

## 7<sup>th</sup> January 2024 – 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Epiphany

Services on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> January; 10.30am Marown Church 'Plough Sunday Service'. We hope the horses and plough will be able to join us for the closing part of our worship.

6.30pm St Luke's Church Baldwin BCP HC

Services for Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> January; 10.30am Marown BCP HC with guest preacher Doug Chalk as we mark his retirement from Reader ministry.

6.30pm Baldwin BCP EP

**The Public Consultation** on whether the Bishop should have a vote in Tynwald is now open.

This document can be found on the Honourable Member's (Laurie Hooper MHK) website as given below. It consists of five yes/no questions with no room for comments. The Diocese and its legal officers are meeting next week to consider a suitable response.

Whatever your views, if you would like to take part in the consultation please use the link-  
<https://lhooperiom.com/2024/01/03/bishopsvoteconsultation/>

The consultation will be open online until 29 February, with paper copies available from the Clerk of Tynwald's Office. *Don't forget the cost of postage goes up to 85p per stamp from Monday.*

### Coming up.....

\*Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January 10.30am Marown Church, the Open the Book Team rehearse their next school assemblies.

\*Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January 7pm Marown Church the PCC meet in the south transept.

\*Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> January 10am The Marown Burial Authority meet at the vicarage.

\*Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> 10.00am– 1.00pm @St John's Mill guest speaker Revd Jo Smart (minister for the Crosby Chapel) will talk on the theme of 'Moving through the Bible – Dance, Movement and Meditation'. There will be an opportunity to join in some simple and gentle exercises but no

one will be under pressure to participate. Jo's morning will include something for everyone and will be a rich creative reflection with much on which to ponder. As always, there is a suggested donation of £10 to help defray costs, however, no one is ever asked for money.

\*Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> January 6.30pm at St John's church hall, the Western Mission Partnership meet again beginning with a 'bring and share' meal.

### Did you know.....

\*Diocesan Course in Christian Studies -Canon Margaret Burrow has offered to run this course beginning on Thursday evening, 8th February, and taking place in St John's Anglican Church Hall (unless there is a group from another part of the Island). She is willing for the start time to be either 18:30 or 19:00 and is keen to know which would suit participants best. If you might be interested, please contact Margaret to register interest: [burrow.margaret@gmail.com](mailto:burrow.margaret@gmail.com)

\*Community Warm Hub in Crosby hosted by Marown Bowling Club, free refreshments Monday afternoons 2.30-4pm, all welcome.

### This Epiphany we pray...

\*The wise men brought gifts fit for the new king Jesus:

Father, give your people willing and generous hearts to offer their time and talents to serve you.

The infant Christ received gifts of gold, incense and myrrh:

Father, give your people insight into the gifts you have placed within them, that they might use them for the good of your church and the glory of your kingdom.

Help us Father, in this season, to see and celebrate the gift of your son,

And humbly to offer ourselves, once again, to you. Amen

\*for our diocese and the appointment of our next bishop.....

Hear us as we pray for the person you are calling to be the next Bishop of Sodor and Man; give discernment to all involved in the process;



that the one whom we receive may shepherd your flock, teach the faith,  
proclaim the good news and lead us in making Christ visible.

By the power of the Holy Spirit, pour out on us the riches of your grace,  
that we may joyfully share in the work of your Kingdom in this Isle.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen

\*for all teachers, children and students returning to schools and colleges this week and particularly for those facing the stress of exams, that the new year may hold new opportunities and possibilities for them.

\*for peace in all places of conflict, suffering and natural disaster. As we think of the immense suffering so many people are enduring we thank God that we live in a nation of safety, peace and abundance. We continue to pray for a resolution to the situations between Israel and Gaza and between Ukraine and Russia in particular but remember that they are but two areas of distress in our world today.

\* for people across our parish suffering illness, frailties of age, disability and addiction. We pray for God's strength, hope and healing to be upon them. We continue to pray for those people in hospital, hospice and in long term care homes, may they know the love of God as a constant presence.

\*that our Incarnate Lord will bring hope and comfort to the bereaved. Heaven came down to earth, that earthly things may reach the heavens.

RIP Doreen Mylchreest whose service will be at Marown Church 12noon on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> Jan.

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)