

Patrick, Glen Maye & Dalby

Weekly News Sheet: 5th-12th July. 4th 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.

As our Island celebrates Tynwald Day and Manx National week we give thanks for our small nation: for its beauty, its history, its traditions and its culture. We give thanks for our rich history of democracy, for our Chief Minister and MHks, for our Captains of the Parishes and our Commissioners and all who serve in our communities that we may continue to live in prosperity and peace, that from our security we may continue to serve others.

We pray for all countries, particularly in the developing world, where the Coronavirus is now at it's peak. We remember especially the Yemen, where the UK's Department for International Development estimates there will be 1 million coronavirus infections and potentially 85,000 deaths. We pray that world leaders urgently increase their support to tackle this deadly pandemic. And we continue to pray for God's comfort and provision for the people of Yemen.

We pray for healing and the restoration of peace where racism has caused the inequality that devalues human life, that our world may live in recognition that *all* are created in the image of God, that *all* lives matter, and that those who have been discriminated against because of the colour of their skin, their faith, their ethnicity and gender may know equality and respect;.

Today's Readings

**Zechariah 9.9-12
Romans 7.15-25a**

**Psalms 145.8-15
Matthew 11.16-19,25-30**

finding rest in Christ

Over the last months many have spoken of their slowing down, and never with regret! The letting go of strain and stress and just allowing things to "be". It seems sad maybe that it has taken something as destructive as the Covid Pandemic for us to take time to reflect upon our lives, and to recognise the relentless drive of our society that pushes us to seek more; more experiences, more activity, more things. In our teaching today we have that amazing passage where Jesus invites us to *rest in Him*. To allow His strength to guide our lives. The contemplative journey of the Desert Mothers and Fathers in the 3rd Century was an exploration of just that: a recognition that the establishment of the Church of Rome was already far removed from the simple, humble prayer-focused life of Jesus. With the desire of their hearts to *truly* live a life of simplicity and to dwell in God, they sought solitude and stillness !

Thoughts to ponder

"When you enter a place of stillness, you awaken the divinity within you." Peggy Sealton

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law." Galatians 5:22-23

We need to find God..... God is the friend of Silence. See how nature – trees, flowers, grass grows- grows in silence, see the stars, the moon and the sun, how they move in silence. We need silence to be able to touch souls.

Mother Teresa

Sunday Services for next week 12th July: The 5th Sunday after Trinity

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

**Kirk Patrick 10.30am
Glen Maye 10.30am
Dalby 6.30pm**

**Morning Worship
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Holy Communion in the Hub**

**Kirk Patrick Team
Rev Andy Fishburne
Canon Margaret**

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

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

Local Minister for Dalby: Cheryl Cousins: 843471

Wardens Mac Beckerson 845385 John Parr 842618

Steward: Paul Craker 845681:

Secretary: Julia Sharples 840801

Wardens Margy Killey:843768 Judith Clague: 845348

Weekly Diary 2020

Everyone is welcome to come to any of these events

- **Tues 7th July : Coffee Stop at 10am** in Patrick Schoolroom
- **Tues 7th July : Dalby Church Steering Group** 7.00pm meeting in the Hub.
- **Thurs 9th July : Meditation at Dalby**, meeting in the Hub from 7.30pm – 9.00pm everyone welcome.
- **Sun 12th: Kirk Patrick 10:30am**
The second in a series 'God meant it for good' about the life of Joseph: This week: 'A very dysfunctional family?'

Psalm 145:

Good is here – let's celebrate!

Let us enlist our lives in continuous celebration of Gods' goodness and greatness.

Let us announce to the world Gods' presence and proclaim His loving concern for *all* His creatures. How compassionate He is toward all he has created, how tender toward his failure-fraught creatures!

He will not back out on His promises to us. His blessings are not reserved only for those who fit obediently into His design for them. He is just – and He is forgiving.

He gently picks up those who have fallen and restores them to Himself.

He sustains those who are wavering in weakness and grants them His grace and strength.

He reaches into the void of empty lives and enriches and fulfils their hungry hearts.

He is near enough to hear our every cry, to sense our every need,

to grant us whatever is necessary to make us happy and productive

and we seek to follow and to serve Him.

How incomparably glorious is our great God

May our mouths articulate and our lives demonstrate His ever present love for all His creatures!!

Let us celebrate

the eternal mercy and goodness of our God!

Psalm Now "restates, in today's language, the psalmists honest prayers of praise, love, compassion, sorrow, fatigue, and countless other emotions encountered by those who truly experience Life"

'If you'd like to have information in this newsheet could you please send it through to me by Thursday each week : *Many thanks*
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The Churches Communication & Outreach :

NB >To ensure safety is it important that everyone entering a church takes full personal responsibility for their own regular hand washing / the use of hand gels, and social distancing....

Worship in Church : The Eucharist can now be celebrated in church again, and members of the congregation can receive the consecrated host (the bread), only the Priest will take the Chalice on behalf of the congregation. The priest will maintain good hygiene practice whilst presiding at the Eucharist, including sanitising and cleaning hands at the altar. It is suggested that for now communicants queue, to receive communion standing. For the time being the Peace will not be physically shared during services, a greeting that does not involve physical contact is recommended. It is hoped that that each church is able to maintain an area of the building for those people who need to maintain distancing. This area would be cleaned before and after each service .

Social distancing : If you are still maintaining social distancing and would like to share in worship together please have a word with your church wardens/ steward or Minister to ensure that your needs can be met.

• **The Western Mission Partnership combining with The Cathedral for those who are still in isolation :** all services at the Cathedral will live streamed via the website www.cathedral.im. These can be viewed on a PC or laptop and 'cast' by Google chromecast to a television on the same wi-fi network to watch it on 'the big screen'

• **Private Prayer at the Cathedral:** The Cathedral is now open weekdays from 10.20am – 2.30pm for private prayers only. Mid-day prayer will be said each day at 12 noon.

Financial help during the Covid-19 pandemic If you or someone you know is struggling financially by loss of income resulting from the lockdown and need temporary assistance then the Manx Credit Union is here to help. We offer starter or emergency loans of up to £500 repayable over twelve months. Unemployment or age are no barriers to participation. We also offer a 'Save as you Borrow' scheme whereby at the end of the period you have saved as much as you have originally borrowed. The ethos of a credit union is to encourage savings whilst acknowledging that we all need to borrow from time to time. More information on membership of the Manx Credit Union can be found at www.mcu.im or email loans@mcu.im. A message can be left on our telephone 619459

NB> The Annual Parochial Meeting of the Ecclesiastical Parish of the West Coast will be held at 6.30pm the Cathedral, on Wed 29th July 2020 starting with Eucharist at 6.00pm. For full information please see the notices of this meeting in your church
Everyone welcome.