

Sunday 13th December 2020

3rd Sunday of Advent

Services today are:

10.30am – Marown - BCP Holy Communion

3pm – Baldwin - Walkers Carol Service

Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols Sunday 13th Dec at 3.00pm in the Cathedral. This special service includes beautiful choral music plus all the favourite well known carols and descants!

It will be followed by hot punch and mince pies. It will be the **only** 'real life' Carol service happening at any Cathedral across the British Isles. Doors open from 2.30pm

Next week our Christmas Services begin with...

Thursday 17th December

Village Carol Service 7pm Marown Parish Church
(not at the Crosby Chapel as in previous years)

Sunday 20th December

4pm – Marown - Christingle and Carols

6.30pm Baldwin Lessons and Carols

We have recently introduced Giving Tokens for those who make their church offering via banking instead of cash or envelopes.

You are invited to pick up a token from the basket near the collection plate and put it into the collection dish so it can be brought to the altar during the offertory and blessed.

This week.....



The next session of our parish study course is on Monday 14th Dec 7.30pm in Marown Church.

This session is about 'Exodus & the Promised Land. Refreshments will be available from 7.15pm. Come and explore The BIG STORY. If you wish to join in on-line then please contact Canon Janice.

Invitations to our Christmas Celebrations: Rosemary Gibson has had invitations made for handing to friends and neighbours. These give the details of our Christmas services from next week. It would be great if everyone / every couple could take 5-10 of these and give them to their neighbours. If you live close to others in the congregations, please coordinate with them so folk do not receive multiple copies. Rosemary will distribute them to the new houses in Crosby, and Glen Vine Park / Park Close. If you would like help distributing yours, please let her know – and like a speeding Santa she will be round on her bike to help!!!!

Decorating Old St Runius for the Christmas Morning service: We will do this on the morning of Wednesday Dec 23rd from ~10. All welcome to come and help.....

Saturday 19th Dec 10-11am Canon Janice will be **preparing the Christingles** for the Marown service the next day. Anyone who likes making Christingles and can resist eating all the sweets is welcome to join her in Marwon Church for this fun activity.

Service of Celebration of the Bethlehem Peace Light will be held in the Cathedral this coming Friday at 7pm. Organised by the island's Scouts and Girl guides, led by Revd Alex Brown, the Scout chaplain.

Advent is a good time to think about and prepare for the return of Christ (as well as get ready for Christmas). Other than joining the Advent Course at Marown you might like to listen, think and pray to some songs and hymns on the theme of advent (or alternatively sing loudly whilst doing the washing up).

We've prepared a playlist on Spotify that includes some songs which you may recognise or hear during our services over the coming weeks.

To listen visit: <https://spoti.fi/3f51Njl>

The last Parents Prayer Meeting of this term is 9.15-10.15am this Monday in the upper room at Marown Church. All are welcome to join in this ecumenical prayer time for families and children across the parish.



Douglas Town Centre Partnership, an ecumenical Christian group, are performing a live Nativity in Villiers Square Douglas this Thursday 17th December. This is a ticket only event and you can get yours via www.christmaslive.im along with fuller details about the event

Friday 18th December 12 noon to 2pm soup lunches at St Paul's Church Foxdale with homemade soup, bread & cakes. This is the last soup lunch before 2021 but they will be back on 8th January.

Please remember...

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

To find out more about the Church of England Advent and Christmas campaign 'Comfort and Joy' please go to www.churchofengland.org/ComfortAndJoy where you will find free online services, reflections and other resources.

During this week we pray...

God of comfort and joy, may we know your presence with us today and bring your gentle, joy love to others, this Christmas and always. Amen

- As we come into this season of Advent we hold our church and chapel communities across the island before God, and we pray for His blessing to be upon us and upon all that we are planning, that we may be ready to welcome stranger and friend who join us for worship or special events, that we may be ready to greet Him in each of them.
- As the temperatures drop we pray for all who are living rough and are on the streets that they may be find hospitality and shelter. And we also hold before 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 with them 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...

Daily HOPE is a free phonenumber 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.

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