

30th August 2026 – 13th Sunday after Trinity

Our readings today are; Jeremiah 15:15-21, Romans 12:9-21 & Matthew 16:21-28

Services this Sunday are; Marown 11am Crosby Methodist Chapel (no service at Marown)
& 6.30pm Baldwin CW HC

Services next Sunday are; 10.30am Marown BCP MP & 6.30pm Baldwin BCP HC with 'Safe-caring in our churches' as our theme for both services. Every parish in every diocese of the Church of England has been asked to hold such a service annually to highlight our desire that our churches are safe and welcoming places.

Other Parish News

*Thank you to everyone who contributed to the MGP/Classic TT catering at Marown Church. Numbers seemed down from past years but visitors and marshals enjoyed the refreshments on offer and the friendly welcome they receive from our volunteers.

*there has been a revamp of the information stand at Marown Church, with new leaflets added, so please do take a look and pick up anything that interests you. Included are leaflets about twinning your garden and other household items to help those living in poverty access better conditions. Over the summer the vicarage garden has been twinned with one in rural Africa.

*Monday 7th September the PCC meet in Marown Church 7pm, earlier at 10am the Open the Book Team meet in the church to plan the first assemblies of the new academic year.

*Tuesday 8th September 7pm there will be a 'hustings' meeting in Marown Church with the candidates standing for 'Middle' in preparation for the Elections on 24th September. The meeting will be chaired by the Captain of Marown Parish John Charles Fargher. There will be the opportunity to hear from each candidate and put questions to them.

*The Parish Civic Service due to be held on 20th September as been postponed until next spring.

*Two Guest Services are being planned for St Luke's; talks are being arranged about bats and fungi! Dates will follow shortly.

Across the Diocese

* The next Isle of Man Interfaith Group meeting will take place on Thursday 3rd September 7.00pm at the Christian Science Church, Woodbourne Road, Douglas. Its main theme will be 'Overcoming Prejudice and Discrimination' and will include a talk by Dr Gowri Narayana Swamy/Anglin, entitled: *"Overcoming Prejudice and Discrimination: A Bahá'í Perspective"* which will explore how we can challenge prejudice and discrimination within our communities and encourage greater understanding, respect, dignity and unity between people of different backgrounds. The intention is to use the subject as a starting point for a wider interfaith exploration of the values and principles we share in working towards a more inclusive and harmonious community.

This will be followed by contributions from the different faith communities represented within our group. Each faith community will be invited to share a short quotation, teaching or reflection from its own tradition relating to overcoming prejudice, discrimination and division.

We will then have an opportunity for questions, discussion and reflection. All welcome.

*The Creation Season commences on 1st Sept until 4th Oct. 1st Sept is the World Day of Prayer for Creation, originating from an Orthodox tradition started in 1989. 4th Oct is the Feast of Saint Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of animals & ecology. The Very Revd John Mann has written a book to celebrate the time called 'Imagining the World' - a reflection for each of the 34 days. It is designed for personal use, and available at £10 from the Churches Bookshop.

In addition, Louise Whitelegg (Diocesan Environmental Officer) has created a four-session study guide based on four of those thirty-four days, details on how to access these are on the church website.

During this week we pray...

*for the people of Nepal and Tibet following the devastating landslide which has destroyed villages and claimed so many lives. We pray for the rescue teams working in dangerous conditions, for the injured, the traumatised and bereaved.



We commend to God's keeping those who have died and pray for other communities living in places of vulnerability.

*for the many other areas around the world affected by natural disasters; for the natural environment struggling to adapt to dramatically changing conditions; for communities most at risk from the effects of these changes and for a greater willingness to adapt to less destructive ways of living upon our planet.

*for candidates standing for the House of Keys elections in September; for well thought out and deliverable policies and for careful reflection by the electorate ahead of polling day on 24th September.

*that there will be respect and dignity across our island community for all residents, workers and visitors regardless of ethnicity, religion and culture; that everyone in our island will feel safe and secure here and that prejudice and discrimination will be challenged.

*for peace throughout the world; for a desire for cooperation, mutual respect and reconciliation amongst world leaders and all who have power and influence: for the people of Russia and Ukraine, for all who live in the Middle East and for all who have been injured, dispossessed or traumatised.

*for those weighed down by the cares of earthly life; for those ill at home or in hospital; for the bereaved and for those whom we love but who have departed this earthly life.

RIP Geraldine Capp whose funeral is at St Lukie's Church Wednesday 2nd Sept 10.30am

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

And you can also find us on Facebook.