

Patrick, Glen Maye & Dalby

Weekly News sheets : 23rd-30th August 12th 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 we prepare for the coming elections we hold our Island in prayer, remembering each candidate, each Parish, the needs of our communities, the needs of our Island Nation. We pray for sincerity, integrity and wisdom; for reasoned, thoughtful and well informed debate. We pray for sufficient opportunity for people's fears and issues to be heard and noted. And we pray for each and every candidate that they may be sufficiently informed to ensure they're capable of what will be asked of them; that they have sufficient vision and resilience to help ensure a well- balanced and sustainable future.

As we witness the ethnic cleansing occurring on the West Bank we hold the people of Palestine before God and pray especially for the traditional Palestinian Bedouin and herding communities who are facing full or partial displacement due to settler attacks and restrictions. According to the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian affairs, 5910 people, men, women, and children have been forced from their homes and land that has been in their families for generations. These are poor, impoverished and often uneducated people who have scratched a meagre living from their land. They've faced violent raids as settlers break into their homes, been beaten up and their tents and buildings set on fire, giving them no place to return to and losing their grazing for their flocks. We pray that they may be given just representation for the rights to their land, that they may be given a wise and just advocate for Peace; and that the voice of the world will no longer remain silent as they are systematically "removed".

Todays Readings.

Isaiah 51.1-6
Romans 12.1-8

Psalm 138
Matthew 16.13-20

Giving of ourselves

It can seem that any talk of "giving" is seen as a tad controversial; most of us immediately read into it an implied criticism that we aren't giving enough! Whether it is our time, our energy, our skills or our resources, who else other than ourselves should set the benchmark?! In our teaching today Jesus asks His disciples " Who do people say that I am? " What He is actually saying is "How do you relate to me? What am I to you?" So in Peter's response that " Jesus is the Messiah" Peter spells out that he sees in Jesus the living example of what God desires in us as humans. Such is the clarity of Peter's perception that Jesus responds by making him the Founder of the Church; because in acknowledging God in Jesus, Peter has committed to Oneness with Christ, God's way. Peter's statement of faith is such that in knowing God, he cannot remain the same; he will *give of himself* because he is at One with the Source of All Love.

Thoughts to ponder

"Above all the grace and the gifts that Christ gives to his beloved, is that of overcoming self."

Francis of Assisi

Every unselfish act of love whispers God's name.

Bob Goff

There are those who in the name of God teach that you must deny yourself and seek only to serve others. God's plan is more beautiful than that. You were created to express the will of God. This means that your highest dreams and aspirations are of God. By seeking these through the ways of the Lord you automatically do that which is best for all others.

Bruce Gilbert

Sunday Services for next week : 30th August. The 13th 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: 10.30 pm : Morning Worship
Dalby: 6.30pm : Songs of Praise

Andy McKinley
Linda Eccles
Dalby Church Community

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.

Secretary: Julia Sharples 840801.

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**

- **Mon 24th : 7.00pm. Dalby Friends planning Meeting.**
- **Tues 25th : 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!
- **Thurs 27th: Meditation at Dalby**, a journey into a deeper silence and stillness. Open to everyone. From 7.30pm – 9.00pm. *"The way of meditation is open to everyone because everyone is graced by this spirit of wholeness. Every human being is equal on the path of meditation and every human being is called to completeness."* Fr. Laurence Freeman.
- **Fri 28th : Pop-up Hub music Session from 7.30pm at Dalby Hub**
- **Starting Tues 8th Sept: THE CHOSEN Season 4 Workshop. 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm.** at St Johns Methodist Chapel with Video and conversation. For the curious, New to faith, Have faith, Box set lovers! You can binge watch seasons 1, 2 & 3 before then on The Chosen website. Contacts: Rev Jo Smart. johanna.smart@methodist.org.im tel 842202 Rev Joanna Fisher j.fisher00@icloud.com tel 412915

Community Pantry 9.00am – 6.00pm There's now a Community Pantry in place in the reception area of the Corrin Hall. This is all the daily waste from the Co-op and Tesco. Every day it is fresh. Please help yourself and help us avoid food waste. Once it's gone its gone!

Election Public Meetings :

- **15th Sept. 7:00pm :** Constituency pre-election meeting at Queen Elizabeth II High School (covering Glenfaba and Peel /German Parish).
- **Frid 18th Sept. 7:00pm :** Requisition meeting called by the Captain of the Parish of Patrick, taking place at the Glen Maye Chapel Community Centre

NB> Revd Jo Smart will not be available from Tues 25th to Friday 28th August. If a minister is needed during this time then please either contact another minister on the plan or circuit steward

Sat 26th Sept : 10.00am at St. Columba's Church, Castletown Road, Port Erin for the Celebration of the Jubilee Year of St. Francis of Assisi marking the 800th anniversary of His death. In around 1373, the Franciscan Friars Minor established Bymacan Friary in Arbory, within the bounds of the present parish, and served the people of the south of the Isle of Man until the dissolution in 1540. Their legacy remains an important part of our spiritual heritage. Fr Maximilian Martin, OFM Conv has been invited to come to the Island to give a talk covering: 1. Caring for Creation, Promotion of Peace, and Serving the Poor. A reflection on the heart of Franciscan mission and its relevance for Christian discipleship today. 2. The Relevance of Franciscan Spirituality in the Modern World. How the charism of St Francis continues to speak powerfully to contemporary society and to the life of the Church. *Everyone is invited.* Father Maximilian Martin is currently living in the Liverpool Convent of Greyfriars and teaches with an engaging style, bringing the warmth, joy and humanity so associated with Father Saint Francis, with a passion for Care for Creation. **To help with numbers please book in advance** by contacting Fr. Joseph M. Kiganda, CSSp Parish Priest, St. Mary's, Castletown and St. Columba's: 01624 822272 stmarycastletown@rcaol.org.uk



Living Water
Season of Creation 2026

The 2026 Season of Creation runs from September 1st to October 4th 2026.

This years resources are based on Ezekiel 47: 1- 12, which portrays God's life-giving water flowing from the temple of God. The river grows deeper and deeper restoring barren land, reviving waters, and sustaining flourishing ecosystems. The vision invites human responsibility and activism in recognising ecological damage and embracing interconnectedness we are called to immerse ourselves in the water, and actively safeguard and work for the renewal of creation so that environmental healing and human well-being may flourish together. For more information please see: <https://seasonofcreation.org/>

The 2026 Global Week of Prayer, organized by 24-7 Prayer, takes place from September 6–13th and is centred on the theme "At the Name of Jesus". This worldwide initiative invites every nation to host physical or virtual prayer rooms for non-stop, day-and-night prayer and unity, and to pray for global neighbours facing extreme poverty, conflict, injustice, climate change, and gender inequality. Tearfund have created a free resource where you can find information and prayer points to help guide your prayers in creative ways. For more info please see : <https://www.tearfund.org/campaigns/global-week-of-prayer>

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.