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Prayer for the Week: September

Week commencing 7th September

Dear God, as we step into September, we ask for Your guidance and blessing over new beginnings. We think of the children starting new schools and classes. Those embarking on university and colleges, people heading into the workplace for the first time. Help us all embrace change with faith and optimism. May Your presence lead us through every transition and challenge. Amen.

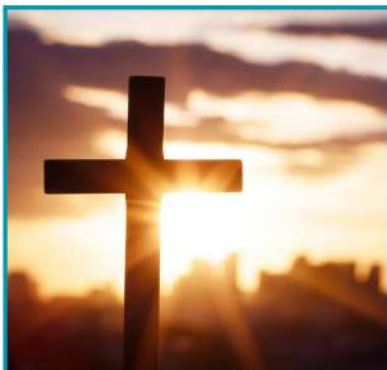
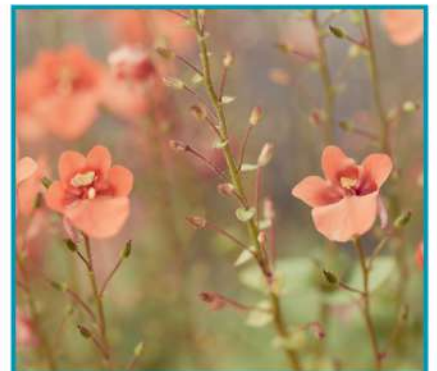


Week commencing 14th September

Dear Lord, Amid our busy at times stressful lives, help us find peace in Your presence. Let Your peace guard our hearts and minds, calming any fears or anxieties. Fill us with Your serene grace each day. Amen

Week commencing 21st September

Dear Lord, grant us the ability to communicate effectively this September. Help us to speak with clarity, compassion, and understanding. May our words build up and encourage others, and may we listen with open hearts. Guide our conversations and interactions to reflect Your grace and truth. Amen.



Week commencing 28th September

Dear Lord, in times of uncertainty, we place our hope in You. Help us to trust in Your plans and promises, even when the future seems unclear. May Your hope sustain us and guide us through any doubts or fears we may encounter. Strengthen our faith and trust in Your perfect timing. Amen

Rev Peter's Sabbatical

It's great to be back after my sabbatical. I missed you!

I am so thankful for the gift of time to rest, to travel to new places, to enjoy new experiences, and to spend time with different members of my family. Overarching all of this was an awareness of God's presence, goodness, provision and blessing.

Highlights included the Liberation Day service and celebrations in St Helier with my mum, time in Berlin with my brother, two weeks in Rhodes with family and completing a blister-free 70-mile section of the Camino De Santiago walking pilgrimage with my wife Jo. Plus, I valued the opportunity on some Sunday mornings to sit in the pew in some of our Parish churches and be reminded of our wider Christian family here in Jersey.

A sabbatical is a precious gift and I certainly enjoyed slowly unwrapping it and discovering the joyful surprises at its centre.

Time never stands still, and I look forward to seeing and hearing how God has been at work among our Methodist Circuit. Like the sunflower, we can see just how much we have grown.

I take this opportunity to express a huge 'thank you' to our Circuit Leadership Team, our Circuit Administrator, our church stewards, church officers, pastoral carers and volunteers who continue to serve and further the Kingdom of God among us in the one ministry of Jesus Christ in which we all share.

As the summer heat begins to fade, the memories of my 2025 sabbatical will remain with me. I hope you also had moments of guilt-free rest and renewal this summer.

These words of a fellow pilgrim rang true for me:

'Only in the stopping do we find the strength to go on'.

We go on together into a new season, a new Methodist Year with new opportunities, new challenges and new pilgrim paths. All this in the full assurance of our faithful God who loves us for who we are and not just for what we might do. God will go before us and alongside us. May God bless you with love and peace.

Rev Peter Goodhall



Above right: Rev Peter and Jo on the Camino de Santiago.



Right: Rev Peter in front of the Brandenburg Gate, Berlin



Left: Church ceiling in Rhodes

EXPLORING LABYRINTHS



Have you
walked a
labyrinth
yet?

A labyrinth offers a gentle, winding journey to its centre, inviting us to explore our paths in life. An ensuring symbol of our life journeys, they comprise of spiraling, symmetrical purposeful paths that invite us to engage physically, walking "sole to the "soul with our feet.

Labyrinths are found in hospitals, hospices, schools, universities, churches and cathedrals for relaxation, mindfulness and contemplation. They help calm anxieties, restore balance, enhance creativity, encourage self-reflection and alleviate stress.

Other benefits include: Generating new insights and promoting well-being, improved clarity focus and calmness, embracing the practice of letting go and living one day, one step at a time as well as many more.

If you are interested in walking a labyrinth and learning more, pop along, everyone is welcome!

DATES

- 04/09/25 @ 11am (LW 1109 HW 1705)
- 18/09/25 @ 11am (LW 1124 HW 1713)

Last two dates for the year!

LOCATION

St Brelade's Bay beach (far left hand side just past the last slipway)

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Please note: If there is inclement weather (rain and/or very strong winds), the event will be cancelled on that day.

SHMC Celebration Service



St Helier Methodist Centre is celebrating their 25th Anniversary of the Merger of Aquila Road and Wesley Grove on Sunday 7th September 2025.

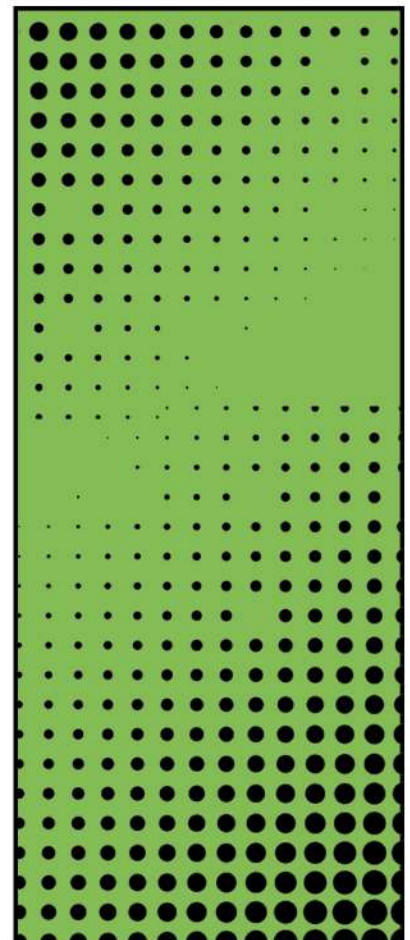
Rev Mark Haynes has been invited back to preach at our 10.30 a.m. CELEBRATION morning service.

Coffee and cake will be served after the service.

Everyone is most welcome!



September 9 Tuesday
October 14 Tuesday
7-9 PM BST
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wholehearted monthly
online and immersive
monthly spiritual series
with special guests
Jaz Ampaw-Farr
Steve Chalke
Hosted by The Methodist Church open to all



National Week of Prayer

Methodist Church Jersey Prayer Relay

The Jersey Methodist Circuit is celebrating this year's National Week of Prayer with a prayer relay. Each Methodist Church/group will be hosting a prayer event whilst lighting a candle that will be relayed across the events through the week.

<i>Sat 6th</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7am Jersey Ecumenical Prayer Breakfast with Rev Dawn Saunders • 11am District Synod on zoom, with Rev Dawn Saunders
<i>Sun 7th</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10.30am Bethesda Sunday Worship, with Rev Karen Le Mouton. Visitors welcome.
<i>Mon 8th</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10.30am during Messy Bears, with Rev Dawn Saunders / Dianne • 11.15 St Ouen, with Rev Dawn Saunders
<i>Tue 9th</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10.30am Bethlehem, with Jean Schooling
<i>Wed 10th</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 11am during Samares Coffee Morning, with Rev Dawn Saunders. Visitors welcome.
<i>Thur 11th</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 12pm during St Aubin Coffee Morning, with Lorraine Wheeler. Visitors welcome.
<i>Fri 12th</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10am Maison Le Corderie, with Helen Higginson • 11.15am Stuart Court, with Helen Higginson • 1.30pm St Martin, with Rev Keith Sandow/Helen • 2.15pm Ebenezer, with Rev Keith Sandow/Helen
<i>Sat 13th</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 11.30am Georgetown, with Rev Dawn Saunders
<i>Sun 14th</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10.30am St Helier Methodist Centre Sunday Worship, with Martin Delap. Visitors welcome.

If you would like any further information about any of the events, please do get in touch with the Circuit Office at circuit.office.jsy@gmail.com.

ONLINE SHORT COURSE

John Wesley and the Church Fathers: Ancient Wisdom for Today's Ministry



Organised by the Centre for Global Wesleyan Theology,
Wesley House, Cambridge

This course, led by the Rev'd Canon Dr Jason Radcliff,
offers participants the chance to become more familiar
with the sources of John Wesley's Theology and
Ministry and appreciation of other Christian traditions.

**Tuesdays 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th October 2025
between 7pm and 9pm (UK Time)**

Early bird offer: £100 until 15th August (then £120)



Wesley House
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Icon Retreat at Philadelphie

Words and photos by Susan Le Gresley

The Journey to the Transfiguration of Christ Feast day 6th August 2025

We met each other as disciples of Jesus. Coming together as Strangers.

Our Journey began greeting one another for the first time, learning each others names and where we were from. We had little idea of the path ahead of us, from the burning bush of St Catherine's Monastery to the top of Mount Tabour.

We had our guide, Karen Blampied to illuminate our path, teach us how to build the light of our Icon and climb the Mount Tabour and discover the Transfigured Jesus in His Glory.



Each day we began with divine office, a half hour of prayer and meditation to prepare us for the work of learning in the morning. Then demonstrations to prepare us to write our icon in the afternoon.

Our blessings grew and multiplied as we found out more about each other. Of seven people attending 'Write the Light' we found we were truly ecumenical. We were all called in unique ways to come and write the icon of The Transfiguration. To our amazement we were each called in a remarkable way, and each responded to the call.

We were supposed to be fasting and praying throughout the retreat, except somehow the fasting became feasting, on birthday cake, gifts of fruit, cakes, biscuits and crisps. We were celebrating something very wonderful which I still can't put a name to, Other than the Holy Spirit moving among us. We became friends and pilgrims together. We celebrated.

Karen our teacher had thoroughly prepared the retreat. Putting in many hours of thought to enable us all to write our first Icon. We each progressed at our own pace. Some forging ahead, others struggling to make the climb up Mount Tabour. One gentleman on the retreat was used to painting miniature models, and found the fine detail work less challenging.



Icon Retreat at Philadelphie cont.

We discovered the meanings of the Transfiguration Icon. How devastatingly overwhelmed Jesus' disciples were to see him transfigured. Each in their own way hiding from the vision of Jesus Christ standing between Heaven and Earth. They were terrified also to see Elijah representing the living, as he was taken bodily alive to Heaven, and Moses, representing the dead, as Moses died and entered heaven. Together they represent the living and the dead.

The disciples were tumbling down the Mountain in shock.

How often do we allow ourselves to be shocked by Jesus Christ? Our lives turned over and over tumbling in a free fall of emotion and disbelief? How would we react if the gaze of Elijah the prophet rested on us? What would we do if Moses asked us to know the Word of God?

These were the things I found myself experiencing.



Not a restful peaceful painting week, but a real struggle to maintain the spiritual lines of my Icon. The exacting precision in love that demanded my best effort, beyond my best attempt. Yet my icon like me is child like, naive, and rough around some of the borders.

Philadelphie Methodist Center was a tremendous setting for our pilgrimage. The facilities used for Messy Church lent themselves ideally to our retreat. The venue was kindly donated for this retreat by the Methodist Circuit of Jersey. Also the Icon boards from Dylan Hartley were given as a gift from the Methodist Pilgrim People fund. A lavish gift to be learning on such beautiful boards.

The parking was appreciated, so were the careful motorists who let us cross the busy road to the car park. Our Caretaker Charlie was there every evening to check how we had progressed with our icons and help tidy up. A very reliable and helpful young man to set up the retreat and gladly assisting on the last day tidy up.

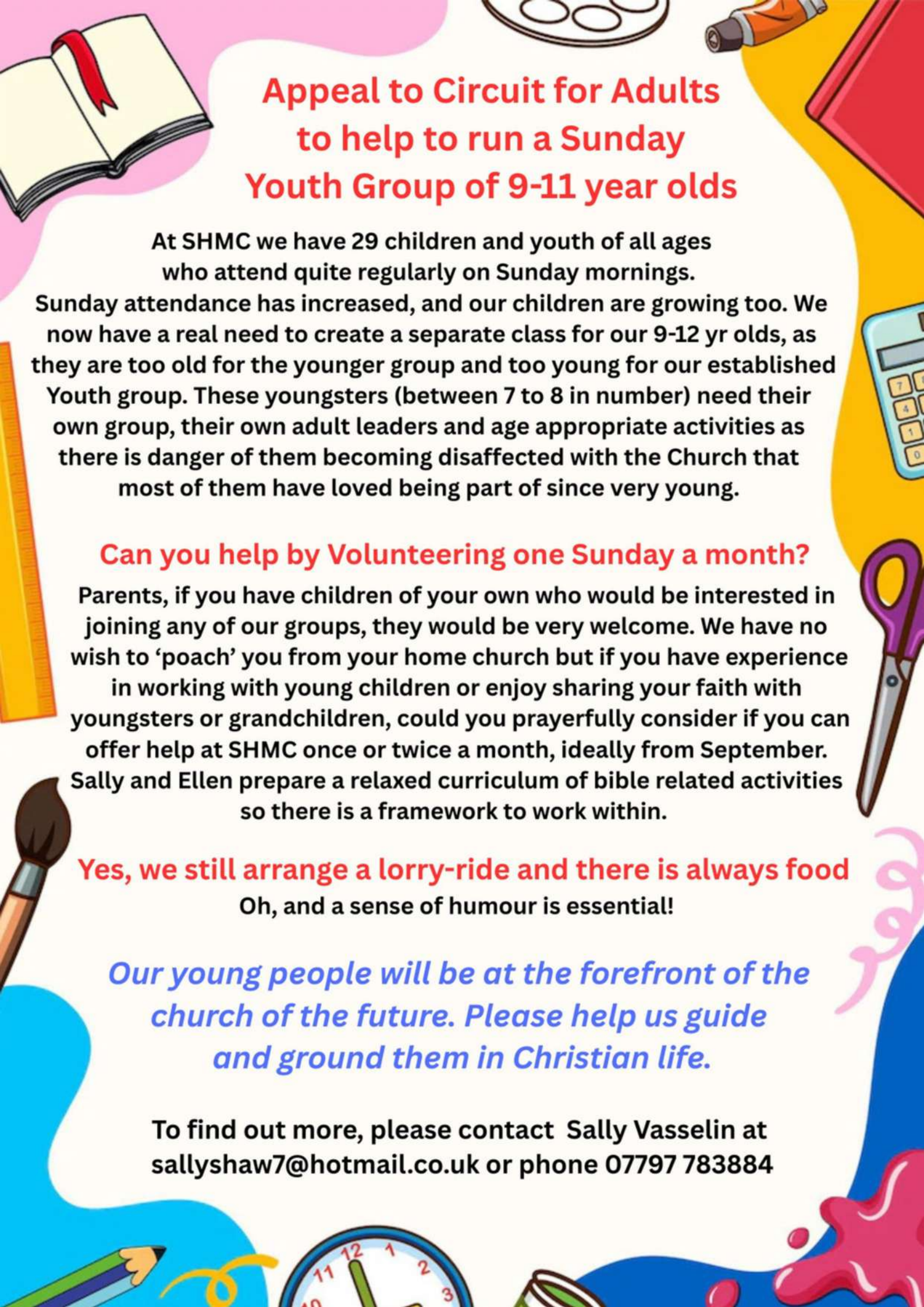
We are finishing our Icons at home, and Karen Blampied will assist each of us to complete our work, in order that we may have a service of blessing for our Icons.

The Service was held as part of Sunday morning worship at Georgetown on the 31st August at 10.30 am. Its going to be led by Rev Jenny Pathmajarah, and we will have refreshments and be able to chat after worship.

Susan Le Gresley, one of the retreatants.



*Photo of my Susan's finished icon.
First she has written in 23 years*



Appeal to Circuit for Adults to help to run a Sunday Youth Group of 9-11 year olds

At SHMC we have 29 children and youth of all ages who attend quite regularly on Sunday mornings.

Sunday attendance has increased, and our children are growing too. We now have a real need to create a separate class for our 9-12 yr olds, as they are too old for the younger group and too young for our established Youth group. These youngsters (between 7 to 8 in number) need their own group, their own adult leaders and age appropriate activities as there is danger of them becoming disaffected with the Church that most of them have loved being part of since very young.

Can you help by Volunteering one Sunday a month?

Parents, if you have children of your own who would be interested in joining any of our groups, they would be very welcome. We have no wish to 'poach' you from your home church but if you have experience in working with young children or enjoy sharing your faith with youngsters or grandchildren, could you prayerfully consider if you can offer help at SHMC once or twice a month, ideally from September. Sally and Ellen prepare a relaxed curriculum of bible related activities so there is a framework to work within.

Yes, we still arrange a lorry-ride and there is always food

Oh, and a sense of humour is essential!

Our young people will be at the forefront of the church of the future. Please help us guide and ground them in Christian life.

To find out more, please contact Sally Vasselin at sallyshaw7@hotmail.co.uk or phone 07797 783884

Community for Spiritual Formation

Dear Friends,

Hot off the press, I am delighted to be able to give you a little more information about the next Community residential event, which takes place 12th – 17th July 2026 at Ripon College, Cuddesdon, Oxford – a lovely venue which we last visited in 2023.

The theme of the Five-Day Community will be Practising Peace: How can we live as peace-makers in a disordered world?



This pertinent theme will be explored by Barbara Glasson and Steve Radley, with opportunities to weave facilitated by Ruth Sprague. (You can find out more about them by clicking on each name).

More details about this exciting Community event (including the cost) will be available soon and registration will open in the autumn, but do save the date now!

With all good wishes, Jill

Community for Spiritual Formation (Registered Charity Number 1188824)

Mustard Seed Jersey Christmas shoe boxes

Please consider packing a Christmas shoe box for Mustard Seed Jersey. This year the boxes are going to either Ukraine or Romania along with our hopes and prayers that they will be a blessing.

The in-country trusts to whom the shoe boxes are donated, reach out to those in need as a part of their Christian outreach and we can enable them to make Christmas special for people who do not enjoy the benefits we take for granted.

If you pack more than 15 boxes please contact Mustard Seed direct to arrange delivery/collection, as undoubtedly the Parish Halls will find large quantities too challenging!

The full leaflet of details can be downloaded from:

<https://www.mustardseed.org.je/docs/Appeal%20letter%202025.pdf>.

Alternatively contact Mustard Seed directly as they have a few hard copies available.

<https://www.mustardseed.org.je>

CIRCUIT DIARY FOR THE NEXT MONTH:

WEEKLY EVENTS:

- Monday: Drop in at St Aubin's Methodist Church - 1pm to 4pm
- Monday: Messy Bears - 9am to 12pm (Term-time only)
- Wednesday: Coffee Buzz at Samares - 10.30am
- Thursday: Community Coffee Morning at St Aubin's Methodist Church - 10am to 12.30pm
- Thursday: Community Coffee Morning at Georgetown Methodist Church - 10am to 12 noon
- Thursday: Bible study & soup lunch at St Helier Methodist Centre

SPECIAL EVENTS:

September:

- 4th - Come and Explore a Labyrinth at St Brelade's Bay - From 11.00am
- 6th - Autumn Representative Synod via Zoom - 11am
- 6th to 14th - National Week of Prayer - See page 6 for all events
- 7th - Celebration Service at St Helier Methodist Centre - 10.30am
- 10th - Circuit Meeting at Georgetown - 7.30pm
- 14th - Harvest at St Martin - 10.30am
- 14th - Harvest at Bethlehem - 10.30am
- 16th Messy Vintage at Philadelphie - 2.30pm
- 18th - Come and Explore a Labyrinth at St Brelade's Bay - From 11.00am
- 28th - Harvest at St Helier - 10.30am
- 28th - Harvest at St Aubin - 10.30am

October:

- 3rd - Generations at Ebenezer - From 2.45pm
- 5th - Harvest at Ebenezer - 10.30am
- 7th - Messy Church at Philadelphie - 3.30pm to 5.30pm

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 (circuit.office.jsy@gmail.com).

