

Lonan & Laxey Pew Notes - February 2024



Sunday 4 February	10.30 am Holy Communion – The Very Reverend John Mann
Wednesday 7 February	11 am – 12 noon Time Together at Laxey Football Club
Sunday 11 February	10.30 am Service of the Word – Reverend Alessandra Di Chiara
Sunday 18 February	10.30 am Service of the Word - Elaine
Sunday 25 February	10.30 am Service of the Word - George

<u>Prayer for the Month</u>	<u>Thought for the Month</u>
<p>Lord, let our memory provide no shelter for grievance against another. Lord, let our heart provide no harbour for hatred of another. Lord, let our tongue be no accomplice in the judgement of a brother.</p> <p><i>Northumbria Daily Office – The Northumbria Community – Taken from Celtic Daily Light</i></p>	<p>The year is moving on and we are nearly in February. In amongst the storms and the threatened snow, signs of new life are already sprouting in the hedgerows with daffodil shards and delicate snowdrops. Nature is waking up again.</p> <p>But now down to business – the Consultation as to whether the Bishop should have a vote in Tynwald has opened for Manx residents and will close on 29 February. More details are set out in the Notices below. There is a lively debate going on about this topic and I would urge you to read the press and listen to the radio. Isle of Man Today has some pithy responses by citizens (on both sides) when the consultation opened.</p>

Diary Dates and Notices

Consultation on the Bishop's Voting Rights in Tynwald The Bishop (when appointed) has the right to vote in Tynwald. There is a Private Member's Bill before Tynwald to remove his voting rights but not his right to sit and to speak: [Isle of Man Constitution Bill 2023 \(tyrwald.org.im\)](http://tyrwald.org.im) A consultation opened on 4 January and runs to 29 February (8 weeks). The link to the Consultation is below but the questions are very limited. You have to confirm your name and that you are a Manx resident, thereafter there are only three questions, two of which do not relate to the Bill (as drafted) at all but I suspect will be used to expand the Bill if the public wish to remove the Bishop from Tynwald altogether:

- (a) Should the Bishop have a vote in Tynwald and LegCo?
- (b) Should the Bishop be a member of Tynwald and LegCo?
- (c) Should prayers be said at the start of the sittings of Tynwald and its Branches?

The link to the consultation is: [The Bishop's Vote – Public Consultation – Lawrie Hooper MHK \(lhooperiom.com\)](http://lhooperiom.com). You cannot print off paper copies but have to pay for them at the Clerk to Tynwald's Office. I will obtain some and put them at the back of the Church. I will also put a copy of the draft Bill at the back of the Church. It is very short.

CCDC! Christ Church Drama This will resume as soon as Louise is able to commit to a timetable but she is really dependent on how her bones are healing. I am sure you will all continue to pray for her and her recovery.

Ideas for Fundraising If anyone has any ideas for fundraising could they please let any member of the PCC know. We will rearrange the postponed Quiz Night shortly.

Pastoral Measure and Our Annual Contribution Pauline is still trying to liaise with the Archdeacon and the Diocesan fund raising expert so that they can attend a PCC meeting. As soon as a date is set, I will let you know.

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. The same for the flower rota which will run for the next few weeks until Lent.

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**