

# Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> June 2020

## 1<sup>st</sup> after Trinity

***The wait is over..... Marown Church will be open TODAY, Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> from 2-4pm for private prayer.***

***Our Churchwardens and PCC are working hard to put things in place for a safe reopening of Marown Church initially and then St Luke's Church Baldwin. Please keep alert for further news which will come via our website and Facebook pages as well as through this newsletter.***

*In the meantime, the cathedral is continuing to meet virtually for worship on Sunday mornings 10.30am, if you would like to join in with this worship please contact Canon Janice.*

**Our Bible readings for today are.**

**Ps 100, Exodus 19:2-8a, Romans 5:1-8 & Matthew 9:35-10:8**

**And we pray for.....**

our relationships with those people around us, relationships with our neighbours and relationships between nations, may we try to emulate the divine relationship of our triune God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit

all those in our local 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, those facing financial pressures and insecurity, 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.

all in our Island Community as we gradually lift coronavirus restrictions that together we may find the new norm, so that no one remains feeling isolated or alone and we can find new and safe ways of continuing to be a caring society.

people across the world affected by the Coronavirus. We pray for wisdom, generosity, and compassion for all world leaders with responsibility for the logistics of infection control and financial security. We pray for those in the world's poorest communities and we give thanks for the selfless work of aid agencies and churches that are working to support them in their need.

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.  
RIP Wilson Gibb & Anne Boyes

**Don't forget.....**

\*Live streaming from the Cathedral has been broadcast for the last two Sunday evenings at 6pm. In the first week Bishop Peter presided over a Eucharist assisted by his chaplain Fr Ben Bradshaw. Last Sunday was a Holy Communion led by the Dean Nigel Godfrey assisted by his curate Revd Ruth Walker with music by Dr Peter Litman. Video and sound quality was very good. The live streaming is to be found at on the cathedral website at cathedral.im, then select 'Live Stream' in the top menu bar. Tonight at 6pm is a Eucharist for Corpus Christi – a Catholic belief instituted in 1262AD and not recognised by all Protestant churches.

\* Judith Ley's Sunday morning 9.30am broadcast on Manx Radio- 'At Your Service' continues. It includes music, scripture, prayers, and reflections.

\* Churches Bookshop is now open 2 days per week Wednesday & Saturday 11am-3pm or you can leave messages on 01624 621593 or email churchesbookshop@manx.net

\*The ROOTS community comprises churches, organisations, and individuals, using their own resources to enrich worship and learning. They are offering additional resources to use at home during the pandemic. These are fun, informative, prayerful, and easy to use so give them a go using the links.....

- [For adults](#)
- [For families](#)

\*Daily HOPE is a free national phonenumber 0800 804 8044 aimed particularly at older people who don't have access to the internet. Manx Telecom customers will not be charged for the call from either a landline or mobile. Callers will hear a special greeting from the Archbishop of Canterbury before being able to choose from a range of options, including Prayer During the Day and Night Prayer. These will be updated daily from Common Worship, and also recording of the Church of England's weekly national online service. A section called Hymn Line will also offer callers a small selection of hymns, updated daily. An option entitled 'Hymns We Love' provides a hymn and reflection – and an invitation to sing along!

### Bible readings for the coming week.....

Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> June	MP= Ps 30, Joshua 14 & Luke 12:1-12	EP= Ps 28, Job 13 & Romans 7:1-6
Tue 16 <sup>th</sup>	MP= Ps 36, Joshua 21:42-22:8 & Luke 12:13-21	EP= Ps 33, Job 14 & Romans 7:7-25
Wed 17 <sup>th</sup>	MP= Ps 34, Joshua 22:9-34 & Luke 12:22-31	EP= Ps 119:33-56, Job 15 & Romans 8:1-11
Thur 18 <sup>th</sup>	MP= Ps 37, Joshua 23 & Luke 12:32-40	EP= Ps 40, Job 16:1-17:2 & Romans 8:12-17
Fri 19 <sup>th</sup>	MP= Ps 31, Joshua 24:1-28 & Luke 12:41-48	EP= Ps 32, Job 17:3-16 & Romans 8:18-30
Sat 20 <sup>th</sup>	MP=Ps 42, Joshua 24:29-33 & Luke 12:49-59	EP= Ps 46, Job 18 & Romans 8:31-39

### Prayer time up-date.....

Canon Janice keeps regular prayer times (9am & 6pm). Why not join in from your own homes at those times to so our 'private prayer, silence and reflection' coincide.

If you need support please contact her on the usual vicarage number 851378 or by email [revjaniceward@manx.net](mailto:revjaniceward@manx.net)

Don't forget our Facebook page or website [www.marownchurch.im](http://www.marownchurch.im)

The Church of England website [www.churchofengland.org](http://www.churchofengland.org) and the diocesan site [www.sodorandman.im](http://www.sodorandman.im)

### Thoughts for 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Trinity from Canon Janice

In autumn 1964 Bob Dylan released a song and album called 'The times they are a-changin''. The lyrics aimed to capture the mood of change that he believed was sweeping America and beyond. They encouraged people to be courageous and to embrace change which was depicted as inevitable and necessary for the good of humanity. Perhaps, one of the reasons that this song was successful and has continued to be played is that the need for change or adaptation in the ways we live have been an essential part of our human story. Indeed, without change we would still be living in caves, hunting and gathering for food and without any of the 'modern' attributes of life we take for granted.

If we go back to early biblical times, roughly 3500 years ago, momentous events had altered the lives of the ancient Israelites.

Under the guidance of Moses, they had fled slavery in Egypt and escaped the clutches of the pursuing Pharaoh. Initially they celebrated their freedom until the realisation dawned that they were in a desert and needed fresh water and food. These God provided for them as they camped in the fertile area around Rephidim and helped them to defeat the local tribe. Jethro, Moses father-in-law, suggested he appoint Judges to share the responsibility of leadership and then the Israelites set out for Mount Sinai. God then restated the covenant he had made with Jacob which made the people of Israel the special people of God, a holy nation if they obeyed the divine commands. The people agreed saying 'we will do everything that the Lord has said.' All this amounted to a complete change in their lifestyle, geographical location, and their future.....

But it was a change they fought against, complained about, tried to run away from and frequently reneged upon. On the one hand they welcomed the God centred future with its promise of liberty and prosperity but on the other hand the circumstances of how this new future would come to pass was not the easy, plain sailing path they naively imagined it might be.

As we move forward to the life of Jesus, yet another momentous change would come to pass, the incarnation itself and the inauguration of the kingdom of heaven on earth, the partial establishment of God's reign among mortals. Once again the people of Israel are invited to be a part of this change. The rediscovery and fulfilment of the ancient covenant that put compassion and mercy back into the Law of Moses which seemed to have got lost over the generations. Jesus commissions the 12 Disciples to actively join in His mission of proclaiming the Good News that the kingdom has come close and at the same time heal the sick in body and mind. Once again the answer to the call is 'yes' and the Disciples go off in a manner that might appear to us as woefully under prepared but confident that God will provide all that they need for the task at hand.

In June 2020 'times are still a-changin'. Having got used to weeks of lockdown we now have the prospect of our 'liberation' from many of the restrictions we had begun to learn to live with and even, perhaps, prefer. We are facing a momentous change for we know that things can not go back to exactly as they were pre-pandemic. We have been changed by the threat of Covid 19 and must build a new normal - the prospect of which is both exciting and frightening. Quite which emotions will be in our hearts and minds over the coming weeks and months will depend upon the strength of our faith in God and our openness to the working of the Holy Spirit. Will we be like the ancient Israelites who frequently lament their flight from Egypt, or will we be like Jesus disciples stepping out boldly knowing that God's hand is guiding and protecting us? We know from the Bible that when the people forgot, or neglected God things did not go well for them but that they prospered and were safe when they trusted in God even if the circumstances seemed over-whelmingly unfavourable. We also learn from the Bible that God never abandons those who turn to Him, God is forgiving as well as providential. God, who sees all eternity laid out, will guide us step by step along the path that is best for us. May we be bold and plant our footsteps where God indicates, may we embrace with courage changes that are necessary and may we live by this prayer, the Collect for the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Trinity.

*O God, the strength of all who put their trust in you,  
Mercifully accept our prayers and,  
Because through the weakness of our mortal nature  
We can do no good thing without you,  
Grant us the help of your grace,  
That in the keeping of your commandments  
We may please you both in will and deed;  
Through Jesus Christ your Son your Lord,  
Who is alive and reigns with you,  
In the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
One God, now and for ever. Amen*