

Patrick, Glen Maye & Dalby

Weekly News sheets : Sun 25th -1st Feb. 3rd in Epiphany

*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.

As the winter brings with it the Flu and an increase in viruses we remember before God all those on our Island who are suffering at this time. We give thanks for all those who work in the National Health Service; the amazing work they do, the responsibility they carry, their caring and compassion, their helping and healing, those who work long hours and yet still have the strength to continually support and nurture others. We pray for God's blessing to be upon them, upon their work and their ministry of healing.

During the Season of Epiphany we focus on the transformation that Christ offers to the entire world, to all people of all nations. We pray that where we are seeing erratic diplomacy and leadership and an absence of moral norms within the Western world, the leaders of our nations will be guided by God's truth, integrity and wisdom that unites understanding, vision and justice for the good and safe keeping of the whole of humanity.

We pray for those in our world where sheer survival is their priority : for the 645,000 people who have been affected by the heavy rains in Mozambique over the last two weeks, resulting in severe flooding. We give thanks for the response of the local churches who are bringing about transformation by opening their buildings as refuge centres for displaced people, gathering food donations from non-affected areas of the country, and directing rescue teams to those most in need of assistance. Please see Tearfund for more info.

Today's Readings

**Isaiah 9.1-4
1 Corinthians 1.10-18**

**Psalms 27.1, 4-12*
Matthew 4.12-23**

A Great Light!

It's been long, wet, windy, winter in a dark and troubled world. It's too easy for us to walk with our heads down, single focused, as if carrying the weight of the world on our shoulders. In our teaching today we are reminded that we are invited to be one with the Source of all Love, the Source of all Light. He that was commissioned to bring Light into the Darkness, calls Us to be His Disciples.

Thoughts to ponder

Faith is stepping off the map of what's known and making a new road by walking into the unknown. It's responding to God's call to adventure, stepping out on a quest for goodness, trusting that the status quo isn't as good as it gets, believing a promise that a better life is possible.

Brian McLaren

We need to give Christ a chance to make use of us, to be His word and His work, to share His food and His clothing in the world today. If we do not radiate the light of Christ around us, the sense of the darkness that prevails in the world will increase. We need to find God, and he cannot be found in noise and restlessness. God is the friend of Silence. See how nature, trees, flowers, grass grow in silence. Is not our mission to give God to those we walk with? Not a dead God, but a living Loving God. The more we receive in silent prayer, the more we can give in active life. The essential thing is not what we say, but what God says to us and through us.

Mother Teresa

Sunday Services for next week : 1st February 4th of Epiphany:

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: 6.30 am : Café Style Service
Dalby: 6.30pm : Evening Prayer

Rev Johanna Smart
Cheryl Cousins & Pauline Lilley

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 & Rev'd Dr Janet Corlett 07624 301910

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Local Minister for Dalby: Cheryl Cousins: 843471

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Weekly Diary Dates 2026

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

- **Sun 26th : Dalby Steering group 7.00pm in the schoolrooms. :**
- **Tuesday 27th : The Chosen - Season 2 at St John's Methodist Church starting 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.
- **Tues 27th : Afternoon Movies at Dalby : Jane Austin's Sense & Sensibility.** Certificate U. 3hrs. **NB>starting at the earlier time of 2.00pm,** it's a long screening! The BBC Classic Drama series of the complexities of the life of the Dashwoods who find themselves unwelcome in their family home and almost penniless after their father dies leaving their estate to their half-brother James. There will be refreshments and a short break in the middle. No need to book, everyone welcome. Donations to help us cover costs & heating are greatly welcomed!
- **Tues 27th at 8pm: Candle in the Window:** a simple, shared act of remembrance, inviting people across the Isle of Man to place a candle in a window, creating a moment of reflection and unity. This will take place on the evening of Holocaust Memorial Day, marking the anniversary of the liberation of the Auschwitz-Birkenau concentration camp in 1945. . Equal and deliberate space is given to honour all the victims of all genocides, past and present. We hope that by lighting a candle at the same time, individuals, families and communities might come together in quiet solidarity to remember every life *,and to reaffirm our commitment to standing against hatred in all its forms and to strengthening our shared life together.* Learn more at www.hmd.org.uk/lightthedarkness
- **Wed 28th : Dalby Ducklings in the schoolrooms,** please contact Cheryl to book in advance.

Sat 14th Feb: Caarjyn Cooijagh in Concert at the Cathedral at 7.30pm - Everyone welcome!

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 Jan : An open invitation to come to : "Target Mission "at St Ninians Douglas : Striving to safeguard the integrity of creation, sustain and renew the life of the earth" 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).

* 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

Friday 6th February 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

Father Richard Rhor reflects on what it means to respond to God's call :

It is not an enviable position, this Christian thing.

Following Jesus is a vocation to share the fate of God for the Life of the world. To allow what, for some reason, God allows - and uses. And to suffer ever so slightly what God suffers eternally. Often this has to do with believing the right things about God - beyond the fact that God is Love itself. Those who respond to the call and agree to carry and love what God loves – which is both the good and the bad – and to pay the price for its reconciliation within themselves, these are the followers of Jesus Christ. They are the leaven, the salt, the remnant, the mustard seed that God uses to transform the world. The cross, then, is a very dramatic image of what it takes to be useable to God. It does not mean that they are going to heaven and others are not; rather, it means they have entered into heaven much earlier and can thus see things now in a transcendent, whole, and healing way. Saints are those who wake up while in this world, instead of waiting for the next one. Francis of Assisi, William Wilberforce, Therese of Lisieux and Harriet Tubman didn't feel superior to anyone else; they just knew they had been let in on a big divine secret and they wanted to do their part in revealing it. God is calling every one and everything , not just a few chosen ones, to God's self. (Gen 8 15-17. Ephesians 1:9-10. Colossians 1:15-20)