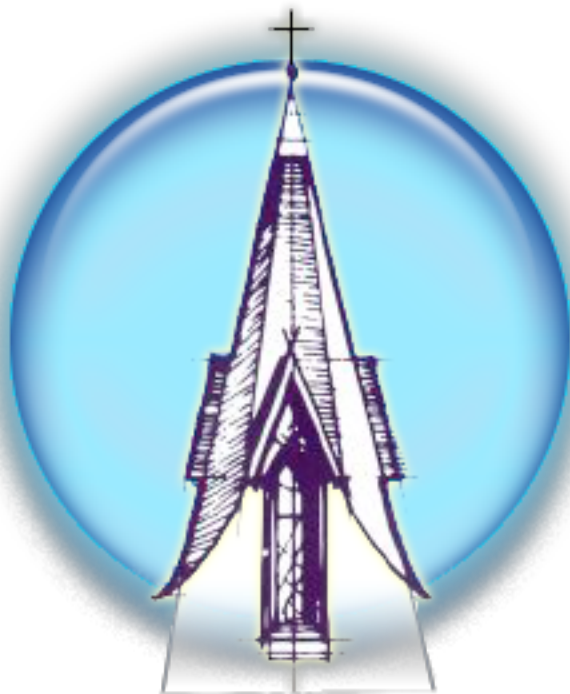


# St. Peter's Parish Review



June 2005

Dear Friends,

Prayer is vital – a lifeline to God – but when we pray do we expect anything to happen?

When Peter and John were released following their arrest for preaching the gospel and with the warning to stop, what did they do?

They prayed: "Now, Lord, consider their threats and enable your servants to speak your word with great boldness, stretch out your hand to heal and perform miraculous signs and wonders through the name of your holy servant Jesus" (Acts 4 v 29, 30).

'After they prayed, the place where they were meeting was shaken. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God boldly' (v 31).

Have we the confidence to pray thus?

Prayer opens up channels through which God can work. Prayer also tunes us into God so we can see him already at work amongst us.

A praying Church is likely to be an effective Church.

Indeed prayer should support all that we plan and do and prayer should be both individual and corporate.

Prayer should be a vital part of deepening our relationship with God but the prayers of the Church, whether offered in the main body of worship or in small groups, are just as important.

Praying with an open Bible is a helpful means of being in tune with God and as Christians our aim should be to be in tune with him so our will is his will.

We pray often enough 'Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven' so let us not be surprised when we see God's will being done and when we witness the power of his presence.

We all need encouragement and guidance in prayer and I would like to make this a priority in the days ahead.

Pentecost, which we have just celebrated, reminds us of the need to pray to receive God's Holy Spirit, for without God and his Holy Spirit we labour in vain as Psalm 127 v 1 reminds us:

'Unless the Lord builds the house, its builders labour in vain'.

Yours sincerely in Jesus' Name,

*Malcolm Convery*

**Our GUEST PREACHERS this month are:**

June 12th	6.30 pm	Rev Brian Darbyshire (St. Ninian's)
June 19 <sup>th</sup>	11.00 am	Canon Hinton Bird
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June 26th	11.00 am	The Lord Bishop – Confirmation Service

**MANX HERITAGE FLOWER FESTIVAL**

We are taking part in this year's flower festival the 3<sup>rd</sup> - 10<sup>th</sup> July.

If you can help 'steward' during the festival week please call Jane (675797) – Thank you.

There will be a Tynwald Eve Concert on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> July at 7.30 pm in Church by St. Peter's Church Choir – Everyone Welcome  
Admission £5 including wine and nibbles.

## **40 YEARS OF MARRIAGE**

Malcolm and Christine Turner celebrated 40 years of marriage on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> May with a service when they renewed their wedding vows followed by a wonderful evening at the Rutland Hotel. They were overwhelmed by the whole day when their family and friends joined them in their celebration. They requested no presents but asked for donations to Christian Aid. They are delighted that as a result approx £600 has been collected in lieu of gifts. They thank all who donated.

## **SHARE THE CARE Limited**

**Hospice Care**

**CAN YOU SPARE A MORNING OR AFTERNOON, REGULARLY,  
OR AS A HOLIDAY RELIEF  
IN ONE OF OUR SHOPS –  
EVEN PERHAPS AN ODD SATURDAY AFTERNOON**

**YOU WOULD FIND A WARM WELCOME, AND KNOW THAT  
THE TIME SPENT AS A VOLUNTEER WILL BE OF BENEFIT TO  
ST. BRIDGET'S HOSPICE.**

**If you can help or would like to know more  
contact: JULIE JONES  
Manager Share the Care  
Telephone: 629629/692918**

## **LADIES FELLOWSHIP**

The business meeting held on the 4<sup>th</sup> May was well attended. Lynda our Treasurer showed that our finances were still in good shape and therefore no change to membership fee or tea charge would be made.

Lots of ideas were put forward for the 2005/6 programme which will commence on the 5<sup>th</sup> October. As usual a wonderful buffet appeared, each member having brought an item of food.

A meal out is going to be 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. More later.

Hazel Johnson

## **MOTHERS' UNION**

At the first of our May meetings Mrs P. Corrin and Mrs E. Shimmin came along and shared in music and verse Spring Time and May. A few of the pieces brought back happy childhood times for some of our members.

The Annual Meeting was our next meeting, and this was well attended. Our Treasurer Mrs Christine Sanders gave her report. We were told that we have 61 members, and shown a healthy balance sheet.

Then it was the turn of our Secretary Mrs Joan Conway giving her last report. Joan has been our Secretary for 17 years. Joan told us about the interesting speakers we have had at our meetings.

Mrs Valerie Convery gave her first report as branch leader, and thanked everybody for their love and support.

Mrs Jane Cretney was elected to the post of Secretary and Mrs Carol Dean to the committee.

Mrs Convery then called upon Mrs Mildred Cooper to give a vote of thanks to Mrs Joan Conway on behalf of all the members. Mrs Conway was presented with a lovely hand painted plate, flowers and a balloon.

Mrs Convery then asked for ideas from members for the new programme to be drawn up by the committee.

The meeting then closed and members enjoyed a lovely tea. Everyone said how beautiful the hall and tables looked decorated in pink and white with flowers and balloons. Mrs Joan Conway was invited to cut a cake to mark her retirement.

The evening group met on the 19<sup>th</sup> May and had as their guest speaker Mr Chris Tumman. He gave a most enjoyable and informative presentation on A Day in the Life of Government House. Mrs Wendy Allen – evening group administrator drew attention to important events for Mothers' Union Members.

14<sup>th</sup> June 7.30 pm Deanery Meeting, Braddan Church Hall. Stalls/Raffle and guest speaker Mrs Susan Knowles (Bishop's wife)

16<sup>th</sup> June 2.30 pm Mothers' Union Prayer Time at St. Peter's Church.

3<sup>rd</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> July Manx Heritage Flower Festival St. Peter's Church both the afternoon and evening groups are doing displays in Church.

### **DID YOU ATTEND ST. PETER'S SUNDAY SCHOOL?**

The theme for this year's Flower Festival is "A Time to Remember" and we would like our display to include photographs of St. Peter's Sunday School members, past and present.

If you, or someone you know, have attended Sunday School in the past, please could you get in touch. I can send you a frame, in which you (or they) can place a photograph of how you/they look now. Frames will also be left at the back of Church if you wish to collect one from there.

Photographs will be returned after the Flower Festival. Please write your name on the photograph frame and return it to me or leave at the back of Church by 26th June.

Thank you in advance for helping us to make a really super display for Sunday School this year.

Debi Kennaugh, Sunday School Superintendent  
Tel: 615995/672815

Reading through some old 'Friendship Books' I can across this story:

For over 20 years in the middle of last century, Dr Walter Farquhar Hook was the Vicar of Leeds. He did great work among the poor of the city and had a special interest in industrial conditions and in education. He supervised the building of at least 30 schools and 21 churches, as well as the rebuilding of the parish church itself.

Into this new building he invited, as special preacher, George Doane, the American bishop of New Jersey, who gave an address of Baptism. At the end, he made an appeal to anyone not baptised to come forward, but no-one responded.

Some months later, a young man called on Dr Hook in the vestry. "You won't know me, sir", he said, "but some time ago I was passing your church and saw that an American bishop was going to preach, and though I was never one for churchgoing it was a bad day and I thought I'd go in out of the cold and see what a Yankee bishop looked like."

"Ah, yes," said Dr Hook, "I remember the occasion. The bishop was very disappointed that no-one answered his appeal about baptism and he went away feeling his visit had been a failure".

"Not at all!" said the young man. "I listened to every word and though I didn't go forward then, I have since been baptised and confirmed. That service changed my life".

When we speak of success and failure, how little we often know about the results of our actions.

# **FROM THE REGISTERS**

## **BAPTISMS**

Natasha Harris-Burland, Lucy Isobelle Turner,  
Daisy Nicole Donegan, Lewis Alan Radcliffe

## **WEDDINGS**

Ian Comish & Tina Fielding

## **Funerals**

Ocean Francis William Fisher, Colin Depoix, Doris Jean Trafford,  
Alice Maud Cretney, Gladys Elizabeth Davies, Tony Wilding,  
Edna Monks, Donald and Dorothy Suckling, Mona Clucas

## **OFFERTORY**

The offertory for April totalled £6,858.23 and was made up of £5,814.63 pledged giving and £1,043.60 of loose plate giving.

Thank you.

*The flower rota for June is as follows:*

<i>5<sup>th</sup></i>	<i>In memory of</i>	<i>Onchan Vicars (Dec'd)</i>
<i>12<sup>th</sup></i>	<i>In memory of</i>	<i>Jennifer Corkhill</i>
<i>19<sup>th</sup></i>		<i>Mrs J. Kniveton</i>
<i>26<sup>th</sup></i>		<i>Mrs S. Lawrinson</i>

***PRAYER DIARY***  
***JUNE, 2005***

<i>5<sup>th</sup></i>	<i>People working in the Islands Emergency Services</i>	<i>Birch Hill Crescent, Hillcrest Grove, Hollydene Avenue</i>
<i>12<sup>th</sup></i>	<i>Residential &amp; Nursing Homes</i>	<i>Highfield Crescent, Highfield Close, Hazel Close</i>
<i>19<sup>th</sup></i>	<i>Lazer Group</i>	<i>Sunnybank Avenue Seafield Crescent, Seafield Close</i>
<i>26<sup>th</sup></i>	<i>Onchan Commissioners</i>	<i>Oak Close, Rosedene Avenue, Rosedene Close, Willow Close</i>

## DIARY for June

1 <sup>st</sup>	Wed	10.30 am	Holy Communion
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Thurs		
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Fri		
4 <sup>th</sup>	Sat		
5 <sup>th</sup>	Sun		
6 <sup>th</sup>	Mon		
7 <sup>th</sup>	Tue		
8 <sup>th</sup>	Wed	10.30 am	Holy Communion
9 <sup>th</sup>	Thurs		
10 <sup>th</sup>	Fri		
11 <sup>th</sup>	Sat		
12 <sup>th</sup>	Sun	2.00 pm	Baptism – Lydia Jane Hunter
		4.00 pm	All Age Worship
13 <sup>th</sup>	Mon	7.30 pm	Vicar & Wardens Meeting – Parish Office
		7.45 pm	Key Group – 2 Wentworth Close
14 <sup>th</sup>	Tue	2.30 pm	Adult Confirmation Preparation – Vicarage
		7.30 pm	Mothers' Union Deanery Meeting-Braddan
		7.30 pm	Key Group (2)
15 <sup>th</sup>	Wed	10.30 am	Holy Communion
		7.30 pm	Baby Clothes Sale – Parish Hall
		7.30 pm	Key Group – 32 Snaefell Crescent
16 <sup>th</sup>	Thurs	2.30 pm	Mothers' Union Prayer time - Church
		7.45 pm	Evening Mothers' Union – Parish Hall
17 <sup>th</sup>	Fri	1.30 pm	Mums & Tots – Parish Hall
18 <sup>th</sup>	Sat	11.00 am	Wedding – Paul Gerrard & Clare Thompson
19 <sup>th</sup>	Sun	7.30 pm	Choir Practice - Church
20 <sup>th</sup>	Mon	7.45 pm	Key Group – 2 Wentworth Close
21 <sup>st</sup>	Tue	7.30 pm	Key Group (1)
		7.30 pm	Key Group (2)
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Wed	10.30 am	Holy Communion
		7.30 pm	Key Group
23 <sup>rd</sup>	Thurs	7.30 pm	Wholeness & Healing Service
24 <sup>th</sup>	Fri	1.30 pm	Mums & Tots – Parish Hall
25 <sup>th</sup>	Sat		
26 <sup>th</sup>	Sun	11.00 am	Confirmation Service
		3.00 pm	Heritage Service at Abbeylands Chapel
		7.30 pm	Choir Practice - Church
27 <sup>th</sup>	Mon	7.45 pm	Key Group – 2 Wentworth Close
28 <sup>th</sup>	Tue	7.30 pm	Key Group (1)
		7.30 pm	Key Group (2)
29 <sup>th</sup>	Wed	10.30 am	Holy Communion
		7.30 pm	Key Group
30 <sup>th</sup>	Thurs		