

Services at St Peter's

Holy Communion:	BCP Each Sunday	9.00 am
	CW 1 st , 3 rd & 5 th	11.00 am
	BCP 4 th Sunday	6.30 pm
	Wednesday	10.30 am
	Holy Days (as announced)	
Morning Prayer:	CW 2 nd Sunday	11.00 am
Family Service:	4 th Sunday of each month	11.00 am
Evening Prayer:	BCP 1 st , 2 nd , 3 rd & 5 th Sundays	6.30 pm
Midweek Service with Ministry of Healing:	<i>Every two months (Sept, Nov, Jan, March, May & July) date as advertised on noticeboard</i>	7.30 pm

Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals – By arrangement.

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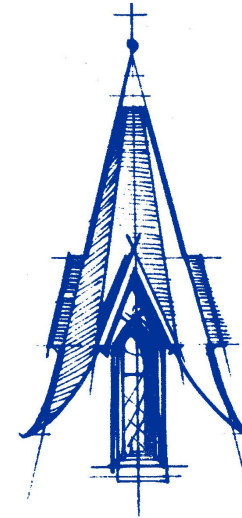
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Monthly Review December 2009



*St. Peter's Parish Church
Kirk Onchan*

To be central to the life of Onchan,
Providing a Christian Witness,
Worship and Welcome to all.



Dear Friends,

Time seems to fly. Christmas is upon us again. Many look forward to it, especially the children.

There are others for whom it will be a very difficult time: those whose loved ones have lost their lives in Afghanistan, the flood victims in Cumbria and those who have lost their jobs in the recession. The joy of money at Christmas highlights the sadness of others.

Thinking back to that first Christmas the birth of Jesus brought a ray of light into a dark world. The people of Israel, ruled over by the occupying Romans, were anticipating the coming of the Messiah, the Saviour, who would overthrow the Romans and rule over an independent Israel, or so the people thought. However, what they didn't realise at the time was the full significance of Jesus.

Here we are today 2,000 years further on, preparing to celebrate the birth of Jesus and still many people do not realise His significance. Some words of the apostle John in the book of Revelation come to mind at this point. In fact it is a prayer:

‘To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.’ *Revelation 1 v 5-6*

To him who loves us – the sending of his only Son into the world and allowing him to die on a cross is a measure of God's love for us.

He has freed us – often we don't recognise the things that bind us, things that are baggage weighing us down and hindering us. It could be lack of self-esteem, it could be addiction, selfishness and self-centredness. There is host of things which restrict us from being what God intended us to be. Jesus gives us release from such things and the cost of that release was the shedding of his blood.

He has made us to be a kingdom of priests – God gives us a new status through Jesus. A priest is someone who is connected to God and connects others to God. Through Jesus we can all have a 'hot-line' to God and a relationship with him that transcends all other relationships.

This Christmas time many of us will hear the familiar Christmas story. Many of us will attend Carol Services and School Nativity plays.

DIARY for December, 2009

1 st	Tue	7.30 pm	Mothers' Union Advent Service – Kirk Braddan
2 nd	Wed	10.30 am	Holy Communion - Church
		2.30 pm	Mothers' Union visit Onchan Methodist Women's Fellowship in their Church Lounge
		7.30 pm	Barn Nativity Rehearsal – Church
		8.00 pm	Ladies Fellowship – Parish Hall
3 rd	Thurs		
4 th	Fri	6.30 pm	Set up for Christmas Fayre – Parish Hall
5 th	Sat	10.00 am	Sunday School Nativity Rehearsal – Church
		2.00 pm	Christmas Fayre – Parish Hall
6 th	Sun	11.00 am	Sunday School Nativity – Church
		7.30 pm	BUZZ Group – Christmas treats at Union Mills
		7.30 pm	Choir Practice - Church
7 th	Mon	7.30 pm	Advent Course (2) – St. Anthony's Church
		8.00 pm	Sunday School Team Meeting
8 th	Tue		
9 th	Wed	10.30 am	Holy Communion - Church
10 th	Thurs	7.30 pm	Barn Nativity Rehearsal - Church
11 th	Fri		
12 th	Sat		
13 th	Sun	2.00 pm	Baptism: Hannah Rose Scambler
		6.30 pm	Youth Event – Peel Cathedral
		7.30 pm	Choir Practice - Church
14 th	Mon	7.30 pm	Advent Course (3) – Onchan Methodist Church
15 th	Tue	12 noon	Mothers' Union Christmas Lunch – Parish Hall
		7.30 pm	Vicar & Wardens Meeting – Parish Office
16 th	Wed	10.30 am	Holy Communion - Church
		8.00 pm	Ladies Fellowship Christmas Party – Parish Hall
17 th	Thurs	7.00 pm	Carol Singing at Heywood Court
18 th	Fri	5.45 pm	Choir Practice – Church
		7.30 pm	Evening of Christmas Music – Parish Hall
19 th	Sat	10.30 am	Carol Singing outside Onchan Shoprite
		4.00 pm	Barn Nativity – Kerrowdhoo Farm
20 th	Sun	2.00 pm	Baptism: Noah John Campbell
		6.30 pm	Candlelight Carol Service - Church
21 st	Mon	3.00 pm	Wedding: Mark Gelling & Emma Lorna Cubbon
22 nd	Tue		
23 rd	Wed	10.30 am	Holy Communion - Church
24 th	Thurs	9.00 am	Make Christingles – Church
		5.00 pm	Christingle Service – Church
		11.30 pm	Christmas Communion - Church
25 th	Fri	10.00 am	Family Communion - Church
26 th	Sat		
27 th	Sun	2.00 pm	Baptism: Henry Edward Hilton Leigh
28 th	Mon		
29 th	Tue		
30 th	Wed	10.30 am	Holy Communion - Church
31 st	Thurs		



The flower rota for December, 2009 is as follows:

6 th	In Memory - Mort Family	Mrs S. Brew
13 th		Miss Nivison
20 th		Mothers' Union
27 th		Mrs E. Cory

ALTAR FLOWERS

Two vacant dates (early May and early August) have arisen on the Flower Rota for 2010. If you would like to be placed on the list please contact Christine on 616125.

The cost of flowers is approx £10.00 and the Saturday morning Flower Team would be willing to arrange them for you.



PRAYER DIARY DECEMBER 2009

6 th	Youth Organisations within Onchan	Hawthorne Close, Poplar Close, Sycamore Close
13 th	Hospital & Hospice esp. Doctors, Nurses & Health Visitors	Glen View Road, Snaefell Crescent
20 th	The Sidesmen	Members of the Church who live outside the Parish
27 th	Residential & Nursing Homes	Wybourn Drive, Wybourn Grove, Wybourn View

PLEASE NOTE:

**THE PARISH OFFICE
will be closed
24th December to 4th January incl.
Urgent enquiries to The Vicarage**

Our churches will be well filled but unless we open our minds and lives to Jesus and the gospel message Christmas will be just a 'flash in the pan'.

My prayer this Christmastime is that many more people will see Jesus through the eyes of faith and discover his life-giving presence. May we work and pray to this end as we prepare the Christmas Services. Each of us can play our part by inviting people to the various services. Start thinking of whom you are going to ask, and pray.

May you experience the joy and peace of the Lord this Christmastime.

Yours sincerely in Jesus' Name,

Malcolm Convery

Vicar

SAVING STAMPS THIS CHRISTMAS :

The One World Centre are working in conjunction with the Leprosy Mission to help coordinate their annual appeal for people to save the postage stamps from Christmas cards and gifts. Last year the leprosy mission raised over £65, 000 alone from recycled stamps!



They are hoping to create a network of collecting points across the Island that are easily accessible and you will be able to bring your used postage stamps to church where we will have a collecting box.

**The collection will run from:
1st December, 2009 until 31st January, 2010**

ADVENT COURSE

Monday 30th November St. Peter's Church
Monday 7th December St. Anthony's Church
Monday 14th December Onchan Methodist Church

All at 7.30 pm

A WARM WELCOME TO ALL. WHY NOT BRING A FRIEND.

MOTHERS' UNION



The EMU's had a great night when they met in the Parish Office on the 29th October. We all went home pleased having learnt a new skill and taking with us beautiful Christmas cards we had made.

The speaker at our next meeting is Wendy Allen. We are looking forward to welcoming her back as Wendy led this group for a time.

The afternoon group met in Church to hear Mr John Kennaugh (while improvements were being carried out in the Parish Hall). John kept us entertained with many stories of his childhood on the farm. He was also persuaded to recite a little of 'Betsy Lee' for us.

Mr Hector Duff was our next speaker and it was very appropriate this being Remembrance week. Hector had been this year to the 65th Anniversary Celebrations to mark D. Day in France, he told us of the warm welcome the French people give to the Veterans on each anniversary and how the children are eager to talk to the veterans and are encouraged to learn from them.

We are now looking forward to our Island Advent service this year held at Kirk Braddan Church on the 1st December at 7.30 pm. Also our Christmas Dinner on the 15th December in the Parish Hall. If you are hoping to attend either of these events please make sure Jane or Christine know.

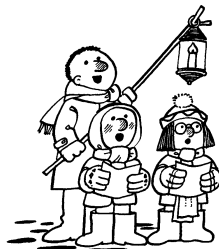
May I take this opportunity to wish you all a very Happy Christmas.
Valerie Convery, Branch Leader

CAROL SINGING - Come and join us – the more the merrier!

HomeGroupTwo are arranging again this year to go Carol Singing on Thursday evening 17th December at Heywood Court (7.30 pm) and Saturday 19th December at Onchan Shoprite (10.30am to 1.30pm).

They are again planning to distribute leaflets highlighting the Christmas Services at St. Peter's and they hope that other 'carollers' will join them, including Onchan Scouts, Onchan Football Club, BUZZ, etc. who all use the Minibus.

The charity collection this year is for the
'Community Minibus'.



LADIES FELLOWSHIP

14 ladies visited the Re-invention Clinic at Kensington Road – if you notice any re-invented people around you know they have taken up the treatments on offer – Oh – men can also be treated at the clinic.

Unfortunately the ladies group seem to make it rain when arrangements are made to visit the Observatory to see the stars, so we had to cancel the visit on the 18th November. Perhaps it really will be third time lucky!!!

We are meeting on the 2nd December to wrap items for our Christmas Fayre - £1 parcel lucky dip. We are also going to have a fish and chip meal that night.

Our Christmas Party is on the 16th December I don't think the Very Amateur Dramatic Society will be making an appearance this year – perhaps for the best!

Hazel Johnson

WANT TO COME TO MIDWEEK COMMUNION then read on

Did you at one time come to Wednesday midweek Communion but now find you can't walk to church or perhaps you don't drive anymore? If so we would like to hear from you. We would also like to hear from anyone who hasn't been before but would like to, if only they could get there. Why? because we are wondering should we try and operate a minibus service to help you get there – say once or twice a month. The alternative is, would anyone be prepared to offer someone a lift.

So if you would like to come to the 10.30am service, can offer a lift to someone or drive the community minibus (*it would suit someone who is retired*) then please get in touch. It's a lovely service and you never know if we can operate the minibus we might just be able to incorporate a chance to do some shopping before you're taken home – now that's an idea isn't it!

Please contact the Vicar (675797) or Nigel (496109).



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CHRISTMAS FAYRE

**IN
ONCHAN PARISH HALL
ROYAL AVENUE**

**ON
SATURDAY 5th DECEMBER**

OPENING AT 2.00 pm by

DAVID DOWNIE

of The Hyperbaric Chamber

LOTS OF STALLS AND RAFFLES

Proceeds to:

HYPERBARIC CHAMBER

and ST. PETER'S PARISH CHURCH

ADMISSION ONLY £1 including refreshments

*AN EVENING OF
CHRISTMAS MUSIC*

Coffee & Mince Pies

IN THE PARISH HALL

on

Friday 18th December

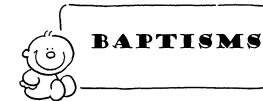
at 7.30 pm

IN AID OF THE PARISH HALL FUND

Raffle & Cake stall ORGANISER: GORDON ASTILL

TICKETS ONLY £1 (children 50p)

FROM THE REGISTERS



BAPTISMS

25th October, 2009
Joseph Frank Williams

Funerals

Mark Andrew Penketh, Annie Margaret Jones,
Norma Florence Loundes, Sidney Andrews



OFFERTORY

The offertory for October totalled £6,451.73 and was made up of
£4,836.00 pledged giving and £1,615.73 of loose plate giving.

Thank you.

So its farewell from Malcolm and its farewell from Valerie.

A shared ministry which has seen them offer comfort, hope, a warm welcome to many, spiritual guidance and humour. Let's not forget humour! A ministry for all whether young, not so young or old. A ministry in which they have put the people of Onchan before themselves doing God's work in this place.

And if you would like to contribute to a farewell gift then please give your contribution to Jane, our Parish Clerk, or send a cheque (made out to St. Peter's Parish Church) to Jane at the Parish Office. Thank you.

The Churchwardens

*Christmas Services at
St. Peter's Parish Church
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Everyone is welcome to join us*

December, 2009

Sunday 6 th	11.00 am	Sunday School Nativity
Saturday 19 th	4.00 pm	Barn Nativity Kerrowdhoo Farm with Onchan & Ashley Hill Schools & Onchan Silver Band
Sunday 20 th	9.00 am	Holy Communion
	11.00 am	Holy Communion
	6.30 pm	Candlelight Carol Service
Christmas Eve	5.00 pm	Christingle Service
	11.30 pm	Christmas Communion
Christmas Day	10.00 am	Family Communion
Sunday 27 th	9.00 am	Holy Communion
	11.00 am	Holy Communion

January, 2010

Sunday 3 rd	9.00 am	Holy Communion
	11.00 am	Family Youth Service
	6.30 pm	Epiphany Celebration



We look forward to welcoming you.

PARISH DINNER

'Farewell to Malcolm and Valerie'

on

SATURDAY 30TH JANUARY, 2010

at the

**MASONIC HALL, WOODBOURNE ROAD,
DOUGLAS**

7 pm for 7.30 pm

Menu

Manx Broth

Served with homemade Bonnag

Served from the Carvery

*Roast Rump of Beef with a rich roast gravy
and homemade Yorkshire Puddings*

or

*Poached Salmon with a Prawn Sauce
served with*

*Roast & mashed potatoes
Seasonal Vegetables*

(Vegetarian option available)

please request when buying your ticket)

Manx Cranachan with Raspberries

or

Crème Brûlée

Tea or Coffee

served with mints

TICKETS £20

*Tickets available from Jane at the Parish Office (675797)
Please have your choice of menu ready when buying your tickets.*