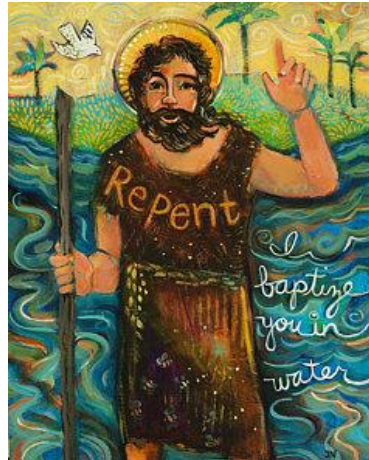


Lonan & Laxey Pew Notes
The Second Sunday of Advent
December 8th 2019



Sunday 8 th December	† 8.00 am Holy Communion at Christ Church † 10.30 am Holy Communion at Christ Church † 12.30 pm Christmas Lunch at the Salmon Centre
Monday 9 th December	† 2.00 pm Laxey handbells at Coolroi
Wednesday 11 th December	† 10.00 am Holy Communion at Christ Church † 3.00 pm Laxey handbells at Ramsey Probus
Thursday 12 th December	† 9.30 am Clergy prayers in Douglas † 10.30 am Fees Meeting in Douglas † 10 am – 12 mid day Coffee and Chat at Laxey Football Club
Sunday 15 th December	† No 8.00 am service † 10.30 am Holy Communion at Christ Church with Canon Malcolm Convery
Tuesday 17 th December	† 10.00 am Laxey handbells at Laxey School
Wednesday 18 th December	† 10.30 am Holy Communion at Christ Church
Thursday 19 th December	† 9.30 am Clergy prayers in Douglas † 10 am – 12 mid day Coffee and Chat at Laxey Football Club, last one this year † Afternoon Laxey handbells at Sunnysdale Douglas
Friday 20 th December	† 10.00 am Interment of ashes Douglas Borough cemetery
Sunday 22 nd December	† 8.00 am Holy Communion at Christ Church † 10.30 am Nine Lessons and Carols at Christ Church
Tuesday 24 th Christmas Eve	† 4.00 pm A Service for Christmas Eve † 6.00 pm Carols on the Green at Ard Reayrt † 11.30 pm Holy Communion at Christ Church

Hymns

513 On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's cry
98 Come all who look to Christ today
469 O Come O come Emmanuel
125 Crown Him with many crowns

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Isaiah 11:1-10 Romans 15:4-13 : Matthew 3:1-12

Prayer for the week

O Lord, raise up, we pray, your power
and come among us,
and with great might succour us;
that whereas, through our sins and wickedness
we are grievously hindered
in running the race that is set before us,
your bountiful grace and mercy
may speedily help and deliver us;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit,
be honour and glory, now and for ever.
Amen

Thought for the week

This week we shall light the second candle of our Advent wreath. Our Gospel reading will take us to the desert and the River Jordan where John baptises many people explaining that the words of Isaiah are about to come true and the Lord is coming..... Having with others stood beside the River Jordan just one month ago there is a new vibrancy for me in those words..... let us pray that this Advent amongst the razzmatazz of the Christmas secular hype we can find peace to open our minds and lives so that the Lord may come and find that there is room in our heart for Him.

Jo

Alexandra Rotheroe a brave lady will be with us this morning –playing the organ for her first ever service. Please pray with and for her and encourage her in this gift

Christmas Fair What a lot of people came through the church door over the week end. We raised £977. There will be more to come in, but that was what we took on the stall with some added donations from some very kind folk who could not make the event due to other commitments. Thank you to all contributors.

Christmas Lunch We have a table booked for 13 at Ballacregga at 12.30 today – Sunday 8th

Christmas "Live "Thursday 19th in Villiers Square Douglas performances at 6.00pm and 7.00pma first for the Island "get the real gift –see the real story"...churches working together have made this happen. It is free but for reasons of safety you MUST have a ticket..... order on line at www.pioneerdouglas.im

Synod Rep Every parish MUST have a Diocesan Synod rep **Eastern Mission Partnership Rep.** Please will someone volunteer to be our rep to the partnership **Parish Safeguarding Officer** Early warning –we shall need a new one of these as of the APCM in April. Please give your church a Christmas Present and volunteer for some of the roles that are needed to make us a vibrant living parish –**read a lesson, lead the intercessions, make the tea, bring a cake, give out the books, take the collection** etc etc etc.

Carol Serviceour traditional nine lessons and carols will be at 10.30 on Sunday 22nd December - Please can we have at least 8 volunteers to read a lesson. Please give your name to Rev Jo (with email address if you have one and she does not already know it) and she will allocate a reading this week.

2020 Fundraising Gareth Moore and friends will entertain us with a concert on **Tuesday 21st January** to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the organ.

St Christopher's Tins of soup, beans, spaghetti etc is what is most needed. Bathroom products always useful...spare a Christmas type gift for here too ??

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Please can **you help** support the church by setting up a standing order?? Bank details are: - Isle of Man Bank, Account name: Lonan and Laxey PCC, the reference is "Planned giving", sort code is 55-91-00 account number 12953458. **All contributions gratefully received**