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**PARISH OF MAROWN, FOXDALE &
BALDWIN**

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Electoral Roll Report for The Parish of Marown, Foxdale & Baldwin

The revised Electoral Roll has been displayed on the three church noticeboards for the last three weeks. This past year three names have been taken off the roll due to the persons having passed away and three new names have been added. Therefore the current total remains at 71.

Sue Sharples
Electoral Roll Officer
August 2020

Annual Report on The Proceedings of the Parochial Church Council for the Parish of Marown, Foxdale & Baldwin

During the period May 2019 to August 2020, the Parochial Church Council met ten times, three via ZOOM due to the Covid-19 pandemic, all with good attendance. Throughout this year, the PCC has complied with their duty under Section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016 (duty to have regard to House of Bishops' guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults), with appropriate guidance from the Parish's and Diocesan's Safeguarding Officers.

The business of the PCC has focussed on repairs and renovations of the churches in the Parish. Faculty approval was obtained for extensive works at Foxdale, which are nearing completion. More minor works continue at Baldwin and Marown to keep all the churches in good repair. In addition, a new printer / scanner was sourced for the vicarage, and purchase of new chairs for the rear of Marown is pending. The process for input of Local Church Councils and congregations to the PCC has been recognised not to work as well as it could, and will be reviewed in the next year.

During the summer of 2019, the Rose Queen festival was held at the Marown Playing Fields in glorious weather, with good attendance and a fine display of Manx dancing by the group Perree Bane. Both this event and the busy 2019 TT / MGP races hospitality generated much-needed funds for the Parish and significant thanks are due to the huge team of volunteers who make these activities possible.

Heartfelt thanks have also been offered to volunteers who have come or are coming to the end of terms of service to the Parish: Eileen Speers (flowers), Sue Sharples (PCC secretary), Charles Wilson (PCC member), Norma Keig (cleaning) and Nancy Clague (Safeguarding, Health & Safety). Several of these posts as well as others are now open for new volunteers.

The Parish hosted visits from the Praying the Keills pilgrims, a combined choir from Norway, and concert and AGM of the Isle of Man Organists' Association. Choral accompaniment to services in Marown has increased, with the small choir singing anthems to accompany Holy Communion as well as leading sung responses and psalms, under the leadership of organist Don Roworth.

Progress has been made with the Parish's Eco Church plans, with completion of the Eco Church Survey, inaugural Manx meeting of Caring for God's Acre at Marown and biodiversity surveys at St Runius. An Eco Plan has been approved by the PCC for improving the grounds of St Runius for flora and fauna, and this will be implemented in the coming year.

All of these items have been discussed at the PCC meetings, as well as regular financial reports. The valuable contributions of all members of the PCC are very gratefully acknowledged:

Ann Williams, Chris Williamson, David Ward, Malcolm Clague, Nancy Clague, Nicholas Poole-Wilson, Simon Dunn, Sue Salt, Sue Sharples, Sue Sayle, Sue Waring, Peter Speers and Canon Janice.

Rosemary M Gibson

PCC Secretary

Financial Report for the Parish of Marown, Foxdale & Baldwin For 2019

At long last we have one Parish account, but it has been a very long journey to achieving it.

INCOME

Firstly, looking on the positive side, receipt of a legacy and proceeds of the sale of the church hall have given our finances a tremendous boost.

Planned giving has remained at a level similar to that of 2018 but we must not become complacent as the future holds some changes that may impact upon our Parish.

Events and church activities figure of £17,967.51 includes TT & MGP catering receipts, much missed for 2020.

EXPENDITURE

The amount of the Shared Ministry Fund has been capped at a rise of 3% per year for the past 3 years. At the present time, we are not aware of the future increase for 2021.

The church running expenses include Cleaning £919, Organ & Music £2,529, Printing /Stationery £1,633. Inspection of churches £1,400 (£700 paid in advance).

The utility costs cover electricity and oil for our 3 churches.

The fund-raising costs are largely to cover TT/MGP catering costs.

Sue Waring
Parish Treasurer

Parish of Marown, Foxdale & Baldwin Income & Expenditure - Year Ending 31 December 2019
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INCOME

Tax efficient giving	29,683.10
Collections at regular seivces	10,863.76
Donations	7,588.87
Legacy	14,217.58
Events / Church activities	17,967.51
Sale of church hall	120,734.93
Fees received	2,872.00
Refund- Insurance-Church Hall	75.37
	204,003.12

Transfer - A/C's Foxdale,Marown & Baldwin)	42,488.91
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TOTAL RECEIPTS	246,492.03
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EXPENDITURE

Shared Ministry Fund	46,392.96
Church running expenses	8,421.38
Church Utility Expenses	5,959.31
Clergy/Parish Expenses	2,349.57
Mission & giving	1,854.55
Repairs & Maintenance	4,148.25
Insurance	4,008.24
Estate Agents fees	1,800.00
Fund Raising Expenses	3,077.75

TOTAL EXPENDITURE	78,012.01
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BALANCE AT 31.12.19	£172,723.60	
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Sue Waring
Parish Treasurer

Annual Report on Fabric, Goods & Ornaments of Marown & St Runius Churches

Inside **Marown**, two points are worth noting:

1. The scars on the south wall, all too evident, are part of the drying-out process, which continues.
2. The space generated by the removal of the pews at the west end of the church clearly serves us well (TT / MGP catering 2019, recent quiz as well as after services).

Externally Marown requires some minor work to the roof (loose slates) and an inspection to the bell-turret and surround. The main entrance door is due for a re-paint, and the outside doors to the undercroft and boiler-room also need attention. A pressure valve needs to be fitted to control the water mains pressure.

For the maintenance of much within and without the church, work often unseen by the congregation, hearty thanks are due to David Ward and his skills.

The wrought-iron gates guarding the door to the church at **St Runius, Ellerslie**, have been stripped down and re-painted; they now require re-hanging, a more difficult operation than first appears.

A case has been put forward for re-wilding the graveyard, or part of it, in line with the C. of E.'s recommendations and the mission of Caring for God's Acre. Rosemary Gibson as our Eco-Rep has put a proposal to the PCC (which was approved) and this will be acted upon before next year's mowing season begins. Steve Taylor, groundsman, knows of these plans and will be consulted further.

Nick Poole-Wilson, Chris Williamson

Annual Report on Fabric, Goods & Ornaments of St Paul's Church, Foxdale

St Paul's Church has been closed throughout the past year for work to be undertaken on the building. A further plaster 'panel' in the ceiling had broken in November 2018 and the opportunity was taken to undertake work to remedy some of the issues raised in the last quinquennial report. A Faculty was obtained earlier in the year but work has taken longer than planned because of lockdown from the Pandemic.

The following work is being carried out:

1. Repair and covering of five broken or cracked ceiling 'panels'
2. Removal of the drape, damaged railing, stained wooden panelling and plaster from behind the Altar and re-plaster wall with lime mortar and replace some of the wood-work. Some repair work to Chancel ceiling caused by water ingress before the Tower was repaired.
3. Old guttering and downpipes have been replaced and soakaways installed in the surrounding ground to take rainwater away from the base of the building.
4. Broken and dangerous slate caps to buttresses around the building replaced.
5. Replacement of underfloor external grille vents on exterior wall.

This work, which should be completed shortly, should result in less water ingress through the walls of the building in the future. The Church should hopefully re-open in September/October.

The remaining 34 ceiling 'Panels' are due their annual touch test next month.

The single-skinned Oil Tank in the Churchyard has been replaced by a double-skinned one and the above ground pipe work covered to prevent inadvertent damage.

A number of trees and bushes have been trimmed around the Graveyard, moss has been removed from the pathways as well as ivy that had overgrown a number of the graves. The annual testing of the gravestones has shown none to be at a significant risk of toppling.

The 'Roll of Honour' – a framed manuscript of those from Foxdale who served in the First World War and mounted on the interior wall of the Church adjacent to the War memorial – was discovered to have mould on the mount around the manuscript. It was removed from the Church, viewed by the War Memorial Committee and then dismantled and cleaned by the Conservator at the Manx Museum. It has been re-assembled with a new mount and foil covered backing by 'Peel Framing' and will be re-hung in the Church when the present building work is finished and the Church has been cleaned.

Malcolm Clague
Church Warden

Annual Report on Fabric, Goods & Ornaments of St Luke's Church, Baldwin

Fabric wise we have moved forward in several key areas including the following:

1. Doug Chalk and Dave Ward are continuing the process of breaking out the cement-based mortar from the stone wall joints externally. This is working in combination with the internal treatment of the walls to allow them to "breathe" as originally designed.
2. The damage to the Church Yard wall has been organised and repaired in a timely manner by the person who was responsible for the impact damage
3. Doug Chalk and Dave Ward cut back the Australian Holly which had overgrown in the corner of the Church Yard
4. The Church Yard walls were repaired in several areas where vegetation and movement had caused some damage
5. Caines have continued to work on the external surrounds to the arched windows which are now watertight
6. Brew and Corkill have carried out the routine electrical checks and have carried out most of the work required to achieve compliance – with the remaining work to earth the oil supply has been instructed
7. MN Corkill has refurbished the locks to the Church. This became necessary as it has been several years since we have had to lock the Church (required this year during the lock down)
8. Nigel Fairclough has conducted a survey in relation to the rising damp / interstitial condensation in the back room / toilet walls
9. The dehumidifier has had to be replaced

Work which we have planned includes to the following

1. Refurbishing and painting the rectangular school room windows
2. Refurbishing the windows around the back of the organ
3. Agreeing and instructing works to remedy the damp in the back room / toilet walls
4. Restoring the floor in the store at the back of the Church
5. Installing railings to the top of the external wall to the ramp serving the door to the toilets

I am grateful to a great team who help me look after and the running of the Church on a weekly and regular basis with cleaning, flowers, water supply, maintaining the tea trolley, doorknobs, oil lamps, finances – and many more. I would like to particularly thank Chrissie Carter, Dave Ward, Doug Chalk, Gill Jones, Dave Jones, Charles Wilson and Ann Wilson

Our weekly services are enhanced with the dedication and talents of our organists, Don Roworth and Kath Blackburn which I always enjoy.

I would like to personally thank Rev Janice for her continued leadership and commitment to St Luke's. The variety of the services, the quality of sermons and teaching, the choice of hymns and her leadership through LCC and PCC meetings combined with her many other roles within the Diocese have been a source of inspiration. Similarly, for the services prepared and lead by Doug Chalk, Nancy Corkish and Heather Paisley.

Sue Sayle

Diocesan Synod Report for the Parish of Marown, Foxdale & Baldwin

The Diocesan Synod for the Diocese of Sodor and Man is the main governing body of our island Church. It considers matters concerning the Church of England and makes provision for such matters in relation to the Diocese. It is a forum for the expression of Christian opinion on any matter of religious or public interest. It advises the Bishop on any matter on which he may consult the Synod. It deals with matters specifically referred to it by the General Synod and can also refer matters up to the General Synod. It makes provision for the financing of the Diocese; and in the case of Sodor and Man there is a sixth function, of debating and passing legislation relating to the Church in the Island. Also, uniquely, the Diocesan Synod mirrors the General Synod in promoting measures affecting the life, work, finance and administration of the Church which, when they have passed through all their stages, have the force of statute law. The extra responsibility is essentially in consequence of the Isle of Man being a separate jurisdiction.

The Diocesan Synod consists of 3 Houses – Bishop, Clergy and Laity – but generally meets and acts as one body. Members debate and vote on the issues placed on its agenda and may also raise items themselves. The Synod elects a Standing Committee to draw up its agenda, and a number of other bodies – such as the Diocesan Board of Finance, the Church Commissioners, the Legislative Committee and the Diocesan Advisory Committee for the Care of Churches – are elected from its members in order to carry out specific tasks, but in general the ultimate authority remains with the Synod as a whole.

There are normally been two or three meetings of the Diocesan Synod each year, but it can also be called at other times. The term of office for elected lay members is three years. During 2019 Synod met three times:

March 2019, the main item being Bishop Peter reiterating his visions for the diocese for the next three years (Inhabiting the Christian Faith, Partnering in Mission & Sustainability). He focused upon working as Mission Partners at this meeting which involved group discussions on how the four Mission partnerships can work more closely and effectively together.

June 2019, this was a more ‘business’ style meeting with the Legislative Committee recommending up-dates to the Church Representation Rules which were unanimously agreed (and came into force May 2020). The Diocesan Board of Finance (DBF) expressed concern at a shortfall in the budget despite their efforts to mitigate this. There was a group discussion on how as a diocese we might increase our stewardship without compromising our mission as the Church of God. Bishop Peter also spoke about how we might strengthen our shared lives as Christians through increasing our biblical knowledge and understanding.

November 2019, the main item before this meeting as agreeing the 2020 finance budget with a 3% cap on the Shared Ministry Fund (SMF) which was, after discussion unanimously passed. The newly formed Training Oversight Group introduced itself (The Dean Nigel Godfrey, Revd Irene Cowell, Revd Alessandra di Chiara, Graham McAll & Canon Janice Ward) and explained we were responsible for training processes in the diocese for Readers, Ordained Ministries and Lay Ministry. The Diocesan Development Fund was announced as a £80k fund available to encourage and assist mission projects across the diocese spread over two years.

The Legislative Committee sought agreement to amend the Faculty Jurisdiction Measure to simplify and broaden List A and B regulations, which was unanimously approved. Bishop Peter spoke about Climate Change and the various ways the Church was responding.

Revd Canon Janice Ward

Vicar's Annual Report for the Parish of Marown, Foxdale & Baldwin

Recently I began a sermon with this passage 'The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the power of the Holy Spirit be with us all evermore.' (2 Corinthians 13:13) I then spoke of God's grace in our lives, the unlimited favour of God shown to us and all creation. This is a mighty and wonderful gift in which we can place our trust and confidence.

Throughout 2019 and so far in 2020, God has been very gracious to us. There have been challenges, not least that posed by Covid 19, which has delayed our annual meeting until this month.

In my report to the last year's annual meeting I hoped that three goals would be met;

- (i) Complete all out-standing church repairs
- (ii) Publish guidelines to help those people using and visiting our churchyards
- (iii) Increase our parish environmental awareness

For various reasons we have been only partially able to meet those goals.

Although some repairs are yet to be completed (these I am sure will be covered in other reports) we have had the reassurance at Marown Church of asbestos testing and the removal of that material from the old boiler room. We now have a certificate that states we are clear of that hazardous substance.

Our churchyards continue to be well looked after though we are still awaiting the final review of our guidelines from the Vicar General before we publish those. The Marown Burial Authority continues its search for suitable land for an extension as Marown Churchyard is almost full.

We have made some headway in increasing our environmental awareness. The Marown Burial Authority is looking at ways to protect and preserve flora and fauna in our churchyards. We have considerably reduced the amount of printing by distributing the pew sheets and parish magazine on-line to most readers- one 'benefit' of the lockdown! We have encouraged an almost complete move to environmentally friendly cleaning products in the churches. The vicarage has solar panels as part of the diocesan aim to reduce our carbon footprint to net zero by 2030 in line with the rest of the Church of England. Dave and I have continued to assess and make changes to household management that support parish and diocesan aims in these areas.

There are two areas of our common life as Christians that we will need to urgently address over the next year. Firstly, how we proceed with worship and parish life in the light of the pandemic. Secondly, we will need to consider the use of our church buildings in the light of the Diocesan Strategic Review into Church Buildings recently announced. This review has been made even more important in the wake of Covid 19 and its repercussions.

We need to look to God's grace living within us and shining out from us to meet these challenges. Changes to how we worship and organise our Christian life together will be inevitable but they need to not be negative nor ultimately diminish our mission across the parish. Through God's grace we can be creative, imaginative and a positive influence for our communities. We will also need to model God's grace to one another and to our neighbours. Therefore, I would like to close this report by giving heart-felt thanks to those who have served as churchwardens and PCC members over the past year, especially those now stepping down. I offer an equally heart-felt thank you to those remaining in post and being joined by 'new blood'. Lastly, but most definitely not least, my thanks and appreciation to our Readers Doug Chalk, Heather Paisley and Nancy Clague for their continued ministry amongst us.

'God bless you and keep, God make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you. Now and always.'

Revd Canon Janice Ward

Safeguarding Report for the Parish of Marown, Foxdale & Baldwin

Each year there are changes to the courses and requirements.

Most people are encouraged to do the On-Line training, C0 and always before they attend the training sessions. C1, has been renamed to Foundation. C2, has been renamed Leadership, C3, C4, C5, are scrapped. Every 3 years one has to repeat the highest level of training, ie if you are trained to Foundation, this is repeated but if trained to Leadership, you repeat this one.

A volunteer agreement is required for roles in the church.

An enhanced DBS is required for all those in Leadership roles, and this is renewed every 5 years.

In February 2019 most of those requiring the C0 training either did this on-line or attended the course that John Coldwell held at St Ninians.

January 2020, 9 members completed a first aid course run by St John's Ambulance in Marown church.

Each parish must have a PSO, Parish Safeguarding Officer. This may not be the incumbent or a relative of the incumbent. I was first involved with Safeguarding in the Newcastle Diocese, more than 25 years ago, and Sodor and Man has been playing 'catch-up' for years. I was the PSO for Foxdale and took over from Lynne de Courtie, for Marown, Foxdale and Baldwin., also supporting Rev Jo Dudley when she was leading courses. I am retiring from this role at this APCM.

Nancy Clague

Marown Mothers' Union Branch Report for 2019-20

Our branch met on 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month, from September to early March when COVID-19 closed us down. In that period we met to enjoy craft sessions and some sessions looking at the history of our branch and hearing memories of members' travels. In November we held a coffee morning in the Church as a fund-raiser for our branch and were pleased to raise over £400, which we hope to use for branch expenses when we are able to organise speakers again.

In December, thanks to Canon Janice and David, we enjoyed a truly delicious Christmas lunch at the Vicarage, which was a wonderful effort on their part and a great treat for our members which was very much appreciated.

We have started to meet again over the summer, now we are able to do so, and have held two meetings at May Corlett's house with an afternoon tea provided by members, as a means of re-establishing our meeting routine.

Sadly, of course, our annual lunch for the Children of Chernobyl was cancelled because of the Coronavirus outbreak, as were many MU general meetings. We hope to see the Chernobyl Children next year. We were very pleased to take part in the Founder's Day service on 10th August at St Matthews's Church and to see our friends from other MU branches after such a long break.

Our coming session of meetings will start next month with a combined service of Holy Communion for Marown MU and the other branches in the South & Western Joint Mission Partnership.

Since I last reported in early 2019 I regret that I have to repeat our tale of decline in membership and attendance. Our membership now stands at only 12, which is a serious drop from the 18 I last reported, with generally only 5 or 6 members attending meetings. We have no new members.

We have lost all our indoor members, Mrs Betty Kermod, Mrs Eve Berridge and Miss Mary Stevenson, who have all died since I last reported. Of our active branch members, Mrs Joyce Corkill, such a long-standing member who was the central pillar and strength of our branch, sadly died in 2019 and Mrs Rae Poole-Wilson also died after a long period of ill-health later the same year. In June of this year we also suffered the loss of another long-standing member, Mrs Elaine Quayle. She had frail health but continued to attend meetings whenever possible, last joining us for our Christmas lunch.

Several members continue to support us with their membership contributions but are unable to attend meetings for various reasons, so we no longer consider having guest speakers as we can't guarantee a reasonable audience for them. I will be contacting other branches to see if we can combine with them for meetings of general interest.

There is perhaps a need for another branch in Marown, meeting at a more suitable time for younger members, with different priorities and objectives to ours as an ageing group but this is not something I feel able to undertake.

In the meantime we are looking forward to continuing our meetings in good fellowship and to praying for and encouraging the work of the Mothers' Union.

Liz McGirr

Children's Group Report for the Parish of Marown, Foxdale & Baldwin

We welcomed nine children back to the group after the summer holiday's, the ages of the children ranged between 2 years and fourteen years and as usual we split the children into two groups, Sheeba teaching the little ones and I taught the older children.

We continued to explore the same lectionary reading as the congregation through discussion and age appropriate activities. We also discussed the service of , Holy Communion, understanding the language used and the deeper meaning of our responses in preparation for when the children could fully take part.

Bethan and Sophie entertained the 11-30 congregation with a talk and with the help of Maff a slideshow of their experiences during their visit to China.

Aiden achieved his Trinity level I award for music.

The majority of our children enjoyed taking part in the Christmas Nativity with other members of the congregation.

We finished the first term with a Christmas party.

One of our older members completed her Duke of Edinburgh bronze award and is now working towards her Silver award, well done Bethan and thank you Janice for your support.

Sadly due to a lack of adult helpers the group had to go into abeyance before lockdown, it has been decided that for the moment all efforts will be put into resuming Messy Church and encouraging younger members to attend.

I would like to thank Janice, Dave, Maff and the congregation for their support of the children and teenagers, they are an important part of our church community and the future of the church.

Love and Prayers

Sue Salt

Messy Church Report for the Parish of Marown, Foxdale & Baldwin

Messy Church was originally held in our parish in St Paul's Church Foxdale on a monthly basis.

However, the partial collapse of two ceiling panels and the temporary closure of that church initiated a change of venue to Marown Church. This coincided with a review of the 11.30am 1st Sunday of the month service there. Thus, Messy Church came to Marown on a monthly basis from January 2019, beginning with a celebration of Epiphany.

Over nine months (none held during TT nor the summer months) all-ages explored together some of the major Christian festivals alongside the lives of three saints, using our abilities and talents to serve God and getting to know the Bible better. Nancy Clague and Canon Janice did the main planning for the sessions with Sue Salt, Maff Long and Dave Ward helping during the session by leading crafts, providing multi-media technology and catering respectively. Two parents then became regular activity supervisors as well.

A broad range of activities was provided each session-cooking, 'gardening', games, crafts and, of course, lots of messy things to do including making your own slime!

Alas, these sessions became more child focused than all-age but were enjoyed by about half a dozen families, four in particular forming a core membership, all from outside the parish itself. Messy Church continued into 2020 until the Covid 19 lockdown. A huge thank you to all who have been involved.

Revd Canon Janice Ward