



**Jersey
Methodist Circuit**

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MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

OUR MISSION

To build confident faith in God, to encourage Christian growth and to strengthen community life in Jersey



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PRAYER FOR THE WEEK: DECEMBER

WEEK COMMENCING 2ND DECEMBER

God of hope, We thank you that whatever our circumstances, we have hope in you and your promises. Fill us with your hope as we look forward to the birth and the return of Jesus Christ. Amen.

WEEK COMMENCING 9TH DECEMBER

Lord of peace, In the business of our preparations for Christmas, fill us with your peace, which passes all understanding and help us to keep our eyes fixed firmly on Jesus this Advent so that we recall the true meaning of Christmas. Amen.

WEEK COMMENCING 16TH DECEMBER

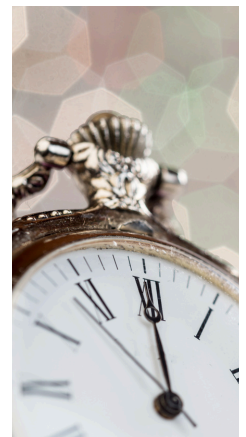
Lord of joy, As we look forward to Christmas help us to remember the true meaning and not become slaves to the commerciality of Christmas. May we rejoice in the coming of Jesus Christ and keep watch for his return. Amen.

WEEK COMMENCING 23RD DECEMBER

God of love, Pour out your love and compassion in this week of Christmas so that we may in turn share your love in the world. Amen.

WEEK COMMENCING 30TH DECEMBER

God of ancient times and our future, Help us to learn from our past mistakes and look to this New Year with a firm resolve to know you more and spend time resting in your life-giving presence. Thank you for always being available for us. Amen.



NEWS FROM CAMDEN TOWN



Many of you will have known Deacon Sally Wheadon and her husband, Reverend Danny Wheadon, who were two much

loved ministers, serving us loyally and over and above the call of duty until 2023. We were delighted to see Sally featured in an article shared on the News feed of the Methodist Church website, detailing how Camden Town Methodist Church was celebrating Mitzvah Day and the interfaith unity that could be seen as part of it.

Be sure to copy this link to your browser to read the article:

https://www.methodist.org.uk/about/news/interfaith-unity-shines-through-at-camden-towns-mitzvah-day-eventinterfaith-unity-shines-through-at-camden-towns-mitzvah-day-event/?utm_source=Methodist%20Church%20House&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=14754757_Methodist%20News%2014%2F11%2F2024&dm_i=BVI,8S8UD,C3SB2V,10J1ZT.1

INTERESTED IN EXPANDING YOUR KNOWLEDGE?

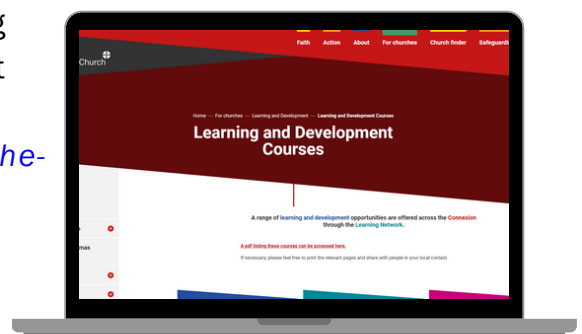
The Learning Network is a brilliant free source found on The Methodist Church website (<https://www.methodist.org.uk/for-churches/learning-and-development/about-the-learning-network/>) and available to all.

A digital brochure of the Learning Network courses and resources can be found at:

https://media.methodist.org.uk/media/documents/Learning_Network_Brochure_October_2024.pdf

The Equality Impact Assessment, is an example of one of the many resources available and can be a useful tool to help us shift into more inclusive ways of being (including leading services, developing strategies, hosting events), The assessment can be downloaded from:

<https://www.methodist.org.uk/for-churches/the-inclusive-methodist-church/resources-events-and-support/resources/equality-impact-assessment/>





EBENEZER

Our young people created this poster during the Remembrance Service showing poppies for Remembrance Sunday and reminding us of all the crosses marking the graves at all the War Cemeteries around the world. The service offertory was in aid of the Royal British Legion Jersey Poppy Appeal.



in addition a Remembrance service was held in honour of Captain Philip Ayton on 8th November 2024 at Petit Port Bay, Egypt, Trinity, with approximately 50 people attending from across the Island.

Captain Ayton was a member of a Joint Allied unit who landed on a reconnaissance mission in Jersey on the evening of the 25th and 26th of December 1943.

Ayton unfortunately died from injuries sustained during the mission but will always be remembered by the Parish of Trinity for making the ultimate sacrifice. We were joined by our Minister Rev Keith Sandow, who gave the bible reading during the short memorial service.

Much more information on this daring mission by googling 'Captain Ayton' or 'Operation Hardtack'.



BETHESDA

Remembrance Sunday was honoured with decorations and folk from across the circuit joining in the service at Bethesda. With 2024 marking the 80th anniversary of the D-Day landings, the service included hymns, prayers and a video to commemorate that time.





CHRISTMAS IS COMING!

There is lots going on this month, all in the run up to Christmas. Special services and events can be found all across the circuit and here are just a few to put in your calendar.

Looking for a way to give back this Christmas?

St Aubin's have set up a Gift Tree in the vestibule and everyone is invited to take a gift tag from the tree. Each label has items/ideas for a Christmas present that would be very well received by local charities (charity names on tags).

Please bring the present wrapped in Christmas paper, with the gift tag attached, to the Gift Service on Sunday 15th December.

Thank you for your support.



LES CONTEURS SINGERS

Annual Christmas Concert at
St. Saviour's Parish Hall

16th & 17th December, 8.00pm



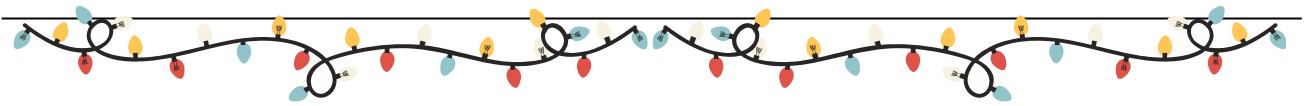
St Peter's Parish Church
St Peter, Jersey

Christmas Tree Festival

7th - 18th December
11am - 5pm

All are welcome





Candlelit Carol Service

At St Martin's
Methodist Church

15th December

6.30pm

*Retiring collection for
Action for Children*

Back by popular demand...

PANTIVITY @ EBENEZER

A live interactive telling of the Nativity, led by Rev Dawn Saunders



SUNDAY 15TH DECEMBER 10.30AM

Refreshments will be served afterwards

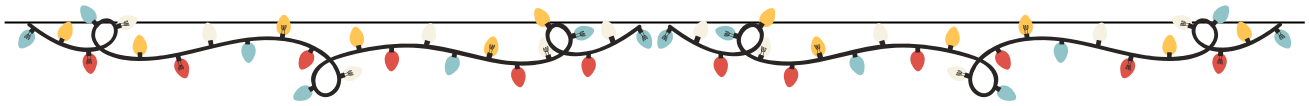


COME DRESSED
UP AND BE
PART OF THE
GREATEST
STORY



NOT JUST FOR
CHILDREN
(OH YES IT IS...
OH NO IT ISN'T!)





Christmas Eve Services across the Circuit



Come join in one of our celebrations

Bethlehem
4.30pm, All Age
Christingle
led by Rev'd Goodhall

St Aubin
11.30pm, Midnight
Communion
led by Rev'd Goodhall

St Helier
4.30pm, Family Service led
by Rev'd Sandow

CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICES



Bethesda, 10.30am
Led by Rev Goodhall

Georgetown, 10.30am
Led by Rev Saunders

St Helier Methodist Centre, 10.30am
Led by Rev Sandow



GENERATIONS



Another fabulous Generations session took place on the 8th of November at Ebenezer, with members of Cheval Roc joining and one of their staff members leading everyone in a sing-song at the beginning of the session before the children arrived (picture left)

Once the children arrived, fun and games were had before everyone joined together to finish with another sing-song of 'Be Bold Be Strong, for the Lord your God is with you. The next session is on the 6th of December with more sessions to be confirmed next year!



Everyone is welcome to these sessions and if you would like any further information please contact Amy Britton on 07797 769186



Please let Dianne know by the 8th January, if you are going for the meal.
(diannehuddlestone@gmail.com
or 07797747621)

BETHLEHEM FILM NIGHT IS BACK IN THE NEW YEAR!

**11th January, 2025 @ Bethlehem Methodist Church, St Mary
6.00p.m. for meal, 7.30pm for Film**

Sound of Freedom - The incredible true story of a former government agent turned vigilante who embarks on a dangerous mission to rescue hundreds of children from traffickers.

CIRCUIT DIARY FOR THE NEXT MONTH:

WEEKLY EVENTS:

- Monday: Drop in at St Aubin's Methodist Church - 1pm to 4pm
- 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

December:

- 6th - Generations at Ebenezer - 2.45pm
- 10th - Advent Course at Ebenezer - 2.30pm
- 13th - Games afternoon at Ebenezer - 2.15pm
- 15th - Creative Nativity at Bethesda - 10.30am
- 15th - Pantivity at Ebenezer - 10.30am
- 15th - Candlelight Carol Service at St Martins - 6.30pm
- 17th - Advent course at Ebenezer - 2.30pm
- 18th - Community soup and carols - 12.00 Midday
- 18th - Festival of Carols at St Thomas' - 8.00pm
- 20th - Messy Church - Christmas at St Martin's Methodist Church - 3.30pm
- 22nd - Carols on St Martin's Village Green - 3.00pm
- 24th - All Age Christingle at Bethlehem - 4.30pm
- 24th - Christingle at St Helier Methodist Centre - 4.30pm
- 24th - Midnight Communion at St Aubin - 11.30pm
- 25th - Christmas Day services at Bethesda, St Helier Methodist Centre & Georgetown - 10.30am
- 31st - New Year's Eve Service at St Martin's - 10.30am

January:

- 6th - Messy Bears at Philladelphie - 9.00am
- 7th - Messy Church at Philadelphie - 3.30pm
- 11th - Bethlehem Film Night - From 6.00pm

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).



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.





*We wish you all a very Merry
Christmas and a Happy New
Year!*

*We look forward to seeing you
all in 2025 for the 250th year
of Methodism in Jersey!*

