

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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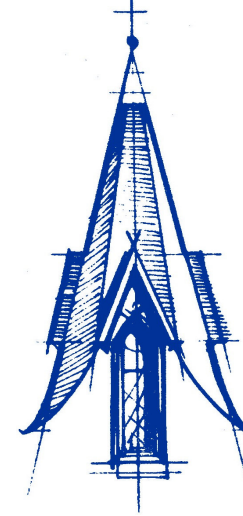
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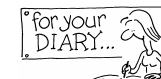
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Monthly Review October 2007



*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,

It was in Antioch that the disciples were first called "Christians". Prior to this they were referred to as people of 'the Way' reminding us what Jesus said: "I am the Way, and the Truth and the Life".

At present I am reading a very challenging book called 'The Jesus Way' by Eugene Peterson (author of the translation of the Bible called The Message).

We tend to think of the Way as a path to follow, a line on the map. It is the route to a particular destination.

Jesus is the Way and the destination. Understanding this is very important if we are to experience the fullness of the Christian life.

It is easy to regard the Way as the Ten Commandments and perhaps the Sermon on the Mount. Or to think of the Way as Church going. If this is all we think we miss out.

In reading Peterson's book I came across the following story:

A man and his friend were driving through some beautiful scenery. The driver was pointing out various landmarks - a waterfall, a mountain, a forest, etc. His passenger was following the route on a road map. She picked out the features on the map but never once looked up to observe the beauty.

Being followers of the Way is more than observing the line on the map, its enjoying the reality of what the map shows.

Likewise it is not only following the guidelines in the scripture but it is walking with the person who lives out the guidelines, non other than Jesus himself.

Jesus doesn't just provide the map, or point out the way, he is the Way. We engage with him and he engages with us – we walk together.

Another danger is that our hearts and minds are so set on the destination that we miss out on so much during the journey.

When I go on holiday I like to enjoy the journey – it is part of the holiday. Hopefully it is a trouble free journey. Some people cannot get to their

DIARY for October

1 st	Mon	7.45 am	Key Group – 2 Wentworth Close
2 nd	Tue	2.00 pm	Mothers' Union – Parish Hall
		7.30 pm	Sunday School Teachers Team Meeting
		7.30 pm	Key Group 1
		7.30 pm	Key Group 2 – 11 Majestic Drive
3 rd	Wed	10.30 am	Holy Communion - Church
		7.30 pm	Cell Group 2 – 56 Groudle Road
		8.00 pm	Ladies Fellowship – Parish Hall
4 th	Thurs	7.00 pm	Pastoral Visitors – Vicarage
		8.00 pm	Prayer Group – 4 Seaview Road
5 th	Fri		
6 th	Sat	10.00 am	PCC Away Day – Marown Parish Church
7 th	Sun	2.00 pm	Baptism: Thomas George Clague (St Adamnan)
8 th	Mon	10.15 am	Peter Bear Club – Parish Hall
9 th	Tue	2.30 pm	Service at Heywood Court
		7.30 pm	Key Group 1
		7.30 pm	Key Group 2
10 th	Wed	10.30 am	Holy Communion – Church
11 th	Thurs	7.30 pm	Vicar & Wardens Meeting – Parish Office
12 th	Fri	7.00 pm	Harvest Supper & Barn Dance – Parish Hall Tickets £7.50/children £5 from Jane 675797
13 th	Sat	9.00 am	Decorate Church for Harvest
14 th	Sun	6.30 pm	Harvest Praise Service – Church
15 th	Mon	10.00 am	Distribute Harvest Gifts
		7.30 pm	PCC Meeting – Parish Office
		7.45 am	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 – Church
		8.00 pm	Ladies Fellowship – Parish Hall
18 th	Thurs	7.30 pm	St. Luke's Hospital for the Clergy – Tickets £10 Wine & Canapés Evening-St. George's Vicarage
		8.00 pm	Prayer Group – 4 Seaview Road
19 th	Fri		
20 th	Sat		
21 st	Sun	2.00 pm	Baptisms: Bradley Kneen & Cheryl Smethurst
		4.00 pm	All Age Worship – Parish Hall
22 nd	Mon	10.15 am	Peter Bear Club – Parish Hall
		7.45 am	Key Group – 2 Wentworth Close
23 rd	Tue	7.30 pm	Key Group 1
		7.30 pm	Key Group 2
24 th	Wed	10.30 am	Holy Communion - Church
25 th	Thurs	7.45 pm	Evening Mothers' Union – Parish Office
26 th	Fri		
27 th	Sat		
28 th	Sun		
29 th	Mon	7.45 am	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 - Church



The flower rota for October is as follows:

7 th		Mrs A. Foster
14 th	HARVEST	Mrs P. Callin
21 st		Lady Haddacks
28 th		Mrs M. Brownlow



PRAYER DIARY
OCTOBER, 2007

7 th	The Douglas Deanery	Marine View Close, Kirkway, Harbour Road, Harbour View
14 th	The Choir and Choir Mistress	Howe Road, Links View, Howstrake Drive
21 st	Onchan Pupils attending Other Schools	King Edward Road, Majestic Close, Majestic Drive, Majestic View.
28 th	Onchan Students at College of Further Education	Seacliffe Road, Lag Birragh Drive, Groudle, Majestic Apartments

PLEASE NOTE CLOSING DATE

FOR ITEMS TO BE INCLUDED IN NEXT REVIEW

22nd October, 2007

ARCHBISHOPS APPEAL
(Church Urban Fund) for UK Flood Victims
Raised £290.86
Thank you

destination quick enough and miss much of what they have passed through on the journey.

It's like the family who walked to the top of a mountain. Their two teenage sons set out at a great rate of knots, leaving their parents behind. Their aim: to get to the top of the mountain as fast as they could.

Meanwhile their parents ambled along. Stopping to enjoy the scenery. Observing the wild flowers. Breathing in the clear mountain air. Enjoying a cool refreshing drink.

The journeying is an important part of the experience as well as arriving at the destination.

Walking the Way of Jesus is an experience to savour as well as banqueting with him in heaven. The Christian life is to be lived in all its fulness.

We are to anticipate the hope of heaven but that hope shouldn't stop us enjoying a foretaste of heaven here and now as we walk with Jesus and he walks with us, along with our fellow Christians.

Let's enjoy the Way, for the Way is Jesus.

Yours sincerely in Jesus' Name,

ALL AGE WORSHIP
SUNDAY 21st OCTOBER
at 4 pm
in the Parish Hall
ALL WELCOME

MOTHERS' UNION



Our first meeting in September took the form of a Holy Communion Service, ladies from both groups joined together for this.

After the service our new programme of events and speakers was discussed. Programmes and MU Diocesan newsletters having been given out, then members all enjoyed a delicious Peach Melba afternoon tea.

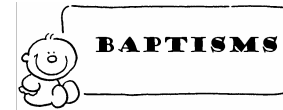
The Douglas Deanery service took place on the 20th September at St. Thomas' Church followed by lunch at the Sefton Hotel.

Evening Mothers' Union met on Thursday 27th September for a prayer time at 7.45 pm at the Vicarage.

If you are reading this and think you would like to learn more of the work of Mothers' Union do feel free to come along to any of our meetings (times and dates in the list of events on the back page). We are a happy group of ladies and would welcome you.

Valerie Convery, Branch Leader

FROM THE REGISTERS



26th August, 2007

Luke Benjamin Ackers

16th September, 2007

Rio Phoenix Haxby

23rd September, 2007

Emma Louise Ditchfield



Saturday 25th August, 2007

Wayne & Sarah Jane Lisy (Wedding Blessing)

Saturday 8th September, 2007

David Anthony Scambler & Joanne Susan Howland

Funerals

Edna Mary Moore, Norman Alexander Sayle R.I.,
David John Manley, Anna Maria Bradley,
James Francis Corrin



The offertory for August totalled £3,163.90 and was made up of £2,181.38 pledged giving and £982.52 of loose plate giving.

Thank you.



St. Peter's Parish Church

HARVEST

HOTPOT SUPPER

& BARN DANCE

in Onchan Parish Hall

on

Friday 12th October

at 7 pm

TICKETS £7.50 (child £5)

please bring your own drinks/glasses

TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM:

JANE 675797

LADIES FELLOWSHIP

The Ladies Fellowship starts the winter session on the 3rd October. All ladies are welcome.

On the 17th October Mr Steve Taylor will be telling us where the Christmas Shoe Boxes go. If anybody would like to make a box and hasn't been given a leaflet there are some at the back of church.

An advance word about the meeting on the 7th November. This will be an open meeting – all welcome – and it will be in the form of a Jewellery Party cum Coffee Evening and will start at **7.30 pm**. Do come and see the reasonably priced jewellery and perhaps get some early Christmas presents.

Hazel Johnson

HARVEST SERVICES *at St. Peter's Parish Church* *on Sunday 14th October*

9 am Holy Communion

11 am Family Harvest Thanksgiving

6.30 pm Harvest Praise

TIME FOR A LAUGH

The farmer had put a cheque in the church collection, but it bounced. When the vicar tactfully mentioned this, the farmer wrote out another cheque, which also bounced.

The vicar suggested: "Why not give me 20 sheep instead?" The farmer agreed and the vicar auctioned the sheep.

Again, the farmer offered the vicar a cheque. "What's this for?" enquired the vicar.

Cheerfully, the farmer replied: "Oh, I bought your sheep at the auction".

SMALL GROUPS

HOUSE/HOME GROUPS

KEY GROUPS

CELL GROUPS

Call them what you may.

The early church in Jerusalem began in people's homes long before the first purpose built church.

In recent years small groups have multiplied and they play a very important part in the ministry and mission of the Church.

Belonging to a small group can be a great help in our Christian life.

Most small groups are more than Bible study groups.

The group worships and prays together.

They plan how they can reach out to people beyond the church.

They support each other.

They consider how they might contribute to the life of the church.

They discuss issues of the Christian life.

People who belong to small groups grow in their knowledge and experience of the Christian faith and most growing churches have a network of small groups. St. Peter's is no exception.

Some 30-40 people regularly attend the groups of which there are now six.

Each is open to welcome new members and each group plans its own programme to meet the needs of its members.

This is a good time of year to consider joining a group as a new session gets underway.

A leaflet will appear in church shortly giving details of each group, a contact person, and what each group will be doing over the next few months.

Why not consider joining a group?

If you need any guidance please do not hesitate to contact me.

Vicar.

REPORT ON THE LATEST PCC MEETING

The Vicar opened the meeting with a reading from Philippians and prayers. He then reported that the Adult Literacy classes had started, and that he had received letters of thanks from the Bishop and the Chairman of Onchan Commissioners for collections given to their nominated charities, and one from the Archdeacon for a contribution towards the Diocesan leaving present for the Bishop.

We then reviewed our progress on mission.

There is an encouraging increase in the numbers attending FISS; the Teenage Group has had two meetings so far, and is hoping to double its numbers by Christmas.

Peter Bear Club is thriving, with a train trip, Teddy Bear's Picnic, and adults evening meal stemming from their fortnightly meetings; and, at the other end of the age scale, residents of Heywood Court have been ferried to events and services in the community mini bus (thanks to the support of drivers Ray and Graham Platt), and the Vicar is holding services at the complex.

It is hoped to develop a facility of "Christian Listening" within the Wholeness and Healing ministry, and we look forward to listening to Jim Noakes on the subject at our Wholeness and Healing service. Alpha courses will continue, the last one led three adults to Confirmation, and there are plans for the Cell Group to split and become two (as cells do!). The Key Groups continue of course, and are always ready to welcome anyone interested in finding out what they get up to! Both Cell and Key Groups have been involved with the All-Age services.

The Men's Breakfast and Community Carol Singing were well received and are to be repeated, as is the Barn Nativity. Progress in all these things is good, but we mustn't rest on our laurels, work continues apace!

Lots of ideas were then put forward to celebrate the 175th anniversary of the consecration of St. Peter's Parish Church next year. Two special projects, one local, one global; more outreach in the community; concerts, an exhibition of photographs, artefacts, memorabilia, etc.; involvement in the Flower Festival ("Hope Springs Eternal"); special services (maybe one outdoors), especially on St. Peter's Day (29th June), the Consecration Anniversary (5th September), St. Peter's Mothers' Union 110th birthday (20th October), etc. It is hoped to involve Onchan schools in one or more

of these events and services, and to produce information packs for all who attend them.

The Vicar will lead the PCC 'Away Day' on Saturday 6th October.

It was noted that no reply had yet been received to the letter protesting at the increase in our Diocesan Quota payment. It was agreed that new computer equipment was necessary for the Parish Office, and there was a discussion about an anonymous offer of flower display stands, which was subsequently left with the Vicar and Wardens for further consultation.

Carole Bairstow

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