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

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## Mother's Union Meeting

We will be having a Get-together for a cuppa and chat in St Catherine's Hall on Monday 10th May at 2 pm. Look forward to seeing you then!!

Guests are very welcome to attend.

**Mothers' UNION**  
Christian care for families

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## Kirk Christ Easter Flowers

Many thanks to the ladies at Kirk Christ for their work in producing the beautiful Easter flower arrangements at Kirk Christ. Your efforts are greatly appreciated.

*Gerry Callister*

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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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## Ladies' Working Party

The Ladies' Working Party meets **every Tuesday @ 2.15pm** at St. Mary's Church.  
Contact Lesley Scott (832919)

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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



The Rushen Roamers 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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## A reading from the book of Acts

The next day their rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, 'By what power or by what name did you do this?' Then

Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, 'Rulers of the people and elders, if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. This Jesus is

"the stone that was rejected by you, the builders;  
it has become the cornerstone."

There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved.'

[Acts 4.5-12]

*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 John**

**Glory to you, O Lord !**

'I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No

one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.'

[John 10.11-18]

*After a Reflective Silence*

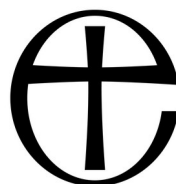
This is the Gospel of the Lord  
**Praise to you, O Christ !**

Scripture quotations are from *The New Revised Standard Version of the Bible* © 1989

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## **Services next Sunday**

The only service in the Parish next Sunday is a joint **Holy Communion service at Kirk Christ at 11am.** Should you, or somebody you know, require a lift to the service please speak to one of the wardens.



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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:**

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>h</sup> of the Month**