

Welcome to Rushen Parish



Kirk Christ with

St. Catherine's (Port Erin),

St. Mary's (Port St Mary),

and St. Peter's (Cregneish)

*Our Mission is to go out and spread
God's love and see his Kingdom grow*

Visitor Information

Do sign the visitor book near the entrance. The service at each church lasts approximately 60 minutes.

We have an induction loop. If you have a hearing aid, switch it to the T position.

There are **Sunday Schools** at St. Mary's and St. Catherine's Churches. These meet in the halls during the services. Children of visitors are most welcome !

Frequently refreshments are served at the end of the service. You are warmly invited to join us.

Main Services next Sunday

9.30am BCP MP at Kirk Christ (HD)
11am MP at St. Catherine's (DC)
11am HC at St. Mary's (Joe)
3.15pm BCP EP at St. Peter's (HD)

Other Regular Services

Sunday @ 8am: BCP Communion

1st and 3rd in month: St. Catherine's

Sunday @ 6.30pm at St. Mary's

2nd in month: BCP Evening Prayer

4th in month: BCP Holy Communion

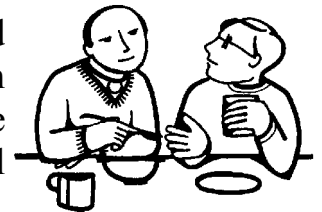
Wed. @ 10.30am: BCP Communion

1st and 3rd in month: St. Catherine's

2nd and 4th in month: St. Mary's

Friendly Lunches

Come and meet and eat with others each month. Lunches are served from noon until 1.30pm



2nd Friday in month: St. Catherine's Hall

Children's Activities

Do you have children or grandchildren ? Would they be interested in attending fun packed activities ?

Play and Praise is a short child-orientated service aimed at pre-school children. It is held on the **1st Wednesday** of each month @ 2pm at St. Mary's Church. For further details contact Claudia on 832974.

RUSH is aimed at primary school children and meets **every Wednesday** during term-time @ 6.30pm at St. Catherine's Hall. For further details contact Sally on 473254.

All are welcome !

Prayer Focus

In the New Testament, Paul encouraged the believers to pray for one another. In a similar way throughout the year, we will be praying for people from our parish. This week we are praying for Frank Bredemear, Edythe Bridson and Audrey Brown; and we continue to pray for the infirm and those who care for them:

Pamela Angus, Peter Atkins, Kathy Bailey, Angela Batey, John Brunt, Dennis Catt, Peggy Chambers, Peggy and Harry Crawley, Joan Davis, Ida Dent, Tony Eales, William Garlick, Sylvia Gilchrist, Renee Hawkins, Joyce Mooney, Anne Quilliam, Terry Rushforth, Lyn Sandell, Dennis Smith, and Hetty Thomas.

Home Groups

Are you interested in meeting with other people to explore the Christian Gospel? There are a number of groups meeting in people's homes during the week:

Every Monday @ 10am

Crofton, Athol Street, Port St. Mary
(Contact Gerrie on 834913)

Fortnightly on Tuesday @ 10am

15 Close Cam, Port Erin
(Contact Doreen on 832967)

Every Thursday @ 2.30pm

1 St. George's Apartments, Port Erin
(Contact Brian on 832257)

Prayer Group

A group meets each week to pray for the parish and for the needs of the world. We meet **every Friday @ 9.10am.**

New Venue: Crofton, Athol Street, Port St. Mary
(Contact Gerrie on 834913)

Ladies' Working Party

The Ladies' Working Party meets **every Tuesday @ 2.15pm** at St. Mary's Hall.
(Contact Brenda on 833618)

Morning Coffee

A meeting place for anyone and everyone: families and friends - adults and children! So come along to **St. Catherine's Hall** and drink coffee (or tea or squash), and enjoy each others' fellowship.
1st Friday in month from 10 to 11.30am.



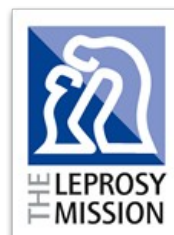
Mothers' Union

We are hosting the Deanery Mothers' Union Communion service at St. Mary's Church on **Thursday 9th February** at 11am. The service will be followed by a faith lunch in the hall, so please bring along a plate of food and enjoy each others' fellowship.

The Mothers' Union are meeting to hear Heather Oliver talk about *Trip up the Amazon on a Mercy Mission* at St. Mary's Hall on **Monday 13th February @ 2pm.**
For more details, contact Brenda on 833618.

Mothers' UNION
Christian care for families

Leprosy Mission



Derek Hartley is making his last 'official' trip to the island and will be updating us on the ongoing work of the Leprosy Mission. He will be speaking at **St. Mary's Church Hall** on the **14 February** at 2pm. For further details contact Brenda on 833618.

Planned Giving Envelopes

The planned giving envelopes for this next year are now at the back of church. If you're not already part of the planned giving scheme, simply pick up a box and start using an envelope each week – no one monitors how much is given by whom.

Peter Vanderpump

News and Events from the Southern Mission Partnership

Songs of Praise

There is a *Songs of Praise* Service at Arbory Church **tonight** at 4pm.

Weekly Prayer Group

Each week on **Thursdays @ 9am**, a group of us are meeting together to pray for the parishes in the Southern Mission Partnership. *All are welcome!* We will be meeting on:

2 Feb	St. Mary's on the Harbour
9 Feb	Rushen Parish Church
16 Feb	Abbey Church, Ballasalla

News and Events from across the Island

Choral Evensong at Saint George's

On Saturday 4 February at 5pm there is to be a service of Choral Evensong with 'Voces Insulae' at the Parish Church of Saint George in the heart of Douglas.

Talk and Discussion on Palliative Care

Palliative Care Specialist Baroness Finlay is visiting the Island on **Monday 20 February** and will be giving a lunchtime talk in St. George's, Douglas from 12.30pm until 2.00pm. The talk will be on "Palliative Care, the Liverpool Pathway and issues surrounding Euthanasia", and will be followed by discussion. *All are welcome.*

Illustrated Talks on the Calf of Man

Dessie Robinson will be speaking on *The Flora and Fauna on the Calf of Man*, whilst Micky Kneale will talk about *Shipwrecks around the Calf* at Ballafession Hall on **Friday 10th February** at 7pm. Tickets (£4) are available from Gill Kelly (834501).

A reading from the book of Amos

This is what the Lord God showed me—a basket of summer fruit. He said, 'Amos, what do you see?' And I said, 'A basket of summer fruit.' Then the Lord said to me,

'The end has come upon my people Israel;

I will never again pass them by.

The songs of the temple shall become wailings on that day,'

says the Lord God;

'the dead bodies shall be many, cast out in every place. Be silent!'

Hear this, you that trample on the needy, and bring to ruin the poor of the land, saying, 'When will the new moon be over so that we may sell grain; and the sabbath, so that we may offer wheat for sale?

We will make the ephah small

and the shekel great,

and practise deceit with false balances,

buying the poor for silver

and the needy for a pair of sandals,

and selling the sweepings of the wheat.'

The Lord has sworn by the pride of Jacob: Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.

Shall not the land tremble on this account,

and everyone mourn who lives in it,

and all of it rise like the Nile,

and be tossed about and sink again, like

the Nile of Egypt?

On that day, says the Lord God,

I will make the sun go down at noon,

and darken the earth in broad daylight.

I will turn your feasts into mourning,

and all your songs into lamentation;

I will bring sackcloth on all loins,
and baldness on every head;
I will make it like the mourning for an only
son, and the end of it like a bitter day.

[Amos 8:1-10]

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

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus according to Luke

Glory to you, O Lord !

Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. 'Teacher,' he said, 'what must I do to inherit eternal life?' He said to him, 'What is written in the law? What do you read there?' He answered, 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbour as yourself.' And he said to him, 'You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live.'

But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, 'And who is my neighbour?' Jesus replied, 'A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead.'

Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan while travelling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him.

The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, "Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend."

Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbour to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?' He said, 'The one who showed him mercy.' Jesus said to him, 'Go and do likewise.'

[Luke 10:25-37]

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

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Rushen News Contributions:

Please send all items for inclusion into Rushen News to Joe Heaton. The deadline is **Wednesday @ 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 **20th of the Month.**
