
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:

13 May Abbey Church, Ballasalla
20 May Kirk Christ, Rushen

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 !

The Return of The Great Rescue

A series of fourteen silk paintings by Mary Gulland will be on display at St. Catherine's Church. They depict in storyboard the *Great Rescue*; beginning in the Garden of Eden and through the Gospels. Spread the Word!
Joe Heaton



PCC Meeting

There will be a PCC Meeting on **Tuesday 12th May at St Mary's Church at 7pm.** Please pray for the meeting and all members of the PCC.

Rev Joe Heaton

Ascension Day Service



There will be a Joint Ascension Day Service for the Parishes in the South of the Island at Arbory Church on **Thursday 14th May at 7pm.** You would be made most welcome.
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 (St Peter's 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.



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?

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)

Praying the Keeills

Praying the Keeills week will take place between **16th and 23rd May.** We shall be sharing together as we journey on foot, by car and public transport visiting Keeills and exploring other sacred sites, learning about our Celtic and spiritual heritage and enjoying sharing fun and fellowship. Do join us as we journey. Our theme this year is "*Blein ny Gaelgey - Year of the Manx Language*". More information at: www.prayingthekeeills.org



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 @ 7pm.** Refreshments will be served in the Hall afterwards.

Gerry (474924)

**Christian Aid
Week (10th - 16th
May)**



Following the closure of the IOM Christian Aid Office last November, our churches, organisations and individuals are now encouraged to give directly to Christian Aid UK. This year's collection will go towards helping mothers in Nairobi, Kenya, facing the devastating reality of urban poverty and the daily struggle to feed their children. You can use a Christian Aid envelope for your donation, or you can donate online at: caw.christianaid.org.uk. Cheques may be sent to Christian Aid, York House, Wetherby Road, Long Marston, York, YO26 7NH. You may also like to take a few envelopes from the back of church and ask family members, friends, neighbours or colleagues if they would like to make a donation. Every little helps!

Thank you very much!

Claudia (832974 / 495630)

A Reading from the book of Acts

So Paul, standing before the council, addressed them as follows: "Men of Athens, I notice that you are very religious in every way, for as I was walking along I saw your many shrines. And one of your altars had this inscription on it: 'To an Unknown God.'

This God, whom you worship without knowing, is the one I'm telling you about.

"He is the God who made the world and everything in it. Since he is Lord of heaven and earth, he doesn't live in man-made temples, and human hands can't serve his needs—for he has no needs. He himself gives life and breath to everything, and he satisfies every need. From one man he created all the nations throughout the whole earth. He decided beforehand when they should rise and fall, and he determined their boundaries.

"His purpose was for the nations to seek after God and perhaps feel their way toward him and find him—though he is not far from any one of us. For in him we live and move and exist. As some of your own poets have said, 'We are his offspring.' And since this is true, we shouldn't think of God as an idol designed by craftsmen from gold or silver or stone.

"God overlooked people's ignorance about these things in earlier times, but now he commands everyone everywhere to repent of their sins and turn to him. For he has set a day for judging the world with justice by the man he has appointed, and he proved to everyone who this is by raising him from the dead."

[Acts 17.22-31]

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 !

'If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you for ever. This is the Spirit of truth,

whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

‘I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.’

[John 14.15-21]

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

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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