



Marian Dart – Obituary

Rev Jenny leaves Jersey

Visit to the Holy Land

Generations

Georgetown: concert
28 July

Garden party

And finally

Sunday 17 July

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PRAYER POINT

Circuit Facebook Prayer of the Week (Katie Norman)

Rest in the Peace-giver's presence,
and there listen
for the gentle whisper of His voice.

Methodist Church Prayer Handbook, Day 17

Praying with Christians in North and South India and the Lincolnshire District

Christians Together in Jersey – Mutual Intercessions

This month: those involved in all forms of island transport

This week: Grouville & St Peter La Rocque Anglican churches and the ministry of Rev Helen Gunton and Rev Robin Dupre

ROLLING DIARY

Friday 15 July, 7.30pm

- Concert: Ackworth School, West Yorkshire – Georgetown

Sunday 17 July, 8.15pm

- Rev Jenny's final Sunday evening at the Biarritz

Wednesday 20 July, 12.45 for 1.00pm

- Gentlemen's lunch at the Biarritz

Thursday 21 July, 7.30pm

- Rev Jenny's leaving service

Saturday 23 July – 9.00am-4.00pm

- Away Day at Bethlehem - Alive and Well??

Thursday 25 July, 7.30pm

- Concert: Jersey Academy of Music Summer School Final Concert, Music staff and students - Georgetown

The Circuit office will be closed the week commencing Monday 25 July so the next newsletter will be on Sunday 14 August (deadline 8 August).

MARIAN LAWFORD DART



Marian Dart was born on 17 October 1925, the daughter of Edward and Lucy Dart, who lived in St Aubin. She had a brother, John who died a few years ago. Marian attended Jersey College for Girls, becoming a prefect and deputy head girl. After leaving school, she began teaching at College, while waiting for the Occupation to end. In 1945 she was able to go to University to begin her teacher training. This was accomplished and she returned to the island after qualifying and began teaching again at College. She enjoyed travelling and spent many happy holidays abroad with friends.

Later, she felt a call to preach and for many years she preached in all the island Methodist churches, when her services were always well-prepared and presented in a very methodical and detailed manner. She served the Circuit for many years as a Circuit steward and as a member of Synod and was known for her meticulous attention to detail. Her friends at St Aubin remember the Ecumenical Bible Studies she ran from her home for many years.

After her retirement she was a frequent visitor to many of our residential care homes and to people who were ill or lived alone. Her great joy was opening up St Aubin Methodist Church on Saturday mornings, whilst she was able, to welcome passers-by into the church, often with a cup of tea. A very sociable lady, Marian will be remembered by many for her organisation skills and for being a caring friend to those who needed comfort or a listening ear.

For the last three years, with failing health, she was cared for in Silver Springs Residential Home, where she died on 18 June. A lifelong and much loved member of St Aubin's Methodist Church, Marian is now in the loving care of the Heavenly Father whom she worshipped so devotedly all her life.

Enid Quenault

CONFERENCE 2022

To access the daily record of proceedings at Conference [click](#). Copies can be printed off on request for anyone who cannot access the online version. The next summary will be given in person at the September Synod meeting.

REV JENNY LEAVES JERSEY

On the 10 September 2011, Paul and I stood at St Peter Port in Guernsey for a friend's 40th birthday party. I had just been stationed as a probationer in Norfolk. We gazed out into the beautiful scenery and said to each other, "wouldn't it be amazing to get stationed to the Channel Islands in our next appointment?" God has a sense of humour and, when it came to stationing in 2017, two appointments came up in Jersey. Paul, having lived in Guernsey for five years said, "we have to do this, it will be an incredible experience.

The appointment has been so varied and it has changed throughout the years, I loved being the Chaplain at Stuart Court and still miss the banter, fun and friendship there. St Ouen captured my heart and I have such a yearning for rural ministry, I have adored ministering to that wonderful family and will miss them so



much. We have had some highs and lows together but I will miss the genuine love and affection they have for each other, it is a precious, tight knit family. St Aubin has been a whirlwind of challenges and joys and there are some exceptionally faithful people there who have inspired me as a Christian and always will, and of course, who wouldn't miss the commute along the cycle path to the best pulpit view in the Connexion!



I think I'll be remembered most for the 24 hour prayer events and co-ordinating those, alongside being the only minister who loved doing the online preaching! I was also the minister who only ever wore black clerical shirts and always wore a cassock to any service!

The two biggest challenges were blowing the whistle on two different occasions in two separate institutions in Jersey which have brought about enormous reform and change. I was threatened and blackmailed at one point, the police were involved and it was an extremely dark time, but I stuck to my convictions and knew that I was doing the right thing. It was a very lonely and difficult experience, although I'm so very grateful to Dawn and a couple of other people

for their support, but the change in those two places have been cataclysmic and they are both safe and solid working environments now.

The memory that sticks out the most from the hospital during Covid is that, having never taken off my wedding ring in 10 years, it had to come off because of the infection the ring caused with so much washing of hands and wearing of gloves - it broke my heart! I only ever started out at the hospital to help a little when they were short staffed and I never thought I'd be running the department alongside my actual job during a global pandemic. They were long and hard months, but deeply rewarding. I sat with so many patients as they died just to make sure someone was with them and families knew they weren't alone; consoled burnt out exhausted staff; cared for those who had been given terminal news but staff didn't have time to sit and be with them; co-ordinated a gazillion phone calls, Facetimed for patients to connect with families. It was exhausting but a privilege to do. I'm so grateful to the Circuit for allowing me to do this on their behalf during this horrific global crisis.



It feels like a life time ago we went travelling round the South Pacific on my sabbatical and we often look back and realise how much God was looking after us as the pandemic chased us from East to West, landing back in Jersey on 6 March 2020 as lockdowns followed us wherever we went. For Paul and me, this was the first time in our married life we had spent this length of time with each other, it was wonderful! It was a fantastic experience to see how other churches in tourist areas greeted and welcomed their visitors, to worship in a variety of different places and to enjoy the hospitality of others. I learnt so much from our world church sisters and brothers.



I've served on the Property Development Committee for over 6 years and this committee helps the mission of the wider church by advising and sometimes taking over properties and helping Circuits understand what potential they have from a business and missional point of view. From that I'm a Director at the Guy Chester Centre and the North Bank Estate in Muswell Hill, which is very

rewarding and really hard work! I've been on the Heritage Committee and part of the Evangelism and Growth team for a few years but sadly had to stop that just due to time pressures. Being a podcast presenter has been one of the highlights and I have loved interviewing so many people across this island and putting Jersey on the map!

It has been particularly tough coming home to an empty house when Paul was away for long periods, flying or unavailable because of the time difference. Cats are great and Diesel has been a good companion but there have definitely been some times when it's been exceptionally hard. There have been so many wonderful church folk who have recognised this and been amazing at inviting me out, taken pity on me, allowed me to watch Eurovision with them even though they hate it! The kindness and the love of the Circuit and my churches has been amazing.



I cannot thank the good people of Georgetown enough for allowing me to practise on their grand piano, perform and record in that beautiful church – you have been incredibly kind and generous and I am forever grateful to you. During lockdown lots of people took up new hobbies or started old ones. I had always played the piano and it was my life long ambition to get my Diploma . Every time I sat down and tried to play properly like I used to, it was just so depressing! I read Alan Rusbridger's 'Play it again' and was inspired to just do 20 minutess a day, I retook my Grade 8, smashed it (140/150) and was well on my way to doing my Diploma (Dip ABRSM) which I passed at Christmas and then passed another Diploma with an alternative exam board (ATCL ARSM) just a few weeks ago. I have loved getting back into the piano and teaching and sharing that love of music with other people. It's never ever too late to learn.



I start crying when I have to think about leaving my Guides at 16th St Peters. I've



grown St Peters from nothing into a thriving unit and watched the Guides grow into these incredible young women. I became the Guide Commissioner for the island but gave the role up after a year when I became the National Faith Advisor for Girlguiding and joined the Diversity and Inclusion team. I'm passionate about providing a safe environment for young women to grow and discover themselves whilst teaching them life skills and allowing girls to be girls. If you want young people in your churches, reach out to any uniform organisation, offer them your premises for free for a weekend sleepover on the condition they come to church in the morning. They will love it.

I am looking forward to cycling on the flat in my new appointment - Cambridgeshire is flat! For the first time in my ministry I won't have a 5 hour car journey or a flight which could be fogged out to see friends and family. We are excited about Paul's opportunities in Cambridge as he has just finished his PhD and wants to leave flying and dip his toe into academia. (His thesis was: Nietzsche's will to power: a naturalistic theory of meta ethics based on evolutionary principles and thermodynamic laws.)



We will miss Jersey ever so much and the wonderful friends we have made here. We have ministering here and it has been such a privilege to be your minister and we are so grateful that you said "yes" to us all those years ago. Thank you for five wonderful years!

Rev Jenny's final Sunday evening at the Biarritz is on 17 July, 8.15pm. Why not pop in for dinner beforehand, stay for the short service or just go along for Songs of Praise? Her Farewell Service is on Thursday 21 July, 7.30pm at St Aubin's Church with light refreshments afterwards. Parking will be available in St Aubin's village around the Parish Hall or by the Yacht Club, together with a limited number of spaces at Lucas Farm (shuttle bus to the church if required at 6.50 and 7.05pm, back at 9.00 and 9.15pm).

VISIT TO THE HOLY LAND

Following their recent trip, Dianne Huddlestone and others are sharing their final photos with us.



The Basilica of the Annunciation in Nazareth, where Mary was said to have been visited by the Angel Gabriel



Lady weaver in Nazareth village, a reconstruction of village life at the time of Jesus. The village features houses, terraced fields, wine and olive presses, as well as artisan workshops, all built to resemble those that would have been found in first century Galilee.



Three Jersey ladies at Tel Dan, a cool, refreshing spot!
Archaeological ruins at Caesar Maritima on the Mediterranean. This ancient city was built under King Herod and later became the capital of Roman Judea.

GENERATIONS at EBENEZER

Young and old met up last week for their last gathering before the holidays. As well as setting up a challenge to colour in conical hats, Amy Britton had pulled together a general knowledge quiz with teasers ranging from current children's cartoon characters to the name of a 1950's fish and chip shop in St Helier.



Rev Dawn joined in heartedly and was clearly an asset to her table on the quiz. Later she led the actions for the Generations monthly choruses (Our God is a great big God and Be bold, be strong).



Beside Doreen Perchard, we know Spiderman was smiling broadly under his mask as we could hear "Cheese!"

Sophie Le Couilliard was keeping the scores under the watchful eye of Mike Picot



Georgetown Methodist Church

Thursday Night is Music Night!

Our 218th Concert



Thursday 28 July, 7.30pm

Summer School Final Concert
Music staff and students - Georgetown

No tickets required, retiring collection

GARDEN PARTY



An afternoon garden party will be held at the home of Alan and Paula Le Maistre, Palm Springs, Trinity on Saturday 30 July 3.00pm. Tickets are £10 and are available from either Sonny Le Maistre (861230) or Brian Arnold (07797 759830). The heatwave will be past us by then and it will be a delightful afternoon out – ‘all are welcome’!

Proceeds to St Martin’s Methodist Church and Motor Neurone.

AND FINALLY



Rev Dawn gave a Radio 2 **Pause for Thought** this week, on the theme of 'If I Could Create An Emoji . . . '. You can catch it on [click](#)

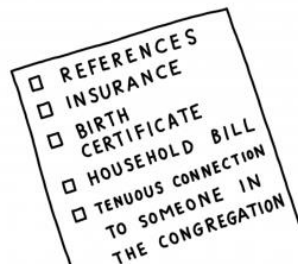
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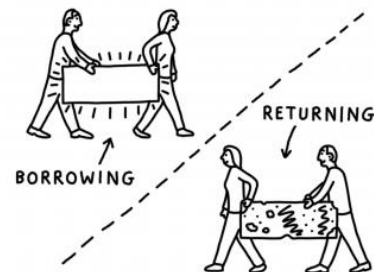
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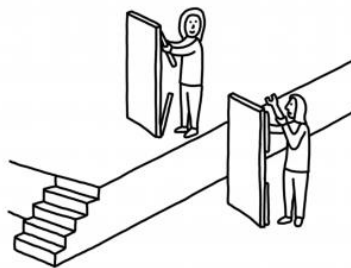
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WANTING TO BORROW TABLES



BORROWERS, WHO HAVE NOT
BEEN PARTICULARLY DILIGENT



SEMINAR FOR THOSE NEW
TO THE UNFOLDING PROCESS



THOSE WHO DO NOT NEED THE
SPECIAL TABLE TOOL LOOKING
DOWN ON THOSE WHO DO



THE MAN WHO CAN
UNFOLD TWO TABLES
SIMULTANEOUSLY