

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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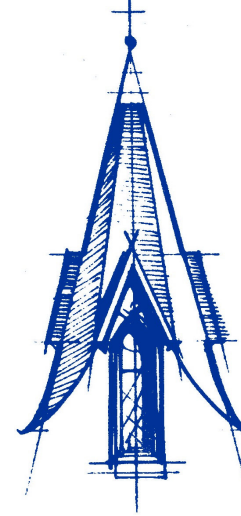
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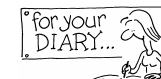
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Monthly Review November 2007



*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,

The celebration of my 25th Anniversary of Ordination reached a climax with a memorable service in St. Paul's Cathedral where Bishop Graeme was installed as Dean.

There is no doubt in my mind when it comes to the big celebrations the Church of England excels.

The organisation of some 30-40 bishops and probably 200 clergy and readers into a procession, the seating of 2,000 people, the arrangement of beautiful music and liturgy are all a fine art.

The occasion at St. Paul's was certainly a memorable one but what stuck in my mind, and quite rightly so, was the Bishop's sermon, the focus of which was 'that we might see Jesus'.

The Cathedral exists, and all that is associated with it, to enable people to see Jesus and to glorify God. This lies at the very heart of what we are about as Christians and as the Church.

Seeing Jesus, for most, is a life transforming experience.

The Bishop's text came from a story in John's gospel where two Greeks (i.e. non-Jews) approach Philip with the request: "Sir, we would like to see Jesus". This is a text I have remembered throughout my ministry and what has helped me remember it is a brass plaque in the pulpit of the Church where I began my preaching ministry – St. Mark's, Haydock. Whenever we preach we want people to see (and hear) Jesus.

Someone once said to me many years ago: "Why do you always speak about Jesus instead of telling us how we should live our lives?"

I make no excuses for pointing to Jesus.

Not everyone sees Jesus. Many are blind to his presence. They want nothing to do with him. They want to live their own lives.

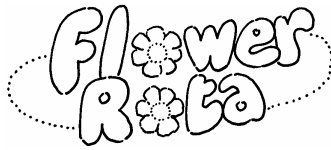
Those of us who see Jesus realise how much we missed when we were blind to him.

People may ask "What do you see?" It is not just what we see it is what we experience when we engage with him.

DIARY for November

1 st	Thurs		
2 nd	Fri	7.30 pm	Teenage Group – Union Mills
3 rd	Sat		
4 th	Sun	2.00 pm	Baptisms: Isaac Quayle & Darcy Michelle Donegan
		6.30 pm	All Souls Service - Church
5 th	Mon	10.15 am	Peter Bear Club – Parish Hall
		7.45 pm	Key Group – 2 Wentworth Close
6 th	Tue	2.30 pm	Service at Heywood Court
		7.30 pm	Key Group 1 -
		7.30 pm	Key Group 2 – 42 Groudle Road
7 th	Wed	10.30 am	Holy Communion
		7.30 pm	Key Group – Fairy Cottage - Laxey
		7.30 pm	Cell Group 1 -
		8.00 pm	Ladies Fellowship – Parish Hall
8 th	Thurs	7.30 pm	Sunday School Team Meeting
		7.45 pm	Evening Mothers' Union – Parish Office
		8.00 pm	Prayer Group – 4 Seaview Road
9 th	Fri	10.30 am	IoM Adoption Society – Tickets £2 Pre-Christmas Coffee Morning - Woodlands
		1.30 pm	Mums & Tots – Parish Hall
		7.30 pm	Victorian Evening – Parish Hall – Tickets £5
10 th	Sat	2.00 pm	Wedding: Declan William Murphy & Penelope Campbell
11 th	Sun	10.00 am	Remembrance Service
		4.00 pm	All Age Worship – Parish Hall
12 th	Mon		
13 th	Tue	2.00 pm	Mothers' Union – Parish Hall
14 th	Wed	10.30 am	Holy Communion
15 th	Thurs	7.30 pm	Wholeness & Healing Service - Church
16 th	Fri	1.30 pm	Mums & Tots – Parish Hall
		6.45 pm	Teenagers – Lazer Blasting
17 th	Sat	7.30 am	Men's Breakfast – Hilton Hotel
18 th	Sun	11.00 am	FISS – Parish Hall
		2.00 pm	Baptisms: Katie Leigh Brew & Jamie William Ball
19 th	Mon	10.15 am	Peter Bear Club – Parish Hall
		7.45 pm	Key Group – 2 Wentworth Close
20 th	Tue	12 noon	Friendly Lunch – Parish Hall
		7.30 pm	Key Group 1 -
		7.30 pm	Key Group 2 -
21 st	Wed	10.30 am	Holy Communion
		7.30 pm	Key Group – 76 King Edward Road
		7.30 pm	Cell Group 1 -
		8.00 pm	Ladies Fellowship – Parish Hall
22 nd	Thurs	8.00 pm	Prayer Group – 4 Seaview Road
23 rd	Fri	1.30 pm	Mums & Tots – Parish Hall
24 th	Sat	5.00 pm	Wedding: Philip Andrew Christian & Audrey Sarah Curphey
25 th	Sun	11.00 am	Baptisms: Lily Price & Charlotte Bridson
26 th	Mon	7.45 pm	Key Group – 2 Wentworth Close
27 th	Tue	2.00 pm	Mothers' Union – Parish Hall

27 th	Tue	2.30 pm	Service at Heywood Court
		7.30 pm	Key Group 1 -
		7.30 pm	Key Group 2 -
28 th	Wed	10.30 am	Holy Communion - Church
		7.30 pm	Key Group – Fairy Cottage - Laxey
		7.30 pm	Cell Group 1 -
		7.30 pm	Cell Group 2 -
29 th	Thurs	7.45 pm	Evening Mothers' Union – Parish Office
30 th	Fri	1.30 pm	Mums & Tots – Parish Hall
		7.00 pm	Setting up for Christmas Fayre – Parish Hall
		7.30 pm	Teenage Group - Church



The flower rota for November is as follows:

4 th		Mrs E. Cory
11 th		Remembrance Sunday
18 th		Mrs A. Cox
25 th		Mrs M. Cooper



PRAYER DIARY
NOVEMBER, 2007

4 th	The Bereaved	King Edward Close, King Edward Park, Eskdale Road
11 th	Armed Services & British Legion	Sunningdale Drive, Falkland Drive, Douglas Bay Apartments
18 th	The Diocese of Sodor & Man	Central Drive, Furman Close, Furman Road, Greeba Drive
25 th	The Mission of St. Peter's	Abbeylands, Tromode

I suppose firstly we see the glory of God shining through the life of a perfect human being.

There is a radiance, a holiness about his presence that should make us stop in our tracks and think Wow! Here is someone beyond and greater than myself. Someone of whom a large part is a mystery but whose love can set our lives alight. Then we discover the power of the Cross.

It may be difficult to understand but Jesus on the cross draws us to himself and we want to lay our burdens at his feet and give our lives to him in selfless service.

We then discover his resurrection power imported to us through his Holy Spirit.

So we learn that Christianity is more than beautiful buildings, colourful processions and marvellous music and liturgy. It is intimacy with the living God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Next year we celebrate the 175th Anniversary of St. Peter's with a varied programme but above all else we want our celebrations to make Jesus known that we may see him more clearly and that others may see him for the first time.

"Sir, we would like to see Jesus".

Let us make sure that the request is met.

Yours sincerely in Jesus' Name,

Malcolm Convery

THANK YOU to all who played any part in organising or sharing in my 25th Anniversary Celebrations. For joining in the worship, for sharing in the meal, for the cards and gifts I received, thank you.

It was a memorable occasion. Valerie and I were touched by the support we received.

Vicar

ALL AGE WORSHIP
SUNDAY 11th NOVEMBER
at 4 pm
in the Parish Hall
ALL WELCOME

MOTHERS' UNION



Margaret Cubbon joined us on 2nd October when she brought along the Literacy Stall, what a wonderful array of cards and gifts. Congratulations to you all for your support - the takings on the stall were approx £200. Valerie took us on her journey to St. Paul's, London following the visit by the Cathedral Chapter and their wives for the Induction of Bishop Graeme as Dean of St. Paul's. I think at the end of her wonderful 'journey' we all felt we had been in St. Paul's.

Jane Cretney, Secretary

Our next meeting is on Tuesday 30th October when Rev. Cyril Rogers will tell us of 'The New Homeless Charity'.

The Evening group are not meeting in October – would members please note the next meeting will be held on the 8th November, when we hope to view a new video of the work of the Mothers' Union.

Valerie Convery, Branch Leader

MONTHLY REVIEW – DELIVERIES

Following a review of the delivery rounds it has been decided to request all those people who regularly come to Church and, at present, have their magazine delivered to collect it when they attend services in future.

This will reduce the burden on the team who deliver the magazines although we would also like to know of anyone who is unable to attend Church and would like to have the magazine delivered in future.

The delivery lists will be amended prior to the production of the December Review.

FISS
(Family in Sunday School)
SUNDAY 18th November
at 11 am
in the Parish Hall

**WHOLENESS &
HEALING SERVICE**

WEDNESDAY
15th NOVEMBER
at 7.30 pm

SATURDAY 1st DECEMBER - CHRISTMAS FAYRE



Stalls this year will include cakes, gifts, raffles, bottle, chocolate, & Christmas items, but we are not having second hand bric-a-brac or books. Please see what you can donate to stock the stalls, and all offers of help to set up on Friday 30th November at 7 pm will be much appreciated. Any items for the stalls including bottles, chocolates, and raffle prizes can be left at the back of Church. *Thank you.*

CAROL SINGING

Tuesday Key Group (1) are arranging again this year to go Carol Singing on Thursday evening 13th December at Heywood Court (7.30 pm) and Saturday 15th December at Onchan Shoprite (10.30am to 12.30pm). They are planning to distribute leaflets highlighting the Christmas Services at St. Peter's and they hope that other 'carollers' will join them. Collections will be taken in support of the children's charity - Isle of Man Adoption Society.

ONCHAN HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

For all those who take great pleasure in looking at beautiful flowers and gardens, on Wednesday 14th November, come to our meeting in the Parish Hall where the talk entitled 'An Illustrated talk on English Gardens' will be given by Mr Peter Kelly.

On Saturday morning 17th November from 10.30 am to 12 noon, also in the Parish Hall, there will be our Autumnal Coffee Morning with plants and cakes for sale. Please come and join us!

Margaret Corlett

LADIES FELLOWSHIP

Our winter sessions started with a 'good old natter' with everybody catching up with all the gossip since last May. The second meeting was a talk by Mr Steve Taylor who told us how the Christmas Shoe Boxes were taken to Belarus. Our next meeting on the 7th November is an open meeting starting at 7.30 pm. It is a jewellery party at which inexpensive modern jewellery can be bought (early Christmas buying?). Please do come. Mr Alan Wilcox will be our speaker on the 21st November when he will talk about some of his musical memories.

Hazel Johnson

REPORT ON THE LATEST PCC MEETING

On Monday the 15th October plans for the coming 175th anniversary of St. Peter's were discussed, and it will be aimed at all ages, so everyone can look forward to a good time.

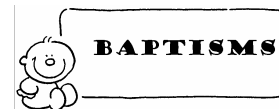
For now though the lead up to Christmas will be uppermost in people's minds, all the excitement of presents and parties, but the importance of the season, the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ and the message of peace and goodwill for all nations, is the one most important theme to pray for.

The advent cycle is a time to give ourselves the opportunity to meet with the Lord and ask for his help in these troubled times.

Elizabeth Adams

Sunday 4th November
at 6.30 pm
in St. Peter's Parish Church
All Souls Service in Remembrance of Loved Ones

FROM THE REGISTERS



7th October, 2007

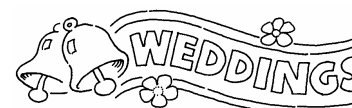
Thomas George Clague (*Old Lonan Church*)

21st October, 2007

Grace Elise Smethurst

Bradley Alan Kneen

Finlay John Van Toor



30th September, 2007

Neale Michael Jackson & Anna Louise Mazzilli

Funerals

Florence Patricia Robinson, Beryl Roe,
Frederick Lawrence Warner-Fox, Sarah Killey,
Ramon Jones, Pamela Margaret Kneale



The offertory for September totalled £6,735.69 and was made up of £5,657.38 pledged giving and £1,078.31 of loose plate giving.

Archbishops Flood Appeal raised £290.86

Thank you.

PLEASE NOTE CLOSING DATE
FOR ITEMS TO BE INCLUDED IN NEXT REVIEW
19th November, 2007

VICTORIAN EVENING
7.30 pm
IN THE PARISH HALL
on
Friday 9TH November
featuring the Island's top Artistes
IN AID OF ONCHAN PARISH HALL
RAFFLE
(Victorian costumes optional)
TICKETS ONLY £5

Available from Jane 675797

FRIENDLY LUNCH
in celebration of the
Diamond Wedding Anniversary of
HM The Queen & Duke of Edinburgh
12 noon to 1.30 p.m.
on
Tuesday 20th November
in
The Parish Hall, Royal Avenue, Onchan
£5 – All Welcome

JUST AROUND THE CORNER

Next year is the 175th Anniversary of the consecration of St. Peter's Church – an important milestone. An opportunity to look back with thanksgiving and forward with belief in the future.

Early on in the year long celebrations it is hoped to have an exhibition of photographic memories of the church and the community of Onchan. So please get busy now and dust down the photographs/newspaper cuttings you have in the attic in readiness. Let us make it a truly memorable exhibition of 'times past'. Thank you.

PLEASE SUPPORT
ST. PETER'S PARISH CHURCH
CHRISTMAS FAYRE

IN
ONCHAN PARISH HALL, ROYAL AVENUE

ON
Saturday 1st December

OPENING AT 2.00 pm by
Major Lynne Collins
of the Salvation Army

LOTS OF STALLS AND RAFFLES

ADMISSION ONLY £1

Proceeds to
Salvation Army Christmas Appeal &
Onchan Parish Hall Fund

