

8th December 2024 – Second Sunday of Advent

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

Services next Sunday 15th December; 11 am Crosby Methodist Chapel Carol Service (no service at Marown Church) & 3pm 'Walkers' Carol Service at Baldwin

Coming up.....

***Workshop at Dalby: Sunday 8th December:** All age Eco Christmas Cracker Making Workshop 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 will be available.

***Christmas Live** - a live nativity on **Thursday 12th Dec from 6.30-7.30pm**, on the North Quay, Douglas, with carols, animals, actors, angels, and more, led by Revd Alex Brown, free tickets available from <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/christmas-live-2024-tickets>

***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.

***Wed 11th December at Thie dy Vie Retreat House** in Peel from 10 a.m. – 12 noon
'O Come, O Come Immanuel' is an invitation to find some time for stillness and 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 via welcome@retreathouse.im



This week we pray...



*for everyone affected by Storm Darragh here and across; for the repair crews working to clear debris and restore essential services; we pray also that the repairs and clear up necessary at Marown Church and in our churchyards will be swift and not distract us from our worship this holy season.

*for emergency and medical services as the winter illnesses increase the need for treatment and hospital places.

*for people trapped by the renewed fighting in Syria, for their safety and well-being.

*for the ceasefire to hold between Israel & the Hezbollah in Lebanon. 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, Sudan and Yemen where there is no peace and humanity continues to suffer.

*for all schools as they combine Christmas celebrations with regular curricular activities. We pray for staff and pupils especially any feeling stressed or anxious.

*for our fragile earth groaning under the onslaught of extreme weather conditions and the effects of war in so many parts of the world.

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

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