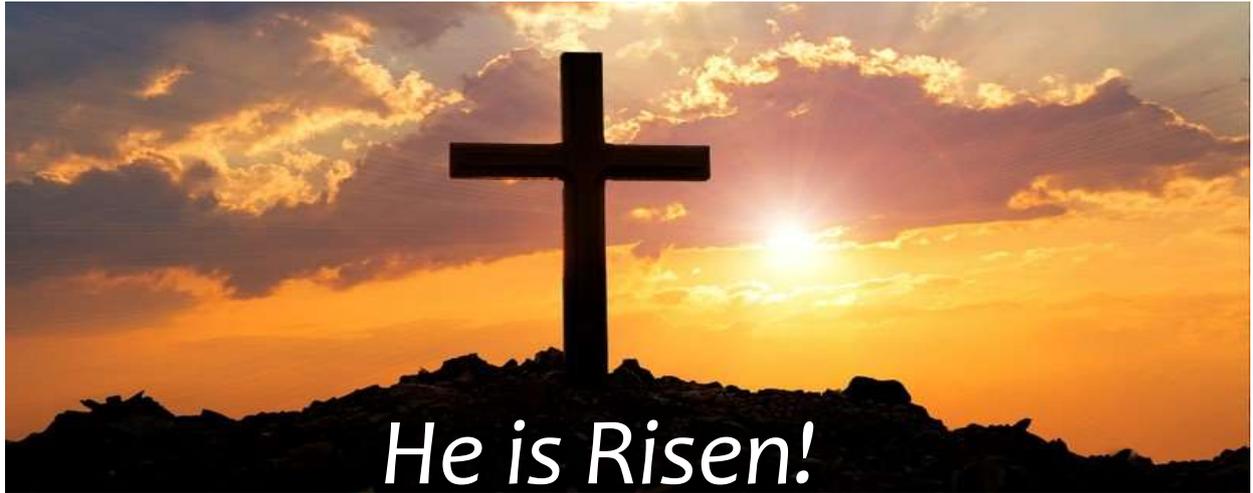


# Patrick, Glen Maye & Dalby



**He is Risen!**

**This Easter Sunday we pray that all those in our communities and across the world, who are vulnerable or struggling may know the joy and hope that Easter brings.** We hold before God 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. We pray that they may know God's presence with them now and His promise of new Life and be comforted.

#### **A Prayer for our World :**

*We watch this morning for the light that darkness has not overcome. We watch for the fire that was in the beginning and that burns still in the brilliance of the rising sun. We watch for the glow of life that gleams in the growing earth and glistens in sea and sky. We watch for your light O God in the eyes of every living being that all our hearts may be awakened to your Love O God, that our hearts may be awakened to you.*

Adapted from a Celtic Benediction by JP Newall

**Today's Readings : Acts 10.34-43 or Isaiah 25.6-9  
1 Corinthians 15.1-11 or Acts 10.34-43**

**Psalm 118.1-2,14-24\*  
John 20.1-18 or Mark 16.1-8**

#### ***We will rejoice and be glad in it.....***

A culmination of many things and it feels as if our time of darkness could possibly be coming to an end?! A brightness of light and an increase of hours of sunshine; the bursting of Spring; the beginning of the relaxing of the Covid restrictions here and across; the end of Lent; *and the Celebration of Easter* all is one wondrous weekend! It has been a long year's journey, and a harsh one for a great number of people. But at Easter we remember the promise of Life *despite the darkness*. In our teaching today Mary lingers at the tomb, *and looks into the darkness*. She doesn't run from it, but lingers and faces it; and there *within the darkness* she sees two angels. Darkness, sadly, is part of life. But the journey of the Passion shows that however dark, God *is* there. The Resurrection reveals the *new Life found in Him!* The challenge of Easter? How do we allow this *on-going reality* of Easter to change our daily lives?! *Wishing you all a very blessed and happy Easter.*

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

*We are an Easter People and Alleluia is our song!'. We are not looking for a shallow joy but rather a joy that comes from faith, that grows through unselfish love.... We are meant to have our human joys: the joy of living, the joy of love and friendship, the joy of work well done. We who are Christians have a further cause for joy: like Jesus, we know that we are loved by God our Father. This love transforms our lives and fills us with joy.*

Pope Paul II

***Please contact us if you are struggling or have any concerns and we will do our best to help, our thoughts and prayers are with you and all our church communities.***

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***In the absence of worship in Church there is a varied range of alternative worship available .....***

- **The Western Mission Partnership At the Cathedral:**
- **Easter Sunday. 9.30am Live stream Eucharist** led by the Bishop
- **10.30am the empty tomb and the resurrection celebration** and rejoicing of Easter Day.  
The 'Cathedral at Home' service for Easter Sunday is attached to the covering email. If you would like to join them by Zoom on a Sunday morning, and haven't already registered, please contact Val Garrett on [admin@cathedral.im](mailto:admin@cathedral.im) or Tel : 07624 241 227 by 6pm on Saturday evening (3d April).
- **Dalby** has a Church at Home service sheet for a reflective time of prayer available on their Home page of their website: [www.stjamesdalby.org](http://www.stjamesdalby.org) or this can be mailed to you if you contact Cheryl.
- **Patrick** have a zoom service at 10.30 am, please contact Robert Quayle for more info.
- **Glen Maye Chapel** : See: Sthie and MAST services by searching for "Isle of Man Methodist Church" at [www.youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com)  
**MMAST** : The services will continue to be posted on YouTube each Sunday morning, along with ones for young people.  
**Sthie**: worship service videos posted Sunday mornings.  
**Facebook Watch Parties**: If you use Facebook you're encouraged to give the watch party a go if you haven't tried yet. They provide a great way to feel connected to the wider church family in these times .  
**Thursday Bible Study** at 7pm  
**Sunday Worship** at 10.30am or 6.30pm  
**YouTube**: Flipped Preaching videos posted Monday mornings
- **The Church of England has a resource: "Daily HOPE"** A free phone line of hymns, reflections and prayers, a weekly service and daily Morning and Evening prayer, with an introduction from Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury  
**Tel: 0800 804 8044**
- **BBC1 Sunday Worship: 10.00am The Most Rev Justin Welby** shares his Easter message of hope and resurrection in a joyful celebration, live from the stunning setting of Canterbury Cathedral with members of Canterbury Cathedral Choir.
- **Manx Radio this Sunday at 9.30am** this Sunday you can hear the Cathedral choristers with readings, prayers, reflection and the background story to making of the Chorister Video, Hallelujah! All found on Judith Ley's programme, "At Your Service",
- **Songs of Praise BBC2 1.15pm**: Katherine Jenkins celebrates Easter Sunday from Llandaff Cathedral in Cardiff.

**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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**Living as Easter people .....** *The Passion tells the story of a just and righteous man who faced the injustice, torture and death due to prejudice, deceit, power seeking, hatred and religious intolerance. Injustice still happens to day: innocent people still suffer and die while powerful people profit. Christians have been at the centre of many movements to challenge injustice. Right from the early church, Christians have taken a stand. And there are injustices that we can challenge today. It could be the climate crisis, where the people who have done least to cause temperatures to rise are suffering its worst effects. Or vaccine inequality, that demonstrates we are not 'all in the same boat' during the pandemic, many of the poorest countries are last in the queue to access vaccines. Or racial injustice, where those from indigenous groups and communities of colour, suffer because of their background or ethnicity. As Easter people let our prayer be to answer God's call to act justly, love mercy and walk humbly with Him. As we mark the day that Jesus overcame death and brought us Life, let our challenge be to be a voice and a force for justice in our lives, our communities and across the Earth.*

Peter Shaw: Tearfund.

**Living as Easter People:  
Cover My Soul with the Shadow of Your Wing**

*Thanks to you, O God, that I have risen today,  
to the rising of life itself;  
may it be to your own glory,  
O God of every gift,  
and to the glory of my soul likewise.  
O great God, aid my soul  
with the aiding of your own mercy;  
even as I clothe my body with wool,  
cover my soul with the shadow of your wing.  
Help me to avoid every sin,  
and the source of every sin to forsake;  
and as the mist scatters  
on the crest of the hills,  
may each ill haze clear from my soul, O God.*

Adapted from Carmina Gadelica.

**The well-known maxim, "While there is life there is hope,"** has a deeper meaning in reverse: "While there is hope there is life." Hope comes first, life follows. Hope gives power to life. Hope rouses life to continue, to expand, to grow, to reach out, to go on. Hope sees a light where there isn't any. Hope lights candles in millions of despairing hearts. Hope is the miracle medicine of the mind. It inspires the will to live. Hope is the physician's strongest ally. Hope is our shield and buckler against defeat. "Hope," wrote Alexander Pope, "springs eternal in the human breast." And as long as it does we will triumph and move forward. Hope never sounds retreat. Hope keeps the banners flying. Hope revives ideals, renews dreams, revitalizes visions. Hope scales the peak, wrestles with the impossible, achieves the highest aim. "The word which God has written on the brow of every person," wrote Victor Hugo, "is Hope." As long as we have hope no situation is hopeless.

Wilfred A. Peterson