

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.

Mothers' Union

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.

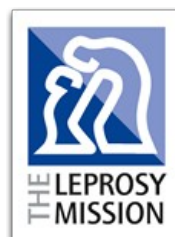
Mothers' UNION
Christian care for families

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 Catherine and William Callister and Joan Buttrell 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 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.

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.

Prayer Group

A group meets each week to pray for the parish and for the needs of the world. For **this week** we will be meeting on Friday @ 9.10am at **15 Close Cam, Port Erin**.

(Contact Doreen on 832967)

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 !

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

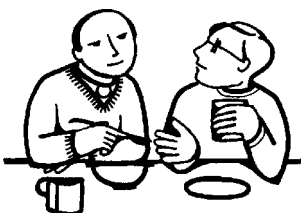
15 Close Cam, Port Erin
(Contact Doreen on 832967)

Every Thursday @ 2.30pm

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

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
Last Friday in month: St. Mary's Hall

Imposition of Ashes

Ashes are an ancient sign
of penitence; from the
middle ages it became the
custom to begin Lent by
being marked in ash with
the sign of the cross.



To continue this tradition there will be a
service of Imposition of Ashes with sung
Holy Communion on Ash Wednesday
(22 Feb) at Kirk Christ @ 7.30pm.

Lenten Study Groups

To enable closer working together with the
other denominations in the Parish of Rushen
the Lenten study groups this year will be
inter-denominational.

Lenten Lunches

Each Thursday during Lent there will be a
light lunch where we aim to sit down
together at 12.30. This will be followed by
a short study where a current issue will be
explored followed by open discussion
around the tables.

The venue will alternate between the
Methodist Church Hall and St. Catherine's
Church Hall in Port Erin. In order to cater
for numbers there will be sign-up sheets at
the back of church.

More details to follow

Bible Lenten Reflections

A small group will be meeting at 8 High
Street, Port St. Mary on Wednesdays at 2pm
(beginning 29 Feb) to meditatively ponder
upon selected Bible readings to see where
God might be speaking to us today through
the scriptures.

For further details contact Barbara O'friel
on 833636.

Ladies' Working Party

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

Funeral of Harry Crawley

It is with great sadness that I announce the death of Harry Crawley – he was a much loved and faithful member of St. Mary's Church. His funeral will be at Kirk Christ on Wednesday 15 February at 2pm. Our thoughts and prayers are with Peggy and the family at this time.

Mid – week Service



There is a BCP Holy Communion service held each Wednesday at 10.30am alternating between St. Catherine's and St. Mary's.

1st and 3rd in month: St. Catherine's
2nd and 4th in month: St. Mary's

News from the Southern Mission Partnership

Weekly Prayer Group

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

16 Feb	Abbey Church, Ballasalla
23 Feb	St. Mary's on the Harbour
1 Mar	Rushen Parish Church

A reading from the book of Proverbs

Does not wisdom call,
and does not understanding raise her voice?

The Lord created me at the beginning of his work,

the first of his acts of long ago.

Ages ago I was set up,

at the first, before the beginning of the earth.

When there were no depths I was brought forth,

when there were no springs abounding with water.

Before the mountains had been shaped,

before the hills, I was brought forth—

when he had not yet made earth and fields, or the world's first bits of soil.

When he established the heavens, I was there,

when he drew a circle on the face of the deep,

when he made firm the skies above,

when he established the fountains of the deep,

when he assigned to the sea its limit,

so that the waters might not transgress his command,

when he marked out the foundations of the earth,

then I was beside him, like a master worker;

and I was daily his delight,

rejoicing before him always,

rejoicing in his inhabited world

and delighting in the human race.

[Proverbs 8.1,22-31]

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God !

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus according to John

Glory to you, O Lord !

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

[John 1.1-14]

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

Services next Sunday

Kirk Christ

9.30am Morning Prayer (PUJ)

St. Catherine's

8am BCP Holy Communion (JS)

11am Morning Prayer (HD)

St. Mary's

11am All Age Communion (Joe)

St. Peter's

3.15pm BCP Holy Communion (Joe)

Contact Information

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St. Peter's: Harry Dawson (835770)
St. Mary's: Allan Knox (837862)

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.**
