

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

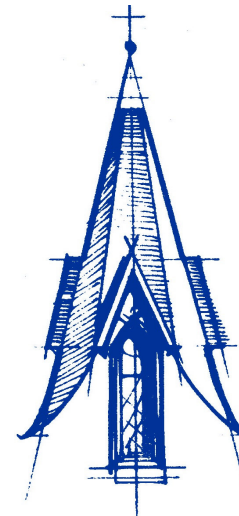
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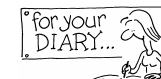
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Monthly Review November 2006



*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,

Stop and think for a moment.

What difference does it make having faith in Jesus and enjoying a relationship with God through Jesus?

What difference does it make to our lives – how we behave, what we think, how we feel?

Try to answer these questions in a couple of sentences or so and be ready to heed the words of 1 Peter 3 v 15: 'Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope you have. But do this with gentleness and respect'.

Not only words but our actions should reflect the hope we have in our Lord Jesus Christ. When we discover something special in our lives we usually want to tell others about it.

Those of us who have recently become grandparents could hardly wait to tell others about our new grandchild. We may have found a particularly nice restaurant and so we tell others that they too may enjoy the experience. Or perhaps we have just returned from a wonderful holiday and we find ourselves commending it to others.

However, when it comes to our love for the Lord we are usually more reticent about sharing the good news.

Those first Christians were bursting to tell others and as a result numbers grew rapidly. In discovering Jesus we have discovered a pearl of great price but we don't want to keep it to ourselves we want others to make the discovery.

The Church Mission Society has been helping people make this discovery for over 200 years and it continues to do so to the present day, along with other missionary societies.

CMS have created a special service for Advent Sunday (3rd December) on the theme 'Share the Light'. We will be using this service at 6.30 pm on that day. In the lead up to the service people are asked if they will take a candle – a very attractive candle at that – to a friend or neighbour who is not a church goer. Tell them you are a Christian and would like to remember them in prayer over the next year (if they so wish) and the

DIARY for November

1 st	Wed	10.30 am	Holy Communion
		7.30 pm	Key Group – 20 Cronkbourne Road
		7.30 pm	Cell Group – 40 Harcroft Avenue
		8.00 pm	Ladies Fellowship – Parish Hall
2 nd	Thurs		
3 rd	Fri	10.30 am	IOMAS Coffee Morning - Woodlands
4 th	Sat		
5 th	Sun	6.30 pm	All Souls Service - Church
6 th	Mon	10.15 am	Peter Bear Club – Parish Hall
		7.45 pm	Key Group – 2 Wentworth Close
7 th	Tue	7.30 pm	Key Group 1 – Yn Balley, Union Mills
		7.30 pm	Key Group 2 – 21 Wybourn Drive
8 th	Wed	10.30 am	Holy Communion
		4.30 pm	Confirmation Class – Parish Office
		7.30 pm	Key Group – 32 Snaefell Road
		7.30 pm	Cell Group – 56 Groudle Road
9 th	Thurs	7.00 pm	Pastoral Visitors - Vicarage
		7.30 pm	A Rough Guide for Dads – The Sefton Hotel
10 th	Fri	1.30 pm	Mums & Tots – Parish Hall
11 th	Sat		
12 th	Sun	10.00 am	Remembrance Service
		4.00 pm	All Age Worship – Parish Hall
13 th	Mon		
14 th	Tue	2.00 pm	Mothers' Union – Parish Hall
		7.30 pm	Key Group 2 – 59 Windermere Drive
15 th	Wed	10.30 am	Holy Communion
		4.30 pm	Confirmation Class – Parish Office
		7.30 pm	Wholeness & Healing Service
		8.00 pm	Ladies Fellowship
16 th	Thurs	7.30 pm	Vicar & Wardens Meeting – Parish Office
17 th	Fri	1.30 pm	Mums & Tots – Parish Hall
		7.30 pm	Victorian Evening – Parish Hall
18 th	Sat	7.30 am	Men's Breakfast – Hilton Hotel
		5.00 pm	Choral Evensong – Cathedral, Peel
19 th	Sun	11.00 am	Confirmation Service with the Lord Bishop
		7.30 pm	Choir Practice - Church
20 th	Mon	10.15 am	Peter Bear Club – Parish Hall
		7.30 pm	CMS Mission Service – Marown Church
		7.45 pm	Key Group – 2 Wentworth Close
21 st	Tue	7.30 pm	PCC Meeting – Parish Office
		7.30 pm	Key Group 2 – 32 Ballachurry Close
22 nd	Wed	10.30 am	Holy Communion
		12 noon	Friendly Lunch – Parish Hall
		7.30 pm	Key Group – Fairy Cottage, Laxey
		7.30 pm	Cell Group – 7 Third Avenue, Onchan
23 rd	Thurs	7.45 pm	Evening Mothers' Union – Parish Office
24 th	Fri	1.30 pm	Mums & Tots – Parish Hall
25 th	Sat		Methodist Church Christmas Fayre
26 th	Sun	2.00 pm	Baptism – Trinity Isobel Hebden
		7.30 pm	Choir Practice
27 th	Mon	7.45 pm	Key Group – 2 Wentworth Close
28 th	Tue	2.00 pm	Mothers' Union – Parish Hall

		7.30 pm	Key Group 1
		7.30 pm	Key Group 2 – 3 Alberta Drive
29 th	Wed	10.30 am	Holy Communion
			Synod – Manx Museum
		7.30 pm	Key Group – 76 King Edward Road
		7.30 pm	Cell Group – 22 Devonshire Road, Douglas
		8.00 pm	Ladies Fellowship – Parish Hall
30 th	Thurs		

ALL AGE WORSHIP

**SUNDAY
12th NOVEMBER
at 4 pm
in the Parish Hall
Holy Communion
'Remember'**

MEN'S BREAKFAST

**on
SATURDAY 18TH NOVEMBER**

**SPEAKER:
CAPTAIN RICHARD MERYON
BREAKFAST AT 7.30 am**

**AT THE
HILTON HOTEL**

Price: £10

followed by two seminars

The whole event will be over by 11.15 am

Please note: You don't have to stay for the seminars.

Breakfast should be over by 9 am.

If you wish to attend

**please add your name to the list in Church
or call 675797**

candle is a symbol of that commitment. You may also wish to invite them to the Advent Service. As the year unfolds, you should ask your friend every so often whether they have anything they would like prayed for.

If you would like to take part in this exercise then please telephone the Parish Office (675797) or place your name on the candle list in church by 5th November so we can order candles. (Note: Candles cost £4.50 but all we ask is for you to make a donation towards the cost. There will be a box in church for this when the candles arrive).

Do be encouraged to take part in this simple missionary endeavour that people may see the good news of Jesus in action.

In a small way we are sharing the hope that is within us. Please pray for this venture.

Yours sincerely in Jesus' Name,

Malcolm Convery

CONFIRMATION

We will be welcoming the Lord Bishop to the 11am service on Sunday 19th November when he will confirm 10 young people and 4 adults. One or two are also renewing their baptismal vows.

We will also invite the Bishop to dedicate our new pew Bibles, which have been donated by the family of Emily Hamer, and for which we are very grateful.

Please pray for those preparing for Confirmation, which is a very important step in their Christian journey.

PLEASE NOTE CLOSING DATE

FOR ITEMS TO BE INCLUDED IN NEXT REVIEW

20th November, 2006

THANK YOU to all who supported **Nigel's Licensing** and were involved in any way in the celebrations that weekend.

It was a wonderful occasion for the St. Peter's family and we wish Nigel well in his ministry.

We are also grateful to all who contributed to the **Harvest Celebrations** – decorating the Church, providing produce, making a donation, the musical items and of course the Hotpot Supper and Barn Dance. During our Harvest celebrations £918.91 was raised for the work of Christian Aid.

In celebration of Nigel's Licensing, Jane has made a gift of the new **Pascal Candle Holder** – it's a beautiful piece of craftsmanship. We are grateful to her.

Thanks for all the help we have received at the **Peter Bear Club** – 20 children attended on our second session, which was enjoyed by all. It's certainly energetic – the action songs ensure it is.

Vicar



PETER BEAR CLUB

We meet on Mondays 10.15 to 11.15 am

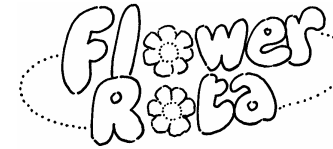
November 6th and 20th
December 4th and 18th

In the Parish Hall, Royal Avenue

ALL WELCOME

PLEASE NOTE:

**Cathedral Evensong
Saturday 18th November, 2006
at 5 pm**



The flower rota for November is as follows:

5 th		Mrs E. Cory
12 th	REMEMBRANCE	
19 th		Mrs M. Cooper
26 th	In Memory - Mort Family	Mrs S. Brew



**PRAYER DIARY
NOVEMBER 2006**

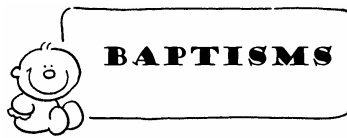
5 th	<i>The Bereaved</i>	<i>Sunningdale Drive, Falkland Drive, Douglas Bay Apartments</i>
12 th	<i>Armed Services & British Legion</i>	<i>Central Drive, Furman Close, Furman Road, Greeba Drive</i>
19 th	<i>The Mission of St. Peter's Parish Church</i>	<i>Abbeylands & Tromode</i>
26 th	<i>The Recently Baptised</i>	<i>Creg ny Baa, Begoade, Whitebridge, Little Mill</i>

A ROUGH GUIDE FOR DADS

**Thursday 9th November at
The Sefton Hotel, Douglas
7.30 – 10.00 pm Tickets £6**

To reserve a place please telephone 675797

FROM THE REGISTERS



1st October, 2006

Florence Catherine Isaline Leigh



30th September, 2006

Stephen Brian Corlett & Karen Joanne Shimmin

7th October, 2006

Richard Kenneth Cottee & Zoe Elizabeth Pye

19th October, 2006

Wedding Blessing

Sam & Dian Skelton

Funerals

Kathleen May Moore



The offertory for September totalled £5,573.40 and was made up of £4,422.38 pledged giving and £1,151.02 of loose plate giving.

Thank you.

LADIES FELLOWSHIP

Our new programme has started with two very good meetings. The first was a 'general natter' discussing holidays etc. The second was a replacement to that in the programme as the speaker from the Children's Centre was unable to come and Alison Foster stepped into the breach at very short notice. She demonstrated how to wire a floral buttonhole, a corsage, "build" a table decoration and a pedestal arrangement. Thank you Alison for the enjoyable evening.

The next meeting on the 1st November is Manx Memories with Canon Convery. The following meeting on the 15th November is a talk on and a display of Chinese Kites by Mrs J. Wilson.

Hazel Johnson



MOTHERS' UNION

On a wet and windy morning members joined Deanery members making their way to the Sefton Hotel. Everyone enjoyed a splendid lunch together, then it was off to St. George's Church for a Songs of Praise service. The branch banners were carried to the altar during the singing of the Processional hymn – Angel voices ever singing. Prayers and readings were led by MU members, the Archdeacon gave the sermon and the Lord Bishop the Blessing. The banners were returned during the singing of that great hymn – Go forth and tell. A Deanery service was a first for Douglas but everyone agreed we must do it again.

At our branch meeting Mrs Margaret Cubbon was our speaker, and she brought along MU cards and gifts and members soon began to buy.

Evening Mothers Union held a quiz night at their meeting in the Parish Office entitled what do you know about the MU it was fun and we each learnt a little more about the organisation to which we all belong.

Valerie Convery, Branch Leader



THE BISHOP WRITES.....November 2006

On 28th September this year a group gathered at the foot of the recently revealed cliff face at the north end of the promenade on Douglas seafront. This was the site of the former Summerland building. With the final demolition of the structure all that remained was the cliff side end of the swimming pool and a vast, clear, empty space. We had come together to remember those who had lost their lives in the appalling disaster of some thirty years ago. Forty nine people died and a further eighty people were seriously injured.

But we had come, too, to remember those whose lives were directly affected by the disaster: the fire-crews, doctors, nurses, police and voluntary organisations and hospital and medical staff. The group attending also had in it those for whom remembering was still a vivid, painful and even traumatic thing.

I recently came across this poem written by Joyce Grenfell and I included it in the service for Summerland.

*If I should go before the rest of you,
Break not a flower nor inscribe a stone.
Nor when I'm gone speak in a Sunday voice.
But be the usual selves that I have known.
Weep if you must,
Parting is hell,
But life goes on,
So sing as well.*

The business of mourning and remembering is an intense thing. It touches raw nerves. Often we feel it best to keep hidden the feelings that rise within us. We are drilled in the school of the “stiff upper lip”! Joyce Grenfell’s poem urges us to face the feeling head on. “Parting is hell” so we may weep. **We** feel the loss. We weep for **our** loss, **our** parting. As Christian men and women we believe that the dead truly rest in God’s hands where there is no more pain or suffering. The phrase “life goes on” is often on our lips in time of mourning. Yet it is expressed in a negative way and not in a positive vein as it is in this poem. For Joyce Grenfell the journey continues for those who are left behind and it must involve song. This sounds callous, but for those of us who remember Joyce Grenfell we

know just how much song and music meant to her. Our memories are of song!

In this month of “remembering” with All Souls’ Day and Remembrance Sunday may our acts of remembrance have about them that robust quality that pervades Joyce Grenfell’s poem. May we weep, but may we also allow ourselves to sing for the joy of the victory that is Jesus Christ’s over death and the grave, for we are those who believe in the resurrection!

*Heaven’s morning breaks, and earth’s vain shadows flee;
In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me!*

+ *Ruth Scahill*

FRIENDLY LUNCH
Home made soups-desserts-coffee
12 noon to 1.30 p.m.
on
Wednesday 22nd November
in
The Parish Hall, Royal Avenue, Onchan
£3 - All Welcome

WHOLENESS
&
HEALING
SERVICE
WEDNESDAY
15th NOVEMBER
at 7.30 pm
Guest: Karen Garrett
(Reader & Spiritual Director)

PCC REPORT

The third meeting of the PCC was held on Monday 2 October and commenced with a reading from Romans.

The matters arising included a long discussion about the outcomes from the PCC Away Day in September, where we had explored a number of themes concerning the future of St Peters. It was felt that further investigation into a number of ideas was warranted and these will be explored in the coming months.

The coming Harvest festival services were discussed where the focus is on Manx produce and we considered the support and promotion of Fairtrade tea, coffee etc at church, house groups and social events.

Some minor modifications to the Morning Service were proposed and seconded. It was also agreed to purchase a number of bibles for the pews from funds provided by a recent bequest.

Peter Cory reported on the church's finances and Nigel Cretney gave the Warden's report in which he said that there had been a positive response to the new cupboards at the back of church, that a new microphone had been installed at the lectern and that improved church lighting was still a work in progress.

The Vicar reported that the first session of the Peter Bear Club had attracted 12 small children and their mums/grans. The appeal for assistance at Laser Group and Sunday School had been successful with the appointment of 3 new leaders for Laser Group and a number of additional helpers at Sunday School. We are now looking for new teachers to replace Liz and Steve Hull who have indicated that they wish to stand down. The Confirmation Service for 10 young people and 4 adults will be held on 19 November.

There has been an appeal from the Diocese for the churches to contribute towards the new Hospice Chapel. It was proposed and agreed that half the funds from the coming Christmas Fayre will be donated to this.

The meeting closed with prayers.

The next PCC meeting will be held on Tuesday 21 November.

Elaine Litherland

CAROL SINGING

Tuesday Key Group (1) are arranging to go Carol Singing on Thursday evening 7th December and Saturday afternoon 9th December – more details later. They are planning to distribute leaflets highlighting the Christmas Services at St. Peter's. They hope that other 'carollers' will join them – please let Mildred (625349) or Elaine (624910) know.



CHURCH MISSION SOCIETY SERVICE

celebrating

MANX MISSION

at

Marown Church

on

Monday 20th November

at 7.30 pm

**People living on the Island who are involved in
overseas projects will share their stories from
Nepal. Sudan. Uganda.
Papua New Guinea.
Lebanon. Romania.**

ALL WELCOME

SATURDAY 2nd DECEMBER - CHRISTMAS FAYRE



Stalls this year will include cakes, gifts, raffles, bottle, chocolate, & Christmas items, but we are not having second hand bric-a-brac or books. Please see what you can donate to stock the stalls, and all offers of help to set up will be much appreciated. Any items for the stalls including bottles, chocolates, and raffle prizes can be left at the back of Church.
Thank you.

COMMITTED TO SUCCESS on behalf of the Parish Hall Appeal.

Yet another big thank you to Dawn Kewley for organising another successful sale of baby goods – it brought in a further £180 for the Appeal. This means that since the start of the Appeal Dawn has raised nearly £1,000 towards the refurbishment – a tireless worker. Well done Dawn and a very big thank you.

And now to that keyboard maestro – *Mr Jim Caine* – who recently presented a cheque for £500 to the Appeal Chairman Harvey Briggs C.P. from the sale of his marvellous C.D. Well done Jim and a big thank you – *keep on tinkling those ivory keys*. Jim was also able to present another cheque for £500 to the Parkinson's Society – a charity very well worth supporting. There certainly is a lot of jazz lovers out there!

Now last but certainly not least – Mildred Cooper. *Mildred* had a garage sale the other week and raised the staggering sum of £850. She now has the smartest, emptiest garage you could have. Thanks Mildred.

OVERWHELMED – HUMBLED

Two words that quite simply sum up my abiding memories of my Licensing as a Reader by the Lord Bishop in the Cathedral and the services the next day. The support I received that weekend – *for the four of us who were Licensed to have the Cathedral full was incredible* – was truly staggering, and not just then but throughout my training which you must have felt had gone on for ever. And to all those who kept me in their prayers, who sent cards and gifts - a big thank you.

To those who organised the coaches; who contributed to the 'bit of a do' afterwards in the Corrin Hall; who turned up in such numbers; who decorated the church so beautifully with flowers on the Sunday; who organised the cake and champagne; To the Church who gave me a set of Gospel commentaries and those who signed the congratulations card, not forgetting the photographer - another big thank you.

And of course the Choir. For them to sing to me was just so moving, so emotional. At St. Peter's we are so lucky to have such a talented choir, choir mistress and organist. That was a moment I will never forget. To the other Churchwardens (*we really are a team*) and to the members of the Parochial Church Council a big thank you for your support and the gift of my robes. *Thank you.*

To the Vicar – *he really has a lot to answer for* – who as the then Director of Training for the Diocese and then as our Vicar has given me incredible support, as has Valerie – a big thank you. To Jane my rock without whose support I would never have got this far thank you some how doesn't seem enough but what is it that they say 'Behind every man is a truly great woman'. Well she's the proof!

And now to God who make's all things possible – *the biggest thank you* – and may I be blessed to serve him in my ministry.

Thanks again to everyone,

Nigel

VICTORIAN EVENING

7.30 pm

IN THE PARISH HALL

on

FRIDAY 17TH NOVEMBER

featuring the Island's top Artistes

IN AID OF THE PARISH HALL

RAFFLE

(Victorian costumes optional)

TICKETS: £5

***available from the back of Church
and the Parish Office 675797***