

Patrick, Glen Maye & Dalby

Weekly News sheets : 19th-26th April. 3rd Sunday of Easter



We pray for Christ's resurrected Light to flood into our lives, and the lives of all those in our communities who are vulnerable or struggling: the elderly, the isolated and lonely; single parents; young families, 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, that their hearts may be lifted, and their burdens lessened. And we hold before God all our farming community during this lambing season that, as they work in often cold, stormy weather, they may find their strength and protection in Him.

*To the home of Peace, to the field of love,
To the land where forgiveness
and right relationship meet, we look O God,
with longing for earth's children,
with compassion for the creatures,
with hearts breaking for the nations
and the people we love.
Open us to visions we have never known,
strengthen us for self-givings we have never made,
delight us with a oneness,
we could never have imagined,
That we may truly be born of you, makers of peace.*

J. P Newall

**Today's Readings. Acts 2.14a, 36-41
1 Peter 1.17-23**

**Psalm 116.1-3, 10-end*
Luke 24.13-35**

Seeing God

As Spring gradually takes back our landscape and the world becomes greener and more luscious by the day, it's easy for our spirits to feel up lifted, for us to be aware of the presence of God's fingerprints still lingering over our land. In our teaching today we hear of the disciples who walked the road to Emmaus with a stranger, and who did not recognise the presence of God with them. They had suffered bereavement, grief, loss, sorrow, betrayal, all that they had longed for seemed to have been lost to them. For most of us Life is seldom spring sunshine for very long, it seems it comes with its own built-in hardships, pain and disappointments. The disciples were privileged enough to meet with the Risen Christ who explained to them all they had seen and heard. What we celebrate at Easter is that we too can encounter that same presence with us today. It is constantly with us if we but raise our eyes out the gloom ... and focus on the transforming Light of Love.

Thoughts to ponder

Our daily problems and worries can wrap us up in ourselves, in sadness and bitterness ...and that is where death is. That is not the place to look for the One who is alive!"

Pope Francis

"Jesus no longer belongs to the past but lives in the present and is projected toward the future; Jesus is the everlasting "today" of God.

Pope Francis

In our stillness, we acknowledge God's greatness and we are at peace in our life. Stillness saturates us in the Presence of God."

E'Yen A. Gardner

Sunday Services for next week : 26th April 4th Sunday of Easter

Refreshments are served after all these services. please stav for a cupda and eniov a natter

Kirk Patrick: 10.30 am : Morning Worship
Glen Maye: 10.30 am : Morning Worship
Dalby: 6.30pm : Celtic Communion

Robert Quayle
Paul Craine.
Revd Joana Fisher & Pauline Killey

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**

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- **Mon 20th April : The Gathering at Dalby:** an invitation to come join us for our monthly Gathering this Monday (the 3rd Monday of every month) in the schoolrooms, starting with a bring & share Supper at 7.00pm. A time for us to chill and catch up with one another, and to explore deeper Christian fellowship and Community together. Anyone wanting to journey a deeper discipleship practice and shared rhythm of Life is always welcome to join us.
- **Tues 21st: Following a service in Manchester Cathedral** last Tuesday to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the Mothers' Union, the York Provincial baton arrives on the island tomorrow. This service is at 2pm in Braddan Church where the Sodor and Man prayer will be added. All are welcome.
- **Tues 21st : A seminar by International Specialist Toby Curteis ; Improving the environmental conditions in our Historic buildings: at St Thomas' Church Douglas,** from 7-8.30pm. Come along for a cuppa beforehand, from 6.30pm.. *"Expert Tobit Curteis explores balancing conservation with decarbonisation, and helps us to master environmental controls that protect historic fabric while ensuring a sustainable, comfortable future. This seminar addresses the critical risks of poor environmental conditions and the need for careful intervention strategies for long-term preservation of our treasured buildings."* The event is free to attend. To secure a place, please email Louise: carbon.zero@sodorandman.im
- **Wed 22nd : Dalby Ducklings :** booking in advance , please contact Cheryl
- **Thurs 23rd: Meditation at Dalby, from 7.30pm – 9.00pm in the schoolrooms.** A Journey into a deeper inner stillness and silence , using the practice of WCCM: The World Community of Christian Meditation. Open to everyone, you don't need to have meditated before to join us.
- NB> Tuesday 28th Season 3 of The Chosen is Starting at 7:00 pm at St John's Methodist Church. All welcome. If you have any questions then please contact either Revd Jo Smart (johanna.smart@methodist.org.im) or Revd Joanna Fisher (j.fisher00@icloud.com)
- **NB >Rev Jo Smart is off Island on Mon 20th -Friday 1st May.** If a minister is needed please contact someone on the plan or a circuit steward.

The Annual May Day Collectors Fair at Dalby is on Monday May 4th in the schoolrooms, starting at 11 am – 4.30 pm, with a wide range of Collectables on sale. There will be Manx broth & Home-made lunches of Soup, Sandwiches, Cakes & Coffee as well as Afternoon Teas throughout the day, with tables in the garden if the weather permits and additional seating in the Hub. Also keeping with tradition, there will be the Cake Stall, and Plant Stall. After costs all proceeds go to St James Restoration Fund and our two charities for this year : Autism in Man, and the Manx Charity operating overseas The Coral & Pearl Hostels Trust that operates hostels for vulnerable girls in Tanzania. If you'd like to help in any way, or donate a cake please contact Margy : margykilley@gmail.com

NB> there will be no service at Dalby on Sun 3rd May.

Praying the Keeills Week 16th – 23rd May. A chance to explore tiny ruined chapels (keeills) which have dotted our Island landscape for over a thousand years. In doing so we aim to offer opportunities to slow down, turn off the phone, marvel at a bluebell and perhaps take in a glimpse of the Divine. This year we are joining the celebration of " Blien ny Gaelgey " Year of Manx language, as our chosen theme. We hope our programme offers something for everyone, visitors to our shores are especially welcome, whatever your mother-tongue. AS usual the week includes walks of varying lengths, together with a coach trip and an evening lecture. Except for the coach trip there is no requirement to book, though voluntary cash donations for any refreshments would be appreciated by our hosts. Please see the programme of walks in your chapel or church or take a look at the website ; www.PRAYINGTHEKEEILLS202PROGRAMME

Top Spring Nature Tips (MWT) * Protect Nesting Birds: Do not trim hedges or shrubs between March and September to avoid disturbing nesting birds.
*** Build Wildlife Homes:** Spring is a great time to construct bug mansions or hedgehog homes in your garden. ***Spring Habitat Prep:** Identify and remove invasive, non-native plant species before they take over during the spring growth surge. ***Spring Wildlife Spotting Yellow Flowers:** Look for daffodils, pussy willow, and yellow rattle, which are highly attractive to early insects. ***Coastal Action:** Visit spots like the Ayres National Nature Reserve to see shingle beach flora and migratory birds. ***Species Check:** Look out for returning migrants like Swallows and Sand Martins. : Participate in guided monthly walks to identify spring birds, plants, and insects. ***"How WILD is Your Land":** Use the MWT online tool to measure the food, shelter, and water available for wildlife on your land.

NB>If you'd like to have information in this news sheet could you please send it through to Graham or Robert by Thursday during the following 3 weeks. Many thanks.