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# Rushen News

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Epiphany 3

## 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, 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.

28 Jan	Abbey Church, Ballasalla
04 Feb	Kirk Christ, Rushen

### **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 !***

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## 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.



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## Ladies' Working Party

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

Ginny Viner (836943)

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## Coffee and Chat

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



Contact Lesley Scott (832919)

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## 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/](http://rushenparish.org.uk/prayer-resources/)

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## Acts 29 Youth Group



The next meeting of the youth group will be Friday **30<sup>th</sup> January at 7pm** at St Mary's Church. We eat snacks, play games and explore the Bible together.

Natalie Heaton

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## 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?

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## Diocesan Mission Workshop

The diocese is running a workshop to explore new opportunities for missional service on **31<sup>st</sup> January at St Ninians from 9am – 12.30pm**. The morning will focus on the 5<sup>th</sup> mark of Mission "*Striving to safeguard the integrity of creation, sustain and renew the life of the earth*". This will include a guest speaker, and also includes bacon baps and coffee. It is open to anyone wishing to attend, please RSVP to Lorna at [secretary@sodoranman.im](mailto:secretary@sodoranman.im) and inform her of any dietary requirements.

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## 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 5<sup>th</sup> February** (12.00 'til 1.30pm) at St. Catherine's Hall.

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## 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

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## Mothers' Union

The next meeting of the Mothers' Union will be on **Monday 9<sup>th</sup> 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.



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## A reading from the book of Isaiah

But there will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

The people who walked in darkness  
have seen a great light;  
those who lived in a land of deep darkness  
on them light has shined.

You have multiplied the nation,  
you have increased its joy;  
they rejoice before you  
as with joy at the harvest,  
as people exult when dividing plunder.  
For the yoke of their burden,  
and the bar across their shoulders,  
the rod of their oppressor,  
you have broken as on the day of Midian.

*[Isaiah 9.1-4]*

*After a Reflective Silence*

This is the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God !**

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## Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus according to Matthew

**Glory to you, O Lord !**

Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the lake, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

‘Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali,  
on the road by the sea, across the Jordan,  
Galilee of the Gentiles—  
the people who sat in darkness  
have seen a great light,  
and for those who sat in the region and  
shadow of death  
light has dawned.’

From that time Jesus began to proclaim,  
‘Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has  
come near.’

As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the lake—for they were fishermen. And he said to them, ‘Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.’ Immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went

from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him.

Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

*[Matthew 4.12-23]*

*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



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 – Morning Prayer

### St Catherine's

11.00am – Morning Prayer

### St Mary's

11.00am – Holy Communion

### St Peter's

3.15pm – BCP Evening Prayer

## Contact Information

**Parish Website:** [rushenparish.org.uk](http://rushenparish.org.uk)

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

**Vicar:** Rev. Joe Heaton (832275)  
[rev.joeheaton@gmail.com](mailto:rev.joeheaton@gmail.com)

Please note that Joe's day off is **Monday**

### Parish Administrator:

Rhiannon Manning (832275)  
[rushenparishorg@gmail.com](mailto:rushenparishorg@gmail.com)  
Office hours: Tuesday 9.30 – 4.30  
Friday 9.30 – 4.30

### 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](mailto: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](mailto:dbow43@manx.net). (Please copy all items to the vicar). The deadline is the 20<sup>th</sup> of the Month