

Patrick, Glen Maye & Dalby

Weekly News sheet : 30th Jan - 6th Feb. 4th before Lent

*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.

We pray for our Churches and Chapels across the Island that we may be a loving Christian witness within our communities. We pray for our generosity of Spirit and care, our concern and empathy, our understanding and support, that we may have time and energy for those in need. That we may hear Gods Call in the small detail of our lives and respond with His Love.

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 hold the people of Afghanistan before God where 23 million people are on the edge of famine and one million children could die this winter, not from violence or viruses, but from the very simplest thing: they were too hungry for too long. We pray for the work of Aid Agencies and their workers who are doing all they can, but the scale of suffering is intensifying daily, and many are struggling to cope. We pray that world Governments, who were happy enough to put trillions into the war, will now recognise they have a moral obligation to the people who have been so devastated by it. We pray that we recognise the Call of Love

Today's readings .

**Isaiah 6.1-8[9-13]
1 Corinthians 15.1-11**

**Psalm 138
Luke 5.1-11**

"God comes to us disguised as our life" Paula D'Arcy

In a world of over 9 billion people it's easy to feel small, unnoticed, and insignificant! There is always *someone* who has done more, done bigger, and better, and more adventurous! And yet in today's teachings we hear of Jesus calling His disciples in the ordinary, everyday working folk from a small village in Galilee. The Bible is filled with stories of God meeting with ordinary, everyday people in the midst of their mundane lives, calling them into relationship with Him. His revelation is not something to be studied and learnt about, but something to be experienced, right now, where we are. Richard Rhor writes : *One foundational and revolutionary idea of the Bible is that God is manifest in the ordinary; in the actual, in the daily, in the now, in history, in concrete incarnations of life. God does not hold out for the pure, the spiritual, the right idea, or the ideal anything. Apparently the Biblical God would much rather be in relationship" ...* And he calls each one of us to respond to that call, whoever we are!

Thoughts to ponder

To be rooted is perhaps the most important and least recognized need of the human soul.

Simone Weil

Christianity without discipleship is always Christianity without Christ."

Dietrich Bonhoeffer

Whatever God's dream about man may be, it seems certain it cannot come true unless man cooperates .

Stella Terrill Mann.

Do not scrutinize so closely whether you are doing much or little, ill or well, so long as in what you do .. you are heartily seeking to do everything for God . F de Sales

Sunday Services for next week : 13th Feb:

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
Mr Kevin Mort
Canon Margaret Burrow

Local Ministers for Patrick: Graham McAll : 840813 &
Wardens: Mac Beckerson 845385. John Parr 842618
Steward:for Glen Maye : Paul Craker : 845681.
Local Minister for Dalby: Cheryl Cousins: 843471
Wardens : Marqy Killey:843768. Pauline Killey 843494

Robert Quayle :842912
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Safe Guarding Officer : Neil Evans: 843253

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, Many thanks*

- **Sun 6th 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.
- **Mon 7th : 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 4 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 8th : PoWC PCC Meeting at St Johns 7.30pm**
- **Tues 8th Patrick Home Group** meeting in the Garden Room at 7.00pm
- **Tues 8th : Dalby Whist Dive 7.30pm**
- **Wed 9th : The Retreat Centre: 'Time for God' A** quiet morning when you can enjoy the quiet of the house. You're welcome 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
- **Wed 9th :Dalby Ducklings : 10 am – 11.30 am,** please book in advance by contacting Cheryl
- **Wed 9th : Meeting led by Rita Norrey in St Johns Chapel at 7pm**
- **Thurs 10th : Thursday Fellowship at the Guild Room,** Atholl St. Peel. starting at 2.15pm, till Easter, speakers, quizzes etc. £1 including tea & biscuits. For further details: Thelma Corlett 80147
- **Thurs 10th : Meditation at Dalby , 7.30pm – 9pm**
- **Fri 11^h : Glen Maye & Toddler group: 9:30 to 11:30** every Friday in Term-time.
- **Sat 12th: Saturday Night Movies at Dalby : BAD EDUCATION (Cert 15 :108 mins)** Starring Hugh Jackman as the seemingly perfect 'Superintendent' of Roslyn High School, Long Island. But appearances can sometimes be deceptive. Very! Based on a true story. Refreshments available , feel free to bring your own wine/beer. Donations to help cover costs gratefully received ☺

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 8th February and running until 8th March.** Course booklets will be provided and no charges are involved. Tea & coffee will be available. All are invited, Numbers are limited so booking is essential. Please let your Minister know if you're interested in attending.

Sat 12 Feb > Island Spirituality Network : St John's Mill, 10.00am - 1.00pm with guest speakers Graham and Jenny McAll. They have lived and worked in Warwick, in Israel, Malaysia and Sheffield and now live in Patrick. Graham is the Local Minister at Patrick. They are deeply committed to conservation movement and long-time members of A Rocha, the Christian Conservation Organisation. They have witnessed the destruction of the rainforests first-hand and have studied the health impacts of the Climate Emergency and the Christian response. The theme for the morning will be "Spirituality and Creation - does matter really matter?" *"We shall explore together the physical world's own spirituality, how our spirituality relates to nature and how our view of the future affects creation."* Suggested donation is £10 to help defray costs but please don't stay away because of financial considerations. Nobody is ever asked for money.

Prayers before Tynwald. You are probably aware from local media that discussion is taking place whether prayers should be removed from the start of sittings of the House of Keys and Tynwald. These are but short prayers which are offered for a Christian blessing on the elected members and wisdom in their deliberations. The Chaplains are not simply there for saying prayers but also offer a confidential, independent and valued person for Tynwald members to speak with. If you wish to make your views known to your members of the House of Keys please contact them before Feb 8th, next Tuesday's debate on the issue. Email: kate.lord-brennan@gov.im and tim.crookall@gov.im . The recently released Census results show that across the Island some 54.7% claim to be Christian, with 0.5% Islam, Buddhist or Hindu.

A report from the Avaaz Community : Afghanistan is starving: The war, sweeping economic sanctions, and a devastating drought have created a crisis the World Food Program calls "Hell on Earth". The UN is calling for massive humanitarian aid, but the response from governments is slow, and the need overwhelming. Please pray, please give; we are Called to care ; -- £4 feeds approximately 10 people; £40 feeds approx 100. people. For more information please see : [UN launches nearly 5bn aid appeal for Afghanistan \(Aljazeera\)](#)

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