

Sunday 24th January 2021

3rd Sunday of Epiphany

Welcome to this week's pew sheet – our churches are still closed until at least 1st February. By then the Government hope to remove the current 'lockdown' arrangements and allow gatherings again indoors. If this is the case, we hope to resume our usual Sunday services on 7th February.

Our Sunday worshipping together for today and for next Sunday will be by Zoom with the Cathedral hosting the site from 10.30am on Sunday morning – see website www.cathedral.im to download a copy of the liturgy. Revd Jeanette Hamer from Kirk Michael leads today's service.

If you have not already signed up for these services and would like to join in please let Canon Janice know asap and she will pass you details on to the cathedral.

In our own parish Revd Steven Herron will be saying Morning Prayer via our parish Facebook on Wed 27th Jan & Thurs 4th Feb, both at 9.30am

This week...



Our parish study course reaches it's final session this Monday 25th January 7.30pm. This session is 'Revelation & Review'. If you wish to join in on-line then please contact Canon Janice. (A Zoom link will automatically sent to those people who have been attending the sessions so far.)

Please note...

Due to the lockdown the Marown congregation have not met with our friends from the Crosby Methodist Chapel for worship as planned this month. Dates in coming months are being arranged.

The Foxdale Church soup lunches will resume as soon as it is practical to do so, please look out for further information about those in the coming weeks.

Scripture Union Ministries Trust (SUMT) is looking for a person to work within the Secondary school curriculum. The closing date is 5pm on Monday 22 February. For full information please see their website www.sumt.im or email Ruth at ruth.w@sumt.im

Coming up...

The Churches Bookshop is moving! After 45 years on the present site, the Island's only Christian bookshop is moving to St Thomas' church, Douglas. The shop is now closed and will reopen in mid-February in their new home. Until then, if you need any church supplies or have urgent enquiries please contact Andrew on 329857. 2021 is their 50th Anniversary year, and they thank all who have supported them over the last five decades and they look forward to the future.

There have been some changes to the Parochial Fees table from 1 January - the new table will be displayed on the noticeboards once our churches re-open. They relate to the statutory fees for such services as weddings, funerals, memorials, etc.

The next PCC meeting will be Tuesday 9th February 7pm at Marown Church or via zoom

The Ministry Team meet again on Friday 12th February.

There will be a service in Marown Church on 17th Feb 7pm for Ash Wednesday to mark the beginning of Lent.

The Good news of buying Fairtrade & making a difference!!

It is so much more than just a shopping choice! It has helped fuel the fight against the Coronavirus pandemic: every time you choose Fairtrade you generate Premium funds. The farmers and workers behind those products democratically decide how to best invest those funds locally. Throughout the pandemic many co-operatives have used those funds to protect the most vulnerable in their communities. From sending vital supplies to a local elderly people's homes and distributing thousands of face masks, to giving funds to workers to ensure they have enough to get by, the Fairtrade premium you have helped to create has been a real lifeline.

And it has helped raise the voice of those in the front line of the Climate Crisis as well: rural farmers and workers in low-income countries have done the least to cause the climate crisis (the average carbon footprint of someone in the Cote' Ivoire is 17 times smaller than the average person in the UK), but they are already feeling the worst effects. Because of the current unfair global trade, they aren't earning enough to adapt to the increasingly erratic weather patterns, more rampant plant disease and declining soil quality. But just last week, the Fairtrade Africa representative, Mary Kinyua, joined world leaders at the Climate Ambition Summit as one of the keynote speakers for Climate Justice! The Fairtrade movement has created a global platform for those most affected by Climate Change to challenge those more responsible for the Climate Crisis!

Fairtrade is only able to make this change happen because so many of us have now bought into it!

This year, over 300,000 people signed petitions in solidarity with cocoa and sugar farmers when Nestle stopped using Fairtrade ingredients in their KitKat bars. And every single day, millions of us choose to stand with farmers and workers across the world, when we take the time to look for a FAIRTRADE Mark when doing our shopping. Whatever else you've done this year, thank you for choosing to be a part of all this. Thank you for choosing Fairtrade and choosing a better future for the most vulnerable as well as for the planet.

During this week we pray...

- **A prayer for all those affected by coronavirus.**

Keep us, good Lord, under the shadow of your mercy.

Sustain and support the anxious, be with those who care for the sick, and lift up all who are brought low.

that we may find comfort knowing that nothing can separate us from your love. In Christ Jesus our Lord.

Amen

- for all who govern the nations of the world in these exceptional times, especially our own government.
- for all who are living rough, that they may be find hospitality and shelter. We pray for the work of Griah, our island homeless shelter and for the Food Bank. And we remember those who are suffering from fuel poverty and struggling to stay warm, that they may be supported.
- for 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, those facing financial pressures and insecurity, and those who are grieving the loss of a loved one; and we pray that they may know God's presence and be comforted.

From amongst our own fellowships, we continue to pray for:

Paul Lemaire, Jenny Ingham, Fleet & Joan Simpson, Bert Winckle, Tanya Thompson, Maud Dawson, Richard Beaumont, Joan Brain, Wilf Corkish, Les Edwards, Pat Killip, Dee & Mark Whitlock, Tom & Willie Cowell, Anne Baillie Searle.

Don't forget...

Manx Radio this Sunday at 9.30am is a half-hour programme by Judith Ley. Judith shows that Christian churches of all denominations on the Isle of Man are alive and well and doing great things! Join her for inspiring stories, interesting interviews, great music and moments for quiet reflection.

Daily HOPE is a free phonline prayer and worship service (0800 804 8044) with a special greeting from the Archbishop of Canterbury then a choice from a range of options, updated daily from Common Worship, and 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.

St George's Douglas will continue to livestream Compline at 6pm on a Friday evening and reflections at 10.30am on a Sunday morning. See Facebook Parish of St George and All Saints, Douglas. This is also recorded and available to see after the event.

For further information please visit our Facebook page or website www.marownchurch.im or The Church of England website www.churchofengland.org and the diocesan site www.sodorandman.im