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PRAYER POINT

Circuit Facebook Prayer of the Week (Katie Norman)

Light of the world, enlighten our darkness
that we may shine forth
Your hope and eternal joy.

Methodist Church Prayer Handbook, Day 28

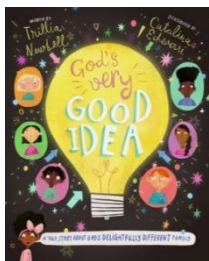
Praying with Christians in the United Methodist Church in Central and Southern Europe. And the Wolverhampton and Shrewsbury District.

Christians Together in Jersey – Mutual Intercessions

This month: All working in communication and media.

This week: St Andrew's Anglican Church and the ministry of Revd Mark Barrett.

FRIENDS @ 4



Although the Ebenezer Family were unable to meet last Sunday for their regular quarterly gathering due to track and trace issues at various schools, fortunately Rev Danny had already recorded for them his reading of **God's Very Good Idea** by Trillia Newbell and illustrated by Catalina Echiverri. You can catch it on:

<https://youtu.be/QR0zMdOpvmE>

FILM NIGHT

Bethlehem's next Film Night is **Friday 26 November at 7.30pm** when they will be showing **'Hunt for the Wilderpeople'**, which has been described as 'A big,



warm hug of a film', just what we all need! It stars Sam Neill and Julian Dennison and is the story of a child raised in foster care in the city, who is given a fresh start in the New Zealand countryside with his new foster family: loving Aunt Bella and grumpy Uncle Hec. When

tragedy strikes, both he and Uncle Hec go on the run in the bush. Hunt for the Wilderpeople is a hilarious, touching crowd-pleaser.

REMEMBRANCE AROUND THE CIRCUIT

St Martin's Church

On Thursday 11 November, Remembrance Day, an audience of some eighty gathered at St Martin's Methodist Church to share in a Remembrance Tribute in Prose, Poetry and Music, devised by Tim Pollard and Alan Mollet. This very much followed the lines of Tim's very popular presentations on Radio Jersey in former times. Tim's expert musical selections, sometimes accompanied readings from him, were interspersed with organ and piano items from Alan. Irene Green spoke two very moving poems reflecting on the views of the young to conflict and war, while Ian Ronayne brought the traumas of war very vividly as he retold the biographies of local folk as they dealt with the all too real experiences of war. The audience was also treated to three very moving items, beautifully performed by Concordia conducted by Hugh Lincé.

They were honoured to have two Chelsea Hospital Pensioners sharing in this programme. The sum of £270 was collected for the Poppy Appeal.



The Remembrance event is available to listen to online courtesy of BBC Radio Jersey:
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/sounds/play/p0b41gjf>

The Remembrance Sunday Service was the customary ecumenical event at the Parish Church led by the Rector the Rev'd Jonny Scott. For the first time, the service began in the church at 10.00 am and concluded with the usual Cenotaph ceremony with the reading of names on the Roll of Honour from the Parish's Connétable and Deputy and the Last Post and Silence at 11.00; a solemn and moving time of remembrance.



The tribute at **Bethesda** was made by Teresa Vautier. A little toy tank, military vehicles and planes have been placed on the table.

At **Ebenezer** the children made poppies and handed them out to all the congregation who then came forward to place them on the table, remembering the service and sacrifice of those who lost their lives in WW1, WW2 and in other conflicts.

THE SALVATION ARMY AT CHRISTMAS

Alice Nunn would like to share with us details of the support The Salvation Army are offering to individuals and families, specially coming up to Christmas.

Christmas specific support

Christmas Day - We are offering 2 options aimed at those who are alone or struggling to afford Christmas celebrations this year. Please call 735472 to apply:

- a. Celebration/sit-down meal at our hall in Minden Street, primarily aimed at those who would be on their own. (We have limited space therefore please get any applications in quick).
- b. Christmas dinner delivered to individuals and families. For those who will be on their own at home, we will spend some time on Christmas morning checking in and spreading a bit of joy with a doorstep visit.

We have a large number of brand-new toys made available from our toy appeal at The Entertainer. Please feel free to refer families to us, who can come and select from the pile!

Working with Jersey Christmas appeal, we are a referring agency into the appeal for voucher support.

All year-round support that will continue through the Christmas period:

- a. Our food bank will be running throughout Christmas for those in short-term financial crisis. Our food parcels include toiletries and baby items such as nappies/wipes/formula. For longer term support, ie more than 6 weeks, please consider referring to the other foodbanks on the island.
- b. Our voucher support will continue to be available throughout the Christmas period, for those in immediate financial hardship. This includes utility top-ups (Jersey Electric, heating oil, and Jersey Gas) and supermarket vouchers.
- c. Community cafe running through to Christmas Eve, offering free soup daily.



- d. Pastoral support - we are always happy to listen and chat with people and offer pastoral support and/or signposting as appropriate, in our friendly community cafe.

Referrals should be emailed to our mail drop jersey.corps@salvationarmy.org.uk
Our office is open Monday to Friday 9 am- 1 pm and can be contacted on 01534 735472 if you would like to discuss anything further.

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KAIROS ARTS



A poster for a Christmas Pop-up event. The top left shows a decorated Christmas tree with white and gold ornaments and a nativity scene. The background is dark blue with white snowflake patterns. A small logo for Kairos Arts is visible. The text is in yellow and white.

Christmas Pop-up
Tuesday 23rd November
&
Saturday 4th December
St. Helier Central Market
KAIROS
ARTS
PRODUCTS
VISIT US
9.00 - 5.00



A poster for an Advent Concert. The top half has a dark blue background with white stars. The names 'Amity Singers & Cathy Sara' are written in white cursive. Below them, 'With Bouons Bassoon' is written in a smaller font. The title 'ADVENT CONCERT' is in large, bold, yellow letters. Below the title, 'In aid of Kairos Arts' is written in a smaller font. The date 'Thursday 2nd December' is in white, followed by 'Doors open at 7pm. Concert starts at 7.45pm' and 'AT ST HELIER METHODIST CENTRE'. The bottom half of the poster features a colorful, abstract painting of figures in a landscape.

Amity Singers & Cathy Sara
With Bouons Bassoon
**ADVENT
CONCERT**
In aid of Kairos Arts
Thursday 2nd December
Doors open at 7pm. Concert starts at 7.45pm
AT ST HELIER METHODIST CENTRE

Kairos Arts are delighted to invite you to their Advent Fundraising concert on **Thursday 2 December at 7.45pm** in the SHMC. There will be a beautiful blend of music, words and visuals to enjoy with festive refreshments and an opportunity to buy some Kairos Christmas cards and gifts.

They will also be selling their products at St Helier central Market on **Saturday 4 December, 9.00am-5.00pm** so do pop in for your festive treats.

CIRCUIT DOG WALK



Rev Dawn and Nick Saunders with Stanley & Arthur, Rev Fiona with Hugo, Audrey Tupper with Barney & Luna (and Harry, the photographer's dog)

It would be fair to say that the Circuit dog walk did not completely fill the 5 miles of St Ouen's beach last Saturday but we did engage with various dog walkers, including this photographer. Apart from the stress of three of the dogs chasing after a pair of horses at one point and flicking off all their obedience training, it was very socialable. We were joined by Revd Fiona Hall who is the new Spiritual Care and Chaplaincy Manager so, if you meet her in the course of her work, do ask how Hugo's recall is coming along!

We are planning another [Circuit walk](#) at Green Island on [Thursday 30 December, 10.00am](#) to walk off the 'pigs in blankets' (or nut roast) and to blow away all the cobwebs before the turn of the year. More information next month.

LES CONTEURS CHRISTMAS CONCERTS

Les Conteurs, conducted by Annette Blanchet of St Aubin's Church, are practising hard for the forthcoming Christmas Concerts at St Saviour's Parish Hall on Monday 13 and Tuesday 14 December at 8.00pm. Tickets (£8) are limited to 100 per evening and must be purchased before and brought on the night (for track and trace). There will be no tickets for sale on the door. No refreshments will be served so please bring a bottle of water. The raffle will go ahead and the choir's charity this year is Dementia Jersey.



WOMEN AGAINST VIOLENCE

Women against violence Sunday was marked at Georgetown last Sunday using resources from the Chilean Methodist Church. Whilst listening to the poem 'There are hands', members held coloured paper hand cut-outs whilst reflecting on good and bad hands. Afterwards these were placed around the chancel steps, hand in hand.

There are hands

There are soft and warm hands.
There are hands worn away by work.
There are hands with thousands of little wrinkles
And little hands that want to play.

There are hands which sow and which harvest.
There are hands which teach how to walk
There are strong hands that protect me
And hands open and ready to play.

But there are other hands which only do harm.
That dirty the earth, the sky and the sea.
They are ugly and selfish hands,
They are hands which make the world cry.

Raise your hands, all those who want
A new way of living together.
Let those bad hands be isolated
And let only the good ones prosper.

The hand that heals and the tired hand,
The mischievous hand and the wrinkled hand.
The trembling hand and the hand that brings comfort.
The hand that kneads and the hand that prays.

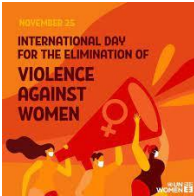
The hand that seeks justice and truth.
Your hand, my hand...hand in hand for peace.

(by Mónica Tirabasso)



JERSEY WOMEN'S REFUGE APPEAL

Thursday 25 November is International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women. To support this aim, Jersey Women's Refuge has launched its 21K Club initiative with the hope of generating £210,000 each year.



It costs around £650,000 annually to provide 24/7 services for our safe house and hotline and counselling to children, young people and women. The Government of Jersey provides a grant of some £250,000, leaving an annual funding gap of £400,000. Donors are asked to set up direct debits or one off payments of £10 or more per year.

There has been a 50% rise in one off callers contacting the helpline and 26% more people being admitted to the Refuge compared to previous years.

For more information:

www.jerseywomensrefuge.org/21Kclub



Mary Le Gresley (Committee member)

MAKING OUR CHURCHES MORE DEMENTIA FRIENDLY

A webinar has been set up through our District Safeguarding Officer on Tuesday 30 November, 11.00am-12.30pm. Topics will include:

- Dementia awareness
- Practical tips for making churches more welcoming and 'dementia friendly'
- The theology of personhood and dementia
- Information on safeguarding people with dementia, including the Church's sometimes unique opportunity to keep a loving, watchful eye on vulnerable people with dementia within their congregations
- The risk of financial abuse and legal implications
- Positive examples of Methodist Churches who are already running successful services or activities for people with dementia

Please register beforehand at:

https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_9uRme4ukTHCOZxKQLjuq3A

EISTEDDFOD: PODIUM FINISH FOR MUSICAL METHODISTS!

The Eisteddfod has been a quieter affair this year, held at Chateau Vermont but the Jersey Methodist Circuit was well represented in the silverware.

Revd Jenny Pathmarajah



For the Bedell Aubin Trophy: Beethoven's Sonata in E major, 3rd Movement



For the Ronald Campbell Trophy: Beethoven's Sonata in E Major, 1st Movement, Scarlatti's KP209 and Glanville-Hicks' Prelude for a pensive pupil

Judith Egre from St Martin's Church



She won the Mayo Challenge Cup for Operatic Aria, singing 'O Mio Fernando' from the opera La Favorita by Donizetti.



Her second trophy was the Turmail Cup for Ladies Solo Song when she sang 'Silent Noon' by Ralph Vaughan Williams

Will Millow from St Aubin's Church



Will won two trophies: for the Mrs Reg Grandin Trophy (L) he sang 'Time was when love and I were well acquainted' from 'The Sorcerer' by Gilbert & Sullivan. For the Morley Powell Trophy (R) he sang 'Whither must I wander?', which comes from 'The Songs of Travel' a song cycle of settings by Vaughan Williams to words of Robert Louis Stevenson.

FEAR NOT SAID HE! FELLOWSHIP EVENING

This fellowship evening on zoom, on **Tuesday 7 December 7.30pm** is for anyone with an interest in or who participates in worship (but not limited to:

“Fear not!” said he, for mighty dread

Had seized their troubled mind,

“Glad tidings of great joy I bring

To you and all mankind,

preachers, worship leaders, readers and musicians) to come together to share their joys, expectations and fears of planning and offering worship and prayer in the upcoming season of Christmas. It may or may not look and feel very different from last year and sharing experiences with one another is a valuable way to feel supported and not in an isolated situation.

This opportunity aims to bring together people from a wide variety of contexts from the Bristol, Plymouth and Exeter, Cornwall and Isles of Scilly, Southampton and the Channel Islands districts.

Just ping your name and email address to circuit.office.jsy@gmail.com and Audrey will send you the zoom link.



ROLLING CIRCUIT DIARY

Friday 26 November, 7.30pm Bethlehem's Film Night 'Hunt for the Wilderpeople'

27 November 10.00am - 28 November 10.00am Circuit 24 Hour Prayer Day at St Aubin's Church

Monday 29 November, 7.00-8.00pm

Annual gathering of Christians Together in Jersey with speaker Dr David Prothero. Zoom link is: <https://zoom.us/j/9190731814>

Tuesday 30th November, 11.00am-12.30pm Webinar 'Making Our Churches More Dementia-Friendly'

Thursday 2 December, 7.45pm Advent Concert at the SHMC for Kairos Arts

Friday 3 December, 7.30pm Rev Jenny's short piano recital at Georgetown

Saturday 4 December, 9.00am-5.00pm Kairos Arts pop up shop in the market

Tuesday 7 December, 7.30pm Fear Not Said He! Fellowship Evening on zoom

Monday 13 & Tuesday 14 December, 8.00pm Les Conteurs Christmas concerts

Thursday 30 December, 10.00am Circuit walk at Green Island (dogs welcome)

Tuesday 11 January, 7.30pm District Messy Church Gathering on zoom

