

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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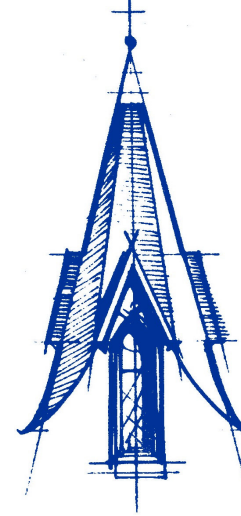
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*St. Peter's Parish Church
Kirk Onchan*

To be central to the life of Onchan,
Providing a Christian Witness,
Worship and Welcome to all.



Dear Friends,

John Stott is a renowned and well respected Church of England minister who served as Rector of All Souls Langham Place in London for many years before his retirement.

In his retirement he continued preaching and writing books but he preached his last sermon a few weeks ago at the Keswick Convention at the age of 87. His message was very simple:

God wants his people to become Christlike.

Christlikeness is the will of God for the people of God.

Lives that reflect the life of Jesus reveal the authenticity of our faith and the love we have for Him. This is the badge that marks out committed Christians from nominal Christians.

Recently I read an account of a Christian minister who met two people on a train. The first was a rather dour looking man who sported two lapel badges – a dove and a badge in the shape of a fish. The minister opened the conversation by referring to the badges. The man stared back, unsmiling, silent. Undeterred the minister continued: "Do they mean that you are a Christian?" He paused and then simply responded "Yes". Another period of silence. Then another question "Which church do you attend?" He named the church, and then he rather sniffily told the minister that he wasn't terribly happy with it, seeing as he was more advanced than anyone else in the congregation. "Really. So how do you become an advanced Christian then?" "Well, I've been to a number of events and conferences that have helped me to become advanced, such as Spring Harvest." The minister revealed that he was one of the regular speakers at Spring Harvest. He warmed up a little but not much. He left the train at the next station.

As he left a lady boarded the train with her husband and a baby. She didn't look like she had very much and she couldn't speak English. As she cradled the baby in her arms she suddenly launched into a soft lullaby, and within seconds the minister recognised the melody of Isaac Watts beautiful hymn:

At the Cross, at the Cross
Where I first saw the light
And the burden of my heart rolled away
It was there by faith I received my sight
And now I am happy all day.

DIARY for September

1 st	Sat		
2 nd	Sun	2.00 pm	Baptism: Darcy Michelle Donegan
3 rd	Mon		
4 th	Tue		
5 th	Wed	10.30 am	Holy Communion - Church
6 th	Thurs	8.00 pm	Prayer Group – 4 Seaview Road
7 th	Fri		
8 th	Sat	2.30 pm	Wedding: David Scambler & Joanne Howland
9 th	Sun	11.00 am	FISS (Family in Sunday School) – Parish Hall
		4.00 pm	All Age Worship – Parish Hall
10 th	Mon	10.15 am	Peter Bear Club – Parish Hall
11 th	Tue	1.30 pm	Mothers' Union Opening Holy Communion Service followed by Tea - Church
12 th	Wed	10.30 am	Holy Communion - Church
		7.30 pm	Wholeness & Healing Service - Church
13 th	Thurs		
14 th	Fri	7.00 pm	Collation & Induction of Rev. Nigel Godfrey – Cathedral as Vicar and Sub-Dean of the Cathedral
15 th	Sat		
16 th	Sun	2.00 pm	Baptism: Rio Phoenix Haxby
17 th	Mon	7.45 pm	Key Group – 2 Wentworth Close
18 th	Tue		
19 th	Wed	10.30 am	Holy Communion - Church
20 th	Thurs	11.00 am	Mothers' Union Deanery Service – St. Thomas' followed by lunch at The Sefton Hotel
21 st	Fri		
22 nd	Sat	7.30 am	Men's Breakfast – Hilton Hotel
23 rd	Sun		
24 th	Mon	10.15 am	Peter Bear Club – Parish Hall
25 th	Tue		
26 th	Wed	10.30 am	Holy Communion - Church
27 th	Thurs		
28 th	Fri		
29 th	Sat	11.00 am	Licensing of Carole as a Reader - Cathedral Coach leaves St. Peter's at 9.45 am prompt
30 th	Sun	12.30 pm	Parish Lunch to Celebrate 25 years of the Vicar's Ministry – Parish Hall – Tickets £10
		4.00 pm	Wedding: Neale Jackson & Anna Mazzilli

FISS
(Family in Sunday School)

SUNDAY 9th September
at 11 am
in the Parish Hall



The flower rota for September is as follows:

2 nd		Mrs N. Wilson
9 th		Mrs J. Cretney
16 th		Mrs H. Hinds
23 rd		Mrs E. Paterson
30 th		Mrs L. Briggs



**PRAYER DIARY
SEPTEMBER, 2007**

2 nd	Teachers & Pupils Ashley Hill School	Bowness Close, Bowness Crescent, Langdale Close
9 th	Teachers & Pupils Onchan Primary School	Buttermere Drive, Ennerdale Avenue, Thirlmere Avenue
16 th	Lazer Group	Groudle View, Groudle Road, Church Road
23 rd	Onchan Pupils at St. Ninians School	Turnberry Avenue, Wentworth Close, The Fairway
30 th	Onchan Pupils at Ballakermeen School	Fairway Close, Banks Howe, Manor Park

PLEASE NOTE CLOSING DATE

FOR ITEMS TO BE INCLUDED IN NEXT REVIEW

24th September, 2007

The minister looked across at the lady. She beamed back, a lovely warm-hearted smile, and he realised what it meant to be an advanced Christian.

You and I are adverts for Christianity.

We are billboards for Jesus.

Are people put off by what they see or attracted?

Are those Christlike qualities, which Paul describes as the Fruit of the Spirit, evident in our lives as individuals and as the corporate body, the Church?

What are we doing to ensure this is the case?

Spend some time thinking about it.

Key/Cell groups might consider discussing it.

Yours sincerely in Jesus' Name,



St. Peter's Parish Church
Kirk Onchan

**Carole's Licensing
as a Reader
at the Cathedral**

on

**Saturday 29th September
at 11 am**

**Coach will leave the Church
at 9.45 am (prompt)**

a small charge will be collected on the day

If you wish to travel on the coach please contact
Elaine Cory 624910 to book a seat

PARISH SNIPPETS

The Vicarage garden became a hive of activity on Monday 6th August when the **Peter Bear Club** held a Teddy Bear's Picnic. Some thirty children, accompanied by mums, grans, child minders and the odd Dad enjoyed the bouncy castle and the story of Noah and his Ark. Fortunately the weather was kind.

On the following day some of the residents of **Heywood Court** enjoyed their monthly service in the gazebo in the Vicarage garden and then had an afternoon tea.

Thanks to all the helpers at these two events.

The next event in the garden and gazebo is the **Teenage Group** who are having a games evening and barbeque on Friday 31st August.

At the time of writing I am waiting to hear how our teenagers got on at the **Firestarter** Youth Camp at Glenlough Farm.

Also during August – Geoff Weir of the Children's Christian Fellowship held a **Bible Club** in the Parish Hall each morning for a week. Several children enjoyed the week.

MOTHERS' UNION



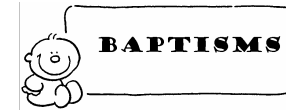
I do hope that many of you got the opportunity to meet Lynne Tembey our Provincial President when she stayed with us in the Parish, she and her family attended several events and enjoyed them all.

Lynne was here for a family holiday before undertaking several Mothers' Union meetings and speaking at our Founders Day Service at Kirk Michael. At this service Lynne Commissioned the Rev. Geoff Breffitt to serve as the first Mothers' Union Chaplain for our Diocese. The service was very well attended and everyone enjoyed the get together after the service.

The first meeting after the break, for all members, is Tuesday 11th September, Holy Communion Service in Church at **1.30 pm** followed by afternoon tea.

Valerie Convery, Branch Leader

FROM THE REGISTERS



29th July, 2007

Liam Daniel Chilcott, Daniel Robert Sutherland
& Charles Roy Morris

5th August, 2007

Ruby Layla Oakes, Hannah Grace Nuttall
& Thomas James McNee

12th August, 2007

Kirree Pamela Corkish

19th August, 2007

Christina Carol Craig & Kailum Anthony Carr



Friday 27th July, 2007

Philip Poultney & Joanne Kneen

Saturday 4th August, 2007

Stefano Bianchi & Rebecca Marie Cliffe

Paul Nigel Kemp & Claire Louise Ward (at KWC)

Saturday 11th August, 2007

Gary Alexander Craine & Marion Green

Funerals

Joan Kelly



The offertory for July totalled £6,607.37 and was made up of £5,098.88 pledged giving and £1,508.49 of loose plate giving.

Civic Service £429.64

(£214.82 Onchan Live at Home Scheme & £214.82 Onchan Youth Fund)

Thank you.

ALL AGE WORSHIP

**SUNDAY 9TH
SEPTEMBER
at 4 pm
in the Parish Hall
ALL WELCOME**

WHOLENESS & HEALING SERVICE

**WEDNESDAY
12TH SEPTEMBER
at 7.30 pm**

**Guest: Jim Noakes
(Reader from St. Ninians Church
and formerly
Head of the Financial Supervision Commission)**

PARISH HALL – Food & Fizz

The sun shone (amazingly for this summer!), the 'bubbly' popped, the lunch was superb and the music made everything go with a swing.

Thanks go to the Vicar and Valerie for letting us use the Vicarage garden, the ladies for supplying the salads and for helping out on the day, the organists, everyone who gave such marvellous raffle prizes and who bought the tickets, and not forgetting the 'team' that helped to put up the gazebos – they certainly deserved their brandy coffees afterwards.

The lunch raised just under £1,000 towards the future maintenance of the hall – again thanks to everyone.

Nigel Cretney, Chairman-Hall Management Committee

TWENTY FIVE YEARS ORDAINED

It doesn't seem this long since I made my Ordination Vows in front of the then Bishop of Liverpool, David Sheppard.

My Christian ministry began some ten years before this date when the Vicar asked me to speak at a Family Service. My ministry was officially recognised when I was Licensed as a Reader in 1979. Many things have changed over the years but some haven't.

People still say: "Vicar, we have never done it this way before", or "We don't like that clap-happy worship, we are Church of England."

Among the things that have changed is the variety of services on offer.

In my early days it was all Book of Common Prayer until the Vicar introduced a Family Service in the Church Hall at the same time as the main service. Now we have Book of Common Prayer, Common Worship, Family Service, FISS and All Age Worship.

Also instead of expecting people to come to church we are attempting to go out to where people are and create fresh expressions of church. This is an exciting challenge. It is a shame that my retirement is on the distant horizon as I enjoy challenges like this.

One thing that hasn't changed is the joy and surprise when people come alive to God in Jesus.

Every time someone is converted I am thrilled. To see them grow in the Christian faith and minister to others is a joy to behold. In particular, seeing the seven Readers and one Ordinand whom I have helped to train, gives me special pleasure. I know the ministry, which one day I will leave behind, will be in good hands.

Looking back I have met some wonderful Christians many of whom have been a great support to my ministry. I thank God for everyone of them.

I also have many memories to cherish both of joyous occasions and sad ones. It has been a privilege to stand alongside people in all sorts of situations in life and to remember them in prayer, knowing too that many people remember me in their prayers.

God's calling is something we shouldn't resist.

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When we do respond we embark on a life transforming adventure with the best yet to come when the busy days of this life are over.

Recently I have been reading Richard Dawkins book where he is critical of the Christian faith and puts the case for being an atheist.

One thing I know for certain:
I know and love the Lord and it is he whom I choose to follow believing that his promises are trustworthy.

Walking with the Lord in the company of fellow Christians is a life-enriching experience.

I look forward to continuing my walk with him and with you all. I am also looking forward to celebrating my 25 years at three separate celebrations: in St. Paul's Blackbrook, St. Helens (where I began my ordained ministry), then with my friends from Marown and St. Luke's (where I served for 16 ½ years) including my friends from the Manx-German Ecumenical Group, and finally at St. Peter's on Sunday 30th September.

So into my next ? years.

Vicar

ONCHAN HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

ANNUAL SHOW

Saturday 8th September, 2007

Youth & Community Centre, School Road.

Flowers, fruit, vegetables, pot plants,
confectionary, and flower arrangements.

Admission £1

Refreshments

The show opens at 2 pm,
and closes with the prize presentation at 4.30 pm
Come and see the amazing displays, leeks 4 feet long,
onions like cannon balls, and the flowers – wonderful!

If you would like to enter any special plants, flowers, cookery, etc.
speak to Margaret Corlett for information.

LADIES FELLOWSHIP

Thank you to all those who attended and helped in any way at the Garden Party at Ballaclague House which raised £460.00. It was a bit windy but kept fine till the event was over and everything was tidied away.

Thank you again Barbara and Stuart for the use of your house and grounds – perhaps if we come again (third time) we might be lucky with a beautiful summers day!

Our winter session will begin on the 3rd October – details later.

Hazel Johnson

HELP THE VICAR

CELEBRATE

25 Years of Ministry

with a

PARISH LUNCH

in the

Parish Hall, Royal Avenue.

Sunday 30th September

at 12.30 pm

TICKETS £10

CONTACT JANE (675797)

NUMBERS STRICTLY LIMITED!