

Patrick, Glen Maye & Dalby

Weekly News Sheet : 7th-14th Feb 2021

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

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, the stressed and anxious, the poor and needy, those facing financial pressures and insecurity, and those grieving the loss of a loved one, that they may know God's presence with them now and be comforted.

During this cold and wet weather we pray for all who are homeless, living rough or suffering through fuel poverty and struggling to heat their homes. We pray that within our communities we can help and support those we know, and we give thanks for the work of Griaah and the food bank in all that they do to support others across the Island.

Our global prayer continues to be for all who are suffering as a result of the Covid pandemic 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 pray for the universal grief, the mourning and vulnerability of humanity, and we pray for the healing of the Nations, for new beginnings, new consciousness, new generosity and compassion.

We hold in prayer the on-going issues created by Climate Change across the globe, and in the midst of the Covid pandemic we pray that even now carbon reduction may stay as urgent on the world agenda for united action.

Today's Readings

**Proverbs 8.1,22-31
Colossians 1.15-20**

**Psalm 104.26-37
John 1.1-14**

The Source of all life

The Covid Vaccine comes to us as hope at the end of a long journey of darkness, a journey which has exhausted humanity emotionally and seemingly drained our creative energy. We are weary of being weary. We look for respite, and look forward to a time of comfort and refreshment, *where life can return to "normal"*. At this point, being asked to take on board the issues of Climate Change can feel seriously like an emotional overload. The issues presented seem dauntingly oppressive and beyond our ability to control. Someone recently said: "it's another negative agenda I'm not prepared to carry." Our teaching today is from John; the passage, read *every* Christmas Eve, that heralds the coming of Christ. It is the very heart of our Christian faith and understanding, and it *celebrates* the presence of the Source of *all* Life in the midst of our humanity. It celebrates the creative energy of Love *in all things*. The call to climate awareness is not about dwelling in negativity, it is the call for positive engagement. It is the call of faith to live the Light, that our new "normal" may reflect the values of our Creator, in the way we live with respect, love and compassion *for all things*.

Thoughts to ponder

*"Expect great things from God;
attempt great things for God."*

William Carey

"Climate change isn't an 'issue' to add to the list of things to worry about, next to health care and taxes. It is a civilizational wake-up call. A powerful message — spoken in the language of fires, floods, droughts, and extinctions — telling us that we need an entirely new economic model and a new way of sharing this planet. Telling us we need to evolve."

Naomi Klein."

Sunday Services for next week : Sunday 14th February 2021

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

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

**Morning Prayer
Café Service
Holy Communion**

**Robert Quayle
Louise Whiteleg
Canon Margaret Burrow**

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

Wardens: Mac Beckerson 845385. John Parr 842618

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

Steward: Paul Craker : 845681.

Local Minister for Dalby: Cheryl Cousins: 843471

Wardens : Margy Killey:843768. Pauline Killey 843494

Safe Guarding Officer: Sarah Hedley : 361763

Secretary: Julia Sharples 840801.

Safe Guarding Officer : Neil Evans: 843253

Weekly Diary 2021

Everyone is welcome to come to any of these

- **Mon 8th Feb : Friends Planning meeting at Dalby. 7.00pm**
- NB> there will be no Whist drive at Dalby this month
- **Wed 10th : Dalby Ducklings; 10 am – 11.30am** NB: it's now necessary to book in advance for this, so please contact Cheryl
- **Thursdays at Patrick Board Games Club. 7pm in Patrick Old Schoolroom.** Over 18 years only , all welcome! See us on Facebook @GamesClubIOM
- **Thurs 11th : Meditation at Dalby . 7.30pm – 9.00pm; for those seeking** a deeper inner silence and stillness before God, please contact Cheryl for more information.
- **Sat 13th : ISN at St John's Mill from 10.00am - 1.00pm** with Revd David Shirtliff, Warden of the newly established retreat house in Peel, This Dy Vea. We shall have the opportunity to learn more about this exciting venture and David's theme for the morning will be "Finding life amongst the busyness of living".
- **NB>** Dalby film programme will resume in March☺
- **Wed 17th: Ash Wednesday Services at the Cathedral:**
9.30am Said Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes.
6.30pm Choral Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes led by Bishop Peter

Fairtrade Fortnight : 22nd Feb-7th March:

Climate, Fairtrade and You. Every year, thousands of individuals, companies and groups across the UK come together to share the stories of the people who grow our food and drinks, mine our gold and who grow the cotton in our clothes, people who are often exploited and underpaid. This year more than ever, it's important we come together to *stand with the people behind the food we depend on*, as they face the daily realities of the climate crisis. COVID has shown us more than ever how interconnected we are globally. This interconnection is at the very heart of the Fairtrade message and is where our role begins. We have the power to drive long-term change, not only with our shopping choices but *also* with our support in spreading the message. For more info. on how to get involved online and across our communities please see:

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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Confirming your Faith : If anyone, adult or younger person (who will be aged 11 or over by Summer 2021) would be interested in finding out more, please talk to Revd Ruth (453008, or curate@cathedral.im). Attending to explore does not commit you to being Confirmed. We plan to meet weekly on Sundays after Evensong, in the Deanery Lounge, from 4.15pm to 5.30pm. The Bishop has agreed to Confirm those who would like to take this step, after preparation, in the Cathedral, at Pentecost, Sunday 23rd May, 2021.

Step Forward is a day for anyone aged 18 to 30 considering ordained ministry in the Church of England. It will include: • Time for worship, prayer and Bible study • An opportunity to find out what being ordained is really like – its highs and lows • Space to look at your own experience and what God might be calling you to in the future • The chance to discover how the selection process and ordination training programmes work Plans are now well underway for Step Forward 2021. Registration for the event which will take place on the 13th March 2021 from 1pm on Zoom can be done via the Step Forward website: <http://www.stepforwardanglican.org.uk/> Further information can be obtained from Canon Janice Ward on janice.ward@sodorandman.im

A Climate Emergency Toolkit which guides churches to respond to the climate crisis with simple but powerful actions that will have a big impact. Put together by Tearfund in collaboration with several organisations, activists and church leaders, the toolkit brings together a range of resources into a clear, manageable journey for every church – from starting a conversation with your leaders through to influencing the wider community. It's designed to be flexible, so you can just pick and choose those resources that will best help you and your church community. Catherine De Souza, Pastor of City Church Cardiff, shared her thoughts: *I've been involved with justice for a number of years but climate change wasn't high up on my agenda...What kicked me into action was recognising that I have a role, we have a role, the church has a role to play in this and we can do something about it.* Canon Mark Powley, Principal of St Hild College, who was part of the team that developed the toolkit, said of the church's responsibility: *Tackling the climate crisis requires significant changes by governments, companies and individuals, but a key part of the picture is the role churches and Christian organisations can play. It's high time for us to step up, and to equip every Christian to be a beacon of light in their home, community or workplace.* For more information and to download the toolkit please see: www.climateemergencytoolkit.com

"When man turns his back on the Creator's plan, he provokes a disorder which has inevitable repercussions on the rest of created order. If man is not at peace with God, then earth itself cannot be at peace..." -

John Paul II,