

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, 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:

29 Apr Kirk Christ

06 May St Mary's on the Harbour

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. There are 12 vacancies for the PCC as follows:

St. Catherine's: 5 vacancies
Kirk Christ: 2 vacancies
St. Mary's : 4 vacancies
St. Peter's: 1 vacancy

There are four vacancies for the SMP Council (one for each church), two vacancies for the Diocesan Synod and four vacancies for the Church Wardens.

Please complete a nomination form (found at the back of church) and hand it to me, a church warden, or David Bowman (PCC Secretary).

Joe Heaton

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?

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.

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 7th May** (12.00 'til 1.30pm) at St. Catherine's Hall.

Spring Concert

Come and listen to the *Manx Children's Choir and Scoill Phurt le Moirrey* who will be playing at St. Catherine's Church, Port Erin on **Thursday 14th May @ 7.30pm**. Refreshments will be served in the Hall afterwards.

Gerry (474924)

Acts 29



The next Acts 29 youth group will be on **Friday 1st May 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

A Reading from the book of Acts

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

[Acts 2.42-47]

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 !

'Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd

of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.' Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

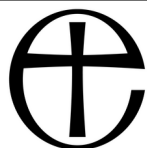
So again Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.

[John 10:1-10]

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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



THE CHURCH
OF ENGLAND

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

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

 Find us on
Facebook (Rushen Parish)

Vicar: Rev. Joe Heaton (832275)
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Please note that Joe's day off is **Monday**

Parish Administrator:

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rushenparishorg@gmail.com

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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 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