

# 1<sup>st</sup> December 2024 – First Sunday of Advent

Services this Sunday; 10.30am Marown BCP MP (*in the side chapel*) & 6.30pm Baldwin BCP HC

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## Coming up.....

\***Tuesday 3rd December 7:30pm at the Cathedral** there is a concert for violin and piano called 'A taste of the Baroque' with Juliet Tranter (violin) and Peter Litman (piano). Free admission.

\***Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December 7pm the Advent Mothers Union Service will be held at St Peter's Church Onchan**

\***On Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December 7.30pm St Thomas' Church Douglas host 'Alternativity'**: a different look at Christmas from global perspectives on the incarnation and linking with a Christian in Palestine. There will be retiring collection for the DEC fund for Gaza and Lebanon.

\***A Weekend of Workshops at Dalby:** Saturday 7th December: 'Robins at Christmas' is an all-age workshop in conjunction with Manx Birdlife from 10:00am – 12:00pm in the schoolrooms. To book @ £5 an adult or £3 a child please contact: [anna@manxbirdlife.im](mailto:anna@manxbirdlife.im)

Sunday 8th December: All age Eco Christmas Cracker Making Workshop also in the schoolrooms 2:00pm – 4:00pm. Materials will be provided including a small gift or provide your own special personal gifts for inside your cracker. No need to book; Donations to cover costs much appreciated; Refreshments are available at both workshops.

\*The Tallis Consort Christmas concerts will be on 9th December at Our Lady, Star of the Sea, Ramsey and on 14th December at St Mary of the Isle, Douglas. See posters for more details. Both concerts start at 7.30 pm and have free admission.

\***Wed 11<sup>th</sup> December at Thie dy Vie Retreat House in Peel** from 10 a.m. – 12 noon 'O Come, O Come Immanuel' is an invitation to take time out during the busy season and find some time for stillness and encouragement reflecting upon God's promises during this advent season. There will be the opportunity to stay on for a simple soup and roll lunch. Refreshments will be served from

9.30 a.m. We invite a donation of £10 for the morning session. Donations towards the cost lunch welcome. To help us with catering arrangements, please book by Monday 9th December.

welcome@retreathouse.im

### This week we pray...

\*that as we mark the start of Advent our own inner journeys of personal preparation won't be overlooked in the midst of the busyness of December.



We pray for the Spirit of generosity; compassion; empathy; unity; kindness; hospitality; peace and love so that we may kindle lights of hope for the world and for those around us.

\*for all creation, that the earth's resources may be cherished and used justly for the benefit of all people especially those in poverty.

\*for the ceasefire agreement between Israel & the Hezbollah in Lebanon and pray that there is a common desire to maintain and strengthen peace. We remember before God all those whose lives are still insecure, whose homes have been destroyed and who have nowhere to return to. And we pray for those hundreds of thousands in Gaza, Ukraine and across the Yemen where there is no peace and humanity continues to suffer.

\*for the Open Book Teams as they present assemblies this week in Marown and Foxdale Schools.

\*for God's healing grace to be upon all who are unwell in body, mind or spirit, those who are fearful, lonely or despairing, those struggling financially and those for whom this season is a time of anxiety. We pray for those known to us across the parish that are ill at home, in hospital or in the hospice; for our emergency services and local health care providers.

\*for those who have passed beyond the darkness of this world into the glorious light of Christ.

RIP Clifford 'Cliffie' Costain

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