

22nd January 2023 – 3rd Sunday after Epiphany

**Services on Sunday 22nd January; 10.30am Marown Morning Praise
& 6.30pm Baldwin CW HC**

Services next Sunday 29th January; 10.30am at Marown CW MP with the Crosby Methodist Chapel & 6.30pm Baldwin Healing Service

In the next few weeks.....

***Thursday 26th January 7pm at Foxdale Primary School Community Room, there will be a meeting to present more details and provide an opportunity for Q & A's following the recent PCC decision to petition the Church Commissioners for the closure of St Paul's Church as a place of worship. Anyone from across the parish is welcome to attend.**

***Saturday 28th January 10am The Marown Burial Authority meet at Marown Vicarage.**

***Tues 24th; Movies in the afternoon 2.30pm at Dalby: Dream Horse PG -109 mins.. Based on the incredible true story of Dream Alliance. Jan Vokes (Toni Collette) convinces a motley crew of villagers to chip in their hard earned wages, to help raise a foal to compete with the racing elites. A classic tale of triumph over adversity, and a beacon of hope in a struggling community. Everyone welcome, no need to book, donations to help us cover our running costs are always much appreciated.**

***Island Spirituality Network -The first ISN meeting of 2023 will be held on Saturday morning 28 Jan 10am - 1.00pm at St John's Mill. The guest speaker will be Revd Professor David Wilkinson, Principal of St John's College, Durham - who is a lecturer in theology and religion and holds doctorates in both Astrophysics and in Systematic Theology. His talk is entitled Wonder, Wisdom and Worship - God's gift to science.**

***National Holocaust Memorial Day - the annual service marking this event is taking place at St Mary of the Isle Church in Douglas Sunday 29 Jan at 2:45pm. Organised by members of the Island's Jewish community, it commemorates the millions of victims of the Holocaust and**

genocides around the world. This coming Friday 27 Jan marks the anniversary of the liberation of the Auschwitz-Birkenau concentration camp in Poland in 1945. The United Nations urges every member state to honour the six million Jewish victims and develop educational programs to try and help prevent future genocides.

*Tuesday 31st January 6.30pm The Western Mission Partnership meet in Marown Church.

*Winter Warming Wednesdays In the **Corrin Hall**, Peel, 12 noon to 3.30pm every Wednesday until the end of March 2023. Soup and sandwiches served 12.30pm to 1.30pm. Eat what you want, pay what you can (via brown envelope so no one knows who has paid what) Help yourself to tea, coffee, biscuits between 12 noon to 12.30pm and 1.30pm to 3.30pm. Crafts, jigsaws & magazines will be available.

***Assisted Dying consultation closes on 26th Jan: Whatever your views on this proposed bill it is important that as many people as possible take part in the consultation. You can respond via the online portal. Paper copies of the consultation can be collected at, and returned via post to, the Tynwald Legislative Buildings. The consultation poses 28 questions, but only four are required and 22 are tick-box-only, so responding need not be time-consuming. The single most important question is Q8, asking your opinion on the principle of legalisation. Q28 allows you to make further comments including concerns prompted by the preceding yes/no questions. Each individual response is worth doing, add your own text if you feel your view has not been represented in the consultation. See: consult.gov.im**

***Sunday 19th February 10.30am Marown Church holds the Civic Service for Marown Commissioners, all residents of the parish are invited to attend.**

*Sat 4th Feb : 7.30pm at Dalby Schoolrooms : A Year in the Life of our Island: A local film celebrating the beauties of our Manx landscape and sea, people and wildlife, culture and community, with images by Ian and Jane Young. Followed by a supper of Homemade Shepherd's Pie, Crumble & Custard. Please bring your own wine/beer. To book @ £12.50

please ring Gilly on 844031. Proceeds after costs go to Dalby Restoration Fund and our two charities for this year: Arlo's Adventure, supporting Manx families in hospital in England, as well as those who have lost a child. And the Manx charity Hands of Hope operating in Romania and working directly with refugees from Ukraine.

This week we pray...

A Prayer for the Week of Christian Unity



Dear Lord, we long for real unity in the midst of injustice. We remember the life of Stephen Lawrence. We commemorate the 30th anniversary of his death. Comfort his family and all those who knew and loved him. We thank you for those in your church who advocate for racial justice. We pray you will strengthen their resolve. May their work change attitudes. Will you raise up a new generation of allies. May institutions be completely transformed, So the last will be the first, The least will receive the most, The lost may find a place to belong. Move us from an attitude of tolerance, To a disposition of embrace. May we stand against racial injustice. Stand with those who are marginalised. Stand as one church for all you stood for. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*we pray for our brothers and sisters at the Crosby Methodist Chapel and thank God for our close bond of fellowship.

*for the future of St Paul's Church, for the villagers and for the meeting on 26th January following the PCC decision to petition the Church Commissioners to close the church as a place of worship.

*for those people ill at home, in hospital or in hospice, that God's healing grace will rest upon them. We pray too for the bereaved and for the souls of the departed, may they rest in peace and rise in glory.

*our MHK's, all members of Tynwald and all those involved in the consultation process related to the proposed bill on Assisted dying. We pray for God's Spirit of discernment, wisdom,

compassion and integrity that this may be a constructive debate that leads to right action for the people of our Island Nation. We hold in God's loving care all those within the NHS, medical practices and care agencies who are so overloaded this winter; we pray for their own strength and well-being as they give of themselves to help others.

*for the many people and places around the world suffering from disasters, war and poverty. We pray for justice instead of oppression and corruption, safety and security instead of violence and aggression, a fairer sharing of the planets resources instead of the imbalance that currently results in a huge gulf between the rich and poor.

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 or The Church of England website www.churchofengland.org and the diocesan site www.sodorandman.im