

Christmas & Sunday 27th December 2020

Services:

Christmas Eve

St Luke's Church 6.30pm – Christmas Communion
Marown Church 11.30pm – Midnight Christmas Communion

Christmas Day

Old St Runius 10.30am – Christmas Day Service

Sunday 27th December

St Paul's Church Foxdale 10am - Common Worship Holy Communion

[Sunday 3rd January 6.30pm Baldwin BCP HC Epiphany]

Merry Christmas

Thank you to everyone who has helped to decorate our churches or been involved in any way with our Advent and Christmas services across the parish. Our churches have looked gorgeous and welcoming to those coming for worship or quiet time.

This week...

The Bethlehem Peace Light shines out at Marown Church and at St Luke's Church Baldwin. Only our island has been able to distribute the Peace Light this year, which was blessed by Bishop Peter in a special service at the cathedral on Friday 18th December. May the peace of Christ be upon us all this Christmastide.



We take a break over Christmas so the next session of our parish study course is on Monday 4th January 7.30pm in Marown Church. This session is a brief recap on the sessions so far then moving on to 'Exile & Prophets'. 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.

For Advent Maff Long produced a spotify link with seasonal music. I hope you have enjoyed listening to those tracks. Here is a link to a Christmas playlist <https://spoti.fi/3nvZEjW>

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.

Coming up...

Sunday 27th Dec beginning at 2pm, the Praying the Keeills committee have planned a post-Christmas walk starting from Old Lonan Church with a short act of worship. All are welcome. Please check their Facebook page for fuller details.

The next Foxdale soup lunches are 8th & 22nd January, lunch 12noon-2pm with children's club 3.30-4.45pm.

Sunday 10th Jan 10.30am at Marown Church we will celebrate Plough Sunday with real horses and a plough joining us courtesy of David and Nicola Rawnsley.

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 celebrate Christ's birth at Christmas we hold our church and chapel communities across the island before God, and we pray for His blessing to be upon us. May the hope and redemption our Saviour brings fill us with joy and goodwill.
- As the temperatures drop we pray for all who are living rough on the streets and pray 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 with them and becomforted.

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 phoneline 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