



Lonan & Laxey Pew Notes November 2023



Wednesday 1 November		11 am – 12 noon Time Together at Laxey Football Club 6.30 pm Light a Candle Service – Reverend Alessandra Di Chiara
Sunday 5 November		10.30 am Holy Communion – The Very Reverend John Mann
Sunday 12 November		10.30 am Holy Communion – Remembrance Sunday – The Very Reverend John Mann
Friday 17 November		7.30 pm Bells and Brass Concert at Christ Church
Sunday 19 November		10.30 am Service of the Word – Elaine Litherland
Sunday 26 November		11 am All Ages Café Church at St Peter's (Christmas Market at Christ Church) – Reverend Alessandra Di Chiara Alternatively 9 am Book of Common Prayer Service or 6.30 pm Choral Evensong - All at St Peter's

Advance Notice – December Services

Sunday 3 December	10.30 am Holy Communion – The Very Reverend John Mann
Sunday 10 December	10.30 am Service of the Word – Christingle – Reverend Alessandra Di Chiara
Sunday 17 December	10.30 am Service of the Word – Nine Lessons and Carols – Elaine Litherland
Sunday 24 December Midnight Service	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	11 am Joint Service of the Word at St Peter's – Carole Bairstow

Prayer for the Month

May the blessing of the Son
help you do what must be done.
May the Spirit stroke your brow
as weary down to sleep you go.
May the Father mark your rest
empower you for tomorrow's test.
May the Trinity rekindle
the pure flames of your life's candle.

Ramon Beeching

Thought for the Month

This month we remember all who had died in conflicts, but particularly in the First and Second World Wars. My parents were both involved in WWII, Mum operating the telephones in Liverpool and Dad in the RAF in the UK and Sierra Leone. They married in 1942. What a scary and terrible time it must have been. Please keep in your prayers all those involved in conflict now.

Diary Dates and Notices

We continue to pray for Neville and Margaret, Louise, Carol and Pauline.

Light a Candle Service is on **Wednesday 1 November 2023 at 6.30 pm** for all those who are bereaved either recently or in the past. The relatives of those who have had funeral services at Christ Church will be invited but all are welcome to come to remember their loved ones.

CCDC! Christ Church Drama Club has been cancelled because of Louise's accident. She will let us know how she is healing and when it can be reinstated.

Bells and Brass Concert is on **Friday 17 November at 7.30 pm** at Church. Please support this event. Tickets are on sale at the back of the Church.

Christmas Market is on 25 and 26 November. We need all hands to look after our stalls and the Church. As a result, we will be having a joint service with St Peter's on 26 November which is an All Ages Café Church at 11 am. For those who would rather attend something more traditional, there is a BCP Service at 9 am and at 6.30 pm Choral Evensong.

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. We will continue to pray for our lovely little Church.

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**