
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, 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 Mar St Mary's on the Harbour

11 Mar Abbey Church, Ballasalla

Thursdays (11am)

A *Centring Prayer and Meditation Group* at St Mary's Church, Port St. Mary. For more information contact Ginny (341657) – **This group is now suspended until 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. Catherine's) located at the back of each church. **Please report any issues to the churchwardens.** 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 are hosting an Afternoon Tea on **Tuesday 3rd March at 2pm** in St Catherine's Hall. The speaker will be Kathryn Lamport from The Leprosy Mission. There will also be a raffle (donations of prizes and cake greatly appreciated!) – everyone is welcome, admission is free.

Lesley Scott (832919)

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 March (12.00 'til 1.30pm)** at St. Catherine's Hall

Spring Concert

Come and listen to the *Rushen Silver Band* who will be playing at St. Catherine's Church, Port Erin on **Thursday 12th March @ 7.30pm**. Refreshments will be served in the Hall afterwards.

Gerry (474924)

New Home Groups

The new home groups will begin on **Tuesday 3rd March**. Please contact the below if you'd like to join:

1.30pm, :Petrina Kent
petrinakent@gmail.com

7.30pm: Debs and Drew McGreevy
mcgreevymail@gmail.com

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?



World Day of Prayer

This year's ecumenical World Day of Prayer Service will be held on **Friday 6th March 2026 at St. Columba's Church, Port Erin**. The Christian women of Nigeria have prepared the service and it is based on Matthew 11: 28-30 "I will give you rest, come". The service starts at 11am but there will be refreshments from 10am in the church hall. Everyone is most welcome to attend.

Mariners' Service

The Mariners Service is being held on **TONIGHT at 6.30pm in Kirk Christ**. Please do come along for a sing along and some cake!

Forthcoming Events

Our Parish hosts lots of different events over the year and we don't want anyone to miss out! Our website lists all forthcoming events so if you don't have a copy of this newsletter you can always find details of the events we are hosting on our website. Visit: rushenparish.org.uk/latest-news-events

Mothers Union

The next meeting of Mothers' Union will be on **Monday 9th March at 2pm in St Mary's**. The speaker will be Judith Ley on *Travel Broadens the Mind*. All are welcome to attend.



A reading from the letter to the Romans

What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. For what does the scripture say? 'Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness.' Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness.

For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the

righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, 'I have made you the father of many nations')—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

[Romans 4.1-5,13-17]

After a Reflective Silence

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

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus according to John

Glory to you, O Lord !

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, 'Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.' Jesus answered him, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.' Nicodemus said to him, 'How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?' Jesus answered, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, "You must be born from above." The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not

know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.' Nicodemus said to him, 'How can these things be?' Jesus answered him, 'Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?'

'Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

'For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

'Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

[John 3.1-17]

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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

Services for Next Sunday

Kirk Christ

9.30am – Holy Communion

St Catherine's

11.00am – Holy Communion

St Mary's

11.00am – Morning Prayer

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**

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Wardens:

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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