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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, 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 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

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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. The next two meetings will be:

20 May Kirk Christ, Rushen

27 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 currently suspended.**

***Please do take this newsletter home !***

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## The Return of The Great Rescue

A series of fourteen silk paintings by Mary Gulland are currently 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



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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 (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.



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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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## Praying the Keeills

Praying the Keeills week will take place between **16<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> 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](http://www.prayingthekeeills.org)

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## Pentecost Joint Service and Faith Lunch

There is a Faith Lunch at **St. Mary's Church** following the Pentecost Service **next Sunday** for the whole Parish.

All are welcome to join us for food and drinks. Any contributions for the Faith Lunch will be gratefully received.

Please come and join us !!

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## Flower Festival

Our annual Flower Festival is running from **2<sup>nd</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> July** at Kirk Christ, with the theme 'A Year of Manx Language', please put the date in your diary and come along to see the wonderful displays from local groups. If you would like to help or contribute to the refreshments please speak to Gerry.

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## Bereavement Journey Course

At the recent Continuing Ministerial Development (CMD) session we were introduced to the Bereavement Journey Course, an award-winning series of films and discussion that gently guides adults bereaved at any time, through the varied ways grief and bereavement can be experienced, enabling them to process the implications for themselves and discern next steps. Provided by the charity AtaLoss, and run by churches for their communities, it uniquely offers holistic support including accompanying signposting and a final session on faith questions in bereavement from a Christian perspective.

Please could you let Rosemary Clarke know if you would be interested in exploring this theme? This would enable a group to plan a way forward. Please contact Rosemary on [education@cathedral.im](mailto:education@cathedral.im)

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## A Reading from the book of Acts

So when they had come together, they asked him, 'Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the

earth.' When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up towards heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, 'Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up towards heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.'

Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

*[Acts 1.6-14]*

*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 John

**Glory to you, O Lord !**

After Jesus had spoken these words, he looked up to heaven and said, 'Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

'I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.

*[John 17.1-11]*

*After a Reflective Silence*

This is the Gospel of the Lord

**Praise to you, O Christ !**

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## Services for Next Sunday

**St Mary's**

11.00am – Pentecost Holy Communion

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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