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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, 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, 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:

10 Jun	Kirk Christ, Rushen
17 Jun	St Mary's on the Harbour

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

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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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## 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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## 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. If you would like to help or contribute to the refreshments please speak to Gerry.



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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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## Diocesan Safeguarding Service

Everyone is invited to a launch service to be held at the Cathedral on **Thursday 18th June at 7.30pm**. The Bishop will be preaching and there shall also be opportunity to hear from and to meet Abbey Clephane-Wilson, our Diocesan Safeguarding Lead and to thank Tony Connell for way he has served us over the past decade.

This is open to all. We will pray for our continuing call to be a church which is safe for all.

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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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## Mothers' Union Anniversary Service

The Mothers' Union 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Service is being held at St Paul's Cathedral, London. We'll be live streaming it in St Catherine's Hall on **Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> June**. **The service starts at 5pm but tea and biscuits will be served from 4pm**. Everyone is welcome.

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## A Reading from the letter to the Romans

For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, 'I have made you the father of many nations')—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and

calls into existence the things that do not exist. Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become 'the father of many nations', according to what was said, 'So numerous shall your descendants be.' He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. Therefore his faith 'was reckoned to him as righteousness.' Now the words, 'it was reckoned to him', were written not for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

*[Romans 4:13-25]*

*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 !**

As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth; and he said to him, 'Follow me.' And he got up and followed him.

And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax-collectors and sinners came and were sitting with him and his disciples. When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, 'Why does your teacher eat with tax-collectors and sinners?' But when he heard this, he said, 'Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. Go and learn what this means, "I desire

mercy, not sacrifice.” For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners.’

While he was saying these things to them, suddenly a leader of the synagogue came in and knelt before him, saying, ‘My daughter has just died; but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live.’ And Jesus got up and followed him, with his disciples. Then suddenly a woman who had been suffering from haemorrhages for twelve years came up behind him and touched the fringe of his cloak, for she said to herself, ‘If I only touch his cloak, I will be made well.’ Jesus turned, and seeing her he said, ‘Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well.’ And instantly the woman was made well. When Jesus came to the leader’s house and saw the flute-players and the crowd making a commotion, he said, ‘Go away; for the girl is not dead but sleeping.’ And they laughed at him. But when the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took her by the hand, and the girl got up. And the report of this spread throughout that district.

*[Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26]*

*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 – Holy Communion

### St Catherine’s

11.00am – Holy Communion

### St Mary’s

11.00am – All-Age Service

### St Peter’s

3.15pm – BCP 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