

**Lonan & Laxey Pew Notes**  
**11<sup>th</sup> October 2020**  
**The Eighteenth Sunday of Trinity Proper 23**



**Photo by Louise Becket**

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Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup> October	10.30 Holy Communion Christ Church
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> October	3.00pm Zoom Prayer Meeting
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> October	9.15 KS1 Assembly at Laxey School 10.00am Holy Communion at Christ Church † 11.00 Time Together – Prayer Group at the Salmon Centre 2.00pm Laxey Handbells meet to practice at Christ Church
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> October	9.30 Clergy prayers in Douglas 10-12 mid day Coffee and Chat at the Football Club 11.15 Open the Book at Laxey School † 12-12.30 teaching Handbells Laxey School † 7.30 Clergy training at St John's
Saturday 17 <sup>th</sup> October	† 9-12.30 PCC Meeting to discuss the Strategic Building Plan –Old Lonan Farm
Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup> October	0800 Holy Communion (Said BCP Christ Church) 10.30 Service of the Word
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> October	1.30 Police Awards Ceremony (attending in my role as Police Chaplain) 3.00pm Zoom Prayer Meeting
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> October	† KS2 Assembly Laxey School † 11.00 Time together at Salmon Centre † 2.00pm Laxey hand Bells practice at Christ Church
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October	9.30 Clergy prayers in Douglas 10-12 mid day Coffee and Chat at the Football Club † 12-12.30 teaching Handbells Laxey School
Saturday 24 <sup>th</sup> October	Hopefully we can have set up our week of Festival of light within and around the church. Helpers and planners needed please.
Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup> October	10.30 Service of the Word at Christ Church 3.30 Choral Evensong at the cathedral –each parish "takes a turn at "leading"" –tis our turn this week -all congregation members warmly invited to be there

<p><u>Prayer for the week</u>          Almighty and everlasting God,          increase in us your gift of faith          that, forsaking what lies behind          and reaching out to that which is          before,          we may run the way of your          commandments          and win the crown of everlasting joy;          through Jesus Christ your Son our          Lord,          who is alive and reigns with you,          in the unity of the Holy Spirit,          one God, now and for ever.</p> <p><u>Amen</u></p>	<p><u>Thought for the Week</u>          Thank you to everyone who made the building          look so beautiful for last week end. The church          was pretty full for the handbells to play on          Saturday and three new potential members          came along to practice. There was a wonderful          congregation for the service on Sunday and          over 3,000 folk looked at our Facebook entry.          God moves in mysterious ways –we just have          to go with Him and not try and “have our way          with Him”          Many things are happening between now and          Christmas let us try to make each a Mission          outreach and opportunity to increase the          Kingdom of God in this place</p> <p>Jo</p>
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**Festival of Light.** From the 24<sup>th</sup>-31<sup>st</sup> October the village “outlets” will be involved in Hop Tu Naa celebrations. Whilst not wishing in any way to “interfere” with the culture of the Island I think it would be good for Christ Church to host a festival of Light, as an alternative..... we need planners and helpers to make this happen.

**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> November** -although All Saints Day –we will have our 4.00pm All Souls Day Service –when we give thanks for the lives of those who have walked with us through their and our earthly life and are now banqueting in heaven

**Lon Dhoo Choir concert in Christ Church 4<sup>th</sup> November** tickets available now £7.50

**Christmas Fair** will be in the village including the church 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> November -please get “making” for our stall.

**Church Christmas Cards** are now available to buy

**Ecumenical Advent Carol Service 10.30** 29<sup>th</sup> November (a 5th Sunday) at the Salmon Centre

**St Christopher’s** –we are still collecting for the young people, please put your donations in the box at the back of the church

**Diocesan Harvest “Appeal”** ..instead of a specific appeal the Diocese are joining:-  
**The Together in Unity Appeal** *“Behold, how good and pleasant it is when brothers dwell **together in unity.**” Psalm 133:1* . Find out more and give at: [archbishopofcanterbury.org/appeal](http://archbishopofcanterbury.org/appeal) or give a donation to our treasurer to send.

**The 2020 Christian Aid week** appeal was difficult as the usual door-to-door collection and the fund-raising activities we rely on were curtailed by the lockdown. This year we were hoping to fully fund a Beekeeping project in the North of Burundi, setting up a training centre of excellence and a cooperative for the processing of local honey. Our target was £23,905.00.

To date, the generosity of the Island's Christians has raised £19,724.39! Which is beyond fantastic, in the most challenging of circumstances. Burundi is one of the worlds poorest countries and every person in the Isle of Man who has given has made a tremendous difference to families living in the direst of circumstances in Burundi. Churches Alive in Mann is supporting an appeal to to raise the final £4,181 to reach the target. Can you help please.

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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**