

# Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2020

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent

### Services today are:

11am Foxdale - Messy Church  
10.30am Marown - BCP Morning Prayer  
6.30pm Baldwin - BCP Holy Communion

### Services next week are:

10.30am Marown - BCP Holy Communion  
3pm Baldwin - Walkers Carol Service

*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...



**Our Advent study course has begun.** Our next session is on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> Dec 7.30pm in Marown Church. This session is about 'Creation & Covenant'. 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.

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/3f51NjI>

A Parents Prayer Meeting is held 9.15-10.15am each 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.

### **Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols next 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.

Coming up...




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

Friday 18th December 12noon-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 8<sup>th</sup> January.

**The Food Bank are having a 'Reverse Advent Calendar' again this year.** Please 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. We will aim to make a bumper delivery to them by 14th December. The idea is that you donate one item per day as we journey through Advent. All items placed in our collection boxes after the 14th December will be delivered to them in January. Please support this act of Christian witness from our parish.


## REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR 2020



**Suggestions**

- Tinned meat (ham, stews, mince, hot dogs, etc.)
- Small coffee jar or fruit juice carton
- Tinned fish (e.g. salmon)
- Stuffing mix
- Gravy granules – chicken or turkey
- Vegetarian or vegan alternatives
- Tinned fruit
- Tinned custard
- Tinned vegetables
- Christmas pudding or cake (alcohol-free please!)
- Biscuits
- Mince pies
- Christmas treats for children
- Selection boxes
- Pasta sauce or other sauces
- Jams or spreads (e.g. peanut butter)
- Breakfast cereal or porridge oats
- UHT Milk
- Toilet roll, toothbrush, toothpaste,
- Kitchen roll
- Washing up liquid, laundry capsules
- Shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, shower gel, soap

(No Pasta, Beans or Soup, please)



*Please note that food should be within its "Best Before" date and unopened. Your donations will be sorted by type and date and be distributed through our foodbank hubs across the Isle of Man. Cash donations will be used to support our work – Gura Mie Eu!*

**Nollick Ghennal, as Blein Vie Noa!**

Though we are not making an Advent Calendar order as a parish this year you can buy your Fairly Traded Advent Calendars plus many other items for Advent and Christmas from the Churches Bookshop. Apart from the huge range of goodies for sale-not just books-it is a great Christian witness to support this local Christian business.



### **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](http://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.
- At this season we pray for hope. We hold the World Christian Community before God that as One Church we may truly seek His presence with us; that we may be strengthened in our faith and may witness His Love in our Lives. We pray for the blessing of transformation in our World that only Love will bring.

- 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 that they may know God's presence with them and be comforted.
- We remember all those Across now in lockdown, our families, friends and loved ones, and all those who will struggle with being in isolation again. And we pray there may emerge a national spirit of community and unity that will help and support those who are feeling vulnerable and alone. We pray for all the staff of the NHS as they work tirelessly to help others and to save lives. We pray that they may be strengthened by Gods' Love and protection in all that they been called to witness and to do during this pandemic; and we give thanks for their faithfulness.

**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.

RIP Beryl Stevenson

**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](http://www.marownchurch.im) or The Church of England website [www.churchofengland.org](http://www.churchofengland.org) and the diocesan site [www.sodorandman.im](http://www.sodorandman.im)