

Manx Language and Church Life

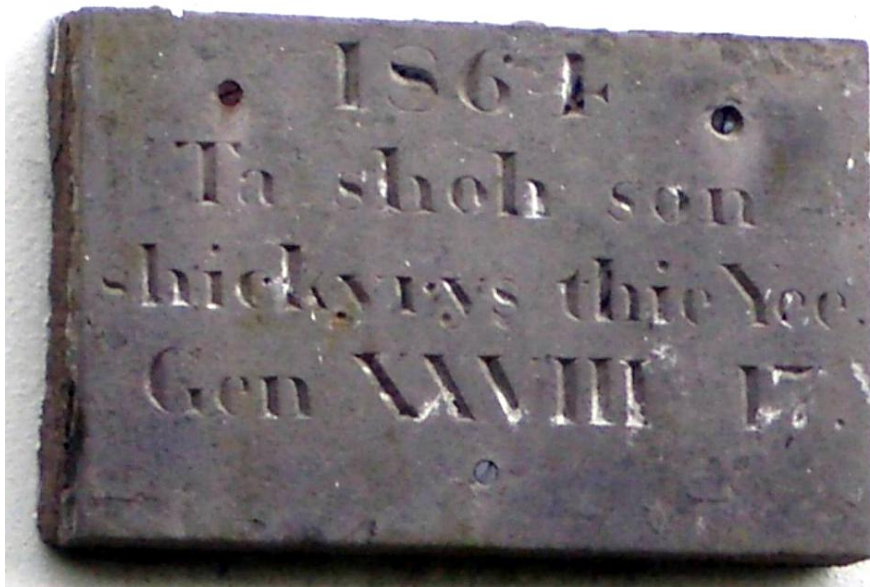
**A Conference for Blein ny Gaelgey
(Year of the Manx Language)**

iMuseum, Kingswood Grove, Douglas

7 November 2026, 10.00 – 4.30



Following last year's celebration of the 250th anniversary of the publication of the Bible in Manx, this conference explores the role played by the Manx language in various aspects of church life. Papers from these conferences will be published.



Free to attend; all welcome, dip in and out as you wish.

Light refreshments provided (bring your own lunch).

Organized in collaboration with Manx National Heritage.

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PROGRAMME

- 10.00 Welcomes: His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor
The Lord Bishop of Sodor and Man
- 10.15 Euan Macarthur, *British Approaches to the Manx Language in Religious Life, c.1500–1800*
- 10.45 Max W. Wheeler, *The Manuscript Copy (1625–29) of Bishop Phillips’ Translation (1610) of the Book of Common Prayer: What is it, what is in it, and what was it for?*
- 11.15 *Break*
- 11.40 Rob Teare, *The Songs of Bishop Rutter*
- 12.10 Christopher Lewin, “Venturing at bold strokes”: *The Scholarly and Intellectual Background of the Manx Bible*
- 12.40 *Lunch [please bring your own]*
- 2.00 Tim Grass, “An unmitigated portion of the curse of Babel” or a *Language of the Heart? The Manx Language in Church and Chapel, 1775 to the present*
- 2.30 Stephen Miller, “How often do you preach in the Manks tongue?” *The Parochial Visitations and the Manx Language*
- 3.00 *Break*
- 3.20 Ian Faulds, *Carved in Stone: Do gravestones in Country Parishes mirror the Fortunes of the Manx Language?*
- 3.40 Neil Rees, *Republication of the Manx Bible in 2027: What is involved?*
- 4.00 Janet Corlett, *God sings Gaelg: Manx-Language Methodist Services today*
- 4.20-4.30 Close