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Rushen News

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Year A
Baptism 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, 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.

14 Jan Kirk Christ, Rushen

21 Jan 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)

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.



Adult Confirmation Class

There will be a confirmation class beginning soon for those who would like to be confirmed. Day and time to be advised. So if you would like to get confirmed, please do contact me.

Joe Heaton

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/

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?

Mothers' Union

The next meeting of Mothers' Union will be on **Monday 12th January at 2pm in St Catherine's Hall**. The speaker will be Rev Ginny Viner on *Antarctica*. All are welcome to attend.

Mothers' Union members: Please also be reminded that the subs are now due for £30, Jude can collect these at the next meeting.



Congratulations to Gerry

A huge congratulations to Gerry Callister who has been awarded the BEM in the King's New Years Honours List,

This is in recognition of his dedication and service to both the church and the village of Port Erin for many years. It is a much deserved honour.

PCC Meeting

There will be a PCC Meeting on **Tuesday 20th January at St Catherine's Hall at 7pm.** Please pray for the meeting and all members of the PCC.

Rev Joe Heaton

Acts 29 Youth Group



The next meeting of the youth group will be Friday **16th January at 7pm** at St Mary's Church. We eat snacks, play games and explore the Bible together.

Natalie Heaton



Wild Sparks

Our next meeting of Wild Sparks will be on Saturday 24th January at St Catherine's hall, beginning at 3pm. Please do come along and join us!

Natalie Heaton

A reading from the book of Isaiah

Here is my servant, whom I uphold,
my chosen, in whom my soul delights;
I have put my spirit upon him;
he will bring forth justice to the nations.
He will not cry or lift up his voice,
or make it heard in the street;
a bruised reed he will not break,
and a dimly burning wick he will not quench;
he will faithfully bring forth justice.
He will not grow faint or be crushed
until he has established justice in the earth;
and the coastlands wait for his teaching.

Thus says God, the LORD,
who created the heavens and stretched
them out,
who spread out the earth and what comes
from it,
who gives breath to the people upon it
and spirit to those who walk in it:
I am the LORD, I have called you in
righteousness,
I have taken you by the hand and kept
you;
I have given you as a covenant to the
people,
a light to the nations,
to open the eyes that are blind,
to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,
from the prison those who sit in darkness.
I am the LORD, that is my name;
my glory I give to no other,
nor my praise to idols.
See, the former things have come to pass,
and new things I now declare;
before they spring forth,
I tell you of them.

[Isaiah 42.1-9]

After a Reflective Silence

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

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus according to Matthew

Glory to you, O Lord !

Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, 'I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?' But Jesus answered him, 'Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfil all righteousness.' Then he consented. And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven

said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.'

[Matthew 3.13-17]

After a Reflective Silence

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

Services for Next Sunday

Kirk Christ

9.30am – Morning Prayer

St Catherine's

11.00am – Morning Prayer

St Mary's

11.00am – Holy Communion

St Peter's

3.15pm – BCP Evening Prayer



THE CHURCH
OF ENGLAND

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

Contact Information

Parish Website: rushenparish.org.uk

 Find us on **Facebook** (Rushen Parish)

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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