

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	4.00 pm

Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals – By arrangement.

Vicar:

The Revd Canon Malcolm Convery

The Vicarage

Church Road

Onchan

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Telephone No: 675797

Parish Clerk:

Mrs Jane Cretney

Parish Office

Office Hours

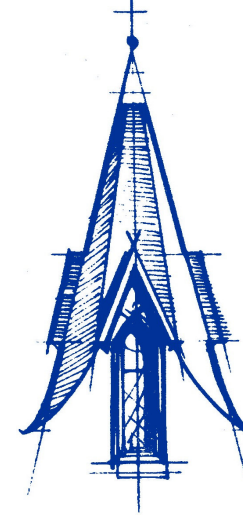
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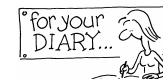
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Monthly Review May 2006



*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,

I don't know whether you agree with me or not but I found that reading about Church Buildings in the recent edition of the Church Leader very depressing.

To be presented with what we probably already knew but in concentrated form was a shock to the system. Yet there are important lessons to learn.

Firstly perhaps, we place far too much emphasise on buildings and we expend considerable time and energy raising money to keep them open.

We can easily become slaves to our buildings. Buildings, are meant to serve us not enslave us but many of our buildings are not suitable for some of the things we may feel guided to do in forwarding the mission of the Church.

For example pews make churches highly restrictive as do the lack of open spaces.

Thankfully there has been some sign of movement in recent years in re-developing the inside of our churches to make them more multifunctional. This is essential if they are to continue to be used in the service of the Gospel, otherwise they simply become architectural museum pieces.

The closure of one church in two may be no bad thing if it leads to the opening of new churches in more adaptable premises.

We pour £10,000 into keeping our buildings going, yet I suspect, we invest very little money in employing a children's or youth worker or even an evangelist.

The truth is a new church roof or organ is likely to attract financial support more easily than say the appointment of a full time Christian worker and yet the latter is likely to have more impact on the spread of the Gospel and the growth of the Church.

Our top priority must be mission and evangelism if we are not to bleed to death.

We are in the business of proclaiming Jesus and our buildings are only important in so far as they serve this purpose, if not, we lose sight of the fact why God created the Church in the first place.

DIARY for May

1 st	Mon	7.45 pm	Key Group – 2 Wentworth Close
2 nd	Tue	7.15 pm	Wedding Preparation – Parish Office
		7.30 pm	Key Group 2 – 21 Wybourn Drive
3 rd	Wed	10.30 am	Holy Communion - Church
		7.30 pm	Key Group – 32 Snaefell Crescent
		8.00 pm	Ladies Fellowship – Parish Hall
4 th	Thurs	7.30 pm	London City Mission – Baptist Church Onchan
		8.00 pm	Prayer Group – 4 Sea View Road
5 th	Fri	1.30 pm	Mums & Tots – Parish Hall
6 th	Sat	1.30 pm	Wedding: Alan Clague & Joanne Green
7 th	Sun	2.00 pm	Baptisms: Benedict James Harris and Jasper Hendrik Van Toor
8 th	Mon	7.00 pm	Pastoral Visitors - Vicarage
9 th	Tue	7.15 pm	Wedding Preparation – Parish Office
		7.30 pm	Key Group 2 – 8 Birch Hill Crescent
10 th	Wed	10.30 am	Holy Communion - Church
11 th	Thurs	2.30 pm	IoM Adoption Society – May Fair - £2.50 St. Andrew's Church
		6.30 pm	PCC meeting – Parish Office
		8.00 pm	Midweek Service with Healing
12 th	Fri	1.30 pm	Mums & Tots – Parish Hall
		7.00 pm	CMS AGM – Parish Hall
		8.00 pm	CMS Open Meeting – Parish Hall
13 th	Sat	10.00 am	Synod – King Williams College
		2.30 pm	Wedding: Mark Bryan & Kirsty Purvis
14 th	Sun	2.00 pm	Baptism: Owen Dunn
		6.30 pm	CMS Mission Service – Church
		7.00 pm	Christian Aid Launch Service Broadway Baptist Church
15 th	Mon	7.45 pm	Key Group – 2 Wentworth Close
16 th	Tue	7.30 pm	Wedding Preparation – Parish Office
		7.30 pm	Key Group 1
		7.30 pm	Key Group 2 – 42 Groudle Road
17 th	Wed	10.30 am	Holy Communion – Church
		7.30 pm	Vicar & Wardens Meeting – Parish Office
		7.30 pm	Key Group – 76 King Edward Road
18 th	Thurs	10.00 am	Mothers' Union Quiet Day – Maughold
		8.00 pm	Prayer Group – 4 Sea View Road
19 th	Fri	1.30 pm	Mums & Tots – Parish Hall
20 th	Sat		Start of Praying the Keeills Week
21 st	Sun	1.30 pm	Baptism: Magnus George Moore Kelly
		3.30 pm	Rogation Service at Ballakilmartin, Whitebridge Road – (Bring a Picnic)
22 nd	Mon	7.45 pm	Key Group – 2 Wentworth Close
23 rd	Tue	7.30 pm	Wedding Preparation – Parish Office
		7.30 pm	Key Group 1
		7.30 pm	Key Group 2 – 11 Majestic Drive
24 th	Wed	10.30 am	Holy Communion – Church
		7.30 pm	Key Group – 24 Cronkbourne Road
25 th	Thurs		
26 th	Fri	1.30 pm	Mums & Tots – Parish Hall
27 th	Sat	8.00 pm	Macclesfield Male Voice Choir - Church

28 th	Sun	11.00 am	Sunday School Anniversary & Prize Giving following by picnic on Church Green
		3.00 pm	Civic Service - Church
29 th	Mon	7.45 pm	Key Group – 2 Wentworth Close
30 th	Tue	7.30 pm	Key Group 1
31 st	Wed	10.30 am	Holy Communion – Church
		7.30 pm	Key Group – 16 Highfield Crescent



The flower rota for May is as follows:

7 th		Mrs M. Kinley
14 th		Mrs L. Brown
21 st		Mrs M. Brownlow
28 th		Mrs L. Hulme



PRAYER DIARY
MAY, 2006

7 th	The Mothers' Union	Lhon Dhoo Close, Lhon Vane Close
14 th	The Captain of the Parish	Birchley Terrace, Birchleigh Close, Birch Hill Gardens, Birch Hill Avenue
21 st	Farming Community in Onchan	Birch Hill Grove, Birch Hill Close, Hillberry, Hillberry Road
28 th	Onchan Students away from home at University & College	Hillberry View, Clypse View, Briarfield Avenue, Laurel Avenue

So let's first and foremost focus upon the Lord and discover what he is calling us to do in the part of his vineyard where we find ourselves and let's use the visit of the CMS Team as a Springboard for mission here in Onchan.

Yours sincerely in Jesus' Name,

ADVANCE NOTICE
The next
ALL AGE SERVICE
is in the Parish Hall on
11th June at 4 pm
and is entitled:
SONGS OF PRAISE &
TESTIMONIES

The Worship Group would welcome song requests. Please let the Vicar have these as soon as possible so the group can practice.

Thank you

Thank you for your generous Easter Offertory.
It is much appreciated.

Vicar

MOTHERS' UNION



The service in Church for Holy Week was attended by members from both groups. After the service we met at the back of the church for Tea and Chat with Hot Cross Buns. Our thanks were expressed to the Vicar and Nigel for taking our service.

Our Annual Festival Service took place on a sunny afternoon in Peel and members joined with other Island members in what always is an enjoyable occasion. The Lord Bishop celebrated and preached for us taking as his theme Called to Serve the MU theme for this year. After the service we enjoyed a lovely meal out at Sulby and a drive through the Manx countryside.

A Paint and Prayer workshop was enjoyed by the Evening Mothers' Union this month. Mrs Mary Walker our workshop teacher led us through story telling, painting and music into prayer. It was a lovely quiet evening appreciated by all who attended.

Count Your Blessings Lent appeal boxes and jars have come in for the Women's Refuge and our total stands at £110.00. Thank you to all who took part in this appeal.

Please see your weekly church news sheet for dates of next meetings for both groups.

Valerie Convery, Branch Leader

LENTEN LUNCHESES

Thank you for supporting our Lenten Lunches this year and a big thank you to all the helpers.

The money we have raised (£1592.20) will be distributed to the following:

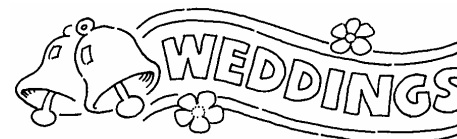
Breakthrough Breast Cancer
Onchan Band
Robert Owen House
Onchan Parish Hall
Community Bus
Onchan Live at Home
R.N.L.I.
Mothers' Union
P.B.C. Foundation

FROM THE REGISTERS



BAPTISMS

Brandon Jack Campbell, Connor Lewis O'Rourke,
Olivia Grace Healey, Tegan Jessica Bell,
Harvey Gordon Nelson, Kayla Louise McGlynn



Darren Richard Corkill and Sarah Ann Corrin
Saturday 1st April, 2006
Donald Mason Beggs and Lisa Jayne Clarke
Saturday 15th April, 2006
Robert Philip Syme and Shelley Mylchreest
Saturday 15th April, 2006
Adam Jon Kennedy and Sarah Joanne Hardman
Friday 21st April, 2006

Funerals

Ian Cottier, James Henry Norris, Florence Irene Hanson,
Jean Eleanora Kissack, Doris Hadman,
Dorothy Jean Cretney



OFFERTORY

The offertory for March totalled £8,199.39 and was made up of £6,732.84 pledged giving and £1,466.55 of loose plate giving.

Thank you.

CMS TEAM VISIT
10th – 15th MAY

All is in place – journeys booked – beds provided – for the visit of our 12 team members from England, led by Ian Smith who is no stranger to us.

A lot of prayer and planning has gone into the 5 day visit and the team come with considerable experience and enthusiasm for mission, both global and local.

They are ministering in twelve churches, including St. Peter's, training church leaders and Sunday School Teachers, encouraging the local Association of CMS, and sharing new ideas.

We are grateful to those who have offered hospitality and if there are others who could offer meals we would be grateful.

Do try to get along to some of the events at St. Peter's:

Thursday 11th May:

8.00 pm Wholeness & Healing Service
(Cyprian Yoibera & Chuli Scarfe)

Friday 12th May:

8.00 pm Open Meeting: Parish Hall
The Philippines (James Price)

Sunday 14th May:

11.00 am Ian Smith preaching
6.30 pm Celebrating Mission Service
Preacher: Ian Smith
(Whole Team present)

Chris Neal will address the PCC on Thursday evening at 6.30 pm

Please pray for the visit that it will raise the profile of mission in our churches and encourage us to share the good news of Jesus.

Note: There is no ALL AGE service on May 14th. Instead the Worship Group are playing at the 6.30 pm service along with the organist.



PRAYING THE KEEILLS during the week 20th – 27th May.
St. Peter's input to the week is on Sunday 21st May at 3.30 pm at Ballakilmartin when we will hold our Rogation Service followed by a picnic tea. (Bring your own picnic).

There will be no evening service on this day.

Keeills leaflets are available in Church.

Encourage friends to come along.

SUNDAY SCHOOL ANNIVERSARY AND PRIZE-GIVING
on 28th May at 11 am followed by a picnic on the Church Green.

All welcome.

CIVIC SERVICE – Sunday 28th May at 3 pm.

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)

CONGRATULATIONS to Jean Davie on being presented with the Onchan Community Cross Award (Crosh Pobble Chonnaghyn) at a Civic Reception in the District Commissioner's Boardroom last Tuesday. The Cross is awarded every two years to someone who over a number of years has contributed to the quality of life in Onchan. How true in Jean's case – born and bred, and having lived all her life in Onchan Jean has brought so much pleasure to so many through her artistic talents most recently in her beautiful illustrations and cover for the recipe book in aid of the Parish Hall Appeal. Well done Jean. Onchan can be so proud of one of its own!



14th to 20th May, 2006

In Onchan, during Christian Aid Week, a small number of collectors from St. Peter's will be calling at people's homes, as our part of the all-Island effort by Christians from many different churches. If you could offer just a few hours, just for that one week, we could call at quite a few more homes! The Isle of Man project this year is to bring more self-sufficiency to a very poor part of Bolivia. By the time you are reading this, there'll be lists of the several uncovered areas ready to see, at the back of Church. Should you feel moved to be part of this Christian outreach, please see me in Church or ring to find out what's involved.

Eric Foster, St. Peter's Christian Aid Co-ordinator
Telephone: 627425

LADIES FELLOWSHIP

The 5th April saw the first (and last) meeting of St. Peter's Tambourine Ensemble under the direct of Mrs Alison Foster. All those who attended were able to use a tambourine kindly loaned by Onchan School and practised the finer art of movements such as traffic lights, etc. Also that night Mrs Freda Black had us doing some Country (walking) Dancing. If laughter is good for you we all benefited that night.

A very enjoyable evening was had on the 19th April when Mrs Margaret Corlett took us for a walk in the new part of Molly Quirk's Glen. The weather was good, even though it rained about 5 minutes after we arrived back at Margaret's house where a faith supper was heartily eaten.

Our last meeting for this session is on the 3rd May, this being the business meeting.

Hazel Johnson

SUNDAY SCHOOL ANNIVERSARY & PRIZE GIVING

on

SUNDAY, 28TH MAY

at

11 a.m.

**following the Service we are
again holding a Picnic on
the Church Green**



**So dust off you're your
picnic baskets and chairs and join us.**

ALL WELCOME

PLEASE NOTE CLOSING DATE

FOR ITEMS TO BE INCLUDED IN NEXT REVIEW

22nd May, 2006