

Patrick, Glen Maye & Dalby

Weekly News Sheet. Sun 16th - 23 : 2nd Before Advent

*We welcome you to our church this week, it's lovely to have you with us .
Our thanks go to those who have helped set up our churches and are involved in leading worship*

We remember before God all those in our communities who are vulnerable or struggling: the isolated and lonely; single parents, young adults and children, 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.

As the days shorten and the dark nights creep in we remember before God those in our communities who are alone, who rarely get out and who face the long evenings alone. We pray for neighbours, family and friends that in the busy demands of their own days they may be mindful of those who are lonely, and be able to help, support and include them in community events and activities, or just have the time to stop for a chat and a cup of tea.

We hold before God the UN Climate Conference (COP30) currently underway in Brazil, bringing together World Leaders, scientists, and Civil Society to discuss global climate action with the emphasis now, on a shift from climate ambition, to concrete delivery and implementation of promises. We pray for an acknowledgement, by the "developed" nations, of the shared responsibility we carry for the current Climate Crisis. We pray for a shared vision and mutual commitment to immediate implementation of the climate promises made at previous conferences. And we pray for the commitment to truth and integrity that puts national self-interest aside for the sake of global justice, and the safe-guarding of Creation in its' entirety. We pray for God's Spirit to move the hearts and minds of humanity that together and in prayer we may face the greatest emergency our world has ever known.

**Todays Readings Malachi 4.1-2a
2 Thessalonians 3.6-13**

**Psalms 98
Luke 21.5-19**

"This will be your chance to tell the Good News ".....

At times it can feel as if there's a gloom is settling over our lives: the days are getting short, dark and drab, it's colder, winter lies ahead, and it's hard to come across very much of anything that could be termed as "good news" at the moment. And yet.... we are commissioned to be Light in the darkness! In our teaching today Jesus speaks of the coming disasters and disturbances that are part of our human reality. He doesn't make false promises for His followers, but calls those who are anchored in Him to stand firm. The approaching Season of Advent is an opportunity for each and every one of us to look again at how we are standing firm and reflecting Christ's Light into our world right now. How do we speak the truth of the Gospel of Love, and be the truth of the Gospel of Love, at a time when loving kindness and the values of Christ's Kingdom can feel so under threat.

Thoughts to ponder

Integrity is choosing your thoughts and actions based upon values rather than personal gain
Unattributed

"As long as the world shall last there will be wrongs, and if no man objected and no man rebelled, those wrongs would last forever."
Clarence Darrow

Integrity is not a given factor in everyone's life. It is a result of self-discipline, inner trust, and a decision to be relentlessly honest in all situations in our lives.
John Maxwell

Sunday Services for next week : 23rd November: Christ the King

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

Kirk Patrick:	10.30 am :	Morning Prayer	Graham McAll
Glen Maye:	10.30am :	Morning Worship	Kevin Mort
Dalby:	6.30 pm :	Celtic Communion	The Very Revd. Nigel Godfrey

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Weekly Diary 2025

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

- **Mon 17th : The Gathering at Dalby** : an invitation to come join us for our monthly Gathering this Monday (the 3rd Monday of every month) in the schoolrooms, starting with a bring & share Supper at 6.30pm. A time for us to chill and catch up with one another. Anyone wanting to journey a deeper discipleship practice and shared rhythm of Life is always welcome to join us. This will be followed by : **The Season 5 of The Chosen at Dalby: Episode 5. 7.30pm** A journey through Passion Week. to be continued on Monday evenings for the next 3 weeks.. *Open to anyone.*
- **Tues 18th : NB > there will not be a screening of the Chosen** at St John's Methodist Chapel this week
- **Wed 19th : Dalby Soup Stop** : serving homemade soups, bread, cakes, tea and coffee from 12.30 – 1.30pm. No need to book, everyone very welcome. Donations to cover our costs are always very gratefully received.
- **Wed 19th: Tropic Skin Care evening at Dalby. 7.00pm.** Something *very* Eco and *very* different! Come and join us for an unveiling of a brand new seasons collection, order Christmas gifts, or just have a pamper session! Tropic Skincare is a multi-award-winning brand focusing on natural, cruelty-free, vegan beauty and skincare. They focuses on innovation through 'green science' to provide freshly made products manufactured in the UK using sustainably sourced ingredients. Fairtrade Tea / coffee and refreshments will be provided, come with friends and enjoy!
- **Fri 21st. Dalby Hub Music Session** : This is open to anyone and everyone who likes music. Come to play, sing or just to listen. We bring our own drinks & snacks to share and are grateful for donations to help cover Hub running costs. It's a space with truly great acoustics! For more info please contact Cheryl.... Or check out our website : www.stjamesdalby.org/hubgatherings.
- **Sat 22nd : Amnesty International and PSC IoM officially relaunch their weekly vigil - from 12 - 1pm and invite you to join them** outside the old Shoprite/Covid Hub entrance under Chester Street car park (it's undercover and sheltered from the winter weather!) Despite the fragile ceasefire Palestinian lives and livelihoods continue to be taken, there's an ongoing humanitarian disaster, mass starvation & unimaginable suffering of those who have "survived" two years of genocide. Come and share in solidarity with a nation who are again being forgotten by the world.

Diary Dates continued:

Sat 22nd Nov, 10.00 a.m. – 4 p.m. Wellbeing Retreat Day with Ruth Rice, the Director of the charity Renew Wellbeing, which supports nearly 300 centres across these islands. to reserve a place please contact ; welcome@retreathouse.im. Refreshments from 9.30am. Cost: suggested donation of £25 to include lunch

An invitation

This year we are invited to share in the unfolding of Advent through four short videos based on ancient Advent themes of Hope, Peace, Joy and Love. These videos, presented by Bishop Tricia will be realised one by one each week in Advent. They will be accompanied by resource material composed of prayers, readings , questions for discussion or reflection and suggestions for putting what we've thought about into practice. These resources may be used individually or groups of people may wish to come together to watch, discuss and pray together. Please watch for further news about how you can access the videos and other resources. Also, please do share this news with as many others as possible so that they too can benefit. Lastly, please do consider whether you might wish to come together to use these resources with others. In a year where the world has been drawn deeper into conflicts, where uncertainty and division have never been far from the surface, these themes of Hope in the Darkness, Finding Peace in Unsettled Times, Joy in the Midst and taking hold of the Love that Wilt Not Let Us Go, are for all of us, whether we are regular church attenders or not. Could you invite someone to share in exploring these things this Advent?
More details to be confirmed soon!

A prayer for reflection

*"For the night skies opening outwards
Star upon star, expanse after expanse,
thanks be to You of God.
For the mystery of Your presence
in and beyond all that can be seen, thanks be to You.
Guide us further this night,
into the inner universe of our souls,
ever opening inwards. Light upon light,
new depth after new depth.
Guide us through strange and fearful spaces,
towards the place of Your internal dwelling,
and assure us, that in drawing closer to You,
we draw closer to the heart of every living being
that in drawing closer to you,
we approach the heart of Life."*

J P Newell

If you'd like to have information in this news sheet could you please send it through to Cheryl by Thursday: cherylcousins@manx.net Many thanks