

## 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.*

## A Question of Murder A Pub Quiz with a difference

Rushen Parish and The Suspect Players proudly present A Question of Murder! - A Murder Mystery Dinner at St Catherine's Church Hall on **Friday 6<sup>th</sup> May** in aid of Church Funds.

Doors open at 7pm for a prompt 7.30pm start. Tickets (including two course meal) available at £20 from Gerry Callister on 474924 **until 4pm on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> May.** (Bring your own alcohol / soft drinks and glasses)

## Play and Praise

**Play and Praise** is a short child-orientated service aimed at pre-school children. It is held on the **1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday** of each month @ 2pm at St. Catherine's Church Hall. For further details contact Claudia on 832974.

## Kentraugh Mill Open Weekend

**Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> May 10am to 5pm**  
**Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> May 11am to 5pm**

Come and learn about our Manx heritage. There is no entrance fee, but donations are appreciated to USPG (United Society Partners in the Global Mission). Entrance at own risk.

The Mill is the 1<sup>st</sup> building up the road from the Shore Hotel, Gansey. Guided Tours will be given of the Mill, Chapel Garden and the Mill Dam. Elizabeth Sheen (832406)

*Please do take this newsletter home !*

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## Annual Meeting

At the Meeting of Parishioners and the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) on Tuesday, the following hold office:

### Churchwardens:

Gerry Callister, Harry Dawson,  
and Peter Hayhurst.

### Elected PCC members:

**Kirk Christ:** Mike Porter, Iris Mitchell,  
and Sylvia Wightman

**St. Catherine's:** John Kearsley,  
June Davies, Steve Curtis, Heather  
Daykin, *and one vacancy.*

**St. Mary's:** Lukas Hayhurst, Jan Withey,  
Peta Mills, David Bowman, and Claire  
Jones.

**St. Peter's:** Ivan Ward *and one vacancy*

### Elected Diocesan Synod Reps:

Gerry Callister, Jim Dale,  
Annie Curtis, and Grace Hibbert

### Southern Mission Partnership Council:

Gerry Callister, Peter Hayhurst,  
Harry Dawson, Jim Dale

Please note that the Vicar, Churchwardens,  
Licensed Readers and Synod Reps. are ex-  
officio members of the PCC.

It is hoped that the two vacancies will be  
filled shortly. Please contact the vicar or  
wardens if you are interested.

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## Spring Concerts

At the concert given by Manx Saxophone  
Ensemble on 21<sup>st</sup> April a total of £ 525 was  
donated. The IOM bank have matched  
funded it so £1050 was sent to the people  
suffering in this dreadful conflict between  
the Ukraine and Russia

Gerry on (474924)

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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:

Chris, Pamela Angus, Peter and Marilyn  
Atkins, Joan Buttell, Gillian Collings  
Joyce Corlett, Heather Dawes, Olive  
Dawson, Tony Eagers, Tony Eales Sandy  
Fairest, Margaret Galloway, Alan Grace,  
Anita Gunn, Ray Halford, Jean Handley,  
Heather Hodgett, Margaret Kinley,  
Laughlan Kirk, Michael Linck,  
Pam Martin, Mary Maycox, Judith  
Roberts, L Sandell, Kathleen Trustrum

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## Soup Inn

A fantastic opportunity to get together with  
people from the South over a simple meal.  
Whether you're a parent at home with a  
young child, someone who works from  
home/in the South, retired or having time  
out - all welcome at the Soup Inn. Come and  
relax over a home cooked lunch of Soup,  
and Pudding with Tea / Coffee. Pop in when  
shopping.

Join us on **Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> May** (12.00 'til  
1.30pm) at St. Catherine's Hall. Please  
share this with anyone you think likes to  
nosh and natter!

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## A reading from the book of Acts

Meanwhile Saul, still breathing threats and  
murder against the disciples of the Lord,  
went to the high priest and asked him for  
letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so  
that if he found any who belonged to the  
Way, men or women, he might bring them  
bound to Jerusalem. Now as he was going  
along and approaching Damascus, suddenly

a light from heaven flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, 'Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?' He asked, 'Who are you, Lord?' The reply came, 'I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do.' The men who were travelling with him stood speechless because they heard the voice but saw no one. Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were open, he could see nothing; so they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. For three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank.

Now there was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, 'Ananias.' He answered, 'Here I am, Lord.' The Lord said to him, 'Get up and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul. At this moment he is praying, and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight.' But Ananias answered, 'Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints in Jerusalem; and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who invoke your name.' But the Lord said to him, 'Go, for he is an instrument whom I have chosen to bring my name before Gentiles and kings and before the people of Israel; I myself will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name.' So Ananias went and entered the house. He laid his hands on Saul and said, 'Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on your way here, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit.' And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and his sight was restored. Then he got up and was baptized, and after taking some food, he regained his strength.

For several days he was with the disciples in Damascus, and immediately he began to

proclaim Jesus in the synagogues, saying, 'He is the Son of God.' *[Acts 9.1-20]*

*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 !**

After these things Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. Simon Peter said to them, 'I am going fishing.' They said to him, 'We will go with you.' They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, 'Children, you have no fish, have you?' They answered him, 'No.' He said to them, 'Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some.' So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, 'It is the Lord!' When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the lake. But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off.

When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. Jesus said to them, 'Bring some of the fish that you have just caught.' So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred and fifty-three

of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, 'Come and have breakfast.' Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, 'Who are you?' because they knew it was the Lord. Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, 'Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?' He said to him, 'Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my lambs.' A second time he said to him, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' He said to him, 'Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Tend my sheep.' He said to him the third time, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, 'Do you love me?' And he said to him, 'Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my sheep. Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go.' (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, 'Follow me.'

*[John 21.1-19]*

*After a Reflective Silence*

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

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## Services next Sunday

### **Kirk Christ**

9.30am Holy Communion

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

11am Holy Communion

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

11am All Age Service

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

3.15pm BCP Evening Prayer

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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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### **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.

### *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**