

## 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. 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.*

## 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*

## 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 Marilyn Atkins,  
Pauline Corkill, Heather Dawes,  
Olive Dawson Tony Eagers, Tony Eales,  
Stuart Gale Margaret Galloway,  
John Gulland, Ray Halford, Jean Handley,  
Margaret Kinley, Michael Linck,  
Mary Maycox, Judith Roberts,  
Lyn Sandell

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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.



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## Port St Mary Beach Mission



The PSMBM team are planning to run a **one week in-person beach mission from Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> August to Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> August** this summer, though due to border 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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## 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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## 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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## 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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## News from the Southern Mission Partnership

### Weekly Prayer Group

Each week on **Wednesdays @ 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:

5 May The Abbey Church, Ballasalla  
12 May St Mary's on the Harbour

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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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### **Kentraugh Mill Open Weekend** **Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> May 10am to 5pm** **Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> May 11am to 5pm**

Come and learn about our Manx heritage. and see it running. No entrance free. Donations appreciated to USPG (United Society Partners in the Gospel) Anglicans in World Mission. Entrance at own risk. For the young a time to run and play on the Mill Dam

*Elizabeth Sheen (832406)*

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### **A reading from the book of Acts**

Then an angel of the Lord said to Philip, 'Get up and go towards the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.' (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, 'Go over to this chariot and join it.' So Philip ran up to it and heard

him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, 'Do you understand what you are reading?' He replied, 'How can I, unless someone guides me?' And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this:

'Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter, and like a lamb silent before its shearer, so he does not open his mouth. In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth.'

The eunuch asked Philip, 'About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?' Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, 'Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?' He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

*[Acts 8.26-40]*

*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 true vine, and my Father is the vine-grower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that

bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.

[John 15.1-8]

*After a Reflective Silence*

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

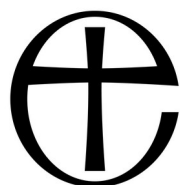
Scripture quotations are from *The New Revised Standard Version of the Bible* © 1989

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

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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>h</sup> of the Month**