

Patrick, Glen Maye & Dalby

Weekly News sheets : 17th -24th May. Sunday after Ascension Day

*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; 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, and be comforted

During this praying the Keeills week, we give thanks for the faithfulness of those early Christians who anchored our faith in the elemental pilgrimage of Sea and within the foundations of our Island Rock. And we celebrate their Love for their creator God on this ascension Sunday as we pray: *As the light of a new day awakens the resting earth, let the light of your love O Lord awaken our hearts and souls, to your presence , ever with us, ever before us, ever one with us. Entwined in eternity.*

We hold before God the Global food crisis involving the lives of *266 million people* in 44 different countries. Ten of these countries – Afghanistan, Bangladesh, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Myanmar, Nigeria, Pakistan, South Sudan, Sudan, Syria and Yemen – account for two-thirds of all people facing high levels of acute hunger. Linked with these escalating figures is the sharp decline in humanitarian and development funding for food nutrition, which has fallen back to levels last seen nearly a decade ago, limiting the ability of governments and humanitarian organisations to respond effectively. We hold before God each individual man, woman and child across nations, who are suffering today, that their hunger may be met and their conditions improved. That the nations of the world will prioritise the way of peace, compassion, empathy and respect for all of God's children. That our hearts may be moved to bring about transformation.

**Today's Readings. Acts 1.6–14
1 Peter 4.12–14; 5.6–11**

**Psalm 68.1–10, 32–35*
John 17.1–11**

Thy Kingdom Come on Earth :

Ascension Sunday is a pivotal time of our Resurrection journey. In our teaching today we read of Jesus' Ascension, after promising to send the Apostles the Holy Spirit as the source of Heavenly power, and commanding them *to bear witness to Him through their lives and preaching* throughout the world. Ascension is the prelude to Pentecost. The releasing of The Spirit throughout the world. In His teaching Jesus reminds us that He is *with us at all times and in all places, releasing a new energy upon the earth.* His prayer for us His people, His Church, is that "His glory", His Love, His values are shown *through us.* That is our commissioning. It's inevitable that with the increasing world turmoil, we feel the heavy burden of the gathering gloom, the suffering, wars and disaster but our teaching is of faith and hope, and the miracle of transformation that only Christ can bring. It is defiant in the darkness of the day. It offers us a different perspective, it calls us into loving action, generous giving and a resilience of Spirit that looks beyond the problems, to seek the solutions that sacrificial Love can bring.

Thoughts to ponder

Nothing paralyzes our lives like the attitude that things can never change. We need to remind ourselves that God can change things. Outlook determines outcome. If we see only the problems, we will be defeated; but if we see the possibilities in the problems, we can have victory.

Warren Wiersbe

God became man to turn creatures into sons: not simply to produce better men of the old kind but to produce a new kind of man.

C.S. Lewis

Sunday Services for next week : 24th May Pentecost

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 : Morning Worship
Dalby: 6.00pm : Pentecost on the Beach

Graham McAll
Bert Quayle

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Local Minister for Dalby: Cheryl Cousins: 843471

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Safe Guarding Officer : Paul Bergin 869306



Weekly Diary Dates 2026

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

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- **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
- **Mon 18th: The Gathering at Dalby: 6.45pm for 7.00pm** 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. A time for us to chill and catch up with one another and explore developing Community together. Anyone wanting to journey a deeper discipleship practice and shared rhythm of Life is always welcome to join us
- **Tues 19th : Dalby Steering group. 7.00pm**
- **Wed 20th : Dalby Soup Stop**, serving homemade soups, bread, cakes, tea and coffee from 12.30. Open to anyone. No need to book, everyone welcome. With increased costs there's a suggested donation of £7.50, recognising that this is *but a donation*. For those who may be challenged by this, we'd *much* rather you still came and joined us regardless of what you can give, so please know you are always very welcome, whatever!
- **Sat 23rd: Cathedral Concert 7.30pm Blue Train Youth Big Band**

- **Sun 24th : Pentecost Pilgrimage & Picnic on the beach : starting at Dalby Church at 6.00pm** and then walking together to the Niarbyl. A time of renewal and reflection, a time of stillness and sharing as we sit around a fire and think about what Pentecost means to us in our lives today. Everyone welcome, if you can't do the walk please still meet at the church at 6.00pm for the introduction, but feel free to drive to the beach. Please bring picnic food to share & barb-q , and something to sit on..... (which will be taken to the beach and back for youso feel free to bring the full hamper!)

Be one of the hopefuls!

To the helpers and the doers,: To the people who prove our communities can be healthier and happier if we pull together, not apart. **Thank you.** For rolling up your sleeves. For getting stuck in. For not giving up. You are the beating hearts of our villages, towns and cities. And because hate can seem louder than hope these days, we have never needed you more.

Signed, **The hopefuls.**

A UK-wide campaign week of reflection and action around A Million Acts of Hope. Supported by hundreds of charities, faith groups and NGOs, the aim is counter the hate, intolerance and division so widely reported at present in the press and social media and to encourage everyday acts of kindness, care and connection. Find out how you can get involved at <https://millionactsofhope.org/>

Updates from A Rocha Eco Church @

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Take part in Churches Count on Nature on the 6th -14th June. Churches Count on Nature (CCoN) is an annual event where people explore their churchyards and record the plant and animal species they encounter. CCoN is a joint initiative promoted by Caring for God's Acre, the Church of England, the Church in Wales, and A Rocha UK, and churches of any denomination are invited to take part. We're encouraging churches to connect with local schools, wildlife groups and those in the local community who might not have visited before, to discover their churchyards. Register your event or activity on the Caring for God's Acre website, or explore the map of events to head along to one happening near you. There are also resources on the Caring for God's Acre website to support you in hosting an event or activity. Make sure to **register by 23 May** to receive the free resources sent by post, in time for your event..

'Beginner's Guide to iNaturalist – why record?'

26 May [online] Join the 'Beginner's Guide to iNaturalist – why record?' with the Caring for God's Acre team on 26 May, who will explain why records are useful, where they go, and how they can help you care for your site. They will also take you step by step through using the iNaturalist system.

NB>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.