

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.

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, Heather Dawes,
Olive Dawson Tony Eagers, Tony Eales,
Stuart Gale Margaret Galloway,
Ray Halford, Jean Handley,
Margaret Kinley, Michael Linck,
Mary Maycox, Judith Roberts, Sean

Sunday Services



Happily, we are able to reinstate our Sunday Service podcasts from 11 April 2021, so whilst our buildings remain closed for public worship, church will continue online at: www.rushenparish.org.uk/media/

Printed copies of services sheets and Rushen News will be available at Kirk Christ

Circuit Break

Following the Chief Minister's announcement on Tuesday 2nd March, all church services and events are cancelled until further notice:

Choir practices, Hall bookings,
Church meetings (e.g. MU, LWP)
Soup Inn, Rushen Roamers and Concerts

Our Giving

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



	Mar	Jan to Mar
Collections / Giving:	£7,728	£15,032
Other income:	£1,724	£6,128
Total income:	£6,452	£21,160

The deficit (excess of expenditure over income) for March is £5,601, **but the deficit for the year is £8,687.**

Important Notice:

I once again draw attention to our Parish finances. We have now experienced two lock-downs on the island where we have not been able to open our churches for Sunday Worship. This closure has a significant impact upon our Parish finances. The reduction in income is approximately £1000 for every Sunday we are closed ! We are just beginning our third lock-down (which hopefully will be the last), however, if the same pattern of giving is maintained through this lock-down as it was for the two previous lockdowns, I estimate we will have a shortfall of £6000 by the end of March.

Consequently, to avoid a significant impact could I encourage you to consider the amount you give and the method by which you give. There are a number of ways that this can be done. The preferred way is to give by monthly Standing Order as this is a regular and sustainable way of giving, and allows the PCC to better manage the finances of your parish. A form can be download from the Parish website:

www.rushenparish.org.uk/about-our-churches/supporting-the-vision/

The two other methods available whilst are church services are suspended are:

- make a bank transfer using the details found on the Standing Order form, or
- send a cheque to our Treasurer, Steve Curtis, Clybane Cottage, Phildraw Road, Ballasalla, IM9 3DU. (Cheques made payable to *Rushen PCC*)

Many Thanks, Joe Heaton

John Bregazzi

A private funeral service will be held for John at Kirk Christ at 1pm on Thursday 15 April.

Please do remember his family and friends in your prayers.

Port St Mary Beach Mission



The PSMBM team are planning to run a one week beach mission from 1st August this summer, though due to boarder restrictions we don't know who will be able to make it (if anyone) from the UK team, and so we need more on-island help. Would you be able to help either full-time or part-time with one of the age groups (0-17yrs) or could you help us in a support role (making meals, cleaning, registration, moving equipment) ? We need even more local help than ever to make this happen and we'd love to have you as part of the team. Please contact either:

Ruth Walker (ruth.w@sumt.im) or
Evelyn Stewart (psm@25a.me.uk)

Many Thanks

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting will be held at Kirk Christ Church on **Tuesday 25th May at 7pm**. At this meeting four church wardens will be elected. There are three vacancies for the PCC as follows:

St. Mary's:	2 vacancies
St. Peter's:	1 vacancy

There are four vacancies for the SMP Council (one for each church), and four vacancies for the Diocesan Synod (Synod members are ex-officio members of the PCC).

Joe Heaton

Parish Reports

It would be our normal practice to ask leaders from the many church groups to provide a Report upon the activities that have been undertaken in the last year. However, as our APCM meeting last year occurred much later than normal due to the lockdown restrictions, I have decided that it this will not be necessary for this APCM meeting.

Joe Heaton

HRH The Duke of Edinburgh

God of our lives,
we give thanks for the life of Prince Philip,
for the love he shared among us,
and for his devotion to duty.
We entrust him now to your love and mercy,
through our Redeemer Jesus Christ.
Amen.

A reading from the book of Acts

Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

[Acts 4. 32-35]

After a Reflective Silence

This is the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God !

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus according to John

Glory to you, O Lord !

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.'

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.'

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.'

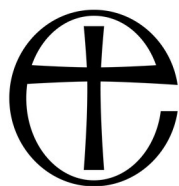
Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

[John 20.19-31]

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

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THE CHURCH
OF ENGLAND

The Parish of Rushen is part of the Church of England, in the Diocese of Sodor and Man.

Contact Information

Parish Website: www.rushenparish.org.uk

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

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

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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. (Please copy all items to the vicar). The deadline is the **20^h of the Month**