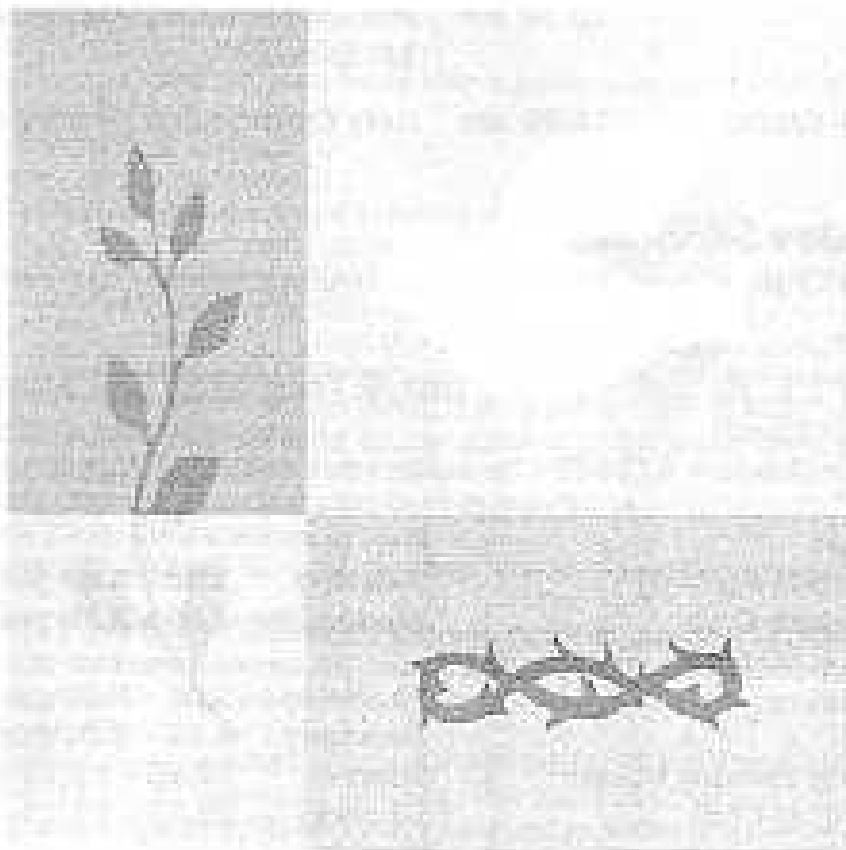


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As you can see below, this was sent to me via e-mail on 13th March and, quite frankly, the following words say everything:-

— Original Message —

Subject: FW: A MUST READ Mr. Richard C. Reid, hearken now to the sentence the Court imposes upon you.

Have a read, very interesting

EVERYBODY SHOULD READ THIS:

Remember the guy who got on a plane with a bomb built into his shoes and tried to light it?

Did you know his trial is over?

Did you know he was sentenced?

Did you see/hear any of the Judge's comments on TV or Radio?

Didn't think so. Very few people do know!!!

Everyone should hear what the judge had to say.

Ruling by Judge William Young, US District Court.

Prior to sentencing, the Judge asked the defendant if he had anything to say. His response: After admitting his guilt to the court for the record, Reid also admitted his 'allegiance to Osama bin Laden, to Islam, and to the religion of Allah,' defiantly stating, 'I think I will not apologize for my actions,' and told the court 'I am at war with your country.'

Judge Young then delivered the statement quoted below:

January 30, 2003, United States vs. Reid,

Judge Young: 'Mr. Richard C.. Reid, hearken now to the sentence the Court imposes upon you.

On counts 1, 5 and 6 the Court sentences you to life in prison in the custody of the United States Attorney General. On counts 2, 3, 4 and 7, the Court sentences you to 20 years in prison on each count, the sentence on each count to run consecutively. (That's 80 years.)

On count 8 the Court sentences you to the mandatory 30 years again, to be served consecutively to the 80 years just imposed. The Court imposes upon you for each of the eight counts a fine of \$250,000 that's an aggregate fine of \$2 million. The Court accepts the government's recommendation with respect to restitution and orders restitution in the amount of \$298.17 to Andre Bousquet and \$5,784 to American Airlines.

The Court imposes upon you an \$800 special assessment. The Court imposes upon you five years supervised release simply because the law requires it. But the life sentences are real life sentences so I need go no further.

This is the sentence that is provided for by our statutes. It is a fair and just sentence. It is a righteous sentence.

Now, let me explain this to you.

We are not afraid of you or any of your terrorist co-conspirators, Mr. Reid. We are Americans. We have been through the fire before. There is too much war talk here and I say that to everyone with the utmost respect. Here in this court, we deal with individuals as individuals and care for individuals as individuals. As human beings, we reach out for justice.

You are not an enemy combatant. You are a terrorist. You are not a soldier in any war. You are a terrorist. To give you that reference, to call you a soldier, gives you far too much stature. Whether the officers of government do it or your attorney does it, or if you think you are a soldier, you are not ---- you are a terrorist. And we do not negotiate with terrorists. We do not meet with terrorists. We do not sign

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documents with terrorists. We hunt them down one by one and bring them to justice. So war talk is way out of line in this court. You are a big fellow. But you are not that big. You're no warrior. I've known warriors. You are a terrorist. A species of criminal that is guilty of multiple attempted murders. In a very real sense, State Trooper Santiago had it right when you first were taken off that plane and into custody and you wondered where the press and the TV crews were, and he said: 'You're no big deal.' You are no big deal.

What your able counsel and what the equally able United States attorneys have grappled with and what I have as honestly as I know how tried to grapple with, is why you did something so horrific. What was it that led you here to this courtroom today?

I have listened respectfully to what you have to say. And I ask you to search your heart and ask yourself what sort of unfathomable hate led you to do what you are guilty and admit you are guilty of doing? And, I have an answer for you. It may not satisfy you, but as I search this entire record, it comes as close to understanding as I know.

It seems to me you hate the one thing that to us is most precious. You hate our freedom. Our individual freedom. Our individual freedom to live as we choose, to come and go as we choose, to believe or not believe as we individually choose. Here, in this society, the very wind carries freedom. It carries it everywhere from sea to shining sea. It is because we prize individual freedom so much that you are here in this beautiful courtroom, so that everyone can see, truly see, that justice is administered fairly, individually, and discretely. It is for freedom's sake that your lawyers are striving so vigorously on your behalf, have filed appeals, will go on in their representation of you before other judges.

We Americans are all about freedom. Because we all know that the way we treat you, Mr. Reid, is the measure of our own liberties. Make no mistake though. It is yet true that we will bear any burden; pay any price, to preserve our freedoms. Look around this courtroom. Mark it well. The world is not going to long remember what you or I say here. The day after tomorrow, it will be forgotten, but this, however, will long endure. Here in this courtroom and courtrooms all across America, the American people will gather to see that justice, individual justice, justice, not war, individual justice is in fact being done. The very President of the United States through his officers will have to come into courtrooms and lay out evidence on which specific matters can be judged and juries of citizens will gather to sit and judge that evidence democratically, to mold and shape and refine our sense of justice.

See that flag, Mr. Reid? That's the flag of the United States of America. That flag will fly there long after this is all forgotten. That flag stands for freedom. And it always will.

Mr., Custody Officer. Stand him down.

So, how much of this Judge's comments did we hear on our TV sets? We need more judges like Judge Young. Pass this around. Everyone should and needs to hear what this fine judge had to say.

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Community Graveyard Recording Project

This Spring the Centre for Manx Studies is establishing a community graveyard recording project. The project will initially start with the graveyard at St. Marks in the Parish of Malew. However, we hope that this will be a project that we can establish across the whole island.

The project will build upon the work already done by the Family History Society who have transcribed all of the islands gravestones. We will augment their work by undertaking full archaeological recording of the gravestones.

This will be undertaken partly with community support and partly with students, creating a sense of awareness of this resource in the community and with church authorities, and providing training for students (Manx, UK and international).

The project will be lead by Dr. Harold Mytum and build upon his extensive research in other Gaelic countries such as Wales, Ireland and Scotland. He has also undertaken comparative studies in England, America and Australia.

The research questions of interest to the Centre are therefore wide reaching in their aims and include;

- Are there local traditions in graveyard design within the Isle of Man?
- To what extent are designs imported from Scotland, Wales, England or Ireland?
- Does external commemoration start in the Isle of Man as early as in Scotland?
- Does the rise in popularity of memorials mirror that of England, or Scotland, or Ireland?
- How do graveyards develop spatially through time? Does the concentration of burial in a relatively few burial grounds create different patterns to those seen in Wales or in Ireland?

The methods being used will be based upon The CBA's *Recording and Analysing Graveyards* (Mytum 2000). However, the forms will be updated for the project as part of a trial for a new edition of the book. This project will be at the forefront of research in this field. Methodologies for data capture out in the field, databases and archives are now well established. The data collected on the forms in the field will be transferred into Excell databases. CAD plans of the sites will be produced using already available data and digital photographs will be taken of the monuments.

Short reports for each graveyard will be produced for the church and the community, and will eventually be available on-line. Academic publications will also be produced both on Manx material per se and integrated with other data from Wales, Ireland (North and South), Scotland and England.

We hope to engage a wide spectrum of people in this fascinating area of study and to draw upon the mine of local knowledge and expertise that is present on the island.

On the 17th April we will be holding the first of a series of free training days. The morning will be spent at the Centre for Manx Studies where there will be a series of short lectures explaining the background to the project and the methodologies that will be used. The afternoon will then be spent out in the graveyard at St. Marks putting things into practice. We also plan to spend part of Sunday undertaking recording in the graveyard. This session will be open to anyone who attended the Saturday session and wishes to continue with what they were doing. We would also like to invite anyone who missed the Saturday session who still wants to come along and have a go.

If you are interested in taking part in this project and would like any further information please feel free to contact me.

I look forward to hopefully working with some of you in the near future.

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETINGS

The Parish of Malew: Thursday, 15th April - The Hall

St. Mark's: Thursday, 22nd April - St. Mark's Church

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| 13TH | 7.30 pm | MEN'S FELLOWSHIP DINNER Contact: Michael (822469) | WHITESTONE |
| 14TH | 7.30 pm | BALLASALLA 'SPIRIT' MEETING | HALL |
| 15TH | 7.30 pm | ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING | HALL |
| 16TH | 10.00 am 7.30 pm | DROP-IN-FOR-COFFEE 'PETER HUGHES' DINNER Contact: Jo (825126) | HALL ATLANTIS |
| 22ND | 7.50 pm | ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING | ST. MARK'S |
| 25TH | 10.00 am 7.30 pm | DROP-IN-FOR-COFFEE 'ER YOUTH CLUB LEADERS' DINNER | HALL GARRISON |
| 25TH | 3.00 pm | ST. GEORGE'S DAY SCOUT PARADE | PORT ERIN |
| 27TH | 3.00 pm | HOLY COMMUNION | ABBOTSWOOD |
| 28TH | 8.00 pm | BIBLE STUDY | VICARAGE |
| 30TH | 10.00 am 7.30 pm | DROP-IN-FOR-COFFEE 'CHURCH BELLS' PRESENTATION | HALL HALL |

**Church 'independence' / organisation in the Parish of Malew.
Discussion and Vote at the Annual General Meeting
15th April 7.30 pm Church Hall**

There is a debate currently underway on the form of organisation in the Parish of Malew. This has been prompted by a number of discussions at the Parochial Church Council, and by the Bishop's proposals on Ministry and Mission, which include the suggestion that the churches of Malew be incorporated in Castletown parish, and Santon be incorporated in Malew parish (currently the incumbent at Castletown has to travel through the parish of Malew to reach Santon!) These proposals received strong support at the Diocesan Synod last year but any arrangements are likely to take several years to come into force and will need considerable debate and discussion.

A PCC paper was presented by Jonathan Kewley in 2009 suggesting that:

1. There would be significant advantage to have a separate church committee for each of the three churches, to acknowledge the importance of individual congregations to 'make things happen' within their own churches, to allow less administration and better decision making.
2. Any arrangements are likely to be temporary in light of the support so far given to the Bishop at Diocesan level on the recommendations on Mission and Ministry.

A revised proposal was tabled for the first PCC in 2010 that aimed to address a number of concerns that had been raised in 2009 namely:

1. The idea effectively disbanded the PCC as a forum for decision.
2. The original proposal raised issues relating to separating the finances of the different churches in the short term.
3. The proposal ignored the lack of a forum to discuss Pastoral Issues.
4. There was a major concern of the members of the PCC who attend St. Marks and the Parish Church that much of the time at the PCC meeting is taken up with Abbey Church business and that they regard

much of the business of the PCC as it presently stands as irrelevant to their needs.

The modified proposal suggested that it might be possible to move in the direction of Jonathan's paper but to retain some of the elements of the existing PCC structure to address the concerns that many have expressed.

To that end, more details were identified of possible organisational arrangements which are sketched below. These were considered to have merit by some at the last PCC, but an alternative view was that nothing should be changed at the moment due to (a) uncertainty about the Bishop's proposals, and (b) the views of Michael's successor should be canvassed, if Michael goes ahead with his retirement next year. In addition the question of whether Santon should be consulted was raised.

An alternative view is that these arrangements make good sense, they can be tried out, they should allow better forward planning, with a reduced frequency of the full PCC's, they allow decision making on many issues within the churches themselves. They recognise the importance of encouraging local involvement with the church, whilst hopefully allowing pastoral issues to be debated at Parish level, for example how well do we cater for families and the young?

The March 2010 PCC decided that these proposals were worthy of further discussion and should be approved, modified or rejected at the AGM.

If you wish to make an input to the debate please make your views known to the incumbent or the churchwardens or even better come and vote at the AGM on the 15th April. If you wish to do the latter you need to make sure you are on the electoral role (see Helen or the website <http://parishofmalew.org>.) The three churches are being asked to put together a plan for the next year along the lines discussed below to provide input for the Bishop and substance to the debate.

Peter Davidson 8 / 3 / 2010

Proposed Organisation for ruling by the Annual General Meeting.

1. **Three Church Committees** (subcommittees of the PCC), meeting at a frequency and time as determined by the local church congregations with responsibility for:
 - a. Drawing up a financial plan for each church including the major items of expenditure (over 10% of budget), income expected, and expenditure expected for annual review by the PCC.
 - b. Managing fundraising for the local church.
 - c. Managing expenditure within the financial plan, including charitable items, extraordinary items unanticipated and over 10% of the financial income being agreed by the wardens with the incumbent.
 - d. Drawing up (with the help of the incumbent) a pastoral or mission plan, identifying resources, challenges and opportunities (as we are required to do by the Diocese for the Mission Partnership: 30 April 2010) and possibly the management of the key groups within any church: care of the young, the young adults, families and the elderly as well as type of church service.
 - e. Providing a forum for comment on faculty applications.

2. **An ongoing PCC** with a reduced frequency with responsibility for:
 - a. Agreeing and approving the church financial plans, on an annual basis.
 - b. Agreeing and approving the pastoral or mission plans on an annual basis.
 - c. Agreeing faculty.
 - d. Agreeing the processes for appointing incumbents.
 - e. Managing the diocesan interface with the parish and parish administration: who is responsible for what eg website.
 - f. Developing inter-church issues, eg setting up arrangements to develop apportionment of expenses such as the quota or as Orry points out vicarage expenses.

