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## 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*

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## 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.*

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## 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, Malachi Corn-well Kelly,  
Sandy Fairest, Fionn Geddes, Doreen  
Longton, Sue Maddrell, Peter Manson,  
Pam Martin Margaret Moore, Janet  
Morley, Mike Porter, Sheila Preston, Doug  
Withey.

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## 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:

24 Apr Abbey Church, Ballasalla  
1 May Kirk Christ, Rushen

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## Ladies' Working Party

The Ladies' Working Party meets every **Tuesday** at St. Mary's Church. The meetings start at 2pm.

Lesley Scott (832919)

*Please do take this newsletter home !*

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## 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 Kirk Christ) 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.



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## LWP Fundraising Coffee Morning

We are holding a fundraising coffee morning on **Friday 26th April from 10am-11.30** and are asking for donations of raffle prizes, bric -a- brac and lucky dip items. It's an excellent chance for you to have a clear out of unwanted items. Donations for the cake stall will be gratefully received nearer the time.

Lesley Scott (832919)

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## Coffee and Chat

Coffee and Chat meets **every Monday** morning (from 10 to 11.30am) at St Mary's Church,. Coffee and biscuits for £1, everyone welcome!

Contact Lesley Scott (832919)

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## Electoral Roll

I shall be updating the Electoral Roll for the forthcoming APCM. If anyone has changed their name or address, please could you let me have new forms. If you are already on the Roll, and your details are correct, there is no need to do another form. Blank forms are at the back of each church in the parish.

David Bowman (Electoral Roll Officer)

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## Rushen Roamers

Rushen Roamers  
meets each



Wednesday at 10am 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.

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.

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## Spring Concerts

Come and listen to the *Manx Saxophone Ensemble* who will be playing at St. Catherine's Church, Port Erin on **Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> April @ 7.45pm**. Refreshments will be served in the Hall afterwards.

Gerry on (474924)

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## Services Next Sunday

The only service in the Parish next Sunday will be a Joint Holy Communion service at Kirk Christ at 11am.

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## PCC Meeting

There is a PCC meeting on **Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April**, please pray for the meeting and the members of the PCC.

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## Messy Church !



Our next Messy Church is on

**Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> April**

at 3.30pm at St. Catherine's Hall. Please pray for the team and Spread the Word !

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## GAIA

### Art Installation

There is a three week art installation being put up at St Thomas' Church from **20<sup>th</sup> April to 12<sup>th</sup> May, open daily Mon-Sat 10am-4pm and Sun 12pm-4pm.** Luke Jerram's Gaia, the touring iconic giant illuminated globe provides an opportunity to see our precious planet, floating and turning in three dimensions. Volunteers to help manage this are encouraged to contact Rev Liz Hull on 677711 or email [liz.hull@sodorandman.im](mailto:liz.hull@sodorandman.im).

### Songs of Praise

St Thomas' Church are planning a Songs of Praise under GAIA **TONIGHT at 6.30pm.** This is not a ticketed event, just a thanksgiving service celebrating the natural world. Also an opportunity to see the Flower tower net in all its glory! Everyone welcome.

Rev Liz Hull

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## Wedding Service



Christopher Blackburn and Elizabeth Power are getting married on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> April at Kirk Christ. Please pray for them as they prepare for their marriage. .

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## Church Survey

A big thank you to everyone who has taken the time to complete the church survey, we have had a huge number of responses. Over the next few weeks and months, we will be reviewing and reflecting upon the responses and looking to the ideas forward.

Many thanks, Joe Heaton

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## A reading from the book of Acts

The next day their rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, 'By what power or by what name did you do this?' Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, 'Rulers of the people and elders, if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. This Jesus is "the stone that was rejected by you, the builders;

it has become the cornerstone." There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved.'

[Acts 4.5-12]

*After a Reflective Silence*

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

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## Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus according to John

### Glory to you, O Lord !

‘I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.’

*[John 10.11-18]*

*After a Reflective Silence*

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

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## Services for Next Sunday

### Kirk Christ

11.00 Joint Service, Holy Communion

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Diocese of Sodor and Man.

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## Contact Information

**Parish Website:** [rushenparish.org.uk](http://rushenparish.org.uk)

 Find us on  
**Facebook** (Rushen Parish)

**Vicar:** Rev. Joe Heaton (832275)  
[rev.joeheaton@gmail.com](mailto:rev.joeheaton@gmail.com)

Please note that Joe's day off is **Monday**

### Parish Administrator:

Rhiannon Manning (832275)  
[rushenparishorg@gmail.com](mailto:rushenparishorg@gmail.com)  
Office hours: Tuesday 9.30 – 4.30  
Friday 9.30 – 4.30

### Wardens:

Kirk Christ: Gerry Callister (474 924)  
St. Catherine's: Gerry Callister (474 924)  
St. Peter's: Harry Dawson (835 770)  
St. Mary's: Peter Hayhurst (832 974)

### Parish Safeguarding Officer

Our safeguarding officer for children and vulnerable people is 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 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](mailto:dbow43@manx.net). (Please copy all items to the vicar). The deadline is the 20<sup>h</sup> of the Month