

Patrick, Glen Maye & Dalby

Weekly News sheets : 15-22nd March 4th Sunday of Lent



Blessings this Mothering Sunday

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.

On this Mothering Sunday we hold our own Mothers, or those who have "Mothered" us, before God with thankfulness and blessing for all they have been in our lives. We give thanks for those who serve our communities, tirelessly giving of their time and energy, thinking more of the needs of others than of themselves. And we give thanks for our Mother Church, a sanctuary within our communities, that reaches out to nurture, support and uphold us through the glories, and the difficulties, of our Lives.



Today we celebrate our God given human capacity for selfless Love. A Love that reaches out in the face of illness, war, danger, hunger, injustice, greed, prejudice, aggression and inequality. A Love that takes people from their homes and families, from their safety nets, to serve in places of extreme vulnerability and hardship. The Aid workers, representing literally hundreds of NGO's across the world, who seek to serve, to "mother" others, less fortunate than themselves. And we celebrate the hundreds of thousands of people who enable this to happen. Those who also give selflessly, from the comfort of their homes, the money to enable this great army of Mothering to take place that others may have health services, safety, security, food, justice and the opportunity to live to their God Given potential. We pray for God's blessing on all who love, selflessly.

Today's Readings : Exodus 2.1-10 or 1 Samuel 1.20-28

Corinthians 1.3-7 or Colossians 3.12-17

Psalms 34.11-20 or Psalm 127.1-4 2

Luke 2.33-35 or John 19.25-27

Mothering

On this Mothering Sunday we give thanks for our own Mothers, and for the "Mothering" that we've received in our own lives. For many of us it's a time of remembering and for celebrating the love that we have known. In our Bible readings today we have a rich choice of reflections on love, that remind us that alongside the cards and bouquets that represent Mother's Day, the cost of *truly loving* can also bring pain, sorrow and suffering. In our Lenten journey we're walking towards Holy Week, and with that comes the reminder of the ultimate cost of selfless love. And as we all struggle to come to terms with the impact of war once again on the Middle East, and our apparent involvement in this human suffering, we recognise the strength, courage and selflessness of every mother, united across the world in their anguish for the protection, safety and wellbeing of their children. A universal Love that knows no boundaries of nationhood, culture or creed, but that grieves, cherishes and nurtures with the heart of God.

Thoughts to ponder

"When one has once fully entered the realm of love, the world — no matter how imperfect — becomes rich and beautiful, it consists solely of opportunities for love."

Søren Kierkegaard,

Love is never security; love is a state in which there is no desire to be secure; it is a state of vulnerability.

J. Krishnamurti

"When you are sorrowful look again in your heart, and you shall see that in truth you are weeping for that which has been your delight."

Kahlil Gibran

Sunday Services for next week : 22nd March 5th 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 Worship

Glen Maye: 10.30am : Morning Worship

Dalby: 6.30pm : Celtic Communion

Andy & Graham Mc All

Rev. Jo Smart

The Very Revd. Nigel Godfrey

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

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Weekly Diary Dates 2026

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

- **On Monday Mornings: A Different way to travel through the Season of Lent** : Lent Walks, join Janet Corlett, Marinda Fargher, Andrew Foxen and Phil Craine on Monday Morning 10am. Meet at 9.45 for a 10am start. Refreshments provided.
16th March Port St Mary (Kallow Point) (circular)
23rd March St. Johns Methodist Chapel (circular)
30th March Dhoo Chriss Church (circular)
Contact Rev Janet: corlette@gmail.com
07624430910
- **Mon 16th : The Gathering at Dalby schoolrooms. Meeting at 6.30pm with a bring & share meal, followed by** a pilgrimage on prayer at Dalby schoolrooms on Monday evenings at 7.30pm, from 16th -30th March..... Using The Prayer Course II: with a video lead by 24-7 Prayer founder Pete Grieg and co-host Gemma Hunt, created to run alongside Pete Grieg's book "God on Mute", exploring the theme of Unanswered Prayer in more detail..... everyone welcome as we gently think about this big and often undiscussed issue together.
- **Tues 17th : The Chosen : 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 18th : Dalby Soup Stop**, serving homemade soups, bread, cakes, tea & coffee from 12.30 – 1.30pm. No need to book, everyone welcome. Donations to cover much appreciated
- **Friday 20th: Village Social Games Evening at Glen Maye Community Centre on 7pm-9pm.** Join us for fun, hospitality and chat. Board Games, Jigsaw Puzzles, Skittles, Snooker, Table Football, and Table Tennis. Only £1 / Person (Tea/Soft Drinks Included). All Ages Welcome
- **Sat : 21st Equinox Walk 10.30am** The Equinox speaks of balance, harmony and peace. A gentle 7km pilgrimage around St Johns, pausing to reflect on peace. Gather at Tynwald Hill. No charge - just turn up, Bring packed lunch+drink and wear appropriate clothing. Contact: Phil Craine 07624 437248 philcraine44@gmail.com
- **Sat 21st: Cathedral Concerts at 7:30pm** Debbie Gooding (Mezzo Soprano), Neil Taverner (Baritone) and Graham Kirkland (piano) Free admission –

The Anglican Annual Church meetings are coming up soon: Notices will appear on the church noticeboards for the Meeting of Parishioners to appoint two churchwardens, along with the Annual Parish Church Meeting (APCM) where those on the Church Electoral Roll can elect people to represent them on the Local Church Council (LCC) for the next 12 months. If you'd like more information please contact your Church Secretary or Wardens. **Dalby Church meeting is on Tuesday 24th**

Have you considered doing a Carbon Fast during Lent?! See Climate Stewards : info@climatestewards.org
Week 5's Challenge is to Lower our Emissions this Lent ; To drive or not to drive - that is our question this week. In the UK, transport is the largest emitting sector at 29% of all emissions, and private cars and taxis account for over half (54%) of transport emissions¹. By choosing alternative modes of transport, we can reduce our carbon footprint and also improve our own physical and mental health. Walking, cycling, or catching a bus may be slower at times but will often provide opportunities to appreciate God's creation and to enjoy interactions with others.

Caring for Creation : A force for change.....

Nature is a mighty global force, moving and shifting with its rolling weather fronts and millions of birds migrating each year in the skies above us. But nature is also precious and more fragile than its power suggests. Sadly, the UK is currently one of the world's most nature-depleted regions with a greatly diminished biodiversity and one in six species at risk of extinction in Great Britain. Humans rely on nature in ways we may not even realise, and our actions directly affect it. Crucially, we can have a big impact on positive change by doing small things to help nature right on our doorstep. Here are just a few simple but effective ways you can support nature yourself all year round:

1. Snuggle up. Put up a nestbox

If you have a suitable tree or wall in your garden, why not provide a nestbox as a safe haven for your resident birds? With the depletion of the UK's habitats, nesting sites are in shorter supply than ever. Together with the nourishment provided by bird feeders or even compost heap invertebrates, a nestbox will provide a rich and bountiful environment for birds. They may even choose to raise their chicks there. Different species can require specialised boxes so take a look at RSPB online shop. Every purchase contributes to the support of wildlife and nature!

2.. Create a compost heap

Spare a thought for your smallest garden visitors. One way to help the minibeasts which underpin biodiversity is a compost heap. You can buy or even build one yourself, best made out of untreated wood, even upcycled slats if you have them to spare. Combine food and garden waste such as soil and vegetable trimmings with finely shredded cardboard and sticks for forming mulch. The blend of both nitrogen- and carbon-rich materials provides the most efficient food and warmth for a plethora of decomposers like earthworms and woodlice. These contribute to soil nutrients and aid larger creatures as food sources for amphibians, birds, and mammals.

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