



Patrick, Glen Maye & Dalby

Sun 11th-18th Jan. 1st in Epiphany/ Baptism of Christ

Plough Sunday

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 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.

On this Plough Sunday we give thanks for the witness of those who are stewards of the land. We hold before God all who farm, who work in harsh conditions and sow in the faithfulness of another year's harvest; who provide our food, who conserve and safeguard the diversity of our wild life and natural habitats, and practice good stewardship of our natural resources, that our life styles may be sustainable. "Plough Sunday reminds us that before there can be harvest, there must first be hope, hard work and faith." Archbishop of York.

On this Plough Sunday we remember all agriculturalists who are committed to providing food for the nations of our world. We pray for those who are struggling with the impact of extreme weather that affects soil, crops, livestock and livelihoods. We remember the people impacted by storm Gorette in the UK, the blizzards and flooding, those still without power in Scotland & Wales: ... and the complete opposite in Australia as they face extreme heatwaves, cyclones and forest fires. We pray for global commitment and understanding to prioritise and tackle the causes of Global Climate change, food and water insecurity, soil erosion, deforestation and pollution of the land. And we pray for the unity, courage and vision of leadership to act together to create single focus action to reduce carbon emissions. We remember the grief, loss and fear so many are experiencing, and pray for transformation.

Todays Readings **Isaiah 42.1-9**
Acts 10.34-43

Psalm 29 .
Matthew 3.13-17

Struggling resolutions ??.....

Plough Sunday reminds us of farmers; those who turn the soil that new shoots may see the light. We're at the time where for most of us our new beginnings and re-commitments and new years' resolutions are beginning to tire ... How inspirational then to come across a reading of a vision statement that reminds us of a life worth living! Take a look at the Isaiah passage set for today. In our teaching we read of Jesus being baptised, the fulfilment of that prophecy in Isaiah. As we make promises of recommitment to God, we too easily forget of the promises of commitment *He has made to us*. The promise made to all who choose to take up the journey of Jesus: *that He will empower and strengthen those who choose to walk His pathway of selfless Love*.

Thoughts to ponder.....

An infinite God can give all of Himself to each of His children. He does not distribute Himself that each may have a part, but to each one He gives all of Himself as fully as if there were no others. ,
A. W. Tozer

Have you heard God's blessing in your inmost being? Are the words, 'You are my beloved child, in whom I delight' an endless source of joy and strength?
Tim Keller .

This is our time on the history line of God. This is it. What will we do with the one deep exhale of God on this earth?
Beth Moor

Sunday Services for next week : 18th January 2026. 2nd of Epiphany: week of prayer for Christian unity

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

Kirk Patrick: 10.30 am : Holy Communion
Glen Maye: 10.30 am : Morning Worship
Dalby: 6.30pm : Taize Worship

Robert Quayle & Revd. John Gulland
Mrs Jen Casson
Cheryl

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

Wardens: Clare Quayle 417583 & Kenny Diack 316316

Minister for Glen Maye : Rev'd Johanna Smart : 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

Rev'd Dr Janet Corlett 07624 301910

Secretary: Julia Sharples 840801.

Safe Guarding Officer : Paul Bergin 869306

Weekly Diary Dates 2026

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

- **Wed 14th : Dalby Ducklings.** Sorry this is currently running fully booked. Please contact Cheryl for any enquiries.
- **Fri 16th : The Thanksgiving Service in memory of Olive Karran** will be held at Glen Maye Chapel at 12 noon. The family invite you to join them at Sunset Lakes for refreshments after the service. Any donations in lieu of Flowers will be gratefully received for Cancer Research.
- **From Tuesday 20th :** The Chosen - Season 2 will be shown at St John's Methodist Church starting on Tuesday 20th January at 7:00 pm. The format is video and conversation and is for the curious, new to faith, those who have a faith, box-set lovers. All are welcome. If you would like more details then please contact either Revd Jo Smart johanna.smart@methodist.org.im or Revd Joanna Fisher j.fisher00@icloud.com.

Sat 24th : "A Fishy Tail" and a short film "Citizens of Peel" by Ian Young, at the Scholrooms on Sat 24th Jan starting at 7.30pm .

Two Local Films, and a cottage pie supper, pudding & custard.

Ian's film "A Fishy Tail" is about sea life around the Island from the 90's through to the present day. "Citizens of Peel" was filmed in the 90's, and is about people who lived and worked in Peel at the time. Booking @ £15 includes supper, you're very welcome to bring your own wine / beer. To book for yourself or for a group, please ring Gilly on 844031, stating if you need a gluten free or veggie food alternative. Bookings open on Saturday 10th from 10am -6pm. All proceeds after costs go to our two charities for this year as well as the church Restoration fund.

For more information please see our website :

www.stjamesdalby.org/communityevents

NB > Revd Jo Smart will be unavailable from Friday 9th to and including Saturday 17th January, if a minister is needed during this time, please contact one of the other ministers in the circuit or the circuit steward details are on the plan.

Christmas stamps: Dalby Church are collecting used Christmas stamps to support of the local charity Manx Bird Aid, please cut them off envelopes with 1 cm surround and drop them into the schoolrooms. *Thanks*

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

31st January : Target Mission "Striving to safeguard the integrity of creation, sustain and renew the life of the earth" (5th mark of Mission). At St Ninians, Douglas * 9.00 Breakfast Baps & coffee. We invite you to join us in exploring new opportunities for missional service, aligning with the Diocese's commitment to the 5th Mark of Mission.

By fostering partnerships together, our Island Churches can play a vital role in creating lasting positive change, building stronger, more compassionate, engaged and united communities.

Find out more: * 9.30 Right Reverend Tricia Hillas
9.45 Guest speaker

10.00 Missional potential –exploration of Manx Target 25
10.30 Hear from community partners

11-12.30 Workshops & partnering opportunities Manx Wildlife Trust ~ Manx Birdlife ~ Manx Bat Group ~ IOM Fungi Group & more.

*RSVP: secretary@sodorandman.im **Please inform of dietary needs i.e. celiac, vegan etc

7th February - 2nd March Luke Jerram's Mars comes to the Cathedral !!

Please contact Rosemary Clarke if you'd like to volunteer or help in any way over this period. There will be several different roles including: Welcoming : Offering a prayer card as people leave : Helping in the cafe (serving, clearing tables, washing up) Surveying people (a professional survey is being constructed for us) : Chatting :Helping with the educational sessions

If you or others you know have any interest in helping, please save the evening of **Friday 6th February** when there will be an opportunity to be the first people to see Mars, to meet other volunteers, to receive basic training in your role and to receive refreshments.

For more details please contact Rosemary Clarke rosemary.clarke@googlemail.com

Winter Gardening Eco Tips: January is an excellent time to work on soil health and readiness for planting: **Add organic matter** to your soil by working in compost, well-rotted manure, or leaf mould to enrich the soil with nutrients. **Prevent compaction:** avoid working overly wet soil (?!) as it can compact and damage its structure, use a garden fork to aerate the soil gently. **Mulch :** Apply a thick layer of mulch to protect soil from erosion and temperature fluctuations.

The RSPB's Big Garden Birdwatch (Friday 23-Sunday 25 January) is the world's largest garden wildlife survey! Last year, nearly 600,000 people took part and over nine million birds were counted. We've lost a staggering 38 million birds from UK skies in the last 60 years. With birds facing so many challenges, it's more important than ever to get involved in the Birdwatch. To take part, spend one hour counting the birds you see in one location – your garden, balcony or a local park. Submit your findings to the RSPB. You can download a free guide and ID chart to help you identify the birds you spot on the RSPB website. Find out more at: www.rspb.org.uk/whats happening/big-garden-birdwatch