

## 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*

## Mothers' Union Meeting

The Mothers' Union are meeting at St. Catherine's Hall on **Monday 13<sup>th</sup> July @ 2pm.**



## 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 join them for refreshments at the Hall at 11am

## 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 most worship material – 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).

## Ladies' Working Party

The Ladies' Working Party are currently meeting **every Tuesday @ 2.15pm** at St. Catherine's Hall.

Contact Sue Maddrell (833151)

## Summer Concerts

Come and listen to '*A Night of Music and Song*' with Val Cowley and friends involving many young and talented performers. They will be performing at St. Catherine's Church on **Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> July @ 7.45pm.** Refreshments will be served in the Hall afterwards.

Gerry on (474924)

*Please do take this newsletter home !*

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## Our Giving

The income across the four churches in the Parish, for June, was as follows:



	Jun	Jan to Jun
Collections / Giving:	£5,093	£41,237
Other income:	£413	£7,716
Total income:	£5,506	£48,953

**The deficit** (excess of expenditure over income) **for June is £2,139, and for the year is £10,962.**

Many Thanks, Joe Heaton

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## PCC Meeting

There is a PCC meeting on **Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> July** at St. Catherine's Church Hall. The meeting will start promptly at 7pm. Please pray for this meeting and the members of the PCC.

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## Parish Reports

If you lead one of the many organisations/groups associated with the Parish of Rushen e.g. Home Groups, Ladies Working Party, Mothers' Union, Messy Church etc., would you please prepare a report of your activities/fund raising for the PCC secretary, so that it can be included in a booklet to be presented at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting.

The report does not need to be too long (200-300 words). Please let me have this no later than **Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March**. It can be sent by email to [dbow43@gmail.com](mailto:dbow43@gmail.com). Otherwise it can be hand or type-written and given to me personally or sent through the post. Many thanks.

*David Bowman*

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## Sheila Kearsley

It is with sadness that I inform you that Sheila Kearsley died on Friday following a stroke earlier in the week. Please remember the family and friends of Sheila in your prayers.

Joe Heaton

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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 and Marylyn Atkins,  
Pauline Corkill, Arthur Cregeen,  
Faith Crooke, Heather Dawes,  
Tony Eagers, Stuart Gale Inez Joughin,  
Jean Kershaw, Sheila Kersley,  
Margaret Kinley, Michael Linck,  
Judith Roberts,

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## Hymn 1

Lord, thy word abideth,  
and our footsteps guideth;  
who its truth believeth  
light and joy receiveth.

When our foes are near us,  
then thy word doth cheer us,  
word of consolation,  
message of salvation.

When the storms are o'er us,  
and dark clouds before us,  
then its light directeth,  
and our way protecteth.

Who can tell the pleasure,  
who recount the treasure,  
by thy word imparted  
to the simple-hearted?

Word of mercy, giving  
succour to the living;  
word of life, supplying  
comfort to the dying.

O that we discerning  
its most holy learning,  
Lord, may love and fear thee,  
evermore be near thee.

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## Hymn 2

You shall go out with joy  
and be led forth with peace,  
and the mountains and the hills  
shall break forth before you.  
There'll be shouts of joy  
and the trees of the field  
shall clap, shall clap their hands,  
and the trees of the field  
shall clap their hands,  
and the trees of the field  
shall clap their hands,  
and the trees of the field  
shall clap their hands,  
and you'll go out with joy.

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## A reading from the letter to the Romans

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this

reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

[Romans 8.1-11]

*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 !**

That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the lake. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: 'Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen!'

‘Hear then the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.’

*[Matthew 13.1-9,18-23]*

*After a Reflective Silence*

This is the Gospel of the Lord  
**Praise to you, O Christ !**

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## Services next Sunday

### Kirk Christ

9.30am Morning Prayer

### St. Catherine's

11am Holy Communion

### St. Mary's

11am Holy Communion

### St. Peter's

3.15pm BCP Holy Communion

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## Contact Information

**Parish Website:** [www.rushenparish.org.uk](http://www.rushenparish.org.uk)

 Find us on  
**Facebook** (Rushen Parish)

**Vicar:** Rev. Joe Heaton (832275)  
[rev.joeheaton@gmail.com](mailto:rev.joeheaton@gmail.com)

**Curate** Rev Liz Hull (677711)  
[liz.hull@sodorandman.im](mailto:liz.hull@sodorandman.im)

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

Please note that Liz's day off is **Friday**

### Parish Administrator:

Claire Jennings (830850)  
[rushenparishorg@gmail.com](mailto:rushenparishorg@gmail.com)

Office hours: Tuesday: 10am -3pm  
Friday: 10am - 3pm

### 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 Claire Jennings. Her contact details are above should you need to contact her.

### 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 Claire Jennings and 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**