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PRAYER POINT

Circuit Facebook Prayer of the Week (Katie Norman)

God's beautiful creation groans in agony,
may we be instrumental in its healing.
 "If not us, then who,
 If not me and you,
 right now, it's time for us
 to do something"
(from 'Do Something' by Matthew West)

Methodist Church Prayer Handbook, Day 5

Praying with Christians in Cameroon and Nigeria
and in Britain, the Birmingham District

Christians Together in Jersey – Mutual Intercessions

This month: our teachers and lecturers

This week: St Paul's Anglican Church and the ministry of Revd Canon Paul Brooks

Thank you

A prayer/poem written by local preacher Ann Beasley, who shared it with our Superintendent, (her daughter) after finally being able to visit the Island recently.

Thank you, Lord, for
Helping us, for
Always being there.
Now in your name we go,
Knowing that you are near.
Your love surrounds us.
On wings we soar.
Under a cloudless sky.

CARING FOR CREATION

Is your church looking to learn about the climate and ecological crises that we face? If so, you might like to use the talks organised by Bramhall Methodist Church in which eminent scientists share [how science informs prayer for our planet](#). Just scroll down and click on 'view programme and recordings.'

Other Jersey Circuit members are quietly growing their own produce to obviate the need to buy fruit and vegetables flown from across the world. **Annette Voak** (St Aubin) has a flourishing rotating crop of Jersey royals, beans (though she may need scaffolding to harvest the top bunches!), cabbages, tomatoes, figs, apples etc and a herb garden the Longueville Manor would envy.



Meanwhile **Cyril Luce** (Georgetown) is taking a short break from collecting his windfall apples which he cooks down and freezes, giving him enough produce to keep himself, his family and friends fed through the year for savoury and sweet dishes.

Please send in photos of your own gardens or allotments, great or small, with their autumn produce, to share and inspire.

PAUSES FOR THOUGHT

Rev Dawn has recorded a couple more Pauses for Thought on BBC Radio 2.



On the theme of 'Overcoming Adversity' her subject was '[listen to the stories of the carers](#)' – a poignant but uplifting piece reflecting the vast range of folk she has had the privilege of working amongst during her ministry.

What is her '[Ideal Holiday](#)'? Spoiler alert: it's not bikinis and bellinis in Benidorm! Here she describes how she experienced first hand the kind of hospitality that she wants to offer.



EBENEZER PICKLES GRADUATES

As we head towards a new school year, we think of all those children embarking on a new chapter in their lives. For those little Pickles who will be moving on to their respective nursery schools, a special graduation ceremony was held in the church at the end of last term. Ebenezer hopes to welcome some back into the fold at their Pickles Plus after school sessions.



The Pickles 'catering crew' were delighted to receive a lovely note of thanks from one of their mums who gifted blankets for five babies via Unicef. Such a wonderful gesture all round!

Dear Pickles helpers,

Thank you for all the fruit chopping, cracker spreading, teacake toasting, snack serving, plate washing, cake cutting, and most importantly tea brewing over the past five and a half years! We hope knowing five babies are being kept as cosy and warm as you make us feel at Pickles is an appropriate way to say **THANK YOU**.



MUSIC CORNER – REV DAWN

I first started playing the piano when I was 4 ½ years old. I have vivid memories of walking up a steep hill in the rain in the mid winter in west Yorkshire to take my piano lessons. I am fairly sure I had to be prompted to practise.

At the age of 8 I began to play the 'cello beginning on a ¾ size instrument . I reached Grade 5 and continued to play until shortly before attending secondary school. I had become very tired from lugging my 'cello on the 2 mile return trip to school (walking) and, after some experiemnts in a music shop, I exchanged the 'cello for a flute. I continued to play flute and piano through secondary school and at the age of 16 attended a higher ecucation college undertaking a music foundation course. I spent some time learning about other woodwind instrucments and took trumpet lessons with a fellow student in order to learn how brass instruments work. During my time on the course I enjoyed arranging music, composing and conducting, perhaps a little more than performing.



I have continued to dabble with flute and piano throughout my adult life but in order to maintain the standard at colleage I do not practise nearly enough these days . At Easter 2015 I had the privilege of being musical director for an original passion play which was an ecumenical and community project. Later in 2019, whilst on sabbatical with the permission of Rev Barry Jackson whose script I adapted, I restructured the full Passion Play into a narrated choral work,



again as a community choir and orchestra event. I am thrilled to share that 2 years later and in spite of Covid, members of that choir still meet to sing and others have joined. With thanks to Julie Gillam and Ian Every, gifted musicians from Freeman Memorial Methodist Church.

The Passion 2019 narrated choral work is available on the [Milton Keynes Methodist website](#)

REVD SARAH CADELL

We are thrilled to welcome to the CI District Rev Sarah, who will be formally welcomed to the Guernsey Circuit this weekend and we look forward to seeing her in Jersey before too long.

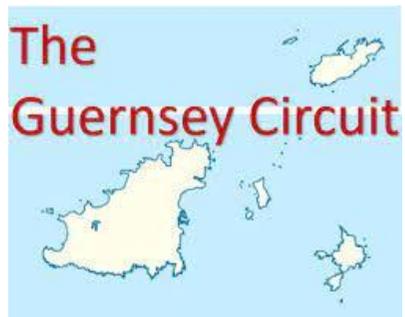


I'm Sarah Caddell and I join you directly from Queens, where I have spent the last three years part time studying for ministry. The last 18 months of those 3 years I have been privileged to be shadowing ministers in Hull Centre and West, Yorkshire. My home is just to the south side of the Humber, North Lincolnshire, so travel across the Humber Bridge was a regular part of my daily life. Responding to the call of ministry took a while but I like to think that the experiences along the way, have and, continue to enable

me to support our churches and prepare for what is to come.

I am thoroughly enjoying exploring parts of Guernsey where I'm based with Charlie, my Cocker Spaniel. Whether on foot or in the car I may more often be seen looking lost (not a surprise!). I am likely working out how I got to where I am and the best way home! Whilst no longer living with me, restrictions allowing, I'm sure my three, now grown up, children will be visiting.

Mainly, as I write, I am really looking forward to walking alongside members in Guernsey for the next few years. To praying together, discerning and sharing the amazing love of our awesome God. And, in that spirit to learn together what His unfolding plans are both for us and for this beautiful place.



WORLD DAY OF PRAYER – NEW LEADER?

Wendy Lange-Smith has been leader of the World Day of Prayer organising group for 6 years. Although World Day of Prayer is and will always be important to her, she feels it is time for her to step down, although she is happy to remain on the organising group to be a support. Please think and pray about whether you or someone you know is willing to take on leading the organising group. If no one comes forward to lead the group WDP will not happen in 2022.



The organising group also needs about 3 others to join the group, from a variety of Christian denominations, to share the load. Please pray and do not be shy to offer yourself or approach someone. Contact Wendy on wlangesmith@tgis.co.uk for more information or to offer you help.

MESSAGE FROM THE LEPROSY MISSION

Dear friend,

After six wonderful years of working with The Leprosy Mission, I am writing to share that at the end of December I will be stepping down from my role as the Regional Manager for the East of England and Jersey to explore new avenues of Christian service. Thank you so much for your life-changing support for people affected by leprosy during this time.

I know that you will want to continue to partner with The Leprosy Mission, and we are currently recruiting for someone to take over my responsibilities. Please do pray that God will call His person to do this wonderful work. In the meantime, if you have booked me as a speaker for 2022, a member of the team will be delighted to join you in my place.



It has been a genuine privilege getting to know you and working together for the benefit of people affected by leprosy. Thank you for your heartfelt generosity and prayers. You have been a personal inspiration and source of encouragement to me.

If you would like to write back, I'd love to hear from you. My email address will be active until 31 December 2021 (helenw@tlmew.org.uk). Grace and peace, Helen

REV DEBBIE 'SITS DOWN'

I candidated in 1991 and trained while working in the Jersey Circuit in what was called In-service training. So I have been an ordained Presbyterian minister for 21 years. As part of my training I spent some time on a placement in London, and worked with refugees, the homeless, inner city schools, multi-faith forums and the Rainbow community (LGBTQ community) and a lot more. This was an amazing experience and I loved the challenge and opportunities. It gave me a fantastic grounding for ministry.



I have an honours Bachelor of Theology degree (theology, philosophy and Ethics) from Oxford University and a Masters from Lampeter University and these are two of my greatest achievements during my ministry. They certainly broadened my understanding and thinking. My theses were both on children's spirituality. (The photo is of my masters graduation).

I have served in the Jersey Circuit (twice), Bristol and Bournemouth. Some of my greatest joys: the variety of ministry, working as a Bristol University chaplain in a multi-faith chaplaincy. I have enjoyed working as a chaplain in two primary schools, a prison, a hospital, and a hospice and felt it such a privilege to do this work. I also baptised my two grandchildren which was very special. (Photo: Ollie's baptism though I christened Ella as well).



I have been involved in three Church building projects and was invited back to Bristol to see the first of a three part project in Victoria Church in the city and also led retreats and sessions for ministerial training at Wesley College in Bristol (sadly no longer there).

I think what I have enjoyed most is the people, and in particular the younger ones, as well as youth groups and the Methsoc in Bristol, many of whom are now in key positions in the Church, and among them several local preachers (who I trained) and two ministers. I have been blessed to meet people who have different views, experiences and have learnt so much and been challenged in my faith.

It seems strange to be 'sitting down' as the phrase goes, and I am looking forward to a different form of ministry and finding out what God has in store. I am also hoping to have a little more time for family and art, which is one of my passions.

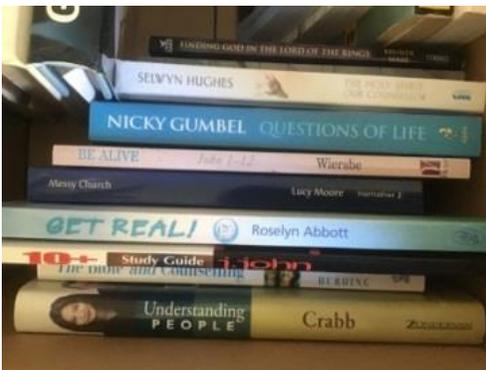
DISCLOSURE

Prayer is like watching for the Kingfisher. All you can do is
Be where he is likely to appear, and
Wait.
Often, nothing much happens;
There is space, silence and
Expectancy.
No visible sign, only the
Knowledge that he's been there
And may come again.
Seeing or not seeing cease to matter.
You have been prepared.
But sometimes, when you've almost
Stopped expecting it,
A flash of brightness
Gives encouragement.

Ann Lewin



BOOKS TO A GOOD HOME



Check out these Christian counselling books from a qualification one of our members did a couple of years ago. If you can use them please contact the Circuit Office.

DIARY

St Aubin's church will be opening its doors on **Saturday 4 September**, 10.00am-4.00pm for tea and cakes, whilst running a video about toilet twinning to fundraise for the project.

If you have any item for the **next newsletter Sunday 19 September**, please send it in before 14 September. Photos of harvest displays would be particularly welcome, as well as details of where you are sending your produce, tins, packets, boxes and bottles.

If you would like to attend the final get together of all those who have been **JMWLC** members over the years (Biarritz on **Wednesday 22 September**, 12.30 for 1.00pm) please book your place with Audrey on M: 07797 847604 or E: circuit.office.jsy@gmail.com **before 17 September**. The speaker will be Deacon Sally and the menu is a carvery lunch (2 x roasts, a fish dish and a vegetarian option) followed by dessert and coffee at £24 per person.

The inimitable bakers of Georgetown are inviting the whole of the Circuit to their Community Coffee Morning on **23 September** (10.00am-12.00pm) when they will be raising funds for the **All We Can** Appeal for Haiti. This is part of their preparation for the Georgetown harvest festival on 26 September.

HARVEST FESTIVAL

(Cartoon Church.com)

THE GIFTS, ARRANGED IN THEIR VARIOUS CATEGORIES

