

Sunday 1st August 2021 ~ 9th Sunday after Trinity

Services this Sunday are 10am CW HC Foxdale (no singing),

10.30am BCP MP Marown & 6.30pm BCP HC Baldwin

Next Sunday 10.30am Marown Celtic Communion & 6.30pm Baldwin BCP Evening Prayer

This week.....

As infection rates have risen recently on island and many people are understandably concerned I remind and reassure you of the measures we are taking in our churches to keep people as safe as possible whilst allowing worship to continue as normally as possible.

*Holy Communion is offered in both kinds (bread & wine), people are also free to choose to receive just the bread or a blessing but must not 'dip' the wafer into the chalice.

*The Peace can be shared with congregants respecting their neighbours who may wish not to make physical contact- a distanced wave, bow etc is ok.

*the wearing of masks during worship is ok, including for singing if you wish to do so. Our individual churches may set aside as 'no-singing' & 'preferring to keep distance' spaces if there is a local preference for that.

*the use of hand sanitizer and contact tracing is still in place, please continue to use them.

*ventilation will be increased through our churches by opening additional doors and windows wherever possible.

These measures will be constantly reviewed, updated or changed as necessary.

***On Wednesday 4th August 7pm at Marown Vicarage** anyone interested in helping with a parish fund-raising group is invited to come along for a chat and refreshments. If you can't come but are interested in helping with church fund-raising or have ideas to offer please contact Revd Steven Herron on 07624 308815.

Coming up.....

*The Revd Dr Glynn Jones, together with his wife Liz, arrive on the Island tomorrow. He will be serving as Interim Minister in the parishes of Bride, Lezayre & North Ramsey and Maughold & South Ramsey, looking after congregations in these vacant parishes until the end of November. Please pray for their ministry in our diocese.

* Henry Uniacke and Phil Craine are planning another **pilgrimage along the Triskelion Way** and warmly invite you to join them for part or all of a four-day adventure - from Friday 27 to Monday 30 August. This weekend includes bank holidays on both Friday and Monday. As in past years, they will follow the full 36 miles / 60km of the trail - from Rushen Abbey via Peel to Maughold, aiming to infuse the walking with a spirit of pilgrimage which may include prayer & reflection, poetry & silence. All are welcome. Speak to Canon Janice for more details.

***At 7pm on Monday 9 August Michael Parish Church is hosting a Diocesan-wide MU Founder's Day service.** This year's service commemorates the centenary of the death of its founder Mary Sumner. There will be a celebration of Holy Communion led by Revd Jeanette with MU Chaplain Revd Ruth Walker, followed by light refreshments. All welcome – men included!

***The Big Green Week: 18th – 26th September** Thousands of events throughout the UK will celebrate how communities are taking action to tackle climate change, protect green spaces and to encourage others to become involved. The Island will be supporting this initiative through a series of local events, and as part of our contribution Churches and Chapels are being asked to get involved as well as mark this in our worship on Sun 19th Sept. The Big Green Week is also designed to help us prepare for the COP26 (Conference of the Parties who signed the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change in 1994) which will be meeting in Glasgow in November..... and locally could help us all to focus our thoughts on environmental discussion points with our own potential candidates

for the Election here on the Island! For more information please see: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/51372486>
<https://www.christianaid.org.uk/get-involved/campaigns/wavehope>

During this week we pray...

*for people across our parish who are vulnerable or struggling, those suffering in body, mind or spirit, remembering those in hospital, hospice, care homes and those awaiting treatment or diagnosis.



*We hold in our prayers all those now suffering with Covid on the Island, those fearful of infection and those in the medical services and the 111-call team stretched by the demands of the rapid rise of cases on the Island. We pray for their safe keeping and for vigilance across the Island as incidents of infection rise.

*Port St Mary Beach Mission runs from 1st-7th August for children up to 17 years old, please tell you family, friends and neighbours and encourage the youngsters to go along.

*We hold in prayer our Parish Commissioners, and those seeking election as MHK's for our Island Community. We pray for their commitment, vision and integrity and we pray for ourselves, the electorate, that we may be diligent in the weeks ahead in seeking to find out what the candidates truly represent and what will be their priorities if elected.

**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.
RIP Janet White & Fleet Simpson**

Don't forget.....

*Vaccines - we all appreciate the hope for a better future with the control of the corona virus thanks to the roll out of the vaccines, given to us through our NHS. We have been invited to donate to UNICEF to help their ambitious scheme to deliver two billion Covid-19 vaccines to health workers and the most high-risk people on our planet. Please follow the website link <https://www.unicef.org.uk/donate/coronavirus>.



*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 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 or The Church of England website www.churchofengland.org and the diocesan site www.sodorandman.im