

## **4<sup>th</sup> December 2022 ~ The 2nd Sunday of Advent**

**Services this Sunday; 10.30am Marown BCP MP & Baldwin 6.30pm BCP HC**

Next week; 10.30am Marown BCP HC & Baldwin 3pm Manx Footpath Conservation Group

Carol Service

### **The week ahead and beyond.....**

**\*Thank you to everyone who supported the Marown Church Christmas movie night, 'Arthur Christmas' was much enjoyed by those who came and £90 was raised for church funds.**

**\*Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December 7pm Braddan Church, the Mother's Union have their Advent Service, all welcome.**

**\*Fridays 12.30-1.30pm Soup lunches are available in Marown Church, these are free (though donations to church funds are welcome). From 2-3pm there will be a discussion group to think about 'Caring for Creation', this week's theme is 'Coming out of denial and facing the crises'. These will both run for the next 2 weeks, all are welcome for just the soup or the discussion if you can't manage both.**

**\*Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> December final preparations for decorating St Luke's Church, please contact Sue Sayle if you can help with this.**

**\*'Warm Spaces,' Crosby Bowling Club are providing a free warm and friendly space to meet every Monday afternoon 2-4pm with refreshments, as are the Millennium Hall 12-2pm on Sunday afternoons.**

**\*Tue 13th December. 'When We Wonder' gather for a storytelling session at Retreat House, Thie dy Vea Ballawattleworth House, Tynwald Road, Peel. IM5 1JP. Arrive for 7pm for refreshments followed with story and wondering 7:30 -8:30pm, donations towards the costs for the evening much appreciated.**

\*Sat 17th December: Trinity Methodist. 11am. Isle of Man Scouts and Girl Guiding IoM warmly invite you to an annual Peace Light Service. Join us this Christmas as we celebrate Global Peace Together. Please bring an old cardboard box with you! Everyone welcome.

### This week we pray ...

\*on this second Sunday of Advent, that we will walk in the light of Christ and be ready to receive Jesus when he comes again.



\*for people who are homeless, those who are couch surfing or sleeping rough on the streets, as well as those in their own homes facing fuel poverty. We pray for the continued work of charities and organisations helping the homeless and creating warm spaces, and we give thanks for all those who support this work with donations of goods, clothes and money to reach out to those in need.

\*for all in our communities who are vulnerable or struggling: the elderly; the isolated and lonely; single parents; those who are ill, depressed, stressed or anxious; people facing financial pressures; those grieving the loss of a loved one.

\*for people ill at home, in hospital, hospice or nursing homes, that they will receive the care & support they need, particularly for those on long waiting lists for treatment & diagnosis. We pray for the emergency services and our hospitals at this time of increased pressure on those resources.

\*for the IOM Foodbank at this time of increased need of its services. We give thanks for the help they offer to people who would struggle to feed themselves and their families and we pray for continued generous donations to help them in their work.

\*the millions of people across the world who suffer from war, violence, disease, hunger, natural disaster and injustice. Please God, send your transforming power into these situations.

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

RIP Beverley Formby and Cath Creer-whose funeral is in Marown Church 2pm Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December.

Don't forget.....

**\*Christmas Live 2022 approaches! 15<sup>th</sup> Dec 6.30pm Villiers Square Douglas.**

Christmas Live is back again this year, you can get your free tickets at [www.christmaslive.im](http://www.christmaslive.im).



\*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)