

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

Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals – By arrangement.

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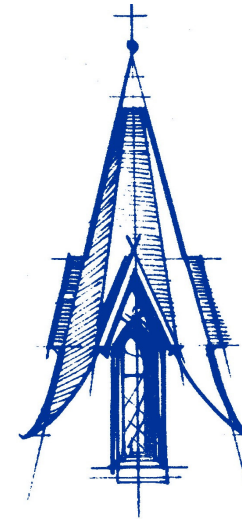
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Monthly Review October 2009



*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,

“I have a dream”

These words echoed across America in 1968, spoken by Martin Luther King, the Civil Rights activist who was tragically assassinated shortly afterwards.

His dream was to see all God’s children, black men and white men, Jews and Gentiles, Protestants and Catholics, joining hands and singing the old Negro spiritual, “Free at last! Free at last! Thank God almighty, we are free at last!”

That dream may not be fully fulfilled but to see a black president must lead to Martin singing God’s praises in heaven.

I wonder whether we have a dream. A dream concerning God’s church here in Onchan. What do we see in our dream?

Do we see:

- Large numbers of people, of all ages and walks of life, coming and going all through the week into a central building.
- Inside the building are several separate areas: meeting rooms, a workshop, a coffee bar, a library, etc.
- But at the very heart of the building is an area set apart for worship and prayer.
- Pensioners come for lunch.
- Children for a playgroup.
- Others for advice.
- People of all denominations meet regularly.
- The place is alive – in particular alive to God.
- It’s members move out into the community and are involved there.

At this point another quote from Martin Luther King’s speech comes to mind – a biblical quote:

‘I have a dream that one day every valley shall be exalted, every hill and mountain shall be made low, the rough places will be made plains, and the crooked places will be made straight, and the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together’ (Isaiah 40 v 4-5).

O that all may see the glory of the Lord and be drawn to him. For this to happen and for the dream to be fulfilled necessitates change - change

DIARY for October, 2009

1 st	Thurs		
2 nd	Fri		
3 rd	Sat		
4 th	Sun	2.00 pm	Baptism: Milly Amy Brownlow
5 th	Mon	10.00 am	Pastoral Visitors Meeting – Vicarage
6 th	Tue	7.00 pm	HomeGroupTwo– 78 Summerhill Road
7 th	Wed	10.30 am	Holy Communion – Church
		7.30 pm	HomeGroupFour – 76 King Edward Road
		8.00 pm	Ladies Fellowship – Parish Hall
8 th	Thurs		Sunday School Team Meeting
9 th	Fri	6.15 pm	Choir Practice - Church
		7.30 pm	Harvest Mouse Drive – Parish Hall £4 adults/£1 Children incl. supper
10 th	Sat	9.00 am	Decorate Church for Harvest
11 th	Sun		Harvest Services 9am, 11am & 6.30 pm
		2.00 pm	Baptisms: Nathan James Horsfield, Alesha Rose Corran & Bobby Andrew Corran
12 th	Mon	10.00 am	Distribute Harvest Gifts – Church
		10.15 am	Peter Bear Club – Parish Hall
13 th	Tue	2.00 pm	Mothers’ Union – Parish Hall
		2.30 pm	Vicar visits Heywood Court
		7.30 pm	Mission India – Parish Office A snapshot of India by Tim Cutting
14 th	Wed	10.30 am	Holy Communion - Church
		7.30 pm	HomeGroupFour–Dellbrae, Fairy Cottage, Laxey
15 th	Thurs		
16 th	Fri		
17 th	Sat	10.00 am	PCC Away Day – Marown Church
18 th	Sun		
19 th	Mon	10.15 am	Peter Bear Club – Parish Hall
20 th	Tue	7.30 pm	HomeGroupTwo– Union Mills
21 st	Wed	10.30 am	Holy Communion - Church
		7.30 pm	HomeGroupFour – 76 King Edward Road
		8.00 pm	Footsteps Social Walking Group Ghost Walk in Peel - £4
22 nd	Thurs		
23 rd	Fri		
24 th	Sat		
25 th	Sun	2.00 pm	Baptism: Joseph Frank Williams
26 th	Mon		
27 th	Tue	2.00 pm	Mothers’ Union – Parish Hall
		8.00 pm	BUZZ – Ghost Walk - Douglas
28 th	Wed	10.30 am	Holy Communion - Church
		7.30 pm	Robin Watson talk in Church
		7.30 pm	HomeGroupFour–Dellbrae, Fairy Cottage, Laxey
29 th	Thurs	7.45 pm	Evening Mothers’ Union – Parish Office
30 th	Fri		
31 st	Sat		All Island Children’s Event



The flower rota for October, 2009 is as follows:

4 th		Mrs A. Foster
11 th	Harvest	Mrs P. Callin
18 th		Lady P. Haddacks
25 th		Mrs M. Burrows



PRAYER DIARY
OCTOBER 2009

4 th	The Douglas Deanery	Marine View Close, Kirkway, Harbour Road, Harbour View.
11 th	The Choir Mistress & The Choir	Howe Road, Links View, Howstrake Drive
18 th	Onchan Pupils attending Other Schools	King Edward Road, Majestic Close, Majestic Drive, Majestic View
25 th	Onchan Students at College of Further Education	Seacliff Road, Lag Birragh Drive, Groudle, Majestic Apartments

A SNAPSHOT OF INDIA

An illustrated talk by
TIM CUTTING OF MISSION INDIA

TUESDAY 13TH OCTOBER
at 7.30 PM
in the
PARISH OFFICE

ALL WELCOME

in our buildings, change in the way we do things, change in that we need to work with Christians of other denominations. This is the challenge facing us. Following Jesus is not a call to be passive but a call to action.

Granted there should be periods when we are passive as we sit at the Lord's feet but we need to be in the thick of the action serving and witnessing to the Lord in our daily lives.

Even the less able bodied can be involved by praying and prayer is vital.

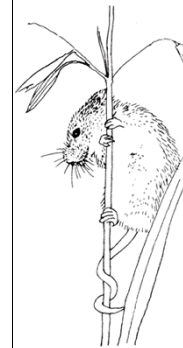
My dream is for a vibrant, Christ centred community open to all and engaging with the world.

What is your dream?

Yours sincerely in Jesus' Name,

Malcolm Convery

Vicar



HARVEST MOUSE DRIVE

(Beetle Drive with a difference)

FRIDAY 9TH OCTOBER

in the Parish Hall

at 7.30 pm

Organised by Buzz and Lazer for Church Funds

Admission: £4 Adults and £1 Children

Incl. Supper (Pattie and Beans)

THE FOOTSTEPS
SOCIAL WALKING GROUP
the October and November Walks



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

Our summer walks are now behind us and what a way to finish – ‘AMERICA’ couldn’t have been more stunning as we climbed from Sulby to Narradale and descended through **Ohio** Plantation picking blackberries followed by a slurp and something to eat at the Sulby Glen Hotel.

Now we’re into our Autumn and Winter walks. **SEE SEPARATE ADVERT FOR THE PEEL GHOST WALK** – *advance booking is essential.*

OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER - Besides the Ghost walk just one walk each month beginning on **SATURDAY 31st OCTOBER**. A gentle stroll down south – *Earystane, Scard and Lamode..* **BRING A PICNIC LUNCH.**

Assemble at St. Peter’s Church car park at 11 am – note the earlier start!!!. 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.*

THEN SATURDAY 21st NOVEMBER – *another walk in the beautiful Manx countryside. Details to follow. We may stop off for a slurp and a spot of lunch during the walk – just to keep the chill out, of course!*

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!*

LADIES FELLOWSHIP

Winter starts for the Ladies Fellowship on Wednesday 7th October at 8 pm. I hope that all last year’s members will have now received their new programme – if not still do come along, and also any ‘NEW’ ladies who would like to join us.

On the 21st October we are joining with the Footsteps Walking Group for a Ghost Walk in Peel at 8 pm outside the House of Mannanan. If you wish to dine with the group at 6 pm please book by phoning Nigel (496109), Elaine (416669) or Peter (496395) for further details of venue, etc.

Christmas Shoe Box Appeal forms can be picked up at the back of church if you wish to fill a shoe box. Boxes can be left in church or left at my address, 24 Ballachrink Drive, Onchan no later than 4th November.

Hazel Johnson

MOTHERS' UNION



Members of our two groups met for a service of Holy Communion, after which we heard from Elizabeth Adams, about her visit to Lindisfarne. Margaret Cubbon was also with us for the afternoon with MU cards and gifts.

The Deanery Service and Lunch was the next event. The service was held at All Saints and was a Holy Communion service led by Rev. Marc Wolverson the new priest in charge at All Saints. Lunch at the Sefton Hotel was enjoyed by everybody and it was good to meet up with friends and chat.

The next afternoon meeting is on the 29th September an informal meeting with a Bring and Buy and a Raffle. Do feel free to bring along friends.

The evening group (EMU’s) start on the 29th October in the Parish Office. This will be a Craft Evening with Vicky Upton-Jones.

Valerie Convery, Branch Leader

THE FOOTSTEPS
SOCIAL WALKING GROUP



And now for something different in OCTOBER TAKE A WALK ON THE DARKSIDE..... A Ghost Walk Oooooohhhhhh!



WEDNESDAY 21st OCTOBER IN PEEL. *Something to eat and something to fortify you beforehand!!! – possibly the Creek Inn*
SO PLEASE DO BOOK IN ADVANCE with Nigel (496109), Elaine (416669) or Peter (496395).

The walk starts outside the House of Mannanan at 8 pm. The cost of walk which lasts two hours is £4 per person payable on the night – please have the correct money!

As Ghost Tours say – **WALK THE STREETS AND LANES OF THIS TRULY MANX TOWN** and hear ghostly stories of the terrifying black dog: *The Moddey Dhoo.* Of ghostly carriages, icy hands that grip you as you lie in bed and an old school with its ghostly pupil that still remains.....

The tour goes regardless of weather conditions. They go rain, shine and especially thick, thick fog. *And don't forget have a wee before we start!*

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FROM THE REGISTERS



23rd August, 2009

Errol Robert Syme & Oliver Christopher Shaw

30th August, 2009

Dylan Hugh Shephard & Vincent Craig Wood

6th September, 2009

Frazer Hamilton Brownless, Keanan Thomas Cubbon

& Imogen Sarah Kathleen Cowell

20th September, 2009

Phoebe Maya Beggs & Freya Milly Beggs

Funerals

Ewan Fargher, Peter Andrew Biggs, Doris Dod,
Agnes Mona Quirk, Audrey Woods Nivison,
Douglas Cordery, Kathleen Constance Quine,
Herbert Norman Neale,



The offertory for August totalled £8,883.31 and was made up of £7,104.00 pledged giving and £1,779.31 of loose plate giving.

Thank you.

ROBIN WATSON
CMS Mission Partner from the Sudan

Illustrated Talk in Church

Wednesday 28th October
at 7.30 pm

ALL WELCOME

ADVANCE NOTICE

On Monday 2nd November at 7.30 pm in Church, the first of a series of 5 of the 'Everybody Welcome' course will take place.

This is a course designed to encourage churches to be more welcoming and is open to all members of the congregation. Each session lasts about 1½ hrs.

Do be encouraged to come along.

Make sure you get your flu jabs this year!

"FLU UPDATE"

What is the difference between Bird Flu and Swine Flu?

For bird flu you need tweetment and for swine flu you need oinkment.

HARVEST SERVICES

On Sunday 11th October

9.00 am	HOLY COMMUNION
11.00 am	HARVEST FAMILY SERVICE
6.30 pm	HARVEST THANKSGIVING

Pause for Thought

- If you have food in the refrigerator, clothes on your back, a roof over your head and a place to sleep: you are richer than 75% of the people in the world.
- If you have money in the bank or in your wallet, or spare change in a dish somewhere: you are among the top 8% of the world's wealthy.
- If you awoke this morning with more health than illness: you are more blest than one million who will not survive this week.
- If you have never experienced the danger of battle, the loneliness of imprisonment, the agony of torture or the pangs of starvation: you are ahead of 500 million people in this world.
- If you attend a church meeting without fear of harassment, arrest, torture or death: you are more blest than 3 billion people in this world.
- If you hold your head up with a smile on your face and are truly thankful: you are blest because, although the majority can, so many choose not to.
- If you can hold someone's hand, hug them or even touch them on the shoulder: you are privileged because you can offer a healing touch.
- If you can read this message you are more fortunate than over 2 billion people in the world who cannot read at all.

Thanksgiving

The year has turned its circle,
The seasons come and go.
The harvest is all gathered in
And chilly north winds blow.
Orchards have shared their treasures,
The fields, their yellow grain.
So open wide the doorway-
Thanksgiving comes again!