

# Jersey Methodist Circuit

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## PRAYER POINT

### Circuit Facebook Prayer of the Week (Katie Norman)

Loving Lord,  
For those fleeing from their homes  
in despair and fear,  
We pray Your strength,  
hope, and peace  
amidst the chaos of their lives.

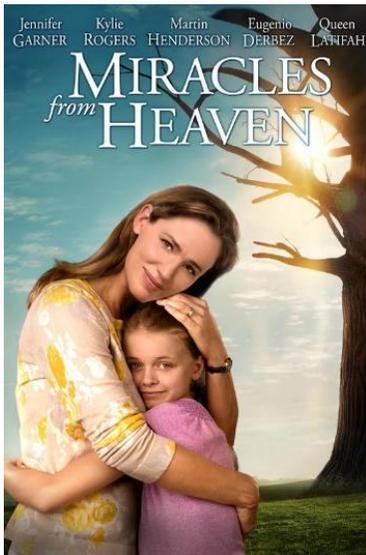
### Methodist Church Prayer Handbook, Day 30

Praying with Christians in the United Methodist Church  
and for the Scotland District

### Christians Together in Jersey – Mutual Intercessions

This month: those working at home and those who volunteer  
This week: the Religious Society of Friends - Quakers

## FILM NIGHT AT BETHLEHEM



On Friday 28 January the film will be 'Miracles from Heaven', which is based on the true story of Christy and her 10-year-old daughter Anna. When Anna is diagnosed with a rare, incurable disease, Christy becomes a fierce advocate for her daughter's healing. When Anna has a freak accident, an extraordinary miracle unfolds in the wake of her dramatic rescue that leaves medical specialists mystified.

Tea and coffee will be served from 7.00 pm. The film will start at 7.30 pm. A collection will be taken for Sightsavers, an international charity working in more than 30 countries to prevent avoidable blindness.

## GEORGETOWN SPRUCES UP

After a protracted period of soliciting quotations and preparation, Georgetown has just started a 2 month long redecoration of the church. It took a whole week to erect the scaffolding and then resolve urgent condensation issues but finally the paintbrushes are out! The virtually empty interior represents a steel jungle with the huge complicated mix of metal poles and wood planks. However, there will be no great change in the overall colour scheme despite MANY suggestions!

To finance this large project it has been decided to organise some fund raising events to offset at least some of the project costs. The first of these is a gift day . . . when an appeal has been made to members and friends to make a special donation over and above their regular giving . All gifts contributed will be very much appreciated and will be received with thanksgiving at the 10.30am Morning Service on 13 February led by Rev Danny.

Further fund raising projects are planned for later in the year, especially all the concerts in the tradition of Thursday Night is Music Night, though this title has to be temporarily changed to ANY Night is Music night as their UK guests will be performing on various nights of the week according to their travel programme.



This also assumes that Covid allows Georgetown to continue concerts and that travel restrictions allow their UK performers to arrive!

The congregation are meeting for Sunday morning worship in the hall for January and February, with Rowland tinkling the ivories of the piano. All are looking forward to returning to worship in a bright, freshly painted church, which will also be looking smart for the Circuit meeting on 24 March, not to mention the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary next year.

## GENERATION GAMES - January session

As the number of children in primary schools are still being affected with track and trace, Ebenezer decided that they could safely go ahead with just their seniors.

Having postponed from the previous week, a few were unable to attend but those who did had a very successful, fun afternoon with board games. Organist Ian Jayes stepped up as quiz master with 'Do you think you know Jersey'. Everyone really enjoyed it and Ebenezer's community workers think this will work well with the children too, but with some questions aimed at their age. Very often change presents new opportunities and it is likely they will run the games and quiz activities again in the future, hopefully with the children next time. So Generations evolves.



## METHODIST WOMEN'S LUNCHEON – 15 FEBRUARY

Calling all ladies in the Circuit for lunch at the St Brelade's Bay Hotel on Tuesday 15 February, 12.30pm. The guest speaker will be Dr Nola Webster, who marks her 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of becoming a local preacher later in the spring.

Menu - £22 for 2 courses (tea and coffee included)

### Mains

- Roast sirloin of Scottish beef, tarragon & red wine jus & Yorkshire pudding
- Rosemary roasted rump of lamb, rosemary jus and braised plum
- Pan roast chicken breast wrapped in pancetta with Calvados crème fraiche
- Sauce and roasted figs
- Poached English cod served with a thermidor sauce
- Sweet potato & vegetables curry, a tempura pineapple, coriander rice & poppadums

### Desserts

- Bread & butter pudding with vanilla ice cream
- Blackberry & apple jelly, caramel mousse, Calvados cream & apple wafers
- Chocolate & orange pave, berries & hazelnut ice cream
- Raspberry & pistachio 'Artic roll', raspberry & honeycomb

If you would like to come, **by Monday 7 February at the latest** please:

- Call Audrey (07797 847604) or email (circuit.office.jsy@gmail.com) with your menu choices and details of any allergies or dietary requirements
- Send your cheque made payable to 'Jersey Methodist Circuit' for £22 to Audrey Tupper at Karma, Route des Genets, St Brelade, JE3 8DB **or**
- Transfer £22 directly to the Circuit bank account

**Account name:** Jersey Methodist Circuit No 1 Account  
**Bank:** NatWest International, 16 Library Place, St Helier  
**Branch sort code:** 60 - 12 - 03  
**Account number:** 06323251  
**Ref:** [Your surname] SBB lunch

For any further queries please contact Barbara Rumfitt (727757) and note any cancellations less than 72 hours before the meal will still have to be paid for.

We plan to organise a similar lunch for the gentlemen of the Circuit in due course.

## A PRAYER FOR TONGA

*The President and Vice President have expressed their concern over the situation in Tonga caused by a volcanic eruption on Saturday and subsequent tsunami. They ask the Methodist people to pray for those affected.*

Loving God, we stand in awe at the power of creation seen in volcano and tsunami, recognising the smallness and weakness of our own existence. Yet you tell us that each person is special and important to you, and in that confidence we hold before you the people of Tonga as they deal with the aftermath of the volcanic eruption.

We are still waiting for details, but you know the feelings and needs of each person there, and we pray that you would grant calm and courage to those



directly involved, and the strengthening of bonds as people support each other. Especially we ask for wisdom for national and community leaders as they look for a way ahead, and for religious leaders, including President Finau Aho and ministers of our Methodist Partner, The Free

Wesleyan Church of Tonga, as they try to offer spiritual and emotional support.

We pray also for the peace of your presence for all those around the world waiting for news of family and friends, wanting to believe that the reports so far of little damage and no loss of life are true, but fearful of different news when the situation becomes clear.

We give thanks for the moves within the Pacific and the wider international community to provide support for Tonga, and pray that there will soon be opportunity to allow appropriate relief to be channelled quickly, especially the provision of clean drinking water. And although now everything is dismal and grey from volcanic ash, may the people of Tonga be able to hold on to the hope of the return of colour and joy to their land.

*Sheila Norris - Acting Partnership Co-ordinator for Asia-Pacific*

## THE CONNEXION

The Connexion is a free magazine about the life and work of the Methodist Church, bringing together inspirational stories from Methodist people who are passionate about sharing God's love to change lives. The winter edition features an interview with Rev Dawn on 'Discovering God's home in Jersey' (page 10). To receive a free copy of the magazine, sign up at [www.bit.ly/the-connexion](http://www.bit.ly/the-connexion)



Photo: Sheila Birch

If you would like to send any good wishes to Rev Dawn as she prepares for her surgery at Addenbrookes Hospital, Cambridge, feel free to pass them through the Circuit Office.

## ROLLING DIARY

### Monday 7 February:

- Deadline for items for the next newsletter
- Deadline for St Brelade's Bay lunch menu choices and payment

### Tuesday 15 February

- Women's Lunch at the St Brelade's Bay Hotel

### 21 February – 6 March

- Fairtrade Fortnight. You can find new material about the link between trade justice and climate justice and order new leaflets and posters. [Order now along with our other new resources](#)

### Circuit Lent Group at Georgetown with Rev Danny

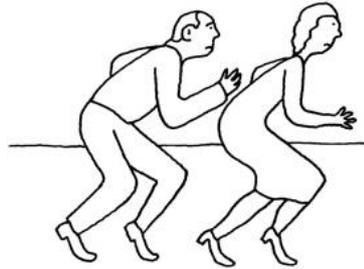
- Theme: Following Christ in the footsteps of the Saints. (Further details in upcoming newsletters)  
Tuesdays in Lent 1.00-2.15pm - 8, 15, 22 and 29 March, 5 April

# THE CHURCH HALL – Conditions of Hire

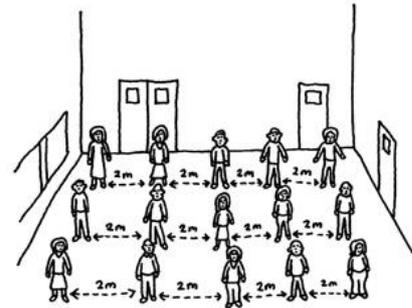
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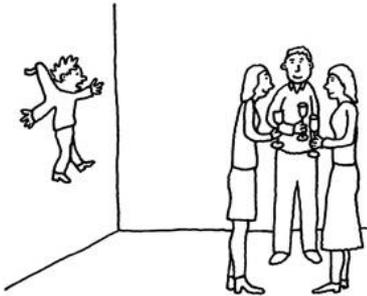
FILL IN THE PAPERWORK



ARRIVE AND LEAVE QUIETLY



DON'T CRAM TOO MANY PEOPLE IN



DON'T STICK ANYTHING ON THE WALLS



STACK THE CHAIRS AS YOU FOUND THEM



CLEAN EVERYTHING UP