light .*  
Eph : 5:14

*Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves, for the rights of all who are destitute. Speak up and judge fairly, defend the rights of the poor and needy"* Proverbs 31. 8-9.

*We must accept finite disappointment, but we must never lose infinite hope.*  
Martin Luther King Junior

### Sunday Services for next week : 6<sup>th</sup> Feb:

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

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

**Robert Quayle & Canon Brian Kelly**  
**Mrs Phyllis Jackson**  
**Cheryl Cousins**

**Local Ministers for Patrick: Graham McAll : 840813 &**  
**Wardens: Mac Beckerson 845385. John Parr 842618**  
**Steward:for Glen Maye : Paul Craker : 845681.**  
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## Weekly Diary 2021:

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

NB > *Please always do a LFT before attending events and worship, wearing a mask is recommended. Many thanks*

- **Sun 30<sup>th</sup> : 6.30pm : Hymns of Praise and Celebration at Dalby,** with poems and reflections on hope and new beginnings. Please note we're worshipping in the schoolrooms whilst maintenance is being done in the church . *Everyone welcome*
- **Mon 31<sup>st</sup> : The BBC series : The Chosen : screening at 7.30pm at Dalby Schoolrooms:** we'd love you to join us for a series of short films and a chat on Monday evenings over the next 5 weeks, as we share insights into the lives of some of those who lived alongside Jesus. Everyone welcome, there'll be refreshments. No need to book.
- **Tues 1<sup>st</sup> Feb : Patrick Coffee Stop** in the garden Room at the Knockaloe Centre from 10 am
- **Tues 1<sup>st</sup> Feb : Western Mission Partnership meeting at Patrick , starting at 6.30pm** with a bring and share meal.
- **Wed 2<sup>nd</sup> :** & every Wednesday, there will be a Meeting led by Rita Norrey in St Johns Chapel at 7pm
- **Thurs 3<sup>rd</sup> : Thursday Fellowship at the Guild Room,** Atholl St. Peel. Every Thursday starting at 2.15pm, till Easter, speakers, quizzes etc. £1 including tea & biscuits. For further details: Thelma Corlett 80147
- **Fri 4<sup>h</sup> : Glen Maye & Toddler group: 9:30 to 11:30** every Friday in Term-time.
- **Fri 4<sup>th</sup> : Dalby Hub Pub** meeting from 7.30pm
- **Sat 5<sup>th</sup> : Glen Maye Craft Market 11am - 3pm** 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. Look out for the bunting and banners
- **Sun 6<sup>th</sup> an Evensong at 3.30pm in the Cathedral. A service of Thanksgiving** for the reign of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, Lord of Man on the anniversary of her accession to the throne. All welcome. Service followed by refreshments.

**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)

**Living in Love and Faith** – a five week listening and conversation course covering Christian teaching about relationships, gender, human sexuality and marriage. Held at St John's Mill 7-9pm **on Tuesday evenings beginning on 8<sup>th</sup> February and running until 8<sup>th</sup> March.** Course booklets will be provided and no charges are involved. Tea & coffee will be available. All are invited, and Mission Partnership reps are invited to report back to the Churches. Numbers are limited so booking is essential. Please let your Minister know if you're interested in attending.

**Women in Britain Meeting will be at Trinity Methodist Douglas, in the Worship Centre,** and on Zoom on **Wednesday 2nd February at 7.15pm.** It would be great for as many churches as possible to have someone attend who can pass on posters and tickets for the "Knit in" on 8th March. If anyone would like the zoom link please contact Caroline on [salmoncaroline5@gmail.com](mailto:salmoncaroline5@gmail.com)  
There will be cake, it is someone's birthday!

**The Retreat Centre : Wed 9th Feb : 'Time for God'**  
A very relaxed quiet morning when you can come and be and enjoy the peace and quiet of the house. There's an option to join the Thie dy Vea team for morning prayer at 9.15 a.m. The morning will start with refreshments at 9.30am, followed by a short introductory reflection. Cost: donations invited.

*Let us never forget that this world  
and everything in it belongs to God.*

*Who are the ones who truly love and serve God ?  
They are the people who discover and live  
within His purposes for their lives.  
They are the people whose hearts and hands  
are dedicated to His will for them  
They are the people who turn away from  
self centred concerns  
and live for those around them.  
They can count on God's perpetual blessings.  
They have been delivered from anxiety  
to focus their efforts on communicating  
God's eternal Love to people around them*

*Let us look up and live!  
God is present in all His glory and majesty.  
Let us go and celebrate!  
Our loving Lord is here with us  
and will manifest Himself through us.  
WE represent Him in all his saving power.  
WE are His beloved and empowered servants  
in this world that he created.*

Psalm 24  
from Psalms Now by Leslie Brandt

**Considering Ministry?** 'Step Forward' is an exploratory online conference on Saturday 5th March, focusing on Ordained Ministry. Contact Canon Janice Ward (851378) or the Dean for further details.