

## Services at St Peter's

<b>Holy Communion:</b>	BCP Each Sunday	9.00 am
	CW 1 <sup>st</sup> , 3 <sup>rd</sup> & 5 <sup>th</sup>	11.00 am
	BCP 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday	6.30 pm
	Wednesday	10.30 am
	Holy Days (as announced)	
<b>Morning Prayer:</b>	CW 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday	11.00 am
<b>Family Service:</b>	4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of each month	11.00 am
<b>Evening Prayer:</b>	BCP 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 3 <sup>rd</sup> & 5 <sup>th</sup> Sundays	6.30 pm
<b>Midweek Service with Ministry of Healing:</b>	<i>Every two months (Sept, Nov, Jan, March, May &amp; July) date as advertised on noticeboard</i>	7.30 pm
<b>All Age Worship:</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of each month	4.00 pm

Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals – By arrangement.

### Vicar:

The Revd Canon Malcolm Convery

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### Parish Clerk:

Mrs Jane Cretney

Parish Office

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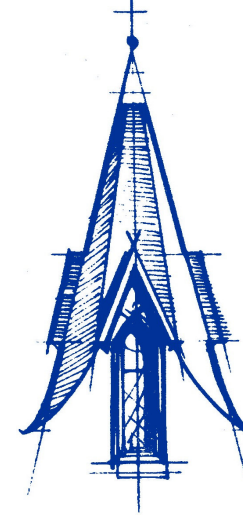
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# Monthly Review March 2006



*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,

Jesus said: "If anyone is thirsty, let him come to me and drink. Whoever believes in me, as the scripture has said, streams of living water will flow from within him". By this he meant the Spirit ..... John 7 v 37-39.

Lent can be a time of spiritual refreshment, a new springtime in our lives, a renewal of our spiritual lives.

It is so easy, especially if we have been a Christian a long time and been very much involved in the life of the church, to become stale and just go through the motions of being a Christian. There is a dryness about our spiritual lives.

Lent is a time to take stock and do something about it if need be, and if we do then our celebration of Easter will take on a new significance.

There are several steps we could take to refresh our spiritual life, not only in terms of our own spiritual dryness but in terms of our ministry and witness to others. Jesus wants us to come to him to satisfy our spiritual thirst but also to be recharged so that streams of living water can flow from within us into the spiritual desert of the secular world. What practical steps can we take for this to happen?

Perhaps we need to slow down and give time to God.

Often we say: "I will go to church, or I will join the Lent Study Group or the Alpha Course; when I get the time. We can make the time to do what we really want to do.

Take time out to focus on God.  
 Make worship a priority, if it isn't so already.  
 Join the Lent Study Group.  
 If it helps, give something up for Lent.  
 Make a point of helping others.  
 Read a spiritual book in addition to the Bible.

Be generous in your giving, both of self and monetary, for in doing so people receive the streams of living water that Jesus refers to and when streams flow in the desert dormant seeds burst into life.

Lent can be quite a sombre period in the Churches' year but it should also be a period when we anticipate the joy of Jesus' resurrection and the joy

## DIARY for March



1 <sup>st</sup>	Wed	10.30 am	Holy Communion
		12 noon	Lent Lunch – Parish Hall
		7.30 pm	Ash Wednesday Service of Ashing, Anointing & Holy Communion
		8.00 pm	Ladies Fellowship – Parish Hall
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Thurs	8.00 pm	Prayer Group – 4 Sea View Road
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Fri	7.30 pm	Women's World Day of Prayer Service – St. Anthony's Church
		1.30 pm	Mums & Tots – Parish Hall
4 <sup>th</sup>	Sat	10.00 am	PCC Away Day – St. John's Mill
		4.00 pm	Cathedral Singers–Evensong-Cathedral
5 <sup>th</sup>	Sun		
6 <sup>th</sup>	Mon		
7 <sup>th</sup>	Tue	2.00 pm	Mothers' Union – Parish Hall
		7.30 pm	Lent Course – Onchan Methodist Church
8 <sup>th</sup>	Wed	10.30 am	Holy Communion
		12 noon	Lent Lunch – Parish Hall
		7.30 pm	Wedding Preparation – Parish Office
		7.30 pm	Alpha Meal – Empress Hotel
9 <sup>th</sup>	Thurs	7.30 pm	Vicar & Wardens Meeting – Parish Office
		7.30 pm	Christian Aid Presentation – St. John's Mill
10 <sup>th</sup>	Fri	1.30 pm	Mums & Tots – Parish Hall
11 <sup>th</sup>	Sat		
12 <sup>th</sup>	Sun	4.00 pm	All Age Worship
13 <sup>th</sup>	Mon		
14 <sup>th</sup>	Tue	7.30 pm	Lent Course – Onchan Methodist Church
15 <sup>th</sup>	Wed	10.30 am	Holy Communion
		12 noon	Lent Lunch – Parish Hall
		7.30 pm	Wedding Preparation – Parish Office
		7.30 pm	Alpha Course – Archibald Knox
16 <sup>th</sup>	Thurs	7.45 pm	Evening Mothers' Union – Parish Hall
		8.00 pm	Prayer Group – 4 Sea View Road
17 <sup>th</sup>	Fri	1.30 pm	Mums & Tots – Parish Hall
18 <sup>th</sup>	Sat		
19 <sup>th</sup>	Sun	2.00 pm	Baptisms: George Collins & Danielle Wilkinson
20 <sup>th</sup>	Mon		
21 <sup>st</sup>	Tue	2.00 pm	Mothers' Union – Parish Hall
		7.30 pm	Lent Course – Onchan Methodist Church
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Wed	10.30 am	Holy Communion
		12 noon	Lent Lunch – Parish Hall
		7.30 pm	Alpha Course – Archibald Knox
23 <sup>rd</sup>	Thurs	7.30 pm	PCC Meeting – Parish Office
24 <sup>th</sup>	Fri	1.00 pm	Wedding: Robert Callister & Victoria Campanelle
		1.30 pm	Mums & Tots – Parish Hall
25 <sup>th</sup>	Sat	9.00 am	Make Mothering Sunday posies - Church
26 <sup>th</sup>	Sun	11.00 am	Mothering Sunday Family Service
		2.00 pm	Baptisms: Emily Grace Kneen & Jasmine Breesha Johnstone
27 <sup>th</sup>	Mon		
28 <sup>th</sup>	Tue	7.30 pm	Lent Course – Onchan Methodist Church

29 <sup>th</sup>	Wed	10.30 am	Holy Communion
		12 noon	Lent Lunch – Parish Hall
		7.30 pm	Alpha Course – Archibald Knox
30 <sup>th</sup>	Thurs	7.30 pm	Midweek Service with Ministry of Healing Speaker: Rev. Cath Corkish, Port Erin
31 <sup>st</sup>	Fri	1.30 pm	Mums & Tots – Parish Hall



The flower rota for March is as follows:

5 <sup>th</sup>		L <small>ENT</small> (1)
12 <sup>th</sup>		L <small>ENT</small> (2)
19 <sup>th</sup>		L <small>ENT</small> (3)
26 <sup>th</sup>		Mothering Sunday



**PRAYER DIARY**  
**MARCH, 2006**

5 <sup>th</sup>	The Key Groups & Prayer Group	Bemahague, Bemahague Avenue
12 <sup>th</sup>	The Christian Stewardship Scheme	All those participating in the Stewardship Scheme at St. Peter's
19 <sup>th</sup>	Kenyon's	Ballachurry Avenue, Ballachurry Close
26 <sup>th</sup>	All Mothers in Onchan	Alpine Close, Fairfield Avenue

**ALL AGE WORSHIP**  
**Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> March**  
at 4 pm  
**Theme: Stewardship/  
Spiritual Gifts**

of witnessing new life, both within ourselves and among those who have yet to receive Jesus into their lives.

If our Lenten discipline is taken seriously then there will be shoots of new growth and we will enjoy praising God for the new life he brings.

So let's use Lent wisely to make a difference in our lives, the life of the Church and of the world beyond.

Let's be open to God and willing to be used by Him.

Yours sincerely in Jesus' Name,



**MOTHERS' UNION**

Our evening group held an open evening in February at this the Rob Frost 60 minute parenting video was shown. The video was excellent and enjoyed by those present. The speaker at our next meeting 16<sup>th</sup> March is Mrs Mary Carter her topic "Have you ever met an angel?" come along and see if you have.

The afternoon ladies heard some of the stories behind some Great Hymns at the first of their meetings in February. The second meeting was a slide presentation by Mrs Valerie Vaughan on some of the countries that have written the Women's World Day of Prayer Services over the last few years.

Ladies from both groups attended the "Wedding Fantasia" at the Corrin Hall in Peel. This M.U. island fundraiser saw wedding dresses ranging from 1936 to 2005 being modelled. Several dresses belonging to our branch ladies were modelled or displayed. This event brought to a close National Marriage Week. In our own church we had held a special service "Celebrating Marriage" then after this service the congregation joined our special guests for the evening in a celebratory drink and wedding cake before looking at the display of wedding photographs etc.

Valerie Convery, Branch Leader

## STEWARDSHIP REPORT

It is now 2 years since the start of our 2<sup>nd</sup> Stewardship term and thanks go to all those families connected to St Peter's who pledge their giving. This year pledged giving totalled £59,744 and this solid, regular income enables me as Treasurer, reporting to the Vicar and PCC, to prepare meaningful budget forecasts in the confidence that we have a measurable, reliable income. It also means that I can monitor our expenditure on capital works such as periodic redecoration or major repairs to the Church in the knowledge that a significant proportion of expenditure is covered by a fixed income.

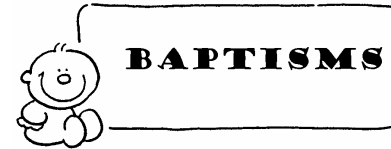
The beneficial effect of Stewardship is undoubted and I am pleased to report that, during 2005, a total of 5 new families have pledged their giving bringing our assured income from this source up to £60,217 an increase of £3,310 pa. Against this good news, however, we cannot ignore the fact that our costs increase year on year. For instance our Quota payments to the Diocese last year increased by £5,280 and we all have personal experience of the ever increasing cost of heat and light. Last year pledged giving covered 82% of our normal running costs. This year it only provides 66% cover. With this in mind we should all look at what we give to the Church and decide whether what we give matches what God may rightly expect of us.

The balance of our expenses and provision for capital expenditure have to be met from non pledged giving, loose plate collections in Church and income from fees, sundry receipts and donations. As usual I will be presenting the accounts in more detail to the Annual General Meeting to be held in the Parish Hall on Thursday 20th April 2006.

As I said in my report this time last year it is important to express our gratitude to God for all the good things that he provides for us, living as we do in such a safe environment. We all take our comfortable lives for granted and, with this in mind, I would like to remind you that our annual Stewardship rededication service is to be held on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2006 at 11am.

I cannot stress enough the importance of pledged giving for the ongoing financial security of the Church. Anyone who would like to increase their giving or who does not pledge at the moment and would like to do so can contact Peter or Elaine Cory on 624910.

## **FROM THE REGISTERS**



Albert Henry Kessler &  
Alisha Faragher

### **Funerals**

Eileen Kewley, Barbara Eleanor Stanworth, William Douglas Hardinge,  
Catherine Marie Callow, Evelyn Clare Coyne, John (Jack) Dunn,  
Marjorie Porter & Minnie Eleanor Horbury



The offertory for January totalled £5,213.56 and was made up of  
£4,256.38 pledged giving and £957.18 of loose plate giving.

Plus £126.83 given to Onchan Live at Home Scheme  
from Christian Unity Service in Parish Hall

Thank you.

**PLEASE NOTE CLOSING DATE**  
**FOR ITEMS TO BE INCLUDED IN NEXT REVIEW**

***27th March, 2006***

**CMS FUND RAISER** for visit of Mission Team in May:

**AN INDIAN MEAL**

followed by entertainment by Dot Tilbury and Friends.

**BRADDAN CHURCH HALL**

**7.30 pm**

**SATURDAY 1<sup>st</sup> APRIL**

**Tickets: £15 from the Vicar**

**MIDWEEK SERVICE**

with

**MINISTRY OF HEALING**

Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March

at 7.30 pm

Guest Speaker: Rev. Cath Corkish

(Methodist Minister, Port Erin)

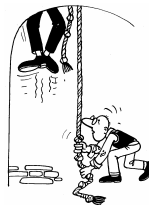
**LENT ENVELOPES**

If you would like to contribute to the Leprosy Mission as part of your Lenten discipline please use the envelope provided and place on the offertory plate by Easter Day.

N.B. Some of you may have already contributed through boxes in which case 'thank you'.

**ALPHA COURSE** begins with a meal at the Empress Hotel on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30 pm and continues each week at the Archibald Knox. Details from Colin and Marcia Clague (Tel: 626573)

**BELL RINGER** required for 11 am services rota.  
If you can help - please contact Jane 675797 – Thank you.



**LENT STUDY COURSE**

**WHERE IS GOD?**

When we seek happiness?  
When we face suffering?  
When we make decisions?  
When we contemplate death?  
When we try to make sense of life?

Each Tuesday evening beginning March 7<sup>th</sup>  
at 7.30 pm  
in Onchan Methodist Church

All welcome to this ecumenical study course.

**LENT LUNCHES**

**Home made soups-desserts-coffee**

**12 noon to 1.30 p.m.**

**Every Wednesday**

**1<sup>st</sup> March to 12<sup>th</sup> April incl.**

**in**

**The Parish Hall, Onchan**

**£3 – All Welcome**

## **PCC REPORT**

Meeting held at Parish Office on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> February, 2006. The Vicar opened the meeting with a bible reading and prayers.

Matters arising included accepting the new welcome packs. PCC discussed the Diocesan child protection policy and that Nigel and Carol to be allowed to lay on hands at the wholeness and healing service. The week of prayer for Christian Unity Service was well attended on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> January. Christmas services had been well attended, specially the nativity in the barn which Maff and Carol felt should be bi-annual. We moved onto Growing a Healthy Church and the challenge of mission which will be discussed at greater length at our PCC Away Day. We will again join with the Roman Catholics and Methodists for an ecumenical Lent course on a Tuesday night during Lent. Venue to be the same each week and the course is to finish with a service and supper.

The Broughton Boys Choir would like to sing at St. Peter's, the Vicar to arrange date in April. Treasurer went through statement of receipts and payments for PCC accounts for year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2005.

Dates: PCC Away Day – Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> March at St. Johns Mill  
Next PCC meeting – Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> March in the Parish Office.

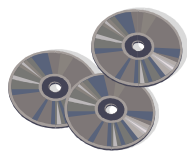
Meeting finished with the Grace at 10 pm.

Mrs Joan Callister

**COMMITTED TO SUCCESS** on behalf of the Parish Hall Appeal.

Yet another big thank you to Dawn Kewley for organising another successful sale of baby goods – it brought in a further £115 for the Appeal. This means that since the start of the Appeal Dawn has raised over £800 towards the refurbishment – a tireless worker. Well done Dawn and a very big thank you.

**WATCH THIS SPACE** – more good news for the Parish Hall Appeal.



'Christ Be Our Light' the CD recorded by the Choir of St. Peter's is now only weeks away from it's launch – it truly is marvellous. To book your CD at £10 each contact Jane (675797) at the Parish Office and look out for the launch – it should be a night to remember!

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Onchan Parish Hall Appeal**

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## **LADIES FELLOWSHIP**

Again - two very interesting meetings in February. The first a very enlightening talk on 'Care for the Family' from which many helpful points were gained. The second was a nostalgic tour of the Isle of Man in slide form shown by Mr J. Kaighen. Our March meetings are a flower demonstration given by Mrs E. Speers and a 'Clay Time' with Mrs W. Allen – please note this meeting will start at 7.30 pm at 76 King Edward Road, Onchan.

Hazel Johnson

The boxes for the **LEPROSY SOCIETY AND CHILDREN'S SOCIETY** have been collected – emptied – counted and the monies banked £367.82 for the Leprosy Society and £215.37 for the Children's Society. Thank you for your donations.

Hazel Johnson