

# Sunday 21st February 2021

## 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent



### Services today are:

10.30am Marown - CW Holy Communion  
(with election of churchwardens following at 11.30am)

6.30pm Baldwin - CW Evening Prayer

### Next Sunday:

10am Foxdale - CW Holy Communion,  
10.30am Marown - CW Morning Prayer  
6.30pm Baldwin - CW Holy Communion

## This week...

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 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."



**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](http://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."

## Coming up...

### Special Event at St Luke's next Saturday : a warm welcome

This is an open invitation to anyone who would like to attend an informal event at St Luke's on Saturday 27th February, when the IOM Organists' Association will be meeting. Proceedings will start with light refreshments and chat at 10:30 am, followed at about 11:00 by a half-hour organ concert given by Gareth Moore. After the concert the Association will be holding their AGM, which will be kept as brief as possible; everyone is invited to stay for it, but only members may vote! This is the first time in many years that the Organists' Association has visited St Luke's, and a unique opportunity to hear our interesting instrument in the hands of a well-known player; apart from being an accompanist and tutor, Gareth is the 'resident' organist at Trinity Methodist, Douglas and at Ballagarey Chapel, St Mark's. Please do plan to come!

Cathedral Concerts The first in the 2021 Concert Series is on 6 March at 7.30pm when they welcome Jazz singer Adele Dube and her band 'Nova'. Entry is free but donations are encouraged at the end of the evening in aid of Cathedral Music.

## 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.

## 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

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.

## 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.

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