

Sunday 14th February 2021

Sunday next before Lent

Services today are:

10.30am Marown - Celtic Communion

(with the theme 'Show the love' for the planet by acting against climate change)

6.30pm Baldwin - BCP Evening Prayer - Revd Steven leading

Services next Sunday are:

10.30am Marown CW Holy Communion

(with election of churchwardens following at 11.30am)

6.30pm Baldwin CW Evening Prayer

This week...

Wednesday 17th Feb 7pm Marown Church Ash Wednesday HC with the Imposition of ashes-Rev'd Steven sharing a homily.

The Church of England's Lent campaign this year is 'God's story Our story' with booklets, mobile phone apps or on-line resources from their website (details of this at the end of the sheet)

Or...

Guided Prayer : A suggested Lenten Study : a new, free, online guided prayer series, which draws its inspiration from the Anglican monastic traditions, called Rhythm of Grace - Lent will be released on Ash Wednesday, 17th Feb. See: the 'Discovering Prayer' site. Bishop Peter says " My hope is that such a programme of prayer, shared with the wider world and drawing on the ancient Christian tradition of the hallowing of time by commending the day to God at its beginning and its end, will offer spiritual structure to the day and God's comfort to the soul."

Friday 19th Feb Foxdale Church Soup lunches 12noon-2pm & then children's club until c.3pm with craft activities and games.

Coming up...

Sunday 21st February 11.30am Marown Church there will be an election for a casual Churchwarden.

Notices are displayed in our parish churches. We have two vacancies for churchwardens, nomination forms are available at the back of church. The Vicar General will be in attendance so those elected can immediately be sworn into office. Those elected will hold office until our Annual Meeting in April.

Fairtrade Fortnight: 22nd Feb-7th March: Climate, Fairtrade and You. Every year, thousands of individuals, companies and groups across the UK come together to share the stories of the people who grow our food and drinks, mine our gold and who grow the cotton in our clothes, people who are often exploited and underpaid. This year more than ever, it's important we come together to stand with the people behind the food we depend on, as they face the daily realities of the climate crisis. COVID has shown us more than ever how interconnected we are globally. This interconnection is at the very heart of the Fairtrade message and is where our role begins. We have the power to drive long-term change, not only with our shopping choices but also with our support in spreading the message. For more info. on how to get involved online and across our communities please see: www.fairtrade.org.uk "Fairtrade brings about the transformation of Lives, sip by sip of each cup of Fairtrade coffee and each drop of Fairtrade tea you drink."

Step Forward

A day for anyone aged 18 to 30 considering ordained ministry in the Church of England. It will include:

Time for worship, prayer and Bible study

An opportunity to find out what being ordained is really like – its highs and lows

Space to look at your own experience and what God might be calling you to in the future

The chance to discover how the selection process and ordination training programmes work

Plans are now well underway for Step Forward 2021. Registration for the event which will take place on the **13th March 2021 from 1pm on Zoom** can be done via the Step Forward

website: <http://www.stepforwardanglican.org.uk/>

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.

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

Confirmation - the Bishop intends to hold a confirmation service in the Cathedral on Pentecost Sunday 23rd May for those aged 11+. If interested please speak with Canon Janice.

A message from Bishop Peter

A Date and a Prayer

Friends, here is a Date for our diaries, and a Prayer for our daily use.

The Date: Saturday 27 March, 10 am – 4 pm: A Day of Prayer and Preparation.

On the Eve of Holy Week, in the context of the Eucharist and the Study of God's Word, we pray for God's blessing and guidance for our Diocese and for the Church on the Isle of Man. This will take place at the Cathedral, with a soup lunch provided, and all members of our congregations (and beyond) are warmly invited – indeed encouraged – to attend, together with clergy and lay ministers.

The Prayer, written by Claudia Koenig and the Bishop in preparation for 27 March & for regular use:

Loving God,

Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,

who makes all things work together for good,

your ways are higher than our ways and your thoughts are higher than ours.

Fill us afresh with the Holy Spirit, and open our eyes and our hearts that we may clearly see your vision for your Church on our Island.

Help us to let go of anything that prevents your will from being done.

May the Holy Spirit guide and inspire your Church in mission

to bear fruit and to proclaim your kingdom,

In Christ our Lord. Amen.

I invite us to make this prayer our own, and to use it in private devotion and (for example) as an opening prayer at meetings. Let us use it as a means of drawing closer to God and of discerning His will and His purpose.

In Christ,

+ **Peter**

During this week we pray....

Show the Love Prayer 2021

O God who is love
Let love empower our compassion
Let love embrace each and everyone
Let love unite humans and non-human
In restorative co-existence.

O Jesus, love come down to earth
May we honour the earth
May we honour all that dwells in the earth
May we be reconciled with the earth
Become what we are, of the earth.

O Spirit of love
Grant us a spirit of humility
Grant us a spirit of carefulness
Grant us a spirit of friendship
For the earth and all that dwells with us here.

Toni Bennett

- 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 & Joe O'Hanlon.

RIP Marjorie Rimmer.

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.

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