

Sunday 16th August 2020

10th Sunday after Trinity

Services today are 10.30am Marown CW HC

6.30pm Baldwin CW EP

Next Sunday 16th August 10.30am Marown MP,
& 6.30pm Baldwin CW HC

Coming up...

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) will be held on Sunday 30th August at 11am. Nomination forms for Churchwardens, PCC members, one synod representative and 3 Mission Partnership Council Representatives are now available from the back of church. Please do consider standing for election to one of these crucial roles.

Also...

The Food Bank We collect non-perishable food which goes to the island-wide Foodbank for distribution to individuals and families in need. Collection boxes are located at the back of Marown Church and St Luke's Church. Please support this act of Christian witness from our parish.

Each Saturday afternoon during August, from 2.00pm – 5.00pm, the Cathedral offers an open invitation for visitors to enjoy tours of the gardens, play mini golf in the Cathedral, see the Manx Christianity 2020 exhibition, with child friendly activities available e.g. eye-spy sheets, scones, cakes, tea, coffee, cold drinks available or a full afternoon tea by arrangement, plus the sale of plants.

Safe-guarding training coming up this month-

- Foundation level, 19 August 18.30-21.00 St Catherine's, Port Erin
- Leadership level, 26 August 13.30-16.00 St Ninians, Douglas
- a reminder of best practice.

The foundation level is for organist, home group leaders, tea and chat helpers PCC members and Leadership level for those leading anything, eg children leaders, Messy Church, Mothers Union prayer group, Readers and Clergy.

I will contact those people who need to renew their certificates, which happens every 3 years. More information, contact Nancy.

Triskelion Way pilgrimage Fri 28 – Mon 31 August. 36 miles from Rushen Abbey via Kirk Michael to Maughold over four days. If interested, please see noticeboard for full details.

The next 'When we wonder...' Godly Play event is on **Thursday 3rd Sept 7.30-9pm St Mark's Schoolrooms**, do go along and experience this unique spiritual way of interacting with well-known Bible passages.

'Banquet in the Nave' **Friday 18th September 7pm to launch the 40th Anniversary of the cathedral, tickets £25, see poster for fuller details.**

Please remember...

to use the hand sanitiser and leave your contact tracing details when you come into church.

In the interests of greater hygiene, it would be very helpful for the monetary collections to be done by **Bank Standing Order** if at all possible, please contact our Parish Treasurer Mrs Sue Waring if you are able to do this (<tel:851478> for more details). **If you do not use SOs then please leave your monetary offering on the collection plate as you enter, as for the time being the collection plate will not be passed around during the service.** A huge 'Thank you' to all those who have continued to support the parish financially through the lockdown, this has enabled us to keep paying our bills.

During this week we pray for...

- our church elections and annual meeting at the end of this month. We thank God for the faithful service of the current officers and pray for more 'workers to join the harvest' across our parish.
- those receiving exam results and planning their future either in further education or the world of work, we especially pray for those whose results were not what students hoped for, may new opportunities arise for them.
- our faith and works to be fruitful for the kingdom of God, that our churches will be places of welcome fostering fellowship and making disciples of Jesus
- all those people who are vulnerable or suffering in body, mind or spirit, those facing financial pressures or job losses, the grieving, and those still anxious about the coronavirus.
- *the people of Beirut and Lebanon following the disastrous explosion at the port and for those injured or killed in the plane crash in India. We continue to pray for the people of Yemen, Syria and South Sudan in their difficulties and suffering.
- all aid agencies and churches urgently working to relieve human suffering, that they may receive adequate funding and the resources to serve the world's poor at this time of exceptional need.
- global unity and co-operation; for world leaders and all in positions of authority and responsibility that as the "developed" world struggle with economic crisis the needs of the "majority" world do not go unheeded. We hold before God the ongoing work and commitment of nations around the try to world to reduce the global impact of Climate change.

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, Joan Brain, Sally Lister, Eddie Corkill, Wilf Corkish, Les Edwards, Pat Killip, Dee & Mark Whitlock.

Don't forget...

Daily HOPE is a free phonenumber (0800 804 8044) for those who don't have access to the internet. Manx Telecom customers will not be charged for calls from either a landline or mobile. There is a special greeting from the Archbishop of Canterbury then a chose from a range of options, updated daily from Common Worship, and also a 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, again updated daily.

Prayer time...

Usually Canon Janice keeps prayer times at 9am & 6pm in Marown Church. Why not join in from your own homes at those times to so our 'private prayer, silence and reflection' coincide. If you would like to join her in church please do check with her first in case the timing or place has altered.

Don't forget our Facebook page or website www.marownchurch.im

The Church of England website www.churchofengland.org and the diocesan site www.sodorandman.im

Hidden in plain sight

Heather Smith *reflects on* Genesis 45:1-15

Could you forgive someone who sold you into slavery? Joseph's brothers had a lot to answer for, but he didn't hold it against them. Even though things had turned out well for him, it had taken a long time to reach that point, and his story included false accusations and a lengthy period in prison. Although the false accusations were not his brothers' fault, it would have been easy to hold them responsible because they were the reason he was in Egypt in the first place.

We might think of Joseph's story as something that happened a long time ago – another time, another culture – but people are being trafficked today all over the world. Many end up "hidden in plain sight" in the West – in nail bars or car washes. For most, the story does not have a happy ending like Joseph's. There are no reunions or fabulous job opportunities. But it does not mean that God does not care.

Pharaoh's cupbearer, who met Joseph in prison, facilitated his release. Do we pay enough attention to the plight of those around us, to help them escape from whatever is entrapping them, be it modern slavery or other situations that imprison? Can we do something to help to restore mental and spiritual health? And do we ourselves need reconciliation and forgiveness to enable us to become whole again? 🍷



God of those who are disadvantaged and persecuted, make us alert to the suffering of others, and brave enough to give practical help. Give us compassion to work with those who are wounded, to bring them to wholeness. Amen.

Cities of the Bible

Philippi

by Caroline Fletcher

Philippi was named by Philip II, Alexander the Great's father. In New Testament times it lay within ancient Macedonia, but today it is part of Greece. Philippi was a Roman colony under Roman law and governed by two magistrates (Acts 16:20-22).

The apostle Paul first visited Philippi on his second missionary

journey after being directed to Macedonia by a vision (Acts 16:9). Philippi lay on a significant Roman road, so it was a good place to begin building a Christian presence. The first to come to Christ was Lydia, who met Paul beside a river outside the city. She's often called the first European convert. Paul and his companion Silas were beaten and imprisoned in Philippi, too. Despite this treatment, Paul maintained a deep affection for the city, as his warm letter to the Philippians testifies.

Today ancient Philippi lies in ruins, but its rich archaeological remains are a UNESCO world heritage site. 🍷

Summer holidays

by Andrew Lyon

There is a tradition in Celtic Christianity to speak of the "thin places", that is, holy spots, where the veil between this world and the next seems particularly thin. A sense of the world to come is almost discernible in these places, as though one might commune here with those who have gone before us, or even cross back and forth.

A sense of place is important for our spirituality. Nature itself, as part of God's creation, is, as the psalms tell us, already singing for joy before the Lord. Even certain locations seem sometimes to hold within themselves a memory of events that have taken place there, not only in physical marks, but also in the atmosphere.

As you travel during the summer months, be conscious of place, and your interaction with it. Listen to what each place has to teach you, and pray for God's blessing upon it. 🍷

“Faith does not eliminate questions. But faith knows where to take them.”

Elisabeth Elliot (1926-2015), author and speaker