

# Rushen Parish Magazine

## June 2022



**Rushen Roamers**

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## *From the Editor*

Throughout my teaching career, which spanned 40 years, I was always fascinated by the relationships that formed between children. I can recall many but none as much as Emma and Susan, two year 6 girls, who were inseparable. They had formed their affiliation throughout their junior school years and did everything together. It was a joy to see as both helped each other in whatever tasks were set before them. One of their greatest worries was the transfer to secondary school because Emma would follow her brother to his school, and Susan would attend a secondary school nearer to her home. It was a dilemma which neither girl found particularly easy to come to terms with, especially as there was no alternative. Sadly, that transfer never took place.

As a headteacher, or any teacher for that matter, one of the things you dread is the death of one of the children in your care. It was the summer holidays and Pauline and I had driven to the Costa del Sol for a four week break. We returned to Sittingbourne about a week before schools were due to reopen for the Autumn term. As we prepared to settle back into home life I received a telephone call from my son Andrew. It was devastating news as Susan had been killed in a road traffic accident. At that time it was too late to do anything and even then I wasn't sure what I could do. On the following day the phone never stopped ringing. My staff had heard the news through the grape vine and wanted confirmation.

Meanwhile Emma was with her family in Birmingham. Her father was a director of an oil company which was sponsoring a one day cricket international. He'd been asked to be in the party presenting the trophy to the winners. Somehow I had to relay the news of Susan's death to him so that he could prepare Emma for the loss of her best friend. *Psalm 46:1 states, "God is our refuge and strength, an ever present help in trouble."* So I put my faith in Him.

After several attempts to find the telephone number of the cricket ground I phoned Edgbaston hoping that I could speak to Emma's father. I could have been anybody but somehow they believed my story and set about getting him to ring me. Within half an hour the phone rang and it was Emma's father. Eventually her parents told Emma the news, and sad to say it took many months for her to come to terms with Susan's death.

We never know what's around the corner, good or bad, but putting our trust in God gives us the strength to do the right thing. I will never forget Emma's story and a friendship that should never have ended.

**David**

## 'Little Silver'



*Editor: The Revd Richard Higginbottom looks at the meaning of 'platinum'*

If you have ever had chemotherapy, or a heart pacemaker installed, you will be particularly grateful for the properties of platinum.

Platinum compounds disrupt the multiplication of cancerous cells, and the properties of platinum itself (its resistance to corrosion and tarnishing) make it particularly suitable for electrical contacts in pacemakers.

But platinum has other properties which make it a topical subject.

The word 'Platinum' comes from the Spanish for 'little silver' ('plata' meaning silver, as in the River Plate in Argentina.) Platinum is very rare. It is much rarer than gold. It is therefore very precious and has generally been more expensive than gold.

Platinum is used to make the International Standard Weights and Measures. The International Standard Kilogram is made from platinum alloys which can be relied upon not to vary over time. Platinum is a very dense metal. It is denser than pure gold. It carries a great deal of 'gravitas.'

Platinum is what scientists call a 'Noble Metal' – because it can withstand almost any chemical attack. It is the least reactive of all metals.

All these characteristics apply well to our much-loved Queen. She is 'petite and silver', she has 'gravitas', and she has remained untarnished over a very long period of time, despite having been in constant contact with all manner of people.

The Queen is a very rare person indeed, and very precious to our nation, setting the highest reliable standards of public service and carrying with her immense gravitas and unquestionable nobility.

The Queen's Imperial State Crown is made of gold, silver and, appropriately enough, platinum, and decorated with many precious stones. As the first British monarch to celebrate a Platinum Jubilee, she wears it well.

We thank God for her, and for her qualities that have made her so special. God Save our Noble Queen!

**Revd Richard Higginbottom**





## Ladies Working Party – St Mary's

Thank you to everyone who provided flowers and helped to decorate the church for Easter. We are extremely grateful to Sally Lewis whose arrangements in the porch and in the church were beautiful. Subsequently, we were able to make up bouquets to give to some ill parish members.

Our ladies were invited to help with refreshments when Mr Paul Moores of The Leprosy Mission held a celebration evening in St Catherine's Hall to mark the success of the Castle Rushen High School Team in the One World Challenge. The girls had come third with their excellent presentation of the work of TLM, had raised a substantial amount of money and been wonderful ambassadors. It was a great opportunity for us to hear their full presentation.

We are looking forward to the Parish celebration of Pentecost and the Queen's Platinum Jubilee which will take place after morning service at St Mary's on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June. We are extremely grateful for the many offers of help with food for the Faith lunch, and in particular to Mr Michal Kewley and family for agreeing to man the BBQ grill outside. We also plan to have a Jubilee display of memorabilia in the church and welcome contributions.

Our next fundraising event will be a coffee morning in Port St Mary Golf Pavilion, on Friday July 1<sup>st</sup>, from 10-11.30am at which there will be a raffle, general stall, cake stall and lucky dip. Tickets costing £2 each will include coffee and biscuits, and funds raised will go to the Southern Hub Foodbank and other local charities.

The ladies' love and prayers go out to those who are experiencing ill health, and to those caught up in the war in Ukraine. We pray that peace comes soon.

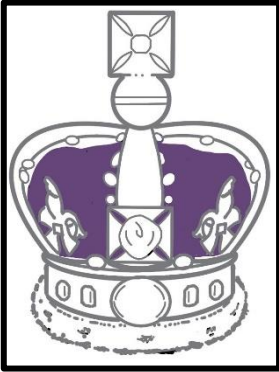
With our warmest wishes to everyone.

**Pat Thomson**

### ***Is your house welcoming to swifts?***

*These boomerang-shaped little birds have recently been added to the list of endangered birds because they have a severe housing crisis: modern homes do not have nooks and crannies for them to nest in. Swifts are in serious decline: they have faced a 58 per cent drop in their numbers since 1995.*

*Because modern homes are less likely to have spaces between bricks and in the eaves, the RSPB is now pushing for special 'swift bricks', that contain small tunnels and nesting space, to be installed in new-build homes.*



## What kind of Queen?

Traditional images of monarchy portray power, status, and superiority over other people. In biblical times, monarchs were to be feared. When teaching His disciples about leadership, Jesus said, “The kings of the Gentiles (pagans) lord it over them; and those in authority over them are called benefactors.” A benefactor was a conspicuously generous person who acted in a way that made the recipient feel obligated.

All this was in complete contrast to Christ’s own style, which was to act like a servant. This radical stance was adopted by the young Princess Elizabeth, when she promised the British Commonwealth, “I declare before you all that my whole life whether it be long or short shall be devoted to your service ...”. It was just the same when she became Queen in 1952. Queen Elizabeth has consciously and deliberately applied Christ’s teaching to her reign for 70 years. She has outlived scores of leaders, some with ambitions beyond their abilities, and a few with delusions of grandeur. Her ideals have outlasted theirs. Consistent, determined, charming, and single-minded, she has held before her the model of Christ, washing His disciples’ feet.

Those closest to her also speak of the Queen’s sense of humour. It emerged publicly at the opening ceremony of the 2012 Olympic Games in London, when she took part in a spoof scene with James Bond, before seemingly parachuting into the Stadium.

This year we celebrate her Majesty’s Platinum Jubilee. Over 50 countries will light beacons on 2nd June to start four days of events: a spectacular pageant, a live concert at Buckingham Palace, Jubilee lunches and street parties across the nation, plus a nationwide bake-off competition to create a new ‘platinum pudding’.

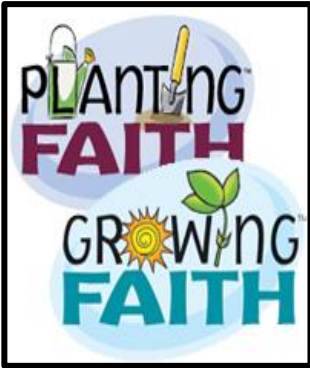
From the northernmost tip of Scotland to the Channel Islands and beyond, 848 public events are planned, plus 1,171 parties or private events.

So popular is Britain’s monarch, that there are calls to perpetuate the occasion with a new public holiday each year. This month we shall sing, ‘God save the Queen’ with more gusto than ever.

**The Venerable John Barton**



## St Mary's Sunday School



After the Easter holidays, during which several of our families travelled across to visit relatives and friends, we met again in early May to prepare for our all-age service. We watched a video of Peter raising Tabitha back to life before acting out the story of this amazing miracle. To think that the same Peter who had cowardly denied Jesus 3 times had been forgiven and restored by Jesus and was now so full of the Holy Spirit that he had the power to raise a dead woman back to life! Wow! We also thought about Psalm 23 and the meaning of the various verses, as well as the image of Jesus, the Good Shepherd.

Our May all-age service was led by the Rev. Ginny Viner and was centred on Psalm 23 and the Good Shepherd. When the congregation read the psalm together, the children (with the help of some parents) held up a series of images to help us all visualise (and remember) the various ideas expressed in the verses. With help from some choir members and organist John Binns, the Sunday School led the congregation in singing a version of 'The Lord is my Shepherd' in a round - it worked very well and sounded good! During her talk, Ginny easily caught the children's attention by bringing along her own Shaun the Sheep and talking about the TV programme. She pointed out that although the sheep at 'Mossy Bottom Farm' quite often cause the farmer trouble with their weird and wonderful adventures, he always seems to forgive them, and at the end of the day, like a good shepherd, he makes sure that all are safely gathered in the barn for the night... and all is at peace. (He also knows them all by name.) Ginny further expanded on the nature of sheep with some interesting lesser known facts, before sharing more insights into Psalm 23, in particular focusing on the comforting promises of 'goodness and mercy' and eternal life with God our Father. The Sunday School's prayers of intercession were also based on the verses of Psalm 23, and as always, everybody read very well. Special thanks to Thomas for reading the Gospel reading. Many thanks also to the ladies for providing refreshments after the service - always much appreciated!

We are now looking forward to our next Messy Church at the end of the month and to our annual Pentecost BBQ (as well as the Queen's Platinum Jubilee) at the beginning of June. Weather permitting, we are also hoping to organise some Sunday School outings this summer.

**Many blessings, Claudia**

### **Sermon**

*A young curate who had just been ordained stepped in to take the sermon at very short notice, because the vicar was ill. At the end of the sermon, he explained apologetically: "At such short notice I'm afraid I just had to rely on the Holy Spirit. Next week I hope to do better."*



## News from St Catherine's & Kirk Christ



The congregations at both churches have been steady, but Covid is still keeping many isolating, and people are still testing positive for the virus. So each week we have faithful church members having to miss services.

The heating system at Kirk Christ is now hopefully sorted. We are hoping not having to use it during the summer months, but if required it will be up and running for the Autumn.

The Murder Mystery Evening was a great success raising a profit of £310. A big thank you to all who bought tickets and to those who worked hard selling raffle tickets. Also we mustn't forget those who set up tables and washed the dishes! Thank you to Jane and the Suspect Players. The raffle alone raised £181. 'Soup Inn' during May also raised £94 in donations with 26 people attending.

We now look forward to our 'TT Café' for which we will be grateful of any offers of help with serving or providing tray-baked cakes. If you can assist in any way it will be very much appreciated. In addition we have a Quiz on 17<sup>th</sup> June at 7pm. Tickets will be £10 per person with a fish and chip or sausage and chip supper included. We are hoping to have tables of 6 – 8 competitors.

**Gerry Callister**

### Parish of Rushen

#### Concerts at St Catherine's Church 2022

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|--------|----|-------------------------------------|
| July   | 7  | Sheeanyn 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 June 2022**

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***Techie trouble***

*The vicar had technical problems with the sound system one Sunday. Instead of starting the service as usual with 'The Lord be with you', he said: "There's something wrong with the microphone."*

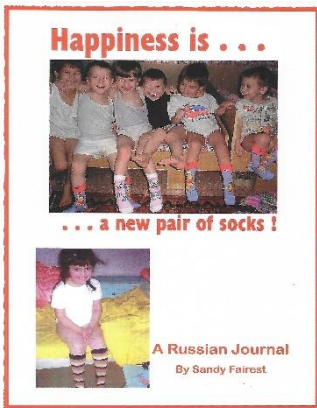
*Not hearing this, the congregation responded: "And also with you."*

**May Sudoku Solution**

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

**May Crossword Solution**

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## Love Russia Journal

It was never my intention to sell ,my 'Love Russia' journal. I wrote it for myself and my family who ,were involved, however when a close friend read it and said she would buy a copy of it were I to have some printed, I immediately saw a way to earn more funds for the charity. My first hope was that I might raise enough to buy winter boots for at least one orphanage, so I took my copy to Quine & Cubbon to see in what form it could be printed and what the cost would be. Then it was all systems go. I had 50 copies printed and made up a list of people who I thought would buy one. The printing was going to cost £300 which would be my donation to the enterprise. I was asked why I didn't just send this amount to the charity and save myself the hassle of selling 50 copies, but I have found over my years of involvement in fund raising that with a bit of thought and imagination it was possible to make money work for you , and in the end I had £600 to send off.

Anna, who is now in charge of the charity, was overjoyed by this amount when I rang to explain who I was and how I had come by the money. She told me that they weren't allowed into the orphanages anymore so we agreed that the money could be put towards the cost of a new bus for the two crisis centres, a much needed alternative . costing £1,000.

Thank you everyone who bought a journal.

**Much Love  
Sandy**

### ***Christian Aid spends £8m from British people to help Ukraine***

*The international development agency, Christian Aid, will spend £8m on vital supplies over the next six months to help the Ukrainian people.*

*The money comes from donations to DEC, the Disasters Emergency Committee, that has raised more than £300m for Ukraine. That's around £3 on average donated by every person in the UK.*

*Through its local partners, Christian Aid has already provided medical supplies, first aid kits, baby incubators as well as food and shelter for refugees in Ukraine and Hungary.*

## Reflected Faith Series: The Meaning of Colours - part 2



**Green Chasuble**

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

Last month we looked at the changing of colours in the church's vestments and altar cloths during March, April and May this year. This month of June sees them changing again, but this time for around 20 weeks.

We start the month still in the season of Easter; strictly speaking, in the time after the Ascension. The first Sunday in June is the feast of Pentecost. This was and remains a Jewish Festival. At the time of Jesus, it was a joyful celebration of the first fruits of the Harvest, which was why all the apostles were gathered together in Jerusalem, as was expected of all Jewish men.

As they gathered following Jesus' Ascension, the Holy Spirit came upon them. This is what Christians celebrate at Pentecost, and therefore the colour is red. The following day the colour changes to green, and remains green until the 30th of October, the Feast of All Saints' which will be white.

This gives us approximately 20 weeks of 'green' with the occasional day in between of white or red to celebrate an apostle, saint or a specific feast day.

So the question is 'Why?' Why so long?

This time is often referred to as 'Ordinary' time. So what is 'ordinary' about it? I don't know about your life but mine tends to go along fairly steady with just the odd up or down time. Most of my days are 'ordinary'.

In church lectionary terms this period of 'X Sunday after Pentecost' follows one main gospel's teachings and miracles of Jesus. It's almost like He gathers us together for a summer school and takes us up a mountainside and teaches us there. It's a time for leaning and growth.

### *This month*

Like the green grass feeds the animals, this month spend some time just looking at a patch of grass or the leaves on trees from a distance.

See the different shades and hues and when you next hear the gospel reading imagine sitting under those trees on that grass with Jesus Himself.

## Fire of Pentecost



*"You shall receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you and you will be witnesses to me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria and to the ends of the earth" Acts 1:8*

We all get tired and battle weary sometimes. The disciples of Jesus had just been through a three-year long roller coaster adventure with Jesus that had culminated in His death, resurrection and ascension into heaven.

The range of emotions would have been hugely taxing in the days leading up to Pentecost, as they remembered Jesus weeping in the garden of Gethsemane, betrayed by Judas, brutally beaten and crucified, and then dead and buried. Then there had been the shock and awe of finding out that He was alive again! But then He had left them again, to return to His Father. By the time the day of Pentecost arrived, the disciples would indeed have welcomed some fresh spiritual fire!

For us today, many of us have felt emotionally drained with the uncertainties caused by Covid 19, the worry of prices rising at an alarming rate, and now the pain and uncertainty of what will happen in the war in Ukraine.

So, what better day to pray for fresh spiritual fire for each of us? As we celebrate the outpouring of the Holy Spirit and birth of the Church, let us thank God that He will never leave us or forsake us.



## Day of Pentecost, Whit Sunday

Pentecost took place on the well-established Jewish festival of First Fruits, which was observed at the beginning of the wheat harvest. It was seven weeks after Easter, or 50 days including Easter.

A feast day to celebrate the country's wheat harvest does not sound exactly world-changing, but that year, it became one of the most important days in world history. For Pentecost was the day that Jesus sent the Holy Spirit - the day the Church was born.

Jesus had told His disciples that something big was going to happen, and that they were to wait for it in Jerusalem, instead of returning to Galilee. Jesus had plans for His disciples, but He knew they could not do the work themselves. They would need His help.

And so, they waited in Jerusalem, praying together with His other followers, for many days. And then on that fateful morning there was suddenly the sound as of a mighty rushing wind. Tongues of flame flickered on their heads, and they began to praise God in many tongues, to the astonishment of those who heard them. The curse of Babel (Genesis 11: 1- 9) was dramatically reversed that morning.

That morning the Holy Spirit came to indwell the disciples and followers of Jesus. The Church was born. The Christians were suddenly full of life and power, utterly different from their former fearful selves. The change in them was permanent.

Peter gave the first ever sermon of the Christian Church that morning, proclaiming Jesus was the Messiah. His boldness in the face of possible death was in marked contrast to the man who had denied Jesus 50 days before. And 3,000 people responded, were converted, and were baptised. How's that for fast church growth!

Of course, Pentecost was not the first time the Holy Spirit had acted in this world. All through the Old Testament there are accounts of how God's Spirit guided people and strengthened them. But now, because of Christ's death and resurrection, He could INDWELL them. From now on, every Christian could have the confidence that Jesus was with them constantly, through the indwelling of His Holy Spirit.

### Parish Pump

#### ***Without the Trinity, there is no Christianity***

***The Trinity is easier to say than to explain. Christians believe in one God, made up of three equal Persons. It is fundamental to the Nicene Creed, which sets out the definitive doctrine of the Trinity for more than two billion Christians worldwide, including all Roman Catholics, Eastern Orthodox, Anglicans, Lutherans, Presbyterians and Reformed Christians.***

***The theologian Ian Paul, writing on the Book of Revelation, points out that chapter five has a wonderful depiction of the Trinity in action. He writes: "...another figure appears in the drama, the lion who looks like a lamb. ... Here is the one who fulfils the hopes of God's people Israel, as the promised anointed Davidic king who was to come. Here is one who is fierce and powerful enough to conquer their enemies, and tear them apart.***

***"And yet when John sees Him, He is like a weak and vulnerable lamb who has been slaughtered, just as the Passover lamb eaten by the people, the suffering servant who was 'wounded for our transgressions' and the lamb offered as an atoning sacrifice. He is the one who was slain, but now stands, and shares the throne with God, and with Him sends the Spirit to enact His will on earth. Here we have the most explicit (and perhaps the most complex) Trinitarian statement in the whole New Testament."***

***Revd Dr Ian Paul***





## All in the month of June

**250 years ago, on 22<sup>nd</sup> June 1772** the Court of King's Bench ruled that slavery was illegal in England and Wales. But it remained legal in British Overseas Territories and colonies until 1833.

**100 years ago, on 10<sup>th</sup> June 1922** Judy Garland, American actress and singer, was born. Best known for her films *The Wizard of Oz* and *Meet Me in St Louis*. Died 1969.

**80 years ago, from 4<sup>th</sup>– 7<sup>th</sup> June 1942** the Battle of Midway took place. The USA defeated Japan in the most important naval battle of the Pacific Campaign.

**65 years ago, on 1<sup>st</sup> June 1957** the first premium bond prize draw took place in Britain. **Also on 27<sup>th</sup> June 1957** Britain's Medical Research Council reported that there was a cause-and-effect relationship between smoking and lung cancer.

**50 years ago, on 17<sup>th</sup> June 1972** the Watergate Scandal began when five men were arrested for breaking into the Democratic National Committee headquarters at the Watergate complex in Washington DC.

**40 years ago, on 14<sup>th</sup> June 1982** the Falklands War ended. Argentine forces surrendered to the British in Port Stanley and a ceasefire was agreed. Argentine president Leopold Galtieri resigned on 17<sup>th</sup> June. **Also, on 21<sup>st</sup> June 1982** Prince William of Wales was born. Son of Charles and Diana, he is second-in-line to the British throne.

**25 years ago, on 12<sup>th</sup> June 1997** Shakespeare's Globe Theatre opened in London. It is a reconstruction of the original theatre of 1599. **Also on 26<sup>th</sup> June 1997** J K Rowling's first Harry Potter novel, *Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone* was published in the UK.

**15 years ago, on 27<sup>th</sup> June 2007** Gordon Brown became British Prime Minister. **Also on 29<sup>th</sup> June 2007**, Apple released the first iPhone.

**10 years ago, on 19<sup>th</sup> June 2012** the founder of Wikileaks, Julian Assange, sought political asylum in the Ecuadorian Embassy in London, to avoid extradition to the USA after publishing classified documents. He remained in the embassy for seven years, until he was arrested and imprisoned.

### Weight

*Signing the register at a wedding, the groom had difficulty in making his ball-point pen work. "Put your weight on it," said the vicar. So the groom complied: 'John Smith (12 stone, four pounds)'*

## Ice cream van chimes



Editor: **David Pickup**, a solicitor, considers the noise of the ice cream van...

***When the doors to the street are closed and ... when people rise up at the sound... Ecclesiastes 12:4***

We are not afraid to tackle big issues here! Imagine you are at home and are just about to sit down and read your church magazine. You are then interrupted by the shrill chimes of an ice cream van, which brings back memories of long hot days rounded off with an ice cream treat. The industry is generally very good, but what do you do in the rare occasions there is a problem?

Firstly, there are strict rules about playing music by loudspeakers, whether you are selling ice cream or fish and chips. *Greensleeves* is supposedly the most popular tune used on ice cream van chimes. The Control of Pollution Act, 1974 states that the music must not be played after 7pm, or before midday, or if they are sounded at any time as to cause an annoyance.

There is a Code of Practice on Noise from Ice-Cream Van Chimes Etc which was last changed in 2013 when the time allowed to play a jingle was extended from four to 12 seconds. I must admit that that one had passed me by! It was quite significant though, as it was the first change in over 30 years.

Local authorities can, and sometimes do, take action. Last summer an ice-cream van operator was banned from selling ice cream on an East Suffolk street over a complaint that the van had played its chimes for as long as 20 to 35 seconds while being stationary, contrary to the Code of Practice.

The chimes should be played *once only* on the approach to each stopping place and *only once* when the van is stationary, and never at intervals of less than two minutes. There are more rules that they should not be played more often than once every two hours in a particular length of street and not played when in sight of another ice cream van. They should not be played within 50 metres of any hospital; school during school hours; or a place of worship on a Sunday or other recognised day of worship.

Thankfully, most of us probably have better things to do than to time our ice cream van's chimes! As always this is a light-hearted piece on a topic and always get professional advice.

**David Pickup**

## From the Registers

### Funerals April 2022:

13 <sup>th</sup> April	Leslie Tasker	Kirk Christ	Service & Burial
19 <sup>th</sup> April	Doreen Quayle	RBG	Burial of Ashes
25 <sup>th</sup> April	Ronald C Corrin	RBG	Burial of Ashes
26 <sup>th</sup> April	Brian G Heaney	RBG	Burial of Ashes

(RBG Rushen Burial Ground)

### Weddings April 2022:

9 <sup>th</sup> April	Helen J Harrison & Denis P Boyle	St Peter's	12.30pm
9 <sup>th</sup> April	Rhiannon M Crebbin & Oliver Burke	Kirk Christ	2.30pm

### Miscellaneous observations on life

*One who boasts of being a self-made person relieves the Lord of a lot of responsibility.*

*Living on Earth is expensive, but it does include a free trip around the sun every year.*

*You know that indestructible black box that is used on airplanes? Why don't they make the whole plane out of that stuff?*

*The most effective way to remember your wife's birthday is to forget it once.*

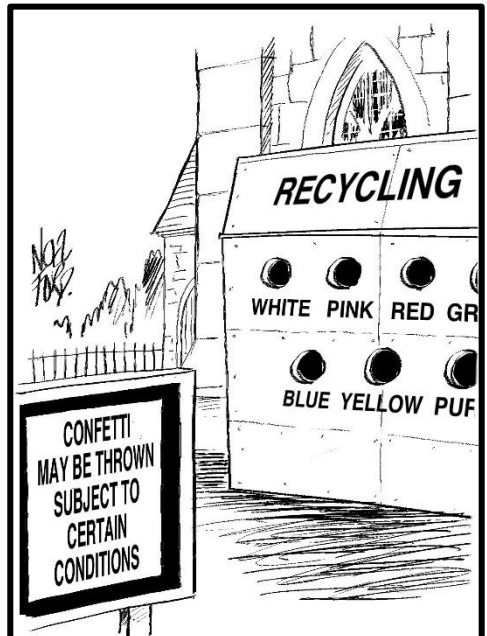
### Safeguarding

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, Mrs 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)



## Rushen Mothers' Union



We had a good turnout of members and a very successful meeting in St Catherine's Hall on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> May to plan our programme for 2022-23. Everyone was happy with the present system of members suggesting speakers and volunteering to organise and lead our monthly meetings. We had a good selection of ideas, which now allows Mrs Elsie Faragher to begin to contact potential speakers. We enjoyed our refreshments afterwards and had good fellowship around the table.

We would like to extend to Elsie our grateful thanks for all she does for the branch, to Mrs Jude Sille for her work as Treasurer and also to Mr Gerry Callister for all his help in setting up the hall and kitchen for our meetings. We are delighted to report that Mrs Lesley Scott has indicated willingness to take over from Elsie as Branch Co-ordinator, in the next session.

There will be a Quiet Day on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> June, in St Luke's, Baldwin. Time TBA

Founder's Day Service will be on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> August in St Ninian's, at 7pm.

Our next branch meeting will be our Opening Communion on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> September at 2pm, in Kirk Christ, Rushen.

We continue to pray for peace in Ukraine, and for all those caught up in this dreadful war.

With love, get well wishes for those not in good health, and best wishes for a happy summertime, from all our members.

**Pat Thomson**

### ***A Prayer***

*Heavenly Father, Thank you for the beauty of the world you created, so evident in this lovely month of June.*

*We bring before you, in prayer, those events going on in the world which are so difficult to understand. We pray for all your children who are suffering in any way, especially those affected by war. Please, Lord, comfort them, assure them of your presence - and deliver them from evil.*

*May we appreciate each day which you have made. Help us to rejoice and be glad in the gift of each new day - and to trust you for all our tomorrows, knowing that in you alone is our security. In Jesus' name. **Amen***

## God in the Arts

### The Thread of God's Love



*Editor: The Revd Michael Burgess continues his series on God in the Arts with a look at the famous Book of Kells*

In 563 an Irish monk was forced to leave his homeland because of a conflict that had led to a misuse of power and even bloodshed. On Pentecost Sunday he arrived on the island of Iona off the north-west coast of Scotland with twelve companions. There he began a new way of life, founded on Christ's mercy and forgiveness of the past, and so created one of the great centres of faith and mission in the Christian Church. His name was Columba, and we keep his feast day on 9<sup>th</sup> June.

His monastery on Iona started as a small cluster of wooden buildings with a church and a guesthouse. Around were fields of crops and cattle and bees. But under Columba's guidance, it grew, and from Iona monks were sent into Scotland as one arm of a missionary advance that reached down through England to France and across Europe.

That outreach was an amazing achievement. But just as amazing was the consolidation of monastic life on Iona that resulted two centuries later in the Book of Kells. This text of the four Gospels was begun by scribes and artists in the library of Iona. It grew into one of the masterpieces of Celtic art that was taken to Kells in Ireland to escape the Viking invaders who ravaged the island.

Along with the text of the Gospels, there are illustrations of Jesus, Mary and the four evangelists, together with decorations at once intricate and fantastic: patterns that interweave and interlace across the page with an odd face here and a weird creature there. The design is in brilliant detail, and you can follow the lines as they weave in and out. This delight in patterns is evident in lots of Celtic art.

It is good to imagine Columba on Iona meditating on the thread of God's grace woven into his life as he looked back to his years in Ireland and his pilgrimage to Iona. It might have seemed at one glance a complicated interweaving of events and experiences, and then perhaps as he looked again, he would see God's love threading its way through that history and redeeming both it and him.

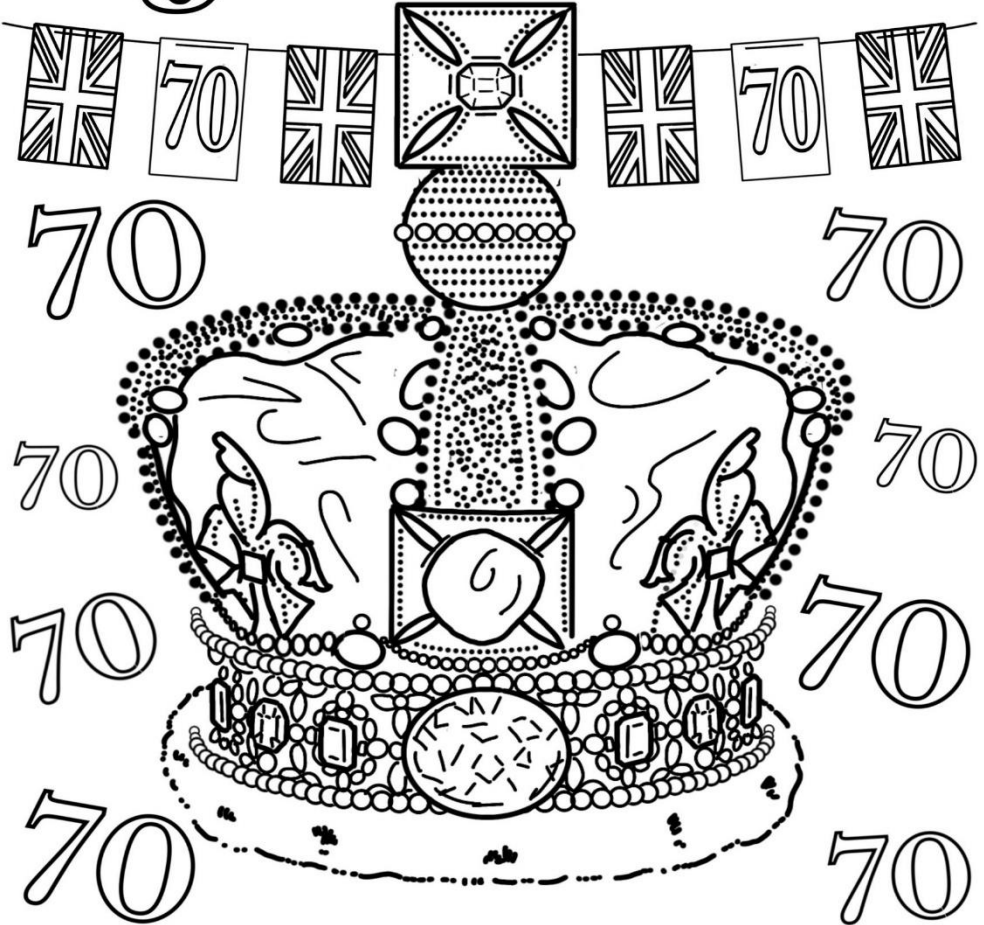
It is the same for us. As we look at our lives, they may seem complex and involved patterns of events and circumstances taking us here and there. As we ponder those patterns, then we can begin to see a thread woven into the patterns that guides and leads us on. And as we stand back, all the patterns and threads seem to make sense as we spot that guiding thread. Just as we can stand back from the designs of this page and see God's love spelling out the name of Christ, our Lord.



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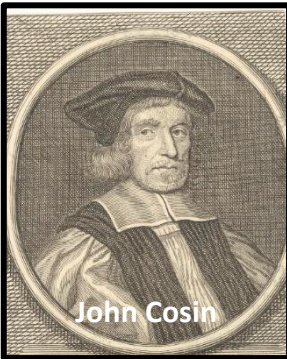
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By way of a change why don't you colour the picture?

## The Story Behind the Hymn



### **Come Holy Ghost**

Come, Holy Ghost, our souls inspire  
And lighten with celestial fire;  
Thou the anointing Spirit art,  
Who dost Thy sevenfold gifts impart.

Thy blessed unction from above  
Is comfort, life, and fire of love;  
Enable with perpetual light  
The dullness of our blinded sight.

Anoint and cheer our soiled face  
With the abundance of Thy grace;  
Keep far our foes; give peace at home:  
Where Thou art guide no ill can come.

Show us the Father and the Son,  
In Thee and with Thee, ever one.  
Then through the ages all along  
This shall be our unending song,

Praise to Thy eternal merit,  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.  
Amen

John Cosin (1595-1672), an Anglican priest who became the Bishop of Durham during the English Restoration period, provided the 1627 translation, of this hymn which is the shortest and appears most often in hymnals. Included in the ordination service of the *Book of Common Prayer* (1662), Cosin's translation replaced an older translation, "Come, Holy Ghost, eternal God," and became the first postbiblical hymn to gain prominence in a musical world dominated by metrical psalmody. Some sources indicate that it may have been written for the coronation of King Charles I in 1625, a state event at which Cosin was the master of ceremonies.

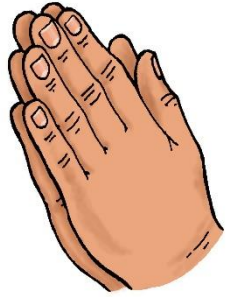
The text highlights the fire descending on the disciples (Acts 2) and then draws on the messianic characteristics found in Isaiah 11:1-3 and an enumeration of seven spiritual gifts attributed to early Christian patristic theologians: wisdom, understanding, counsel, knowledge, fortitude, piety, and fear of the Lord. Cosin links the creative work of the Spirit at creation and the promise of the Holy Spirit as comforter

Sung to the plainsong melody VENI CREATOR SPIRITUS the images incorporated in this hymn have a strong connection with both ordination and Pentecost. The hymn gained even greater prominence when it was included in the first edition of *Hymns Ancient & Modern* (1861). Its subsequent publication in over 200 hymnals has made it one of the most important hymns for worship at Pentecost.

## Rushen Parish Prayer Diary



*Lord Jesus, open our ears and hearts  
today to Your message so that  
through the power of Your death and  
resurrection we may walk in newness  
of life in accord with the teachings of  
Your Gospel  
Amen*



### June 2022

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

- 1<sup>st</sup> The country of Ukraine and the people who have been displaced because of war
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Our families, friends, and neighbours, and those we know living far away from us
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Technology and how it has helps to keep families communicating with each other
- 4<sup>th</sup> All who seek to relieve hunger and suffering
- 5<sup>th</sup> The TT and the safety of those taking part, and the work of the marshals on race days
- 6<sup>th</sup> The works of agencies such as the Samaritans and Alcoholics Anonymous
- 7<sup>th</sup> People who are homeless, poor, and starving and in need of help
- 8<sup>th</sup> Everyone living in Port Erin and Port St Mary
- 9<sup>th</sup> All volunteers prepared to work with young people as they grow up
- 10<sup>th</sup> The police on the Isle of Man and the work they do to maintain law and order
- 11<sup>th</sup> Those in financial difficulty because of the rising costs of energy
- 12<sup>th</sup> Doctors, nurses and all people helping to look after people who are ill
- 13<sup>th</sup> The work of the Church Army
- 14<sup>th</sup> Children having to take examinations and the preparations leading up to them
- 15<sup>th</sup> Those who minister within the Southern Mission Partnership
- 16<sup>th</sup> The five PCC committees working to enhance God's work within the Parish of Rushen
- 17<sup>th</sup> Those responsible for maintaining the highways on the island
- 18<sup>th</sup> Our Government and its responsibilities in keeping law and order on the island
- 19<sup>th</sup> Being gracious and loving in our relationships with each other
- 20<sup>th</sup> Concerns over booking annual holidays because of different restrictions worldwide
- 21<sup>st</sup> Places in the world where lives have been lost and communities destroyed
- 22<sup>nd</sup> People who are lonely and rarely see or talk to anyone
- 23<sup>rd</sup> For good weather so that everyone can get out and enjoy our wonderful island
- 24<sup>th</sup> Young single mothers having to bring up their children in difficult circumstances
- 25<sup>th</sup> Guidance for leaders in industry and commerce
- 26<sup>th</sup> Those who look after the environment within the parish
- 27<sup>th</sup> The Isle of Man Foodbank and the help it gives to families short of money and food
- 28<sup>th</sup> Those living daily with domestic violence and the people who try to help them
- 29<sup>th</sup> All who work in dangerous and poor conditions
- 30<sup>th</sup> Volunteers prepared to work with young people as they grow up

**Services June/July 2022**

1 <sup>st</sup> June	2pm	<b>Play &amp; Praise</b> St Catherine's Church Hall
5 <sup>th</sup> June <b>(Pentecost)</b>	9.30am 11am 11am 3.15pm	Kirk Christ Morning Prayer (CW) St Mary's Holy Communion (CW) St Catherine's Morning Prayer CW) St Peter's Evening Prayer (BCP)
12 <sup>th</sup> June <b>(Trinity Sunday)</b>	9.30am 11am 11am 3.15pm	Kirk Christ Holy Communion (CW) St Mary's All-Age Service (CW) St Catherine's Holy Communion (CW) St Peter's Evening Prayer (BCP)
19 <sup>th</sup> June <b>(Trinity 1)</b>	9.30am 11am 11am 3.15pm	Kirk Christ Morning Prayer (CW) St Mary's Holy Communion (CW) St Catherine's All-Age Service St Peter's Holy Communion (BCP)
25 <sup>th</sup> June	3.30pm	St Catherine's <b>Messy Church</b>
26 <sup>th</sup> June <b>(Trinity 2)</b>	<b>11am</b>	<b>Kirk Christ Joint Holy Communion (CW)</b>
3 <sup>rd</sup> July <b>(Trinity 3)</b>	9.30am 11am 11am 3.15pm	Kirk Christ Morning Prayer (CW) St Mary's Holy Communion (CW) St Catherine's Morning Prayer CW) 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 11am 11am 3.15pm	Kirk Christ Holy Communion + Baptism St Mary's All-Age Service St Catherine's Holy Communion CW) St Peter's Evening Prayer (BCP)
17 <sup>th</sup> July <b>(Trinity 5)</b>	9.30am 11am 11am 3.15pm	Kirk Christ Morning Prayer (CW) St Mary's Holy Communion (CW) St Catherine's All-Age Service St Peter's Holy Communion (BCP)

Dates and times of services/activities subject to alteration/or cancelled  
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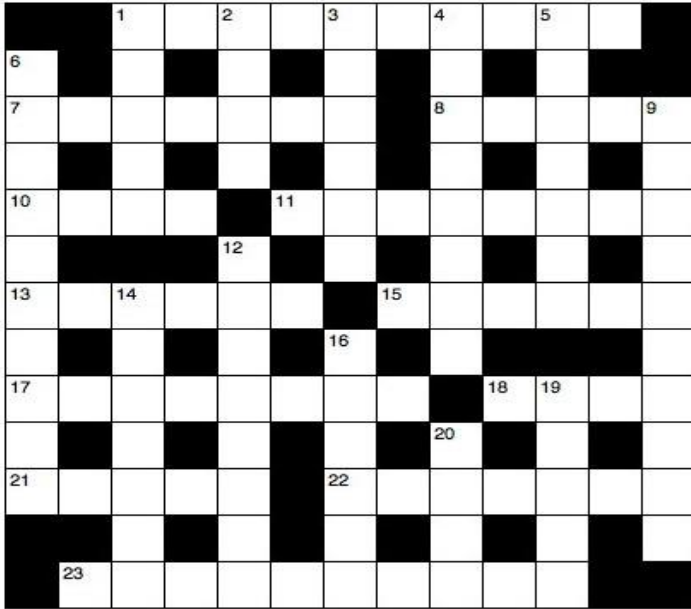
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**Crossword June 2022**



**Across**

- 1** Evil (Genesis 6:5) (10)
- 7** Musician called for by Elisha when he met the kings of Israel, Judah and Edom (2 Kings 3:15) (7)
- 8** The request that led to the institution of the Lord’s Prayer: ‘Lord, — us to pray’ (Luke 11:1) (5)
- 10** ‘We are hard pressed on every—’ (2Corinthians4:8)(4)
- 11** Fraud (2Corinthians6:8)(8)
- 13** ‘His troops advance in force; they build a siege ramp against me and — around my tent’ (Job 19:12) (6)
- 15** Where Rachel hid Laban’s household gods when he searched his daughter’s tent (Genesis 31:34) (6)
- 17** ‘Now about spiritual gifts, brothers, I do not want you to be—’ (1 Corinthians 12:1) (8)
- 18** Nomadic dwelling(Genesis26:25)(4)
- 21** ‘As for man, his days are like—,he flourishes like a flower of the field’ (Psalm 103:15) (5)

- 22** Or I live (anag.)(7)
- 23** Those guilty of 1 across (Romans13:4)(10)

**Down**

- 1** ‘God so loved the — that he gave his one and only Son’ (John 3:16) (5)
- 2** ‘Away in a manger, no — for a bed’ (4)
- 3** Mob ten (anag.) (6)
- 4** ‘Each — group made its own gods in several towns where they settled’ (2 Kings 17:29) (8)
- 5** Began (Luke 9:46) (7)
- 6** Speaking very softly (John 7:32) (10)
- 9** Workers Ruth joined when she arrived in Bethlehem with her mother-in-law Naomi (Ruth 2:3) (10)
- 12** Put in jail (Acts22:19) (8)
- 14** Aceturn (anag.)(7)
- 16** Discharge (Acts21:3)(6)
- 19** ‘All these—come from inside and make a man “unclean”’ (Mark 7:23) (5)
- 20** ‘Let us rejoice and be glad and — him glory!’(Revelation19:7)(4)