

5 November 2020

To: Methodist Churches, Staff and Circuit and Church Stewards

Dear Colleagues,

THE TWELVE PARISHES OF CHRISTMAS

We are writing to propose a project for churches across the Island to work together on in the run-up to Christmas. The project would involve a video being released each day, via as many channels as possible, for a twelve-day period (12-24 December). Each video would be created by the churches of a different parish (ie twelve parishes). There are three things required of each video:

1. They should last no longer than five-minutes;
2. They should contain one carol (to be assigned);
3. They should contain one Bible reading (to be assigned).

Apart from these three things, it is up to the churches of each parish to decide how to create their video. Here are some suggestions:

1. Please involve as many of the churches as possible in the creation of the video;
2. You might like to include those involved in some way with the pandemic response (eg a builder involved in the construction of the Nightingale Wing reading the Bible passage).
3. You might like to get local schools and nursing homes involved (eg artwork, readings, music);
4. You might like to include some of the different languages spoken on the Island;
5. Filming at locations distinctive to the Parish;
6. Involvement of the Town Hall.

We will write again next week with further information such as readings and carols assigned to each parish as well as the deadline for submitting videos.

Before then, please do get back to us with any questions, comments or suggestions about how to improve our proposal.

Thank you very much,

The Rev'd Mike Keirle, Dean of Jersey

The Rev'd Dawn Saunders, Superintendent of the Jersey Methodist Circuit

Canon Dominic Golding, Catholic Church

The Rev'd Graeme Glover, Christians Together in Jersey