

## **12<sup>th</sup> February 2023 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday before Lent**

**Services for Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> February; 10.30am at Marown, BCP HC with guest speaker  
& 6.30pm at Baldwin, BCP EP**

**Services for Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> February; 10.30am Marown Civic Service & 6.30pm Baldwin CW HC**

### **Special Notice**

**\* Disasters Emergency Appeal: With more than 21,000 confirmed dead, and fears this number will escalate significantly, hundreds of thousands of people have lost their homes and are in urgent need of shelter, food, clean water and medical care. Freezing temperatures and damaged infrastructure are making the situation even more difficult for survivors. The DEC is an umbrella organisation of 15 international aid charities and the money collected is channelled to those of its members and their local partners who are working in the region and who can respond quickly. While the search and rescue operation continues, other urgent priorities are medical treatment for the injured, shelter for those who have lost their homes, heaters for spaces, winter kits with blankets and warm clothes, and ensuring people have food and clean water. If you want to help there are street collections on the Island or you can donate online: [www.dec.org.uk](http://www.dec.org.uk)**

### **In the next few weeks.....**

**\*Old Kirk Braddan snowdrop teas are available on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> Feb, 2.30 to 4.00pm. Cost £5. Organised by Friends of Old Kirk Braddan.**

**\*The Manx Nature Show will be launched at the Cathedral on Saturday 18 February 2023 with events all day and the exhibition will continue until Saturday 6 May 2023. Items will be on display in the Cathedral during this time and workshops will be held at various times both in the Cathedral and in the gardens. To find out more please look at their website: <https://manxnatureshow.weebly.com>**

**\*Sun 19th Feb: An exclusive Snowdrop Tea at Dalby schoolrooms from 3.00pm, with a selection of homemade sandwiches, cakes, meringues, eclairs and cream scones, so come**

hungry ☹ Booking in advance @ £15.00 per person is essential. Please ring Gilly on 844031 and let us know if you have any special dietary requirements. There will be pots of snowdrops for sale from the schoolrooms. Proceeds after costs go to our Restoration Fund & our two charities for this year - Arlo's Adventure and the Manx charity Hands of Hope.

**\*Would you be able to help?? The "Environment Action Group in conjunction with Churches Alive in Mann and other Eco organisations are organising an All Age "We Care" Eco Workshop over half term on Friday 24th February from 10.30am – 4pm (details below) at the Cathedral and are inviting as many people as possible to come help us host this, to welcome, chat, help with crafts and refreshments, to encourage and engage with people throughout the day. Would you be able to join us for some of that time? Please get in touch with Cheryl Cousins if you'd like to help. To find out about the Environment Action Group please see [www.eag.im](http://www.eag.im)**

**\*All Age Eco Workshop over half term on Friday 24th February from 10.30am – 4pm**  
Drop in any time between 10.30am-4pm at the Manx Nature Show in the Cathedral IoM for an interactive workshop, eco conversations and craft activities linked to the Island's "We Care" eco campaign. No charge, but donations to help cover costs are greatly appreciated. Refreshments will be provided. To help us with planning you can book ahead by contacting [cherylcousins@manx.net](mailto:cherylcousins@manx.net)..... or just drop by if you're passing.

**\*Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February Beginning at 7pm, The Parish Ash Wednesday Service with Holy Communion at Marown Church.**

\*Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2pm Braddan Church host the annual World Day of Prayer, all welcome to attend.

**Did you know....**

\*On Tuesday (14 Feb) it is the Feast of St Valentine – an early Christian martyr who was beheaded in Rome around 270AD. The Basilica of San Valentino was built in 1630 and stands

just outside the old town centre of Terni, on the site of an ancient Christian cemetery where St Valentine was buried.

\*about the Holy Land Pilgrimage 2nd-10th April 2024 led by the former Dean of Belfast, John Mann, who is part of the cathedral congregation with his wife Helen. If you would like a brochure, or have any questions, do contact him at [john.o.mann@btinternet.com](mailto:john.o.mann@btinternet.com) or by phoning 01624 861527.

\*The IOM government have produced a booklet called 'IOM help for households' containing advice about coping with the cost of living and keeping warm. A copy of the booklet is on our website, or you can go to: [costoflivingsupport.gov.im](http://costoflivingsupport.gov.im) or telephone 686262 which is the Winter Help Advice Line.

\*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

\*The Right Reverend Graeme Knowles, formerly Bishop of Sodor and Man (2002 -2007) has been appointed as Acting Dean of Chichester Cathedral. Bishop Graeme came to our Diocese having been Archdeacon of Portsmouth and then Dean of Carlisle. He left the island to become Dean of St Paul's, London and more lately was an Assistant Bishop and Dean of the cathedral church in Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk.

\*we have been collecting used stamps for The Leprosy Mission for many years now via boxes at church. Sadly due to the drop in prices for selling on these stamps to collectors etc The Leprosy Mission will stop collecting them. We have until the end of March to put any stamps into our collecting boxes and pass on to them.

## This week we pray...

\*the people of southern Turkey and northern Syria affected by the earthquake, for the dead, bereaved, injured, displaced and the rescue teams.



\*for the future of St Paul's Church, Foxdale.

\*for the success of the 'We Care' campaign to encourage the government to take action in line with their own environmental policy.

\*for those people struggling with the cost of living and keeping warm. We pray too for all organisations trying to help them.

\*for those people ill at home, in hospital or in hospice, that God's healing grace will rest upon them. We thank God for those who have recovered from illness. We pray too for our emergency and medical services at this time of continued strain on their resources.

\*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 planet's 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](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)