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Rushen News

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Year A
Presentation of
Christ

Welcome to Rushen Parish



Kirk Christ with
St. Catherine's (Port Erin),
St. Mary's (Port St Mary),
and St. Peter's (Cregneish)

***Our Vision is to be at the heart of the
community revealing the heart of God***

Visitor Information

Welcome to church today ! We hope and pray that you will enjoy your time here and that you may encounter the presence of the living God. The following information may be helpful.

- We have a loop system, if appropriate switch hearing aids to the T-position.
- We have large print copies of service sheets and Rushen news – please ask.
- Whatever your tradition, you are very welcome to share in Holy Communion.

A Collection will not be taken during the singing of a hymn, but should you wish to make an offering to the life and worship of this parish there is a basket near the main entrance (it will still be there at the end of the service).

***Frequently refreshments are served at
the end of the service. You are warmly
invited to join us.***

Prayer Focus

In the New Testament, Paul encouraged the believers to pray for one another. In a similar way throughout the year, we continue to pray for the infirm and those who care for them:

Pamela Angus, Peter Atkins, Rena Bottomley, Margaret and Douglas Couper, Jim Dale, Stefan Dalini, June Davies, Sandy Fairest, Margaret Galloway, Liz Gordon, Sue and David Inch, Sally Lewis, Doreen Longton, Sue Maddrell, Peter Manson, Pam Martin, Margaret Moore, Janet Morley, Althea Morris, Gill Porter, Mike Porter, Alex Tawney, Eileen Thornley, Valerie Vaughan, Doug Withey.

Weekly Prayer Meetings

Each week a number of people gather to pray for the needs of our communities, our parish, the island and the world.

Tuesdays (10am)

A small group gather together each week at St. Catherine's Church.

Wednesdays (9am)

Parishes from across the South of the Island gather to pray at different churches.

04 Feb Kirk Christ, Rushen

11 Feb St Mary's on the Harbour

Thursdays (11am)

A *Centring Prayer and Meditation Group* at St Mary's Church, Port St. Mary. For more information contact Ginny (341657) – **This group will be suspended from mid-February to early may while Ginny is away.**

Please do take this newsletter home !

Digital Giving

There are a number of ways to give to the life and worship of this Parish. There are giving stations at two of our churches (Kirk Christ and St. Peter's) located at the back of each church. In addition, online giving is available using the above QR code. A huge thank you for your donation, small or large.



Ladies' Working Party

The Ladies' Working Party meets every Tuesday at St. Mary's Church. The meetings start at 2pm.

Ginny Viner (836943)

Coffee and Chat

Coffee and Chat meets every **Monday** morning (from 10 to 11.30am) at St Mary's Church.



Contact Lesley Scott (832919)

Website Resources

Want to delve deeper into prayer on a daily basis? Why not visit our website and check out the resources available for daily devotions. Visit:

rushenparish.org.uk/prayer-resources/

Acts 29 Youth Group



The next meeting of the youth group will be Friday **6th February at 7pm** at St Mary's Church. We eat snacks, play games and explore the Bible together.

Natalie Heaton

Rushen Roamers

Rushen Roamers meets each Wednesday at 10am for a short walk around the Parish (weather permitting) that will last about an hour. The meeting point will be at St Catherine's Hall.

It is an opportunity for members of the Church, friends and anyone else interested to socialise and of course get a little light exercise. There will be a small charge of £2 which will include refreshments at St Catherine's Hall at the end of the walk. Can't manage the walk? Why not meet at the hall around 11am for the refreshments and fellowship?

Soup Inn

Whether you're a parent at home with a young child, someone who works from home/in the South, retired or having time out - all welcome at the Soup Inn. Come and relax over a home cooked lunch of Soup, and Pudding with Tea / Coffee. Pop in when shopping. Join us on **Thursday 5th February** (12.00 'til 1.30pm) at St. Catherine's Hall.

New Home Groups

Are you interested in meeting to explore the Christian Gospel with other people during the week ? There are a number of new home groups that will be beginning shortly. Day and time to be confirmed:

Petrina's Home Group:

Daytime based in Port Erin

Debbie and Drew's Home Group:

Evening based in Port St Mary

If you are interested, please contact the Parish Office.

Thanks, Joe Heaton

Mothers' Union

The next meeting of the Mothers' Union will be on **Monday 9th February at 2pm** in St Catherine's Hall. Jane Gunn will be doing a fun afternoon of Chair Yoga. Jane is in the middle of a British Wheel of Yoga Teaching course to help maintain quality of life as we get older. Everyone is welcome to come along and join in.

A reading from the book of Malachi

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?

For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the LORD in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years.

Then I will draw near to you for judgement; I will be swift to bear witness against the sorcerers, against the adulterers, against those who swear falsely, against those who oppress the hired workers in their wages, the widow, and the orphan, against those who thrust aside the alien, and do not fear me, says the LORD of hosts.

[Malachi 3:1-5]

After a Reflective Silence

This is the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God !

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus according to Luke

Glory to you, O Lord !

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, 'Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord'), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, 'a pair of turtle-doves or two young pigeons.'

Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying,

'Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace,
according to your word;
for my eyes have seen your salvation,
which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,
a light for revelation to the Gentiles
and for glory to your people Israel.'

And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, 'This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.'

There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of

a great age, having lived with her husband for seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him.

[Luke 2:22-40]

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This is the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ !

Scripture quotations are from *The New Revised Standard Version* of the Bible © 1989



THE CHURCH
OF ENGLAND

The Parish of Rushen is part of the Church of England, in the Diocese of Sodor and Man.

Services for Next Sunday

Kirk Christ

9.30am – Holy Communion

St Catherine's

11.00am – Holy Communion

St Mary's

11.00am – All-Age Service

St Peter's

3.15pm – BCP Holy Communion

Contact Information

Parish Website: rushenparish.org.uk

 Find us on
Facebook (Rushen Parish)

Vicar: Rev. Joe Heaton (832275)
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Please note that Joe's day off is **Monday**

Parish Administrator:

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Wardens:

Kirk Christ: Gerry Callister (474 924)
St. Catherine's: Gerry Callister (474 924)
St. Peter's: Harry Dawson (835 770)
St. Mary's: Peter Hayhurst (832 974)

Parish Safeguarding Officer

Our safeguarding officer for children and vulnerable people is Rhiannon Manning. Please email psorushen@sodorandman.im or call 832275/464117 if you need to contact her. The Diocesan Safeguarding Support Officer is Lisa Morris (494688)

Pastoral Care Group:

If you are in need of help or support, or know someone who is unwell or in hospital, please contact the Vicar.

Rushen News Contributions:

Please send all items for Rushen News to Joe Heaton. The deadline is **Tuesday @ 6pm.**

Parish Magazine Contributions:

Please send all items for inclusion to the editor, David Bowman (837117) or preferably by email to dbow43@manx.net. (Please copy all items to the vicar). The deadline is the 20th of the Month