

## 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



Following the end of the Circuit Break, church services will resume with **Joint Holy Communion services at Kirk Christ on 25<sup>th</sup> April, 2<sup>nd</sup> May and 9<sup>th</sup> May.** Services will recommence at other churches in the parish from 16<sup>th</sup> May

All churches will be open for private prayer from Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April. The church halls will also be open from this date.

We understand that some people will feel nervous and apprehensive as we exit lock down, so initially we will continue with our Sunday Morning Prayer Service podcasts online at:

[www.rushenparish.org.uk/media/](http://www.rushenparish.org.uk/media/)

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

## 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.**

*Please do take this newsletter home !*

## 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 downloaded from the Parish website:

[www.rushenparish.org.uk/about-our-churches/supporting-the-vision/](http://www.rushenparish.org.uk/about-our-churches/supporting-the-vision/)

The two other methods available whilst 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

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## Ladies' Working Party

The Ladies' Working Party will recommence meeting on **Tuesday 20th April @ 2.15pm** at St. Mary's Church. Contact Lesley Scott (832919)

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## Mother's Union Festival Service

The Mothers' Union Annual Festival Eucharist Service will be held this year at the Peel Cathedral on **Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> April** at 2.30 pm. Bishop Peter will be preaching.



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## Port St Mary Beach Mission



The PSMBM team are planning to run a one week beach mission from 1<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto:ruth.w@sumt.im)) or  
Evelyn Stewart ([psm@25a.me.uk](mailto:psm@25a.me.uk))

Many Thanks

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## 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

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## Annual Parochial Church Meeting

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting will be held at Kirk Christ Church on **Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> 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*

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## Rushen Roamers

From **Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> April** Rushen Roamers

will meet 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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## Podcasts

Many thanks to all those who have helped to produce and publish the podcasts during lock down and especially to Irene Cowell, Peter Hayhurst, Liz Hull and Claire Jennings for facilitating this in Joe's absence..

*Gerry Callister*

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## A reading from the book of Acts

When Peter saw it, he addressed the people, 'You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you.

'And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out,

*[Acts 3.12-19]*

*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 Luke

**Glory to you, O Lord !**

While they were talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you.' They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, 'Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see

that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.’ And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, ‘Have you anything here to eat?’ They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence.

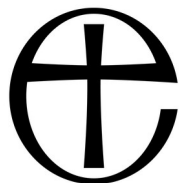
Then he said to them, ‘These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.’ Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, ‘Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.

[Luke 24.36b-48]

*After a Reflective Silence*

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

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

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

**Parish Administrator:**  
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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>h</sup> of the Month**