


Lonan & Laxey Pew Notes

The Third Sunday of Advent

December 15th 2019



John the Baptist visited in prison - Master of Astorga 16th century

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 † 11.15 am Home Communion
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 † 2.00pm Laxey handbells at Sunnydale Douglas
Friday 20 th December	† 10.00 am Interment of ashes Douglas Borough cemetery, Michael John Bennett † 7.00 pm Scout and Guide Peacelight service at St Ninians
Sunday 22 nd December	† 8.00 am Holy Communion at Christ Church † 10.30 am Nine Lessons and Carols at Christ Church
Monday 23 rd December	† 2.00 pm Home Communion † 3.15 pm Home Communion
Tuesday 24 th Christmas Eve	† 4.00 pm Crib and Christingle Service at Christ Church † 6.00 pm Carols on the Green at Ard Reayrt † 11.30 pm Holy Communion at Christ Church
Wednesday 25 th Christmas Day 	† 10.30 Family Communion
Sunday 29 th December	† Holy Communion at Christ Church
Wednesday 1st January 2020	† No mid week service of Communion

Hymns

Tell out my soul 612
 The angel Gabriel from heaven came 620
 Sing to God new songs of worship 585
 Lo he comes with clouds descending 399

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Isaiah 5:1-10 James 5:7-10 Matthew 11:2-11

Prayer for the week

O Lord Jesus Christ,
who at your first coming sent your messenger
to prepare your way before you:
grant that the ministers and stewards of your mysteries
may likewise so prepare and make ready your way
by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just,
that at your second coming to judge the world
we may be found an acceptable people in your sight;
for you are alive and reign with the Father
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen

Thought for the week

Well I have done it ! What? Typed 2020 on to Christ Church Laxey pew notes.....

How time flies by. We are very grateful to Canon Malcolm Convery for covering our service. In January I had a phone invitation from a proud dad to attend his daughter's Wedding on the 14th December –it seemed light years away. I said I doubted I would get cover so close to Christmas. The invitation came in September and there I was standing next to Malcolm who agreed he could cover –I am heading back to Colchester to see the little girl who moved in next door to mum and I in the early 90's get married. I shall also attend both churches of my sending parish to tell them about life after Essex. Many have been to visit and know how "at home" I feel.

It is good to remember "God moves in mysterious ways His wonders to perform". His love stands firm whichever decade we are in and wherever we find ourselves.

Jo

Alexandra Rotheroe this brave lady will be with us again this morning –playing the organ for her second service. Her first went well last week. Please pray with and for her and encourage her in this gift

Christmas Fair we have broken the £1,000 from the stall and sale of Christmas cards.

Christmas Lunch 14 of us had a lovely meal and time of fellowship at Ballacregga after the service last Sunday –perhaps we should do it more often

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

Thank you for those who have volunteered to fill some gaps –we still have some unfilled... **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 next Sunday 22nd December - Please try and encourage a friend to come with you –thanks to all the folk who have volunteered to read.

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**