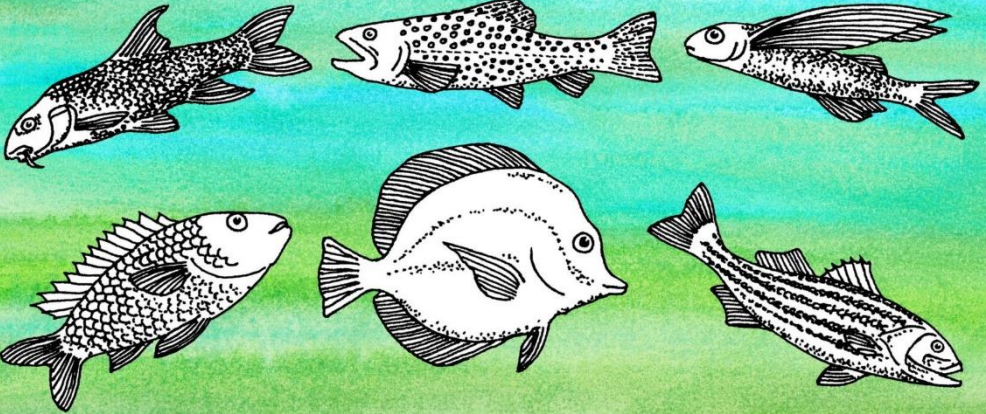
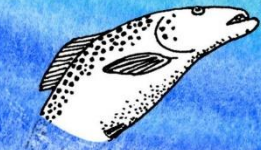


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# Rushen Parish Magazine



*You, God, made humans responsible for your handiwork...  
the fish in the sea and all that swims in the paths of the sea. Ps 8:8*



*God blessed humans and told them...  
"You are responsible for the fish of the sea..." Gen 1:28*



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## *From the Editor*

How often do you read the visitor's book at the back of our churches? I have to confess that I rarely do, although whenever I visit another church I always leave a comment which is invariably favourable.

If like me you don't read them how can we know what other people feel as they enter the doors of our four churches? We are so lucky that our churches are open every day which allows anyone wishing to enter them can do so for whatever their reason. It's a sad story in the UK because the majority of churches are locked and only open for worship. Of course the great cathedrals are open, but to enter some of them money has to change hands!

Towards the end of May the parish priest and his wife, who were our neighbours when we lived in the school house adjacent to the school where I was headteacher, visited the island for the first time. In fact he was a member of the panel of governors who appointed me to the position. Both had been on the island for a few days and had explored as much of it as they could. I don't think I'm wrong in stating that they loved it. One of the things they wanted to do was to meet me on the Sunday and spend some time reminiscing our days in Kent, as well as attending worship at the church I attend. So on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> May all three of us worshipped at St Mary's Church. They were so impressed that they wrote to me on their return to the UK. I thought you might like me to share it with you. It read....

*'We send our thanks for the time and effort you took in entertaining us last Sunday. From you driving us hither and thither on the day and our lunch at the Calf, you treated us royally. Our visit to your church was a wonderful breath of fresh air. Your church family should be congratulated for their genuine openness and warmth in welcoming us. We pray that your TT Café will be successful. It is a great outreach event.'*

It's always lovely to receive genuine comments, especially when they refer to our church family. In all of my Christian life I have worshipped at many churches, and spent time with church families just like ours, but never have any been as wonderful as the family I have here on the Isle of Man. When Pauline and I first worshipped at Rushen it was clear that although we were a parish comprising four churches, we were also four separate identities. Since Joe came and gradually whittled away at the contrasts in our four churches, we have become a group of people worshipping God collectively. Of course there will always be some dissimilarities among all four, but largely they have dissipated. Let's hope we continue to receive favourable comments which continue to bring us together as the family of God, and perhaps we ought to spend some time reading the comments in the visitor's book too. Or is it just me that forgets to do so?

**David**



## Sea Sunday

Over many years the 2nd Sunday of July has been kept as Sea Sunday, with a special focus on prayer for all seafarers. The Mission to Seafarers supports the work of sailors facing difficult waters, piracy, and separation from loved ones for long periods at sea. However, we can also experience storms in our own lives.

In Acts 27 we read how Paul was being taken as a prisoner to Rome, when he was caught in a storm off Crete. After 14 days they were shipwrecked on the island of Malta. Paul had warned the crew that it wasn't a safe time of year to sail: *"I can see that our voyage is going to be disastrous and bring great loss to ship and cargo, and to our own lives."* But his words were ignored, and the ship sailed into a violent storm.

By the third day they *'finally gave up all hope of being saved'*. How do we face up to storms in our lives? Do we worry and panic? God doesn't necessarily prevent storms from taking place, but we can trust His purpose through them.

Paul urged the sailors to *"keep courage, because not one of you will be lost, only the ship will be destroyed"*. His confidence rested on an angelic promise: *"Do not be afraid, Paul. You must stand trial before Caesar; and God has graciously given you the lives of all who sail with you."* Only the sovereign God, who created the wind and waves, can promise to save people from a storm. What does this mean for us in our circumstances today?

*'Through many dangers, toils and snares I have already come. Grace has brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.'* (Amazing Grace: John Newton).

### Canon Paul Hardingham



Photos  
taken at the  
Jubilee  
Celebration  
During  
Pentecost





## Ladies Working Party – St Mary’s

As I write this, the sound of powerful motor bikes going up the Promenade in Port Erin is a good one to hear! The island is once again welcoming many visitors to the TT, and we hope the pop-up café in St Catherine’s Hall is a success.

The weather fortunately stayed dry for the Platinum Jubilee BBQ and Faith lunch at Pentecost, and once again we had tables laden with delicious food from folk in the parish. It was a very happy event and we would like to extend our grateful thanks to all who helped to make it so, particularly to Mike Kewley, his son John and daughter in law Siobhan, who cooked the beefburgers and sausages to perfection on the barbeque outside. The ladies had beautifully decorated the church in red, white and blue and the Jubilee memorabilia was nicely displayed at the door for all to enjoy. (A few of the lovely flowers have since been made into bouquets and taken to some ill parishioners).

Our next event is a fundraising coffee morning on Friday July 1<sup>st</sup>, from 10 – 11.30am, in aid of The Southern Foodbank and other local charities. We are grateful to David Bowman for once again so willingly printing our posters and tickets, and to the team at PSM Golf Pavilion for their support and for providing the venue. There will be a raffle, general stall, cake stall and lucky dip. Tickets are £2 each and include coffee and biscuits.

Every week Margaret Moore leads us in heartfelt prayers for the sick, and also for peace in Ukraine. We pray it comes soon.

After the coffee morning we shall be having a break over the summer and hope that the weather is such that everyone can enjoy holidays here or further afield.

With love from us all,

**Pat Thomson**

### Photos taken at the Faith Lunch at Pentecost



## **“Glory Be”**

Sunflower! Sunflower!  
Stately and tall,  
Standing near the garden wall.  
Majestic flower; sun kissed bloom,  
Arise! and glow above the gloom.  
Burst forth with your yellow frill;  
Into our World your glory spill –  
National flower of Ukraine,  
Fill broken lives with hope again.

Sunflower! Sunflower!  
Delightful force;  
You, our Father’s grace, endorse.  
Heavenward blossom; earthly bound;  
We too are firmly on the ground.  
Grant us wise balance from above  
To live this life in bonds of love –  
Reflect bright hope globally  
In this year of Jubilee!

*Col.1:27 (NIV)*  
*“Christ in you, the hope of glory”*

**Margaret Couper**

## St Mary's Sunday School



### Share God's Word

In our Sunday School lesson at the end of May, we looked at the story of Jonah. After a fun game of 'Shark Attack,' which involved the children moving around the hall like various sea creatures, we pieced together a jigsaw puzzle showing Jonah and the whale. We then watched a short video of the story before acting it out together, using percussion instruments for sound effects (the storm) and a dark den to think about what it might be like inside the belly of a whale. We discussed how Jonah felt at various points in the story (scared, disobedient, guilty, desperate, repentant, thankful, happy to be alive, obedient) and thought about situations in our own lives when we didn't do as we were told (by parents or teachers) or what God would want us to do. We learnt that our choices and actions have consequences, especially if we disobey God, but that if we are sorry and repent, God will always forgive us and give us another chance, just as He did for Jonah and for the people of Nineveh. To help us remember the story, we made cup-and-ball type 'whale-and-Jonah' games to take home.

On the first Sunday in June, we had a wonderful morning celebrating Pentecost as well as the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. In Sunday School we learnt about the amazing events on the Day of Pentecost, when the disciples were filled with the power of the Holy Spirit, which enabled them to speak other languages, so that all could understand and believe their message of salvation through faith in the resurrection of Jesus Christ. With the help of visuals like balloons and windmills, we discussed that the Holy Spirit is similar to air. Although we can't see air or wind, we can see their effect when we blow into a balloon or on a windmill. Likewise, we can't see the Holy Spirit, but we can see the effect He has on people, e.g. we can see the fruits of the Spirit in people such as love, joy and peace. With the help of the Holy Spirit we can do all the things Jesus wants us to do, which we wouldn't be able to do in our own strength. As well as colourful streamers and flame headbands, the children made Pentecost paper candles with words in many different languages. Following the service, we all very much enjoyed the BBQ and the wonderful spread of salads and puddings - many thanks to all who contributed in so many different ways.

Our June all-age service on Trinity Sunday was led by our vicar Joe, who got us all thinking about the various characteristics of God (e.g. loving, kind, caring, creative, forgiving, healing, restoring, ancient and bigger than we can imagine!). To explain the concept of the Trinity (three in one: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit), Joe used the illustrations of an apple (3 layers) and of water (3 states: liquid, solid, gas). The Sunday School contributed to the service by reading the lessons (Henry and Thomas), leading the congregation in singing 'God the Father' in a round, and by leading the prayers of intercession. A special Thankyou to Mike Porter for zooming between St Catherine's and St Mary's in order to accompany our hymns on the organ.

In July, we are looking forward to our Sunday School Anniversary at our all-age service (10th July) and to our annual Sunday School Family Picnic, before we break up for the summer holidays.

**Claudia Koenig**



## News from St Catherine's & Kirk Christ



At both churches we held very moving services for the Platinum Jubilee weekend of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth 11, Lord of Man. These services, along with the Royal and Manx National Anthems, brought the celebrations to a fitting end.

During the past month we have had painting work carried out at both churches. At Kirk Christ the toilets were decorated and at St Catherine's Chris. Barnes has painted doors and window frames of both the hall and the church. We try to undertake this work in early June each year before we move into the wedding season. Of course when the pandemic was causing so much disruption it was impossible to follow the normal pattern of maintenance.

When you read this a wedding will have taken place at St Catherine's Church on 25<sup>th</sup> June. Two further weddings are scheduled to take place on 2<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> July at Kirk Christ.

TT Café was held at St Catherine's Church Hall on 31<sup>st</sup> May and on 2<sup>nd</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> June. We enjoyed welcoming visitors and locals alike. It was an enjoyable atmosphere for both the visitors and helpers alike.

We now look forward to July with the Mananan Festival Church service being held at St Catherine's Church on 2<sup>nd</sup> July at 5pm. Until next time.

**Gerry Callister**



### Parish of Rushen Concerts at St Catherine's Church 2022

- |        |    |                                     |
|--------|----|-------------------------------------|
| July   | 7  | Sheeayn Millish                     |
|        | 14 | Meadowside Choral Society           |
|        | 21 | IOM Wind Orchestra                  |
|        | 28 | Caarjyn Coodjagh                    |
| August | 4  | Women in Song                       |
|        | 11 | Val Cowley concert Party            |
|        | 18 | Glenfaba Chorale                    |
|        | 25 | Castletown Metropolitan Silver Band |
| Sept.  | 1  | Lon Dhoo Male Voice Choir           |
|        | 8  | Lon Vane Ladies Choir               |
|        | 15 | Musicale                            |
|        | 22 | Rushen Silver Band                  |

**Concerts commence at 7.45pm.**

**Admission Free**

**Retiring Collection**

**Refreshments in the hall following concerts**





**Sudoku July 2022**

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**Seagull**

A woman went to the beach with her children. Her four-year-old son ran up to her, grabbed her hand, and led her to the shore where a dead seagull lay in the sand. "Mummy, what happened to him?" the little boy asked. Not wanting to upset him, she said: "He died and went to heaven." The child thought for a moment and said, "And God threw him back down?"

**June Sudoku Solution**

2	6	4	1	7	5	9	8	3
1	9	3	6	4	8	7	5	2
7	5	8	2	3	9	6	4	1
5	4	2	7	8	6	3	1	9
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8	1	9	5	6	3	4	2	7

**June Crossword Solution**

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## Contactless Giving



Anyone who has been collecting for a charity recently will know that many people no longer carry cash and are unable to make a donation even if they would really like to. While many of us donate to the church by standing order, about half of our parish income still comes in as cash on the plate. With this in mind, the diocese is encouraging us to take card donations as well as cash, and to help us, they have given a contactless terminal to collect card donations to each parish.

Because of the special status of St Peter's, with its large number of visitors, the Parish of Rushen has been allocated two terminals, one for St Peter's and one to share between the other churches for use at special events, particularly events where we expect members of

the wider community to attend such as weddings, concerts, coffee mornings or the recent TT Café.

The idea is to make it as easy as possible for the visitor to make a donation. They simply select an amount to donate (or enter their own amount) and hold their card (or phone) to the top of the terminal and the donation is made – just like paying at the co-op. You can also use chip and PIN if you prefer. The money automatically arrives in the parish bank account, clearly identified with the location / event (e.g. Messy Church / Soup Inn / St Catherine's Concert).

We have also made it possible for people to make contactless donations to the parish even when the terminal is not present, using a QR code like this one. To use it, the visitor scans the code with the camera on their smart phone, and they are prompted to select an amount to donate, and then enter their payment details (card number etc). Again the payment goes straight to our bank account.

Whilst we are not going to stop using cash overnight, the future will definitely be cashless, so the church has to get ready now.

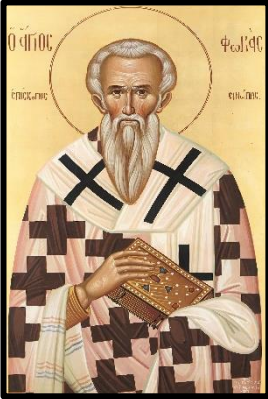
**Peter Hayhurst**



## Baptism

*A couple took their five-year-old young daughter to church. During the service, the minister conducted the baptism of a tiny infant. The little girl watched in wonder as he held the baby, said solemn words, then poured water over its head, and then carefully wiped it dry. Finally, she turned to her father. "Daddy, why is he brainwashing that baby?"*

## Phocus of Sinope (the brave gardener)



Many of us are gardeners, but not many of us are buried in our gardens.

Phocus was a fourth century Christian gardener who ran a little guest house in Sinope, on the Black Sea (now part of modern Turkey). He used the produce from his garden to welcome and feed any visitors who came by, as well as giving anything left over to the poor.

In a time of persecution, the governor of the district sent soldiers to kill him because of his Christianity. But when the soldiers arrived at Phocus's guest house, they did not recognise him. Phocus politely fed them and invited them to stay the night, during which he crept out into his garden to dig his own grave and prepare for death. In the morning, Phocus divulged his true identity, rather to the dismay of the soldiers, who did not want to kill this kindly man. But Phocus assured them that he considered martyrdom the highest honour, and humbly bent his head to their swords. And so, the soldiers killed him and buried him in the grave he had prepared.

The news of Phocus's martyrdom spread far and wide, drawing many pilgrims to his garden. His calm courage and faith in God were widely admired and in time Phocus became the patron of sailors in the Black Sea, and then the whole Eastern Mediterranean.

Phocus's life echoes that of many Christians today, who go calmly about their daily mundane jobs in lands of persecution, and who do not avoid the call to Christian martyrdom, however it may come to them. He is remembered on the 14<sup>th</sup> July every year.

### Parish Pump

#### ***The lady who wanted three hymns***

*One Sunday a minister announced that the church needed some extra money. He asked the people to prayerfully consider giving a little extra, and as an enticement, added that whoever gave the most would be able to pick out three hymns.*

*The offering plate was passed around, and to the minister's amazement, someone had put in a cheque for £1,000. He shared his joy with his congregation and said he'd like to thank the person who'd given the cheque. A very quiet, elderly lady shyly made her way down to the front of the church. The minister told her how wonderful it was that she gave so much, and asked her to pick out three hymns. Her eyes brightened as she looked over the congregation. She pointed carefully to the three handsomest men in the building and said: "I'll take him, and him, and him."*

## Showers of blessing



According to British folklore, if it rains on 15<sup>th</sup> July, then we can expect 40 days of showery and stormy weather. This myth arose after the buried remains of St Swithun (Swithin) was removed from its original site in a church garden and taken into a Saxon cathedral. Swithun was an Anglo-Saxon Bishop of Winchester. During his decade in office, he was known for his devotion and passion to build new churches and to restore old ones.

Before he died on 2<sup>nd</sup> July 863 AD, he didn't want any veneration of his tomb and requested that his body be simply interred in the church grounds. He wanted people to pass by his grave and for it to be touched by the weather.

So far so good. But - a century later, it was decided to move Swithun *inside*, into the refurbished basilica. From that day it rained every day for nearly six weeks - as if this was his displeasure at being moved!

The Bible mentions rain (and water) many times. These include the great flood and Noah's Ark (Genesis 7); Ezra's open-air public assembly in Jerusalem in the pouring rain (Ezra 10:9) and the parable by Jesus about two houses in a rainstorm (Matthew 7:24-27).

Over the centuries, hymn writers have also used water and rain to describe our need for God. They've used such phrases as *I need You ...like refreshing summer rain* and *Father, like rain from the skies send Your word into our lives*. Some hymns include rain as a metaphor for the Holy Spirit to come and refresh, restore and revitalise us; to cleanse us of our sins or to wash away our sorrows.

Here are two verses and the chorus from an old hymn written by Daniel W. Whittle (1840-1901) that reminds us that when overwhelmed with gloom and despair, God can and will pour new hope into our lives.

There shall be showers of blessing, this is the promise of love;  
There shall be seasons refreshing, sent from the Saviour above.

There shall be showers of blessing, O that today they might fall,  
Now as to God we're confessing, now as on Jesus we call!

Showers of blessing, showers of blessing we need;  
Mercy-drops round us are falling, but for the showers we plead.

**Lester Amann**

## Day Surgery



*Editor: This article was supplied by someone so grateful for the NHS and the work it does*

Wearing my own dressing gown over the hospital regulation smock and with my belongings in a bag by my side, I was waiting my turn for a four-hour operation, to be preceded by a general anaesthetic. If all went well, I would be discharged and allowed home that day.

Time went by. Gazing round the anteroom I spotted a shelf with half a dozen baskets holding files: one file per patient awaiting surgery. On the front of each basket, in large letters, was a label with the name of their surgeon. Every one of those names would have been unfamiliar to me when I was a boy in England, for they were all of Indian, African or mid-European origin. My surgeon was born in Romania, and having found as much as I could about her via Google, I was encouraged to know she was world class in her specialism.

Were these medics British citizens, or highly skilled migrants allowed to settle in the UK temporarily because of their worth to our community? They were expert and caring to a fault.

Now I'm home. It's too early to say if the operation was an unqualified success, but I feel fine and have discarded the pre-signed form which acknowledged the risks involved.

Waking up in my own bed the next day, I was overtaken by a sense of gratitude to God, into whose hands I had committed myself, and to friends who were praying for me. I had also committed myself into the hands of a myriad of other people, my fellow human beings. Many were immigrants or descendants of immigrants, who are now crucial to the National Health Service. Nearly half of the new nurses and midwives registered to work in the UK in the past year have come from abroad. My GP was born in Germany and the consultant who fitted a stent in my heart some years ago came from Pakistan. I'm thankful they are here.

I wonder if any of the youngsters crossing the Channel in flimsy dinghies right now will become NHS consultants one day.

## ***US Holiday***

*A couple with three young children went on holiday to America, and eventually ended up waiting in line at San Francisco's Pier 41, to purchase tickets for a boat trip to Alcatraz. Others watched with varying degrees of sympathy and irritation as the young children fidgeted, whined, and punched one another. The frazzled parents reprimanded them, to no avail. Finally they reached the ticket window. "Five tickets, please," the father said. "Two round trip, three one way."*

## All in the month of July

HELLO  
*July*

**200 years ago, on 20<sup>th</sup> July 1822**, Gregor Mendel was born. This Austrian/Czech friar, and botanist discovered the laws of heredity and created the science of genetics.

**150 years ago, on 1<sup>st</sup> July 1872**, Louis Bleriot, French inventor, and aviation pioneer was born. He developed the first practical headlamp for cars and became the first person to fly across the English Channel.

**125 years ago, on 21<sup>st</sup> July 1897**, the Tate Britain art museum opened in London.

**90 years ago, on 19<sup>th</sup> July 1932**, Lambeth Bridge in London was officially opened.

**80 years ago, on 22<sup>nd</sup> July 1942**, the Nazis began the mass transportation of Jews from the Warsaw Ghetto in Poland to the Treblinka extermination camp. **Also on 31<sup>st</sup> July 1942**, the British charity Oxfam was founded. (Oxford Committee for Famine Relief)

**75 years ago, on 9<sup>th</sup> July 1947**, Buckingham Palace announced the engagement of Princess Elizabeth (later Queen Elizabeth II) to Lieutenant Philip Mountbatten.

**65 years ago, on 6<sup>th</sup> July 1957**, John Lennon and Paul McCartney met for the first time at a church hall in Liverpool, where 16-year-old Lennon was performing with his skiffle group the Quarrymen. 15-year-old McCartney joined as a rhythm guitarist shortly afterwards, and the pair went on to form the Beatles.

**60 years ago, on 10<sup>th</sup> July 1962**, Swedish engineer Nils Bohlin was granted a US patent for the three-point safety belt for vehicles. It is now used in practically all road vehicles.

**50 years ago, on 21<sup>st</sup> July 1972**, Bloody Friday took place when the IRA exploded 22 bombs in Belfast, killing nine people and injuring 130.

**40 years ago, on 9<sup>th</sup> July 1982**, Michael Fagan broke into Buckingham Palace and spent 10 minutes talking to the Queen in her bedroom.

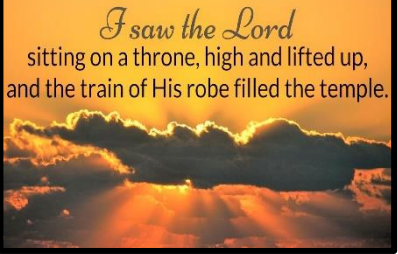
**30 years ago, on 31<sup>st</sup> July 1992**, Leonard Cheshire, British RAF pilot, humanitarian and philanthropist, died. Founder of Leonard Cheshire Disability.

**25 years ago, on 1<sup>st</sup> July 1997**, the UK returned Hong Kong to China after more than 150 years.

**15 years ago, on 1<sup>st</sup> July 2007**, smoking was banned in all enclosed workspaces in England. Similar bans had already been introduced in Scotland (May 2006) and Wales (April 2007) and Northern Ireland (April 2007).

**10 years ago, on 4<sup>th</sup> July 2012**, researchers at CERN in Switzerland announced the discovery of particles consistent with the Higgs boson. The discovery was confirmed in March 2013 and the researchers were awarded the 2013 Nobel Prize for Physics. **Also, from 27<sup>th</sup> July to 12<sup>th</sup> August 2012**, the Summer Olympics were held in London.

## Reflected Faith Series: the grandeur of God



*I saw the Lord*  
sitting on a throne, high and lifted up,  
and the train of His robe filled the temple.

The **Revd Dr Jo White** continues her series on aspects of Christianity.

Do you understand the mysteries of God? Who is He? What is He up to? If Jesus's disciples who were with Him daily for years had trouble understanding Him, what expectation is there that you and I will?

We get glimpses of Him – through new life, through nature, in creativity, music and dance and so on – but none of us truly sees every part of Him. St Paul himself wrote that “now we see through a glass darkly”.

So how do we try to express the grandeur of God? In the Old Testament, Isaiah 6:1, the prophet wrote, ‘In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of His robe filled the temple.’

I love that picture, it makes me think of brides on their wedding day who have a full skirt and train, and the help they need from their bridesmaids just to get in and out of the wedding car let alone anything else they need to do.

Architects and builders over the centuries have used the church building to illustrate aspects of God and to share their faith.

*This month*

If you are able, visit a large church building or cathedral and spend some time there when there is no service taking place. As you go into the building, quickly stop and just look around you. ‘Feel’ the space surrounding and above you. The distance between you and the ceiling or roof.

Stop for a while in the area where the congregation sit – the nave – taken from the Latin word *navis* meaning ‘ship’. This is because when they were built, largely in the Middle Ages, the people thought a nave looked like the bottom part of a ship turned upside-down. This reminded them also of the story of God saving His creation at the time of the flood by using the Ark. What does this space say to you about the mysteries of God?

### ***The kiss***

*An honest seven-year-old calmly announced to her parents that Billy Brown had kissed her after church. "How did that happen?" gasped her mother.*

*"Well, it wasn't easy," admitted the young lady, "but three girls helped me catch him."*

## ***From the Registers***

### ***Funerals May 2022:***

3 <sup>rd</sup> May	William E Quillin	RBG	Burial of Ashes
20 <sup>th</sup> May	Bertie Lenard		Crematorium only
25 <sup>th</sup> May	David J Hinchcliffe		Crematorium only
26 <sup>th</sup> May	George May	St Catherine's	Crematorium
27 <sup>th</sup> May	Alan Radcliffe	RBG	Burial of Ashes

(RBG Rushen Burial Ground)

### ***Weddings May 2022:***

7<sup>th</sup> May                      Abbie M Mifflin & Ashley J Keogh                      Kirk Christ                      2.30pm

## ***Pay for what you get***

*A man and his ten-year-old son were on a fishing trip, miles from home. At the boy's insistence, they decided to attend the Sunday worship service at a small rural church. The father forgot to bring any cash, so he reached in his pocket and gave his son 10p to drop in the offering plate as it was passed. As they walked back to their car after the service, the father complained. "The service was too long," he lamented. "The sermon was boring, and the singing was off key." Finally the boy said, "Daddy, I thought it was pretty good for 10p."*

## **Safeguarding**

The Parish of Rushen is committed to the safeguarding, nurture and care of **everyone** within our church community. If you, or someone you know, are concerned that a child or vulnerable adult is at risk or has been harmed, or are concerned about the behaviour of someone towards children or vulnerable adults, please contact:

**Rushen Parish Safeguarding Officer, Voirrey Baugh** (Tel. 832275)

The **Diocesan Safeguarding Adviser** has now been appointed. For more details contact the diocese.

A copy of the Diocesan Safeguarding Policy is available on the Diocesan website: [http://www.sodorandman.im/safeguarding\\_inclusion](http://www.sodorandman.im/safeguarding_inclusion)



It was bad enough your mobile ringing half-way through his sermon, without the ring-tone being the 'Christians Awake' tune!





## Rushen Mothers' Union

It was lovely to see a prayer, "Faith in the Summer of Hope", written by Margaret Couper of Rushen Branch, in the Jubilee MU booklet, and also to read in the Queen's Message of Thanks for the diocesan card book sent to congratulate her on her Platinum Jubilee, that she was interested to hear about Valerie Vaughan, again of Rushen Branch, who has been a member throughout the Queen's long reign.

We are again gathering the usual items to fill emergency toilet bags for the hospital; contributions are welcomed and can be taken to the Founder's Day Service.

### Dates for the Diary:

**Founder's Day Service August 9<sup>th</sup>** in St Ninians's at 7pm with Provincial President June Houghton.

**Rushen Branch Opening Communion Service 12<sup>th</sup> September** at 2pm in Kirk Christ

**Rushen Branch Coffee Morning 7<sup>th</sup> October** in St Catherine's Hall, 10 – 11.30am

**Trustees' Meeting 1<sup>st</sup> November** 7pm at Kirk Michael.

**S&W JMP meeting on 8<sup>th</sup> November** at 10am in St John's chapel.

**MU Remembrance Wreath laying on 11<sup>th</sup> November** by our President at the Monument at St John's.

**Advent Service 6<sup>th</sup> December** at 7pm St John's Church.

With best wishes to all for a happy summertime,

**Pat Thomson**

### *Heaven help me*

*One Sunday in church a little boy was 'acting up' during the morning worship. His parents did their best to maintain some sense of order in the pew, but it was a losing battle. Finally, an exasperated father picked up his son and strode sternly down the aisle. Just as the church doors closed behind them, the little boy cried loudly to the congregation: "Pray for me! Pray for me!"*

## God in the Arts



*Editor: The Revd Michael Burgess continues his series on God in the Arts with a look at 'The Potato Planters' by Jean-Francois Millet, which hangs in the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston.*

### Enter my Rest

At this time of the year we are planning and looking forward to holidays: to that welcome break away from the pressures and responsibilities of daily life and work.

The book of Genesis opens with a glorious account of God's work of creation and tells us that even God rested on the 7<sup>th</sup> day.

We all need to find that balance of work and rest, of activity and slowing down in our lives. And we are not always good at that because our world seems to be in the fast lane. We rush everywhere, we rush out of habit, and we rush because everyone around us is rushing.

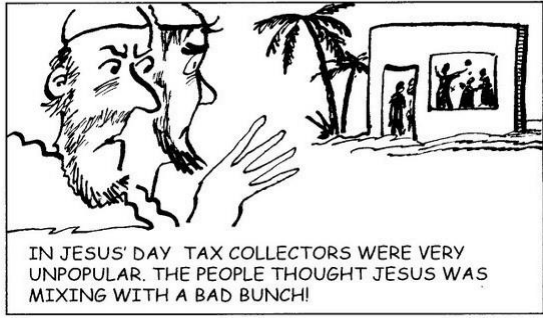
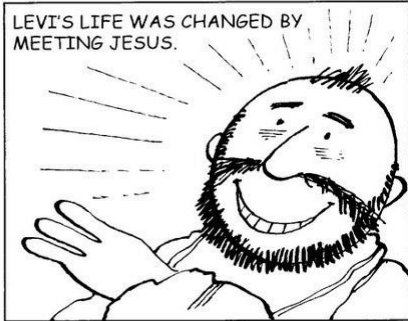
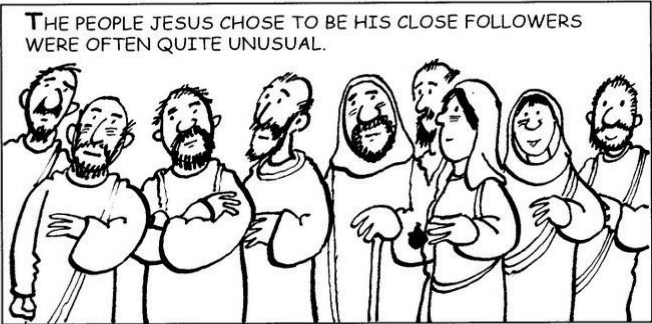
This month's painting, 'The Potato Planters' by Jean-Francois Millet, a 19<sup>th</sup> century French artist, portrays two peasants at work. They don't seem to be rushing, but Millet has certainly portrayed the hard toil of their work, digging in the earth from sunrise to sunset to eke out a living. Millet was the son of a farm labourer and many of his paintings convey the severe realism of peasant life. We can sympathise with the couple working on the land, and our eyes focus on them as they dominate the canvas.

But in the corner under the shade of a tree there is a donkey and a sleeping child. The donkey knows only too well the reality of toil and work, but here he is resting, enjoying the peace and the shade. Andy Merrifield, an American philosopher, has just published an account of his travels with a donkey, Gribouille. As they journey together, the donkey teaches him the value of patience, the importance of going slowly through the world, and the preciousness of tender friendship between humans and animals. They are all caught up in the little donkey in this painting.

The man and woman in the foreground may reflect our own lives with the duties, the expectations and the demands called of us at work. Take time to focus on the donkey, enjoying his rest. Take time this summer to find relaxation and recreation on holiday. The world may carry on spinning around us, but use that holiday to stand apart and enter into the rest that God enjoyed after His work of creation.

# Children's Page

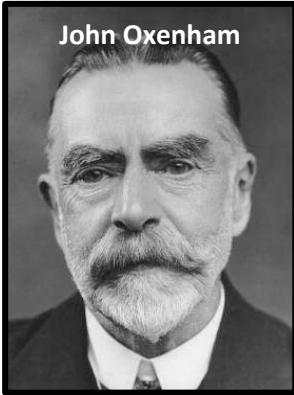
## The Doctor and the Sick



see Luke 5:27-32

## The Story Behind the Hymn

John Oxenham



### *In Christ there is No East or West*

In Christ There Is No East Or West,  
In Him No South Or North,  
But One Great Fellowship Of Love  
Throughout The Whole Wide Earth.

In Christ Shall True Hearts Everywhere  
Their High Communion Find;  
His Service Is The Golden Cord  
Close-Binding Humankind.

Join Hands, Disciples Of The Faith,  
Whatever Your Race May Be.  
All Children Of The Living God  
Are Surely Kin To Me.

In Christ Now Meet Both East And West;  
In Him Meet South And North.  
All Christly Souls Are One In Him  
Throughout The Whole Wide Earth.

In 1889, Rudyard Kipling published his poem, "The Ballad of East and West," which begins, "Oh, East is East, and West is West, and never the twain shall meet."

Those lines sound as if Kipling is saying that there is no hope that people from East and West can ever come together, but the opposite is true. The poem tells of Kamal, a man of India who steals an English Colonel's horse. The Colonel's son rides off in pursuit. The two men end up in a place where Kamal has a soldier behind every rock, but he respects the young Englishman's courage and spares his life. The young Englishman, in turn, passes up a chance to use a hidden pistol with which he could have killed Kamal. The poem ends as it began with these lines:

*Oh, East is East, and West is West,  
and never the twain shall meet,  
Till Earth and Sky stand presently  
at God's great Judgment Seat;*

*But there is neither East nor West,  
Border, nor Breed, nor Birth,  
When two strong men stand face to face,  
though they come from the ends of the  
earth!*

Kipling's poem celebrates the possibility of mutual respect between people who are very different from each other. Nine years later after Kipling's poem was published, William Arthur Dunkerly (using the pen name John Oxenham) wrote this hymn, "In Christ There Is No East or West." The occasion was a great missionary exhibition sponsored by the London Missionary Society. The hymn, which gets its inspiration from Kipling's poem, takes Kipling's idea a step farther.

It reminds us that Christ brings all sorts of people together "in one great fellowship of love."

## Rushen Parish Prayer Diary



*Lord Jesus Christ, you have said  
that you are the Way, the Truth and the Life.  
Do not allow us to stray from you,  
who is the Way,  
not to distrust you, who is the Truth,  
nor to rest in anything other than you,  
who is the Life. Amen*



### **July 2022**

#### ***This is your invitation to pray day by day for:***

- 1<sup>st</sup> Children with special needs and their families
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Peace between peoples of different faiths
- 3<sup>rd</sup> The ability to speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves
- 4<sup>th</sup> The NHS and its tireless work in catching up after the coronavirus pandemic
- 5<sup>th</sup> Tynwald and the festivities taking place today
- 6<sup>th</sup> Those who work in the legal profession, and the work they do for everyone
- 7<sup>th</sup> Local organisations for children and young people
- 8<sup>th</sup> Those known to us who are unwell and need our prayers
- 9<sup>th</sup> Families hoping to spend part of the summer on holiday abroad or in the UK
- 10<sup>th</sup> Those who give help to vulnerable people
- 11<sup>th</sup> Each other as we endeavour to keep Covid-19 from infecting the others around us
- 12<sup>th</sup> The environment, and how we can ensure that it is not polluted by our waste
- 13<sup>th</sup> The kindness of those who keep in touch with the vulnerable and the lonely
- 14<sup>th</sup> Fair trade and sustainable development in the third world
- 15<sup>th</sup> The charitable work undertaken by many of the island's organisations
- 16<sup>th</sup> Those who give of their time to help those who are less fortunate than themselves
- 17<sup>th</sup> The work of the Salvation Army
- 18<sup>th</sup> The Diocese of Sodor and Man and its links with parishes within its boundaries
- 19<sup>th</sup> The work of retreat houses and places of pilgrimage
- 20<sup>th</sup> Food and clothing for those afflicted by war and famine
- 21<sup>st</sup> Single parents, teenagers living alone and families on low incomes
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Chaplains in the armed forces, hospitals and prisons
- 23<sup>rd</sup> All pets and the pleasure they give to so many both young and old
- 24<sup>th</sup> Farmers as they look forward to the harvest of their crops
- 25<sup>th</sup> The people of Ukraine who have lost everything and seem to have no hope
- 26<sup>th</sup> Those who have been bereaved recently or remembering the death of loved ones
- 27<sup>th</sup> Family life throughout the world
- 28<sup>th</sup> Those who have died for their faith in Jesus Christ
- 29<sup>th</sup> Those who work in the holiday industry and the difficulties they are experiencing
- 30<sup>th</sup> Victims of abuse, cruelty, and violence
- 31<sup>st</sup> Children and students enjoying their break from school or college

## Services July/August 2022

3 <sup>rd</sup> July <b>(Trinity 3)</b>	9.30am	Kirk Christ Morning Prayer (CW)
	11am	St Mary's Holy Communion (CW)
	11am	St Catherine's Morning Prayer CW)
	3.15pm	St Peter's Evening Prayer (BCP)
6 <sup>th</sup> July	2pm	<b>Play &amp; Praise</b> St Catherine's Church Hall
10 <sup>th</sup> July <b>(Trinity 4)</b>	9.30am	Kirk Christ Holy Communion + Baptism
	11am	St Mary's All-Age Service
	11am	St Catherine's Holy Communion CW)
	3.15pm	St Peter's Evening Prayer (BCP)
17 <sup>th</sup> July <b>(Trinity 5)</b>	9.30am	Kirk Christ Morning Prayer (CW)
	11am	St Mary's Holy Communion (CW)
	11am	St Catherine's All-Age Service
	3.15pm	St Peter's Holy Communion (BCP)
24 <sup>th</sup> July <b>(Trinity 6)</b>	<b>11am</b>	<b>Kirk Christ Joint Holy Communion (CW)</b>
31 <sup>st</sup> July <b>(Trinity 7)</b>	9.30am	Kirk Christ Holy Communion (CW)
	11am	St Mary's Morning Prayer (CW)
	11am	St Catherine's Holy Communion CW)
	3.15pm	St Peter's Evening Prayer (BCP)
7 <sup>th</sup> August <b>(Trinity 8)</b>	9.30am	Kirk Christ Morning Prayer (CW)
	11am	St Mary's Holy Communion (CW)
	11am	St Catherine's Morning Prayer CW)
	3.15pm	St Peter's Evening Prayer (BCP)
14 <sup>th</sup> August <b>(Trinity 9)</b>	9.30am	Kirk Christ Holy Communion (CW)
	11am	St Mary's All-Age Service
	11am	St Catherine's Holy Communion CW)
	3.15pm	St Peter's Evening Prayer (BCP)
21 <sup>st</sup> August <b>(Trinity 10)</b>	9.30am	Kirk Christ Morning Prayer (CW)
	11am	St Mary's Holy Communion (CW)
	11am	St Catherine's All-Age Service
	3.15pm	St Peter's Holy Communion (BCP)

Dates and times of services/activities subject to alteration/or cancelled  
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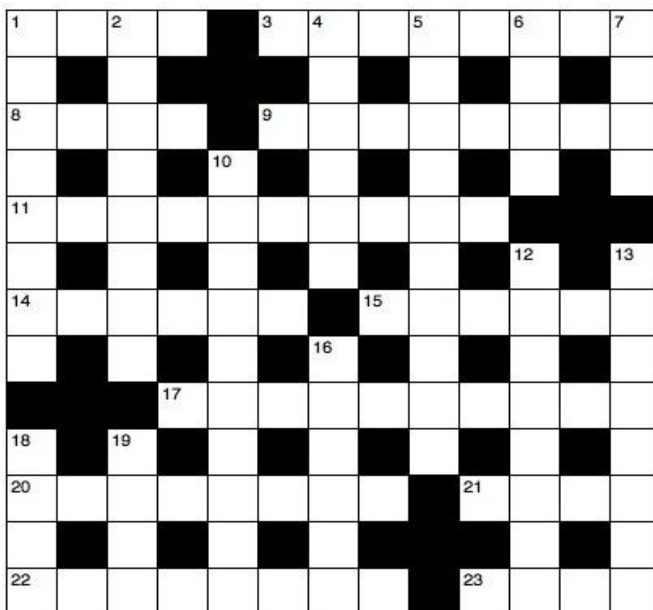
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## Crossword July 2022



### Across

- 1** Proverbs describes her as being 'of noble character' (Proverbs 31:10) (4)
- 3** 'Shall we go up again — — against the Benjamites, our brothers?' (Judges 20:23) (2,6)
- 8** A descendant of Shem (Genesis 10:28) (4)
- 9** 'Anyone who does not carry his cross and follow me cannot be my — ' (Luke 14:27) (8)
- 11** Resentment (Ephesians 4:31) (10)
- 14** In Cain (anag.)(6)
- 15** 'Such knowledge is too wonderful for me, too lofty for me to—' (Psalm 139:6) (6)
- 17** Intense (1 Thessalonians 4:5) (10)
- 20** Third Order of the Roman Catholic Church (8)
- 21** 'At midnight the cry rang out, "Here's the bridegroom! Come out to — him"' (Matthew 25:6) (4)
- 22** 'My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in — ' (2 Corinthians 12:9) (8)
- 23** 'As the — pants for streams of water, so my soul pants for you, O God' (Psalm 42:1) (4)

### Down

- 1** Nickname of popular First World War chaplain, the Revd G.A. Studdert Kennedy, — Willie (8)
- 2** Occasion of religious joy (Lamentations 2:22) (5,3)
- 4** 'We three kings of — are' (6)
- 5** Allegation or charge (Jude 9) (10)
- 6** Kind (1 Chronicles 12:33) (4)
- 7** 'Open your — and look at the fields!' (John 4:35) (4)
- 10** Also known as the Feast of Lights (John10:22) (10)
- 12** Area that saw the healing of two demon - possessed men and a herd of pigs stampeding to their deaths (Matthew 8:28) (8)
- 13** Forebear (James2:21) (8)
- 16** Name given to the first two books of the Apocrypha (6)
- 18** Esau sold his birth right for this (Genesis25:34) (4)
- 19** Rear (anag.) (4)