

## Lonan & Laxey Pew Notes – December 2024



Sunday 1 December	10.30 am Holy Communion – The Very Reverend John Mann
Monday 2 December	10.30 am to 12 noon Craft and Coffee at Church
Tuesday 3 December	4.30 to 5.30 pm Christ Church Drama Club at the Working Men's Institute
Thursday 5 December	10.30 to 12 noon Coffee and Chat at Church
Sunday 8 December	10.30 am Confirmation and Holy Communion – Bishop Patricia Joint Service at Christ Church with St Peter's Followed by bring and share lunch
Monday 9 December	9 am to lunchtime Christmas Workshop at Laxey School – Reverend Alessandra Di Chiara and team 10.30 am to 12 noon Craft and Coffee at Church
Tuesday 10 December	4.30 to 5.30 pm CCDC at the Working Men's Institute
Thursday 12 December	10.30 am to 12 noon Coffee and Chat at Church
Sunday 15 December	10.30 am Nine Lessons and Carols - Louise
Monday 16 December	10.30 am to 12 noon Craft and Coffee at Church
Tuesday 17 December	4.30 to 5.30 pm CCDC at the Working Men's Institute
Thursday 19 December	10.30 am to 12 noon Coffee and Chat at Church
Sunday 22 December	10.30 am Christingle Service - Louise
Tuesday 24 December Christmas Eve	4 pm Crib Service – Reverend Alessandra Di Chiara and Louise 11.30 pm Midnight Eucharist – Reverend Philip Frear
Wednesday 25 December Christmas Day	10.30 am Joint Family Holy Communion – <b>At St Peter's</b> – Reverend Alessandra Di Chiara
Sunday 29 December	10.30 am – Joint Celebration of Holy Communion – <b>At Christ Church</b> - Reverend Margaret Fourie

### **Prayer for the Month**

Child of glory,  
Child of Mary,  
born in the stable,  
King of all.  
You came to our wasteland,  
in our place suffered.  
Happy we are counted  
who to you are near.  
Strengthen our hope,  
enliven our joy,  
keep us valiant,  
faithful and near.

*Carmina Gadelica*

### **Thought for the Month**

Christmas is nearly here and we are being bombarded with goodies we want but do not need. It is hard to bring ourselves back to that stable where a homeless couple had to bring a child into the world, surrounded by poverty and hardship in a country which was occupied by a hostile and oppressive regime and where, very shortly afterwards, a massacre of innocents took place. I am sure that somewhere in the world on Christmas Day children will be born into a harsh and unforgiving environment fraught with danger. At this time of joy let's not forget those who suffer hardships.

## **Diary Dates and Notices**

**Christmas Market** A huge thanks to Pauline and Ruth for organising this and for the great band of volunteers who helped set up, made cakes and crafts, manned the stall and then dismantled it all. It is believed we matched last year's takings (at least) which is a miracle given the weather on Saturday morning.

**Confirmation** On 8 December we will welcome Merrisa and Richard as communicants in our faith. We are so delighted, and to welcome Bishop Patricia to our Church as she officiates. Afterwards we will have a bring and share lunch. Please could anyone who can bring a plate to share liaise with me so that we do not have too much of the same. Looking forward to a very happy occasion.

**Services** A huge thank you to Louise for officiating at so many of our Christmas services. Please support our Church by attending over the Christmas period if you can.

**Christ Church Drama Club** will be presenting at the Crib Service on Christmas Eve.

**Bubble Church** Has been supported handsomely by the Diocese. We are grateful to the Archdeacon for championing that support. The Bubble Church team is looking forward to training in February and our launch shortly thereafter.

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

**Time Together** is no longer running.

**Coffee and Chat** is now meeting at Christ Church every Thursday 10.30 to 12 noon, which means that our Church is used regularly for the community.

**Craft and Coffee** is meeting every Monday at 10.30 am to 12 noon in Church for posh coffee and biscuits. Bring your own crafts or be prepared to share your skills with others. Enjoy a relaxed atmosphere of crafting. We will be thinking of projects moving forward to raise funds for our little church.

**Reading Rota** Thank you to all our readers who willingly offer to read on the day when I thrust the reading into their hands.

**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**