

# Jersey Methodist Circuit

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*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: September (Helen Higginson)

### Week of 3 September

We praise and thank you. O God for the gifts of the harvest, you are Creator of the world!

We praise you for our food:

The crunch of an apple and the juice of an orange, the sweetness of sugar and sharpness of salt. Amen

### Week of 17 September

We praise and thank you. O God for the gifts of the harvest, you are creator of the world.

We praise you for the harvest of industry, the products of factory and mill, for clothes and cars, for tables and television and for the skill to fashion these materials. Amen

### Week of 10 September

We praise and thank you. O God for the gifts of the harvest, you are creator of the world.

We praise you for milk and fresh water to quench our thirst. Amen

### Week of 24 September

We praise and thank you. O God for the gifts of the harvest, you are creator of the world.

In our plenty help us not to forget those whose harvest is meagre and limited. Help us to be generous in our giving. Amen

## Lorraine Wheeler

Dear Friends

Lorraine Wheeler embarks on her course at The Queen's Foundation Birmingham this month as a student presbyter. I ask you all to include Lorraine in your prayers throughout her journey.

The Queen's Foundation says the following in its literature.

***"Preparing for ordained ministry is a challenging experience. It involves education (including academic study), training (including learning the practical skills needed) and ministerial formation. We believe education and training really matter, and you'll get a thorough and rigorous grounding in both. But it's the third element, ministerial formation, which we think is central. Formation includes education and training, but it is much more".***

As members of this circuit we are part of her journey; part of the 'much more'. Please look out for updates from Lorraine as she shares moments of joy and challenge with us. "You are like the clay in the potter's hands, and I am the potter." This message is from the Lord". *Jeremiah 18:6.*



**AMEN**

*Dawn*

The Rev'd Dawn Saunders  
Chair of The Channel Islands District

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## *Our new Minister: Rev Peter Goodhall*



Peter and Jo have moved to Jersey from Haverhill in West Suffolk. Peter has been in the Methodist ministry for 24 years and has previously served in West Sussex, West Oxfordshire and North Essex. Peter lived in the Channel Islands in the late 1980's when his father John was a Methodist minister in Guernsey. Jo was born and grew up in Gibraltar. They have 2 children, James (21yrs) and Sally (18yrs). James has joined Peter and Jo in Jersey. Sally is living and working in the UK. Peter and Jo are excited about the opportunities of living in Jersey, getting stuck into Island life, and sharing in mission and ministry in the west of Jersey.

Peter and Jo would be pleased to hear from anyone who can help them get their bicycles back on the road after their move. Some small adjustments are needed following transit and a little help is needed please. Thank you.

There was a collection of smart rope bunting in red white and blue left in a box in Les Pipots manse garage. It may belong to a church or a girlguiding group. If you would like to claim it please let Peter or Jo know. Thank you.

### *A greeting from Rev Peter*

Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

As your new Circuit minister I am thankful for the call and the invitation to serve the Lord and his people here in Jersey. I look forward to meeting you, getting to know you and working together in partnership as we begin this new chapter of ministry. Together we shall continue to seek and serve the Lord, and ask the question "God, what are you saying to me and your people at this time?" "We are in the Lord's hands and He will guide us and help us to know and do His will.

I am thankful for all that has been done in preparation for our arrival, particularly the work undertaken at our manse in St Lawrence. I thank the fellowship at St Aubin for hosting my Welcome Service and all who attended and all those who took a particular part. The service was affirming, inspiring and uplifting. And it was wonderful to share my welcome with the welcome given to Lorraine and Helen in their new roles. Truly, we all share in the one ministry of Jesus Christ our Lord.

May the peace and love of God be with you all.

*Rev Peter Goodhall*



## *St Aubin's Annual Church Fayre*

The Fayre will be held on Saturday 7 October, a little earlier this year than usual, offering stalls with all sorts of goodies: toys, unwanted gifts, jewellery, bric-a-brac, books, raffle prizes and craft items. The Fayre runs from 10.00am until 3.00pm with soup and cheese lunches. Definitely a reason to venture out west for a little 'mooch'!



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## *Celebrating all things Messy* (Lorraine Wheeler)

I am a Church Pastoral Worker in the west of Jersey and am a Student Presbyterian. Last summer, I started to become involved with Messy work and have been so blessed by this Ministry. Whereas usual church membership in Jersey is sadly declining, Messy Church in the west – and at St Martin's church – led by Helen Westcott – is attracting more and more people who are in search of meaning, companionship and fun.

It seems that our Circuit is split into two – those who love and adore Messy Church – and those that don't know anything about it! This article is meant as a brief introduction to all things Messy.

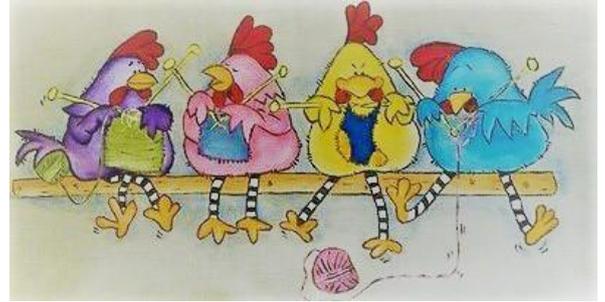
Messy Church is a way of being church predominately aimed at families but where all generations are welcome. It is particularly suited to those who have never been to church before or perhaps do not feel comfortable in a more formal setting. It is Christ-centred, and based on creativity, hospitality and celebration. Why is it called Messy Church? Well, for a start everyone gets messy while creating and celebrating, but equally as important is that all are encouraged to bring their messy lives and know that God is with us in all things. Rather than traditional models of church, where adults and children often learn and worship separately, Messy Church is where people of all ages come together to learn and worship and have fun. Introduced in 2004 in the UK, it is based on the concept that the church is the body of Christ and that we need each other in all our differences to grow as followers of Jesus and can learn from one another. It gives participants a time to enjoy the family of God at all stages of life.

In Jersey West, we have 3 types of Messy Church:

- **Messy Bears** – a Toddler Group with play, craft, story, singing and snack. This is held at Philadelphie Messy Centre between 9.30am and 11.30am every Monday during term time.
- **Messy Church** – for families with primary school age children (although younger and older family members are welcome) and includes a series of theme-based craft tables, celebration and a sit-down meal. Messy Church is held at Philadelphie Messy Centre on the 1st Tuesday of every month excluding August and runs from 3.30pm – 5.30pm.



- **Messy Vintage** – for those who prefer a gentler pace, includes craft, celebration and afternoon “high tea”. Messy Vintage is held at Philadelphie Messy Centre on the 3rd Tuesday of every month excluding August between 2.30pm and 4.30pm. In addition, the Messy Team takes Messy Vintage sessions into 5 care homes on the island.
- **Knit & Natter** – held between 3pm and 5pm at Philadelphie Messy Centre on the last Saturday of each month excluding August. Feel free to come along whether or not you can knit or crochet and enjoy a chat over a cupper and cake.



As you can imagine, each session requires many volunteers to assist with the crafts, food preparation and worship. We have a fantastic Messy Team and everyone involved has a real passion for bringing church to people, many of whom would not ordinarily go to church. All volunteers agree that they receive so many blessings from this ministry as they see families having fun together.



If you are interested in seeing what Messy Church is like first-hand, feel free to come along to any of our sessions at Philadelphie Messy Centre, next to Marks & Spencer in St Peter. Anyone wishing to discern whether they would like to apply to join the team of volunteers is also welcome to come along to any of our sessions.

If anyone has any queries about Messy, please feel free to call me, Lorraine Wheeler on 07797 748747 or Katie Norman on 482364.

We hope to see more familiar and new faces at Messy events in the future!

*Thank you from the Wheadons*



We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone in the Circuit for your kind and generous gifts to us on leaving the island. We have been amazed at your generosity and thank you all, not only, for your gifts, prayers and good wishes on our departure but also for all your love, concern, support and encouragement to us over the past five years.

The people of Jersey will always have a special place in our hearts. May God continue to richly bless you all as you carry on the Kingdom work in the places that you are called to serve.

*Danny and Sally*

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# Bible Society

INVITES YOU TO ...

## Coffee Morning with Bible Society

We're very pleased to invite you to join us for a morning of coffee, cakes and community. This is a chance to meet other people who love the Bible, enjoy assorted culinary delights and help get the Bible into the hands of people across the world at the same time!

You are invited to discover a fresh insight on Bible mission today as Paul Williams, CEO of Bible Society, shares about the impact the Bible is having around the world today. There will be plenty of time for your questions as well.

As part of the morning, we will be running a Bake for Bibles cake sale with all the proceeds going to fund life-changing Bible mission worldwide. So please do bring along your favourite cakes, pastries (or anything else you'd like to bake!) and get involved in the fun, as well as hearing stories of the Bible Society at work around the world. We very much look forward to seeing you there.

Friday 6 October from 10.30 am – 12 noon  
St Paul's Centre, St Helier

For more information contact:  
E: [cathy.morling@biblesociety.org.uk](mailto:cathy.morling@biblesociety.org.uk)  
P: 07829 710201



## Earthday Icon

SHMC have the privilege of hosting the beautiful Earthday Icon, as 'written' by talented artist Karen Blampied. The church will be open to anyone who would like to view and contemplate it quietly from 11.00am to 1.00 pm throughout September, from Wednesday 6 to Friday 29 September. Do pop along and see it There are cards - £1.50, and a poster - £15- for sale. Cash would be appreciated.

Karen Blampied explained how she wrote the Icon. "Writing this Earthday icon has been totally inspiring because of the ancient nature of the Eastern Orthodox Church's Calendar. It begins with 1 September each year being celebrated as Creation Day. The following 4 Sundays celebrate an aspect of Creation over a 3 year Cycle. Each ends with the feast of St Francis of Assisi and the Blessing of the Animals. During this liturgical time of Creation each Sunday is dedicated to a specific aspect of creation and so lends itself to the visual written Word of God.

These cycles of; The Spirit of Creation, The Word of Creation and The Wisdom of Creation give design and substance to the Earth Icon I am writing, while at the same time I believe, allow me to be true to the Canon of iconography.

My circular design allows the 3 year cycle to be evident and flowing at the same time emphasising the Earth's natural recourses of different habitats. We discover; Forest Sunday, Land Sunday, Wilderness Sunday and River Sunday in Year A 'The Spirit of Creation' Breathing life into Creation, starting in September 2017. In Year B 'The Word of Creation' 2018, evokes Praise from Creation – Here the Word is Made Flesh through Planet Earth Sunday and Humanity Sunday, Sky Sunday and Mountain Sunday. Finally, Year C- 2019 'The Wisdom of Creation', the deep impulse within all parts of Creation that guides the purpose of creation. Here we find Universe Sunday, Animal Sunday, Storm Sunday and Ocean Sunday.

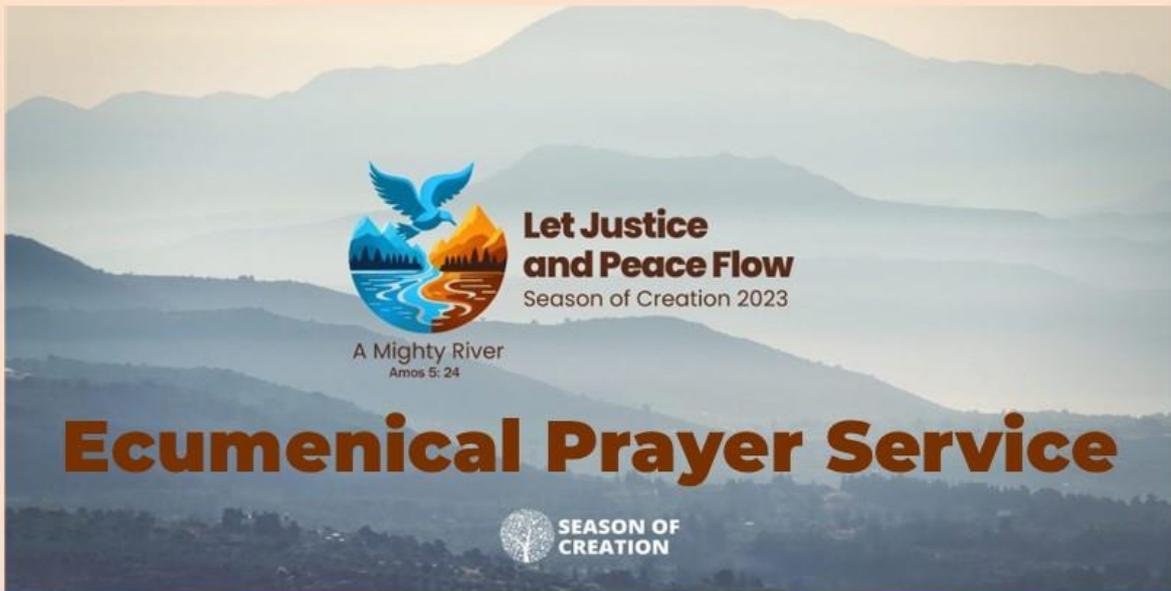


Designing this icon was tuning into the design of the mysteries of creation itself, all become important aspects in the understanding of humanities place in the Creation narrative.

For me this icon shouted 'Conservation' and so living in Jersey I looked towards the work of Gerald and Lee Durrell at Jersey Zoo. Since the Earth Day Icon has been one that I have wanted to write for years, my meeting with Lee Durrell proved very inspiring and positive offering a way to approach this icon.

My personal inspiration for this Earth Day Icon is to highlight the need of all people to be stewards of the Earth. I feel that Durrell's considerable work in stewardship and conservation is a necessary ingredient for this Orthodox Christian Icon.

***Karen Blampied***



**Sunday 1 October 2023 Millenium Park 6pm**

Please join us for an Open Air Ecumenical Service to mark the culmination of the Season of Creation. Bring a chair!

This is the third year that such a Prayer Service is being held in Jersey. In that short time, the scale and pace of the Climate and Ecological Emergency has taken even scientists by surprise. \*

It is therefore more important than ever that all Christians across the Globe gather before God in repentance and prayer.

If the weather is inclement, the service will be held at St Helier Methodist Centre, 122 Halkett Place.

If so, this will be announced on the Facebook page of [Christians Together in Jersey](#)

\* Source: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/science-environment-66229065>



Season of Creation

## *St Brelade's Beach Candle Illumination*

A poster for the 'Candles on the Beach' event. The background is a deep blue with numerous out-of-focus, glowing orange and yellow circles, resembling bokeh from candlelight. The title 'Candles on the Beach' is written in a large, white, serif font. To the right of the title is a stylized yellow flame icon. Below the title, there is a QR code on the left and the text 'Light a candle for a loved one' in white. Underneath that is the date and location: '23 September 2023 | St Brelade's Beach'. A paragraph of smaller white text follows, describing the event and providing a website link. At the bottom right is the Jersey Hospice Care logo and tagline.

**Candles  
on  
the Beach**

**Light a candle for a loved one**  
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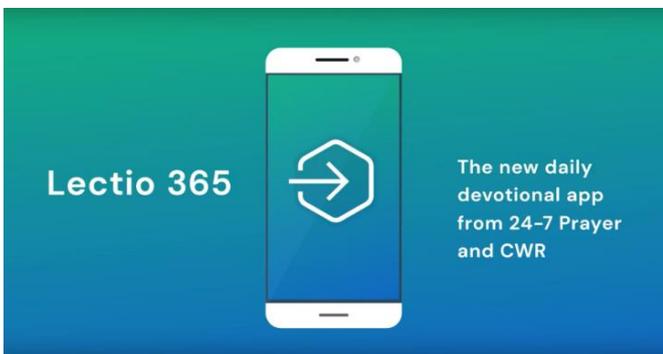
Join us for a special evening on 23rd September from 6:30pm as we illuminate St Brelade's Beach with candles in memory of our loved ones. This is a fantastic opportunity to join with friends, family and as a community, to reflect, celebrate and remember everyone we love and care about. For more information please scan the QR code or visit [jerseyhospicecare.com/events](http://jerseyhospicecare.com/events)

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**Jersey Hospice Care**  
your care, your choice, your time

Hospice are holding a very special event on St Brelade's beach to allow our island community to come together and honour, remember those we have lost. The death does not have to have involved Hospice and can be recent or years ago. This event is about love and those we hold in our hearts.

## *Lectio 365*

An advertisement for the Lectio 365 app. It features a white smartphone with a blue screen displaying a white icon of a house with an arrow pointing right. The text 'Lectio 365' is on the left, and 'The new daily devotional app from 24-7 Prayer and CWR' is on the right.

**Lectio 365**

The new daily devotional app from 24-7 Prayer and CWR

Rev Tony is finding the Lectio 365 free app a really useful way to end the day. It is a free daily devotional resource that helps you pray the Bible every day and includes a spoken morning and evening prayer.

Why not give it a go? Tony particularly enjoys the evening prayer and often goes to sleep listening to it.

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# St Martin's Methodist Church

## Black butter making

### LÉ NIÈR BEURRE



For one of the most traditional annual events in Jersey . . .

come and join the peelers from 9.00am on Friday 6 October in the school hall (bring your peelers)

The black butter will be stirred all Friday and overnight into Saturday 7 October (bring your 'craic'!) at Les Prés Manor

For more info call Sonny on 861230



## SHMC Nursery

Meanwhile in the SHMC Nursery the children took part in the 'Growing little people, plants & things' gardening competition run by '50 things to do before you're five' government scheme. The Nursery are thrilled to announce that they were one of the winners and received a selection of gardening goodies.



## Methodist Prayer Handbook



For those of you who use the Methodist Prayer Handbook, you will already have noticed that 'our page', day 10 (Channel Islands District) is adorned with a photo of St Aubin's Harbour by Sheila Birch, who featured in 'Being Circuit' in May. Turning to the spread pages of 74 and 75 it's special to see that another of Sheila's photos has been selected by The Methodist Church for the 'Hidden Treasures' prayer from Philip Gough, District Chair of the Lancashire District.

**Ask** Lord Jesus, we ask that you reveal to us those priceless treasures hidden in unlikely places, that we might see all you have freely given us.

**Seek** Creator God, we seek a revelation of the riches you have stored in secret, like diamond-light in the deepest darkness, that we might see the light by which we find you, even as you have first found us.

**Knock** All-bracing Spirit, may we anticipate your generous welcome and hospitality, as we venture to known on new, unfamiliar doors, and welcome all, as priceless treasures, in equal measure – the measure by which you graciously, abundantly welcome us. Amen.

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# HARVEST SUPPER & SONGS

with Les Conteurs Singers

**Saturday 14th October**

Starts: 6:00-6:30pm  
St. Owen's Parish Hall  
Tickets £15

Contact Jenny: 484004

Proceeds towards St. George's Church Club

## Harvest @ St Martin

Back at the start August, when sadly Revd Dawn's illness was requiring changes to the Plan, we had the good fortune to offer a little help by being able to accept an invitation from the Rev. Pete Stone to their Lammas Service held at Bel Val Farm, the home of Colin and Paulette Renouf, in a field above St Catherines, offering the most splendid views. Lammas is essentially a Communion Service to celebrate an early harvest, in particular of the wheat, hence Lammas, which apparently meant "Loaf Mass". A goodly number of our members attended, while others went elsewhere. It was a lovely opportunity for ecumenical cooperation which we very much treasure. We will again have an opportunity to share in the Parish Church Harvest at the end of September, when we again have an LA.



The following Sunday another LA enabled us to invite the annual visit from a London City Mission representative to take part in a Café Service in our Hall. Marlene Botha had already come to us for the last two years, but as they were weeknight meetings, the audience was rather sparse, which always seemed a pity as her message about the work of the Mission – in her case on a rather challenging housing estate in Tower Hamlets – is most impressive and deserved a wider hearing.

St Martin members are well known for their love of food, so when member, Chalao Stuart-Smith offered to prepare another Thai feast for us, there were no dissenters! Eighty plus friends attended and were not disappointed. It was a sumptuous meal. Chalao's occasional provision of spring rolls at Sunday morning coffee time have spoiled us for many years, but a full meal is yet something else. Our own cooks provided the desserts in return.



Expectant diners assemble



Chalao invites her friends



Some of the delightful dishes



The diners tuck-in

On behalf of everyone, Rev. Tony expressed thanks to Chalao and her team. It was a wonderful evening and raised funds for the Chapel. Thank you once more Chalao. Much appreciated.



Another very welcome offer came from Wendy Binet for a variety concert on the Friday of Harvest weekend. Accordingly, our floral artists produced their beautiful arrangements of flowers and produce, filling the whole chapel with most pleasant perfume and a fitting thanksgiving to God for his abundant giving.



Lynne and Rosemary's Welcome to Harvest in the Vestibule



The Concert was equally splendid with a delightful mix from our Songbirds quartet occasionally augmented by a male voice trio, offering beautifully rendered songs, punctuated by organ solos from our own Maestro, Alan Mollet. In addition, there were comedy sketches from our resident comics, 'brothers' Mike Labey, Brian Arnold and Robert Le Maistre, somewhat delinquent odd job gardeners. Their rather different rendition of 'All things bright and



beautiful', which morphed into 'paraquat able' will long live as a mischievous alternative version.



Talented dance teachers, Sue & Gina present an Arabian dance.



Alan plays his own composition



Meanwhile Cathy Morling treated us to two Roald Dahl versions of Little Red Riding Hood and the Wolf and The Three Little Pigs with yet another mean Wolf. The whole was held together by compere, Wendy Binet



The 'boys' in angelic and not so angelic mode.

herself, who also showed her talents not only as a piano accompanist but as a masterful teller of jokes. A truly enjoyable evening which raised £858 for McMillan Jersey and Chapel Funds. It was lovely to welcome fellow parishioners and the Parish Rector, Rev Pete Stone accompanied by his father.

A final, impressive rendition of "Do you hear the People sing" from 'Les Miserable' involving all the musicians.



Finally, our Harvest weekend was completed with a very meaningful service on Sunday morning led by Helen Higginson, who led us into a very appropriate meditation on the 'Fruits of the Spirit'. Then on Monday, following the distribution of harvest gifts during the day, a Harvest Supper at 7.00pm – more

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food gain! – and the sale of surplus produce with our ever-entertaining auctioneer, John Germain – just don't rub your nose or you may be landed with an oversized melon!



Tables prepared for the supper and produce ready for the sale



Enjoying a supper of cottage pie carrots and green peas



Tempting desserts



Bidding was keen



Auctioneer, John Germain held court

A handsome total of £634 (£304 from the supper and £330 from the auction) was raised. Thanks to all who made the Harvest weekend such an enjoyable success.

## Harvest @ St Ouen



Lorraine Wheeler led the thanksgiving and the fruits of the harvest, tins and packets were later donated to the SHMC Food bank and the Grace Trust

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## *Harvest @ Bethesda*



Bethesda sent all non-perishables to the Grace Trust and lots of fruit and vegetables to the Sanctuary in St Aubin and the foodbank in town.

We look forward to featuring the harvest thanksgivings in our other five churches in the October newsletter. Please send in photos and details of the beneficiaries of your donations.

## *Pastoral care in care homes*

There will shortly be an ecumenical meeting to discuss the provision of services and pastoral care in care homes on the island.

Many of our members visit care homes - often as part of pastoral care - and there are services being offered at some Homes on the island. If you or anyone you know visits care homes in whatever capacity, could you please let Lorraine Wheeler know (07797 748747) by the end of September? It would be useful to know if there is a connection to any of our churches and also whether services have previously been held.

## *Covid vaccinations*

If you would like to book your Covid booster vaccination but do not have online access then call **0800 735 5566**. This phone line is open from 8.30am to 5pm, Monday to Friday.

## *Circuit Diary - regular dates*

### **Weekly coffee mornings**

- Wednesdays: 10.30 - 11.45am – Samares
- Thursdays: 10.00am - 12.00pm – Georgetown
- Thursdays: 10.00am – 12.30pm – St Aubin (concluding with a short service at 12.00pm on the second Thursday of each month)

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## Circuit Diary – special events

Kairos Arts are ‘popping up’ on:

**Saturday 9 September** all day at the Kindness Festival at St Aubin’s Parish Hall and on

**Tuesday 12 September** 10.00-11.30am at the Salvation Army Café

**Saturday 30 September** all day at Co-op, Grand Marché, St Peter

### Friday 22 September

- Generations, 2.45pm, Ebenezer. They look forward to seeing all their regulars and, if you have a friend who may appreciate a social afternoon for a chat and cuppa, please do bring them along.

### Sunday 1 October

- Season of Creation, 6.00pm, Island ecumenical services at the Millennium Park or SHMC (depending on weather)

### Friday 6 October

- Bible Society coffee morning, 10.30am-12.00pm, St Paul’s Church

### Friday 6 – Sunday 8 October

- Feast of Tabernacles celebration weekend, Bethlehem

### Friday 6 – Saturday 7 October

- Black butter making, St Martin’s Church

### Saturday 14 October

- Harvest Supper and Songs with Les Conteurs, starts 6.00-6.30pm, St Ouen’s Parish Hall

### Friday 20 October

- Generations, 2.45pm, Ebenezer

### Friday 24 November

- Generations, 2.45pm, Ebenezer



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