

Patrick, Glen Maye & Dalby

Weekly News sheets : 22nd-28th Feb. 1st Sunday of Lent

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 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.

We hold before God all those on the Island whose lives and livelihoods have been affected by the incessant rain this winter. We pray particularly for our farming community facing the immediate issues of animal welfare, with livestock on water-saturated bedding, in water-saturated mud-soaked fields, that brings with it the risk of foot rot, respiratory disease and pneumonia.....and the consequent reduction of grazing quality, the need for ongoing additional feed, and the long term impact of soil erosion, and financial strain. .

Four years of prayer for Ukraine : Next Tuesday, 24th Feb marks the fourth anniversary of the invasion of Ukraine; a situation that we've been faithfully praying over throughout the four years. We continue to pray for a breakthrough in peace talks that would lead to a just and lasting peace. We remember the people in Kyiv struggling with temperatures (down to -27°C /-17°F) and with minimal heating or electricity due to attacks on critical infrastructure. We pray for strength and sufficient resources for partner organisations providing refugees with a safe space to gather, and receive psychological support. And we pray for the comfort and healing of all who have suffered, who've had to flee from their homes to another part of Ukraine or another country, for those separated from family members, and those grieving the death of loved ones. We pray for wholeness and healing.

Today's Readings

Genesis 2.15-17; 3.1-7
Romans 5.12-19

Psalms 32
Matthew 4.1-11

Lent is about being closer to Lent

" Deep within every human being is the image of God. It's just that sometimes life's circumstances, experiences, vulnerabilities and insecurities have built up to such an extent that, that image, is seen but "through a glass darkly." The true "us" has been but temporarily submerged, it is never lost. Lent is an opportunity for us to set aside time in the busyness of our lives that we may "find" ourselves again. That we can renew our relationship with God, set aside our own yearnings and desires and listen again to the heart beat of God. That we may once again live as His people, reflecting His image into our world. The shifting of the build-up of that habitual thinking and self- centred actions that have made us who we have become, can be difficult, sometimes painful. It can be known as a desert experience. Christ's desert experience was not so that He may suffer, but that His Life may be One with the will of God.

Thoughts to ponder

Transformation isn't sweet and bright. It's a dark and murky, painful pushing. An unravelling of the untruths you've carried in your body. A practice in facing your own created demons. A complete uprooting, before becoming."

Victoria Erickson

"When we quit thinking primarily about ourselves and our own self-preservation, we undergo a truly heroic transformation of consciousness."

Joseph Campbell

Sunday Services for next week : 28th February. The 2nd Sunday of Lent

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

Kirk Patrick: 10.30 am : Morning Prayer

Glen Maye: 6.30pm : Evening Worship

Dalby: 6.30pm : Celtic Evening Prayer

Robert & Graham & Revd. Mark Radcliffe

Rev Jo Smart

Cheryl Cousins

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 30190

Secretary: Julia Sharples 840801.

Safe Guarding Officer : Paul Bergin 869306



Weekly Diary Dates 2026

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

- **Tues 24th : Films in the afternoon at Dalby : What we did on our Holiday.** Cert 12. 1.30mins
"An enormously entertaining heart warmer" Doug (David Tennant) and Abi (Rosamund Pike) and their three children travel to the Scottish Highlands for Doug's father Gordie's (Billy Connolly) birthday party. It's soon clear that when it comes to keeping a secret under wraps from the rest of the family, their children are their biggest liability....
- **Tues Feb 24th : Chosen this Tuesday :Season 2 at St John's Methodist Church starting at 7:00 pm.** 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
- **Wed 25th Dalby Ducklings, 10am – 11.30am**
Booking in advance, please contact Cheryl.
- **Thurs 26th : Meditation at Dalby: 7.00pm-9.00pm** . A time for a deeper journey into silence and stillness before God. Anyone is welcome, you don't need to have meditated before to join us. please contact Cheryl if you want more information.

Fri 6th March: The World Bonnag Championships at Dalby schoolrooms starting at 7.30pm with an evening of entertainment by Dot Tilbury & Friends. Admission @ £12.50 includes the concert, a Manx Supper, and the judging of the Bonnags. To book please ring Gilly on 844031, stating if you need a veggie or Coeliac supper. Please note that our special "booking office" / kitchen is open from 10am – 6pm only; please don't leave answer phone messages. Booking opens on Mon 23rd
To enter The World Championships the Classes are: Gents; Ladies; & Children's (under 14's) : Commercial and Gluten Free. Please bring your bonnag on a paper plate. If you aren't attending the concert, Bonnags for the Championships can be delivered to Dalby schoolrooms from 4pm – 7.00pm on Fri 6th March Or if you are attending please bring your Bonnags with you on the night. Good Luck! Any queries about entries please contact Margy : 843768

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

Mars at The Cathedral

- **Sunday 22nd** 19:00 The Red Frontier: From Victorian Myths to the New Space Age. Free talk by Stuart Mullan of the IoM branch of the Mars
- **Tuesday 24th**: 7.00pm Close Encounters, a one man show by Alex Brown
- **Wednesday 25th**. 7.30pm. Any Questions with a Cathedral Mars Rover Engineer (Gwyn Jones), an academic (Steve Barrett), Member of the Mars Society (Stuart Mullan) (Free)
- **Thursday 26th**: 7.30pm Series of short lectures – Cathedral Dr Steve Barrett (Liverpool University) Free
- **Friday 27th**: 7.00pm Youth under Mars with SUMT; a free evening for secondary age
- **Saturday 28th**. 10:30am Free Talk for Children with Stuart Mullan of the Mars Societ
- 7.00pm Ceili Cathedral (organised by Culture Vannin
- **Sunday 1st 5.30pm** Half hour showcase of Cathedral Ballroom dancing by young Manx dancers 7.00pm Mood Indigo presents Cathedral Blue Tones under a Red Planet

For a full programme of day and evening events please see www.dioceseofsodorandman.im

February Eco Tips for Gardeners :

This is a good time of year to install new bird boxes, birdbaths and feeders to encourage our feathered friends to come join you.....check out the RSPB website for nesting boxes of different varieties for birds, to encourage lodgers of your own choice to come & find sanctuary with you!

Now is a good time for mulching your beds with compost, woodchip or well rotted manure to add nutrients to your soil. It can also help to protect your plants from frost and the colder weather we sometimes get in February and March.

Prune and split Perennials: Cut back dead stems of herbaceous perennials when you notice new, green growth starting to appear at the base. To split lift the entire root clump with a spade, then use a sharp knife, saw, or two garden forks back-to-back to divide it into smaller sections. Ensure each piece has 3-5 healthy shoots and strong roots

NB>> 14th April: : Manx Wildlife Trust : No Trees No Seas: a Special film screening and Q&A at Peel Centenary Centre at 7.30pm with Carl Rowlinson, co-founder of [Plant One Cornwall](http://PlantOneCornwall) and the storyteller behind the ground-breaking [No Trees, No Seas](http://NoTrees, No Seas) campaign. Discover the powerful new science showing how restoring forests can revive our oceans, bringing back fish stocks, restoring kelp and seagrass, and even reversing plankton decline.. Expect an inspiring evening of film, ideas and hope, Book now to avoid disappointment: Admission £10, suggested additional donation £5. Contact: enquiries@mwt.im