

Giving Motivated by Love

Living generously requires abundant love; love for God, love for neighbour, love for God's work, love for family. Love that flows over into generous, open-handed giving of time, money, hospitality, talents and our very selves.

Stewardship Prayer

All that we have comes from you, O Lord.

Every blessing is your gift freely given but the greatest gift is the gift of your Son.

Through your grace you have given us a gift beyond price, the gift of eternal life though Jesus.

Help all of us to respond with gratitude to the call to support the ministry and mission of your church.

Equip us for the task in hand and give us generous and willing hearts. Give us a vision for what you would have us do and the resources to bring your plans to fruition.

We ask in the name of Jesus, who so generously gave his all for each one of us. Amen

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Please feel free to chat to any of the team.

All pledged giving is treated in a confidential manner.



Thank you for your support. It really makes a difference.



ST PETER'S CHURCH ONCHAN

Christian Stewardship 2014

Share the Vision

Join us on the Journey

To be central to the life of Onchan

Providing a Christian Witness

Worship and Welcome to all



The Vision Mission

To develop St Peters as a friendly, inclusive and outward looking church serving the needs of everyone in our community in the 21st Century. To do this we would like to see our church become a multipurpose building, not only used on Sundays and for baptisms, weddings and funerals but to be a place where:



- Community groups can meet in comfort
- Support can be provided for young families
- A warm welcome will be given to those who seek friendship
- Services provide spiritual uplift and a quiet haven for prayer can be found
- Friendly advice and comfort can be sought
- The young are nurtured and encouraged in a relevant, safe environment



Call in 4 Coffee and the Christmas Fair

already show how the Church can be used more often. Our vision is to make the building more welcoming, flexible and relevant to our community. By replacing the heavy free-standing pews (at the back of the Church and in the choir area) with comfortable chairs, and providing better and attractive storage units we will:



- Give the Church a more modern and tidy appearance
- Make it easier for those setting up events
- Allow the choir area to be used not only for the choir at festival times or when giving a concert, but also flexibly for a range of purposes including more intimate services.

BANKER'S ORDER FORM

Name (Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms or title)

Address

.....Post Code

Request you to pay to: Isle of Man Bank, East Region
 For the credit of: The PCC of St. Peter's Kirk Onchan
 Sort code: 55-91-00 Current account No:20252838

Monthly Quarterly Half-yearly Annually
 (please tick)

Amount in words.....

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Amount in figures £

Starting on day of..... 20.....

To: (name of your Bank)

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Branch address:

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Account Number.....Sort code.....

Print name

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Signature Date

This standing order supersedes any existing standing order/s in favour of St. Peter's Kirk Onchan.

Pledge Form

I intend to give the amount of £.....

Frequency: Monthly / Other (please specify)

By the following means:

Standing Order

Please either complete the enclosed form and hand to your bank

OR indicate that you will be using on-line banking

Weekly envelope

Cheque

I will require a Deed of Covenant Form for the Tax Office: Yes No

I do not wish to pledge my giving at this time

Name

Address

Telephone No

Email Address

Please tick if you would like further assistance

Please return completed forms to:

The Stewardship Committee, c/o The Parish Office, Back of St Peter's Rectory,
Church Road, Onchan

OR hand to any member of the committee:

Ed Gumbley,
Jason Postlethwaite,
Peter & Elaine Cory,
Heather & Keith Reynolds.

The Vision: Our Heritage

St Peter's Church was built in 1833 and has been a focus for the community for 180 years. We are custodians of this tremendous heritage, and have a responsibility to maintain the fabric of the building. The Inspire Appeal was launched in 2013 and work on the tower has already started. A great deal still needs to be done and, with careful budgeting, a rolling programme of work will be carried out over the next five years or longer.



The Vision: Music

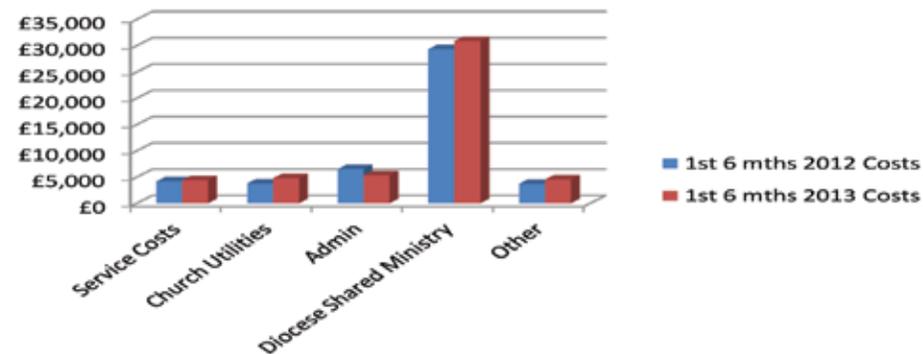
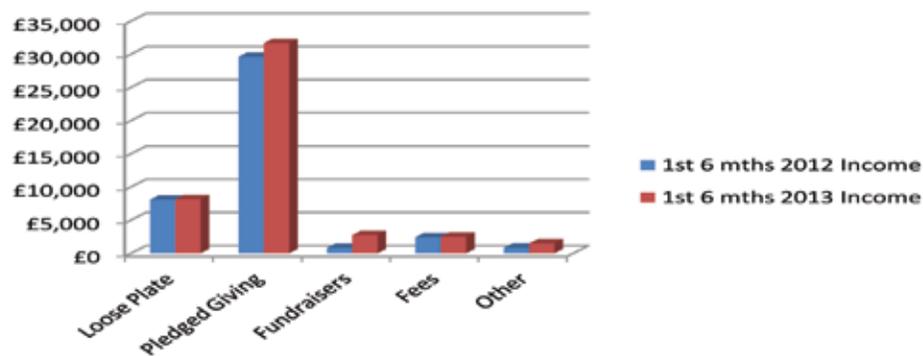
Music is an integral part of our Christian worship and the life of the church. For many years we have been served well by our Organist and Choir Mistress who have ably led our large and active choir. The St Peter's Music Group is the envy of the Island. We plan to further develop all aspects of our music.



The Vision: Stewardship and Running Costs

For the Church to remain active and to fulfil its vision for the future it needs regular income. If the Stewardship Campaign is successful and sufficient Planned Giving Pledges are made, we pray that regular giving will cover the normal running costs of the Church. Then all proceeds from fund raising events can be used to further our aims to improve facilities in the Church as well as continuing to carry out much needed restoration.

*For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in
Matthew 25-46*



The figures available at the time of printing this leaflet are for the first 6 months of 2013. Encouragingly Pledged giving has seen a marked increase on the same period in the previous year. Our income has also been boosted by various fundraisers. 2013 has also seen other fundraisers in aid of the Inspire Appeal, to be used for repairs to the Spire and outside of the Church. At the end of June the balance of the Inspire Appeal was £23,206. Compared to the same period in 2012, some costs have been kept at the same level and some have decreased. The main increase has been in the price of utilities for the Church (oil and electricity). Despite our overall position being better than in the previous half year, we still had a shortfall of nearly £3,500 over the 6 month period, which continues to be a drain on reserves. The aim, as always, with the finances is to have a regular income that covers our costs so that extra money raised can be used to make the vision a reality.

Jan to June 2013

Income	£46,448
Costs	£49,864
Shortfall over 6 months	£3,416

How Can I Help?

How can I join the Stewardship Programme?

If you are able to give a regular amount, then please fill in the pledge form on page 6. Money given in this way can be set against your tax liability. It helps if you are able to give by Standing Order, ensuring a regular donation and cutting down on administration. In this case please also fill in the standing order form on page 7.

What if I am already part of the Stewardship Programme?

Please fill in the pledge form on page 6. If you pay by standing order it will expire in early 2014. You can set up a new standing order by filling in the form on page 7. To achieve the opportunities ahead we need to ask every person to carefully and prayerfully review their financial giving.

How much shall I give?

As Christians we are called to give generously. How do I know if I am giving generously?

- When the proportion I give is realistic compared with the income I receive.
- When I see that my giving has an impact on my life.
- When my giving is a priority.



*Dearest Lord,
teach me to be
generous; teach me
to serve you as you
deserve, to give
and not to count the
cost.*

Ignatius of Loyola

