

Sunday 7th March 2021 ~ 3rd Sunday of Lent



Services today are 10am Morning Prayer on our parish Facebook page and 10.30am zoom Morning Prayer (please contact Canon Janice if you would like the link to join in)

This week.....

At a meeting of the Diocesan Synod this week Bishop Peter focussed on the importance of God's love in our current time, with its blessings and trials: Christian "success" is our quality of life, how our lives are transfigured by the love of God, and how consequently, we respond and relate to one another.

The Bishop encouraged us to view our current lockdown as an opportunity for a penitential, Lenten "retreat", making time for reading, meditation, self-examination and repentance. **In the tradition of Lenten alms giving, he suggested we might like to give forward when we receive our Covid vaccinations, i.e. to donate through Unicef or another charity to provide vaccinations for others. See the following links if you would like to make contributions:**

<https://www.unicef.org/supply/covax-ensuring-global-equitable-access-covid-19-vaccines>

<https://www.unicef.org/coronavirus/covax>

***Beginning Monday 8th March in 7.30pm via zoom there will be an informal Bible study of St Paul's Letter to the Romans.** Over 4 meetings we will look at a few chapters each meeting. For this first meeting please read chapters 1-4. Contact Canon Janice for more information.

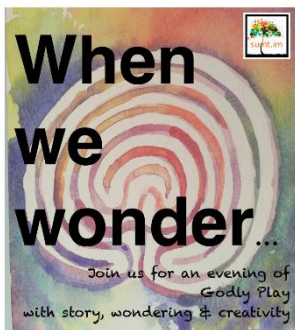
Coming up.....

***The Leprosy Mission Service to be held at Michael Parish Church has been postponed until Saturday 17th April at 2.15pm.**

*the next Ministry Team meeting is Friday 12th March at Marown Vicarage and will be via zoom.

*the Churchwardens meet again on Saturday 13th March 10am via zoom

*The Rose Queen meeting due to be on Sunday 21st March at Marown Church after the morning service for those interested in the running of Rose Queen this summer **is postponed**. A new date will be confirmed later.



I hope you are all safe and well. After having to cancel our January session it seems ages since we last gathered for a Godly Play Story with you.

This month the plan is to meet for a story and wondering on Zoom so we can all stay safely at home.

Sue will tell the story called "Jesus in Jerusalem" which goes through the events in the Easter story.

Hopefully this will give you a chance to explore and wonder in preparation for Holy Week.

You are invited to join us on **Monday 22nd March 7:30 – 8:30pm**. Please email hub@sumt.im for the Zoom link.

Take good care of yourself and keep safe. Annie (Godly Play IoM)

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...

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

Restrictions permitting this will take place at the Cathedral, with a soup lunch provided, and all members of our congregations and beyond are warmly invited to attend, together with clergy and lay ministers.



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

*for those affected by the increasing number of Covid cases on the Island. We pray for our Chief Minister, the Minister of Health & Social Care, for our schools and places of education and for all who govern the nations of the world in these exceptional times.

*for our emergency & medical personnel and all key workers who are keeping our essential services running.

*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. For those disappointed, frustrated or fearful of the wider effects of the lockdown on the economy, social activity & medical treatment.

*for cancelled events and their organisers, thinking especially of the World Day of Prayer services that would have taken place on Friday 5th March. We pray for the people of Vanuatu, some of whom had prepared the worship liturgy and accompanying material that would have been used.

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.

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