

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:

Pamela Angus, Peter and Marilyn Atkins,
Joyce Corlett, Alan Grace, Ray Halford,
Jean Handley, Doreen Longton, Pam
Martin, Peter Manson, Margaret Kinley,
Margaret Moore, Althea Morris, Grethe
Hay, Sandy Fairest, Janet Morley,
Doug Withey, Baby L.,

Christingle Service

All are welcome to our Parish Christingle Service at St. Catherine Church (3rd December) at 4pm, as we prepare for the coming of the Christ-child at Christmas.

Christingle

Mother's Union Diocesan Advent Service

We are hosting the Diocesan Mothers' Union Advent Service at St. Catherine's Church on **Tuesday 5th December** at 7pm. The service will be followed with refreshments served in the church hall.

Mothers' UNION
Christian care for families

Please do take this newsletter home !

Digital Giving



There are a number of ways to give to the life and worship of this Parish. There are giving stations at two of our churches (St. Catherine's and St. Peter's) located at the back of each church. In addition, online giving is available using the above QR code. A huge thank you for your donation, small or large.

Rev. Joe Heaton

Weekly Prayer Meetings

Each week a number of people gather to pray for the needs of our communities, our parish, the island and the world. All are welcome.

Tuesdays (10am)

A small group gather together each week at St. Catherine's Church.

Wednesdays (9am)

Parishes from across the South of the Island gather to pray at different churches. The next two meetings are at:

29 Nov St. Mary's on the Harbour
06 Dec Abbey Church, Ballasalla

Youth Group



Our Youth Group, *Because we are the next chapter Acts 29*, is for young people in Years 7 to 13. We play games, explore the Bible, have snacks and talk about faith. Our next meeting is this Friday 1st December (7pm until 8.30pm) at St. Mary's Church.

For further information please contact me (rushenparishyouth@gmail.com)

Natalie Heaton

Christmas Services in the Parish of Rushen

Tuesday 12 December @ 7.30pm

Port St Mary Commissioners' Carol Service at St. Mary's Church.

Wednesday 13 December @ 7pm

Carols, Candles & Cake at St Peter's Church

Sunday 17 December @ 6.30pm

Carols by Candlelight at Kirk Christ

Thursday 21 December @ 7pm

Port Erin Commissioners' Carol Service at St. Catherine's Church.

Christmas Eve

Joint Service @ 11am at Kirk Christ

Crib Service @ 4pm at St. Mary's

BCP Communion @ 7.30pm at St. Peter's

Communion @ 11.30pm at St. Catherine's

Christmas Day

All Age Communion @ 10am at Kirk Christ

Sunday 31st December @ 11am

Joint Communion Service at Kirk Christ Church.

The Big Quiz

Thank you to all who came along and supported the Big Quiz on Friday 17th December. We raised over £330 for church funds.

St. Catherine's Re-ordering

Recently an overview of the proposed re-ordering of St. Catherine's Church was presented at the LCC meeting. Full details of the proposal can be found on our website:

rushenparish.org.uk/building-projects

Please feel free to send me comments or feedback.

Joe Heaton

Rushen Roamers

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meets each



Wednesday for a short walk around the Parish (weather permitting) that will last about an hour. The meeting point will be at St Catherine's Hall where someone will be available to greet walkers from 10am.

It is an opportunity for members of the Church, friends and anyone else interested to socialise and of course get a little light exercise. There will be a small charge of £2 which will include refreshments at St Catherine's Hall at the end of the walk.

Can't manage the walk ? Why not join them for refreshments at the Hall at 11am.

In the event of no walk due to bad weather the refreshments will be served straight away at 10am.

A reading from Book of Ezekiel

For thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord GOD. I will seek the lost, and I will

bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice.

As for you, my flock, thus says the Lord GOD: I shall judge between sheep and sheep, between rams and goats: Is it not enough for you to feed on the good pasture, but you must tread down with your feet the rest of your pasture? When you drink of clear water, must you foul the rest with your feet? And must my sheep eat what you have trodden with your feet, and drink what you have fouled with your feet?

Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep.

I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. And I, the LORD, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the LORD, have spoken.

[Ezekiel 34:11-24]

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

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus according to Matthew

Glory to you, O Lord !

When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand

and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, "Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me." Then the righteous will answer him, "Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?" And the king will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me." Then he will say to those at his left hand, "You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me." Then they also will answer, "Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?" Then he will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me." And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.'

[Matthew 25.31-46]

After a Reflective Silence

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

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Parish Safeguarding Officer

Our safeguarding officer for children and vulnerable people is Rhiannon Manning. Her contact details are above should you need to contact her. The Diocesan Safeguarding Support Officer is Lisa Morris (494688)

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 Rhiannon Manning 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**