

Patrick, Glen Maye & Dalby

Weekly News sheets : 5th -12th April



Christ is Risen!

On this Easter Sunday our prayers are for ourselves, our families and friends, our chapels and churches, our Island and all the Nations of the World, that the Light of the Risen Christ may flood our into hearts, minds and souls with His Goodness, Empathy, Compassion, Love, Peace and Joy, that we may be witness to the transformation He Brings!

**Today's Readings. Acts 10.34-43 or Jeremiah 31.1-6
Colossians 3.1-4 or Acts 10.34-43**

**Psalm 118.1-2,14-24*
John 20.1-18 or Matthew 28.1-10**

New Life

Easter celebrates the power of Love to bring new Life out of the darkness. As Christians we are invited to step into the garden at dawn. To meet the Risen Christ, beyond the cross and the darkness of the tomb and to be part of that first Easter morning. And, even in the midst of the world's suffering, in fact *because* of the World's suffering, we are called to celebrate Easter, always with joy, faith, and hope. As Mary mourned the death of her beloved Master, He stood beside her with words of compassion, love and promise. As humanity mourns the depravity of current world affairs, the message of Easter is *that Christ is always with us*, beside us, seeking to comfort, support, and to take our fears and insecurities, that we may dwell in the freedom and transformation of The Resurrection. Mary recognised His presence in the garden; we are invited to recognise His presence this Easter and in every moment of our lives.

Thoughts to ponder

There is nothing holier in this life of ours than the first consciousness of love-- the first fluttering of its silken wings.....

Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

When you commit yourself to living love, you feel at peace with yourself because you are at harmony with the flow of life. Viewing life from the highest perspective, you feel confident and secure. You realize that no matter how things may appear, you are loved and protected. You know you are one with God, and you bring your peace with you wherever you go. You're not looking for love, but for opportunities to love.

Susan L. Taylor

Sunday Services for next week : 13th April 1st Sunday after Easter

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: 10.30 am : Congregational Praise
Dalby: 6.30pm : Holy Communion

Robery Quayle

Canon Margaret Burrow

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

Wardens: Clare Quayle 417583 & Kenny Diack 316316

Safe Guarding Officer: Sarah Hedley : 361763

Minister for Glen Maye : Rev'd Johanna Smart : 842202 &

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Local Minister for Dalby: Cheryl Cousins: 843471

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Weekly Diary Dates 2026

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

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- **Tues 7th : Patrick Coffee Stop from 10.00am in Knockaloe Garden rooms.** *Everyone welcome*
- **Tues 7th : 7.00pm Parish West Coast APCM**
- **Wed 8th ; Dalby Friends Planning meeting at 7.00pm in the schoolrooms**
- **Thurs 9th : Meditation at Dalby: 7.30pm – 9.00pm.** A journey into deeper stillness and inner peace. Anyone welcome, you don't need to have meditated before to join us
- **Wed 8th : Cathedral Concerts: 7.30pm The Corrib Singers Co Mayo, Ireland.** (Supported by Isle of Man Arts Council)
- **Sat 11th: Ostrich Racing at Glen Maye at 7.00pm.** Admission £10 Per Person including Supper and Prizes All proceeds to Glen Maye Chapel Tickets Available from Julia 840801
- **Mon 13th : Coastal Bird Workshop and walk to Niarbyl, run by Manx Birdlife in conjunction with Dalby Church.** 9.00 am – 12noon, meeting at Dalby Schoolrooms. An all Age / Family workshop; suitable for individuals, couples, kids & grand children, please note all children must be accompanied by a responsible adult. Come learn more about sea birds using binoculars and do some creative beach activities. All welcome, £3 for children and £5 for Adults; there'll be flap-jack snacks on the beach. Please note booking is in advance only please contact Anna Graham : anna@manxbirdlife.im

"Few people seem to realize that the resurrection of Jesus is the cornerstone to a worldview that provides the perspective to all of life.

John Piper

"The best news of the Christian gospel is that the supremely glorious Creator of the universe has acted in Jesus Christ's death and resurrection to remove every obstacle between us and himself so that we may find everlasting joy in seeing and savouring his infinite beauty."

Charles Spurgeon

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

Celebrating a Loving Caring Church : "A profound theological and cultural shift....."

Safeguarding in the church has evolved from being a secondary administrative task and a reactive, bureaucratic necessity, into being increasingly recognized *as central to the Church's mission*, the practical outworking of God's love and a mandate to care for the vulnerable, (that's all of us at different times in our lives!) to ensure that churches are truly safe places where we can all flourish.

A "Culture of Care" versus Compliance means moving from a "Tick-Box" mentality to the Theological Imperative. While DBS checks and training are essential, the bigger picture moves beyond policy to fostering a "culture of care". Safeguarding should be seen as a way of demonstrating love for our neighbour and acting justly, as mandated in Scripture: *"He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the LORD require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly^[a] with your God."* Micah 6:8. We celebrate that Safeguarding is no longer a "secondary concern" but *an intrinsic part* of the church's identity. It is a proactive, theological reflection of God as a fortress or refuge for the vulnerable. The spectrum of safeguarding now covers a wider, active view that aims to create places where dignity is championed, places and communities that embody God's kingdom on earth.

The Cultural Shift: Challenging Power and Secrecy, It may seem incomprehensible, but we all know that the Church has often struggled with issues of power, clericalism, and tribalism. A mature approach to safeguarding challenges these, aiming to protect and empower those with less power. The bigger picture requires listening to the voices of survivors, which are often missing from theological debate, and acknowledging the aching hidden scars that institutional silence and failures have perpetuated. At the heart of Christianity, and Safeguarding, there is a need for a realistic understanding of repentance, acknowledging that forgiveness *does not* negate the need to manage risk, or to protect the vulnerable from repeat offences.

Holistic Safeguarding : While child protection is vital, the scope of safeguarding has broadened to include vulnerable adults, focusing on a person's vulnerability rather than just their age. This includes safer recruitment, managing offenders safely within the congregation, and ensuring buildings are accessible and welcoming, rather than just legally compliant.

Lessons Learned, or Lessons Applied? At the heart of it, it is essential that "lessons learned " become positive action. If it is of Christ it simply must be about transformation. Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility... *" It takes a village to raise a child"*... to provide a safe, nurturing, and supportive environment for everyone to thrive in. As a church our witness to Christ is to create a nurturing sanctuary for all people, that we may reflect His Gospel of inclusive Love, freedom and respect. It is a vital, and ongoing part of the Church's mission to mirror the protecting and caring nature of God, that all His people may thrive and live to their full potential as Children of the Resurrection.

A Christian Over view