

Parish of Marown, Foxdale & Baldwin

Weekly Pew Sheet

Brothers and sisters in Christ, we are in unprecedented times, facing a silent and invisible foe in the corona virus.

For the coming weeks, and maybe even months, our pew sheets will look very different as all public worship is suspended and our churches closed. During this time of challenge we place our trust in God and draw upon the depths of our faith. We are called to be a different face of Church in the coming months, focusing on prayer, offering comfort and helping those in need. To stop, like the good Samaritan and not leave those struggling by the wayside as we pass by.

We may not be able to meet for worship but we can still meet with God in personal prayer. Therefore,

We hold in God's loving care thousands of people across the world now affected by the Coronavirus: those in isolation and those grieving the loss of loved ones, that they may know the peace and comfort of God's Presence with them.

We pray for vision, wisdom and compassion for those working to seek to control the virus-especially our government here.

We pray for developing countries which do not have the infrastructure, health services or wealth to contain the virus.

We continue to pray for refugees around the world who have fled their home countries because of brutality, persecution, hunger, and poverty and are now living on the fringes of society in poverty, rejected and persecuted for daring to believe in a better future.

We remember before God all those in our communities who are vulnerable or struggling: the elderly, the isolated and lonely, single parents, those who are ill or depressed, those stressed and anxious, the poor and needy, and those who are grieving the loss of a loved one; and we pray that they that they may know God's presence with them and be comforted.

We pray for all our Island Community facing disruption as we seek to stop the contamination and to delay the infection from Coronavirus, alongside all those faced with the responsibility of the logistics of infection control, and particularly we hold before God all our medical services, social services, care workers, and ourselves as Christ's people, that we may continue to help and support others, that no one may feel isolated or alone in this crisis.

From amongst our own fellowship we continue to pray for; Paul Lemaire, Jenny Ingham, Fleet & Joan Simpson, Bert Winckle, Tanya Thompson, Maud Dawson, Richard Beaumont, Mary Stevenson, Joan Brain, Sally Lister, Eddie Corkill, Wilf Corkish, Les Edwards, Pat Killip, Dee & Mark Whitlock & Elaine Quayle.

Churches Bookshop, this shop remains 'open' for telephone and email orders, please contact them and leave messages on 01624 621593 or churchesbookshop@manx.net They have a great range of fiction and factual books, all faith based plus Cds and DVDs to keep adults and children entertained during this time of self- isolation.

'At your service'

This is a new radio programme being broadcast on Manx radio beginning this coming Sunday 29th March 9.30am, tune in and give it a go, local church leaders are coming together for an ecumenical Sunday service of readings, prayers music and reflections.

Daily Bible readings for this week

Please join me and the wider Christian community for morning and evening prayer

Day	Morning Prayer	Evening Prayer
Tuesday	Psalm 79, Exodus 2:23 - 3:20 Hebrews 9:15 - end	Psalm 80, Genesis 3:8-15 Galatians 4: 1-5
Wednesday	Psalm 111, 1 Samuel 2: 1-10 Romans 5:12-end	Psalm 131, Isaiah 52: 1-12 Hebrews 2:5-end
Thursday	Psalm 86, Exodus 4:27 - 6:1 Hebrews 10: 19-25	Psalm 94 Jeremiah 19:1 - 13 John 10:22 - end
Friday	Psalm 102, Exodus 6:2 - 13 Hebrews 10:26 - end	Psalm 16, Jeremiah 19:14 - 20:6 John 11:1 - 16
Saturday	Psalm 32, Exodus 7:8 - end Hebrews 11: 1 - 16	Psalm 140, Jeremiah 20: 7 - end John 11:17 - 27

Our churches are now closed until further notice.

**I will maintain regular prayer times from the vicarage (9am & 6pm) I invite you to join in from your own homes at those times too so our 'private prayer , silence and reflection' coincide . If you need support please contact me on the usual vicarage number 851378
or by email revjaniceward@manx.net**

I will be contacting parishioners by telephone to keep in touch.

**Don't forget our facebook page or website www.marownchurch.im
or the diocesan website and facebook pages.**

The Church of England website gives access to daily worship.

There are lots of ways to keep in touch and maintain our worshipping life together.