

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.		

Vicar:

The Revd Canon Malcolm Convery

The Vicarage

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Parish Clerk:

Mrs Jane Cretney

Parish Office

Office Hours

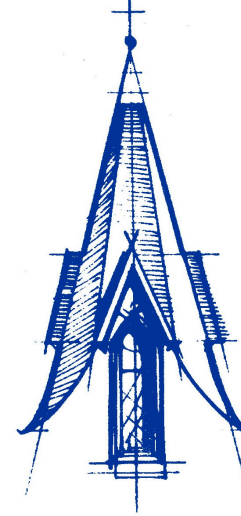
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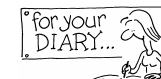
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Monthly Review August 2006



*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,

For many of us the holiday season is here again and holidays afford a necessary and valuable break in our hectic lives.

In many ways life seems more hectic now than it has ever been. Those of us in work seem to be under enormous pressures. We live in a society where target setting seems to be the fashion – whether in industry, or business or finance or education or in the health service people are under pressure to meet targets.

Additional pressure is put on some people through harassment at work. This may be more prevalent in the work place than we realise. It wouldn't surprise me if the number of days off sick and the number of people prescribed tranquillisers or anti-depressants has increased.

Family life is probably much busier than it has ever been with perhaps mother and father both out working and children to be ferried here and there for various activities.

There is little time to stop and reflect. Even the day of rest Sunday is filled with activities. Perhaps we can be grateful that the English government turned down a request to increase the hours of opening of large stores on Sunday.

Those of you who have been on holiday on the continent may have noticed how family groups gather together in parks or in cafes at the weekend. Granted the weather is more favourable.

We need time for relaxation – time to chill out.

God was wise when he created the Sabbath Day.

We need space to reflect on our spiritual lives as well. We can be so busy 'doing' that we neglect our 'being'.

Many people enjoy going into an empty church and just being quiet and still.

Quiet days and retreats are popular with many and the recent television programmes about the monastery and the convent have brought to the fore the importance of silence and prayer in life.

DIARY for August

1 st	Tue		
2 nd	Wed	10.30 am	Holy Communion
3 rd	Thurs	7.30 pm	Wedding Service Preparation - Parish Office
4 th	Fri		
5 th	Sat		
6 th	Sun	2.00 pm	Baptisms: Hudson John Sayle, Owen Dunn & Harley Lee Jackson
7 th	Mon		
8 th	Tue		
9 th	Wed	10.30 am	Holy Communion
		7.30 pm	Mothers' Union Founders Day Service including the Wave of Prayer at Marown Parish Church
10 th	Thurs	7.00 pm	Pastoral Visitors - Vicarage
11 th	Fri	10.30 am	Wedding: David Weimar & Helen Hobday
12 th	Sat	2.00 pm	Baptism: Callum Daniel Holmes
13 th	Sun	12.30 pm	Pimms & Ploughmans Lunch - Vicarage
		3.30 pm	Baptisms: Jake Glover & Emma Louise Shaw
14 th	Mon		
15 th	Tue	3.00 pm	Mothers' Union Manx Tay - Vicarage
16 th	Wed	10.30 am	Holy Communion
17 th	Thurs		
18 th	Fri		
19 th	Sat	2.00 pm	Wedding: Gavin Jackson & Anna Hill
20 th	Sun	2.00 pm	Baptism: Lucas James Collier
21 st	Mon		
22 nd	Tue		
23 rd	Wed	10.30 am	Holy Communion
24 th	Thurs		
25 th	Fri		
26 th	Sat	2.00 pm	Wedding: Lee Worsfold & Karen Whittaker
27 th	Sun	11.00 am	Family Service with Baptism: Thomas James Sutherland
		2.00 pm	Wedding: Neil Cullington & Emma Leece
28 th	Mon		
29 th	Tue		
30 th	Wed	10.30 am	Holy Communion
31 st	Thurs		

PLEASE NOTE CLOSING DATE

FOR ITEMS TO BE INCLUDED IN NEXT REVIEW

21st August, 2006



The flower rota for August is as follows:

6 th		St. Peter's Ladies Fellowship
13 th		Mrs E. Roberts
20 th		Mr S. Kelly
27 th		Mrs N. Smith



PRAYER DIARY
AUGUST, 2006

6 th	The Ladies Fellowship	First Avenue, Second Avenue, Third Avenue, Springfield Court
13 th	The Church of England	Sandringham Drive, Ballachrink Drive, Whitebridge Road, Barrule Drive
20 th	Community Groups in Onchan	Windermere Drive, Windermere Avenue, Derwent Drive
27 th	Teachers & Pupils Ashley Hill School	Bowness Close, Bowness Crescent, Langdale Close

We need to enter an oasis of calm at intervals, wherever that is, in order to reflect on who we are, what we are doing, where we are going.

'Be still and know I am God' the psalmist wrote.

Our diaries are so full of activities that we are rarely still.

There is never an entry in our diaries Monday 2 pm – 3 pm
Be still and quiet. Meet God in the stillness.

Perhaps we should think of entering such spaces in our diaries and remember Church is open in the day and when not in use for weddings or funerals provides an oasis a calm – a holy place – a place set aside and sanctified by God and rendered holy through the prayers and praises of God's people.

Have a refreshing and restful holiday.

Yours sincerely in Jesus' Name,

PIMMS & PLOUGHMANS
LUNCH



on
SUNDAY 13TH AUGUST
at 12.30 p.m.
in the
VICARAGE GARDEN

TICKETS £10 (children £5)
IN AID OF THE PARISH HALL

TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM
THE PARISH OFFICE (675797)

URGENT

HELP!

St. Peter's has always had a strong Sunday School and a Youth Group and it is very important that we continue our ministry to our young people.

In order to run such groups we need committed volunteers who feel called by God to do such work.

If such volunteers don't come forward then we will have to cease this ministry.

To continue our Lazer Group, which meets on a Sunday morning, we need two more leaders to work on a rota of 3 which means a duty of about once a month.

We desperately need these people for September.

Sunday School needs teachers, helpers and an administrator just to maintain the present level of ministry.

Please make our needs known through the parish and please pray for God to raise up such people – you may be one of them.

Whoever feels they are called to this work, or someone else has been brought into your mind, please let me know as soon as possible.

It is appropriate to express our sincere thanks to all those working with our young people at the moment or in the past.

If any one would like to chat through this issue with me please do not hesitate to contact me.

We owe it to our young people to offer them the support and nurture of the church.

They are not the Church of Tomorrow but very much a part of the Church Today. May this continue.

Vicar

FROM THE REGISTERS



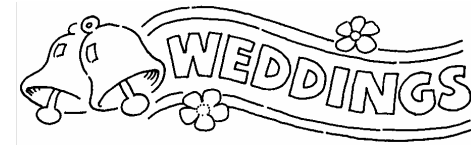
BAPTISMS

Sunday 16th July, 2006

Joseph Brian Thornley

&

Charles James Cowin



Saturday 15th July, 2006

Peter Kitchen & Jessica Edwards

Funerals

Denise Playford, Audrey Florence Toothill,
William Derek Walker, Robert John Watson Ogilby,



The offertory for June totalled £4,816.01 and was made up of £4,165.38 pledged giving and £650.63 of loose plate giving.

Thank you.



VISIT THE HOUSE OF KEYS
courtesy of Adrian Earnshaw, M.H.K.

on
Tuesday 8th August

the tour will start at 10.30 am
(from Prospect Hill entrance)

and afterwards

Why not join us for
a 3 course lunch - £15.00

at the
Hilton Hotel

To book for the tour and lunch
please contact:

Christine & Malcolm Turner
Tel: 611369

Please book early (limited numbers)
but no later than the 31st July

Thank you.

A LETTER FROM IRAQ

We have received a letter from the Rev. Andrew White, minister at the Anglican Church of St. George in Baghdad.

The congregation of that church are living under enormous pressure and have faced tragedy.

Six church leaders were killed when their car was blown up and many of the congregation have lost their lives in the recent troubles.

Despite this the church has grown and has a congregation of 900, mainly Iraqis.

It also provides a ministry to the military and diplomats in Baghdad.

Dangers include a suicide bomber who got into the church and several bombs have been exploded outside the building but the congregation continue to worship and serve the Lord.

Their faithfulness is an example to us all.

The letter has been sent nationwide asking churches if they would sponsor St. George's for one day – the daily running costs of the church are £300 (this money is mainly used for ministry rather than for the building).

Our PCC have voted unanimously to support the people of St. George's and in return they will pray for us on June 29th St. Peter and St. Paul's Day.

BRASS CLEANERS

On 26th July nine brass 'rubbers' went to the Hawthorne for our annual night out, unfortunately three ladies were unable to attend but the nine who went enjoyed a very good meal and good company and all had an enjoyable night out.

Joan Callister

Thank you to all the Brass Cleaners - you turn up every week and do such a wonderful job – with my thanks – *The Vicar*

LADIES FELLOWSHIP

What a wonderful afternoon we had on Saturday 15th July at the home of Dorothy and Trevor Singleton. The garden was beautiful and the sun shone brilliantly for our Annual Garden Party. It was so hot the ladies on the cake stall had their hands full trying to stop the cream and chocolate melting away.

The total raised amounted to £473.63 which will be donated to various charities during the year. Our sincere thanks to Dorothy and Trevor.

Hazel Johnson

MOTHERS' UNION



Dates for August for all members.

Wednesday 9th August –
Founders Day Service 7.30 pm Marown Church, Crosby

Tuesday 15th August –
Manx Tay 3.00 pm in the Vicarage Garden. (If wet Vicarage). See Christine for tickets, no charge but there will be a raffle and bring and buy.

Valerie Convery, Branch Leader

SERVICE AT BALLAKILMARTIN

Unfortunately due to adverse weather our Annual Rogation Service had to be held in the Parish Hall this year. However, Harvey Briggs, CP has kindly agreed to us having an open air service at Ballakilmartin on Sunday 3rd September at 3.30 pm – we pray the weather will be fine - so bring a picnic.

"Ask and it shall be given you"

J. B. Phillips is well-known as a translator of the New Testament and author of many Christian books. In his autobiography he tells a story of how, as a student, he helped with the Children's Holiday Beach Missions.

At the time he was extremely poor, and unable to pay the modest fees of the mission house party, but he remembered the words of Christ, "Ask and it shall be given you" – and he did just that. Within two minutes he had picked up a valuable sapphire ring, sparkling in the shingle. On his way to the police station, he spotted a notice in the post office window offering £20 reward for the return of the lost ring.

The owner was delighted to get it back and when he was told that Phillips intended giving half the reward to the Mission, he decided to increase the sum offered.

All a lucky coincidence? I don't think so.

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*Of the three greatest blessings  
That come from above,  
One is LIFE, one is HEALTH,  
And the third one is LOVE.*

*May you take joy in LIFE,  
Give your HEALTH the best care,  
And send out your LOVE  
To mankind everywhere.*