

## Lonan & Laxey Pew Notes - January 2025



Sunday 5 January Epiphany	10.30 am Holy Communion Epiphany – Reverend Philip Frear 2 pm Yn Ç Çeshaght Ghailckagh. Nine lessons and carols – Gaelic service – please support this event
Sunday 12 January Baptism of Christ	10.30 am Morning Praise – Reverend Alessandra Di Chiara
Monday 13 January	10.30 am to 12 noon Craft and Coffee at Church
Thursday 16 January	10.30 am to 12 noon Coffee and Chat at Church
Sunday 19 January	10.30 am Morning Praise - Louise
Monday 20 January	10.30 am to 12 noon Craft and Coffee at Church
Thursday 23 January	10.30 am to 12 noon Coffee and Chat at Church
Sunday 26 January	10.30 am Morning Praise – Reverend Alessandra Di Chiara
Monday 27 January	10.30 am to 12 noon Craft and Coffee at Church
Thursday 30 January	10.30 am to 12 noon Coffee and Chat at Church

### **Prayer for the Month**

Let us go forth  
in the goodness of our merciful Father,  
in the gentleness of our brother Jesus,  
in the radiance of the Holy Spirit,  
in the faith of the apostles,  
in the joyful praise of the angels,  
in the holiness of the saints,  
in the courage of the martyrs.

*In Celtic Fire Robert Van der Weyer  
(Unattributed)*

### **Thought for the Month**

A new year, a new leaf, a new resolve, a new me. Really??? Every year I make new resolutions but I never stick to them. Every year I hope I will be a better person but I disappoint myself. This year I face many challenges and I resolve to do my best but I never achieve that. I therefore hope and pray that God will forgive me when I fall short of His and my own expectations, that He will help me to improve and that He will be with me all the way. 2025 is going to be very challenging but with His help, we will all be ok.

## **Diary Dates and Notices**

**Updates** I am so sorry I cannot update you on the Christmas services as I am writing this before I head off on 21 December. I am sure that our PCC members will keep you informed on all developments. The Christmas Fair was a success despite the terrible weather on the Saturday. Stall holders were pleased which means we can build on our success. Full figures will be provided in due course but the results so far are encouraging. We will consider for Christmas 2025 how to capitalise on what sold well.

**Confirmation on 8 December** What a wonderful and uplifting service we enjoyed. Congratulations and love to Merissa and Richard. We are so blessed to count you as our friends and companions in Christ. Bishop Patricia was so lovely – we look forward to seeing her again in our Church but know that she will have many commitments as she settles into our Diocese.

**Gaelic Service** – 5 January 2025 at 2 pm. I know that most of us are totally ignorant when it comes to Manx Gaelic but it will be fascinating to hear the 9 lessons and carols (and the words we know so well) in the Manx language. I wish I could be there. Please support it if you can.

**CCDC! Christ Church Drama** watch this space for information.

**Craft and Coffee** we will start again in the New Year on 13 January. We need ideas for crafting to take us through the dark days of January and February.

**Ideas for Fundraising** If anyone has any ideas for fundraising could they please let any member of the PCC know. We really need to step up to try to reach our target this year as the due amount has been reduced substantially, so we need to try to meet our obligation.

**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**