

Welcome to Bethlehem Methodist Church
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Bethlehem Sunday Service – Due to the current Covid 19 situation in Jersey, Sunday worship for the next few weeks has been suspended, but please join the Methodist Circuit online service as below:

Covenant Service online broadcast, 10.30am 3rd January – led by Revd. Dawn Saunders (order of service attached to the email)

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCLapCu7RqUoebklgouaAkDA>

You can access the service on the web link above and then just click into the service. It will be available from 10.30am on the Sunday but you can watch it any time at your convenience after that.

Please join us in the After Service Zoom Coffee & Chat at 11:30am - weekly until further notice.

To join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83790367062?pwd=MmhaTTFyendCTnlUVINGc3VKc0pCdz09>

Meeting ID: 837 9036 7062

Passcode: Coffee

By Telephone:

0203 481 5240

Meeting ID: 837 9036 7062

Passcode: 402000

Bethlehem Weekly Prayer Meeting – Wednesdays at 7.15pm

Join Zoom Meeting on the following link

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87351600511?pwd=OTBUdDBxKzdDb0h3bzhXUGh2aXBWdz09>

Meeting ID: 873 5160 0511

Password: Bethlehem

By Telephone - Dial 0203 481 5240 Meeting ID: 873 5160 0511#

Participant ID # Password: 690246#

Bethlehem Family

Just to draw your attention that Ali has taken over the notices for the next 4 months. Should you wish to contribute something to the notices, please see the contact details at the end of the notices.

Some of you will know that Danny was admitted to hospital last Wednesday evening with Gall bladder problems, it was hoped that he would be discharged today but Sally has let us know that it won't now be today, please keep him and Sally in your prayers.

Other Items and Items from the Circuit

The Circuit office is closed until Monday 4th January

Still available on YouTube is The Twelve Parishes of Christmas' venture

As we could not have the usual carol concerts and services this year, Christians Together Jersey held an online event called the Twelve Parishes of Christmas. Each parish were asked to produce a short video clip of a Bible reading and carol and the clips will be added one a day onto a YouTube channel. All the clips will be joined together to produce a carol service for Christmas Day. This is well worth watching

To access the channel depress Ctrl & click on this link [Twelve Parishes of Christmas](#)

ISRAEL TOUR 2021 - On a positive note, we are stepping out in faith!

This pilgrimage has now been re-booked for this Autumn (28th Sept to 8th Oct 2021) – Led by: Jean Schooling (Tour Organiser) & John Perkins (Spiritual Leader) – A Group of 16 of us will be travelling to Israel once again, so we still have a few more spaces available. If anyone is interested in joining us please contact: jeanscholing@hotmail.co.uk or Tel: 07797 841414.

Bethlehem Prayer Focus

Please pray for :

- Danny – peace and strength for him and Sally, and wisdom for the hospital staff looking after him and making decisions for his treatment.
- We pray for a complete recovery for Loveday and also ask that she manages to sleep and rest.
- We also pray for a complete recovery for our friend Gerry of Grace Trust. We also ask for God's strength for Vini, as he continues to manage Grace Trust doing the amazing work that they do.
- The World, Jersey, our Bethlehem family, all our extended families here and far away, as we learn to deal with this awful Corona Virus pandemic and the restrictions imposed on everyone.
- Those who live alone and those who live with families in confined spaces
- Those who used to be part of our fellowship but are no longer able to worship with us due to frailty or ill health, we pray for God's healing touch to be upon them.
- We continue to pray for healing for all our Church Family and their families, who are struggling with ill health. **Lord we pray that you will be with each one of them and give them Your Healing and Strength.**
- All who have been recently bereaved, we keep Frank, Alice and Philip their family and friends, in our prayers.

Cynthia has asked that we continue to pray for the Leprosy Mission - Dear Lord and Heavenly Father We unite to pray for a hedge of protection around all the Leprosy Hospitals and around all the staff who are helping these vulnerable people. At the moment, the hospitals are free from the Corona Virus and we pray that this would continue to be so. The suffering and alienation the people with Leprosy have to endure from their families who cast them out, and the places where they live is already intolerable. Father we place this situation in your hands and ask for your mercy and grace. In Jesus name we pray. Amen. Please contact Cynthia or go onto the Leprosy Mission website, <https://leprosymission.netdonor.net/page/66848/donate> should you wish to assist them financially.

PRAYERS FOR ISRAEL - Christmas Prayers from 'Christian Friends of Israel UK'

Habakkuk 3: V19: "The Sovereign Lord is my strength; He makes my feet like the feet of the deer, he enables me to go on the heights"

When the prophet Habakkuk cried out to the Lord at a time of terrible spiritual decline, violence and injustice, God gave the prophet a glimpse of the hard, rugged times ahead but He also gave complete assurance of Judah's restoration back to their homeland, and encouraged him to wait patiently even when it seemed slow in coming.

After this, Habakkuk's perspective changed, instead of being in despair, he chose to REJOICE in the Lord, because of God's unshakable promise of restoration for His people, and he offered a passionate prayer which was set to enthusiastic music. In that song, he compared himself to a deer that can effortlessly race up steep mountains without stumbling.

This deer can place its back feet exactly where its front feet stepped without being one inch off!! So we need not fear falling or tripping if we trust wholeheartedly in the Lord! Through the Lord we can scale the heights! We can continue to 'leap' over hopelessness! 'Tread' on despair and 'scramble' over past doubt, and we will ascend and move securely, even in rocky places.

Let us look to God as we pray for Israel

- Honour God for giving us the Bible as a sure foundation for our lives. We can safely trust His promises.
- Praise the Lord for His sovereignty over everything! NOTHING is beyond His control!
- Pray that the Jewish people would turn to the Lord for their answers, not to man.
- Intercede for Israel's leaders. Many nations in the Middle East, Europe, Africa, Southeast Asia and Central America now want to align with Israel. God needs to show Israel's leadership who genuinely wants to walk in peace and who are the deceivers.
- Ask God to restore Israel's economy and bless the small businesses that have suffered greatly from two lengthy lockdowns.

Thank you for your faithfulness in surrounding Israel with a 'Wall of Prayer'. Please know that we are also praying for you in the nations. May we enjoy this season of light, Hanukkah and Christmas, celebrating Jesus / Yeshua – the Light of the World!

PERSECUTED CHRISTIANS – Whilst we wait for the 2021 watch list to be produced I thought I would give you the link to the Open Doors website so that if you wanted to visit it to find out more about their work and the plight of Persecuted Christians world wide you could.

[Serving Persecuted Christians Worldwide - Home - Open Doors UK & Ireland](#)

(once again depress Ctrl and click on the link for it to open)

Birthday Greetings for this week:

One anonymous birthday this week – May God's blessings be with you this coming year.

Room Requirements

If anybody needs to use the Bethany room on a Saturday or in the evenings or the Sunday School Hall at any time - A booking should be made by contacting a steward, they also need to be advised of the dates that any groups may be meeting in ANY of our rooms/Church at any time.

House Groups – All Groups are suspended for now

Tuesday (weekly) - St Mary Contact: Eric Lucas (483599)

Tuesday (fortnightly) - St Ouen Contact: Mary Richardson (483020)

Thursday (weekly) – St Peter Contact Katie Norman (482364)

Tuesday (weekly) - 10.45am - 12.30pm in Bethany Room –This is a House group that explores Scripture from a Jewish understanding viewpoint' – ALL ARE VERY WELCOME TO JOIN US! Contact: Jean Schooling 07797 841414.

Our Stewards

Dianne Huddleston (483917) : Glenys Best (766020) : Barbara Jacobs (481192) :
Mike Rossiter 864041

Concerned? - If you have any concerns about anything to do with church life please contact one of the stewards.

Caretakers - Fernando & Raquel de Almeida Tel 864520

Notices should be sent (by Friday lunchtime) to email : bethlehem-notices@hotmail.com or by post to : Ali Connan, Beau Desir, La Preterie, St Peter, JE3 7DX