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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 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).

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

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## Annual Parochial Church Meeting

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting will be held at Kirk Christ on **Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> September at 7pm**. Please put this date in your diary as it is an important meeting in the church year – all are welcome to attend.

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## Electoral Roll

I shall be updating the Electoral Roll for the APCM on 10<sup>th</sup> August 2020. If anyone has changed their name or address, please could you let me have new forms *no later than Friday 7<sup>th</sup> August 2020*.

*If you are already on the Roll, and your details are correct, there is no need to do another form.* Blank forms are at the back of each church in the parish.

David Bowman, Electoral Roll Officer  
(Tel: 837117 Email: [dbow43@gmail.com](mailto:dbow43@gmail.com))

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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 join them for refreshments at the Hall at 11am?

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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> July**. 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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## News from across the Island

Further Diocesan News can be found at:  
[http://www.sodorandman.im/diocesan\\_news](http://www.sodorandman.im/diocesan_news)

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## Summer Concerts

Come and listen to *Regal Singers*. They will be performing at St. Catherine's Church on **Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> July @ 7.45pm**. Refreshments will be served in the Hall afterwards.

Gerry on (474924)

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## News from the Southern Mission Partnership

### Weekly Prayer Group

Each week on **Tuesdays @ 9.15am**, a group of us are meeting together to pray for the parishes in the Southern Mission Partnership. *All are welcome!* We will be meeting on:

28 Jul Kirk Christ, Rushen  
4 Aug Abbey Church, Ballasalla

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## Virtually Beach Mission 3<sup>rd</sup> - 14<sup>th</sup> August

Don't forget to sign up, so that your child will receive a Resource Pack, and information about the Virtually Beach Mission videos.

For families who live on the island:- we are preparing to run some "on-site" events on weekday afternoons during the fortnight. Since we have limited local team members, parents/carers will need to stay on site and remain responsible for their children. Details will be sent nearer the time to all island based families who have registered their children. These events will not take place if any restrictions return to the island.

Please invite all the children you know to register for Virtually Beach Mission.  
[psmbm.org.uk](http://psmbm.org.uk)

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## **A reading from the letter to the Romans**

Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.

What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written,

'For your sake we are being killed all day long;

we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.'

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation,

will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

*[Romans 8.26-39]*

*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 !**

He put before them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.'

He told them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened.'

'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

‘Have you understood all this?’ They answered, ‘Yes.’ And he said to them, ‘Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.’

[Matthew 13.31-33,44-52]

*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 Morning Prayer

### **St. Mary’s**

11am Holy Communion

### **St. Peter’s**

3.15pm BCP Evening Prayer



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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)  
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**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**