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## PRAYER FOR THE WEEK: FEBRUARY

### WEEK COMMENCING 2ND FEBRUARY

Eternal God,

As we race headlong into another month, help us to slow down and savour the beauty of your earth. Thank you for lighter mornings and evenings and for the promise of spring around the corner.

Amen.



### WEEK COMMENCING 9TH FEBRUARY

God of love,

In a week where many will receive cards and gifts for St. Valentines' Day, comfort all those who are not in a loving relationship with your unfailing, compassionate and endless love so that no one feels alone. Amen.

### WEEK COMMENCING 16TH FEBRUARY

God for everyone,

As children and teachers begin their half term break, may we all be reminded to rest, look after ourselves; bathe in your Holy Spirit and spend quality time with you each day.

Help us on our journey, we pray. Amen.



### WEEK COMMENCING 23RD FEBRUARY

Guiding God,

Help us to begin our prayers with praise and thanksgiving; to always take time to wait on your replies and be open to where those answers will come from and lead to. Increase our belief and expectation that our prayers will always be answered. Amen.

## FESTIVAL OF LIGHT AND WATER AT EBENEZER

Rev Keith introduced Epiphany and our Covenant service as a 'Festival of Light and Water'. The candles of the same Advent Ring that featured in the Deck the Halls service were lit and the central Christ candle celebrating the arrival of Christ on Christmas day was removed and placed on the Communion table.

As the candles in the ring were extinguished, the light from the Christ candle continued to shine brightly, reminding us that the true light which gives light to the world doesn't stop at Christmas, but goes out with us into the world.



After the service and in true French tradition, we enjoyed a delicious 'Galette des Rois', where a ceramic baby Jesus is hidden inside the cake and the person who gets the piece is crowned king or queen for the day. We will be lighting the Christ candle every Sunday to remind us that ordinary things can become extraordinary.



# Bethlehem

In the last newsletter we saw lots of photos from the Christmas services across the Circuit, last but of course not least we have those from Bethlehem's Christingle service on Christmas Eve.



To the right shows the many items collected from the Churches giving tree, which are all packed up and ready for collection by the Grace Trust.



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# News

## From Stuart Court



Everyone enjoying their meal at the Ambassador

One of our first jobs of the new year is to express our gratitude to all the people that have been so kind and thoughtful to the residents and staff during the previous year. We especially want to thank the Connetable de St Laurent, Deidre Mezbourian and her wonderful team at St Laurence Parish Hall for always including the residents of Stuart Court in the pensioners parties.

The December meal at the Ambassador was unanimously enjoyed by all the residents, the food was excellent, and the event rekindled many old connections and friendships from within the parish.

I would also like to say a big 'Thank You' to all the very talented musicians Elizabeth, Mike and Dawn who come to Stuart Court through the year to provide such personalised music and entertainment for the residents.

Also sending a big 'Thank You' to Dan for his boxing and personal training and last but not least, our heartfelt thanks to Helen Higginson from the Methodist Church who provides our residents with regular opportunities to worship.

At Stuart Court we have set very vibrant and positive tone for 2025 by inviting Jersey's very own My Weekly columnist "A woman called George" (@awonancalled George on Instagram) to visit the home. I reached out to George, having been inspired by her post about ageing and wellbeing. Georges' Sparkle Friday movement resonated with me and what we try to achieve at Stuart Court. I did not want the residents to slide into old age feeling overlooked, invisible, or not having a zest for life! I want everyone to have the opportunity to embrace life, feel excitement, joy, as part of our home life. That's the great advantage of being in a residential home, you have the great company of your peers, its cosy with food and entertainment provided on tap... what could be better!

Having had a visit from George we have now embraced her philosophy by not saving things for best and charity shopping for sparkly clothing that make us feel good. Please do not underestimate the power of a sequin... if you feel overlooked, have lost your mojo or just need a confidence boost why not give it a try...don your sparkles on a Friday!

Sending you our very best wishes.

*Elaine Jackson* (Home Manager)



The residents and team in their sparkles!



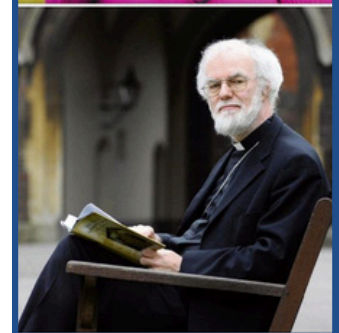
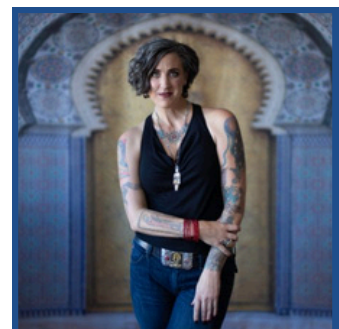
# Wholehearted Monthly

The Methodist Church is thrilled to announce the launch of wholehearted monthly, a free, online mission series starting in March on the second Tuesday of each month, 7:00pm - 9:00pm GMT/BST. People from all traditions and countries are welcome.

What is wholehearted monthly? Think community organising rally meets immersive spiritual laboratory. It's for anyone committed to a vibrant friendship between "Church" and "World" — and a desire for both to flourish. Each month, testimony from local innovators, input from a renowned guest speaker, and wisdom-sharing in networks around Gospel justice, inclusion, evangelism, and growth.

Speakers for the first three gatherings:

- Nadia Bolz-Weber is a best-selling author, public theologian and pastor, and is the founder and church planter of House for All Sinners and Saints. (Tuesday 11 March)
- Rowan Williams is a theologian, poet and former Archbishop of Canterbury, and is author of fifty books on literature, politics, and being Christian. (Tuesday 8 April)
- Chine McDonald is a writer, broadcaster and author, and is Director of Theos, the religion and society think tank. (Tuesday 13 May)



Get your seat at the online table here:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/wholehearted-monthly-tickets-1082365166349?aff=evangelismgrowth>

Hosted by The Methodist Church in Britain and open to all.

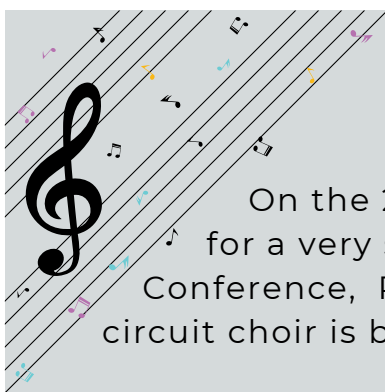
# GENERATIONS @ EBENEZER

The first Generations session of 2025 took place on Friday 31st January. Once again residents from Cheval Roc were welcomed, with 3 residents joining for the first time. The Cheval Roc care worker who sang carols at the December session, also joined and along with her sister, provided entertainment once again. It was lovely to welcome them back and hear how she enjoyed entertaining the group and being part of the inter-generational outreach.



The next session takes place on Friday 7th March, with some new entertainment from Catherine B on the piano and her friend joining in with her accordion. Still room for people to join at Ebenezer Church, anytime from 2.45pm.

Further information available from Amy Britton on 07797 769186.



## *Singers needed!*

On the 27th of April, the circuit will be coming together for a very special service lead by the President of the Conference, Revd Helen Cameron. As part of this service a circuit choir is being put together and is looking for singers.

Those who sang last year for Tony and Cathy's farewell service will be contacted to take part, but if anyone else would like to be involved, please do contact Libby at [elizabeth.farnon@gmail.com](mailto:elizabeth.farnon@gmail.com). Everyone is welcome!



# ALL THINGS MESSY!

We've thoroughly enjoyed our regular sessions at the Messy Centre too, where we meet for Messy Bears every week as well as Messy Church and Messy Vintage on a monthly basis. When the team are not at the Centre they can be found out on the road taking Messy Vintage to Beech Ward; La Haule; Sandybrook; and Cheshire Homes every month. The joy that is shared in all these ministries is so precious it can scarcely be captured on photos but here are a few angels to give you a flavour of what it's like to be Messy!



What a fabulous time we've been having at the Messy Centre over the last few months of 2024, there have been so many things to celebrate!

In October we held our annual fund-raising event for Children in Need by way of throwing wide open the doors to all who wanted to come along and share in a delicious afternoon tea.

The magnificent amount of £820.05 was raised by folk of all ages amidst the fun, chatter and laughter. A great afternoon!





# ALL THINGS MESSY CONT.



The St Peter's Church Christmas Tree Festival is another wonderful opportunity to meet with the community. This year our tree (second from right) displayed knitted sheep and stars and it looked great!



We are really looking forward to all that 2025 will bring. It has certainly started well with some great Messy sessions. Here are just a few photos of some of the lovely folk who came along to Messy Vintage at the Messy Centre in January to explore and delight in our theme for the month 'Jesus Grows up'. It was so much fun making wooden spinning tops and reminiscing about the toys everyone had enjoyed as children, and, of course, enjoying our legendary Messy Afternoon Tea to round off the afternoon!



**IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO COME AND JOIN US BY WAY OF PARTICIPATING OR JOINING THE AMAZING MESSY TEAM, PLEASE CALL KATIE 07797 855082, YOU CAN ALWAYS BE ASSURED OF A MESSY WELCOME!**



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**GOLDA MEIR**

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**GOLDA**

BASED ON THE TRUE STORY

**BETHLEHEM FILM NIGHT**

**8th March @ Bethlehem Methodist Church, St Mary**  
**6.00p.m. for meal, 7.30pm for Film**

£325 was raised for the The Sanctuary Trust on the January Film Night! Well Done everyone who attended!

Please let Dianne know by the 5th March, if you are going for the meal.  
(diannehuddlestone@gmail.com or 07797747621)

**St Aubin Methodist Church  
Outreach Project 2025**



2025 marks the 80th anniversary of the Liberation and the Parish of St Brelade has asked that a Liberation Exhibition be held in St Aubin's Methosit Church in May. It is therefore fitting that the church continues its support for the Red Cross in remembrance of the food relief the organisation provided to the residents of Jersey in World War II. Sadly, wars and natural disasters continue to affect many areas of our world and the work of the Red Cross and other relief agencies is as vital as ever.

Volunteers will be needed to help keep the church open during the Liberation celebrations, if you think you might be able to help please contact the church office. Thank you!

A total of £2,163.33 was raised in 2025 and presented to representatives of the Jersey branch of the Red Cross at the Sunday 5th January service. The schools, who held Carol Services in the church, also donated with around a further £350 to be added to the total. Well done everyone involved!

# CIRCUIT DIARY FOR THE NEXT MONTH:

## WEEKLY EVENTS:

### Monday:

- Drop in at St Aubin's Methodist Church - 1pm to 4pm
- Messy Bears - 9am to 12 noon (term time only)

### Wednesday:

- Coffee Buzz at Samares - 10.30am

### Thursday:

- Coffee Morning at St Aubin's Methodist Church - 10am to 12.30pm
- Coffee Morning at Georgetown Methodist Church - 10am to 12 noon
- Bible study & soup lunch at St Helier Methodist Centre



Remember to also check out the Circuit calendar on the Circuit website for a collection of all events happening across the circuit. If you want to have an event added, just email the circuit administrator with details of the event.

## SPECIAL EVENTS:

### February

- 8th - Bethlehem Film Night - From 6.00pm
- 12th - District Safeguarding Group Meeting on Zoom - 7.00pm
- 18th - Messy Vintage at Philadelphie - 2.30pm to 4.30pm
- 26th - Presbyteral Synod at Salisbury Methodist Church

### March

- 4th - Messy Church at Philadelphie - 3.30pm to 5.30pm
- 5th - Ash Wednesday Service at Georgetown with Rev. Sandow - 11.00am
- 4th - Circuit Leadership Team Meeting - 7.30pm
- 7th - Generations at Ebenezer - 2.45pm
- 8th - Bethlehem Film Night- From 6.00pm
- 10th - Property Gathering at Ebenezer - 7.30pm
- 11th - Local Preachers Meeting at Bethlehem - 7.30pm
- 12th - Church Treasurers Meeting on Zoom - 7.00pm
- 18th - Messy Vintage at Philadelphie - 2.30pm to 4.30pm

### ANYTHING YOU WOULD LIKE TO SEE IN THE NEWSLETTER?

Please do get in touch if there are any events, stories or general information that you feel would be good to share with the rest of the circuit ([circuit.office.jsy@gmail.com](mailto:circuit.office.jsy@gmail.com)).

