

12th March 2023 – 3rd Sunday of Lent

Services for Sunday 12th March; 10.30am at Marown BCP HC & 6.30pm Baldwin BCP EP

Services for Sunday 19th March; 10.30am St German's cathedral with the Archbishop of York, The Most Revd and Honourable Stephen Cottrell will preach and preside at the Eucharist.

6.30pm St Luke's Church Baldwin CW HC for Mothering Sunday

Special Notices

***Bishop Peter informed Diocesan Synod on Wednesday evening that he was retiring – his last Sunday will be 28th October. Episcopal authority during the Vacancy in See will be delegated to the Rt Revd Mark Davies, Suffragan Bishop of Middleton, Diocese of Manchester.**

***Visit of The Most Reverend and Right Honourable Stephen Cottrell, Archbishop of York**

Archbishop Stephen will be at St Catherine's Church, Port Erin on the morning of Saturday 18th March to meet with parishes and congregations from the South and the West of the Island. There will be coffee at 10.00, followed by the Archbishop speaking about his vision for the Church of England: 'Becoming a more Christ-centred Church'. Everyone from congregations and parishes in the Southern or Western Mission Partnership is warmly invited to come and hear the Archbishop. You are also invited to bring someone with you who may need encouragement in their Christian faith!

This week.....

***Our Lent Reflections continue on Monday 20th March 7-9pm in Marown Church, please note we miss a week due to the PCC meeting. We will watch the third episode 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).**

Coming up...

***Monday 13th March 7pm the PCC meet in Marown Church.**

*Tues 14th March A Lenten Journey: When we Wonder: our next storytelling session is meeting at Thie dy Vea, Ballawattleworth House, Tynwald Road, Peel. IM5 1JP. Please arrive for 7pm for refreshments followed by story and wondering 7:30 -8:30. Thie dy Vea is a kindly hosting the storytelling, but as a charity ask for a donation towards the costs for the evening.

*Saturday 25th March 10am the Marown Burial Authority meet at Marown Vicarage.

*Saturday 1st of April St Ninian's Church Douglas 10am-3.30pm a Quiet Day as we enter Passiontide. Everyone is invited to attend for all or part of the day (please bring a packed lunch). There will be contributions from The Very Revd John Mann and the Manx Bard Michael Manning and worship will include a Liturgy for Healing and Renewal.

*Services for Holy Week and Easter will be on next week's pew sheet but please note that there will be a Chrism Eucharist Maundy Thursday 6th April 12noon at the cathedral. We are invited to come together as the family of God and rededicate ourselves to His service, ministers and laity alike. Lunch will be served afterwards, please let Canon Janice know if you are likely to attend this service so she can pass on numbers for catering purposes.

This week we pray...

*for Bishop Peter and his wife Gail following the announcement of his retirement later this year. We thank God for their combined ministry in our diocese and ask our Lord to bless their future. We pray too for all those people involved in discerning his successor and for Bishop Mark as he prepares to lead us during the vacancy.



*for Archbishop Stephen Cottrell as he prepares to visit our diocese this week, we pray that we will be inspired by his presence and his teaching especially during this season of Lent.

*for all people affected by the earthquake in southern Turkey and northern Syria as they try to rebuild their lives and communities. This situation has dropped from the headlines but the suffering and distress continues.

*for an end to the ongoing war between Ukraine and Russia, for those people trapped in areas of conflict, for refugees seeking shelter, for the injured, bereaved and all who have been killed. We pray too for peace in all other places of conflict and violence.

*for those people ill at home, in hospital or in hospice, that God's healing grace will rest upon them. We thank God where there has been recovery and renewed hope and we pray too for our emergency and medical services at this time of continued strain on their resources.

*for everyone vulnerable to the colder weather we are experiencing at the moment. We remember before God all those on the Island who are struggling due to the energy crisis; those who are homeless, sleeping rough, or unable to heat their homes. We pray that we may be mindful of the needs of our neighbours and seek to share our own "warm space" with 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 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 or The Church of England website www.churchofengland.org and the diocesan site www.sodorandman.im