

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, George May, Pam Martin, Mary Maycox, Judith Roberts, L Sandell, Kathleen Trustrum



**Christian Aid Week
(15th - 21st May)**

We will once again be helping with the annual street collection for Christian Aid in Rushen Parish. This year's collection focuses on a project in Burundi, which will help to reduce deaths from smoke-related illnesses, mitigate climate change, lower air pollution as well as provide new sources of livelihoods for women (further information is at the back of church or on their website: www.christianaid.org.uk/get-involved-locally/isle-of-man).

Please sign up or contact me directly if you are able to help. We will also have envelopes in our churches for people to donate on the 15th and 22nd of May

Thank you very much!
Claudia (832974 / 495630)

Please do take this newsletter home !

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.

Spring Concerts

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

Gerry on (474924)

Kentraugh Mill Open Weekend

TODAY (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)

Our Giving

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

	April	Jan to Apr
Collections / Giving:	£6,000	£23,678
Other income:	£2,608	£18,958
Total income:	£8,608	£42,636

The current deficit (excess of expenditure over income) for the year is £2,366.

Many Thanks, Joe Heaton

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:

11 May Kirk Christ
17 May Abbey Church

PCC Meeting

There is a PCC meeting on **Tuesday 17th May** at St. Catherine's Church Hall. The meeting will start promptly at 7pm. Please pray for this meeting and the members of the PCC.

Mothers' Union Meeting

Members of Rushen Mothers Union are invited to attend the meeting to be held on **Monday 9th May** in **St Catherine's Hall** at **2pm** when we will discuss the programme for the forthcoming year.



Ladies' Working Party

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

A reading from the book of Acts

Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, 'Please come to us without delay.' So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, 'Tabitha, get

up.' Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

[Acts 9.36-43]

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 !

At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, 'How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly.' Jesus answered, 'I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one.'

[John 10.22-30]

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

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Contact Information

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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**

Services next Sunday

Kirk Christ

9.30am Morning Prayer

St. Catherine's

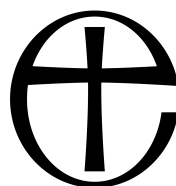
11am All Age Service

St. Mary's

11am Holy Communion

St. Peter's

3.15pm BCP Holy Communion



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