

Lonan & Laxey Pew Notes - December 2023



Sunday 3 December Advent Sunday	10.30 am Holy Communion – The Very Reverend John Mann
Tuesday 5 December	4.30 – 5.30 pm CCDC at the Working Men’s Institute
Wednesday 6 December	11 am – 12 noon Time Together at Laxey Football Club 7.30 pm Carol Service at St Adamnan’s
Sunday 10 December Christingle	10.30 am Service of the Word – Reverend Alessandra Di Chiara
Tuesday 12 December Joint Carol Service	4.30 – 5.30 pm CCDC at the Working Men’s Institute 7 pm Joint Carol Service with Laxey Methodist Church – Reverend Alessandra Di Chiara and Reverend Steve Ingrouile
Saturday 16 December	10 am to 12 noon Workshop Preparation at the Rectory, 18 Windermere Avenue, Onchan – Volunteers needed
Sunday 17 December Nine Lessons and Carols	10.30 am Service of the Word – Elaine Litherland
Monday 18 December	8.45 am to 12 noon Laxey School ‘Experience Christmas’ Workshop – Volunteers needed
Tuesday 19 December	4.30 – 5.30 pm CCDC Dress Rehearsal in Church
Sunday 24 December Midnight Eucharist	4.00 pm Crib Service with CCDC ‘The First Christmas’ 11.30 pm Holy Communion – Reverend Philip Frear
Monday 25 December Christmas Day	10.30 am Joint Service of the Word at Christ Church – Reverend Alessandra Di Chiara
Sunday 31 December New Year’s Eve	11 am Joint Service of the Word at St Peter’s – Carole Bairstow

Prayer for the Month

God’s love is around us like the sea round an island
And we stand secure on the rocks of our faith.
He has given his word like a beacon to guide us.
His love is a harbour in which we are safe.
All glory to God, our leader and captain,
All praise to the Son, our guide and our light.
All praise to the Spirit – the wind and the power.
All honour and praise and glory and might.

Susan Halliwell and Jenny Cornwall of St Brelade

Thought for the Month

I went to Manchester last week to attend a course. Walking around the City Centre in the evening I was shocked by the number of people sleeping rough. The weather was not particularly mild but since then the temperatures have dropped dramatically, and I can’t help but think about those people in sleeping bags on the hard pavements. They were not begging or making a nuisance of themselves. It is said you are only 2 or 3 pay cheques away from destitution. Please pray for all those sleeping rough this Christmas. I doubt that any of them chose that lifestyle but if they did, they must have serious mental health issues.

Diary Dates and Notices

CCDC! Christ Church Drama Club We are very grateful to Carole Bairstow for stepping in to lead the Drama Club. We are rehearsing 'The First Christmas' with the children. They are very enthusiastic. The Crib Service will be combined with their performance. Please all make time to come to support the children, their parents or carers and Carole and the team.

Carol Service at St Adamnan's 7.30 pm on 6 December with organist Wendy McDowell and featuring harpist Maisie-Mae Kinrade.

Volunteers Needed for Laxey School Workshop to prepare for the Experience Christmas Workshop at Laxey School and then to attend the event. Preparation is at the Rectory at 10 am on 16 December and the event itself is on Monday 18 December from 8.45 am to 12 noon. There will be 28 children and volunteers are needed to help the children with crafts and to lay out new crafts throughout the Christmas story, which Reverend Alessandra Di Chiara will be narrating. Volunteers for Sat and Mon need not be the same.

Joint Carol Service Tuesday 19 December at 7 pm with Laxey Methodists for the School, Fire Brigade and Lifeboat. Please support this event.

Bells and Brass Concert raised over £150 which was great. Many came on the night without buying tickets in advance so this may be the best way of organising such events in future.

The Christmas Market was a great success with many coming through our doors to see the stalls. A final figure for fund raising will be provided as soon as possible but we are confident it is in excess of £1,000.

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Ideas for Fundraising If anyone has any ideas for fundraising could they please let any member of the PCC know.

Pastoral Measure This will come into effect on 1 December 2023 rescinding the previous Measure which allowed for a Team Rector and a Vicar. I think we have done everything we can to persuade the powers that be to keep the current measure, so we will have to see what happens when the new Bishop is appointed.

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**