

### Services at St Peter's

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

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*Onchan*

*IM3 1BF*

*Telephone No: 675797*

#### Licensed Reader:

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*Telephone Nos: 851060/496109 (mobile)*

#### Parish Clerk:

*Mrs Jane Cretney*

*Parish Office*

*Office Hours*

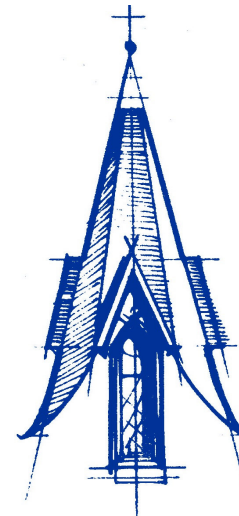
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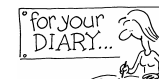
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# Monthly Review May 2007



*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,

In recent months the Church (at least in England) has spent much energy and spoken and written many words on homosexuality and on women Bishops.

Whilst these are important issues it is essential that they don't overshadow those things that bring misery to a large proportion of the world's population.

In the year 2000 leaders of the world's wealthiest nations set out a series of Millennium Development Goals with the promise to halve extreme poverty by 2015. This year marks the halfway stage and many of the goals are in danger of not being met. Various organisations have been applying pressure upon governments. One such body is the Micah Challenge – a coalition of Christian Charities that was set up in 2004 and is now a global network of churches and organisations across 32 countries. It takes its name from the Old Testament prophet Micah who wrote:

He has told you, O mortal, what is good;  
and what does the Lord require of you  
but to do justice, and to love kindness,  
and to walk humbly with your God? (Micah 6 v 8)

This year the Micah Challenge has initiated a 'Blow the Whistle' Campaign and is asking churches to obtain a white whistle (not a wrist band) from the Micah Challenge website and to blow it in their Church Services on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> May.

The idea is to challenge the government to fulfil its promises to the poorer nations and to expose where this is not happening. In the UK Blow the Whistle will focus on five key areas:

- Aids Treatment
- Water and Sanitation
- Climate Chaos
- Trade Justice
- Primary Education

This is not just a one-off campaign but is meant to challenge us to think about our lifestyles and our giving and the impact it has on the poorer people in the world.

We are not meant to be the rich man who ignored the poor man at his gate.

## DIARY for May

1 <sup>st</sup>	Tue	2.00 pm	Mothers' Union – Parish Hall
		7.30 pm	Key Group 2
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Wed	10.30 am	Holy Communion - Church
		7.30 pm	Key Group – 76 King Edward Road
		7.30 pm	Cell Group – 22 Devonshire Road, Douglas
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Thurs	2.00 pm	IOMAS – May Fair – St. Andrew's Church
		7.30 pm	Vicar & Wardens Meeting – Parish Office
		8.00 pm	Prayer Group – 4 Seaview Road
4 <sup>th</sup>	Fri	1.30 pm	Mums & Tots – Parish Hall
5 <sup>th</sup>	Sat	9.30 am	Coffee & Croissant Morning – Vicarage
		1.00 pm	Wedding: Stephen Willoughby & Sharon Massey
6 <sup>th</sup>	Sun	11.00 am	Haydock Male Voice Choir join us for Morning Prayer – Church
		2.00 pm	Baptisms: Harrison Callow, Caitlin Alison Hughes & Jack Thomas Scambler
7 <sup>th</sup>	Mon	7.45 pm	Key Group – 2 Wentworth Close
8 <sup>th</sup>	Tue	7.30 pm	Key Group 1 – 15 Lucerne Court
		7.30 pm	Key Group 2
9 <sup>th</sup>	Wed	10.30 am	Holy Communion – Church
		7.30 pm	Key Group – Dellbrae, Fairy Cottage, Laxey
		7.30 pm	Cell Group – 16 Highfield Crescent
		8.00 pm	Ladies Fellowship – Parish Hall
10 <sup>th</sup>	Thurs	7.30 pm	PCC – Holy Communion & Meeting - Church
11 <sup>th</sup>	Fri	1.30 pm	Mums & Tots – Parish Hall
		7.30 pm	Teenage Group – Parish Office
12 <sup>th</sup>	Sat		All Day Synod – Ballakermeen School
13 <sup>th</sup>	Sun		CHRISTIAN AID WEEK
		2.00 pm	Rogation Walk – see notice
		3.30 pm	Rogation Service & Picnic – see notice
			NO EVENING SERVICE
14 <sup>th</sup>	Mon	10.15 am	Peter Bear Club – Parish Hall
		7.45 pm	Key Group – 2 Wentworth Close
15 <sup>th</sup>	Tue	2.00 pm	Mothers' Union – Parish Hall
		7.30 pm	Key Group 1
		7.30 pm	Key Group 2
		7.30 pm	CMS AGM – St. Luke's Church
16 <sup>th</sup>	Wed	10.30 am	Holy Communion - Church
		7.00 pm	Ladies Fellowship Walk – Railway Line, Crosby Meet on Glen Darraugh Road
		7.15 pm	Wedding Preparation – Parish Office
		7.30 pm	Cell Group – 22 Devonshire Road, Douglas
17 <sup>th</sup>	Thurs	8.00 pm	Prayer Group – 4 Seaview Road
18 <sup>th</sup>	Fri	1.30 pm	Mums & Tots – Parish Hall
		7.30 pm	Chapter Court – Arbory Church
19 <sup>th</sup>	Sat		PRAYING THE KEEILLS WEEK
20 <sup>th</sup>	Sun	3.00 pm	Celtic Worship in Peel Castle
21 <sup>st</sup>	Mon	10.15 am	Peter Bear Club – Parish Hall
		7.45 pm	Key Group – 2 Wentworth Close
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Tue	7.30 pm	Key Group 1
		7.30 pm	Key Group 2

23 <sup>rd</sup>	Wed	10.30 am	Holy Communion - Church
		7.30 pm	Wedding Preparation – Parish Office
		7.30 pm	Cell Group – 7 Third Avenue, Onchan
24 <sup>th</sup>	Thurs	7.30 pm	Mothers' Union Quiet Evening – Cregnesh
25 <sup>th</sup>	Fri	1.30 pm	Mums & Tots – Parish Hall
26 <sup>th</sup>	Sat		
27 <sup>th</sup>	Sun	2.00 pm	Baptisms: Sinead Arianna Moore & Ruby Nicole Palmer
28 <sup>th</sup>	Mon		
29 <sup>th</sup>	Tue		
30 <sup>th</sup>	Wed	10.30 am	Holy Communion – Church
31 <sup>st</sup>	Thurs		



The flower rota for May is as follows:

6 <sup>th</sup>		Mrs I. Morrison
13 <sup>th</sup>		Mrs M. Kinley
20 <sup>th</sup>		Mrs L. Brown
27 <sup>th</sup>		Mrs M. Brownlow

**PRAYER DIARY**  
**MAY, 2007**



6 <sup>th</sup>	The Church Wardens & The Parish Clerk	Heywood Close, Heywood Drive, Heywood Grove, Heywood Way
13 <sup>th</sup>	Farming Community in Onchan	Lhon Dhoo Close, Lhon Vane Close
20 <sup>th</sup>	The Captain of the Parish	Birchley Terrace, Birchleigh Close, Birch Hill Gardens, Birch Hill Avenue
27 <sup>th</sup>	The Worship at St. Peter's	Birch Hill Grove, Birch Hill Close, Hillberry, Hillberry Road

Like Jesus we are meant to be compassionate and compassion is more than feeling its being moved to act.

It seems appropriate to raise this topic during the month of Christian Aid Week because here is one area where we can act. We can volunteer to help with the door-to-door collection and we can contribute.

We can raise issues with our government and keep the Overseas Aid Committee on its toes.

As a Church we can direct missionary giving to the areas of need and as individuals we can cut down on our carbon emissions. On our Island the One World Centre helps us to keep our eye on the ball and gives us opportunities to engage.

But as Christians we need to remember that the prime motivation for our acting should be the love of Christ and that we want others to know and experience his love for it is through him, and him alone, we believe, that we have a glorious future in God's Kingdom.

Yours sincerely in Jesus' Name,

*Malcolm Convery*



**PETER BEAR CLUB**

We will meet on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> May  
10.15am to 11.15am  
in the Parish Hall, Royal Avenue, Onchan

**ALL WELCOME**

Thank you for your generous Easter Offertory.  
It is much appreciated.

Vicar

## CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 13<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> MAY, 2007

It's that red envelope through the door-time again and so collectors from both St. Peter's Parish Church and the Methodist Church will be calling at homes in Onchan, as part of the joint effort by Isle of Man churches. You could be out there with us in the Christian outreach.

Please ring me soon to find out what's involved, as we need to be ready well before the 13<sup>th</sup>.

There will be a Christian Aid Week 'launch' service in St. George's Church, Douglas, at 6.30 pm on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> May – all will be welcome.

Eric Foster tel. 627425

## MOTHERS' UNION



Both groups joined together for our Holy Week service. The afternoon ladies heard something of Valerie's last six years as President of the Diocese at their second meeting of the month.

As I write, this myself and four other members of St. Peter's Mothers Union have just returned from a memorable day in York, where Lynne Tembey the Provincial President was commissioned by the Archbishop of York, Dr John Santamu. Despite the fog and rain we managed to return on the same day. Tomorrow is our Annual Festival Service at the Cathedral in Peel and there Helen Parry will be commissioned by the Lord Bishop to serve as Diocesan President for the next three years.

Valerie Convery, Branch Leader

## LADIES FELLOWSHIP

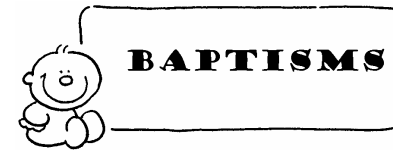
Laughter is the Best Medicine – the talk given by Mrs Elaine Christian certainly sent us home with sore sides from laughing at her tales during her nursing years. Life as You Tell It was a DIY night with the members revealing some of their personal secrets. It would appear that the greatest weakness of most members is chocolate!

The Beetle Drive – Quiz and Fish and Chip Supper (supplied by The Terrace Chippy, Douglas) was a good social evening.

Don't forget the Business Meeting is now 9<sup>th</sup> May.

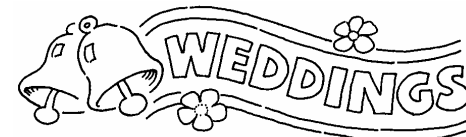
Hazel Johnson

## **FROM THE REGISTERS**



*15<sup>th</sup> April, 2007*

George Spencer Booth



*14<sup>th</sup> April, 2007*

Christopher Shaw & Louise Quirk

&

Anthony Peters & June Hynds

## **Funerals**

Brooklyn Janet Margaret Kneen,  
James Frederick Jenkins, Eric Whitfield Moffitt,  
Tony Hall, Dorothy Kate Tatchell, William Russell



The offertory for March totalled £10,022.83 and was made up of £7,376.49 pledged giving and £2,646.34 of loose plate giving.

Thank you.



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EXPLORING THE HEART OF MANN

**IT'S THIS MONTH! – PRAYING THE KEEILLS WEEK**

19<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> MAY 2007

Do you have a leaflet for the events?  
Do you have a Celtic Daily Prayer Booklet?  
Do you have a copy of the DVD showing keeills on the Island?

To get the very best out of the week make sure you have all the information.

To receive a leaflet, prayer booklet and/or DVD

**AVAILABLE IN CHURCH**

or please go to the website or telephone 622108 and order soon.

**DON'T MISS OUT ON THIS WONDERFUL EVENT!**

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

**ONCHAN HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY**

On Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> May, the society is holding its Plant Sale Coffee Morning, where you can buy bedding plants, cakes and Bring & Buy Stall. Admission £1.

How about a breakfast Croissant at The Vicarage first, then rush around to buy your spring plants afterwards? Open 10am to 12 noon.

**ROGATION**

We shall celebrate Rogation Sunday with a walk, an open-air service and a picnic on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> May.

Meet on the car park near the Conrhenny Equestrian Centre at 2pm for the Walk, 3.30 pm for the Service. Bring a picnic tea.

**PLEASE NOTE: IF WET CANCELLED**



*St. Peter's Parish Church  
Coffee & Croissant Morning  
in the  
Vicarage*

*Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> May, 2007  
from 9.30 am to 11.30 am*

*Tickets only £1*

*Cake Stall  
Raffle  
Bring & Buy Stall*

*Proceeds in aid of  
St. George's Church, Baghdad*

**LENT LUNCHES**

Thank you for supporting our Lent Lunches this year. The money we have raised has been given to the following:

The Isle of Man Poppy Appeal  
Craig's Heart Strong Foundation  
The Salvation Army  
The Isle of Man Children's Centre  
The Parish Hall

**CONFIRMATION**

A reminder, to hand your names in to the Vicar (young people and adults), if you are considering being Confirmed or Renewing your Baptismal Vows on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> July.

Preparation groups will meet shortly.

*HAYDOCK MALE VOICE CHOIR*

*are joining us*

*on*

*Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> May*

*for our*

*11.00 am Morning Prayer Service*

**SATURDAY 19TH MAY**

**ORGAN CRAWL**

**11am - The Abbey Church, Ballasalla**

**12 noon - Port Erin Methodist Church**

**1pm - Lunch at Breagle Glen Pavilion**

**2.30pm - King William's College**

**No Admission charges - retiring donations only**

**Non Members welcome**

**Enquiries to the Secretary on 833725/462221**

**ANNUAL VESTRY AND PAROCHIAL MEETINGS**  
**HELD ON THURSDAY 19<sup>th</sup> APRIL, 2007**

**RESULTS OF ELECTIONS**

**THE CHURCH WARDENS**

to serve the Parish of Onchan for the forthcoming  
year are-

Mr Peter George CORY  
Mr Anthony Nigel CRETNEY  
Mr Trevor SINGLETON  
Mr Malcolm Joseph TURNER

**PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL**

Mrs Katherine DAVIS,  
Mr Phil LITHERLAND and  
Mrs Christine TURNER

have been elected to serve for a three year term on  
the  
Parochial Church Council.

**PLEASE NOTE CLOSING DATE**

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

***21st May, 2007***

## STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

Following my in depth report in the March Review I have to advise that it has resulted in, to date, an overall increase in pledged giving of £7,352 pa, giving an annual total of pledged giving of £66,955.67 pa. Out of a total number of 173 existing contributors to stewardship 33 families have increased their giving and I have received 3 new pledges.

It is disappointing that more people have not been able to increase and I don't believe that everyone appreciates how much difference £1, £2 or £3 per week makes when it is multiplied by 100. Nevertheless the interim increases are most welcome and the additional annual income that they will generate is gratefully received. This will help to cover more of our expenses for the next 2 years. I do, of course, appreciate that everyone is not in a position to increase their giving and my thanks, as always, go to all those who give regularly. However, if anyone is still considering an increase in their giving please let me know.

A decision has also been made by the PCC for a plate collection to be taken at all Family Services commencing in May which, hopefully, will boost our loose plate collection total. Obviously there is no obligation for those already participating in the Stewardship scheme to make any additional contribution.

In summary then, total pledged giving now stands at £66,955.67 pa and loose plate collections at say £14,000 pa will produce overall giving for 2007 and 2008 of around £81,000 pa. However, with ordinary running costs anticipated to rise above £100,000 during this period it always brings me back to the same conclusion which is the paramount importance of Stewardship and the need to cover annual commitments from this source.

Peter G Cory, Hon Treasurer

## PARISH HALL – 'Buon Appetito'

The gondola. The moonlight shimmering on the water. No lost luggage. No flight delays. Indeed no flight at all. But wow we really are in Italy – they'd even managed the heat!

With the hall – *sorry the restaurant* – decked out with Italian flags, bunting, posters, beautiful floral arrangements – even a statue in a 'fountain' the scene was set for a truly memorable evening. And wasn't it so.

From the quiz on arrival (or was it the wine?), to the mouth-watering food, to the marvellous entertainment organised by Wendy McDowell, to the Italian themed raffle everyone seemed to have such a fantastic time – with a few laughs thrown in as well!

Weren't the three tenors simply magnificent – Peter Cringle, Michael Corkhill and Simon Bampton – close your eyes and you could have been anywhere in Italy. Not forgetting Helen Prescott – a real treat. Whilst of the 'Three Lesser Tenors' what can you say but – "Tiramisu, Tiramisu, Tiramisu or perhaps the Panna Cotta or maybe the Amaretto".

And not just a great night out but we (and I mean everyone) managed to raise after expenses nearly £1,400 towards the Parish Hall – quite staggering. A big thank you must go to the 'committee', Jamies Kitchen who supplied the main course, Wendy and the entertainers, the Vicar and Valerie, the 'washer-uppers', to you all who made it such a marvellous night and to those who stayed behind to help clear up. And no its not true – we're not opening a restaurant every Saturday night. But watch this space!

ISLE OF MAN ADOPTION SOCIETY

**MAY FAIR**

**THURSDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> MAY 2007**

**2 to 4 PM**

**at**

**ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, DOUGLAS**

**VARIOUS STALLS & RAFFLES**

**TICKETS £2.50 incl. Afternoon Tea**



## THE BISHOP WRITES May 2007

As I write this, the House of Keys is in session debating the new Constitution Bill. As we have come to expect in such a bill, there is a clause proposing the removal of the Lord Bishop's vote. At the same time, within the diocese, the Vacancy in See Committee is preparing to play its part in the process which will eventually produce a new bishop for Sodor and Man. Clearly, the decisions of one will impact on the other.

The retiring bishop has no formal part to play in the choice of his successor. You might say, "Thank the Lord for small mercies!" I thought it sensible, though, to look at the "job description" for a bishop given in the ordination service, so that this may inform our prayers as we hold before God those who must make the choice of a new pastor for Sodor and Man.

The Ordinal says:

*Bishops are called to serve and care for the flock of Christ. Mindful of the Good Shepherd, who laid down his life for his sheep, they are to love and pray for those committed to their charge, knowing their people and being known by them. As principal ministers of word and sacrament and stewards of the mysteries of God, they are to preside at the Eucharist and to lead the offering of prayer and praise. They are to feed God's pilgrim people, and so build up the Body of Christ.*

*They are to baptise and confirm, nurturing God's people in the life of the Spirit, and leading them in the way of holiness. They are to foster and discern the gifts of the Spirit in all who follow Christ, commissioning them to minister in his name. They are to preside over the ordination of deacons and priests, and join in the ordination of bishops.*

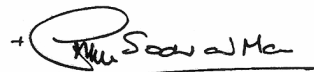
*As chief pastors, it is their duty to share with their priests the oversight of the Church, speaking in the name of God, and interpreting the gospel of salvation. With the Shepherd's love, they are to be merciful, but with firmness; to minister discipline, but with compassion; they are to have a special care for the poor, the outcast and the needy, declaring the absolution and forgiveness of sins to those who turn to Christ.*

*Following the example of the apostles and prophets, they are to proclaim the gospel boldly, confront injustice and work for righteousness and peace in the world.*

The ordination service ends with this prayer for the newly ordained bishop, said by the whole congregation:

**Encourage the faithful,  
restore the lost,  
build up the Body of Christ.**

I commend the members of the House of Keys and of the Vacancy in See Committee to your prayers!

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## HUMOROUS STORY

Sitting on the side of an American highway waiting to catch speeding drivers, a State police officer sees a car pattering along at 22 MPH. He thinks to himself, "This driver is just as dangerous as a speeder!" So he turns on his lights and pulls the driver over. Approaching the car, he notices that there are five old ladies--two in the front seat and three in the back--wide-eyed and white as ghosts. The driver, obviously confused, says to him, "Officer, I don't understand, I was doing exactly the speed limit! What seems to be the problem?" "Ma'am," the officer replies, "you weren't speeding, but you should know that driving slower than the speed limit can also be a danger to other drivers." "Slower than the speed limit? No sir, I was doing the speed limit exactly 22 miles an hour!" the old woman says a bit proudly.

The officer, trying to contain a chuckle explains to her that "22" was the highway number, not the speed limit. A bit embarrassed, the woman grinned and thanked the officer for pointing out her error.

"But before I let you go, ma'am, I have to ask, is everyone in this car okay? These women seem awfully shaken and they haven't muttered a single peep this whole time," the officer asks. "Oh, they'll be all right in a minute officer. We just got off Highway 119."