

Patrick, Glen Maye & Dalby

Weekly News sheets : 15-22nd Feb. Sunday Next Before 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. We pray particularly for our farming community facing the issues of immediate animal welfare with livestock on water-saturated bedding in water-saturated mud-soaked fields that brings the risk of foot rot, respiratory disease and pneumonia; the reduction of grazing quality, the need for ongoing additional feed and the long term impact of soil erosion and the subsequent financial strain.

We hold before God the people of Ukraine where they have been experiencing winter weather temperatures of -20°C (-4°F), alongside continued airstrikes on critical infrastructure. Thousands of people have been left without, or with limited, electricity, gas or electric heating in high-rise apartment buildings, and some areas have no water. We pray for the resilience and courage of aid agencies and churches working in such extreme temperatures, who continue to serve those in need, we pray for their protection as they seek to help others, and for the end of attacks on essential infrastructure. We continue to pray for a sincere and compassionate humanitarian response to peace, that a nation, a culture, a people, may be able to live their lives as free people, knowing Gods Healing presence with them as they are restored to their land.

Today's Readings

**Exodus 24.12–end
2 Peter 1.16–end**

**Psalm 2 or Psalm 99
Matthew 17.1–9**

A pilgrimage of Light

"At the start of any journey there are always mixed feelings; usually anticipation, sometimes apprehension, doubt or even wariness about what lies ahead. If we fear it may be challenging, we could well question whether we're up to it, whether it's the right thing to be engaged in, what is our depth of commitment or stamina? So, what is it that motivates us to make a difficult journey? Usually the anticipated outcome! As we approach the pilgrimage of Lent, our teaching today is of the Transfiguration of Jesus on the Mountain. A reminder of the invitation of meeting with God and the inevitable transformation that will bring. Whatever we choose to undertake as our Lenten journey, may it be focused on letting go of the things that bind us into habitual patterns of thinking and acting, that our Spirits too may be free to know the presence of God more deeply within us.

Thoughts to ponder:

Renewing the mind is a little like refinishing furniture. It is a two - stage process. It involves taking off the old and replacing it with the new. The old is the lies you have learned to tell or were taught by those around you; it is the attitudes and ideas that have become a part of your thinking but do not reflect reality. The new is the truth. To renew your mind is to involve yourself in the process of allowing God to bring to the surface the lies you have mistakenly accepted and replace them with truth. To the degree that you do this, your behaviour will be transformed."

Charles Stanley

Sunday Services for next week : 22nd February. The 1st 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: 10.30 am : Communion Service
Dalby: 6.30pm : Celtic Communion

Peter Harris from A Rocha & Graham McAll
Rev Dr Dee Dee Haines
The Very Revd. Nigel Godfrey

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

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Rev'd Dr Janet Corlett 07624 30190

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Safe Guarding Officer : Paul Bergin 869306



Weekly Diary Dates 2026

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

- **Mon 16th : the Gathering at Dalby :** an invitation to come join us for our monthly Gathering this Monday (and the 3rd Monday of every month) in the schoolrooms, starting with a bring & share Supper at 7.00pm. A time to chill, and catch up with God and with one another. Anyone wanting to journey a deeper discipleship practice and shared rhythm of Life is always welcome to join us
- **Please note there will be no Chosen this Tuesday at St John's Methodist Church the sessions will recommence on Feb 24th . .**
- **Tues 17th : It's Shrove Tuesday 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
- **Wed 18th Ash Wednesday :**
- **Wed 18th Dalby Soup Stop, serving from 12.30 – 1.30pm.** No need to book, just come and join us for homemade soup and bread, cakes, tea and coffee. Everyone welcome. Your donations are always *very* much appreciated in helping us to cover our running costs. *Thank you!*
- **Fri 20th : The Thanksgiving Service for the Life of Hilary Green, at 12.30pm at Dalby Church**
- **Sat 21st : Dalby Quiz Night.7.30pm** A light-hearted quiz evening with food at Dalby Schoolrooms. Questions are served by your quizmaster, Grant — "*More blank than Blankety Blank*" Prizes on the night! .Booking @ £10 includes food, with Manx broth, chunky bread and butter, soda cake, and tea. Feel free to bring your own wine or beer. Booking in advance with teams of four/five people, please ring Gilly on 844031 between 10am and 6pm, stating whether you need a vegetarian or gluten-free alternative. Individual quiz enthusiasts are also welcome to book, teams will be made up on the evening.!

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

- **Sun 15th :18:30 Sound Bath** with Amy Howse
- **Monday 16th 09:00 Pilates** booking essential (Lizzy@pilates-isle-of-man.co.uk)
12:00 Big Table (Community Meal) Monday 16 February
19:00 Meet an Astronomer - Isle of Man Astronomical Society (informal)
- **Tuesday 17th 14:00 The Mannic Ukers** – the u3a Ukulele Band Tuesday
- **17th 19:00 War of the Worlds** – Jeff Wayne's 1978 Musical Version (Free)
- **Wed 18th :10:00 Body and Soul** – music and movement for children with SUMT
- **18th Quiet night, with film:** The Martian at the Centenary Centre at 19:15
- **Thursday 19 09:15 Chair-based Exercise** book with Lizzy Main 11:00
- **The Big Book Group** – The Martian by Andy Weir
• 19:15 Simeon Wood (Free)
- **Friday 20th. 09:15 Paracise** – all welcome, no need to book
- **10:15 Paracise** – booking essential (donnawhalley@hotmail.co.uk)
- **19:00 Elizabeth Davidson-Blythe & Daniel Quayle** with special guests Smooinght Mie
- **Saturday 21st 09:00 Pilates** book with Lizzy Main (Lizzy@pilates-isle-of-man.co.uk)
- **10:00 Mars Mission:** A Cosmic Collage Adventure Artreach Workshop Corrin Hall, Book: Mars Event Link to tickets on Artreach Studios
- **10:30 Free Talk for Children** with Stuart Mullan of the Mars Society
- **14:00 Mars Mission:** A Cosmic Collage Adventure Artreach Workshop Corrin Hall, Book: Mars Event Link to tickets
- **Saturday 21st. 20:00 Private Event** (Guides)

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

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.NoSeas) 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