

8th February 2026 -2nd Sunday before Lent

Our readings for today are; Genesis 1:1- 2:3, Romans 8:18-25 & Matthew 6:25-34

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

Services next Sunday; 10.30am Marown CW HC & 6.30pm Baldwin Healing Service

In the parish...

*Monday 9th February 10am The Open Book Team meet in Marown Church to plan their next assemblies.

*Tuesday 10th February 6.30pm the Western Mission Partnership meet in Marown Church, this includes the usual 'bring and share' supper-it is the Dean's last such meeting before his retirement!

*Ash Wednesday is on 18th February; this marks the beginning of Lent. Therefore, Shrove Tuesday will be on 17th February, start practising flipping those pancakes!

*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.

Across the diocese...

***In St German's Cathedral 'Mars' will be on display daily from 7th February until 2nd March.**

There is a full and exciting programme of events plus time for quiet viewing and contemplation of 'the red planet'. Full details are on posters in our churches, the Marown Church website, the diocesan website and on a dedicated Facebook page. Please note some events are ticket only and must be booked in advance.

*The next meeting of the **Island Spirituality Network will be held on 14th February** at St John's Mill, 10am-1pm, when Professor David Wilkinson of Durham University will be the guest speaker. David holds doctorates in both Theoretical Astrophysics and Systematic Theology and his theme for the morning will be "How does God act in the world? Science, miracles and mission."

*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, co-founder of Plant One Cornwall and the storyteller behind the ground-breaking 'No Trees, No Seas' campaign. Book now: Admission £10, suggested additional donation £5. Contact: enquiries@mwt.im

During this week we pray...

*for the Revd Simon Archer who will be inducted as Vicar of Castletown & Arbory this Sunday and for Revd Daniel Norris as he prepares to move to the diocese and to St Paul's Church Ramsey.



*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.

*for all those affected by the wintry weather and disruption to travel by land, sea or air. We pray for safety for all those people who work outdoors in these conditions especially our farmers and fishermen and for our emergency, infrastructure and transport services.

*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.

*that as the Winter Olympics begin, the values of mutual respect, resilience, and a desire for peaceful cooperation will spread beyond competitors and spectators to permeate the wider world.

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And you can also find us on Facebook.