

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.

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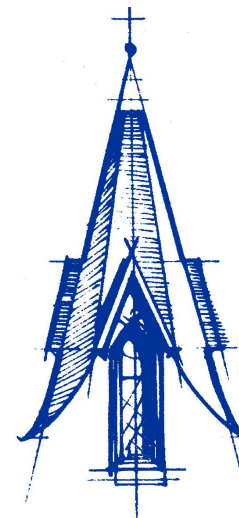
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Monthly Review February 2006



*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,

'We are entitled to a private life'. Words that are familiar, particularly at the present time in connection with politicians and the Liberal Party.

The panel on Any Questions last week were unanimous in saying that what we do in private life is our own business and that it should not affect our standing in public life.

As a Christian I would question this statement and argue that the sort of person we are in our private life and what we do, and how we behave, should be consistent with how we are in public. In other words we shouldn't be any less a Christian when we are behind closed doors than when we are out in the public arena. Being a Christian relates to all areas of our lives.

To stand on a soap box, as it were, and proclaim one thing and then in private to do the opposite is hypocritical.

We are entitled to privacy but this is not a licence to do what we want when out of the public eye.

Whilst we don't expect our public leaders to be perfect we do look up to them and expect them to set an example.

People expect the lives of their Vicar or Minister to measure up to the example of Jesus as revealed in the scriptures, and quite rightly so.

God calls us 'to be Holy as I am Holy' and the writer of 2 Peter urges us: 'to live holy and godly lives'.

A holy life is not one where we separate ourselves from the world and stand aloof, in fear of contamination. Neither is it looking down on others thinking we are better than them, or judging others because they don't match up to our standards.

God wants us to be fully involved in the world, living life to the full, but committing ourselves to serving him and seeking his will.

It's putting God first and seeking to please him. It is saying: 'Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee.'

DIARY for February



1 st	Wed	10.30 am	Holy Communion - Church
		7.30 pm	Key Group – 76 King Edward Road
		8.00 pm	Ladies Fellowship – Parish Hall
2 nd	Thurs	8.00 pm	Prayer Group – 4 Sea View Road
3 rd	Fri	1.30 pm	Mums & Tots – Parish Hall
4 th	Sat		
5 th	Sun	2.00 pm	Baptism – Albert Henry Kessler
6 th	Mon	7.45 pm	Key Group – 2 Wentworth Close
7 th	Tue	2.00 pm	Mothers' Union – Parish Hall
		7.30 pm	Key Group 1 – 78 Summerhill Road
		7.30 pm	Key Group 2 – 42 Groudle Road
8 th	Wed	10.30 am	Holy Communion – Church
		7.30 pm	PCC meeting – Parish Office
		7.30 pm	Key Group – Fairy Cottage, Lacey
9 th	Thurs	7.00 pm	Pastoral Visitors Meeting - Vicarage
10 th	Fri	1.30 pm	Mums & Tots – Parish Hall
11 th	Sat		
12 th	Sun	2.00 pm	Baptism – Alisha Faragher
		4.00 pm	All Age Worship – Church
		6.30 pm	Celebrating Marriage Service - Church
13 th	Mon	7.30 pm	Midweek Service with Ministry of Healing Speaker: Mr Robin Oake
14 th	Tue		
15 th	Wed	10.30 am	Holy Communion – Church
		7.15 pm	Wedding Preparation – Parish Office
		8.00 pm	Ladies Fellowship – Parish Hall
16 th	Thurs	7.30 pm	Evening Mothers' Union – Parish Hall
		8.00 pm	Prayer Group – 4 Sea View Road
17 th	Fri	1.30 pm	Mums & Tots – Parish Hall
		7.30 pm	M.U. Wedding Fantazia – (ticket only) Peel
18 th	Sat		
19 th	Sun		
20 th	Mon	7.45 pm	Key Group – 2 Wentworth Close
21 st	Tue	2.00 pm	Mothers' Union – Parish Hall
		7.30 pm	Key Group 1 - Woodlands
		7.30 pm	Key Group 2
22 nd	Wed	10.30 am	Holy Communion - Church
		7.30 pm	Wedding Preparation – Parish Office
23 rd	Thurs	7.30 pm	Hall Management Comm – 78 Summerhill Rd
24 th	Fri		
25 th	Sat		
26 th	Sun		
27 th	Mon	7.45 pm	Key Group – 2 Wentworth Close
28 th	Tue	7.30 pm	Key Group 1 – Lhergy Cripperty, Union Mills
		7.30 pm	Key Group 2
		6.30 pm	Pancakes and Barn Nativity DVD - Vicarage



The flower rota for February is as follows:

5 th		Mrs S. Lawrinson
12 th		Mrs D. Corrin
19 th		Mrs J. Cory
26 th		Mrs B. Harding



PRAYER DIARY
FEBRUARY, 2006

5 th	The Readers in Training	Ridgeway Road, Summerhill Road
12 th	Those preparing for Marriage	The Park, Marion Road, Hague Drive, Hague Walk
19 th	The Organist & Worship Group	Governors Road, Sea View Road, Mountfield Road
26 th	The Parish Hall Committees and Parish Hall users	Queens Road, Victoria Avenue

ALL AGE WORSHIP
Sunday 12th February
at 4 pm
Theme: Love

If our focus is upon the Lord then our private life is not simply private because there are things about us we don't want others to know, but it is private in the sense that there needs to be time to withdraw from the public area to give time for ourselves and those we love.

We should be the same person in private as we are in public life.

Christians are not meant to be chameleons – changing our colours to suit the surroundings.

We should nail our colours firmly to the mast as being Christ's people, far from perfect, but at least revealing something of his glory.

Yours sincerely in Jesus' Name,

THE MEANING OF TRUE LOVE



It is sharing and caring,
Giving and forgiving,
Loving and being loved,
Walking hand in hand,
Talking heart to heart,
Seeing through each other's eyes,
Laughing together,
Weeping together,
Praying together,
And always trusting
And believing
And thanking GOD
For each other....

For love that is shared is a beautiful thing –
It enriches the soul and makes the heart sing!

MOTHERS' UNION



Our afternoon group have met on two occasions during January, the first to hear Mrs Marinda Faragher tell us of her work as a Blue Badge Guide here on the Island. Marinda enjoys her work and this came across in her talk to us.

The second meeting took the form of a Biblical Bring and Buy, each member bringing something to sell that was mentioned in the Bible along with the verse it was mentioned in. What an array of goods we had! After we had looked at each one and read the text they were sold. There were cucumbers, apples, wine, honey, lily's, cheese, butter, jewellery, wool, linen, pens and water just to mention a few.

The evening group had as their guest speaker in January Mr Tom Durrant who gave a very informative power point presentation on "Wind Generation": Mr Durrant also gave members ideas on how they could make their homes more cost efficient as regards energy.

The next meeting of the evening group is an open evening when the 60 minute Parenting Video will be shown. An invitation has been extended to parents for this event.

Valerie Convery, Branch Leader

LADIES FELLOWSHIP

Our January meetings were excellent and interesting. The first was a talk by the Village Policeman, Constable Tony Lawler. Telling us about the equipment that a modern day 'cop' has to carry.

Our second meeting – a talk on Basking sharks, given by Mrs G. Hall, was very informative regarding when and where to be 'shark watchers'. Several of the shark pictures used in the talk had been taken by the son-in-law of our own member Mrs Margaret Corlett.

On the 1st February Mrs C. Shipstone will be talking about 'Care for the Family' and on the 15th Mr J. Kaighen will be showing us slides of 'Old Isle of Man'

Hazel Johnson

FROM THE REGISTERS



Charlie Faragher, Alex Faragher,
Alexander Owen Lewis,

Funerals

Daniel Wallis, James Samuel Quine,
Annie Margaret Callister, Alice Anne Davies, Mary Nicholson,
Michael William Osborn



The offertory for December totalled £6,603.60 and was made up of £4,804.38 pledged giving and £1,799.22 of loose plate giving.

Barn Nativity (Pakistan Appeal) £368.40
Christingle (Children's Society) £528.19

Thank you.

PLEASE NOTE CLOSING DATE
FOR ITEMS TO BE INCLUDED IN NEXT REVIEW
20th February, 2006

SPECIAL SERVICES/EVENTS IN FEBRUARY

Sunday 12th

A Special Service
'CELEBRATING MARRIAGE'

at 6.30 pm

Welcome to all but we would be especially pleased to see couples who were married at St. Peter's.

The longest married couple (59 years) and the most recently married (2 months) are our special guests.

Stay for a Celebratory Drink and Cake after the service and view the photographic display.

If you have a wedding photograph for display please pass it on to Jane in the Parish Office.

Monday 13th

MIDWEEK SERVICE
WITH MINISTRY FOR HEALING

at 7.30 pm

Guest Speaker: Robin Oake
Theme: Forgiveness

Thursday 16th

EVENING MOTHERS' UNION

at 7.30 pm

in The Parish Hall

60 MINUTE PARENTING VIDEO

ALL WELCOME

Tuesday 28th (Shrove Tuesday)

PANCAKES and BARN NATIVITY DVD
at the Vicarage

You will be very welcome any time between 6.30 pm and 8 pm.

Enjoy a pancake – watch the DVD (30 mins) on the Barn Nativity and buy a copy if you wish – the proceed of which will go to the Pakistan Earthquake Appeal (DVD's £5)

TICKETS: ADULTS £1 CHILDREN 50p



FRIDAY 3RD MARCH

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER
SERVICE

AT

7.30 PM

AT

ST. ANTHONY'S CHURCH, ONCHAN

SPEAKER: DR CHERYL SMITH

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Onchan Parish Hall Appeal

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LEPROSY BOXES AND CHILDREN'S SOCIETY BOXES

If you hold one of the above boxes it is now due for opening. If I don't contact you could you please leave your box at the back of church. Thank you.

Hazel Johnson

THANK YOU

We offer our thanks to Debi Kennaugh who has retired from being Sunday School Superintendent. Debi has served over 3 years in this role and 7 as a teacher.

We are grateful for all she has contributed.

Louise Shooter has taken over as the Sunday School administrator with Liz Hull in charge of teaching.

LENT LUNCHEES
Home made soups-desserts-coffee
12 noon to 1.30 p.m.
Every Wednesday
1st March to 12th April incl.
in
The Parish Hall, Onchan
£3 - All Welcome



CONGRATULATIONS TO
MRS JEAN KELLY
WHO CELEBRATES HER
80TH BIRTHDAY
ON **21ST FEBRUARY**

ALPHA

ALPHA changes lives. It has changed the lives of a significant proportion of the people in our congregation. It has helped to bring many thousands of people to know Jesus Christ and we are starting again to bring the good news of Jesus to our Parish through an ALPHA course.

It starts with a supper on **8th March** and will then run every Wednesday until the end of April. This time we are splitting the course with the first seven evenings and the Holy Spirit weekend until the end of April. The final five evenings we will run after the T.T. period.

Now, *we are asking you* to think of a friend or neighbour or relative who you want to bring to know Jesus Christ. *Your mission* is to bring the good news of ALPHA to them and encourage them to come along to the supper on 8 March. Bring them along, as we invite you also to come to this first evening when we will tell everyone about the course and also bear witness to them of the good news of the Bible.

The course will be run on *Wednesday evenings starting 15 March from 7.30pm at the Archibald Knox Public House, in the specially built meeting room*. It will help create a relaxed atmosphere in which people can watch the videos, discuss the issues and also, if they wish, enjoy a meal before the sessions start.

When you find someone or more than one please let the Vicar know or Colin or Marcia Clague (Tel: 626573). We already have a list of names and are looking to you to add to it.

Remember, we have a duty as Christians to bring the good news of Jesus Christ to as many people as possible. The ALPHA course is one way you can fulfil that duty.

