

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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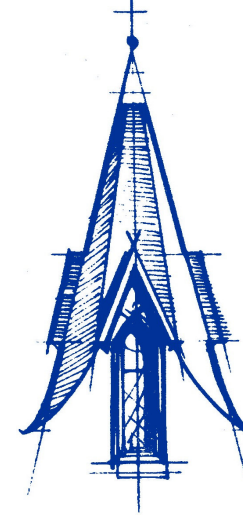
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Monthly Review January 2006



*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,

Let us make prayer a priority. Perhaps this could be our New Year resolution. Since working through the 'Growing a Healthy Church' exercise, prayer has come to the forefront as one of the areas we need to focus our attention upon.

The importance of prayer has been underlined by the news from Bishop Graeme that a week will be set aside in May for 'Praying the Keeills' and the Methodist Church have declared 2006 as a year of prayer with the island taking part for a week early in the year.

Steps have been taken here at St. Peter's to encourage everyone to grow in their prayer life and so deepen our spiritual lives and become more effective in our worship and service of the Lord.

This month a new group is being launched that will meet fortnightly under the guidance of Simon Kimberley to pray for the extension of God's Kingdom in this parish. If you feel God is calling you in this direction then do join the group on a Thursday evening at Simon and Amanda's.

Key Group leaders have been given material that will help them develop the prayer life of their groups and prayer bookmarks and a guidance leaflet on prayer are being distributed throughout the Church and beyond, asking you to pray for all the activities we are involved in at St. Peter's.

The Intercession Team, who lead prayers in Church, will be called together to review and develop praying in this area of Church life and we will also be encouraging prayer for healing in the midweek, bimonthly, service.

Prayer is so important because it draws us into the very mind and heart of God and knowing the mind and heart of God we are then ready to serve him in the world, and to reflect his glory.

When we have met with God in prayer it shows in our lives as it showed in the face of Moses when he came down from the mountain, and how this world needs to see the light of God, which we believe is radiated through our Lord Jesus Christ who dwells within our hearts, so we are his light in the world.

Those familiar words from the Sermon on the Mount and the service of Holy Communion (BCP) come to mind: 'Let your light so shine before

DIARY for January



1 st	Sun		
2 nd	Mon		
3 rd	Tue		
4 th	Wed	10.30 am	Holy Communion - Church
		8.00 pm	Ladies Fellowship – Parish Hall
5 th	Thurs	8.00 pm	Prayer Group – 4 Sea View Road
6 th	Fri	1.30 pm	Mums & Tots – Parish Hall
7 th	Sat		
8 th	Sun	6.30 pm	Epiphany Praise Service - Church
9 th	Mon	7.45 pm	Key Group – 2 Wentworth Close
10 th	Tue	2.00 pm	Mothers' Union – Parish Hall
		7.30 pm	Key Group 1 – Yn Balley, Union Mills
		7.30 pm	Key Group 2 – 59 Windermere Drive
11 th	Wed	10.30 am	Holy Communion - Church
		7.30 pm	Key Group
12 th	Thurs		
13 th	Fri	1.30 pm	Mums & Tots – Parish Hall
14 th	Sat		
15 th	Sun	2.00 pm	Baptisms – Faragher Twins & Alexander Lewis
16 th	Mon	7.45 pm	Key Group – 2 Wentworth Close
17 th	Tue	7.30 pm	Key Group 1
		7.30 pm	Key Group 2
18 th	Wed	10.30 am	Holy Communion - Church
		7.30 pm	Key Group
		8.00 pm	Ladies Fellowship – Parish Hall
19 th	Thurs	7.45 pm	Evening Mothers' Union – Parish Hall
		8.00 pm	Prayer Group – 4 Sea View Road
20 th	Fri	1.30 pm	Mums & Tots – Parish Hall
21 st	Sat		
22 nd	Sun	6.30 pm	Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Service at St. Joseph's, Willaston
23 rd	Mon	2.00 pm	Mothers' Union – Parish Hall
		7.30 pm	Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Service in the Parish Hall followed by refreshments.
24 th	Tue		
25 th	Wed	10.30 am	Holy Communion - Church
26 th	Thurs		
27 th	Fri	1.30 pm	Mums & Tots – Parish Hall
28 th	Sat		
29 th	Sun	3.00 pm	Holocaust Service – Cathedral, Peel
30 th	Mon	7.45 pm	Key Group – 2 Wentworth Close
31 st	Tue	7.30 pm	Key Group 1
		7.30 pm	Key Group 2

PLEASE NOTE CLOSING DATE

FOR ITEMS TO BE INCLUDED IN NEXT REVIEW

23rd January, 2006



The flower rota for January is as follows:

1 st		Mrs S. Reid
8 th		Mrs E. Flamer
15 th		Mrs J. Cretney
22 nd		Government House
29 th		Mrs M. Cooper



**PRAYER DIARY
JANUARY, 2006**

1 st	Social & Welfare Organisations	Alberta Drive, Kerrocoar Drive, Royal Avenue, Auburn Road
8 th	The Vicar	Royal Avenue West, Royal Court, Royal Terrace
15 th	The Other Churches in Onchan	Royal Drive, Belgravia Road, Imperial Terrace
22 nd	The Sunday School	Bay View Road, Hague Crescent, Port Jack
29 th	The Sexton	Strathallen Park, Strathallen Road

ALL AGE WORSHIP
at 4 pm
Sunday 12th February

men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven'.

Prayer opens us to the light of God and enables us to shed his light on others, so let us pray without ceasing and work tirelessly in our service for the Lord.

Yours sincerely in Jesus' Name,

**WEEK OF PRAYER FOR
CHRISTIAN UNITY
SERVICE**

TUESDAY 24th JANUARY

at

7.30 pm

in the

PARISH HALL

followed by

Refreshments

Preacher: Canon Brendan Alger

ADVANCE NOTICE

MIDWEEK SERVICE

(Ministry of Healing)

MONDAY 13th FEBRUARY

at

7.30 pm

Guest Speaker: Robin Oake

Theme: Forgiveness

MOTHERS' UNION



Members of the afternoon and evening groups joined with M.U. members from across the Diocese to enjoy this year's Advent Service held at Port St. Mary. After the service there was time to meet old and new friends over tea and mince pies.

The evening group began this year's Christmas celebrations with dinner at the Hilton, followed a week later by the afternoon group enjoying a splendid lunch again at the Hilton.

Thank you to those who organised these events. The Methodist Ladies Network Fellowship invited the branch to join with them for Afternoon Tea and Seasonal entertainment. A few ladies were able to go along to this event.

All members have been busy helping to decorate the church and prepare the Christingle oranges ready for all our services over Christmas.

Thank you all and may I take this opportunity of wishing you all a Happy New Year.

Valerie Convery, Branch Leader

LADIES FELLOWSHIP

We all enjoyed a great evening on the 7th December – we all played 'Beetle' and then took part in a table quiz which was pondered over as we enjoyed the wonderful buffet prepared by all the ladies.

We meet in January on 4th and 18th.

Hazel Johnson

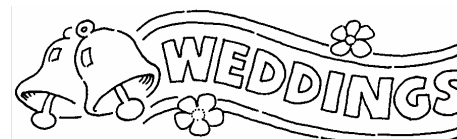
THANK YOU

Dorothy & Trevor Singleton would like to say a very big thank you to all their friends at St. Peter's for their cards and kind words of condolence at the loss of Dorothy's father.

FROM THE REGISTERS



Leah Paige Ball, Emily Kate Mills,
Abigail Victoria Mills, Olivia Freya Mills,
Rosa Concetta D'Amore, Joshua Dylan Clarke



Craig Whalley & Nina Frances Kinrade

Funerals

Rebecca Louise Callister, Eunice Charlotte Crick,
Christopher Milligan,
Lily Woodward, Pam Corkish, Thomas Johnstone,
Muriel Macdonald Wright, Mary Bridget Alcock.



The offertory for November totalled £5,846.20 and was made up of
£5,295.93 pledged giving and £550.27 of loose plate giving.

Plus Royal British Legion £515.98
Thank you.

2006 PRAYER DIARY



The Prayer Diary for 2006 is now available at the back of Church – please take a copy.

ESSENCE

This is a course on Contemporary Christian Spirituality compiled by Rob Frost who is a well known national evangelist in the Methodist Church.

Essence is designed for all who recognise they are on a spiritual journey and who have a desire to travel further on that journey.

It is a six session interactive programme to stimulate a deeper spiritual life, drawing from the teachings of Jesus and the Christian mystics.

INTERESTED?

Then have a word with the Vicar.



ST. PETER'S MOTHERS' UNION

Did you know

St. Peter's has two Groups of Mothers' Union Members?

**Both Groups meet in the Parish Hall
(unless stated in the Monthly Review)**

**The afternoon group meets at 2 pm twice a month and
the evening group meets at 8 pm once a month.**

Mothers' Union is open to everyone.

**It's a misunderstanding to think your membership depends on you
being female and a mother!**

**You can be a bachelor, a married man,
a single female or a married woman,
with or without children.**

**The Mothers' Union Meeting begins with a short service and
is followed by an interesting speaker or a form of activity
and tea and biscuits.**

**If this short article has whetted your appetite,
look for the dates of our next meetings in this Monthly Review.**

Please support the Onchan Parish Hall Appeal

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with
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the way to a man's heart is through his stomach!**

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

PRESIDENT'S NEW YEAR BREAKFAST

At the beginning of the year the President of Tynwald (Noel Cringle) invites a renowned speaker, who this year is Rev. Prebendary Norman Wallwork of the Methodist Church, to address a breakfast gathering at the Empress Hotel.

There is an open invitation to attend on Tuesday 17th January at 8 am. Reserve your place by ringing Tanya Fick on 685501 and pay for breakfast (£7.50) on arrival (it is a full Manx breakfast).

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Following the Vicar's talks with the 8 am congregation the Parochial Church Council have decided to change the 8 am Sunday services to 9 am. This came into effect from the **8th January, 2006.**

PARISH HALL APPEAL – A big thank you!

MANX CHRISTMAS AT WOODLANDS - A big thank you to Mildred Cooper for letting us have the use again of her lovely home, Woodlands, all decorated for Christmas to celebrate a 'Manx Christmas' in real style.

What a great way to start the Christmas festivities and what a night it was – with over 100 for dinner. With John Kennaugh as Master of Ceremonies and the superb artists – Finnodree, Francis Corkill, & Ollie Dobson who gave us all a great laugh and Kath Blackburn at the piano and with Graham Crowe in superb voice. A big thank you to everyone – Mildred, those who helped get Woodlands ready and laid on such a superb meal, John Kennaugh, the artistes and of course to all of you who dug so deep to support the appeal and of course the raffle. The evening raised over £2,000.

LON VANE CHOIR & ONCHAN SILVER BAND CONCERT jointly organised a Community Christmas Concert on Friday 9th December with the proceeds of £280 going to the Parish Hall Appeal. It is so heart warming to see the Community working together in support of the Parish Hall. Our thanks to all concerned.

CHRISTMAS COFFEE EVENING – GORDON ASTILL once again organised what has become an annual fund raiser for the Parish Hall Appeal, which this year raised over £380. Our thanks to Gordon and all who helped and took part in this very successful event.

CUB SCOUTS – OLIVER – CONCERTS. Once again the Cub Scouts - Manannan Pack - have done their bit for the Community by raising an amazing £523 for the Parish Hall Appeal. Apart from raising such a wonderful amount of money everyone who attending the production was well entertained – we understand everyone involved enjoyed it too! Well done – Manannan Pack.

RECIPE BOOKS – Everyone who has seen the books are very pleased and its not too late to purchase your copy or perhaps another copy for a birthday present. Available from the Parish Office (675797) only £9.99.

Thank you all again for your continued support.

Nigel Cretney, Appeal Co-ordinator

PCC Meeting 10 November 2005

Sixteen members gathered at the Parish office for the fourth 2005/06 meeting of the PCC.

We began with a reading from Ephesians 4: 1-16

Matters arising included reports that 60 harvest presents had been handed out and £810 had been raised for the Niger Appeal through the Songs of Praise service. Also, approval had been given by the Diocese for the building of the cupboards at the back of church.

The PCC agreed to support Carol Bairstow as she continues her training to become a reader.

We then moved onto Growing a Healthy Church. The PCC reviewed the welcome leaflets for approval in the New Year and agreed prayer bookmarks. Discussion followed on the ministry of laying on of hands and the postponing of Key groups one week in order to allow the groups to gather for the ministry. We also discussed extended communion whereby designated individuals would take the host out to those unable to attend communion at St Peters and administer the host which had already been consecrated at the service. The Vicar will progress with this perhaps using the pastoral visitors.

Sunday School report was received. There are 36 in Sunday School with an average age of 6 and they are looking forward to gaining access to the lower room at the Parish Hall. The Lazer group average 10 attendees and are looking forward to confirmation after Christmas.

The funds in the bank were £68,647. The Quota in the coming year will be £50,953.

After lengthy discussion the agreed charitable giving for the year totalled £10,466.

Dates: The PCC away day was provisionally agreed at March 4th 2006
Week of prayer for Christian Unity commences 24 January 2006
Next PCC 8 February 2006
Church AGM 20 April 2006.

Colin Clague