

Sunday 20th and 27th March 2022 ~ 3rd Sunday of Lent & for Mothering Sunday

Services this week 20th March are; 10.30am Marown CW HC + Choir &

6.30pm Baldwin CW EP

Services next Sunday 27th March are; 10.30am Marown Mothering Sunday Family Communion & 6.30pm Baldwin CW HC

At 1am next Sunday morning (27th March) we step forward into British Summer Time (BST) & remain there until 2am on Sunday 30 October when we return to Greenwich Mean Time (GMT)

This week.....

***Lent Lunches:** Michael Parish Church 12-1.30pm. £7, Thursday 29th March, and at The Cooil Chapel Hall 12-1.30pm Thursdays 3rd March – 14th April. £7, Homemade Soup, bread and cheese, pudding, tea/coffee. Proceeds to Tearfund Lent Appeal and MOTIV8 Addiction Service.

***National Day of Remembrance Wednesday 23rd March at the Cathedral** which is open 8am - 7pm; call in to remember those who lost their lives to Covid. Light a candle, pick a flower from the Cathedral grounds and add to vases at the Prayer Stations, or just be quiet and reflect. Join us for a Eucharist at 09.30am, a short Midday Prayer with a minute's Silence, or to sing Monastic Evening Prayer at 5.30pm. Held in association with Marie Curie UK

***The Mothers' Union Festival Eucharist Service** will be held on Friday 25th March 2.30pm at the Cathedral. Everybody is welcome. The visiting preacher is June Houghton, Provincial President for the Province of York.

***The Parish of St George and All Saints, Douglas** is holding in St George's Church a 'Live Streaming and Video Broadcasting' seminar/discussion on the techniques of live streaming of

church services on Saturday 26th March 2022 at 10.00am. There is no charge for the event, but please contact Ernie de Legh-Runciman on 07624 329556 or by email

ernie@manxcat.org.uk if you wish to attend.

Coming up.....

*Diocesan Quiet Day Saturday 2nd April 10-3.30pm at St Ninian's Church Douglas, includes Rev Alex Brown performing The Passion from one of the Gospels, time for Bible study, prayer, worship and creative response. Please bring a packed lunch, tea/coffee provided.

*Cathedral Concert Series 2022: 2nd April. Juliet Tranter and Christiane Litman perform Pergolesi's Stabat Mater with strings and organ

*Easter Monday 10am-4pm there will be a Car Boot sale on the Crosby Playing Fields. £10 per pitch, please reserve your space by contacting Chrissie Carter via her own Facebook page or her mobile number 480035

Volunteers are needed to help on the day please, either morning or afternoon, please let Chrissie or Canon Janice know if you are available.

*Wednesday 6th April 6.15pm the Fund-raising group meet next in Marown Church followed by the next PCC meeting at 7pm.

*Saturday 9th April 10am Marown Vicarage the Churchwardens meet next.

*Christian Aid Diary Dates: 8th April '22, 6.30pm St Andrews URC, Douglas.

Italian Supper, Speakers & BEETle drive! Join us for a social evening with friends and discover the progress on recent projects and this year's Christian Aid Week project! RSVP for catering please, Louise 474275 or lwhitelegg@christian-aid.org

15-21st May'22 Christian Aid Week! Please help us with the fund-raising efforts - an event? concert? collection? House to house? Big Breakfast? let's bring the Island together and change lives! Do get in touch via Louise 474275 or lwhitelegg@christian-aid.org

*Aled Jones at the Gaiety! 30th March and the Cathedral choir have been invited to open the show and sing with Aled. Do support them! Tickets available:

<https://www.villagaiety.com/whats-on/aled-jones:blessing>

Don't forget.....

Food Poverty; Climate Change and Food Waste: Across the greater Horn of Africa, including Ethiopia, Uganda, and Kenya, a terrible crisis has been building following the worst drought since 1981. Yemen and Afghanistan are also on the brink of famine. Conflict and climate change are pushing millions towards total disaster. Together as a church we believe in hope. We can bring healing by prayer, by giving.....and by changing our lifestyles. Growing enough food to feed our wasteful ways is depleting the global supply of freshwater. Hydrating plants and trees and providing drinking water for animals bred for food increase the need for water companies to dip into groundwater reserves and streams. By doing this, water companies acknowledge they are damaging local ecosystems and environmental cycles. The need to grow more food, means more land is stripped of its natural vegetation. One of the biggest reasons for the destruction of the rainforest is the need for somewhere to graze the cattle to support our fast-food chains. Also, the rotting food creates methane gases that become trapped in the atmosphere and add to global warming (as does the methane created by the cattle as they pass gas.) Reducing our meat consumption, buying local meat, wasting less food can make a world of difference and help reduce global poverty and hunger. **Lent is an excellent time to rethink our lifestyles and make changes.**

This week we pray for...

* our Lenten journey: Loving God, remind us of the beauty of unity: show us how we can draw nearer to you, and to become who You have made us to be. We surrender our time this Lent to you, in Jesus' name.



* During this period of increased Covid numbers on the Island we remember before God our health services, infrastructure and schools, as they struggle to maintain their workload due to staff shortages, and we give thanks for all who volunteer their time, skills and expertise to help out.

*those people fleeing Ukraine, that may find a safe haven, for those people remaining behind that they will also be safe, for a ceasefire and peace talks between Ukraine and Russia.

*the people and places of tension and violence around the world, South Sudan, Myanmar, Afghanistan, Yemen and so many other areas.

* those on our Island who are distressed for whatever reason

*our parish as we make preparations for our annual meetings and seek new members to join the PCC and Churchwardens.

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

*new cards have made and donated to Marown Church, including some for Easter, please do pop in and take a look.

*to donate items to our Foodbank collection boxes in Marown and St Luke's Churches. These boxes are emptied regularly, and donations taken to the main Foodbank distribution centre.



*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