

Lonan & Laxey Pew Notes - January 2024



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| Wednesday 3 January | 11 am – 12 noon Time Together at Laxey Football Club |
| Sunday 7 January Epiphany | 10.30 am Holy Communion – The Very Reverend John Mann 3.00 pm Epiphany Service at St Adamnan's – Reverend Alessandra Di Chiara |
| Sunday 14 January | 10.30 am Service of the Word – Reverend Alessandra Di Chiara |
| Sunday 21 January | 10.30 am Service of the Word – Elaine Litherland |
| Sunday 28 January | 10.30 am Service of the Word – Reverend Alessandra Di Chiara |

Prayer for the Month

Jesus, forgive my sins.
 Forgive the sins that I can remember and also the sins I have forgotten.
 Forgive the wrong actions I have committed and the right actions I have omitted.
 Forgive the times I have been weak in the face of temptation and those when I have been stubborn in the face of correction.
 Forgive the times when I have been proud of my own achievements and those when I have failed to boast of your works.
 Forgive the harsh judgements I have made of others and the leniency I have shown myself.
 Forgive the lies I have told to others and the truths I have avoided.
 Forgive the pain I have caused others and the indulgence I have shown myself.
 Jesus have pity on me, and make me whole.
From Celtic Fire, Robert Van der Weyer

Thought for the Month

A new year is upon us and it appears humanity is in just as much of a mess as it was last year – perhaps more so with the conflict in Gaza to add to the misery in Ukraine. Two thousand years ago, three wise men headed westward following a star convinced that it was a sign of something wonderful. Even when all they found was a baby in a stable, they did not doubt that the baby was worthy of their expensive gifts. If the whole of humanity had that trust and confidence in the Christ Child and the man He became, what a better place this world would be.

Diary Dates and Notices

CCDC! Christ Church Drama The Crib Service and 'The First Christmas' were amazing. The children learnt their lines beautifully and acted their parts admirably. A huge thank you to Carole for stepping in to direct the whole thing, to Louise for the idea, and to Ruth for helping and for providing the most endearing donkey. The plan is to begin again after February half term when hopefully Louise will be back in harness.

Christmas Services were well attended – the Church looks so lovely at Christmas time. The Life Boat Service with the Methodists was special with the Laxey Bell Ringers adding to the magical evening.

Ideas for Fundraising If anyone has any ideas for fundraising could they please let any member of the PCC know. We will rearrange the postponed Quiz Night shortly.

Pastoral Measure and Our Annual Contribution The new Pastoral Measure came into effect on 1 December 2023 rescinding the previous Measure which allowed for a Team Rector and a Vicar. Rather bizarrely, in my view, the Diocese has now increased our contribution to over £42,000 per annum. As we could not pay the previous sums, the logic behind this decision needs to be explained, so someone from the Diocese will come to explain the rationale at our next PCC and advise us how we can possibly raise this amount. We are waiting on a date when a representative from the Diocese can attend.

Bible Study Groups Reverend Alessandra Di Chiara runs a Bible Study Group. Please call her for details.

Time Together Runs on the first Wednesday of every month from 11 am to 12 noon at Laxey Football Club, Glen Road. **All welcome**

Rotas Please could people volunteer on the reading rota as I have to ask people on the day, which is obviously taking them by surprise.

Service Booklets For those having difficulty reading the screen, please let one of the Churchwardens know and we will arrange for service booklets and hymn books to be provided. There are a limited number of large print service booklets and hymn books for those with impaired vision.

St Christopher's – we are still collecting for the young people, please put your donations in the box which is now a sealed box at the back of the Church. Please ensure it is closed after donating because we have had some unwelcome visitors (long tails) raiding it in the past.

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Please can **you help** support the church by setting up a standing order?? Bank details are: - Lloyds Bank Account name: Lonan and Laxey PCC, the reference is "Planned giving", sort code is 301280 account number 46774760. **All contributions gratefully received**