

### Services at St Peter's

Holy Communion:	BCP Each Sunday	9.00 am
	CW 1 <sup>st</sup> , 3 <sup>rd</sup> & 5 <sup>th</sup>	11.00 am
	BCP 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday	6.30 pm
	Wednesday	10.30 am
	Holy Days (as announced)	
Morning Prayer:	CW 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday	11.00 am
Family Service:	4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of each month	11.00 am
Evening Prayer:	BCP 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 3 <sup>rd</sup> & 5 <sup>th</sup> Sundays	6.30 pm
Midweek Service with Ministry of Healing:	<i>Every two months (Sept, Nov, Jan, March, May &amp; July) date as advertised on noticeboard</i>	7.30 pm
All Age Worship:	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of each month (in the Parish Hall, Royal Avenue)	4.00 pm

Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals – By arrangement.

#### Vicar:

The Revd Canon Malcolm Convery

*The Vicarage*

*Church Road*

*Onchan*

*IM3 1BF*

*Telephone No: 675797*

#### Licensed Reader:

Nigel Cretney

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#### Parish Clerk:

Mrs Jane Cretney

Parish Office

Office Hours

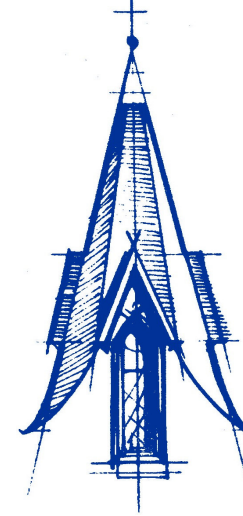
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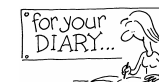
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# Monthly Review February 2007



*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,

Have you ever despaired of the Church and felt like leaving?

Sadly many have and they have also discovered that Church can sometimes be bad for your spiritual health.

Within a Church community, indeed within any community, we can hurt and be hurt. If we abandon the Church we abandon what Jesus created as part of his plan of salvation for mankind.

The local Church should be an expression of Jesus' care for the world. Although Jesus only mentions the word Church twice the very shape of his ministry reveals how important relationships and community are. He built up a community of disciples who in turn established communities of believers to model Jesus' teaching and today this community is worldwide.

The Church is the Body of Christ, with him at its head and we as the different functioning parts, working in harmony.

It may be Christ's body but it is far from perfect.

Ian Stackhouse, a Christian leader, writes: 'Mess as a feature of the Christian Community is a pastoral reality, for one is dealing with sinners not simply with vision statements' and Ian Coffey, another Church leader adds: 'Authentic Church is like running a playgroup. It's messy. Get used to it'. Mind you a playgroup can be fun! Messy it may be, and far from perfect, but being active members of such a community is essential if we are to function as God wants us to function (Note: we may not manage to get to Church these days because of failing health but we can still be part of the community, through prayer, through giving, through the monthly review and hopefully through visits from Church members or the Vicar).

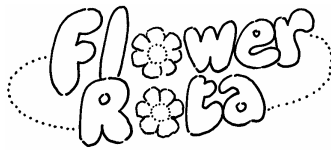
The Church as community can become increasingly important in a world where community is breaking down.

Bill Hybels, leader of the large Willow Creek Church in the USA commends the Church in these words:

'There is nothing like the local church when it's working right. Its beauty is indescribable. Its power is breathtaking. Its potential is unlimited. It comforts the grieving and heals the broken in the context of community.'

## DIARY for February

1 <sup>st</sup>	Thurs		
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Fri	1.30 pm	Mums & Tots – Parish Hall
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Sat	5.30 pm	Choral Evensong – Cathedral, Peel
4 <sup>th</sup>	Sun		
5 <sup>th</sup>	Mon	10.15 am	Peter Bear Club – Parish Hall
		7.45 pm	Key Group – 2 Wentworth Close
6 <sup>th</sup>	Tue	7.30 pm	Vicar & Wardens – Parish Office
		7.30 pm	Key Group 2 – 42 Groudle Road
7 <sup>th</sup>	Wed	10.30 am	Holy Communion
		7.30 pm	Key Group – 76 King Edward Road
		7.30 pm	Alpha Supper – Empress Hotel
		8.00 pm	Ladies Fellowship – Parish Hall
8 <sup>th</sup>	Thurs	7.30 pm	Wholeness & Healing Service - Church Speaker: The Lord Bishop
9 <sup>th</sup>	Fri	1.30 pm	Mums & Tots – Parish Hall
10 <sup>th</sup>	Sat		
11 <sup>th</sup>	Sun	11.00 am	FISS – Parish Hall
		4.00 pm	All Age Worship – Parish Hall
12 <sup>th</sup>	Mon	7.15 pm	Wedding Preparation – Parish Office
		7.45 pm	Key Group – 2 Wentworth Close
13 <sup>th</sup>	Tues	7.30 pm	Key Group 1 – Union Mills
		7.30 pm	Key Group 2 – 21 Wybourn Drive
14 <sup>th</sup>	Wed	10.30 am	Holy Communion
		2.30 pm	Leprosy Meeting – Methodist Church lounge
		7.30 pm	Cell Group – 16 Highfield Crescent
		7.30 pm	Key Group
15 <sup>th</sup>	Thurs	7.00 pm	Pastoral Visitors - Vicarage
		7.45 pm	Evening Mothers' Union – Parish Office
		8.00 pm	Prayer Group – 4 Seaview Road
16 <sup>th</sup>	Fri	1.30 pm	Mums & Tots – Parish Hall
17 <sup>th</sup>	Sat		
18 <sup>th</sup>	Sun		
19 <sup>th</sup>	Mon	7.30 pm	Wedding Preparation – Parish Office
20 <sup>th</sup>	Tue	2.00 pm	Mothers' Union – St. John's
21 <sup>st</sup>	Wed	10.30 am	Holy Communion
		12 noon	Lent Lunch – Parish Hall
		7.30 pm	Ash Wednesday Service of Holy Communion, Ashing & Anointing
		8.00 pm	Ladies Fellowship – Parish Hall
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Thurs		
23 <sup>rd</sup>	Fri		
24 <sup>th</sup>	Sat		
25 <sup>th</sup>	Sun	2.00 pm	Baptism: Corey William Dunlop
26 <sup>th</sup>	Mon	10.15 am	Peter Bear Club – Parish Hall
		7.30 pm	Wedding Preparation – Parish Office
27 <sup>th</sup>	Tue	7.30 pm	Lent Course (session 1) - Church
28 <sup>th</sup>	Wed	10.30 am	Holy Communion
		12 noon	Lent Lunch – Parish Hall
		7.30 pm	Cell Group – 40 Harcroft Avenue, Saddlestone



The flower rota for February is as follows:

4 <sup>th</sup>		Mr E. Roberts
11 <sup>th</sup>		Mrs M. Cooper
18 <sup>th</sup>		Mrs D. Corrin
25 <sup>th</sup>		L'ENT 1



**PRAYER DIARY**  
**FEBRUARY, 2007**

4 <sup>th</sup>	The Sexton	Strathallan Park, Strathallan Road
11 <sup>th</sup>	Those preparing for Marriage	Ridgeway Road, Summerhill Road
18 <sup>th</sup>	The Licensed Reader & Reader in Training	The Park, Marion Road, Hague Drive, Hague Walk
25 <sup>th</sup>	The Organist & The Worship Group	Governors Road, Sea View Road, Mountfield Road

**PLEASE NOTE CLOSING DATE**

**FOR ITEMS TO BE INCLUDED IN NEXT REVIEW**

***19<sup>th</sup> February, 2007***

**THANK YOU**

To all those who very kindly donated T-towels for the Parish Hall

It builds bridges to seekers and offers truth to the confused. It provides resources for those in need and opens its arms to the forgotten, the downtrodden, the disillusioned. It breaks the chains of addictions, frees the oppressed and offers belonging to the marginalised of this world. Whatever the capacity for human suffering, the church has a greater capacity for healing and wholeness. Still to this day, the potential for the local church is almost more than I can grasp. No other organisation on earth is like the church. Nothing even comes close.'

What inspired Bill Hybels to write these words was a meeting with a young couple and their baby.

They approached him one day and asked for prayer for their baby. The baby was wrapped in a blanket. The mother pulled the blanket back to reveal a baby whose tiny face was horribly deformed. "She's only got six weeks to live" said the mother. "We would like you to pray that before she dies she will know and feel our love".

After praying Bill asked the parents: "What can we do for you?" The father replied: "Bill, we're okay. Really we are. We have been in a loving small group for years. Our group members know that this pregnancy had complications. They were at our house the night we learned the news, and they were at the hospital when Emily was delivered. They helped us absorb the reality of the whole thing. They even cleaned our house and fixed our meals when we brought her home. They pray for us constantly and call us several times every day. They are even helping us plan Emily's funeral."

Where would this family be without the loving community of the Church.

Let's strive, with God's help, to make St. Peter's the welcoming, caring and healing community that God intends it to be so reflecting the values of his Kingdom and impacting upon the world beyond the walls of the Church.

We are in it together. Let's make it work together.

Yours sincerely in Jesus' Name,



## THE BISHOP WRITES February 2007

It is said that it is possible to tell a man who trained for the priesthood at King's College London from his "pulpit" manner! That is to say, we all sound like pale imitations of the Dean of King's, Sydney Evans. He had a very distinctive preaching style, which made great use of the rhetorical question. Ask a Kingsman to imitate Sydney Evans, and he will say "Who am I? Where am I going? What shall I be?", these being, in paraphrase, the opening lines of one of his more famous sermons!

It is also said that imitation is the greatest form of flattery. As students, we constantly imitated our dean, especially his rather smooth delivery and accent! Yet in so doing, we were indeed marking the fact that he had a profound influence on our development as priests. Even the humour of "Who am I? Where am I going? What shall I be?" underlines the fact that he was forever holding before us the need to discern and hear God's call to us in our lives.

The infant Samuel heard the voice of God calling, but mistook it for that of Eli (1Samuel 3:1-18). He was deaf even to the possibility that God might be calling him. It was only when a third party, Eli, recognised what was actually happening, that Samuel opened his heart and mind to God.

In creating each of us in his own image, God forges an intimate relationship with every single one of us. His desire for us is that we discern within ourselves his "vocation" for us. **Vocation** has somehow become a scary word, but it simply means **calling**. What is God's will for you? How does he want you to spend your life, his gift? What does he want you to be? The task of discernment often involves others, as they help us to discover the truth about ourselves. This certainly is the case with those called to serve the church as readers, deacons or priests.

The gifts we receive from God are to be used in his service and in the service of the Gospel. The church is always in need of those offering themselves for ministry as readers, deacons and priests. Let the year 2007 be for this diocese a time when we focus particularly on the encouragement of **vocations**. This is a task for us all, whether we are lay or ordained. It is the task of Parochial Church Councils. It is the task of all our church groups, the Mothers' Union and the Youth Group. It is the task of the Diocesan Synod. When did you last challenge someone to consider offering themselves in this way?

Canon David Green is the Diocesan Director of Ordinands; a grand title, but it means that he has the responsibility for **fostering vocations**. Please do not hesitate to contact him if you feel he might be able to help you or your parish.

*Raise up, O God, for the work of the ministry,  
men and women of spiritual maturity and strong faith;  
of wide vision and sound judgement;  
and with a deep love of their Lord;  
that your church may be served in days to come  
by those whose lives are wholly dedicated  
to the furtherance of your kingdom;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

### CHRISTIAN BOOKS TO BORROW:

Rather than selling books we are going to provide a loan facility. Books will be displayed as usual at the back of the Church.

Take a book, sign it out and place £1 in the wall safe. On returning the book cross your name out.

If anyone has any recent books, which they feel are worth reading, please pass them to the Vicar and they can be included.

**Do be encouraged to read.**

**ROB & ROSALIND ARNOLD  
CMS MISSIONARIES FROM UGANDA**

**Will give an illustrated talk  
on Friday, 2<sup>nd</sup> February  
at 7.30 pm**

**in Onchan Parish Hall**

**ALL WELCOME**

**They will also be joining us for our  
evening service at 6.30 pm  
on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> February**

**WHOLENESS  
&  
HEALING  
SERVICE**

**THURSDAY 8<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY  
at 7.30 pm**

**SPEAKER:  
BISHOP GRAEME**

Followed by Refreshments in the Vicarage

**LADIES FELLOWSHIP**

Members enjoyed a wonderful night with Mrs Marion Watterson when she demonstrated making three different tray bakes – which the members all enjoyed with a cup of tea. We are having a night out to Coasters Restaurant on 31<sup>st</sup> January (members please let me know if you are going).

Hazel Johnson

**MOTHERS' UNION**



Members Afternoon was the theme for the first meeting of the new year. What a lot of talents we discovered amongst our members. An afternoon worth repeating next year who knows what further talents we would discover.

The evening group's first meeting is to be a Burns Night Supper at the Vicarage, we are all busy practising our Scottish dancing.

Valerie Convery, Branch Leader

**FROM THE REGISTERS**

**Funerals**

Edwin Shackleton, Valerie Ann Kinlay,  
Robert William Wood, John David Johnson,  
Margaret Norma Edwards



The offertory for December totalled £7,648.06 and was made up of  
£5,689.63 pledged giving and £1,958.43 of loose plate giving.  
also  
Collection from 'Manx Christmas Star' to Biblelands of £82.00  
and  
Christingle collection to The Children's Society of £575.51

Thank you.

**ALL AGE WORSHIP**

**SUNDAY  
11<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY  
at 4 pm  
in the Parish Hall**



### **PETER BEAR CLUB**

We will meet on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> February  
10.15am to 11.15am  
in the Parish Hall, Royal Avenue, Onchan

**ALL WELCOME**

### **PRAYER GROUP**

“For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them”.

St Peter’s Prayer Group has taken much encouragement from this promise of Jesus as we have rarely numbered more than 3! However, we can testify to the fact that our prayers are heard and answered – only the other day a bemused neighbour we had been praying for, knocked on our door to announce ‘prayer works’!

Various people have expressed interest in joining us, and we plan from now on to include our meeting times in the diary page at the back of each month’s review which will hopefully mean we make it into more diaries!

We meet fortnightly (approx) on Thursday evenings from 8 – 9:30pm at 4 Seaview Road (off Wybourn Drive). Due to the shortness of the month, the Wholeness and Healing service on the 8<sup>th</sup>, and half-term week, we will however only be meeting on the 15<sup>th</sup> this month. March dates are 1<sup>st</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>. Do please come and join us if you think this might be your ‘thing’! Any queries, tel: 664756. We look forward to praying with you!

Amanda Kimberley  
for the Prayer Group

**THANK YOU** to –

**ONCHAN SILVER BAND & LON VANE CHOIR** who jointly organised a Community Christmas Concert which raised over £300 split between the Parish Hall, the Band and the Choir.

Well done to everyone involved – Great to see the community working together. A marvellous effort!



### **ALPHA COURSE**

**A practical introduction to the Christian Faith**

**commences on**

**WEDNESDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY**

**at 7.30 pm**

**with an Alpha Supper at the  
EMPRESS HOTEL**

**then each Wednesday in the  
Meeting Room at  
The Archibald Knox, Onchan**

**Details from:**

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### **ONCHAN HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY**

Wednesday, 14<sup>th</sup> February, 2007 at 7.45 pm in the Parish Hall – join us in what promises to be a very interesting evening.

It starts with a very short AGM, which is followed by an amazing film show of Neil Corlett and Jude Needham's mountain hiking across an almost unknown part of this world, up to 12,000 ft, mountains, valleys, and tiny isolated villages which lie between S. Russia and China, across Uzbekistan to Pakistan.

Margaret Corlett

**The PCC have agreed that the  
Charitable Giving for 2006  
be distributed as follows:**

	£
Church Mission Society	850
Scripture Union	500
Onchan Live at Home Scheme	500
Naaman Trust	300
Onchan Endowment Fund	250
St. Luke's Hospital for the Clergy	250
Bible Society	250
Gideons	250
Community Minibus	250
David Gray House	250
Victim Support	250
Women's Refuge	250
IoM Adoption Society	250
SNHS 4CIU (St Ninians High School for Children in Uganda)	250
Salvation Army Toy Appeal	150
CRUSE	100
Mannifest	100
Bishops Diocesan Fund (Confirmation)	333
Royal British Legion (Remembrance)	524
Onchan Scouts/Guides (Civic Service)	396
Onchan Live at Home (Week of Prayer Service)	127
Christian Aid (Harvest)	731
Children's Society (Christingle)	576
Biblelands (Manx Christmas Star)	82

A total of £7,769 donated in 2006 which includes £2,768.95 special collections at various services.

**LENT**

Begins with our **ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE** of Holy Communion, Ashing and Anointing on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> February at 7.30 pm and continues with our weekly **LENT MEETINGS** to which we invite our friends from the Methodist Church and St. Anthony's, and anyone else who would like to join us.

We will be meeting on Tuesdays from 27<sup>th</sup> February in St. Peter's Church at 7.30 pm and we will be using the York Course Material which this year is linked with the 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Abolition of Slavery.

The course, of 5 sessions, is entitled: Can we build a better world?

Course booklets will be available shortly.

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**THE LENT LUNCHESES** will begin on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> February. (Please note: in the week beginning 12<sup>th</sup> March the Lent Lunch will be on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> March, following a Mothers' Union Deanery Coffee Morning in the Hall).

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**FISS** begins this month on February 11<sup>th</sup> – pronounced fizz – which means Family in Sunday School.

The idea is that every two months parents/grandparents are invited to join with their children in the Hall for an All-Age gathering that will include worship, teaching, prayer, creative activity, etc.

**Please pray for this venture.**

(Please note: the Sunday afternoon All-Age Service will continue as normal)



RON SAGHEY CREE VANNIN  
EXPLORING THE HEART OF MANN  
19<sup>TH</sup> - 26<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2007

COME AND CELEBRATE THE LAUNCH OF  
PRAYING THE KEEILLS 2007.

THE CATHEDRAL 17<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2007  
AT 5.00 p.m.

ALL ARE MOST WELCOME

[www.prayingthekeeills.org](http://www.prayingthekeeills.org)

### PHYSICAL EXERCISE

Doctors tell us "Physical Exercise is good for you".

We know we should do it, but somehow don't find time. So how about this easy daily programme that you can do anywhere.

- MONDAY:** Beat around the bush. Jump to conclusions.  
Climb the walls. Wade through paperwork.
- TUESDAY:** Drag your heels. Push your luck. Make mountains out of molehills. Hit the nail on the head.
- WEDNESDAY:** Bend over backwards. Jump on the bandwagon.  
Balance the books. Run around in circles.
- THURSDAY:** Blow your own trumpet. Climb the ladder of success. Pull out the stops. Add fuel to the fire.
- FRIDAY:** Open a can of worms. Put your foot in your mouth.  
Start the ball rolling. Go over the edge.
- SATURDAY:** Pick up the pieces.
- SUNDAY:** Rest your weary bones.

**TICKETS (ONLY 80) ARE AVAILABLE NOW:**

You are invited to celebrate an  
**ITALIAN EVENING**

Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> April  
(Doors open 7 pm for 7.30 pm)

at

**ONCHAN PARISH HALL**  
Royal Avenue



**Italian Wine**

**Mouthwatering Food**  
(Vegetarian option available on booking)  
**4 Courses**

**Marvellous Entertainment**  
(Incl. the 'Manx' Three Tenors)

**Quiz on Arrival**

**Italian Themed Raffle**

**Tickets £20**

**Proceeds in aid of Onchan Parish Hall**

Tickets available from  
Jane at the Parish Office, Church Road, Onchan, IM3 1BF  
(cheques payable to Onchan Parish Hall) or telephone 675797 –  
Elaine 624910 – Mildred 625349 – Joan 622379