

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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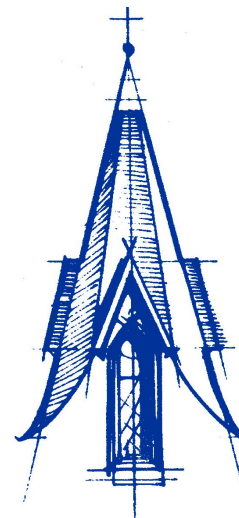
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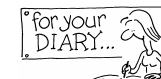
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Monthly Review September 2006



*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,

In some ways we regard September as the beginning of a new church session. I suppose we think this because it follows a break in activities and perhaps also it marks a new year in the life of our schools.

August is generally a quiet month – a time for holidays or a time to stand back and reflect.

I have found it useful in giving time to see what God is doing in our lives in St. Peter's, as individuals and as a Church, and to be open to which direction he wants us to move in.

The real challenge is how can we make the Church, as it is, more effective, and an even greater challenge is how we reach people beyond the Church and engage them with God and with Jesus.

The Church is meant to be a living community i.e. it is alive.

Living creatures evolve and grow. Likewise the Church should show signs of life and of growth.

We need to look at removing those things that hinder life and growth and encourage those things which foster growth.

So there is work to do in the Church but also work to do outside. It goes without saying that it is more comfortable within than without.

The PCC are meeting for an Away Day at St. John's Mill on Saturday 9th September to consider ways of connecting with those beyond the Church and also looking at Fresh Expressions of Church.

We are not only looking at how we may attract more people into the existing Church but looking at new ways of being Church that meet the needs of people with little or no church background.

Many churches now have traditional church, but running alongside it, new ways of being Church, in different locations and in different formats e.g. Cell Church, Café Churches, a Church for young skateboarders, a late night church, etc.

These new ventures are meeting the needs of many people and bringing them into contact with the gospel message.

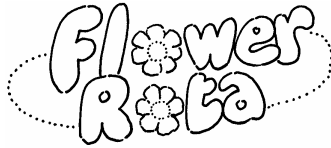
DIARY for September

1 st	Fri		
2 nd	Sat	10.30 am	Coffee Morning – Parish Hall in aid of Community Minibus – Tickets £1
		3.00 pm	Wedding: Andrew Oram & Jennifer Trimble
		5.00 pm	Wedding: John Johnson & Susan Nelson
3 rd	Sun	2.00 pm	Baptisms: Ciara Elizabeth Brown, Harry James Callin & Millie Katharine McCausland
		3.00 pm	Family Fun Afternoon & Service at Ballakilmartin – Bring a Picnic
4 th	Mon		
5 th	Tue	7.30 pm	Key Group 2 - 21 Wybourn Drive
6 th	Wed	7.30 pm	Cell Group – 16 Highfield Crescent
7 th	Thurs		
8 th	Fri		
9 th	Sat	10.00 am	PCC Away Day - The Mill, St. Johns
		4.00 pm	Wedding: Dennis Ray Gelling & Samantha Ann Clague
10 th	Sun		Sunday School & Lazer Group - restart
		2.00 pm	Baptisms: Poppy Summer Knox, George Thomas Moore & Hollie May Robertson
		4.00 pm	All Age Worship – Parish Hall
11 th	Mon		
12 th	Tue	2.00 pm	Mothers' Union Opening Service – Church
		7.30 pm	Wholeness & Healing Service Speaker: Mrs Sheila Breffitt, Hospice Chaplain
13 th	Wed	7.30 pm	Cell Group -
14 th	Thurs	7.30 pm	Hall Management Comm., 78 Summerhill Rd
15 th	Fri		
16 th	Sat		
17 th	Sun		
18 th	Mon	7.45 pm	Key Group – 2 Wentworth Close
19 th	Tue	7.30 pm	Key Group 1 – 15 Lucerne Court, Douglas
		7.30 pm	Key Group 2 -
20 th	Wed	7.30 pm	Neighbourhood Watch Meeting – Parish Hall
		7.30 pm	Key Group – 76 King Edward Road
		7.30 pm	Cell Group -
21 st	Thurs		
22 nd	Fri		
23 rd	Sat	2.00 pm	Wedding: Stephen Corrin & Lynette McComish
24 th	Sun	2.00 pm	Baptisms: Jasper Clague Duggan & Dominic Scott Anthony Reuben Quine-Askew
25 th	Mon	7.45 pm	Key Group – 2 Wentworth Close
26 th	Tue	7.30 pm	Key Group 1 -
		7.30 pm	Key Group 2 -
27 th	Wed	7.30 pm	Cell Group -
		7.30 pm	Key Group -
28 th	Thurs	2.00 pm	Summerland Memorial Service on the Summerland site
		7.30 pm	Evening Mothers' Union – Buffet - Vicarage
29 th	Fri	7.30 pm	IoM Adoption Society Buffet Supper St. Andrew's Hall – Tickets £15
30 th	Sat	1.00 pm	Wedding: Stephen Corlett & Karen Shimmin

PLEASE NOTE CLOSING DATE

FOR ITEMS TO BE INCLUDED IN NEXT REVIEW

25th September, 2006



The flower rota for September is as follows:

<i>3rd</i>		<i>Mrs N. Wilson</i>
<i>10th</i>		<i>Mrs J. Cretney</i>
<i>17th</i>		<i>Mrs H. Hinds</i>
<i>24th</i>		<i>Mrs L. Briggs</i>



PRAYER DIARY
SEPTEMBER 2006

<i>3rd</i>	<i>Teachers & Pupils Onchan Primary School</i>	<i>Buttermere Drive, Ennerdale Avenue, Thirlmere Avenue</i>
<i>10th</i>	<i>Lazer Group</i>	<i>Groudle View, Groudle Road, Church Road</i>
<i>17th</i>	<i>Onchan Pupils at St. Ninians School</i>	<i>Turnberry Avenue, Wentworth Close, The Fairway</i>
<i>24th</i>	<i>Onchan Pupils at Ballakermeen School</i>	<i>Fairway Close, Banks Howe, Manor Park</i>

By this means many people are becoming Christians but their expression of their Christian faith is different than that in the traditional church – but does this matter?

The prime concern is to bring people into a knowledge of the Lord and for them to commit their lives to him in loving service and worship and to share the good news of Jesus with others.

Instead of the Church moulding people into its shape let the people do the moulding, so instead of all one size and shape of church, we have several formats and let's rejoice at the variety.

We will be hearing more of 'Fresh Expressions' in months and years ahead but in the meantime pray for our PCC and for God's guidance as we seek the way forward.

Yours sincerely in Jesus' Name,

KEY GROUPS restart this month.

Groups meet on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday nights.

You would be most welcome to join.

The groups worship and pray together. They study the scriptures and encourage one another in Christian service and witness.

An additional group is starting on Wednesdays. This will operate as a Cell. Further details from Colin Clague.

If you want to know more please contact the Vicar or the group leaders:

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| Monday | - | Elaine Litherland |
| Tuesday 1 | - | Mildred Cooper |
| Tuesday 2 | - | Eric Foster |
| Wednesday 1 | - | Wendy Allen |
| Wednesday Cell | - | Colin Clague |

EXTENDED COMMUNION

For many years in the Church of England there has been the practice of taking out the consecrated elements from the Sunday Service to people in their own homes. Lay people have been commissioned by the Bishop for this purpose.

In the person's home the gospel passage is read, prayers are said and the already consecrated elements distributed.

At present I take out Communion to those unable to attend Church.

I visit at festivals and perhaps on one or two other occasions in the year. I intend to continue this but there may be people who would like to receive Communion on a more regular basis, say once a month.

This can be done with lay helpers.

The purpose of this note is to ask whether you would like to receive communion in this way on a regular basis or perhaps regular church members might know of someone who might like to receive this ministry. If so can you please let me have names so we can assess the call for this ministry.

Note: The lay people involved would be approved by the PCC, commissioned by the Bishop and receive a short course of training.

Vicar

ALL AGE WORSHIP

**SUNDAY
10th SEPTEMBER
at 4 pm
in the Parish Hall**

**Theme: God's Call
Speaker: Carole Bairstow**

FROM THE REGISTERS



BAPTISMS

23rd July, 2006

Caitlin Nicole Courtie & Ryan Philip Blayden

30th July, 2006

Daniel James Martin & Alexander Robert Webb

6th August, 2006

Hudson John Sayle & Harley Lee Jackson

12th August, 2006

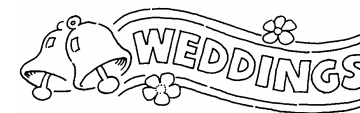
Callum Daniel Holmes

13th August, 2006

Emma Louise Shaw & Jake Robert Glover

20th August, 2006

Lucas James Collier



29th July, 2006

Mark Whalley & Victoria Cartwright

11th August, 2006

David Weimar & Helen Hobday

19th August, 2006

Gavin Jackson & Anna Hill

Funerals

Lionel Crossley, Colin Goldsmith, Harry Eagles, Lydia Kermeen



OFFERTORY

The offertory for July totalled £5,309.25 and was made up of £4,105.88 pledged giving and £1,203.37 of loose plate giving.

Thank you.

**WHOLENESS
&
HEALING
SERVICE**

**TUESDAY
12th SEPTEMBER
at 7.30 pm**

**Speaker:
SHEILA BREFFITT
Hospice Chaplain**

**Come and join us on
Sunday 3rd September
for a
FAMILY
FUN AFTERNOON
at 3 pm
at BALLAKILMARTIN, WHITEBRIDGE
(Treasure Hunt, Throwing the Wellie, Tug of War)
SERVICE AT BALLAKILMARTIN
KEEILL
Bring a Picnic
(If wet cancelled)**

LADIES FELLOWSHIP

Our first meeting of the new session will be on Wednesday 4th October in the Parish Hall commencing at 8 pm. – New members welcome.
New programme will be available soon.

Hazel Johnson



MOTHERS' UNION

Members joined 85 island members at our Founders Day Service on the 9th August. This service combined Mary Sumner Day and the Wave of Prayer.

It was lovely to see the floral displays in colours representing our links across the world, and to learn more about these links and our founder Mrs Mary Sumner.

A wonderful Manx Tay was enjoyed by ladies from both groups at the Vicarage on a wet afternoon.

Our branch leader said thank you to three members of the committee – Mrs Sheila Cowley, Mrs Betty Makin and Mrs Dorothy Hodgson – who have retired after more than 30 years service, she presented them with a card and a Mothers' Union travel clock.

Dates for September:

12th September Opening Service at 2 pm in Church
28th September Evening Mothers' Union,
buffet supper in the Vicarage at 7.30 pm

Valerie Convery, Branch Leader

I bless the day that I found Jesus
quite by accident it was
I was lonely and empty
and didn't know why
One night I was drawn to the church on the hill
Inside it was quiet and still
A welcome was offered
and gratefully received
The service that followed brought a comfort,
I didn't realise why
The Lord took my hand, he's never let it go
From that moment I started to grow
in so many ways

THE BISHOP WRITES.....September 2006



It was said that the two things that were forbidden as topics for discussion at the dinner table were politics and religion! This dictum was then extended to cover the preacher and the Christian - never mix religion and politics. For the Lord Bishop of Sodor and Man this is a rather tall order! How is he supposed to spend so much time in the Tynwald precinct and not mix religion and politics?

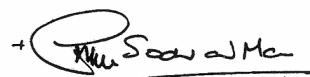
There is of course a basic and profound flaw in the initial dictum. In the very act of being born in human form, Jesus was bound to live out his life in a political world. The dictionary defines politics as "the science and art of government; the science dealing with the form, organisation and administration of a state and with the regulation of its relations with other states". Jesus was often to be found challenging the accepted "form" of government, both within the religious world of his time as well as in the secular context. So where does that leave us, as we struggle to live out our lives in a world often deaf to the message we seek to bring?

November sees a General Election on the Isle of Man. If we are to be witnesses to Christ **in the world** then it is imperative that we are engaged closely in the process that will create a new Tynwald Court for the next five years. It is the Tynwald Court that primarily moulds and forms the nature of the society in which we live. By its policies and law making it regulates and guides the common life of the country. For such a small country as ours, the influence the individual can bring to bear on the political life of our nation is greater than in a regime such as the United Kingdom. The temptation is simply to throw up our hands and say we can do nothing. This is not true!

If I were to suggest a slogan for the church as we approach November, it would be "**GET INVOLVED!**" Don't hide when your local candidates call. Answer the door and have your questions ready. Each of us will have a different slant on how we like to see a new administration create a just, fair, equitable, safe and open community. Discover the priorities of each of the candidates. Question, probe and then make your decision! Above all, turn out on polling day! Encourage others to do the same. The Isle of Man has such a fine record when it comes to the enfranchisement

of the population. The worst thing we can do is to fall into the popular apathy which says that my vote will make no difference. It won't, if you don't cast it in the first place!

Our hope and prayer as Christian men and women is that our lives are spent in the building up of the kingdom of the God in whom we trust. Isaiah gives us a glimpse of this "new world", where the poor hear the good news; release is proclaimed to those who are captive; the blind receive back their sight; and the oppressed go free. This is the sort of community we strive to create. Now is our opportunity to make a difference, to make our voice heard.

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KEEP ONCHAN COMMUNITY SPIRIT BRIGHT & SPARKLING!

On Saturday 9th September the Onchan Horticultural Society will be holding its 58th Annual Flower Show at the Community Centre in School Road, opening at 2 pm. On display will be flowers, fruit, vegetables (incredible ones!) pot plants, confectionary and flower arrangements. It's an incredible 'home-grown' display.

Please support our local show. Entrance £1 which includes refreshments.

PARISH HALL – Pimms & Ploughman's Lunch

The sun shone, the Pimms flowed 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 gazeboes – 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