

### 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>Sunday Praise:</b>	As advertised (in the Parish Hall, Royal Avenue)	4.00pm

**Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals – By arrangement.**

#### Vicar:

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*The Vicarage*

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Parish Clerk: Mrs Jane Cretney

Parish Office

Office Hours

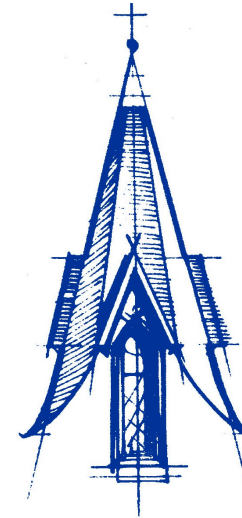
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# Monthly Review May 2009



*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,

This month we celebrate the Feast of Pentecost – the birthday of the Church.

Many of us have been churchgoers for several years, so much so, that we can forget why we go to church. Our reasons may include: we enjoy it, we find it helpful, we want to worship the Lord and grow in our knowledge of him. But church is not the be all and end all, for we come to go.

Jesus said: “Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest” (Matthew 11 v 28).

He also said: “Go and make disciples of all nations” (Matthew 28 v 19).

Our engagement with church should equip us for engagement with the world beyond the church.

Going to church is easy compared with living the Christian life and witnessing to the Lord in our daily lives. We tend to keep them separate whereas they should go hand in hand. There is a great deal of comfort to be found in the surroundings of a familiar church and worshipping in a familiar liturgy. There is nothing wrong with this if it helps us to draw closer to the Lord. But the Lord draws us closer to himself in order to send us away from himself to be his witnesses in the world.

As a Church we need to do our best in nurturing faith through worship, prayer and preaching but we also need to equip people to serve the Lord beyond the church walls – this is an area where we may need help. A newly appointed mission advisor will be taking up their appointment in a month or two and this person could be invaluable to our churches. We also eagerly await the Bishop’s recommendation following the advice he has received from the Mission and Ministry Commission. Things are going to change and need to change.

We need to break down the walls of our churches – there are too many barriers to people wanting to come in and too many hindering our movement out. Someone once suggested we should build churches with glass walls and wide open doors. Indeed many modern churches have glass fronts leading into a cafe/restaurant with a worship area beyond. There is something to be said for this.

## DIARY for May, 2009

1 <sup>st</sup>	Fri	1.30 pm	Mums & Tots – Parish Hall
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Sat		
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Sun	2.00 pm	Baptisms: Benjamin Harris Castle, William Byron Corris and Molly Megan Hinds
4 <sup>th</sup>	Mon		
5 <sup>th</sup>	Tue	2.00 pm	Mothers’ Union – Parish Hall
		7.30 pm	Licensing of Rev. Mark Wolverson at All Saint’s
6 <sup>th</sup>	Wed	10.30 am	Holy Communion – Church
		8.00 pm	Ladies Fellowship – Parish Hall
7 <sup>th</sup>	Thurs	10.00 am	Mothers’ Union Quiet Day at Sulby
8 <sup>th</sup>	Fri	1.30 pm	Mums & Tots – Parish Hall
9 <sup>th</sup>	Sat	1.00 pm	Footsteps Social Walking Group – Colby Leave church car park at 1pm.
10 <sup>th</sup>	Sun	2.00 pm	Baptisms: Daisy-May Bignell & Ruby Louise Elizabeth Skillen
		6.30 pm	Christian Aid Week Launch Service – Trinity
		7.30 pm	BUZZ – Treasure Hunt - Vicarage
11 <sup>th</sup>	Mon	10.15 am	Peter Bear Club – Parish Hall
		2.00 pm	Salvation Army Ladies Rally – Citadel
		7.00 pm	Wedding Preparation (1) – Parish Office
12 <sup>th</sup>	Tue	7.00 pm	Vicar & Wardens Meeting – Parish Office
13 <sup>th</sup>	Wed	10.30 am	Holy Communion – Church
		7.30 pm	Key Group Leaders – Vicarage
14 <sup>th</sup>	Thurs		
15 <sup>th</sup>	Fri	1.30 pm	Mums & Tots – Parish Hall
		7.30 pm	Synod – Ramsey Grammar School
16 <sup>th</sup>	Sat		
17 <sup>th</sup>	Sun	1.30 pm	Baptism: Poppy Belle Gerrard
		3.00 pm	Rogation Service at Abbeylands Chapel (outdoors)
18 <sup>th</sup>	Mon	10.15 am	Peter Bear Club – Parish Hall
		7.30 pm	Wedding Preparation (2) – Parish Office
19 <sup>th</sup>	Tue	2.00 pm	Mothers’ Union AGM – Parish Hall
		7.30 pm	Mothers’ Union – Prison Governor Alison Gomme Tickets £5 incl. supper at St. Johns
20 <sup>th</sup>	Wed	6.00 pm	Footsteps Social Walking Group – St. Marks Leave church car park at 6pm prompt.+
21 <sup>st</sup>	Thurs	10.30 am	Ascension Day Holy Communion - Church
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Fri	1.30 pm	Mums & Tots – Parish Hall
			EMU & BUZZ – Rushen Abbey Keeills Week supper , candlelit pilgrimage and worship.
23 <sup>rd</sup>	Sat		
24 <sup>th</sup>	Sun	1.30 pm	Baptisms: Thomas Adam Price & Abigail Hope Sayle-Lowes
		3.00 pm	Civic Service - Church
25 <sup>th</sup>	Mon	7.30 pm	Wedding Preparation (3) – Parish Office
26 <sup>th</sup>	Tue	7.30 pm	Wardens Chapter Court – St. Paul’s, Ramsey
27 <sup>th</sup>	Wed	10.30 am	Holy Communion – Church
28 <sup>th</sup>	Thurs	7.30 pm	PCC Holy Communion & Meeting - Church
29 <sup>th</sup>	Fri	1.30 pm	Mums & Tots – Parish Hall
30 <sup>th</sup>	Sat		
31 <sup>st</sup>	Sun	11.00 am	Pentecost Open-Air Service – Village Green
		2.00 pm	Baptisms: Drew Paul Hill & Jamie Ethan Gibson

**THANK YOU** to all who contributed so generously to the Easter Offertory. Your generosity is much appreciated.

Vicar



The flower rota for May, 2009 is as follows:

3 <sup>rd</sup>		Mrs I. Morrison
10 <sup>th</sup>		Mrs M. Kinley
17 <sup>th</sup>	In Memory	Brown Family
24 <sup>th</sup>		Mr H. Duff
31 <sup>st</sup>		Mrs L. Hulme



**PRAYER DIARY**  
**MAY 2009**

3 <sup>rd</sup>	The Churchwardens & The Parish Clerk	Heywood Close, Heywood Drive, Heywood Grove, Heywood Way
10 <sup>th</sup>	People involved in Charity Work	Lhon Dhoo Close, Lhon Vane Close
17 <sup>th</sup>	Farming Community in Onchan	Birchley Terrace, Birchleigh Close, Birch Hill Gardens, Birch Hill Avenue
24 <sup>th</sup>	The Members of the PCC	Birch Hill Grove, Birch Hill Close, Hillberry, Hillberry Road.
31 <sup>st</sup>	Onchan Students away from home at University & College	Hillberry View, Clypse View, Briarfield Avenue, Laurel Avenue

There are many challenges ahead, not least re-ordering our buildings or in some cases abandoning them for more suitable premises. This would be a bold move but some denominations on our Island have already moved beyond their original church building into schools for example. Perhaps there are lessons to learn here!

May we offer ourselves afresh to God in worship and prayer and seek his guidance as we face a challenging future.

Yours sincerely in Jesus' Name,

**Malcolm Convery**

Vicar

**MOTHERS' UNION**



We had waited two years to get our Lenten speaker, Mrs Sheila Davies, (Sheila's health had prevented her from coming). Well, wasn't the wait worth it? Her faith in her Lord just shone in her singing, her music, and the stories she shared with us. Thank you Sheila for an afternoon we will not forget for a long time. Holy Week saw us in church for a service of Holy Communion.

The Festival Service was back to being held in the afternoon and members from both groups joined members from across the Island for the service. Joan Callister carried the banner for St. Peter's this year. The speaker at the service was Jean Price, Head of Marketing for Mothers' Union. Jean spoke on the theme for 2009 – 'The Cost of Relationships'. After a cup of tea and a chat with friends in the Corrin Hall, it was off to the Glen Helen for tea.

Dates for your diary:

Quiet Day – 7<sup>th</sup> May at Sulby 10am to 3 pm (bring packed lunch)  
Talk by Alison Gomme, Prison Governor on 19<sup>th</sup> May at St. John's tickets £5 including supper – see Valerie for tickets.

Valerie Convery, Branch Leader

Oh La La!



*Following the success of the Italian and American Evenings why not come and join us for -*

**‘A NIGHT IN PARIS’**

*‘Une Nuit Paris’*

**Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> July**

**in Onchan Parish Hall**

**TICKETS ON SALE SOON**

#### LADIES FELLOWSHIP

Our only meeting in April was the Heart Start demonstration given by Mike Ferguson, Wyn Kewley and team. We watched a video on what to do and then we all ‘had a go’ resuscitating ‘Ann’. I know we all learnt something which will help us to assist in a heart attack situation if needed in the future. We were also shown how to dislodge something stuck in the throat, causing choking in both children and adults. Our final meeting is on the 6<sup>th</sup> May – this is the business meeting and supper.

Hazel Johnson

#### PASTORAL VISITORS

Is God calling you to be a Pastoral Visitor for St. Peter’s?

Is this something you feel you could do?

If so please have a word with the Vicar. It would involve some basic training but it is a task well worth doing and many people have appreciated the visits.

## **FROM THE REGISTERS**



*5<sup>th</sup> April, 2009*

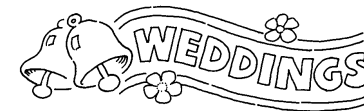
Isabella Grace Edwards & Deane Corlett-Aspell

*15<sup>th</sup> April, 2009*

Preston David Anderson

*26<sup>th</sup> April, 2009*

Lex James Johnston & Darcey Florence Astall



*18<sup>th</sup> April, 2009*

Simon John Wood & Nicola Cubbon

Adam Smith & Sharon Devereau

## **Funerals**

John Haydn Taylor

(Baby) Jasmine Olivia Sharples



The offertory for March totalled £12,893.75 and was made up of £10,104.55 pledged giving and £2,789.20 of loose plate giving.

Thank you.

#### EASTER FLOWERS

A very big thank you to all those who very generously supplied and arranged the beautiful flowers in Church for Easter – they really do give off their money, time and talent. Not forgetting those who contributed towards the cost of the flowers. How bare our church would look without their generosity and the unstinting efforts of a very talented team of flower arrangers. Let us hope none of us take them for granted!

***THE FOOTSTEPS  
SOCIAL WALKING GROUP***



.....follow in the footsteps of many others as we walk the highways and byways of our beautiful Island home.

Enjoy the company, the sun on your back (hopefully only a few drops of rain!), the wind in your hair, the breathtaking scenery, the occasional slurp of wine, a meal, a picnic – the key words are social and enjoy!

The **FIRST WALK** – down South **SATURDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> MAY**. A gentle stroll (about 4 miles) from the coast at Limekiln Farm to Colby, Colby Glen and Scholaby – returning via Kentraugh (the old mill is open that day). **Assemble at St. Peter's Church car park at 1 pm**. Don't be put off if you don't have transport – book in with Nigel (496109), Elaine (416669) or Peter (496395). Hopefully there'll be spare car seats. If you have a car and a spare seat or two please let Nigel, Elaine or Peter know – *Thank you*.

The **NEXT WALK** – *The Keeills Week* – **WEDNESDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> MAY**. Leaving the church car park at 6 pm *prompt* for the walk from St. Mark's Church at 6.30 pm to Broogh Fort (about 4 miles). Book in with Nigel, Elaine or Peter.

**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY –**

**TUESDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> JUNE** – *the evening down north*. Maughold Head, Port-e-Vullen and Gob ny Rona.

**SATURDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> JUNE** – *a gentle Saturday afternoon in Union Mills, Glen Vine and Trollaby followed by a BBQ*.

**THURSDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> JULY** – *the evening out west*. Glen Mooar, Spooyt Vane and Glen Wyllin. Possibly a slurp and something to eat.

**SATURDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> JULY** – *Abbeylands and Baldwin in the afternoon*.  
**FOR MORE WALKS WATCH THIS SPACE!**

**INCLEMENT WEATHER** – *if in doubt check with Nigel, Elaine or Peter*.

**REMEMBER THE KEY WORDS ....**

**'SOCIAL AND ENJOY'** – *Why not bring a friend or two!*

**OUTDOOR ROGATION SERVICE**

on  
**SUNDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> MAY**  
at  
**ABBEYLANDS CHAPEL**  
at  
**3 pm**

**ONCHAN COMMISSIONERS  
CIVIC SERVICE**

on  
**SUNDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> MAY**  
in  
**ST. PETER'S PARISH CHURCH**  
at  
**3 pm**

**LENT LUNCHES**

These have been well supported again this year.

A very big thank you to all those who have helped in any way (setting up the hall, making soup and desserts, kitchen staff, washing up, 'front of house', clearing up, etc.).



The money raised will be given to the following:

The Isle of Man Adoption Society  
Robert Owen House  
Crossroads Carers (I.O.M.)  
The Parish Hall  
The Community Minibus  
The Hyperbaric Chamber



*St. Peter's Parish Church*

## A CELEBRATION OF PENTECOST

*(The Coming of the Holy Spirit)*



on  
**SUNDAY 31<sup>st</sup> May, 2009**  
at **11.00 am**

on the  
**VILLAGE GREEN**  
*(If wet in St. Peter's Parish Church)*

**EVERYONE WELCOME**

### ANOTHER 'A PEAL !' FOR BELL RINGERS!



Is there anyone (male or female) who would be willing to ring the church bell for our 9 am or 11am services. A rota system is in operation, the more volunteers - the less often you will be required

We also require someone to ring the bell for Weddings.

**CAN YOU HELP!**

please call Jane on 675797 – thank you.

## ANNUAL VESTRY AND PAROCHIAL MEETINGS HELD ON TUESDAY 21<sup>st</sup> APRIL, 2009

### RESULTS OF ELECTIONS

#### **CHURCHWARDENS**

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

Mr Peter George CORY  
Mr Anthony Nigel CRETNEY  
Mrs Heather REYNOLDS  
Mr Malcolm Joseph TURNER

#### **SYNOD REPRESENTATIVES**

to serve for a three year term are:

Mrs Elizabeth ADAMS  
Mrs Elaine CORY  
Mr Peter George CORY  
Mr Anthony Nigel CRETNEY

#### **PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL**

Mrs Elaine LITHERLAND,  
Mrs Hazel JOHNSON,  
Mr Howard PARKIN and  
Mr Edward GUMBLEY  
*have been elected to serve for a 3 year term.*  
Mrs Linda HOWLAND and  
Mrs Deborah HADDOCK  
*have been elected to serve for a 2 year term.*  
Mrs Ruth PHILLIPS  
*has been elected to serve for a 1 year term.*