

17th April 2022 ~ Easter Day

Wishing you a very happy and blessed Easter

Services this week are; 10.30am Marown Easter Day HC & 2pm Holy Baptism,
6.30pm Baldwin Easter Day HC

It is the tradition of the Manx Church that the Easter Sunday offering is given to the Minister as a token of thanks for their ministry amongst us.

Services next week are; 10.30am Marown Shortened Morning Praise followed by the annual meetings at 11.15am, then at 6.30pm Baldwin CW HC

Bishop's Easter Message 2022

This year, our readings from the Gospel on Sundays come from St Luke, and so it is from St Luke that we are given much of our scripture this year for Holy Week and Eastertide.

One of the greatest moments in St Luke's Gospel is the account of the journey to Emmaus. It comes in the final chapter, and we read it in Church in the days after Easter. We recall the story: Two downcast disciples are walking the six or seven miles from Jerusalem to the village of Emmaus on that first Easter Day when an unknown stranger falls into step alongside them. They tell their story, He tells His, and at Emmaus they press Him to stay with them. They have supper, He takes and blesses bread, and they recognise Him! He vanishes, and they hurry back to Jerusalem, sharing with the other disciples the experience of encountering the risen Christ.

We can barely imagine the excitement and the joy of that wonderful day. I am also struck (and am grateful here to others who have pointed this out) by just how 'liturgical' an episode this is. It begins with a gathering, followed by the sadness of a story of failure, just as we confess our sins in the opening part of the eucharist; then comes the 'liturgy of the word', as the Lord takes them through the scriptures; after that, they beseech Him to stay with them, as we do in our prayers of intercession; then comes the taking and sharing of the bread, in which they recognise Him; and finally they are dismissed back out into the world. That sounds familiar! That's what we do every Sunday at our parish communion or eucharist.

So my Easter message is simply this: Never let the joy fade. Never let the mystery evaporate. Never let familiarity take away the sheer wonder of being with the risen Christ. Because that is where we are, you and me, every time we come to the altar of the Lord and receive Him in the holy consecrated elements of the communion. Where we gather as the Lord's people, He is there in our midst. Where He is, there is risen life. And where there is risen life, there is

new hope. My prayer is that this hope and joy may be yours this Easter, and that it may flow so richly through the Lord's Church that it flows outward into His world.

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

+ *Peter*

This week.....

*Our annual church meetings take place on Sunday 24th April 11.15am at Marown Church. Nomination forms are in the back of Marown and St Luke's Churches. Please consider standing as a PCC member or as a churchwarden, these are vital roles in our church life. The annual reports are now available to read in advance, there is a paper copy in both churches as well as the electronic version.

*Easter Monday 10am-4pm there will be a Car Boot sale on the Crosby Playing Fields. Please come along and support this the first event of our new fund-raising group.

Coming up...

*Tuesday 3rd May the Western Mission Partnership Council meets again 6.30pm at St James Dalby, beginning with the usual bring and share meal

*Praying the Keeills Week this year begins on Saturday 21st May and runs until Saturday 29th May. A leaflet with all the details will be available soon but put these dates in your diary and prepare for inspiring walks to some of our islands most holy and beautiful sites.

*HM The Queen's Platinum Jubilee. There will be a service in the Cathedral on Sunday 6 June 2022 (Mad Sunday) at 10.30am to celebrate HM The Queen's Platinum Jubilee. All are welcome to attend but you must reserve a seat by emailing admin@cathedral.im or phoning Val Garrett on 241227 no later than 7 May 2022.

Our own parish celebration will be on Sunday 12th June with more details to follow.

* A Night at the Cathedral 14th May Late afternoon until late! Meal, family activities, talk from Howard Parkin on the sky at night; Light show installation by Cameron Skidmore, Poetry corner, story-telling, Jig Saws, Lego challenge, Evensong in the nave at 5.30pm and Candlelit Lazy Compline to finish-bring a cushion and a blanket! Bring friends and family! This is part of a National Cathedrals venture across Europe.

This week we pray for...

*As we meet together this Easter Day we give thanks and praise for the Risen Christ who brings hope and Light, and the promise of new beginnings into the lives of all who turn to Him! And we pray that we may have the faith, hope, courage and integrity to truly live as Easter people.



*people with Covid 19, those people ill at home and especially those in hospital, that they will have a full recovery and that infection rates will fall.

* people on holiday either visiting our island or travelling away, that they will have a safe and restful time.

*a ceasefire and ultimately peace between Ukraine and Russia, for the safety those people fleeing the fighting and those forced to remain in areas of danger, and for people in places of conflict no matter where they might be.

*our parish as we prepare for our annual meetings and seek new members to join the PCC and Churchwardens. We thank God for those members who have served in the past and pray for new members to come forward.

*families bringing their children to baptism 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.

RIP Robert Arthur 'Ron' Kissack & Wilf Corkish

Don't forget.....

Lovefoodhatewaste.com : Create less and make use of the rest. The simple truth of combatting food waste is that we need to create less of it – we need to buy less, consume less, and where we do create waste we need to find a useful means of disposing of it. Composting is a great way to recycle food waste enriching the soil naturally: see www.HotbinsComposters for more info on user friendly, rodent free, efficient composting for any size site, from allotments or patio gardens.



*On Manx Radio, Sunday at 9.30am 'Praise' 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