

## **8th May 2022 ~ 4th Sunday of Easter-**

### **Marown & Baldwin Anniversary Sunday**

**Services this week are; 10.30am Marown Anniversary Service, 6.30pm Baldwin Anniversary Songs of Praise preceded by the Ellan Vannin Pipes and Drums at the Old Tynwald site from 4pm, Caarjyn Coidjagh singing and a bring your own picnic tea. (tea/coffee provided.)**

Services next week; 10.30am Marown CW HC +Choir & 6.30pm Baldwin Healing Service

### **This week.....**

**\*There will be a family friendly afternoon and evening at the Cathedral on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> May from 4.30pm, with the Theme Light in the Darkness; Peace amidst Chaos.**

Something suitable to invite friends/neighbours to, who may not normally visit the Cathedral. We are offering them an informal opportunity to look around, enjoy a light meal, some activities for children, including a Lego Challenge, crafts and a story corner; hear a talk by Howard Parkin entitled Stardust; try fitting in a few pieces of the new Cathedral jigsaw, and experience stunning light and sound performances created by a UCM Student known to many of you. The Choristers will sing a short Service of Light, but you could continue puzzling over the jigsaw or enjoying a coffee as they sing if you wish. The Manx Bard and the Junior Bard have both written poems especially for this event as have others, including congregation members-and you might like to try writing your own too. No charge but donations, especially for food much appreciated. For more information call Revd Ruth Walker on 453008

**\*Cathedral Day Chaplain/Welcomers Recruitment. Revd Ruth Walker (Curate) will be holding a preparation session on Wednesday 11th May in the Cathedral, at 10.30am, for about an hour.**

All are welcome, the chief requirement is a warm welcome and willingness to seek out answers-not to know everything you might possibly be asked! It is not necessary to be a worshipper at the Cathedral, just to attend the preparation and be a welcoming presence.

(Other sessions may be arranged if you are interested but this date is not possible for you.)

Ruth Walker (m) 453008

**\*The Next Island Spirituality Network meeting will be held on SATURDAY 14 MAY - St John's Mill 10.00am - 1.00pm**

The speaker will be Dr David Smith whose theme will be "The costly loss of lament in contemporary Christianity".

### Coming up....

On May 18<sup>th</sup> May Corlett, a long-time member of Marown Church congregation, celebrates her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday. To mark this special day and our cherished friend, there will be a gathering after the morning service on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> May so we can offer our birthday best wishes. There will be a cake to share, and we will present May with a small gift (she has asked for no presents, but we want to show her our love in a tangible way.) If you haven't signed the card or donated towards the gift and would like to do so please contact Canon Janice during the week.

**\*The next PCC meeting is on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> May 7.30pm in Marown Church**

**\*Christian Aid week is fast approaching (15-21<sup>st</sup> May)**

This year's project is aiming to provide the Match Funding of £25,000 to the IOM Governments £100,000 small projects grant. Some of you may well remember the Improved cookstove project in Mali which proved a great success. IOM Christian Aid are now trying the same in Burundi. A cooperative will be formed to make and distribute the improved cook stoves - 200 of which will be given to those struggling the most. It is a great project with many benefits. Clearer indoor air, safer and faster cooking, less precious wood chopped down and less pollution. For the women directly involved in the project it means they will be given a skill assisting them to become independent and self-sufficient. It is a lovely rewarding project. Together I am sure we can make it a reality! **Giving envelopes are available in church.**

\*Praying the Keeills Week this year begins on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> May and runs until Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> May. A leaflet with all the details is available in church, please put these dates in your diary and prepare for inspiring walks to some of our islands most holy and beautiful sites.

\*Parish Walk: This year the race organisers are raising awareness of the need to reduce Carbon Emissions by funding tree planting instead of T-shirts. As a Diocese, we have biodegradable wrist bands as an alternative, available from Joanne Fisher – [jfisher00@icloud.com](mailto:jfisher00@icloud.com)

\*Cathedral Jigsaw: a 1000-piece jigsaw of the Cathedral has been made and is available to view in the Servedy. If you would like to order one, the cost is £17.50, please contact Helen Parry on 482516 or email [deanpa@cathedral.im](mailto:deanpa@cathedral.im)

### This week we pray for...

\*Marown and St Luke's Churches as we celebrate their anniversaries, we ask God to bless our fellowships and inspire our vision for the future.



\*the many sporting events coming up in the next few weeks, that they will be a time of safety and enjoyment.

\*all who are ill or struggling in life, those under financial pressure, people with relationship troubles and those suffering anxiety.

\*the people of Ukraine and Russia and all people who live in the desolation and devastation of war. We pray for their courage, their faith, their resilience and their ongoing hope for peace.

\*Tearfund who are reporting that many of the countries they work in are forced to divert funds away from public services to try to protect themselves against the effects of the climate crisis. Tearfund has launched a campaign calling on the UK government to influence other wealthy countries to keep their pledges to fund these measures. We pray for the success of this

campaign, and that world leaders will keep the promises they made at previous UN climate talks.

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. We ask God to comfort the bereaved, especially the families of John Stevenson, Jenny Ingham and Bert Winckle.

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



\*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](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)