

Lonan & Laxey Pew Notes – October 2024



Tuesday 1 October	4.30 to 5.30 pm Christ Church Drama Club at the Working Men's Institute
Thursday 3 October	10.30 to 12 noon Coffee and Chat at Church
Sunday 6 October	10.30 am Morning Praise – Louise
Monday 7 October	10.30 am to 12 noon Craft and Coffee see Facebook for venue
Tuesday 8 October	4.30 to 5.30 pm CCDC at the Working Men's Institute 6.30 pm PCC meeting at Church subject to postponement
Thursday 10 October	10.30 am to 12 noon Coffee and Chat at Church
Sunday 13 October	10.30 am Holy Communion with Harvest Festival – Reverend Alessandra Di Chiara
Monday 14 October	10.30 am to 12 noon Craft and Coffee see Facebook for venue
Tuesday 15 October	4.30 to 5.30 pm CCDC at the Working Men's Institute
Thursday 17 October	10.30 am to 12 noon Coffee and Chat at Church
Sunday 20 October	10.30 am Morning Praise – Elaine
Monday 21 October	10.30 am to 12 noon Craft and Coffee see Facebook for venue
Tuesday 22 October	4.30 to 5.30 pm CCDC at the Working Men's Institute
Thursday 24 October	10.30 am to 12 noon Coffee and Chat at Church
Sunday 27 October	10.30 am Morning Praise – Carole Bairstow
Monday 28 October	10.30 am to 12 noon Craft and Coffee see Facebook for venue
Tuesday 29 October	NO CCDC Half Term
Thursday 31 October	10.30 am to 12 noon Coffee and Chat at Church

Prayer for the Month

O sacred season of autumn, be my teacher
for I wish to learn the virtue of contentment.
As I gaze upon your full-coloured beauty
I sense all about you an at-home-ness with your amber riches.
You are the season of retirement
of full barns and harvested fields....
I live in a society that is ever restless,
always eager for more mountains to climb,
seeking happiness through more and more possessions.
Teach me to take stock of what I have given and received;
may I know that it's enough,
that my strivings can cease
in the abundance of God's grace. *Edward Hays*

Thought for the Month

Humans never learn. We are constantly teetering on the brink of war, sometimes a step back, sometimes with our toes very clearly over the precipice. As we are all holding our breath as the Middle East and the places we know from the Bible are decimated and desecrated by war, we, through the Prince of Peace, pray that the abyss will be filled with love, not hate.

Diary Dates and Notices

Services Please note that any of the services may be subject to change with the sad news of Reverend Alessandra Di Chiara's brother's passing. Obviously, her plans will need to be very fluid and she may not be available for services or meetings. Hence the PCC is likely to be postponed.

Art Exhibition This was a resounding success and the Church looked beautiful with the exhibits and Nicky's flowers. Thanks to all who organised this, to the exhibitors who displayed their stunning works and to all who visited. The donation to the Church was gratefully received.

Diocesan Growth Planning Framework We need to keep this firmly in view with the new Bishop coming to the Island later in the year.

Christ Church Drama Club will be going from strength to strength up to a Christmas Presentation as Louise has had her operation postponed. The children will continue meeting on a Tuesday at the Working Men's Institute save for during half term. New members are always welcome.

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 although at the moment we are looking for a new venue with the Pavilion closing for the winter save for functions. Facebook is the best place to find out where we are meeting or text Louise. Bring your own crafts or be prepared to share your skills with others. Enjoy a relaxed atmosphere of crafting. Some crafts could be used for the Christmas Market at the end of November.

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**