



**St. Peter's Kirk  
Onchan**

# Parish Review



**July 2005**

Dear Friends,

Once again it is time to take part in the Manx Heritage Flower Festival. You may remember this began in 1990 to run throughout the Decade of Evangelism but it has outlived the decade and is now in its 15<sup>th</sup> year so it seems appropriate that this year's theme is: A Time to Remember.

There are many positive elements that come out of the Festival, not least it encourages team work and enables us to involve many people from within the church and outside. It's hard work but it is fun and there is, hopefully, satisfaction in the finished product.

Perhaps the most important plus point is the large number of people who pass through the doors of the church during the week – something like 1500 people. Multiply this by the number of churches and chapels and it amounts to a large total, even though it may be the same people visiting each one.

Some of these people are churchgoers but most are probably not.

During the Flower Festival they see the church as its best and hopefully what they see reflects the glory of God and the love and care of the congregation.

When it is a church or chapel that is regularly used for worship then the place has a different feel about it than simply a church that is a museum piece.

Also noticeboards, bookstalls and a leaflet table all convey that the church is a living community and those on duty at the festival have an important role to play in welcoming people. They are the face of the church.

It is also good if people are able to visit while there is a service going on and perhaps music being played or a concert. This again reflects life in the place. This year we have our concert on the Monday evening, on the first Sunday of the Festival there is a Baptism at 2 pm, a Wedding at 4pm on the Saturday and on the last Sunday the All Age Worship at 4 pm besides our regular acts of worship.

The stewards at the festival may like to invite people to the services or the concerts. We are also providing two small leaflets that present the gospel message and we will be encouraging the stewards to pass these out with a brief word of explanation.

The contacts we make with people during the festival can be invaluable.

A brief conversation over a cup of tea can be most enlightening and if we pray in advance of such meetings who knows whom God will put us in contact with?

God frequently makes appointments for us and if we are in tune with him we will be ready for God to use us in such situations. He may just use us as a listener. He may prompt us to offer a person an invitation to a service or we may pass on a leaflet. In other words there can be more to the Festival than simply listening to peoples' comments about the displays, although these are always good to hear and can encourage us.

Let's view the Festival as an opportunity for people to sense the presence of God and to enjoy it but also an opportunity for the church to proclaim the gospel through the displays, the acts of worship, the welcome by word of mouth, and through leaflets we distribute.

God will bless our efforts to proclaim him.

Remember we are doing it for His glory.

Yours sincerely in Jesus' Name,

*Malcolm Convery*

**PCC**

News in brief from the meeting on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> May, 2005.

After celebrating Holy Communion the Vicar welcomed the newly elected members of the Council and those who had been re-elected. Following this was the election of Officers – Jane Cretney, Peter and Elaine Cory and Trevor Singleton were all unanimously re-elected as Secretary, Treasurer, Asst Treasurer and Vice Chairman respectively. The Vicar thanked them for all their hard work, and for agreeing to continue in their roles.

Minutes of the last meeting were agreed and signed, and the Vicar mentioned that he had now completed his first year at St. Peter's. Time certainly moves quickly!

Housekeeping arrangements were made regarding the Flower Festival, and it was agreed that Scripture Gift Mission leaflets should be given out to all those who visit St. Peter's during Flower Festival Week.

The primary target of this PCC meeting was "Growing a Healthy Church" with the main areas of focus now highlighted as Motivation, Mission and Welcome. Each member of the PCC was asked to select one of the three areas they felt particularly called to, and the committee then split into the three groups. Each group looked at as many ways as possible of progressing that specific area, and then narrowed it down to one practical suggestion which could be developed in each of the three areas. Volunteers from each group agreed to put together an action plan for progressing each practical suggestion, to be discussed at the next PCC meeting.

Next on the Agenda was Wholeness and Healing. Wholeness and Healing should be a regular part of our ministry in all our services, but the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday was not proving satisfactory, and alternative arrangements for both the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday were discussed.

The PCC were advised that Eric Quirk was the designated Child Protection Officer for the Diocese, and Elaine Litherland had agreed to take over the position of Child Protection Officer for St. Peter's from Sylvia Lawrinson.

A letter of thanks had been received from Sylvia and Les thanking the PCC for their very generous leaving gift.

The financial report was then given by Peter Cory, and the Vicar gave a brief report on the latest Synod meeting.

Nigel Cretney advised the church painting was now underway, and work was to begin that week on the disabled access into Church. The Vicarage and Church downspouts and gutters had been cleared, and a contract put in place to have them cleared twice a year. The kitchen in the Parish Hall had been painted and the floor laid.

Next came the Vicar's Report, where he remarked on the encouraging turnout at the AGM. His first Easter had been very hectic, but enjoyable, and the Rogation Walk and Service followed by tea at the Vicarage was very successful. The current Parenting Course was now coming to an end, and hopefully another one would begin in the Autumn, and two of three planned Marriage Preparation Courses had now been completed. There was also to be a meeting the following week concerning the All Age Worship Service.

The PCC agreed to contribute to the Archdeacon's leaving gift as he had been so supportive of St. Peter's in the past, and it was also agreed that flowers at the beginning of June now be in memory of past Vicars (deceased).

Finally, a date for your diaries – The Christmas Fayre will be held on 3<sup>rd</sup> December this year.

Debi Kennaugh

## **MOTHERS' UNION**

The three Deanery's meeting at Braddan was well supported by Onchan members. Mrs Susan Knowles was the speaker and she shared with us an often amusing tour of all the different homes she and the Lord Bishop had lived in.

Mothers' Union Prayer time was held at St. Peter's in June.

Have you booked your place for the Mothers' Union Flower Festival outing on the 6<sup>th</sup> July, please see Christine to book a place.

Strawberry Tea on 19<sup>th</sup> July at Woodlands at 2.30pm. Cost £1, proceeds to help with the Mums & Tots outing.

Valerie Convery, Branch Leader

## **LADIES FELLOWSHIP**

A meal out is being booked for the 20<sup>th</sup> July. If you were not at the last meeting and would like to come please let me know on 623168.

Don't forget the Garden Party is to be held on the 23<sup>rd</sup> July on the Church Green.

Hazel Johnson

## **Our GUEST PREACHERS this month are:**

July 10th	11.00 am	Charles Flynn (All Saints & St Thomas')
	6.30 pm	Margaret Burrow (St. Ninian's)
July 17 <sup>th</sup>	11.00 am	Rev Ken Ross (St. Georges)
	6.30 pm	Eric Quirk (Braddan)

## **MANX HERITAGE FLOWER FESTIVAL 3<sup>rd</sup> - 10<sup>th</sup> July**

**We still need more Stewards!** - If you can help 'steward' during the festival week please call Jane (675797) – Thank you.

The Church will be available for arranging displays on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> July between 9am and 6pm and Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> July between 9am and 1pm then again from 3pm to 6pm (Wedding 2 - 3pm).

Don't forget the Tynwald Eve Concert on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> July at 7.30 pm in Church by St. Peter's Church Choir – Everyone Welcome. Proceeds to the Parish Hall Appeal - Admission £5 including wine and nibbles.

## **CHRISTIAN AID**

**Well, didn't you do well!**

**This year, St. Peter's raised £3,293**

Our doorstep collection was some £150 higher than last year, at £2,284 and the many donations made to mark Malcolm and Christine Turner's "Ruby Wedding" put another £650 into our total. So, with further special individual donations totalling £359, the giving through St. Peter's was nearly £900 more than in 2004.

A big "thank you" to every collector who donated time and shoe leather to help Christian Aid, to the essential and careful 'counting-house' volunteers, to all of you who helped in other ways and, especially, to the "cheerful givers" of Onchan.

Our friends from Onchan Methodist Church raised £2,408 in their areas of Onchan, so altogether our community has provided £5,701 of the £30,000 being sought to fund the Island's own 2005 project in Ethiopia.

Eric Foster, Christian Aid Co-ordinator

*WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES  
CONGRATULATIONS TO:*

*HAZEL & BRYAN JOHNSON  
WHO CELEBRATED THEIR ANNIVERSARY  
ON SUNDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> MAY*

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*MARGARET & HOWARD CORLETT  
WHO CELEBRATE THEIR ANNIVERSARY  
ON SUNDAY 31<sup>ST</sup> JULY*

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*and*

*MARIEL & EWAN CALLOW  
WHO CELEBRATE THEIR ANNIVERSARY  
ON WEDNESDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST*

*CONGRATULATIONS*

*Love and best wishes are extended to Jane and Nigel Cretney on the occasion of their Silver Wedding which they will celebrate on Tuesday 5th July.*

*We hope they have a lovely day ....even though they will be getting up very early to set out their stall for the Parish Hall Appeal on the Fair Field at Tynwald!!*

Elaine & Peter Cory

*TYNWALD EVE CONCERT*  
*by St. Peter's Church Choir*  
*on*  
**MONDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> JULY**  
*at*  
**7.30 pm**  
*in*  
**ST. PETER'S CHURCH, ONCHAN**  
*(During the Flower Festival)*

**IN AID OF THE PARISH HALL APPEAL**  
**TICKETS ONLY £5 (incl. wine and nibbles)**



*PIMMS & PLOUGHMANS*  
*LUNCH*

*on*  
**SUNDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST**  
*at 12.30 p.m.*  
*in the*  
**VICARAGE GARDEN**  
**TICKETS £10 (children £5)**  
**PROCEEDS TO THE PARISH HALL APPEAL**

**TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM**  
**THE PARISH OFFICE (675797)**

*The flower rota for July is as follows:*

*3<sup>rd</sup>*

*Mrs H. Johnson*

*10<sup>th</sup>*

*Mrs A. Cox*

*17<sup>th</sup>*

*Mrs J. Kelly*

*24<sup>th</sup>*

*Mrs C. Sanders*

*31<sup>st</sup>*

*Mrs J. Entwistle*

## ***PRAYER DIARY JULY, 2005***

*3<sup>rd</sup>*

*Onchan's  
M.H.K.'s and M.L.C.'s*

*Beech Avenue, Beech Close,  
Cronk Avenue,  
Ivydene Avenue*

*10<sup>th</sup>*

*The Church of England*

*Maple Avenue, Maple Close,  
Hackett Close*

*17<sup>th</sup>*

*Your next door  
neighbours*

*Ashley Park, Meadow Close,  
Meadow View*

*24<sup>th</sup>*

*Onchan Pensioners*

*Stoney Road, Village Walk,  
Elm Drive, Elm Tree Road*

*31<sup>st</sup>*

*People involved in  
Charity Work*

*Church Avenue,  
Nursery Avenue, School Road*

# **FROM THE REGISTERS**

## **BAPTISMS**

Lydia Jane Hunter

## **WEDDINGS**

Paul Antony Gerrard & Clare Thompson

## **Funerals**

Gina Dawn Lawrie, Steven Walter Fairhurst, Robert Henry Kilgour  
and David Radcliffe Gell

## **OFFERTORY**

The offertory for May totalled £8,625.87 and was made up of £6,957.88 pledged giving and £1,667.99 of loose plate giving.

Thank you.

**PLEASE NOTE CLOSING DATE**

**FOR ITEMS TO BE INCLUDED IN NEXT REVIEW**

**25<sup>th</sup> July, 2005**

## DIARY for July

1 <sup>st</sup>	Fri	1.30 pm	Mums & Tots – Parish Hall
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Sat	2.00 pm	Wedding Blessing Kevin and Sarah Riley
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Sun		Flower Festival "A Time to Remember"
		2.00 pm	Baptism - William & Stephen Higgins (twins)
4 <sup>th</sup>	Mon	7.30 pm	Tynwald Eve Concert
		7.45 pm	Key Group – 2 Wentworth Close
5 <sup>th</sup>	Tue		Tynwald Day
6 <sup>th</sup>	Wed	10.30 am	Holy Communion
		1.15 pm	MU Flower Festival Coach Trip
		7.30 pm	Key Group – Dellbrae, Fairy Cottage, Laxey
7 <sup>th</sup>	Thurs		
8 <sup>th</sup>	Fri	1.30 pm	Mums & Tots – Parish Hall
9 <sup>th</sup>	Sat	4.00 pm	Wedding – Ian Rowley & Sarah Curphey
10 <sup>th</sup>	Sun	4.00 pm	All Age Worship
11 <sup>th</sup>	Mon	7.45 pm	Key Group – 2 Wentworth Close
12 <sup>th</sup>	Tue	7.30 pm	Key Group 1 – Coachman's Cottage
		7.30 pm	Key Group 2
13 <sup>th</sup>	Wed	10.30 am	Holy Communion
		7.30 pm	Key Group - 76 King Edward Road
14 <sup>th</sup>	Thurs		
15 <sup>th</sup>	Fri	1.30 pm	Mums & Tots – Parish Hall
		7.45 pm	Evening MU–Bring & Share Faith Supper
16 <sup>th</sup>	Sat	2.00 pm	Wedding – Andrew Corran & Cheryl Davies
		4.00 pm	Wedding–Peter Van-Toor & Jacqueline Danaher
17 <sup>th</sup>	Sun		
18 <sup>th</sup>	Mon	7.30 pm	Key Group – 2 Wentworth Close
19 <sup>th</sup>	Tue	2.30 pm	MU Strawberry Tea at Woodlands
		7.30 pm	Key Group 1 – 30 Birch Hill Crescent
		7.30 pm	Key Group 2
20 <sup>th</sup>	Wed	10.30 am	Holy Communion
		7.30 pm	Ladies Fellowship Night Out
21 <sup>st</sup>	Thurs	12.30 pm	Lunch for Children of Chernobyl–Parish Hall
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Fri	1.30 pm	Mums & Tots – Parish Hall
23 <sup>rd</sup>	Sat	2.00 pm	Ladies Fellowship Garden Party Church Green
24 <sup>th</sup>	Sun	2.00 pm	Baptisms – Rebecca Kaye, Olivia Callister, and Charley Nicole Bell
25 <sup>th</sup>	Mon	7.15 pm	Wedding Preparation – Parish Office
		7.30 pm	Key Group – 2 Wentworth Close
26 <sup>th</sup>	Tue	7.30 pm	Key Group 2
27 <sup>th</sup>	Wed	10.30 am	Holy Communion
		7.30 pm	PCC Meeting in Church
28 <sup>th</sup>	Thurs	7.00 pm	Pastoral Visitors Meeting - Vicarage
29 <sup>th</sup>	Fri	1.30 pm	Mums & Tots – Parish Hall
30 <sup>th</sup>	Sat		
31 <sup>st</sup>	Sun	2.00 pm	Baptisms – Lawrence Riekskins Millie Hebden, and Joseph Quinn
		3.30 pm	Royal British Legion Service