

## 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, Gloria Englefield, 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, Inger Perkins, 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:

03 Jun          Abbey Church, Ballasalla  
10 Jun          Kirk Christ, Rushen

### **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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## 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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## Christian Aid



Thank you to everyone who donated during Christian Aid week, our congregations have raised an impressive **£436.32** through the envelopes.

Even more will have been donated online so every donation is greatly appreciated.

Claudia

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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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## 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. There is a sign up sheet at the back of church if you would like to help or contribute to the refreshments.

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## Job Advert - Family Youth Worker

We are on the lookout for a new Family Youth Worker, part time for 25 hours per week. Full job description is on our website: [rushenparish.org.uk/family-youth-worker-2/](http://rushenparish.org.uk/family-youth-worker-2/).

If you or anyone you know would be interested please pass the details along – **the closing date is Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> June.**

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## Safeguarding Survey

The INEQE Safeguarding team are conducting an Audit this year and they need surveys to be completed by all in our church communities. Please help us out by completing a survey online at:

[ineqe.com/churchofengland/Sodor-and-Man/](http://ineqe.com/churchofengland/Sodor-and-Man/). There are several options so please choose the one most suited to you. Thank you in advance for your feedback. **The closing date is 7<sup>th</sup> July.**

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## Parish Walk

Steve Curtis and I will be taking part in the Parish Walk together this year. Steve will be happy to take sponsorship to raise money for Scripture Union Ministries Trust and I will be raising money for Motiv8, which is a charity providing support services and counselling for anyone struggling with alcohol use. Sponsorship forms are at the back of church. Thank you!

Joe Heaton

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## 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 4<sup>th</sup> June** (12.00 'til 1.30pm) at St. Catherine's Hall.

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## A Reading from the book of Isaiah

Who has measured the waters in the hollow of his hand

and marked off the heavens with a span,  
enclosed the dust of the earth in a measure,

and weighed the mountains in scales  
and the hills in a balance?

Who has directed the spirit of the LORD,  
or as his counsellor has instructed him?  
Whom did he consult for his enlightenment,  
and who taught him the path of justice?

Who taught him knowledge,  
and showed him the way of  
understanding?

Even the nations are like a drop from a  
bucket,  
and are accounted as dust on the scales;  
see, he takes up the isles like fine dust.  
Lebanon would not provide fuel enough,  
nor are its animals enough for a burnt-  
offering.

All the nations are as nothing before him;  
they are accounted by him as less than  
nothing and emptiness.

Why do you say, O Jacob,  
and speak, O Israel,  
'My way is hidden from the LORD,  
and my right is disregarded by my God'?  
Have you not known? Have you not heard?  
The LORD is the everlasting God,  
the Creator of the ends of the earth.

He does not faint or grow weary;  
his understanding is unsearchable.

He gives power to the faint,  
and strengthens the powerless.  
Even youths will faint and be weary,  
and the young will fall exhausted;  
but those who wait for the LORD shall renew  
their strength,

they shall mount up with wings like  
eagles,  
they shall run and not be weary,  
they shall walk and not faint.

*[Isaiah 40.12-17,27-31]*

*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 !**

Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshipped him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.'

*[Matthew 28.16-20]*

*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

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## 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

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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