
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,
John Binns, Joyce Corlett, Malachi Cornwell Kelly, Sandy Fairest, Fionn Geddes,
Doreen Longton, Sue Maddrell, Peter Manson, Pam Martin Margaret Moore,
Janet Morley, Mike Porter, Sheila Preston,
Doug Withey, Freddie.

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:

8 May, St Mary's on the Harbour
15 May Abbey Church, Ballasalla

Coffee and Chat

There will be no Coffee and Chat tomorrow **6th May** as it is a bank holiday, we will resume next week **13th May**.

Contact Lesley Scott (832919)

Please do take this newsletter home !

Spring Concerts

Come and listen to *Manx Children's Choir and Schoill Purt Le Moirrey* who will be singing at St. Catherine's Church on **Thursday 16th May @ 7pm**. **Please note the earlier start time!** Refreshments will be served in the Hall afterwards. Gerry on (474924)

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting will be held at Kirk Christ Church on **Tuesday 14th May at 7pm**. At this meeting four church wardens will be elected. There are 6 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

Island Spirituality Network Meeting



There is an ISN meeting on **Saturday 11th May 2024 at St John's Mill, 10am to 1pm**. They are looking forward to welcoming as the speaker, Revd Dr Isabelle Hamley, Her chosen title is *Happiness in the Psalms - Crafting a Theology of Mental Health*. The suggested donation is £10 each for the session but all are welcome.

Christian Aid Week



Our parish will again be helping with the annual street collection for Christian Aid (IOM) in Port St Mary and Port Erin. This year's IOM collection will go towards a 'pigeon peas project' in Malawi, supporting farmers by helping them grow resilient crops (more information at the back of church or on the Christian Aid IOM facebook page:

Please sign up at the back of Church or contact me directly if you are able to help. We will also have envelopes in our churches for people to make a donation on the 12th and 19th of May. You may also like to take a few envelopes and ask family members, friends, neighbours or colleagues if they would like to make a donation.

Claudia (832974 / 495630)

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.

Pentecost Faith Lunch

There is a Faith Lunch at St. Mary's Hall following the Pentecost Service (**19th May**) for the whole Parish.

All are welcome to join us for drinks and food, Any contributions for the Faith Lunch will be gratefully received.

Ladies Working Party

Electoral Roll

The revised electoral roll has been affixed to church notice boards. If you are worried that your name is not included, or a death has been included and should be removed, or you have moved to a new address and you have forgotten to tell me, could you let me know? The official revised roll will be available on **14th May** at the APCM. Please note that because of GDPR regulations, addresses are not displayed. If you are worried about anything concerning the church electoral roll do not hesitate to contact me.

David Bowman (Electoral Roll Officer)

Kentraugh Mill Open Weekend

Saturday 11th May 10am to 1pm

Sunday 12th May 11am to 5pm

Come and learn about our Manx heritage. Entrance free. Donations appreciated to USPG (United Society, Partners in Global Mission). Refreshments available. This is an ancient building and the machinery will be running. Entrance at own risk. For the young a time to run and play on the Mill Dam

Elizabeth Sheen (832406)

Coffee Morning – Thanks



The Ladies Working Party would like to thank everyone who attended, helped and contributed to our very successful coffee morning last Friday. We raised a magnificent £683; a donation of £400 will be given to The Manx Deaf Society

Ascension Day Service

There will be a Joint Ascension Day Service for the Parishes in the South of the Island at Arbory Church on **Thursday 9th May** at 7.30pm. You would be made most welcome.

Joe Heaton

Praying the Keeills

Praying the Keeills week will take place between **18th and 25th 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

A reading from the book of Acts

While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, 'Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?' So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

[Acts 10.44-48]

After a Reflective Silence

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

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

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus according to John

Glory to you, O Lord !

As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

'This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another. *[John 15.9-17]*

After a Reflective Silence

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

Services for Next Sunday

Kirk Christ

9.30 Holy Communion

St Catherine's

11.00 Holy Communion

St Mary's

11.00 All Age Service

St Peter's

3.15 BCP Holy Communion

Contact Information

Parish Website: rushenparish.org.uk

 Find us on
Facebook (Rushen Parish)

Vicar: Rev. Joe Heaton (832275)
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Please note that Joe's day off is **Monday**

Parish Administrator:

Rhiannon Manning (832275)
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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. (Please copy all items to the vicar). The deadline is the 20^h of the Month