

## Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2022 ~4<sup>th</sup> Sunday before Lent &

### the Accession of Queen Elizabeth II, 1952

Services this week are; 10.30am Marown BCP MP & 6.30pm Baldwin BCP HC

At the cathedral there will be an Accession Day Service at 3.30pm to give thanks for the long reign of Queen Elizabeth II, Lord of Mann

Services next Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> February are; 10.30am Marown Celtic Communion

& 3.30pm Choral Evensong at the cathedral

(there will be no evening service at St Luke's Baldwin)

#### From now on....

It is with much sadness that for safety reasons St Paul's Church Foxdale is closed for worship and community activities for the foreseeable future. The churchyard remains open for use and for visiting. Villagers are warmly invited to worship with us at Marown Church or St Luke's Church Baldwin and I remain available to anyone who needs pastoral help or who wishes to speak to me.

The Bishop has offered new guidance on worship and church gatherings, the wearing of facemasks is now optional, and we can resume sharing the chalice at Holy Communion.

**Please** continue to use hand sanitizer when entering church and take a Lateral Flow Test (LFT) before you come (staying at home if it gives a positive result). There will be some social distancing spaces if you wish to use those.

#### This week.....

\* You will be aware from local media that it is being discussed whether prayers should be removed from the start of sittings of the House of Keys and Tynwald. This is clearly a significant matter, so you may wish to make your views known to our MHKs before Tuesday's debate.

\*The Parents Prayer Group have begun meeting again Monday mornings in Marown Church Upper Room from 9.15-10.15am, anyone wishing to join them to pray for local families, children & our schools are most welcome.

\*Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2pm Marown Mothers Union meet in Marown Church.

\* Living in Love and Faith begins this week – it is a five-week listening and conversation course covering Christian teaching about relationships, gender, human sexuality and marriage. These will be held at St John’s Mill 7-9pm on Tuesday evenings beginning on 8 February and running until 8 March. Course booklets will be provided, and no charges are involved. Tea & coffee will be available. All are invited to attend but please let Canon Janice know if you are coming so she can reserve you a place and course booklet.

\* The next Island Spirituality Network meeting will be held on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> February at St John’s Mill, 10.00am - 1.00pm.

The theme will be “Spirituality and Creation” led by Graham & Jenny McAll. We shall explore together the physical world’s own spirituality, how our spirituality relates to nature and how our view of the future affect’s creation.

\*Monday 28<sup>th</sup> Feb 7.30pm the PCC meet again in Marown Church.

\*Fairtrade Fortnight 21st Feb – 6th March During this fortnight in Douglas the Fairtrade Group are planning a Train of Shops and Café’s that use and sell Fairtrade products in the form of a Treasure Hunt. More details [www.fairtrade.org.uk](http://www.fairtrade.org.uk)

### Coming up...

\*Considering Ministry? ‘Step Forward’ is an exploratory online conference on Saturday 5th March 1-4.30pm, focusing on Ordained Ministry for 18–30-year-olds. Contact Canon Janice for more details.

\*Friday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2-4pm in the Cooil Chapel the annual World Day of Prayer will be held; all are invited to attend.

### This week we pray for...

\*for the church community and villagers of Foxdale as their church is closed for repairs.



\*the people of Tonga as they continue to cope with the aftermath of the volcanic eruption and tsunami.

\*the people of Ukraine as they continue to live under the threat of invasion and war.

\* those on our Island who are homeless, sleeping rough or struggling financially.

\*families bringing their children to baptism over the coming months.

\*couples preparing for marriage in church.

**From amongst our own fellowships, we continue to pray for those we know who need God's healing and restorative grace. May they know Christ's peace.**

### Don't forget.....

\*there are up-to-date leaflets from a variety of charities in our churches, please do take a look and feel free to take away any information that interests you.

\*the library at the back of Marown Church with lots of books for you to browse or read, just borrow and return when you have finished.

\*there is a beautiful variety of cards for sale in the rack also at the back of Marown Church, many handmade.



\*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)