

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
All Age Worship:	2 nd Sunday of each month (in the Parish Hall, Royal Avenue)	4.00 pm

Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals – By arrangement.

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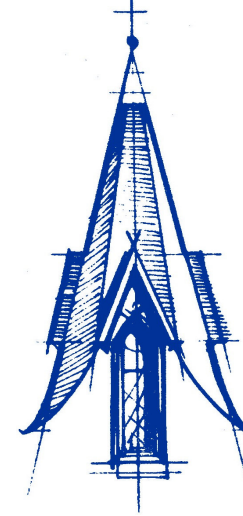
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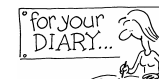
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Monthly Review January 2007



*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,

I recently came across a book with the title '99 things to do between here and heaven'. The purpose of the book was to encourage growth in our spiritual lives that we may live more effective Christian lives in the world.

Some of the ideas in the book are traditional Christian activities such as fasting for a day, or reading a gospel in one go. Some are more edgy, such as going on a protest march, or finding out about another religion. Listed on a scale of extremity, lighting a candle rates 'one', giving blood is a 'two', planning your own funeral scores 'three', writing to a prisoner on death row is a 'four', and visiting the Holy Land rates 'five'.

The beginning of the New Year is an opportunity for us to reflect upon our spiritual lives and how we might deepen our relationship with God and become more effective agents of his grace.

The danger is that we are comfortable as we are, and we don't like change. We prefer to stay within our comfort zone.

If we are serious about our faith, and if our hearts are on fire with love for the Lord, then this is not an option. This doesn't mean that we suddenly rush out and do all sorts of things for the Lord. It is much better to do one or two things well than simply run round in ever increasing circles.

What could we do that we haven't done before?

For some it may be going on a Christian retreat or reading a Christian book once a month. Perhaps we could purchase the New Daylight Bible Reading notes, join a Key Group, invite someone to Alpha or the Men's Breakfast. Volunteer to do a job in Church.

Decide on one thing and do it. If you are a busy person already then decide which activities you could give up in order to focus on one or two things.

Whatever we choose to do the important thing is to remain in tune with God through regular worship, and prayer and the reading of the scriptures. This helps us to be open to listening to God but we also need to have an ear for other people.

We can learn what God wants us to do by listening to what others have to say, and they don't necessarily have to be Christians.

DIARY for January

1 st	Mon		
2 nd	Tue		
3 rd	Wed	10.30 am	Holy Communion
		7.30 pm	Key Group/Cell Group Leaders - Vicarage
4 th	Thurs	7.30 pm	Sunday School Team Meeting
5 th	Fri		
6 th	Sat		
7 th	Sun	6.30 pm	Epiphany Praise Service – Church
8 th	Mon	10.15 am	Peter Bear Club – Parish Hall
		7.45 pm	Key Group – 2 Wentworth Close
9 th	Tue	7.30 pm	Key Group (1)
		7.30 pm	Key Group (2)
10 th	Wed	10.30 am	Holy Communion
		7.30 pm	Key Group
		7.30 pm	Cell Group
11 th	Thurs	7.30 pm	Vicar & Wardens Meeting – Parish Office
12 th	Fri	1.30 pm	Mums & Tots – Parish Hall
13 th	Sat		
14 th	Sun	4.00 pm	All Age Worship – Parish Hall
15 th	Mon	7.30 pm	Hall Management Comm – 78 Summerhill Rd
		7.45 pm	Key Group – 2 Wentworth Close
16 th	Tue	2.00 pm	Mothers' Union – Parish Hall
		7.30 pm	Key Group (1)
		7.30 pm	Key Group (2)
17 th	Wed	10.30 am	Holy Communion
		7.30 pm	Key Group
		7.30 pm	Cell Group
		8.00 pm	Ladies Fellowship – Parish Hall
18 th	Thurs	7.30 pm	PCC Meeting – Parish Office
19 th	Fri		
20 th	Sat		
21 st	Sun		
22 nd	Mon	10.15 am	Peter Bear Club – Parish Hall
23 rd	Tue	7.30 pm	Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Service – St. Anthony's Church, Onchan
24 th	Wed	10.30 am	Holy Communion
		7.30 pm	Cell Group
25 th	Thurs	7.30 pm	Evening Mothers' Union – Parish Hall
			Burns Night
26 th	Fri		
27 th	Sat	8.00 am	Men's Breakfast – Empress Hotel Speaker: The Lord Bishop Tickets: £10
28 th	Sun	3.00 pm	Holocaust Service – St. George's Church, Dgls
29 th	Mon	7.45 pm	Key Group – 2 Wentworth Close
30 th	Tue	2.00 pm	Mothers' Union – Parish Hall
		7.30 pm	Key Group (1)
		7.30 pm	Key Group (2)
31 st	Wed	10.30 am	Holy Communion
		7.30 pm	Key Group
		7.30 pm	Cell Group
		8.00 pm	Ladies Fellowship – Night out



The flower rota for January is as follows:

7 th		Mrs S. Reid
14 th		Mrs M. Burrows
21 st		Mrs J. Cretney
28 th		Mrs C. Sanders



**PRAYER DIARY
JANUARY, 2007**

7 th	The Alpha Course	Alberta Drive, Kerrocoar Drive, Royal Avenue, Auburn Rod
14 th	The Vicar	Royal Avenue West, Royal Court, Royal Terrace
21 st	The Other Churches in Onchan	Royal Drive, Belgravia Road, Imperial Terrace
28 th	The Sunday School	Bay View Road, Hague Crescent, Port Jack

PLEASE NOTE CLOSING DATE
FOR ITEMS TO BE INCLUDED IN NEXT REVIEW

22nd January, 2007

2007 PRAYER DIARY



The Prayer Diary for 2007 is now available at the back of Church – please take a copy.

Perhaps above all else we need to be bolder in showing and telling people we are Christians.

Let's not be ashamed of our faith, but remember it is not so much what we say but how we conduct our lives and how we treat others that makes the deepest impression.

Do people see Jesus in us, however dim the image or do they see someone who proclaims one thing and does another?

Let's nail our colours to the mast and demonstrate the power of Jesus' love to transform lives.

Wishing you all a Happy New Year.

Yours sincerely in Jesus' Name,

**WHOLENESS
&
HEALING
SERVICE**

**THURSDAY 8th FEBRUARY
at 7.30 pm**

**GUEST:
BISHOP GRAEME**

ADVANCE NOTICE

**Italian Evening
in aid of the Parish Hall
SATURDAY 14th APRIL, 2007**

Watch this space.

THE CHURCH AT CHRISTMAS

Grateful thanks go to all who provided flowers and arranged them in Church; to those who put up the Christmas trees, strung the lights and decorated the tree in Church; to those who provided decorations and to those who put the candles in place in readiness for our Christmas services. The Church looked beautiful ... so welcoming and festive. Not forgetting all those who helped prepare the Christingles, and served mulled wine and mince pies. Thank you.

and a very big thank you –

to the Sunday School, their leaders and helpers for such a wonderful Nativity Service, the many readers, our organist and the choir, under the direction of the choir mistress, who have sung so beautifully throughout the festive season.

CHRISTMAS COFFEE EVENING

A big thank you to Gordon Astill for organising a great Christmas Coffee Evening with carols and entertainment in aid of the Parish Hall Appeal and what a night it proved to be with the singing of traditional carols and superb entertainment – *and what entertainers* – a big thank you to them all!

Not forgetting everyone who donated cakes, raffle prizes, the mince pies and served the coffee. The ladies always do such a wonderful job in the kitchen. And last but not least a big thank you to everyone who supported the evening – *and have supported all the fund raisers for the hall during 2006*. To see everyone continuing to enjoy themselves so much while supporting the hall is just great!

CHRISTMAS FAYRE

A big thank you to everyone who helped make the Christmas Fayre, opened by Sheila Breffitt Hospice Chaplain, such a success. It takes a lot of effort from a lot of people but wasn't it worth it with over £1,350 split between the Parish Hall Appeal and the New Hospice Chapel.

Thank you to everyone for donating items for the stalls and for turning up and digging deep in such large numbers.

BEING SEEN IN THE COMMUNITY

From an idea that sprang from Tuesday Key Group (1) choir members and congregation joined the Vicar and the Key Group with music by Gordon and Wendy for Carol Singing at Heywood Court and outside Onchan Shoprite before Christmas.

Much fun was had by all. Indeed Heywood Court, who made us very welcome with refreshments have invited us back next year. Unfortunately the same wasn't true at Springfield Court where despite having been 'booked' several weeks earlier they apparently 'overdosed' on carols that day and no one turned up in the lounge at night. Better luck next time perhaps? However, they say there is a silver-lining to everything and it meant we started 'partying' earlier thanks to Hilda Blundell.

At Shoprite (thankfully dry but it was cold) we got a marvellous response from the shoppers where we were joined by representatives from PROJECT 21 (the building of a headquarters/social centre for all people with learning disability). Over both events the carol singing raised £250 for PROJECT 21.

Sometimes you know something special happens right out of the blue. We were just about to sing Away in a Manger and a young mother was asked before she went shopping could we 'borrow' her baby and you know what, the baby had been born on Christmas Day last year. A truly magical moment.

Thanks to everyone for helping out and singing their hearts out – perhaps an old tradition of carolling has now been revived!

THE DELIGHTS OF GETTING TO A CERTAIN AGE

Wendy Allan and Carole Bairstow recently celebrated their 60th birthdays in fine style with marvellous parties in the Parish Hall. Congratulations to both - such young looking pensioners and a big thank you for gifts in lieu of presents which in total raised £520 for the Parish Hall Appeal.

Thanks again to Wendy and Carole and to everyone who gave donations.

LADIES FELLOWSHIP

We all enjoyed a great evening on the 6th December – we all joined in the various quizzes and enjoyed the wonderful buffet prepared by all the members.

We meet in January on 17th for a Cookery Demo by Mrs M. Watterson.

Hazel Johnson

MOTHERS' UNION



Several members of St. Peter's MU joined the party travelling to York to attend a service of Thanksgiving and Celebration for the past six years of MU in the York Province.

What a wonderful occasion it was with over 2,500 MU members in York Minster, the singing, procession of banners and an uplifting sermon by Bishop Nigel McCulloch made it a truly memorable occasion.

St. Peter's MU played hosts to our Island Advent service at the beginning of December. It was a very wet and windy night but we were all warm and comfortable in church. Thank you to the ladies who did a sterling job in serving the refreshments at the end of the service. Our two groups have enjoyed their Christmas outings for lunch at the Hilton Hotel and dinner at the Welbeck Hotel. We look forward to the New Year programme.

How about inviting a friend along to a meeting?

Valerie Convery, Branch Leader

LEPROSY BOXES

If you have one of the boxes it is now due for opening. I would appreciate it if you could let me have your box or leave it at the back of Church or the Parish Office. Thank you.

Hazel Johnson

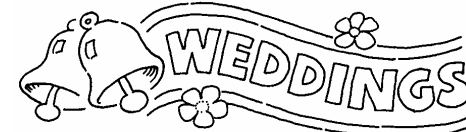
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BAPTISMS

26th November

Trinity Isobel Hebden

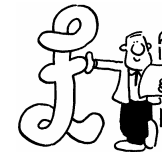


Saturday 9th December

Jamie Hanley & Kareena Purvis

Funerals

David McCann, Vera Beeley,
Alan James Quarrie, Patricia Yolande Farrar,
Lily Webb, Margaret Roberts, Frank Gawne Callow,
Jean Hartley, William Andrew Dobson,
Roy Leslie Goodchild



OFFERTORY

The offertory for November totalled £4,378.00 and was made up of £4,026.38 pledged giving and £351.62 of loose plate giving.

Royal British Legion £524.08

&

Bishop's Diocesan Fund £333.25

Thank you.

St. Peter's Parish Church



MEN'S BREAKFAST
SATURDAY 27TH JANUARY
SPEAKER: THE LORD BISHOP
TOPIC: "CHOOSE LIFE"
BREAKFAST AT 8 am
AT THE EMPRESS HOTEL
Tickets: £10

ALL AGE WORSHIP

SUNDAY
14th JANUARY
at 4 pm
in the Parish Hall

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR
CHRISTIAN UNITY
ECUMENICAL SERVICE
at
ST. ANTHONY'S CHURCH
at
7.30 pm
on
TUESDAY 23rd JANUARY



PETER BEAR CLUB

We will meet on Monday 8th and 22nd January
10.15am to 11.15am
in the Parish Hall, Royal Avenue, Onchan

ALL WELCOME



ALPHA COURSE

A practical introduction to the Christian Faith

commences on

WEDNESDAY 7TH 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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CAN YOU HELP – PLEASE?

A supply of T-towels from the Parish Hall have gone missing.
Perhaps you kindly took them to wash
and have not yet had time to return them.
Perhaps you have some new ones
you would like to donate to the Parish Hall.

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We are also looking for an  
Adjustable Piano Stool  
for the Parish Hall

Do you have one you no longer use?

If you can help  
please let Jane (675797) or Elaine (624910) know  
Thank you.