

1st March 2026 – 2nd Sunday of Lent

Our readings for today are; Genesis 12:1-4a, Romans 4:1-5 & 13-17 & John 3:1-17

Services this Sunday; 10.30am Marown BCP MP & 6.30pm Baldwin BCP HC

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From Sunday 15th March we will return to worshipping in the nave at Marown Church in time for our Mothering Sunday celebrations. If anyone can make a few posies of flowers to give out at that service please let canon Janice know.

In the parish...

***The World Day of Prayer** is a global ecumenical movement led by Christian women who welcome you to join in prayer and action for peace and justice. The service and reflections have been produced by the ladies of Nigeria who have woven together their cultural wisdom with the universal need for rest. At a time when people worldwide are carrying heavy burdens, our Nigerian sisters offer profound insights into finding rest in God - see Matthew 11:28-30.

Friday 6th March 2pm the local annual World Day of Prayer service will be held **at the Cooil Chapel** with refreshments to follow. All welcome to attend.

*Monday 9th March 7pm the PCC meet again in Marown Church.

***our annual church meetings will be on Sunday 22nd March at 11.15am in Marown Church.**

Reports to be presented for the meeting need to be sent electronically to our PCC secretary Rosemary Gibson by 12th March at the absolute latest please. If you are not already on the Electoral Roll and are eligible to be then you can fill in a form (available in the back of the church) and return it by 7th March. Nomination forms for churchwardens, PCC members and representatives for the Western Mission Partnership will also be available in church. Please consider prayerfully whether you can take up one of these vital roles.

Across the diocese...

* In St German's Cathedral, 'Mars' will be on display daily until 2nd March.

One day left to see the 'red planet' Mars in the Cathedral. Having had Gaia (the Earth) in St Thomas's, Douglas in 2024 and the moon last year in the Cathedral, next year it is hoped to host Helios (the sun) – currently on display at Winchester Cathedral.

*Advance notice, on 14th April the Manx Wildlife Trust presents 'No Trees No Seas' a special film screening and Q&A at Peel Centenary Centre at 7.30pm with Carl Rowlinson. Book now: Admission £10, suggested additional donation £5. Contact: enquiries@mwt.im

During this week we pray...

*as news of air strikes in Iran are made known, we pray for a desire for peace, negotiation and reconciliation in all places of violence and dispute.



We pray for Ukraine, Russia, Gaza & the West bank, Israel and the so many other countries affected by war.

*for everyone involved in preparing for the annual church meetings, particularly our Churchwardens, Parish treasurer and PCC secretary.

*that as the people of God we will have a special care and concern for all creation and that parishes will enthusiastically engage with the Target 25 campaign to preserve our local flora and fauna. We pray God's blessing upon our wildlife charities and look to a greater partnership with them and the wider community.

*relief for those suffering physical, mental or emotional anguish; those at home, in hospital, hospice or care facilities; for people of all ages who find daily life a struggle for whatever reason and for the bereaved and dearly departed.

RIP Ann Williams whose funeral will be in Marown Church Tuesday 3rd March at 1.30pm

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

And you can also find us on Facebook.