

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, Margaret Mahood, 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.

25 Feb Kirk Christ, Rushen

04 Mar 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 is now suspended until early May while Ginny is away.**

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

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

Coffee and Chat

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

Contact Lesley Scott (832919)



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 **1st 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>

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 28th February** at Rushen Silver Band's headquarters in Ballafesson at 3pm. More details to follow soon!

Natalie Heaton

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 **Sunday 1st 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.

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>

A reading from the letter to the Romans

Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned— sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. Yet death exercised dominion from Adam to Moses, even over

those whose sins were not like the transgression of Adam, who is a type of the one who was to come.

But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man's trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the free gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many. And the free gift is not like the effect of the one man's sin. For the judgement following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brings justification. If, because of the one man's trespass, death exercised dominion through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness exercise dominion in life through the one man, Jesus Christ.

Therefore just as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all, so one man's act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all. For just as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

[Romans 5.12-19]

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 was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. The tempter came and said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.' But he answered, 'It is written,

“One does not live by bread alone,
but by every word that comes from the
mouth of God.””

Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, ‘If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written,

“He will command his angels concerning you”, and “On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.””

Jesus said to him, ‘Again it is written, “Do not put the Lord your God to the test.””

Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour; and he said to him, ‘All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.’ Jesus said to him, ‘Away with you, Satan! for it is written,

“Worship the Lord your God,
and serve only him.””

Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

[Matthew 4.1-11]

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

Contact Information

Parish Website: rushenparish.org.uk

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

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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