

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:

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

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting will be held at Kirk Christ Church on **Tuesday 26th April at 7.30pm**. At this meeting four church wardens will be elected. There are six vacancies for the PCC as follows:

St. Catherine's: 3 vacancies
Kirk Christ: 1 vacancy
St. Mary's : 1 vacancy
St. Peter's: 1 vacancy

There are four vacancies for the SMP Council (one for each church), and one vacancy for the Diocesan Synod.

Please complete a nomination form (found at the back of church) and hand it to me or a church warden.
Joe Heaton

Please do take this newsletter home !

PCC Meeting

There will be a PCC meeting immediately prior to the Annual Meeting on **Tuesday 26th April** at Kirk Christ. The financial accounts will be presented to the PCC for approval; the meeting will start promptly at 7pm

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 5th May** (12.00 'til 1.30pm) at St. Catherine's Hall. Please share this with anyone you think likes to nosh and natter!

Help Needed:

Volunteers are needed to provide help with the catering for Soup Inn. If you are able to provide a soup or a dessert for this event, please contact Gerry on 474924.

Spring Concerts

Come and listen to *Manx Children's Choir and Scoill Phurt Le Moirrey* who will be playing at **St. Catherine's Church on Thursday 19th May @ 7pm**. Refreshments will be served in the Hall afterwards.

Help Needed: Please add your name to the sign-up sheets in church if you can help with refreshments.

Gerry on (474924)

Easter Flowers - Thank You

A very warm "thank you" to the loyal band of ladies who help each year to decorate Kirk Christ at Easter. Special thanks to our friends who decorate the pulpit and the font, not forgetting Stan and Pam Clucas who supply us with the beautiful daffodils and lilies.

Sylvia

The Vicar would like to add his gratitude by thanking the many people who decorate our churches across the Parish and give of their time at Easter

Joe Heaton

Kentraugh Mill Open Weekend

Saturday 7th May 10am to 5pm

Sunday 8th 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 1st 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)

Play and Praise

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

St. Mary's Choir

Port St Mary's Choir will be resuming on **Thursday 28th April** at 6.30pm. New members are most welcome. Practices are on a Thursday each week at 6.30pm and last for a maximum of an hour. The choir sings at the 11am morning service at St Mary's Church, and occasional weddings. It is hoped to present an evensong at one of the Parish Churches during the summer.

For further information contact me either by email (mikeandgill@manx.net) or phone (832143) or just come to a choir practice. You will be most welcome.

Mike Porter

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 6th 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 (Bring your own alcohol / soft drinks and glasses)

A reading from the book of Acts

When they had brought them, they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, saying, 'We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us.' But Peter and the apostles answered, 'We must obey God rather than any human authority. The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you

had killed by hanging him on a tree. God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Saviour, so that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him.'

[Acts 5.27-32]

After a Reflective Silence

This is the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God !

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus according to John

Glory to you, O Lord !

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.'

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.'

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then he said to Thomas, 'Put

your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.’ Thomas answered him, ‘My Lord and my God!’ Jesus said to him, ‘Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.’

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

[John 20.19-31]

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

Services next Sunday

Kirk Christ

9.30am Morning Prayer

St. Catherine's

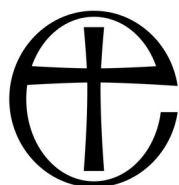
11am Morning Prayer

St. Mary's

11am Holy Communion

St. Peter's

3.15pm BCP Evening Prayer



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OF ENGLAND

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

Contact Information

Parish Website: 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**

Parish Administrator:

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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. (Please copy all items to the vicar). The deadline is the **20^h of the Month**
