

5th March 2023 – 2nd Sunday of Lent

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

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Special Notices

***Fairtrade Fortnight: 27th Feb - 12^h March; to Celebrate Fairtrade Fortnight St James Church Dalby are screening a couple of short Fairtrade films: “A darker side of Chocolate “ and “Make the World a Better Place” on Wednesday 8th March starting at 7.00pm.**

The two films show the need for Fairtrade and the positive difference it can bring to producers around the world. There will be an interval between the films with Fairtrade baking and produce tasting. No need to book, feel free to bring friends. There's no admission charge but donations to cover costs are always greatly appreciated.

For more info please contact Cheryl: cherylcousins@manx.net

***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 input from the Archbishop until 12:00. 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 will be repeated in the afternoon for the Northern and Eastern Mission Partnerships: 2.30 - 4.30 pm at St Paul's, Ramsey.

The Archbishop of York is a compelling and exciting speaker and evangelist, and he will be speaking about his vision for the Church of England: 'Becoming a more Christ-centred Church'.

On the morning of Sunday 19 March, at 10.30, the Archbishop will be celebrating the eucharist and preaching at the Cathedral in Peel. This is Mothering Sunday (4th of Lent), when traditionally Christians would go to the 'Mother Church' of the Diocese, the Cathedral. The Bishop therefore invites parishes and congregations to join him and the

Archbishop at the Cathedral that morning. Therefore, there will be no service in Marown Church that morning, but there will be a Mothering Sunday service at St Luke's Church Baldwin in the evening.

This week.....

***Our Lent Reflections continue on Monday 6th March 7-9pm in Marown Church. We will watch the second 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). If you missed the first episode you can catch up via YouTube or on-line.

***Wednesday 8th March 7.15pm at St Ninian's Church Diocesan Synod meet again.**

***Thursday 9th March the parish fund-raising group meet in the south transept of Marown Church.**

***Leprosy Mission Quiz** - the new representative of the Leprosy Mission is visiting the Island. 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.

***we have been collecting used stamps for The Leprosy Mission for many years but 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 Sunday 5th March so she can pass them on to the visiting rep.**

***The next Island Spirituality Network meeting will be Saturday 11th March at St John's Mill, 10.00am-1.00pm. Rita Norrey and members of the prayer team from Ballagarey Methodist Chapel who will lead our morning with times of stillness, reflections and prayer stations to aid our personal prayer. All welcome.**

*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.

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.

This week we pray...

*for our Lent observances, that we will grow in knowledge of Jesus life, teaching and redeeming power. We pray also for a fruitful visit to our diocese by the Archbishop of York and for inspirational engagement amongst all island congregations.



*for all people involved in the Fair-Trade movement, for greater trade justice across the world and for a strong desire for consumers to support ethical trading practices.

*for the people of southern Turkey and northern Syria affected by the earthquake as they look to rebuild their lives and communities. We thank God for the generosity of donations to the relief appeals and pray that generosity will continue.

*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 expected this week. 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