

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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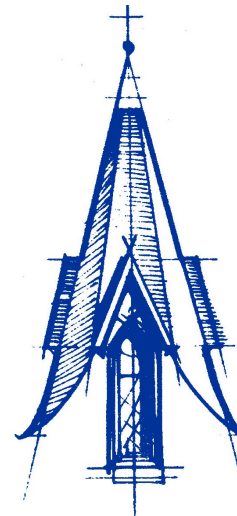
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*St. Peter's Parish Church
Kirk Onchan*

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



Dear Friends,

Recently I have been thinking how much we take for granted, especially on this lovely and peaceful island which is our home.

We assume that we will always have a job, a home to live in, money to spend, good health and the freedom to do as we wish but how often do we pause to give thanks?

It is easy to take the church for granted and many people do, including regular worshippers.

It is assumed that we will find the £90,000 a year or so to keep St. Peter's functioning. The Church is there for our baptisms, weddings and funerals and the Vicar is available on 24 hour call.

We may or may not contribute to the life of St. Peter's but we wish to see it continue.

Many people who profess to be Christians do little in terms of their Christian responsibility which includes belonging to and supporting the Church. When we live in a comfortable and peaceful environment and all seems to be going well for us we neglect the spiritual and become complacent.

What has led me to write in this vein is reading about Christians in Iraq. Many Christians (and others) have had to flee for their lives – over 3 million in total, a third of them Christian. Christians in some areas of Iraq are being offered the choice of converting to Islam or face death.

Going to Church is a hazardous occupation as we have heard from Canon Andrew White in St. George's Church, Baghdad. Eleven of his church leaders have been killed in the last year. Imagine this happening. Yet the Church is thriving and among its activities is the Alpha Course. There are five Alpha Courses running in Baghdad including one in Saddam Hussein's Palace.

Canon White writes: 'We hold some Alpha sessions in the Chapel of Saddam's Palace. The priest's chair in the chapel is very comfortable – it used to be Saddam's throne. The problem was that everyone wanted their picture taken in it, so eventually it had to be moved.'

One of the courses is in Spanish as many of the security guards are from

DIARY for June

1 st	Fri		
2 nd	Sat	3.30 pm	Renewal of Wedding Vows
3 rd	Sun	2.00 pm	Baptism: Joey Matthew Magee
4 th	Mon		
5 th	Tue		
6 th	Wed	10.30 am	Holy Communion - Church
7 th	Thurs		
8 th	Fri		
9 th	Sat		
10 th	Sun	2.00 pm	Baptism: Holly Amelia Roberts
		4.00 pm	All Age Worship – Parish Hall
11 th	Mon	10.15 am	Peter Bear Club – Parish Hall
		4.30 pm	Junior Confirmation Class – Parish Office
12 th	Tue	2.00 pm	Mothers' Union C'tee Meeting – Parish Office
		7.30 pm	Key Group 1 – 15 Lucerne Court
13 th	Wed	10.30 am	Holy Communion - Church
		6.45 pm	Wedding Preparation – Parish Office
		7.30 pm	Key Group – 76 King Edward Road
		7.30 pm	Cell Group – 16 Highfield Crescent
14 th	Thurs	7.00 pm	Pastoral Visitors - Vicarage
15 th	Fri	1.30 pm	Mums & Tots – Parish Hall
		7.30 pm	Teenage Group
16 th	Sat	3.00 pm	CMS Strawberry Tea – see advert in Review
17 th	Sun	2.00 pm	Baptisms: Grace Lily Gerrard, Lilia Thompson & Thomas Stephen George Babb
		7.30 pm	Choir Practice - Church
18 th	Mon	4.30 pm	Junior Confirmation Class – Parish Office
		7.30 pm	Hall Management C'tee–78 Summerhill Road
		7.30 pm	Adult Confirmation – Vicarage
		7.45 pm	Key Group – 2 Wentworth Close
19 th	Tue	7.30 pm	Key Group 1 -
20 th	Wed	10.30 am	Holy Communion – Church
		6.45 pm	Wedding Preparation – Parish Office
		7.30 pm	Cell Group – 40 Harcroft Avenue, Dgls
21 st	Thurs	7.30 pm	Vicar & Wardens – Parish Office
22 nd	Fri	1.30 pm	Mums & Tots – Parish Hall
23 rd	Sat	2.30 pm	Wedding: Barry Armstrong & Jacqueline Corlett
24 th	Sun	11.00 am	Sunday School Anniversary & Prize Giving followed by BBQ on Laxey Beach
		1.30 pm	Baptism: Ryan Stevie Dean Kermode
		3.00 pm	Heritage Service – Abbeylands Chapel
25 th	Mon		Peter Bear Club Outing on Steam Train
		4.30 pm	Junior Confirmation Class – Parish Office
		7.15 pm	Wedding Preparation – Parish Office
26 th	Tue	7.30 pm	Wholeness & Healing Service - Church
27 th	Wed	10.30 am	Holy Communion - Church
28 th	Thurs	7.45 pm	Evening Mothers' Union – Outing & Supper
29 th	Fri	1.30 pm	Mums & Tots – Parish Hall
		6.00 pm	FREE FOR ALL – Peel Cathedral – see advert
30 th	Sat	7.30 am	Island Wide Men's Breakfast – Hilton Hotel £10



The flower rota for June is as follows:

3 rd		Mrs L. Hulme
10 th	In Memory of Past Vicars	PCC
17 th		In Memory of Jennifer Corkhill
24 th		Mrs S. Lawrinson



PRAYER DIARY
JUNE, 2007

3 rd	Onchan Students away from home at University & College	Hillberry View, Clypse View, Briarfield Avenue, Laurel Avenue
10 th	People working in the Islands Emergency Services	Birch Hill Crescent, Hillcrest Grove, Hollydene Avenue
17 th	All Fathers in Onchan	Highfield Crescent, Highfield Close, Hazel Close
24 th	Peter Bear Club & Mums and Tots Group	Sunnybank Avenue, Seafield Crescent, Seafield Close



PETER BEAR CLUB

We will meet on Monday 11th and 25th June
10.15am to 11.15am
in the Parish Hall, Royal Avenue, Onchan

ALL WELCOME

South America. Another is for Asians, and there are two courses for the military.

God is doing wonderful things in the lives of many in Baghdad. He is bringing hope where there is no hope, writes Canon Andrew.

How we need to capture that same commitment and openness to the gospel here in our own country. We have the tendency to keep God at arms length so he doesn't interfere with our comfortable lives.

By the time you read these words we will have celebrated Pentecost and the outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

God is ready to pour out his Spirit into our hearts today but we need as individuals and as a Church to be open to such an outpouring and to be ready to be obedient to our Lord's commands.

At this time of year we witness new life all around us – trees in leaf, spring flowers, lambs frolicking in the fields – it's a joy to be alive.

But what greater joy than to see new life in God's Church. A life that flows like streams of living water into the world beyond the walls of the church.

Each of us can be channels of this new life or we can be the dry bones that Ezekiel saw.

Which is it to be?

Yours sincerely in Jesus' Name,

P.S. The recent Coffee and Croissant Morning raised £633.20 for St. George's Church, Baghdad.

MOTHERS' UNION



Our Annual Festival Service took place on a bright but cold sunny day. It was good to see Stella Vernon our past Provincial President at the Cathedral. Stella had flown in to support Helen Parry our new Diocesan President at her Commissioning Service. Several members from both our groups enjoyed the Vicar's Mystery Tour of Peel by minibus before we all gathered at the Hawthorn for tea.

The May day meeting was led by Jane in Valerie's absence and members greatly enjoyed a quiz after which they had tea and chat.

The Annual General Meeting came next for our second meeting of the month. We heard reports from Christine our Treasurer about our financial position. Christine also gave us news of our Indoor Members. Jane our Secretary took us back over the year recalling all we had done and the most interesting and informative things we had learned. Then it was Valerie's turn to give up to date information of Island events and the wider work of Mothers' Union. Voting was next: our Treasurer and Secretary were re-elected unopposed. The Committee with one retirement Mrs Gladys Gillett, who Valerie thanked for her work on the committee for a number of years, agreed to form the committee for the next year. After all the business of the afternoon everyone enjoyed a cream tea, served by the committee.

Due to Valerie's holiday the evening group only met for the Festival Service in April but are looking forward to joining Island members for a Quiet Evening on the 24th May at Cregnesh, and in June an Outing and Supper.

Valerie Convery, Branch Leader

LADIES FELLOWSHIP

The change of date for the business meeting must have been a bad move as so many of the members were unable to attend. Nothing has changed on the management team for the next year.

Our walk along the railway line was rained off but the supper at Dorothy's continued. Thanks to Dorothy and Jim for the hospitality.

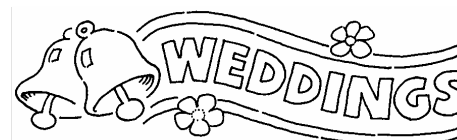
Hazel Johnson

FROM THE REGISTERS



6th May, 2007

Caitlin Alison Hughes
Harrison Callow
Jack Thomas Scambler



5th May, 2007

Stephen Peter Willoughby & Sharon Marie Massey

Funerals

John (Jack) Turpin, Lionel Victor Brooker,
Elsie Marriott, Richard Teare McKibbin,
Dennis William Wilkins



The offertory for April totalled £10,024.91 and was made up of £8,429.88 pledged giving and £1,595.03 of loose plate giving.

Thank you.

PLEASE NOTE CLOSING DATE

FOR ITEMS TO BE INCLUDED IN NEXT REVIEW

25th June, 2007

**SODOR AND MAN ASSOCIATION OF THE
CHURCH MISSION SOCIETY**

**Saturday 16th June
3 pm to 4.30 pm**

**A STRAWBERRY TEA
at**

Southwinds, Trolloby Lane, Union Mills.

TICKETS £3

&

FREE FOR ALL

**Manx School Children present the Story of the
Abolition of Slavery**

This is a creative Arts project to commemorate the bicentenary of the abolition of the slave trade in 1807, as well as exploring how we can fight slavery around the world today. They are working with Big Intent Theatre Company to put on drama workshops and performances in over 30 Cathedrals nationwide and in that time they will be working with some 12,000 young people and hundreds of schools.

**Friday 29th June
at 6 pm in St. German's Cathedral, Peel
ALL WELCOME**

**SUNDAY SCHOOL ANNIVERSARY
AND PRIZE-GIVING**

on 24th June at 11 am
followed by a BBQ at Laxey Beach.
*Anyone wishing to come along is asked to bring
something to cook/eat and drink.*

**ALL WELCOME
FOR SALE
GOOD QUALITY RUBBISH SACKS**

BARGAIN AT 20 FOR £1

Funds to Parish Hall
Available from the Parish Office.

COMING SOON

It is proposed to start an adult literacy class. For a variety of reasons it is possible to have left school having difficulties with Reading, Spelling and Writing. It is comparatively recent that it has been discovered that many students had the problem of dyslexia. The lessons will cover the basic skills of Reading, Spelling and Writing and will be largely phonic based. Built into the lessons will be help for dyslexics. The classes will lead on to life skills e.g. filling in forms or just the joy of reading a book.

The lessons will be non-threatening and fun. Over the last twelve months I have had to study two of the latest schemes for dyslexics. At present, I am using these schemes with pupils and am finding these effective.

If you know of anyone who would benefit from joining this class please get in touch with Jane at the Parish Office 675797 or me on 676643. The lessons will be free of charge.

Isobel Kelly

**WHOLENESS &
HEALING SERVICE**

**TUESDAY 26TH JUNE
at 7.30 pm**

ALL AGE WORSHIP

**SUNDAY 10TH JUNE
at 4 pm
in the Parish Hall**

PCC REPORT

The first meeting of the PCC following April's AGM was held on Thursday 10th May in Church and commenced with a short service of Holy Communion.

The Vicar opened the meeting by welcoming the two newly elected members and the one re-elected member. This was followed by the annual election of PCC officers. These are Jane Cretney - PCC Secretary, Peter Cory - Treasurer, Elaine Cory - Deputy Treasurer and Trevor Singleton - Vice Chairman.

Peter Cory reported that there had been little movement in the accounts since the AGM. It was noted however that there is a growing concern about increases in the amount of quota payment that we are required to pay to the Diocese. It was agreed that the PCC would write to the Board of Finance expressing concern about quota increases.

Plans for the 175th Anniversary in 2008 were discussed and these discussions will continue during the rest of this year.

The PCC agreed to consider the implementation of a local facility to assist with adult literacy. This would involve providing a service to members of the local community who might have difficulties with reading, writing, completing applications forms etc.

St Peter's will be holding another Barn Nativity service this year following the success of the 2005 event. There will be 2 services on Saturday 15th December at 4pm and 7pm.

It was agreed to hold another PCC Away Day at St Johns Mill on Saturday 6th October.

In the Warden's report Nigel Cretney reported that the security system in church had been upgraded and that there was now an emergency telephone installed on the church premises. He also reported that a request had been sent to the Highways Division of the DOT regarding much needed improvements to the car park entrance and pavement. Also the triennial inspection of the vicarage had highlighted the need to replace the porch which experiences severe damp problems. Planning permission is being sought to demolish the porch and replace it.

The Vicar reported that the Wholeness and Healing services were fulfilling a need and attendances were encouraging. The next services will be Tues 26 June, Wed 12 Sept and Thurs 15 Nov at 7.30pm.

The Vicar also reported:

- The Coffee and Croissant event in support of St Georges in Baghdad has raised over £600.
- Eric Foster, our Christian Aid Coordinator is handing over to Elizabeth Adams and Lynn Kinrade following this year's collection campaign during May.
- The Key Groups and Cell Group continue successfully and the Group leaders are meeting with the Vicar on 17th May to plan the sessions for the rest of the year.
- The Sunday School Prize Giving service will be held on Sunday 24th June followed by a barbeque at Laxey.
- On Fri 29 June, CMS will be working with local schools and are having a presentation in Peel Cathedral at 6pm. The theme is the Abolition of Slavery.

The Vicar asked the PCC if they were agreeable to providing Scripture Union booklets to all year 6 pupils at Onchan and Ashley Hill Primary Schools, as in the previous year. This booklet is a guide about the transition from primary to high school and proved successful with year 6 pupils last year. Agreed.

The next PCC meeting will be held in the Parish Office on Wednesday 25th July at 7.30 pm.

Elaine Litherland

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 13th – 19th May

The total donated by 22nd May was £2,633.06. Within that were the proceeds of the Christian Aid coffee morning on 19th May, organised by Mildred Cooper and her team of helpers, at her home, a donation of £474.65. Regrettably, some homes weren't collected from, but you could help this Haiti project up until 10th June. Our Government will match the Island's collection £1 for £1, up to £42,000. My personal thanks to everyone who helped, by giving, collecting, counting and in lots of other ways. I am especially grateful to Elizabeth Adams and Linda Kinrade, who are taking over as Christian Aid co-ordinators for St. Peter's.

Eric Foster

Our thanks to Eric for all he had done to promote and Co-ordinate Christian Aid at St. Peter's – Thank you Eric.

Vicar