

Services at St Peter's

Holy Communion:	BCP Each Sunday	8.00 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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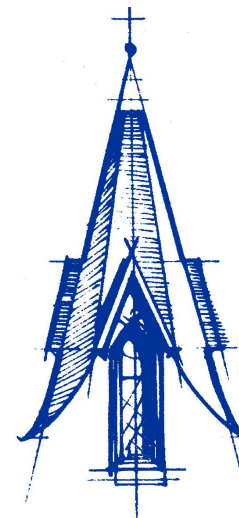
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Monthly Review October 2005



*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,

When I think back to my recent holiday in Germany one picture that particularly comes to mind is the row upon row of vines covering the side of the valley of the River Mosel.

The vines are there for a purpose: they are meant to produce grapes which in turn produce fine wines.

This reminds me of the passage in John 15 where Jesus refers to the vine and in that passage he says: "This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples" (v8) and "Go and bear fruit – fruit that will last" (v16).

We are called to be both faithful and fruitful. Being faithful alone is not sufficient but we cannot be fruitful without being faithful. The two go together.

The fruit we bear is evidence that we are followers of Jesus so what is this fruit?

Perhaps what comes to mind first of all is the 'fruit of the Spirit' which Paul mentions in Galatians 5 v 22, 23 – those Christ-like qualities of love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self control.

We are meant to reflect these qualities in our lives – not just one or two of them but all of them. They are not separate fruits but one, reflecting Jesus.

Such fruit is evidence of the work of the Holy Spirit in our lives and think of the difference in society when people display these qualities.

The fruit of the Spirit results from the transformation of human lives brought about when we put our trust in the Lord and are open to the work of his Holy Spirit in our lives.

There is another sense in which we are to produce fruit. We are reminded of this in Colossians 1 v 10: "Live a life worthy of the Lord – bearing fruit in every good work" or in Matthew 5 v 16 "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven".

DIARY for October



1 st	Sat		
2 nd	Sun	7.30 pm	Choir Practice - Church
3 rd	Mon	7.45 pm	Key Group – 2 Wentworth Close
4 th	Tues	2.00 pm	Mothers' Union – Parish Hall
		7.30 pm	Key Group 1 – 78 Summerhill Road
		7.30 pm	Key Group 2 – 8 Birchill Crescent
5 th	Wed	7.30 pm	Key Group – 76 King Edward Road
		8.00 pm	Ladies Fellowship – Parish Hall
6 th	Thurs	7.30 pm	Silent Auction – Parish Hall
7 th	Fri	1.30 pm	Mums & Tots – Parish Hall
8 th	Sat	9.00 am	Decorate Church for Harvest
9 th	Sun	11.00 am	Family Harvest Thanksgiving Service - Church
		6.30 pm	Harvest Songs of Praise - Church
10 th	Mon	9.00 am	Distribution of Harvest Gifts – Church
		7.45 pm	Key Group – 2 Wentworth Close
11 th	Tue	7.30 pm	Key Group 1 – Lhergy Cripperty, Union Mills
		7.30 pm	Key Group 2 – 24 Majestic Apartments
12 th	Wed	7.30 pm	Key Group
13 th	Thurs		
14 th	Fri	1.30 pm	Mums & Tots – Parish Hall
15 th	Sat		
16 th	Sun	2.00 pm	Baptism: Eleanor Leonie Christian
17 th	Mon	7.45 pm	Key Group – 2 Wentworth Close
18 th	Tue	2.00 pm	Mothers' Union – Parish Hall
		7.30 pm	Key Group 1 – 78 Summerhill Road
		7.30 pm	Key Group 2
19 th	Wed	7.30 pm	Key Group
		8.00 pm	Ladies Fellowship – Parish Hall
20 th	Thurs	7.30 pm	Issues Families Face – Mount Murray Hotel Admission by ticket only
21 st	Fri	1.30 pm	Mums & Tots – Parish Hall
		7.00 pm	Evening Mothers' Union – Beetle Drive In aid of Kenyon's Café in Parish Hall
22 nd	Sat	2.00 pm	Baptism: Charlotte Louise Guest
23 rd	Sun	2.00 pm	Baptism: Joseph Paul Marsden
		4.00 pm	All Age Worship - Church
24 th	Mon	7.45 pm	Key Group – 2 Wentworth Close
25 th	Tue	7.30 pm	Key Group 1 – Woodlands
		7.30 pm	Key Group 2
26 th	Wed	12.00 noon	Friendship Lunch – Parish Hall
27 th	Thurs	7.30 pm	Cathedral Lecture – St. German's Cathedral
28 th	Fri	7.30 pm	Victorian Evening – Parish Hall
29 th	Sat		
30 th	Sun	3.00 pm	Cathedral 25 th Anniversary Service – Peel
		6.30 pm	All Souls Service - Church
31 st	Mon	7.45 pm	Key Group – 2 Wentworth Close



The flower rota for October is as follows:

2 nd		Mrs N. Wilson
9 th	Harvest	Mrs P. Callin
16 th		Mrs I. Morrison
23 rd		Mrs E. Paterson
30 th		Mrs M. Brownlow



**PRAYER DIARY
OCTOBER, 2005**

2 nd	The Douglas Deanery	Marine View Close, Kirkway, Harbour Road, Harbour View
9 th	The Choir and Choir Mistress	Howe Road, Links View, Howstrake Drive
16 th	Onchan Pupils attending Other Schools	King Edward Road, Majestic Close, Majestic Drive, Majestic View.
23 rd	Onchan Students at College of Further Education	Seacliff Road, Lag Birragh Drive, Groudle, Majestic Apartments.
30 th	The Bereaved	King Edward Close, King Edward Park, Eskdale Road

PLEASE NOTE CLOSING DATE
FOR ITEMS TO BE INCLUDED IN NEXT REVIEW
24th October, 2005

A Christ-like life brings praise to God, it glorifies his name.

The chief end of man is to bring glory to God and in doing so we are fulfilling his will and being fulfilled ourselves.

Another very important aspect of fruit bearing is to see new converts.


God calls us to work in partnership with him in proclaiming the gospel and in making disciples. We are responsible for nurturing new converts. In a sense this is another way in which we produce fruit that will last.

It is easy to welcome new Christians into the Church but we have not just the responsibility to welcome them but to help them grow in the faith that their lives may become deeply rooted in the Lord that they too might bear fruit.

Like the harvest, fruit bearing is a time of great rejoicing and my prayer is that there will be much for which to praise God in the months and years ahead at St. Peter's. So remember we need to be faithful and fruitful.

Yours sincerely in Jesus' Name,

**CHRISTIAN
BOOKS WANTED**



We would like to start a library of Christian books for use in Sunday School. Initially we envisage that the books will be used by children during Sunday School, perhaps as a 'coming in' activity whilst waiting for everyone to arrive before the lesson or as a learning aid and support during the lesson. Depending upon the success of this venture we would hope to extend it so that children could borrow the books to take home for a short period. Whilst we already have a small collection of books for this purpose, we would be grateful to anyone who is able to donate unwanted Christian bibles, story books, prayer books, etc. suitable for children aged between 3 and 10 years of age. If you are able to help us by donating a book please contact Louise Shooter (621674) or leave any donations at the Parish Office.

Sunday School Teachers

UNDERSTANDING PRAYER

There is a danger that we think prayer is all talking and fail to listen.

Prayer involves talking and listening to God.

We need to make space to be silent and just listen to God because he wants to communicate his love to us in many more ways than simply words. Listening is a bit misleading. Words, or the faculty of hearing, are too narrow as categories. God communicates his presence to us through the whole fabric of life, but nearly always shyly, without attempting to overwhelm us and take away our freedom.

God is always coming towards us, at every moment, in everything that happens. Our task is to be more attentive to his coming, to listen between the lines, to catch the silent music.

Prayer then is simply being present to the presence of God, which we can do in a multitude of ways in the midst of life as well as when we give him time and priority. Prayer is being with God, in all sorts of ways and at all sorts of times. And when we are there so is God. He may be there obviously or very quietly.

We may be struck between the eyes or quite unaware of his presence. But he will always be there, gracefully active in the deep places of our lives. And we may become aware of this at any time – when we're putting out the washing, queuing in the supermarket, or listening to a colleague in a meeting.

Be attentive – listen – and there'll be something deeper to discover. He may be hidden, but he is not hiding.

Listening isn't about hearing voices; it's a much bigger attentiveness to a God who is always coming towards us at every moment. God always starts the conversation because he is always reaching out to us.

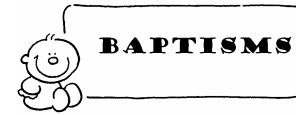
(Taken from the book: 'How to Pray' by John Pritchard)

Note: Shortly we will be issuing a Prayer Leaflet and a Prayer Bookmark offering guidelines on prayer and topics for prayer in order to deepen our prayer lives and give prayer support to all that goes on in and through our Parish Church.

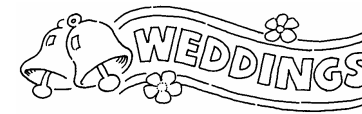
This is part of our 'Growing a Healthy Church' strategy.

Vicar

FROM THE REGISTERS



Lauren Callie Allwright, Daniel Patrick McGuinness,
Keira Mae Dycher, Georgia Louise McGevor,
Isla Yule, Frances Elizabeth Loach



Terence Wilson Ditchfield & Louise Smallshaw
Paul Kevin Hey & Claire Louise Sheppard
David George Edward Babb & Verity Louise Christory Randle
Paul John Kelly & Danielle Emma More Harvey

Funerals

Harry Annis, Frank Foreman, John Corlett,
Kathleen Evelyn Quiggin, Gladys Muriel White,
Wendy Mazzilli, John Denham



The offertory for August totalled £6,962.89 and was made up of £5,475.58 pledged giving and £1,487.31 of loose plate giving.

Collection for Niger Appeal - £219.85

Thank you.

MOTHERS' UNION



The Mothers' Union met for the start of their new programme on the 20th September. The afternoon group were joined by members from the evening group.

A service was held in church at which long service certificates were presented to several members by the Vicar. These ranged from 20 years membership up to one member having 59 years membership. Well done everybody.

After the service and presentations a Tea Party was held in the Vicarage.

Valerie Convery, Branch Leader

SH..... **SILENT AUCTION**
IN AID OF THE PARISH HALL APPEAL
THURSDAY 6TH OCTOBER
IN THE PARISH HALL
7.30 pm – 9 pm

Refreshments Admission £1

Do you have any items for Auction?
If so, please contact Jane or Nigel at the
Parish Office (675797)

A great success last year, what fun and oh what bargains!

If you missed the auction last year then don't miss this one – and if you don't know what a silent auction is then now's your chance to find out - so come along on the night.

Those bargains are just waiting to be snapped up!
Could it be your lucky night?

Able to help in setting up the hall and/or on the night then please let Jane or Nigel know.
Thank you.

LADIES FELLOWSHIP

After a quiet summer we can now look forward to a "hectic" winter.

The Ladies Fellowship will meet on Wednesday 5th October at 8 pm for a natter. Our second meeting on the 19th will be a talk given by Mrs J. Sloane on the Onchan Live at Home Scheme and how it works.

The Shoe Box Appeal that we have given to over the past few years, is here again – this year we have joined up with the Drop Inn Ministries which send parcels to Belarus among other places.

Leaflets can be picked up at the back of church and parcels must be with me (Hazel Johnson) by the 19th October.

Hazel Johnson

VICTORIAN EVENING
7.30 pm
IN THE PARISH HALL
on
FRIDAY 28TH OCTOBER
featuring the Island's top Artistes
IN AID OF THE PARISH HALL APPEAL
RAFFLE
(Victorian costumes optional)
TICKETS: £5

Kids were asked questions about the Bible. The following statements about the Bible were written by children. They have not been corrected (incorrect spelling is theirs).

1. In the first book of the Bible, Guinnessis, God got tired of creating the world, so he took the Sabbath off.
2. Adam and Eve were created from an apple tree. Noah's wife was called Joan of Ark. Noah built an ark which the animals come on to in pears.
3. Lot's wife was a pillar of salt by day, but a ball of fire by night.

More examples in future issues

PCC

The 3rd meeting of the PCC was held on Monday 26th September in Church. The Vicar opened the meeting with a reading from Romans and prayers.

Continuing with the theme of Growing a Healthy Church, the PCC considered a number of draft designs for information leaflets which will comprise a Church Welcome Pack. A Prayer bookmark and leaflet have also been produced with a view to raising the profile of prayer within St Peters. These will now be printed in readiness for the Christmas period.

Church services in the coming months include the Harvest Festival on 9th October at 11am and Songs of Praise at 6.30pm, where at both services the loose plate collections will be donated to the Niger Appeal; the Remembrance Service on 13th November at 10am; Advent Carol Service on 27th November at 6.30pm and Epiphany Songs of Praise on January 8th at 6.30pm.

The PCC discussed at some length improved lighting for the church and storage cupboards at the back of church to incorporate a new book display.

The Wardens reported that the British Legion had approached them to provide 2 new Memorial plaques in church.

The Vicar reported that there had been a good response to the Wholeness and Healing Service on September 21st. The next one will be on Tuesday 22nd November followed by a hot pot supper in the Vicarage. All are welcome.

Sunday School and Laser Group had recommenced after the Summer holidays with over 40 children and young people attending. The response to the Family Service in September was very encouraging with the choir, Sunday School & Laser, worship group and drama group all taking part.

The 4 Key Groups also recommenced in September and have started 9 sessions studying Acts and 2 sessions on prayer. The Vicar asked for prayers for the various activities undertaken at St Peters.

The meeting closed with a prayer and the PCC joining hands for the Grace.

Elaine Litherland

SPECIAL SERVICES IN OCTOBER:

HARVEST 9TH OCTOBER

8.00 am Holy Communion
11.00 am Family Harvest Thanksgiving
6.30 pm Harvest Songs of Praise
Guest: Alan Matthews (farmer and a Reader in Malew Parish)

The PCC have agreed that we should support the people of Niger at our Harvest Services therefore all the cash offertory (not offertory envelopes) will be sent to the Niger Appeal.

Please give generously when the collection is taken.

HARVEST GIFT DISTRIBUTION

If you are able to help with the distribution of harvest gifts please come along to church at 9am on Monday 10th October – Thank you

Sunday 30TH OCTOBER

6.30 pm All Souls Service for the Bereaved

There is a service to celebrate the
25th Anniversary of the Cathedral
at St. German's on
Sunday 30th October at 3 pm.
All Welcome.

ALL AGE WORSHIP

at 4 pm
Sunday 23rd October (Bible Sunday)

Theme: Word of God (The Bible)

Our GUEST PREACHERS this month are:

October 16th 6.30 pm John Guilford (Lonan & Laxey)

October 23rd 11.00 am Kevin Vondy of the Gideon's (Bible Sunday)