
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, Dick and Mary Clague, Margaret and Douglas Couper, Jim Dale, Stefan Dalini, June Davies, Sandy Fairest, Simon and Crystal Gale, Margaret Galloway, Liz Gordon, Sue and David Inch, Sally and Peter Lewis, Doreen Longton, Sue Maddrell, Peter Manson, Pam Martin, Margaret Moore, Janet Morley, Althea Morris, Gill and Mike Porter, Eileen Thornley, Valerie Vaughan, Doug Withey. Freya

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. The next two meetings will be:

22 Apr Abbey Church, Ballasalla
29 Apr Kirk Christ

Thursdays (11am)

A *Centring Prayer and Meditation Group* at St Mary's Church, Port St. Mary. – **This group is now suspended until early May while Ginny is away.**

Please do take this newsletter home !

A Message from Natalie

I am writing to share the news that I will soon be leaving my position as Family Youth Worker for the Parish. This hasn't been an easy decision, but as my own children grow, I have realised I need to focus more of my energy on home life. It has been a privilege to serve this parish and work alongside such a dedicated community. Thank you for the opportunity to be a part of your journey over these years; I wish the church and all our young families the very best for the future.

Natalie 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 meets every Tuesday at St. Mary's Church. The meetings start at 2pm.

Lesley Scott (832919)

Coffee and Chat

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



Contact Lesley Scott (832919)

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting will be held at Kirk Christ on **Tuesday 28th 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

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

Volunteering at the Churches Bookshop

The Churches Bookshop in Douglas is looking for volunteers from **27th April to 27th October** to cover Thursday and Friday shifts. Full training will be provided, please contact churchesbookshop@gmail.com or 621593 if you're interested.

Cyber Security Seminar

On **Friday 24th 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

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?



A Reading from the book of Acts

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them: 'Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say.

Therefore let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified.'

Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, 'Brothers, what should we do?' Peter said to them, 'Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him.' And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, 'Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.' So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

[Acts 2.14a,36-41]

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

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus according to Luke

Glory to you, O Lord !

Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, 'What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?' They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, 'Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?' He asked them, 'What things?' They replied, 'The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him.' Then he said to them, 'Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?' Then beginning with Moses and all the

prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, 'Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.' So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, 'Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?' That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, 'The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!' Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

[Luke 24.13-35]

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

11am – Joint Holy Communion

Contact Information

Parish Website: rushenparish.org.uk

 Find us on
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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