

## 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.*

## 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

## Sunday Services



Following the end of the Circuit Break, **church services will resume at all churches in the parish from next Sunday, 16<sup>th</sup> May**

Our Sunday Morning Prayer Service podcasts will be discontinued after today (9<sup>th</sup> May).

## 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:

12 May St Mary's on the Harbour  
19 May Kirk Christ, Rushen

***Please do take this newsletter home !***

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## Our Giving

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



	Apr	Jan to Apr
Collections / Giving:	£5,141	£20,173
Other income:	£2,552	£8,680
Total income:	£7,693	£28,853

The deficit (excess of expenditure over income) for April is £3,802, **but the deficit for the year is £12,489.**

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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 fee. Donations appreciated to USPG (United Society Partners in the Gospel) Anglicans in World Mission. Entrance at own risk.

*Elizabeth Sheen (832406)*

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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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## Christian Aid Week (10 - 16 May)



Rushen Parish will once again be helping to collect for Christian Aid (IOM) in Port St Mary and Port Erin. This year's IOM project focuses on supporting unemployed young people in Burundi by providing agricultural training and tools to help create sustainable livelihoods (more information at the back of church or on the Christian Aid IOM website: <https://www.christianaid.org.uk/get-involved-locally/isle-of-man>.)

It would be great to have as many people helping with the street collection as possible. Please sign up at the back of Church or let me know if you are able to help and which street(s) you would like to cover. Any help is most welcome! We will have envelopes in our churches for people to make a donation on the 9<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> of May, or you could donate online at the website above. Cheques may be sent to Louise Whitelegg, Christian Aid IOM, Marlbrook, Kerrowmoar, IM7 2AX. You may also like to take a few envelopes and ask some friends/neighbours/colleagues if they would like to make a donation. Every little helps!

Thank you very much!  
Claudia (832974 / 495630)

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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 10<sup>th</sup> 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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## **‘Thy Kingdom Come’**

At 11am on Ascension Day, Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> May at Port Erin Methodist Church there will be a service of prayer and reflection to launch the ‘Thy Kingdom Come’ 9-day prayer initiative. Members of all the churches in the south of the island are invited and will be most welcome. People are welcome to bring a prayer to share. There will be a time of fellowship over a cup of tea afterwards.

There will then be daily prayer until Friday 21 May.

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## **Ascension Day Eucharist**

Forty days after Easter we mark Ascension Day on **Thursday 13 May**. We rejoice that the risen Lord, victorious over death and sin, ascends into his glory and completes the work of our redemption. We were unable to meet collectively during Holy Week, so, if you do not have your own parish celebrations planned, I warmly invite you to a **Diocesan Eucharist at 6:30pm in the Cathedral**.

During the Eucharist I will also take the opportunity to welcome formally to the Diocese both The Revd Dr Jonathan Knight, who comes to us as a diocesan priest ministering initially at the Cathedral, and my new chaplain, The Revd Dr Michael Brydon.

Clergy and readers are welcome to robe in choir dress.

*Bishop Perter*

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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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## **Methodist Day of Prayer**

On **Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> May**, the Methodist Church will be holding a Day of Prayer based at St John’s, with an opportunity to engage with the Praying the Keeills week launch service in the Royal Chapel at the start.

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

While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, ‘Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?’ So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days. *[Acts 10.44-48]*

*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 !**

As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

'This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

[John 15.9-17]

### *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

### **Kirk Christ**

9.30am Morning Prayer with Baptism

### **St. Catherine's**

11am All Age Service

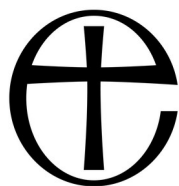
### **St. Mary's**

11am Holy Communion

### **St. Peter's**

3.15pm BCP Holy Communion

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OF ENGLAND

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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**