

# Patrick, Glen Maye & Dalby

Weekly News sheets : 1<sup>st</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Feb. Presentation of Christ



## The Feast of Candlemas

**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 this Feast of Candlemas** we pray for ourselves, the churches and chapels across the Island, that we may reflect the Light of Christ into our own homes and communities. And we Celebrate the Ministry of Snowdrops : the sign of purity, hope and faith by their courage and determination to flower against all odds! We pray that we too may have the same resilience to overcome darkness, and blossom in our world, sharing in the beauty and Light of our Creator God.

**Todays Readings**    **Malachi 3.1-5**  
                          **Hebrews 2.14-end**

**We hold before God the Hope and resilience of those in our world** who work to bring about His light; remembering NGO's (Non Governmental Organisations) who continue to work in the most extreme conditions in the face of the huge cuts in the Aid Budgets and the increasing emergency of Climate Change. We Celebrate the work of Tearfund partners working in South Sudan, which has no official bodies to manage medical waste or recycling, resulting in most rubbish being openly dumped, and creating serious risks to health and the environment. Tearfund are supporting a new women-owned waste management company that aims to improve health and livelihoods through sustainable recycling practices. We hold these women of vision before God in their determination to change the world about them, and we pray for them as they empower other women and lobby their Government for greater environmental and health awareness.

**Psalm 24.[1-6] 7-end**  
                          **Luke 2.22-40**

### *Purity and courage .....*

There is a tradition at the Feast of the Purification of the Virgin, that snowdrops are brought into the church to symbolise the purity of Mary, along with the blessing of the church candles to symbolise the Light of the Infant Jesus. Both positive, beautiful, gentle and evocative images! But conversely Light and Purity also have qualities of great strength. In our teaching on this Festival day of thanksgiving of The Presentation at The Temple we hear also of piecing swords; pain and darkness. The journey of Purity and Light, the journey of discipleship, is one of Hope, as well as of Courage, Strength, and Faith in adversity as well as in times of celebration. A fragile snowdrop pushing against the hard earth of winter ..... the purity of a diamond. The Joy and Pain of Love.

### *Thoughts to ponder .....*

*"At the beginning of February, when the infant light of spring is greeted thankfully by the hoary winter earth, it seems fitting that we should celebrate a candle Festival to remember that moment when the Light of the World was received into the Temple, when the old yielded to the new."*  
All year Round : Ann Druitt, Christine Fynes-Clinton and Marije Rowling

*Purity and simplicity are the two wings with which man soars above the earth and all temporary nature. Simplicity is in the intention, purity in the affection; simplicity turns to God; purity unites with and enjoys him. .*

Thomas a Kempis

### **Sunday Services for next week : 8<sup>th</sup> February. 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday before Lent**

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 : Morning Worship**

**Dalby: 6.30pm : Holy Communion**

**Mrs Jane Foxton**

**Canon Margaret Burrow**

**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**

**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 : Paul Bergin 869306**

## Weekly Diary Dates 2026

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

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- **Tues 3<sup>rd</sup> Feb : Patrick Coffee Stop at the Knockaloe Garden Room from 10 am**
- **Tuesday 3rd : 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](mailto:johanna.smart@methodist.org.im) or Revd Joanna Fisher [j.fisher00@icloud.com](mailto:j.fisher00@icloud.com).
- **Fri 6<sup>th</sup>: Volunteering for Mars? Be the first to see the installation at 7pm on Friday 6th February!** This is also an opportunity to meet other volunteers, learn about the different roles from welcoming visitors, encouraging people to complete a questionnaire, assisting in the Mars Bar (new name for the Harvest Moon Café!) to helping people buy our trendy Mars Merchandise. And if you have yet to offer to help, please contact Kevin Hughes who is drawing up the rota: [kevlarhughes@gmail.com](mailto:kevlarhughes@gmail.com)  
Oh, and there will be refreshments too ...
- **7<sup>th</sup> Feb: Glen Maye Craft Market with Bacon Baps 11am 4pm.** At Glen Maye Chapel & Community Centre. Homemade Produce & Handicrafts by Local Artists. Crafts, Gifts, Knitwear, Jewellery, Artwork etc FREE ENTRY - Join us for homemade light lunch, bacon baps, tea, coffee & cake. Look out for the bunting and banners.
- **Mars at the Cathedral :**
  - Sat 7th: 10:30am: Free Talk for Children** with Stuart Mullan of the Mars Society
  - 11:30am Meet the Mars Society:** News and Discovery Beneath the Red Planet
  - 7:00pm Launch Party with Mine's a Shanty and canapés from Filbey's.** Cost to attend £22. To book: <https://ticketlab.co.uk/event/id/37275>
  - Please see the Notices in the churches & Chapels for further details of the Full Programme for the Mars Installation.
  - Sat 14<sup>th</sup> Feb: Caarjyn Cooidjagh** in Concert at the Cathedral at 7.30pm - Everyone welcome

**Sun 15<sup>th</sup> Feb: An invitation to come and join us for our Annual Snowdrop Afternoon Tea at Dalby schoolrooms:** from 3.00pm. @ £15.00 per person. There will be a selection of homemade sandwiches, cakes, meringues and cream scones, so come hungry! Please book in advance by ringing Gilly on 844031, between 10am – 6pm and let us know if you require a gluten free or Vegetarian alternative. If you're planning to come with friends, please book *as a group* so that you can be seated together. There will also be snow drops for Sale After costs all proceeds go to our church Restoration fund and our two charities for this year: **Autism in Mann** & the Manx charity working overseas: **The Coral & Pearl Hostels Trust**, supporting and helping vulnerable girls in **Tanzania** through operating safe hostels.

**It's Shrove Tuesday on 17th February** and time for a Pancake and Quiz Night at Patrick! You are invited to come and join in the fun at 7pm, in the Knockaloe Exhibition Centre (So that we have a rough idea of how many pancakes to make, please text Jenny on 383399) Cost: £5 per adult £2 per child (a card reader will be available)

## **The Next Couple of weeks... Life Under Mars!!**

- Sat 7<sup>th</sup> February** 19:00 Launch Party with Mine's a Shanty and canapés from Filbey's (
- Sun 8<sup>th</sup>** : 18:30 Free Peel Celebration organised by Peel Town Commissioners
- Mon 9<sup>th</sup>** : 19:00 This house believes that Mars Exploration is humanity's most important scientific endeavour - a debate between St Ninian's and Ballakermeen High Schools, with Tallis (Free)
- Tues 10<sup>th</sup>** : Quiet night, closing after a short service of Compline at 21:00
- Wed: 11:** 19:30 The Search for God: can science help? Dr David Wilkinson (Free)
- Thurs 12<sup>th</sup>** : 19:00 Dinner + after dinner talk: Life on Mars? Aliens, human colonies and imagination by Reverend Professor David Wilkinson (Filbey's catering)
- Fri 13<sup>th</sup>** : 19:00 Poetry with Bradley Chambers, the 11th Manx Bard 1

**Sat 14<sup>th</sup> 4 February** 19:30 Caarjyn Cooijagh Graih as Caggey (Songs of Love and War) (Free)

**Sun 15<sup>th</sup>** : 18:30 Sound Bath with Amy Howse  
**For a full programme of day and evening events**  
**please see the flyers distributed to churches and chapels, some of the above are tickets events, others welcome donations to help cover costs.**

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