

5 April  
2026

# Rushen News

<http://www.rushenparish.org.uk>

Year A  
Easter Sunday

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## 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*

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## 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.*

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## 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, Peter 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.  
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## 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.

**There will be no meetings over Holy week and Easter week. The next meeting will be 15<sup>th</sup> April at 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.**

***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. 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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## New Homegroups

The next Port St Mary homegroup will be **7pm on 14<sup>th</sup> April**, as they will be taking a break over Easter. All are welcome.

Thanks

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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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## Ladies' Working Party

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

Lesley Scott (832919)

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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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## Mothers' Union Meeting

The Mothers' Union are meeting to hear Rev Hinton Bird speak on "Memories" at St. Mary's Church on **Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April @ 2pm**. Everyone is welcome to come along.

Contact Lesley Scott (832919)



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## Easter Collections

As is the custom across the Island, please note that the proceeds from all collections taken today will be donated to our Vicar.

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## Acts 29



The Acts 29 youth group will begin again on **Friday 17<sup>th</sup> April at 7pm** at St Mary's Church. We eat snacks, play games and study the Bible together. Year 6's are welcome to join us for the Summer term

Natalie Heaton

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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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## Annual Parochial Church Meeting

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting will be held at Kirk Christ on **Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> April at 7pm**. At this meeting, four church wardens will be elected, and church members will be elected to the PCC and SMP Council.

A copy of the accounts for 2025 is available at the back of each church.

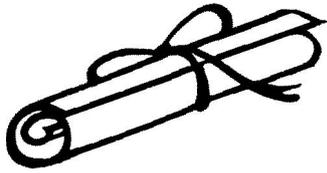
*Should you wish to serve as a warden, or as a PCC member please fill in a nomination form at the back of church and hand it to me or a church warden.*

Joe Heaton

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## Electoral Roll



Notice is hereby given that under the Church Representation Rules the Church Electoral Roll is being revised.

Please check that your name and address is correct on the electoral roll at the back of church, any changes should be made known to David Bowman, our Electoral Roll Officer or a churchwarden. If you wish to enter your name on the Electoral Roll please contact one of the churchwardens or David for an application form.

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## Cyber Security Seminar

On **Friday 24<sup>th</sup> April at 10am** Lisa Morris is hosting a Cyber Security seminar at St Catherine's hall. This will focus on how to keep yourself safe online, including email and phone security, led by the Cyber Security Centre IOM. Everyone is welcome to attend.

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## A Reading from the book of Acts

Then Peter began to speak to them: 'I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

[Acts 10.34-43]

*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 !**

After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning,

and his clothing white as snow. For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, 'Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, "He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him." This is my message for you.' So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them and said, 'Greetings!' And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshipped him. Then Jesus said to them, 'Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me.'

*[Matthew 28.1-10]*

*After a Reflective Silence*

This is the Gospel of the Lord

**Praise to you, O Christ !**

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Diocese of Sodor and Man.

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## 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 Evening Prayer

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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