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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:

1 May Kirk Christ, Rushen

8 May, St Mary's on the Harbour

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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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## 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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## Annual Parochial Church Meeting

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting will be held at Kirk Christ Church on **Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> May at 7pm**. At this meeting four church wardens will be elected. There are four vacancies for the PCC as follows:

St. Catherine's: 1 vacancy  
Kirk Christ: 2 vacancies  
St. Mary's : 1 vacancy  
St. Peter's: 2 vacancies

There are four vacancies for the SMP Council (one for each church), four vacancies for the Diocesan Synod and four vacancies for the Church Wardens.

Please complete a nomination form (found at the back of church) and hand it to me, a church warden, or David Bowman (PCC Secretary).

*Joe Heaton*

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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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## Soup Inn

Soup Inn is a fantastic opportunity to get together with people from the South over a simple meal. Whether you're a parent at home with a young child, someone who works from home/in the South, retired or having time out - all welcome at the Soup Inn. Come and relax over a home cooked lunch of Soup, and Pudding with Tea / Coffee. Pop in when shopping.

Join us on **Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May** (12.00 'til 1.30pm) at St. Catherine's Hall.

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## Praying the Keeills

Praying the Keeills week will take place between **18<sup>h</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> May**. We shall be sharing together as we journey on foot, by car and public transport visiting Keeills and exploring other sacred sites, learning about our Celtic and spiritual heritage and enjoying sharing fun and fellowship. Do join us as we journey. Our theme will be based around pilgrimage. More information at: [www.prayingthekeeills.org](http://www.prayingthekeeills.org)

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## Youth Group



Our Youth Group, *Acts 29*, is for young people in Years 7 to 13 (also Year 6 in the Summer Term). We play games, explore the Bible, have snacks and talk about faith. Our next meeting is **Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May** (7pm until 8.30pm) at St. Mary's Church.

Natalie Heaton

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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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## A reading from the book of Acts

Then an angel of the Lord said to Philip, 'Get up and go towards the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.' (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, 'Go over to this chariot

and join it.' So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, 'Do you understand what you are reading?' He replied, 'How can I, unless someone guides me?' And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this: 'Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter, and like a lamb silent before its shearer, so he does not open his mouth. In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth.'

The eunuch asked Philip, 'About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?' Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, 'Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?' He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

*[Acts 8.26-40]*

*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 true vine, and my Father is the vine-grower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that

bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.

*[John 15.1-8]*

*After a Reflective Silence*

This is the Gospel of the Lord

**Praise to you, O Christ !**

Scripture quotations are from *The New Revised Standard Version* of the Bible © 1989

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## Services for Next Sunday

### Kirk Christ

9.30 Morning Prayer

### St Catherine's

11.00 Morning Prayer

### St Mary's

11.00 Holy Communion

### St Peter's

3.15 BCP evening Prayer

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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