

Sunday 19th December 2021 ~ 4th Sunday of Advent

Services this Sunday are; 4pm Marown Christingle and Carols & 6.30pm Baldwin CW HC (non-singing), also, at the Crosby Methodist Chapel there is a carol service at 11am to which all are invited.

Christmas Weekend Services are;

Christmas Eve 6.30pm at Baldwin & 11.30pm Marown Christmas Communion

Christmas Day 10.30am at Old St Runius (carols and readings not Holy Communion)

Sunday 26th Dec 10am at Foxdale CW HC for St Stephen's Day

This week...

A continued reminder about our Covid measures;

- Continue to use of hand sanitizer especially when entering a church.
- Please wear facemasks in church including when 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.
- 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.
- For the time being no refreshments will be served.

*Wednesday 22nd December 9pm at Marown Church, Advent Compline: a short reflective service, this week we will focus upon Mary the mother of Jesus. This will be the last of this series of services.

*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.

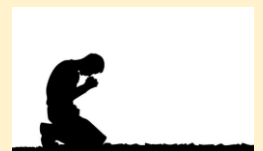
*‘There’s a hush of expectation’ Tue 21st Dec 7.00pm - 9.00pm. Do you need to stop and take a breath before Christmas? This is an opportunity to gather in the big lounge at Thie dy Vea Retreat House in Peel. An evening of poetry, carols, mulled wine, hot fruit punch and seasonal nibbles. We’ll be joined by guest musicians and invite you to bring along a favourite Christmas poem to share. There’ll be time to be still and time to rejoice in the birth of our Saviour Jesus. Wednesday 22nd Dec ‘There’s a hush of expectation’ 2.00 – 4.00 p.m. as above, This time with hot fruit punch, tea and cakes. Cost: Any donation is invited. Please contact us to book your place.

Coming up...

*2nd January 6.30pm St Luke’s Church Baldwin, A service of Lessons and Carols by lamp light

During this week we pray...

*for all people affected by Covid 19, including our neighbouring countries as they experience a surge in cases. We pray for those rolling out booster jabs and all working in our medical services.



*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 the bereaved, coping with grief and loss.

*We pray for the emergency situation arising in Afghanistan where children are dying of starvation. A million children under the age of five are said to be at risk of dying over the next three months and more than eight million people are on the brink of famine. Years of conflict, the Covid-19 pandemic, a change of government and the worst drought in 27 years have led to catastrophic hunger. The situation will only get worse as the freezing weather sets in.

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, the 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