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2026

# Rushen News

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Year A  
1 Before Lent

## 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.

18 Feb Abbey Church, Ballasalla  
25 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) – **This group is now suspended until early May while Ginny is away.**

***Please do take this newsletter home !***

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## Your Giving

At the last Joint Service I brought to the attention of the congregation the Giving of the Parish. Copies of the letter are at the back of each church. Many thanks to all have responded to the letter – it is much appreciated.

Joe Heaton

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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. 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.



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

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## Mothers' Union

Mothers' Union are hosting a talk on Domestic Abuse on **21<sup>st</sup> February at 2pm in St Catherine's Hall**. There will be speakers from Victim Support and the Police. Please do come along to learn about how we can make a difference.



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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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## Mars at the Cathedral

Artist Luke Jerram continues his amazing work in Peel Cathedral with an exhibition of Mars. This will be on display until **1<sup>st</sup> March**. Please do go along to see it. A list of Events can be found here:

<https://www.cathedral.im/news/mars-final-event-programme>

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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?





## Wild Sparks

Our next meeting of Wild Sparks will be on **Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> February** at St Catherine's hall, beginning at 3pm. More details to follow soon!

Natalie Heaton

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## 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.

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## Imposition of Ashes



Ashes are an ancient sign of penitence; from the middle ages it became the custom to begin Lent by being marked in ash with the sign of the cross.

To continue this tradition there will be a service of Imposition of Ashes with Holy Communion at Kirk Christ on Ash Wednesday (**18<sup>th</sup> February**) @ 7pm.

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## Mariners' Service

The Mariners Service is being held on **Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> March at 6.30pm in Kirk Christ**. We are looking for volunteers to bring cake or traybakes for after the service. If you can contribute please let Gerry know what you want to bring. Many thanks.

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## Lent Resources

The Church of England has produced booklets for reflection during Lent which are available at the back of each church. There is also a children's booklet available. Please do take these home as a resource for prayer and reflection. You can also download the Everyday faith app or the online version of the booklet via the homepage of the Church of England website: <https://www.churchofengland.org>

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## A reading from the Second letter of Peter

For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. For he received honour and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, 'This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.' We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain.

So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

*[2 Peter 1.16-21]*

*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 !

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. Then Peter said to Jesus, 'Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.' While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!' When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, 'Get up and do not be afraid.' And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, 'Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.'

*[Matthew 17.1-9]*

*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

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

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## Services for Next Sunday

**Kirk Christ**

11.00am – Joint Holy Communion

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## 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