

Lonan & Laxey Pew Notes - February 2025



Sunday 2 February	10.30 am Holy Communion – The Very Reverend John Mann
Monday 3 February	10.30 am to 12 noon Craft and Coffee at Church
Thursday 6 February	10.30 am to 12 noon Coffee and Chat at Church
Sunday 9 February	10.30 am Morning Praise – Elaine
Monday 10 February	10.30 am to 12 noon Craft and Coffee at Church
Wednesday 12 February	12 noon Funeral Reverend Bill Martin, Kirk Christ, Rushen
Thursday 13 February	10.30 am to 12 noon Coffee and Chat at Church
Sunday 16 February	10.30 am Morning Praise – Louise
Monday 17 February	10.30 am to 12 noon Craft and Coffee at Church
Thursday 20 February	10.30 am to 12 noon Coffee and Chat at Church
Sunday 23 February	10.30 am Morning Praise – Carole
Monday 24 February	10.30 am to 12 noon Craft and Coffee at Church
Thursday 27 February	10.30 am to 12 noon Coffee and Chat at Church

Prayer for the Month

Christ as a light illumine and guide me,
 Christ as a shield overshadow me,
 Christ under me,
 Christ over me,
 Christ beside me on my left and my right.
 This day be within and without me,
 Lonely and meek yet all powerful.
 Be in the mouth of each to whom I speak,
 In the mouth of each who speaks to me.
 Christ as a light illumine and guide me.

John Michael Talbot after St Patrick's Breastplate

Thought for the Month

With all the rhetoric and pontificating in the world, with all the posturing, vilifying, degrading, belittling, and antagonising, it is difficult to hear Christ in any of the words of our leaders. If they would only stop for a minute and hear their words as they are received by those they target, perhaps they would think twice about what they are saying and how they are saying it. Words are cheap and thrown away, but the hurt they cause and the lasting damage may be very costly in the long run.

Diary Dates and Notices

Bubble Church We go for our training for the full day of 8 February in London. The five of us are full of enthusiasm and hope we will be inspired. We will be guided by the trainers as to the best time to launch our Bubble Church but we really hope it will be soon.

Church Logo Along with the launch of Bubble Church, we are adopting a Church logo which has been kindly devised by Philip Somerscales' firm. It is difficult to brand our faith but we need to get ourselves out into our community and a logo will help to cement our identity out there.

Irene Rotheroe Windows These will hopefully be installed on Monday 3 February. We need to set aside a day to celebrate the windows with the Rotheroe family and to show them off to the Island. All suggestions for this gratefully received.

Missing Persons We are missing two very important people from our number. Reverend Alessandra Di Chiara is unwell as is Jean James, our organist. We hope that they are both on the road to recovery. We also send our good wishes to Reverend Philip Frear, who has returned for recuperation from Liverpool Hospital and is a good friend to our Church. We will keep them all in our prayers.

Funeral Reverend Bill Martin is on 12 February at 12 noon at Kirk Christ, Rushen. He was our vicar from 1997 to 2008 and will be remembered fondly by those who knew him then. Please keep his family and friends in your thoughts and prayers.

Gaelic Service – This was postponed to 12 January and how wonderful it was! There are some really jazzy Gaelic carols and the choir was amazing. We hope to invite them back for a concert soon.

CCDC! Christ Church Drama is meeting on Tuesdays during term time at the Working Men's Institute 4.30-5.30 pm. The emphasis this term is on improvisation and the children are doing some great work in the sessions.

Craft and Coffee meets on a Monday at 10.30 am. We have decided to focus on Manx Legends to produce an exhibition in the summer. All are welcome to join in and offer their services. If you are not 'crafty', don't worry we have plenty of other jobs available!

Ideas for Fundraising If anyone has any ideas for fundraising could they please let any member of the PCC know. We really need to step up to try to reach our target this year as the due amount has been reduced substantially, so we need to try to meet our obligation.

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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