

## Services at St Peter's

<b>Holy Communion:</b>	BCP Each Sunday	9.00 am
	CW 1 <sup>st</sup> , 3 <sup>rd</sup> & 5 <sup>th</sup>	11.00 am
	BCP 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday	6.30 pm
	Wednesday	10.30 am
	Holy Days (as announced)	
<b>Morning Prayer:</b>	CW 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday	11.00 am
<b>Family Service:</b>	4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of each month	11.00 am
<b>Evening Prayer:</b>	BCP 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 3 <sup>rd</sup> & 5 <sup>th</sup> Sundays	6.30 pm
<b>Midweek Service with Ministry of Healing:</b>	<i>Every two months (Sept, Nov, Jan, March, May &amp; July) date as advertised on noticeboard</i>	7.30 pm
<b>All Age Worship:</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of each month	4.00 pm

Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals – By arrangement.

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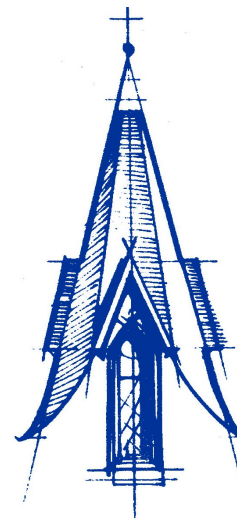
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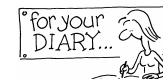
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# Monthly Review June 2006



*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,

Challenging. Refreshing. Encouraging. Daunting.

These are some of the words that come to mind when I reflect back on the visit of the Church Mission Society Team.

Here were a group of very gifted people, on fire for the Lord and eager to share their skills and faith stories with others. Indeed some members of the team were out and about in Onchan and Douglas engaging with people in the street and in shops and cafes.

Once they said who they were and why they were here many people were willing to talk about things that were concerning them and although not regular churchgoers they would describe themselves as believers, they were interested in spirituality and were quite happy to be prayed for.

The problem our churches face is how to connect with such people. They are not likely simply to turn up on the doorstep of the church let alone step inside.

Perhaps it would be useful to consider how much time we spend with Christians rather than with non-Christians.

Are all our friendships with Christians?

Do we always invite the same church going people for a meal?

Instead we should focus on building relationships with fringe people and non-believers as well as with believers.

Earlier this week Rob Frost (A Methodist minister and Evangelist) was on the Island and he told the story of being invited out to a dinner party at which he was told not to speak about politics or religion. However, within a quarter of an hour the non-Christian guests at the meal had raised the question of God, Suffering and Spirituality.

It is not that people are unspiritual but that church is not relevant to their lives. Indeed for many people going to church is like landing on planet Mars – it is an alien environment.

Church and what we do in church may be alien to most but many people find Jesus' teaching very relevant to life today and they would regard him as a very influential person even if they don't accept him as the Son of God.

## DIARY for June

1 <sup>st</sup>	Thurs	8.00 pm	Prayer Group – 4 Sea View Road
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Fri		
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Sat		
4 <sup>th</sup>	Sun		
5 <sup>th</sup>	Mon		
6 <sup>th</sup>	Tue		
7 <sup>th</sup>	Wed	10.30 am	Holy Communion - Church
8 <sup>th</sup>	Thurs		
9 <sup>th</sup>	Fri		
10 <sup>th</sup>	Sat	3.00 pm	Wedding Blessing: Glenn Geoffrey & Rebecca Jane Hudson
11 <sup>th</sup>	Sun	3.00 pm	Heritage Service - Abbeylands
		4.00 pm	All Age Worship – Parish Hall
12 <sup>th</sup>	Mon	7.45 pm	Key Group – 2 Wentworth Close
13 <sup>th</sup>	Tue	10.30 am	MU Deanery Coffee Morning All Saints Church Hall
		7.30 pm	Key Group 1 – 30 Birch Hill Crescent
		7.30 pm	Key Group 2 – 59 Windermere Drive
		7.30 pm	Deanery Meeting – Kirk Christ Lezayre
14 <sup>th</sup>	Wed	10.30 am	Holy Communion - Church
		7.30 pm	Alpha – Archibald Knox
		7.30 pm	Key Group – 'Dellbrae', Fairy Cottage
15 <sup>th</sup>	Thurs		
16 <sup>th</sup>	Fri	1.30 pm	Mums & Tots – Parish Hall
		2.00 pm	Wedding: Simon Skillen & Rebecca Hird
17 <sup>th</sup>	Sat	1.00 pm	Wedding: Andrew Michael Thompson & Alison Louise Clague
		6.00 pm	The Cathedral Singers – Evensong Cathedral
18 <sup>th</sup>	Sun		
19 <sup>th</sup>	Mon	7.45 pm	Key Group – 2 Wentworth Close
20 <sup>th</sup>	Tue	7.30 pm	Key Group 1 -
		7.30 pm	Key Group 2 -
21 <sup>st</sup>	Wed	10.30 am	Holy Communion - Church
		7.30 pm	Alpha – Archibald Knox
		7.30 pm	Key Group – 76 King Edward Road
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Thurs		
23 <sup>rd</sup>	Fri	1.30 pm	Mums & Tots – Parish Hall
24 <sup>th</sup>	Sat		
25 <sup>th</sup>	Sun		
26 <sup>th</sup>	Mon	7.45 pm	Key Group – 2 Wentworth Close
27 <sup>th</sup>	Tue	7.30 pm	Key Group 1 -
		7.30 pm	Key Group 2 -
28 <sup>th</sup>	Wed	10.30 am	Holy Communion - Church
		7.30 pm	Alpha – Archibald Knox
		7.30 pm	Key Group – 24 Cronkbourne Road
29 <sup>th</sup>	Thurs		
30 <sup>th</sup>	Fri	1.30 pm	Mums & Tots – Parish Hall



The flower rota for June is as follows:

4 <sup>th</sup>	In Memory of Past Vicars	PCC
11 <sup>th</sup>	In Memory of Jennifer Corkhill	
18 <sup>th</sup>		Mrs J. Kniveton
25 <sup>th</sup>		Mrs S. Lawrinson



**PRAYER DIARY**  
**JUNE, 2006**

4 <sup>th</sup>	People working in the Islands Emergency Services	Birch Hill Crescent, Hillcrest Grove, Hollydene Avenue
11 <sup>th</sup>	Residential & Nursing Homes	Highfield Crescent, Highfield Close, Hazel Close
18 <sup>th</sup>	All Fathers in Onchan	Sunnybank Avenue, Seafield Crescent, Seafield Close
25 <sup>th</sup>	Onchan Commissioners	Oak Close, Rosedene Avenue, Rosedene Close, Willow Close

**PLEASE NOTE CLOSING DATE**

**FOR ITEMS TO BE INCLUDED IN NEXT REVIEW**

**26<sup>th</sup> June, 2006**

Jesus' life drew people like a magnet.

Likewise if our lives are motivated by the love of Jesus people will sit up, notice the difference and ask questions.

Wherever we go the light of Christ should shine through our lives illuminating the dark corners of life and bringing hope to those who are struggling.

May we be encouraged to be filled with the love of Christ through the Holy Spirit then to go and spread the love abroad in practical acts of kindness. We are called not just to believe but to live the Christian life and to tell others the difference it makes.

People are likely to notice our lives and listen to our faith story before they are ready to consider the core of Christian belief.

Let us be encouraged to 'Go and make disciples of all nations'.

Yours sincerely in Jesus' Name,

**ALL AGE SERVICE**  
**is in the Parish Hall on**  
**11<sup>th</sup> June at 4 pm**  
**and is entitled:**  
**SONGS OF PRAISE &**  
**TESTIMONIES**

**PLEASE NOTE:**

**There is no Church Leader this month.**

## MOTHERS' UNION



The A.G.M. of the Mothers' Union was held at the Vicarage on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> May. The minutes of the previous meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> May, 2005 were read and the Treasurers and Branch Leaders reports were given. The four retiring committee members (Betty Makin, Sheila Cowley, Dorothy Hodgson, and Joan Conway) were thanked for all their years of service by the Branch Leader. The following were re-elected to the committee (Valerie Convery, Elaine Cory, Joan Cory, Jane Cretney, Gladys Gillatt, Christine Sanders, and Carol Dean) plus new members Ann White, Dorothy Singleton and Janet Osborne.

Future event dates were given out as follows:

**Deanery Meeting:** Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> June 10.30 am All Saints Church Hall

**Flower Festival Outing:** Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> July (afternoon tea at Bride) to book please call Jane on 675797 or 851060.

**Founders Day Service:** Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> August 7.30 pm Marown Church

Douglas Deanery are holding a Lunch at the Sefton Hotel at 12.30 pm followed by a Service in St. George's Church at 3 pm on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October. The cost of lunch is £10, would members please contact Jane no later than Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June to book a place (please note: a £5 deposit is required – thank you).

The meeting closed with tea and biscuits.

Six members attended the Mothers' Union Quiet Day on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> May at Maughold lead by Canon David Green, which was enjoyed by all.

A good time was had by all EMU's who attended the 16th May meeting. It was an informal supper and chat held at the Archibald Knox. Elaine Litherland won the quiz. The next and final meeting for this season is Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> June, when they are going to attend the Mothers' Union Deanery meeting at Kirk Christ Lezayre at 7.30 pm. Arrangements regarding cars/lift etc nearer the time.

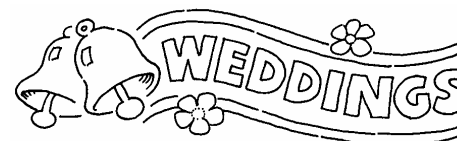
Valerie Convery, Branch Leader

## FROM THE REGISTERS



### BAPTISMS

Benedict James Harris, Jasper Hendrik Van Toor,  
Magnus George Moore Kelly



Alan Clague and Joanne Green  
Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> May, 2006

Mark Edward Bryan and Kirsty Purvis  
Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> May, 2006

### Funerals

William Thomas Cook, Catherine Clucas, James Charles Draper,  
Joyce Ulyatt, Sidney Austin Oldam,  
Kathleen Mary Bullen, Eliza Irene Martin



### OFFERTORY

The offertory for April totalled £6,599.44 and was made up of £5,242.38 pledged giving and £1,357.06 of loose plate giving.

Leprosy Lent envelopes £81.08

Thank you.

**St. Peter's Church Choir CD**  
*'Christ be Our Light'*



**ON SALE AT ONLY £10**

**Place your order(s)  
by telephoning Jane on (675797)**

(If you would like your copy posted  
please add £1 p&p – thank you)

**A bit of humour to lighten your day .....**

Patient: It's been one month since my last visit and I still feel miserable.  
Doctor: Did you follow the instructions on the medicine I gave you?  
Patient: I sure did. The bottle said "Keep tightly closed."

**LADIES FELLOWSHIP**

The business meeting held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> May was well attended. Lynda our Treasurer showed that our finances were still in good shape.

As usual a wonderful buffet appeared, each member having brought an item of food.

A meal out at 'China Town' was enjoyed by 19 members on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> May.

Don't forget the Garden Party is to be held on the **15<sup>th</sup> July** (not 22<sup>nd</sup> July) at 11 Majestic Drive, Onchan. Tickets only £1.50 inc. refreshments.

Hazel Johnson

**A NOTE FROM SYLVIA**

Thank You to everyone who signed the Parish Get Well card and sent cards, emails and good wishes to the vicarage when I was in hospital recently.

The operation was a huge shock and happened very quickly! Under a month from finding a lump (just before a Lent Lunch) to having the op. The NHS treatment was excellent and if I'd paid thousands of pounds I could not have had better attention. I felt totally at peace with all the decisions made and I am sure this was down to the amount of prayer being offered for me and which carried me with total serenity throughout the diagnosis and operation. So thank you all.

I have now seen the Oncologist from Clatterbridge and have been told that no further treatment is required and I thank God for this. Isn't prayer wonderful?

Sylvia Lawrinson

**ALL AGE WORSHIP**

The All-Age Worship Team have been reviewing this service and reflecting on how it has progressed. It has certainly provided an alternative form of worship, and this is important. The Worship Group developed well through the experience and we are still on a learning curve.

However, the decline in numbers is cause for concern.

Maybe the time is not convenient. We would value comments from those who have been to the service.

One decision we have taken is to move to the Parish Hall, starting with the service on June 11<sup>th</sup> at 4 pm, followed by the July 9<sup>th</sup> service.

Please pray for us.

The June service is a Songs of Praise (modern worship songs that people have requested) and stories of God working in the lives of ordinary people like you and I.

## **CMS TEAM VISIT**

Thank you to those who hosted, fed, transported or in anyway helped and supported the visit.

Favourable comments have been received from all quarters and from the team themselves.

It was an exciting and fruitful few days. The team visited 4 schools (including Ashley Hill and Onchan), 3 Youth groups, 4 House groups, met with the leaders and PCC members of 7 Churches, took part in services at 11 Churches, attended 2 Coffee Mornings and enjoyed daily fellowship as a team as well as sharing in a welcoming meal and a farewell supper.

In addition team members ran a Sunday School teachers training morning, spoke at the Diocesan Synod and at the local CMS Associations' AGM.

Many contacts were made and some of the team members are looking forward to returning next year to share their experience and skills, working alongside local churches.

They have certainly left much food for thought and our own PCC will be engaging with some of the ideas the team shared with us. They certainly pointed the way forward in terms of a fresh vision for mission and for the church and their commitment and enthusiasm was very refreshing and encouraging.

Watch this space for further developments.

(P.S. I forgot to mention the Sizzling Salsa Nite which one of the team led at Braddan – an evening of Latin dancing).

## **ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST DAY**

Most people know that the 24th June is Midsummer's Day, but you may not know that it is also St John the Baptist's Day. The shrub associated with this day is the hypericum, and that the red spots on its leaves are said to have appeared when Herod sentenced John the Baptist to death. That's why it's popularly known as St. John's Wort. Its five yellow petals resemble a halo, and its red sap symbolises the blood of the martyred saint. The name hypericum comes from the Greek, meaning 'greatest health'.

*St. Peter's Parish Church  
Ladies Fellowship  
Annual Garden Party  
at  
11 Majestic Drive, Onchan  
on  
Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> July  
at 2 pm  
Various Stalls  
Ticket £1.50 (inc refreshments)*

Kids were asked questions about the Bible. The following statements about the Bible were written by children. They have not been corrected (incorrect spelling is theirs).

1. Samson was a strongman who let himself be led astray by a Jezebel like Delilah.
2. Samson slayed the Philistines with the axe of the Apostles.
3. Moses led the Hebrews to the Red Sea, where they made unleavened bread, which is bread without any ingredients.
4. The Egyptians were all drowned in the dessert. Afterwards, Moses went up on Mount Cyanide to get the ten ammendments.
5. The first commandment was when Eve told Adam to eat the apple.
6. The seventh commandment is thou shalt not admit adultery.
7. The greatest miracle in the Bible is when Joshua told his son to stand still and he obeyed him.
8. Solomon, one of David's sons, had 300 wives and 700 porcupines.

More examples in future issues .....