

## Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2021 ~ 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent

Services this Sunday are; 10.30am Marown Celtic Communion & 3pm Baldwin 'Walkers' Carol Service (no 6.30pm service).

Services this week are; Monday 13<sup>th</sup> Dec 6.30pm Carols around the Christmas Tree in Glen Vine.

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> Dec 9pm Advent Compline.

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> Dec 7pm Christmas Live! in Villiers Square Douglas.

Services next Sunday are; 4pm Marown Christingle and Carols, 6.30pm Baldwin CW HC (non-singing)

Christmas Weekend Services are; Christmas Eve 6.30pm Baldwin & 11.30pm Marown Christmas Communion

Christmas Day 10.30am at Old St Runius

Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> Dec 10am Foxdale CW HC for St Stephen's Day

### This week...

#### A reminder about our Covid measures;

- Continue to use of hand sanitizer especially when entering a church.
- Please wear facemasks in church even for singing.
- Taking a Lateral Flow Test (LFT) before you come to Church & stay at home if it gives a positive result.
- There is spacing between rows of seating to increase social distancing, please observe those
- Refreshments will continue to be served.
- Holy Communion will be the bread/wafer only, with the priest drinking the wine on behalf of the congregation.
- Sharing The Peace will be by gesture only rather than physical contact.
- Those leading the service, reading lessons and leading intercessions can remove the mask for clarity.

At the moment all services are expected to go ahead with these guidelines in place, however, depending on the overall Covid situation some changes may be necessary.

Thank you to Rosemary Gibson who has produced posters and fliers for our Christmas services, please pick a flier up in church and pass some to family, friends and neighbours.

**\*Wednesday 15th December 9pm at Marown Church, Advent Compline:** a short reflective service, this week we will focus upon our promised salvation through Jesus Christ this week.

**\*Foxdale soup lunch, 12noon-2pm Friday 17<sup>th</sup> Dec in St Paul's Church, the last one of 2021!**

**\*RECOVERED...** Enjoy unique cover versions of songs by artists our music students have been studying at the University College, Isle of Man. Free concert in the Cathedral, Tuesday 14th December at 7.30pm. Retiring collection for 'Isle Listen'.

\*Thursday evenings before Christmas: Christian Aid / Fairtrade Pop up shop 4-8pm and all-day Saturday 9.30 – 5.30 in Old churches book shop, (Howard St. side of WH Smiths Douglas) the shop has been transformed by Manx, & African crafts and Fairtrade goods. All funds raised go to Christian Aid.

### Coming up...

\*2<sup>nd</sup> January 6.30pm St Luke's Church Baldwin, A service of Lessons and Carols by lamp light

### During this week we pray...

\*for those on our Island who are homeless and sleeping rough; those who face fuel and energy deprivation. We pray for the work of Graih, the IoM Food Bank and Women's Refuge.

\*for all people who find this time of year stressful and a cause for anxiety due either to the weather or the 'pressure' of the season on finances and relationships.



\*for our medical services, our hospital and all who are suffering delays in diagnosis and treatment as well as all suffering from Covid 19 across our island, especially in the face of rising cases and the new variant.

\*for our schools and places of hospitality as rising infection rates cause disruption and cancellation of events.

\*for the bereaved, coping with grief and loss.

\*for the people and creatures of Northern Kenya and Ethiopia facing extreme drought and famine. We pray for the aid agencies and Non-Governmental Organisations working to bring relief to these regions that their work may be blessed through generosity and compassion as they work in the face of such suffering.

**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.**

**RIP Ian Kaighin whose funeral will be Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> Dec 1.15pm Trinity Methodist Church**

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](http://www.marownchurch.im) or The Church of England website [www.churchofengland.org](http://www.churchofengland.org) and the diocesan site [www.sodorandman.im](http://www.sodorandman.im)