

Sunday 7th November 2021 ~ 3rd Sunday before Advent

Services this Sunday are; 10.30am Marown BCP MP, 11am Foxdale Messy Church & 6.30pm Baldwin BCP HC

Next week's Remembrance Sunday services are; 10.45am Marown & 6.30pm Baldwin
4pm Holy Baptism Baldwin

Remember.....

Please be aware that there are still due to be roadworks on the Mount Rule Road leading into West Baldwin, access to St Luke's Church is via East Baldwin.

This week...

*Wednesday 10th Nov 7.30pm at Marown Vicarage the parish fund-raising committee again, new members welcome!

*Monday 8th Nov 6pm St George's Church Douglas, Major Charles Wilson is giving a talk about 'Crossing the Pyrenees'. Donations go to the Poppy Appeal.

Coming up....

*Confirmation class for teenagers across the Island: meeting in "The Upper Room" at Marown Church on Friday evenings from Friday 12th Nov, led by Revd Alex Brown (Pioneer Minister, Douglas) and Revd. Jeanette Hamer from Kirk Michael. Please contact Revd Jeanette for more info: manxmiffy55@gmail.com

*Christmas Live is back again! Thursday 16th December

(A message from Rev Alex Brown, Pioneer Minister)

2 years ago churches were asked to put on a Christmas nativity for all ages in the town centre on one of the late-night shopping nights. That first year was rained off (although 1.500 people were going to come). Last year there was covid and more rain and still 350 turned up. So this is year three of trying, and it's a huge community effort. We have the Samaritans Choir, Unity

Dance Academy, Culture Vannin Youth Band, Ruth Keggin-Gell will lead a Manx lullaby, we have live sheep, a giant “Chinese Dragon-Style” camel to walk through the audience ... what we need now are volunteers.

Here’s the link to the email - it would be amazing if you could join in with this event

<https://mailchi.mp/aa8124a04485/christmas-live-news-and-choir-rehearsal-dates>

The website for the event is www.christmaslive.im



Island Spirituality Network - the next meeting is this Saturday 13 November at St John’s Mill, from 10.00am - 1.00pm. The speaker will be Revd Sean Turner, currently serving the Methodist churches in the south of the island - his theme will be "Shabbat Shalom - Sabbath Peace". As we shortly approach the season of Advent and the busyness of preparing for Christmas, what better way to spend time meditating on the coming of the Prince of Peace who came to reveal to us the ‘Shalom of God’?



During this week we pray...

*for all people who find this time of year stressful and a cause for anxiety

*for the many tragic situations around the world, poverty, disease, natural

disasters and human catastrophes. May all those who are suffering find relief along with hope for a better future.



*Bringing COP 26 to the foot of the cross: There is huge urgency behind these talks. The climate crisis is already having a devastating effect on communities living in poverty – the people who have done the least to cause it. The time to act is now. “By the end of this decade, 132 million people will be pushed into extreme poverty by the climate crisis,’ explains Carol Ng’ang’a, who is based in Kenya and is part of Tearfund’s young theologians network. “It sounds like just a number, but as we know, these numbers have names. These are our friends, these are our siblings, these are our brothers and sisters.’ This climate change conversation has actual implications to real life people. This is a call from God which makes it especially important to us as Christians. One of the first things that God asks us to do is to take care of the world (Gen. 2:25).’ ...and Jesus Commanded us to love our neighbours as ourselves. We can respond to this call through prayer.

Holy God, We lift up COP26 to you. We lay it at the foot of the cross and pray for your will to be done. Bless the world leaders and everyone attending. Bless them with your heart for justice. Bless them with boldness and courage to take decisive action that will care for the whole of your creation. Bless them with good relationships with each other so we can tackle this emergency together. In Jesus’ name we pray, Amen

From amongst our own fellowships, we continue to pray for those we know to be ill, suffering the frailties of age or disease, friends or family awaiting treatment or operations and those recovering from accident or illness, as well as the lonely, grieving and the anxious. May they know God’s presence and peace.

Don’t forget.....



*On Manx Radio, Sunday at 9.30am is a half-hour programme by Judith Ley who shares inspiring stories, interesting interviews, great music and moments for quiet reflection across the Christian denominations of our island.

* 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