



A Guide to the Western Mission Partnership

The Anglican Churches on the Isle of Man are working together in new ways to reach out to their communities.



The Western Mission Partnership is made up of eight church communities from across two parishes.

This Guide will give you information on each of the churches within the Western Mission Partnership, the regular services they hold, and contact information for each community.

Together Making Christ Visible

God of the ages,
you are the beginning of our journey
and our strength as we pause along the way.
Hold us by the hand as we grow,
show us where to seek you,
and guide our steps that we may find you.
Give us devoted hearts that we may love you,
and your peace when we reach our journey's end.



Peel Bay

The Parishes that make up the Western Mission Partnership include some of the Isle of Man's most stunning landscapes.

A fantastic range of coffee shops and cafés, hidden Glens, dramatic coastline and traditional Manx towns and villages compliment this unique setting.

We invite you to explore all of our buildings, use them as a space to discover local history, a refuge and sanctuary space or even as a picnic site (some of our church yards and gardens offer inspiring vistas over the Manx landscape – and our buildings will offer you a shelter if you're unlucky enough to encounter the Manx rain!).

If you're feeling brave and are looking for a full day expedition, many of our churches are within walking distance (although you may struggle to visit all in a day on foot!). Free parking is available at most locations, otherwise simply tuck your car away on a quiet lane nearby and enjoy the adventure. Where you encounter a kettle, tea and coffee, do help yourself!

All of our churches are funded by local congregations for the benefit of the local community and for visitors alike. We do of course thank you for any gift you may choose to leave but would encourage you to help just as much leaving comments in our visitors' books, and by spreading the word when you've discovered one of our treasures!

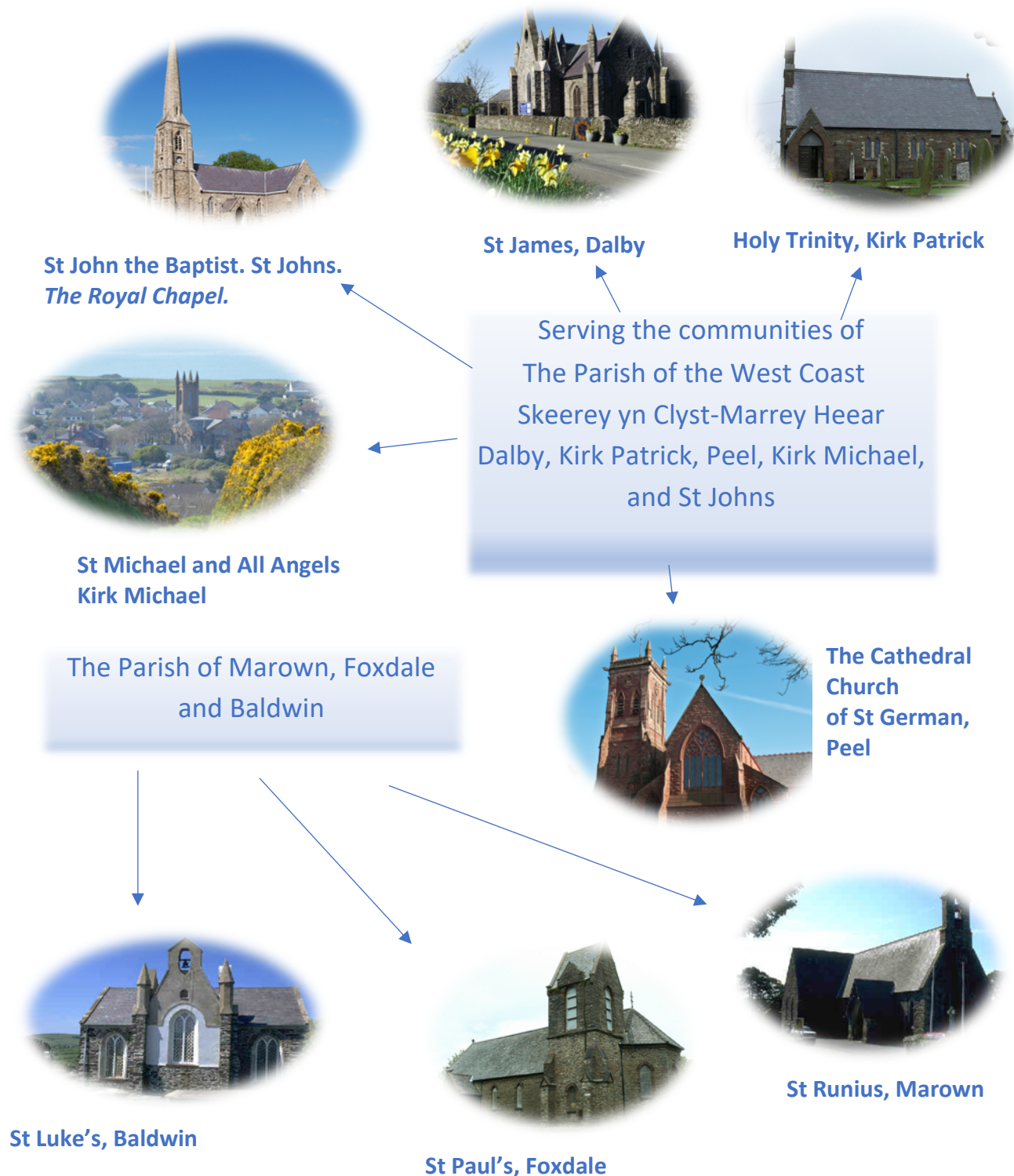


Peel Castle with the ancient Cathedral of St German



The Western Mission Partnership was formed in 2010 with the aim of providing a network of prayer, support and the means for shared working across the west of the Isle of the Man.

It is made up of two 'Parishes' containing no less than 8 parish churches, one of which is the Island's Cathedral.



Holy Trinity Church, Patrick.

How can we find your church?

Patrick Village is situated about 2 miles south of Peel on the coast road towards Glen Maye and Dalby. Alternatively, from Tynwald Hill take the road opposite the Hill and after 350 metres or so take the first turn on the right. This road is very twisty and takes you right to the church.
Satnav: IM5 3AW

Things to know about Holy Trinity

At the heart of the village lies this welcoming community of faith, with allotments, community orchard, the fascinating Knockaloe Exhibition and versatile Community Centre. The church interior has been sympathetically updated and enhanced. Worship style is 'low church' with the Bible at the heart of the preaching.



The graveyard has many important graves including 7 Turkish soldiers and 2 Jewish internees, along with many British soldiers. They died during the 1914-18 war in the huge internment camp, Knockaloe, in the village.



Opening times

Patrick church is open daily between 9am and 6pm and offers a quiet place to pause.

Regular Service Times

Sunday at 10.30am

1st and 3rd Sundays: Communion

2nd and 4th Sundays: Morning Worship

Contacts

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St James Church, Dalby

How can we find your church?

St James is on the seaward side of the Peel to Port Erin Coast Road, and on the Raad ny Foillan the Island's Coastal Footpath. Parking is available on the road. Satnav: IM5 3BR

Things to know about St James

This unique and historic Church, much admired by Sir John Betjeman, was commissioned by Bishop Ward in 1839 as a church/school to "bring education to the mountain people".

It was designed by John Welsh, architect for the Tower of Refuge and King William's College.

One of the smallest churches on the Island, with its two large adjoining community rooms, means it still plays a vital role in village life. Our Church and Community have a ministry of "cakes and cooking" that help to bring people together, as well as maintain the building! We have a small Village Shop, a Bunkhouse, a permanent Local History Exhibition, a Mums & Tots Group, a Hub Pub, along with a series of regular village meeting points, and social events. We are both a Fairtrade and an Eco Church, and support local charities working on the Island as well as overseas.



Opening times

We are always open during daylight hours; and there's a hospitality tray offering tea, coffee and homemade flapjacks inside for those passing by. *Visitors are always very welcome.* 😊

Regular Services

Worship at Dalby is at 6.30pm, except for Special Festivals, and is a quiet reflective service that reflects the Celtic heritage and tradition of the West Coast of the island.

1st Sunday: Celtic Evening Prayer

2nd Sunday: Holy Communion

3rd Sunday: Taizé Worship

4th Sunday: Celtic Communion

5th Sunday: Celtic Evening Prayer

We also have a Meditation Group (WCCM) that meets twice monthly on the second and fourth Thursday of the month from 7.30pm – 9.00pm. For more information, please see our website.

Contacts

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The Cathedral Church of St German

How can we find your church?

In the centre of Peel by the Police Station and the Town Hall on Derby Road. Satnav: IM5 1HH.

Things to know about St German's Cathedral

1) Housed within the Treasury is a significant collection of church silver, including three priceless twentieth century pieces made by the famous Manx Celtic-Art-Nouveau designer Archibald Knox, ghost designer for Liberty of London. These were gifted to the Cathedral by the Knox family.

2) The Cathedral is home to a two and a half metre high menorah made for the 'Anne Frank (+You)' exhibition from bomb shell casings associated with the Palestinian-Israeli conflict.

3) The Cathedral is embarking on an exciting and strategic redevelopment of its gardens and buildings. These will include the construction of a cloister and the re-ordering of the interior of the Cathedral.

Opening times

The Cathedral is open daily from 9am to 6pm.

Services

(All services in the Cathedral are live streamed via website cathedral.im)



Weekdays

Monday – Saturday 9.00am Morning Prayer (via Zoom from homes)

5:30pm Evening Prayer at Cathedral

Wednesday 9:30am Said Eucharist

Wednesday 5.30pm Evening Prayer - Monastic Office

Sundays

8:30am Eucharist (BCP)

10.30am Choral Eucharist

1st Sunday with incense (also on major Festivals)

2nd Sunday 10.30am All Age Chorister Eucharist

3.30pm Choral Evensong (BCP) weekly during term time

Monastic Office or Healing Services during school holidays

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Church of St John the Baptist

The Royal Chapel

How can we find your church?

The church can be found in the centre of St John's located next to Tynwald Hill. Satnav: IM4 3NA.

Things to know about St John's.

St John's Church was built on the site of an ancient keeill.

The chapel of St John was first referred to in 1557, but it was likely to have been built before this date. In 1847 the chapel was demolished and in 1849 the current building was constructed from local granite and marble from the quarry at Poolvaish. The church is known locally (and historically) as 'The Royal Chapel of St John the Baptist' and 'Tynwald Church' due to its associations with the Island's parliament, Tynwald. The building itself is owned and maintained by the Isle of Man Government and serves the Island as the national chapel for events linked with Tynwald.



The Church has been a parish church since 1949 when it ceased to be the chapel of ease in the parish of German, firstly in the Parish of St Johns and now in the Parish of the West Coast.

The building also hosts key parts of the annual Tynwald ceremony; this accounts for the peculiar seating arrangement at the centre of the church.

Opening times

April to September 9.30am to 6pm

October to March 9.30am to 4pm.

(Anyone wishing to visit outside those times, phone Christine Pain on 07624 494966).

Regular services

Sunday at 11am

1st and 3rd Sundays – Holy Communion

2nd and 4th Sundays – Morning Worship

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Farmers Market in the Church Hall every Thursday from 10am to 4pm.

St Michael and All Angels, Kirk Michael.

How can we find your church?

Michael Parish Church can be found in the centre of Kirk Michael village, on the western side of the Main Road at the northern (Ramsey) end of the shops. Enter through the large dark wooden lychgate.

Satnav: IM6 1ER.

Things to know about St Michael's

The church occupies one of the many historic Christian sites on the island, Michael being one of the 17 Ancient Parishes. The existing church dates from 1835 and is probably the fourth building on this site. It stands at the centre of the village with its tower standing high above the surrounding countryside. The clock in the tower was presented to the parish by Bishop Bardsley in 1887 and is floodlit at night.

The graveyard contains the graves of Thomas Wilson and those of four other Manx Bishops - Hildesley, Mason, Cregan and Thornton-Duesbury.

Inside the church, many visitors call to see one of the largest collections of Norse Crosses on the island along with a few early Celtic Crosses.



The church contains the Parish War Memorial – the eleven-sided tablet was designed in Sicilian marble by the Manx designer Archibald Knox.

The organ, when built was the largest on the Island, previously used in St Nicholas Chapel, Bishopscourt and donated to Michael church in 1878.

Internal re-ordering has improved facilities not only for Church members of all ages, but to develop links with the wider community.

Opening times

The church is open daily during daylight hours.

Regular Services

Sunday 10.15am

Morning Prayer, Holy Communion & Family services.

Monthly ecumenical service with the Methodist Church.

See local notices for details of other services

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St Runius Church, Marown

How can we find your church?

Marown Church is on the main road between two villages of Glen Vine and Crosby. Satnav: IM4 4BQ.

Things to know about St Runius

Before the growth of industry in the area in the 19th century, the parish church was the ancient church of St Runius, which is still in use.

It is now well outside the village of Crosby but is well worth a visit. (Turn into Old Church Road and it is on the right, just past the brow of the hill by a cross-roads).

During the 19th century the population of the parish rapidly expanded, and many houses were built beside the railway and the main road, which linked Peel and Douglas, and provided a major intersection for travel from east to west of the island.



This shift and growth led to the building of the “new” church, which was opened in 1853, and had cost £1,130 to erect and furnish.

A dedicated band of volunteers provide catering for the TT and MGP races during practice and race weeks.

Opening times

The church is open daily from 9am to 6pm.

Regular services

Sunday service usually 10.30am
Throughout the month we have a range of services from BCP to contemporary styles that include Eucharistic and non-eucharistic liturgy. Please visit our website or Facebook page for up-to-date and full details.

Contacts

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St Paul's Church, Foxdale *(The Miner's Church)*

How can we find your church?

Turning off the A3 Castletown to St John's road into Mines Road and passing the village school, the church is on the edge of the village, go past the school, and bear left up the hill, Foxdale Church is 180 metres on the left.

Satnav: IM4 3HB

Things to know about St Paul's

High up in the former mining village of Foxdale, St Paul's Church dates from 1880 though mining began in the area back in 1723.

Mining ceased in Foxdale in 1926 and the community is fortunate to have Foxdale Heritage Centre. Here you can find a fascinating history of Foxdale and more details about the church. (do check opening times locally).

The lack of a community hall in the village has provided the inspiration to develop plans for modifying the rear of the Church. This will offer better facilities including a new kitchen and toilet facilities.



Foxdale church has a desire to be able to embrace the community and to help sustain the strong community focus left over from the days of mining.

Opening times

Check opening times locally.

Regular services

Services are 1st Sunday of the month

11am Messy Church

4th Sunday of the month 10am CW HC, at other times we join with Marown Church or St Luke's Church Baldwin

On the 1st and 3rd Fridays of the month soup lunches are served from 12noon-2pm followed by a children and carers club from 3.30-4.45pm

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St Luke's Church, Baldwin

How can we find your church?

St Luke sits on the ridge between East and West Baldwin, beside the Millennium Way, Baldwin.

Satnav: IM4 5ES

Things to know about St Luke's

Standing on the site of a keeill dedicated to St Abban, and close to the historic Tynwald site at the centre of the island, the present church dates from 1836.

Nestled in the Baldwin valley and originally a daughter church of Kirk Braddan, St Luke's is now part of the Parish of Marown, Foxdale and Baldwin. Like St James Dalby, it was commissioned by Bishop Ward and used as a school as well as a place of worship.

Sitting on the Millennium Way, the church is always open for people to take physical shelter and spiritual comfort and there is a visitors' book open to sign, (our congregation love to read where people have come from to see the church!)



As you face the building, the left-hand (westerly) section was the school, with the entrance still intact, and the right-hand (easterly) portion the church. The two were separated by a wooden screen, which can be slid to one side to enlarge either part. The old fire and the teacher's dais are still in place in the schoolroom.

Opening times

The church is always open as a place of hospitality, refuge and prayer.

A refreshment station can be found at the back of the nave and the toilet can be accessed from outside rear of the building.'

Regular services

Sunday 6:30pm

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The Diocese has three aspects to its vision...

Partnership in Mission

To work in collaborate partnerships to deliver the mission of the Church. This includes sharing resources and expertise within, across and between parishes, mission partnerships, other denominations and religious traditions, and in public, private, voluntary and community services.

Learning and inhabiting the Faith.

To offer support, guidance and challenge to people on their faith journeys by helping them in the renewal and deepening of their faith and encouraging them to grow in their discipleship.

Sustaining Ourselves

To enable our mission and ministry to grow and be sustainable and resilient.



View from the north of Crosby on the way to St Luke's Church

Inhabiting the Gospel....



Sustainability

The churches of the Diocese of Sodor and Man, along with the 49,000 buildings in the wider Anglican Church, are committed to achieving net zero carbon emissions by 2030.



*Praised be you my Lord with all your creatures,
especially for Brother Sun, who gives the day through whom you give us light ...
Praised be you, my Lord, through Sister Moon ...
Praised be you my Lord through our Sister, Mother Earth
who sustains and governs us, producing varied fruits with coloured flowers and herbs.*

St Francis of Assisi

Pilgrimage - The Triskelion Way Trail



The Triskelion Way is a 36-mile trail – in 7 sections – extending from Rushen Abbey in the south to Maughold in the north, via Peel. It offers the pilgrim varied walking conditions, glorious countryside and coastal views and historically significant places – for example the spectacular Spooyt Vane waterfall, and 9th century Keeill Pheric (Patrick’s chapel).

<https://pilgrimageisleofman.im/triskelion-way/>



Kirk Michael beach looking towards Peel

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