

Patrick, Glen Maye & Dalby

Weekly News sheets : 2nd-9th August

9th Sunday after Trinity
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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 hold 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, that they may know God's presence with them and be comforted.

As the dry hot weather continues we give thanks for the "Holiday Island" we've become, an opportunity for families to enjoy, explore and celebrate the freedom of our great outdoors. But we also hold before God the increasingly parched conditions, the lack of grazing, the dry earth and hot temperatures challenging our farmers and food growers; with crop and harvest failures, early and limited produce, and the impact on stock as well as our natural environment and wildlife. We pray for the land, and we pray for good and wise stewardship and management for future climate adaption on our Island.

We hold before God all those now living in

drought-like conditions from Wales and the South of England, and through Europe. We particularly pray for the people of Sudan where hundreds of thousands of people, in areas already devastated by civil war, now face the risk of an even more severe famine as drought threatens Sudan's key agricultural regions, escalating an already dire humanitarian crisis. During this "rainy season" prolonged dry spells have left soil uncultivable nearly two months into the season, and water levels along the Nile River have dropped. Even if rain falls later, crop yields will be severely impacted leaving staple crops like sorghum and sesame vulnerable to heat stress and pests, and threatening total yields across rain-fed areas that supply most of the nation's food. The ongoing war impacts the UN distribution of aid to thousands of people displaced by the fighting. We hold this emergency before God praying for the miracle of the rains to come, for Peace, and for sincere global engagement in carbon reduction.

**Todays Readings. Isaiah 55.1-5
Romans 9.1-5**

**Psalms 145.8-9, 15-22*
Matthew 14.13-21**

Sharing what we have

I wonder if any of us have ever been truly hungry ? In our Western world where we hear of increasing obesity, where we eat out of habit or because we want to explore new and exciting recipes, few of us must know what it feels like to be truly hungry. But, we are the minority world; seven eighths of our world's population, the majority world, *do* know physical hunger. In our teaching today where Jesus feeds the 5000 we see clearly that Jesus cares for all people in their vulnerability and need. He meets their immediate needs, his response is unconditional generosity by sharing the simplest of donations and multiplying it for the many. A miracle in its own right for the 5000 present, but a teaching given to transform the hearts and minds of billions across nations. Jesus responds with a compassionate heart to those on the hillside: he doesn't question the reason for their hunger, or try to select the most needy, neither does he judge their lack of foresight; He simply responds, as he teaches us to respond, with love and abundant generosity.

Thoughts to ponder....

O God, you are my God - for you I long! For you my body yearns; for you my soul thirsts, like a land parched, lifeless and without water.

Psalm 63:2

Jesus acts. He doesn't simply speak blessings; he lives it. Through His words, his hands, his life, he brings about the very blessings he promises. Jesus works to bring healing, abundance, liberation and joy to everyone who crosses his path. This is the vocation we're called to. The work of sharing the blessings we enjoy is not the work of a distant someday. It is the work we're called to now.

Debie Thomas

Sunday Services for next week : 2nd August. The 10th Sunday after Trinity

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: 6.30 pm : Morning Worship
Dalby: 6.30pm : Holy Communion

Graham McAll
Rev Andy Fishburne
Canon Margaret Burrow & Pauline Killey

Local Ministers for Patrick: Graham McAll : 840813 & Robert Quayle : 07624 483123

Wardens: Clare Quayle 417583 & Andy McKinley

Safe Guarding Officer: Sarah Hedley : 361763

Minister for Glen Maye : Rev'd Johanna Smart : 842202 & Rev'd Dr Janet Corlett 07624 301910

Steward: Paul Craker : 845681.

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Local Minister for Dalby: Cheryl Cousins: 843471

Wardens : Margy Killey:843768. & Pauline Killey 843494

Safe Guarding Officer : Paul Bergin 869306



Weekly Diary Dates 2026

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

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- **Tues 4th August : Patrick Coffee Stop from 10.00am in the garden room at the Knockaloe Centre.**
- **Tues 4th . Coffee, Chat & Prayer.** A warm welcome to all. Join us for a relaxed hour of friendship, conversation and prayer. Tea, coffee and tasty bits to enjoy! Everyone welcome! Completely free every Tuesday 2.30pm - 3.30pm. Peel Methodist Church Friendship, Conversation and prayer community. . Come along - we'd love to see you!
- **Tues 4th: Family Fun day. From 11am to 3pm in St Johns Church Hall.** Free admission. Buzz in.... Meet the bees and their keepers. Clever bees - honey, candles, polish. Enjoy a bee cake and drink. Plant some bee-friendly seeds. 'Create a Manx bee' competition. Follow the bee trail in the church. Adults - take the bee quizzzzz
- **Sat 8th: Cathedral Concert series. 7.30pm Grampian Concert Orchestra** (Aberdeen)
- **Sun 9th: the Mothers' Union Founders Day service** in the Cathedral at 2pm. This year it celebrates 150 years, Bishop Tricia to preach. Everyone welcome.
- **Fri 14th: Beetle drive family fun game from 2.30 to 4.30.** Everyone welcome. Admission £2.00 - refreshments included. St John the Baptist (Tynwald) Church Hall (*Proceeds towards Church funds*)

Triskelion Way is a pilgrimage trail running 37 miles (60km) across the Isle of Man through stunning coast and hill scenery, linking the historic centers of Rushen Abbey, Peel Cathedral and Maughold.
<https://pilgrimageisleofman.im/triskelion-way/> Join us for part or all of a 4-day walk along the entire route, from **Friday 28 to Monday 31 August** - a chance to take time out for reflection, poetry, prayer, and silence. Ancient heritage will be visited along the way; keeills (early chapels), carved crosses and holy wells. The terrain varies from sheltered glen to rugged moorland, from high clifftop to dramatic waterfall.
Enquiries to walk leaders: Phil Craine 07624 437248 philcraine44@gmail.com and Sue Jackson 07624 432814 jacksonsanne@hotmail.com

From Psalm Now By Leslie. F Brandt : Psalm 145

*God is here – let's celebrate!
Let us enlist our lives in continuous celebration of God's goodness and greatness. Let us announce to the world God's presence and proclaim His loving concern for all His creatures! How compassionate He is to all He has created, how tender towards His failure-fraught creatures! He will not back out of His promises to us. His blessings are not reserved only for those who fit obediently into His design for them. He is just – He is forgiving. He gently picks up those who are fallen and restores them to Himself. He sustains those who are wavering in weakness and grants them His grace and strength. He reaches into the void of empty lives and enriches and fulfils their hungry hearts. He is near enough to hear our every cry, to sense our every need, to grant us whatever is necessary to make us happy and productive as we seek to follow and to serve Him.
How incomparably glorious is our great God! May our mouths articulate and our lives demonstrate His ever-present love for all His creatures. Let us celebrate the eternal mercy and goodness of our God!*

With rising numbers of deaths by suicide on the Island, how we care can make a difference? Part of the Island's Suicide Prevention Strategy is making suicide prevention everyone's business, so that when people are in need of help, someone is there to support them. The local charity "Isle stand up to suicide" are working to embed a supporting culture among communities in the Isle of Man to help normalise conversations around suicide and be there for people when they need us by delivering QPR training to members of the public, corporate groups and a range of frontline and community-facing roles. 'Question, Persuade, Refer' training equips people with the skills to recognise warning signs, engage in supportive conversations, and guide someone to appropriate help. Five-hundred people across the Island have been trained in QPR by Isle Stand Up To Suicide since 2023. The training is open to anyone and you can register for upcoming training sessions via the [Isle Stand Up To Suicide website](#) If you or someone you know is struggling or in crisis, free and confidential help is available locally through:

The Samaritans Isle of Man: Call 116 123 (free 24/7).
Crisis Response and Home Treatment Team (CRHTT): Provides urgent, island-wide mental health crisis response.
Isle Stand Up To Suicide (ISUTS): Offers localized crisis support, counselling options, and community training.
Bereaved Survivors of Suicide IOM: Offers peer support for those affected by the loss of a loved one see dhiggy@manx.net <https://edspace.im/>

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.