

26th February 2023 – 1st Sunday of Lent

Services for Sunday 26th February;

10.30am at Marown, Morning Praise

& 6.30pm at Baldwin, CW HC with guest preacher Cheryl Cousins

Services for Sunday 5th March; 10.30am at Marown BCP MP & 6.30pm Baldwin BCP HC

Special Notices

*** Disasters Emergency Appeal: for victims of the Turkey/Syria earthquake, you can donate online: www.dec.org.uk**

ADVANCE NOTICE THE ARCHBISHOP OF YORK, THE MOST REVD STEPHEN COTTRELL WILL BE AT THE CATHEDRAL FOR THE 10.30AM CHORAL EUCHARIST ON MARCH 19TH, MOTHERING SUNDAY. He is visiting the diocese from Thursday 16th March. More details will follow over the next couple of weeks about his visit.

This week.....

***Our Lent Reflections this year will begin on Monday 27th February 7-9pm in Marown Church. We will watch episodes of 'The Chosen' (Season 1) which dramatises the life of Jesus. There will then be time for discussion and prayer. (Light refreshments included from 6.45pm). This is a widely regarded series and has been viewed in a number of churches across the diocese. Do come along and see for yourselves this new interpretation of some events and teaching in Jesus life.**

***Dust and Glory-** If you use a smart phone or email, there is a free daily reflection for Lent available from the Church of England called 'Dust and Glory'. For a phone, go to the App Store and search for Dust and Glory a Lent journey. This can be read or listened to; there is also a children's section. For a daily email: go to the Church of England website, complete your name and email address and click on Sign Up.

*The Manx Nature Show has been launched at the Cathedral and the exhibition will continue until Saturday 6th of 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>

*Friday 3rd March 2pm Braddan Church will host the annual World Day of Prayer, all welcome to attend.

Coming up.....

*Wednesday 8th March 7.15pm at St Ninian's Church, the Synod meet for their spring session.

*Thursday 9th March the parish fund-raising group meet again, venue still to be decided.

*Leprosy Mission Quiz It's nearly time for the new representative of the Leprosy Mission to visit the Island. As well as giving a number of talks and collecting used stamps, he will be running the traditional quiz at Loch Prom Church. There is a hot pot supper - free, but donations welcome. 19.30 on Friday 10th March.

*Organ Concert On Saturday 11th March at 3.00pm, the Cathedral's Organist, Dr Litman will give a recital at Peel Methodist Chapel in Athol Street, all welcome.

Did you know....

*Assisted Dying- If you would like to know a little more about a difficult subject being debated in the House of Keys, you may find this TV documentary useful and accessible: search for "Pru and Danny's Death Road Trip" on Channel 4 Catch up TV or via the internet. A balanced and calm discussion around assisted dying/suicide from Pru Leith (pro) and her son Danny Kruger MP (anti). They travel around Canada and USA and talk to people about their experiences. If watching this leads you to want to discuss the subject more, please contact Canon Janice.

*about the Holy Land Pilgrimage 2nd-10th April 2024 led by the former Dean of Belfast, John Mann. If you would like a brochure, or have any questions, do contact him at john.o.mann@btinternet.com or by phoning 01624 861527.

***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. Please let Canon Janice have your used stamps by next Sunday 5th March.**

This week we pray...

*for our Lent observances, that the forty days of this season may be a fruitful spiritual time for each of us.



*for the whole created order as we ponder the harm humankind has done to the world and consider how we atone for those sins. We pray for our island conservation groups as they seek to look after our natural environment.

*for the people of southern Turkey and northern Syria affected by the earthquake, especially those in the region of the latest tremors. We pray for the injured, for families with missing relatives, for the homeless and for bereaved. We thank God for the generosity of donations to the relief appeals and pray that generosity will continue.

*At the first Anniversary of the ongoing war with Ukraine we pray: God of power and love and light, Let the weapons fall silent and the machines of war be dismantled. Let the wounded be healed and the mourners find comfort and hope. Let the refugees return home and communities rise up from the ruins. Let peace and justice flourish in Ukraine and everywhere that there is conflict. In Jesus' name Amen.

*We hold before God the Churches in Aleppo which have spent years supporting people devastated by more than a decade of conflict and are now a lifeline to people of all faiths after the earthquakes, we pray they will have enough resources for their outreach.

*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 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