

4th May 2025- 3rd Sunday of Easter

Readings for this Sunday are Zephaniah 3:14-20, Acts 9:1-6 & John 21:1-19

Services this Sunday are; 10.30am Marown BCP MP followed by 1pm Holy Baptism
& 6.30pm Baldwin BCP HC

Services next Sunday 11th May; 10.30am Marown Anniversary Service when we are joined by our friends from the Crosby Methodist Chapel

& 6.30pm “A one man show-Luke” Revd Alex brown presents the Gospel of St Luke at St Luke’s Church Baldwin! Light refreshments to follow.

This coming Thursday (8th May) is regarded as Victory in Europe Day (VE Day) when eighty years ago in 1945 the Second World War ended with the Germans surrendering to the Allied and American armies. Then church bells rang out across Britain as the nation took to the streets in celebration. There are two churches on the Island with a full peal of bells - St George’s, Douglas and Peel Cathedral. In celebration with churches across the United Kingdom, St George’s are ringing at 5pm and the Cathedral bell-ringers at 6.30pm. The UK is holding a two-minute silence at 12 noon.

Did you know?

*There will be an organ concert at Quayle's Hall, Ramsey Mon 5th May at 3pm. Dr Peter Litman, organist of Peel Cathedral, will give the opening concert of the recently-installed organ in Quayle's Hall (next to the tram station car park). The instrument is unique on the island, combining real pipe sounds with electronic ones. Everyone is invited to this free concert

*On Saturday 10th May, Island Spirituality Network will meet at St John’s Mill, 10am-1pm. The guest speaker will be Revd DeeDee Haines and her theme will be “Where the Rubber Meets the Road: Spiritual Identity at End of Life”. DeeDee serves as Bereavement Coordinator and Supervisor of Spiritual Care in Eden Hospice, Minneapolis.

*Christian Aid Week this year is 11th-17th May. There are envelopes in Marown and St Luke’s churches. Donations this year are going towards a project in Malawi that includes education, health initiatives and support for small scale farming projects.

*Praying the Keeills Week is 17th – 24th May and includes a visit to Old St Runius 10am on Saturday 24th May. All are welcome for a short service before those who wish to walk around the local area. See leaflets for fuller details of all walks. The week promises to be a deeply spiritual and reflective experience, celebrating the unique heritage and sacred sites of the island. It features the work of the renowned artist and designer Archibald Knox - inspired by Celtic art and spirituality, blended with the beautiful and the sacred. Art, beauty, and faith are intricately woven together in our spiritual lives.

*Sunday 18th May 4pm at St Luke's Church the 'Friends of St Luke's Baldwin have their AGM, new members are welcome. Then at 6.30pm there will be a Guest Service at St Luke's with a talk about peatland conservation from Sarah Hickey of the Manx Peat Partnership.

*Tuesday 20th May 11am at Marown Church there will be a Memorial Service for the late Mike Kelly, brother of Canon Brian Kelly.

*Tuesday 20th May the Western Mission Partnership(WMP) meet again 6.30pm at St Luke's Church, includes a 'bring and share' supper.

*From Friday 23rd May Marown Church will begin to be set up for the TT café. Practice Week begins on Monday 26th May. Volunteers are still needed please.

*Revd Steven Herron is moving on to St Ninian's as their incumbent in July. To mark his time as our curate and to show our appreciation for his ministry there will be a farewell service followed by a 'bring and share' lunch on Sunday 15th June-Trinity Sunday. The PCC are organising a farewell gift and contributions to this can be passed to Canon Janice in a clearly marked envelope.

This week we pray...

*We hold in Christ's Resurrected Life all those weighed down in anxiety and concern by the rapidly changing nature of our world. We pray for the strengthening of our own faith that we may stay true to Christ's pathway of Love and may help bring His Light and hope into the lives of those we meet.



*that the blessing of our risen Saviour will inspire us to connect more purposefully with the world around us, our local community and environment. We pray that the Holy Spirit will help us with our Parish Eco Church Personal Pledges as an active way of showing our faith this Eastertide.

*for Hudson McCarthy as he is baptised this Sunday at Marown Church. We pray for him as he grows up in the family of the Church and for his parents and godparents.

*that as the 80 years since VE Day are marked here and 'across', we remember all who died in WW2, the injured, displaced, traumatised, widowed and orphaned. As we celebrate peace so we acknowledge the devastation of war and pray for your healing and reconciliation to be upon all who suffer the effects of conflict today. We pray still for Ukraine, Russia, Gaza and Israel, and all places of natural disaster and human catastrophe.

*for the Open the Book Teams as they prepare for the next primary school assemblies. We thank God for the dedication of the members and for the welcome they receive in our local schools.

*for all who are visiting the island over the coming weeks either as a place of pilgrimage or to enjoy the racing. We pray that all who come to these shores will encounter the risen Christ in our places of worship, in our landscape and natural environment and in the people who greet them.

*for the Holy Spirit to be upon those people in hospital, hospice or ill at home. We ask God to be with those known to us across the parish and all who are in need of divine healing grace.

*that God will comfort the dying and receive into His eternal care those who have died as we remember Alma Furness, Chris Wilkinson and all whose anniversaries fall this month.

Our parish website can be found at; <http://marownchurch.com>

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