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## CIRCUIT ONLINE SERVICES

The Circuit online services that were being produced locally are finishing and in the future there will be seasonal and special services produced in Jersey. A wealth of on-line services are still being produced and a link to one of these will be sent each week. The Circuit Leadership Team will be working towards shorter video clips, for example a thought for the day, prayers, readings or a message for your enjoyment so please watch this space.

## PRAYER POINT

### Circuit Facebook Prayer of the Week (Katie Norman)

God of my salvation,  
when my soul is a parched land,  
summon me to drink deep from  
Your Living waters.  
(From Methodist Church fb prayers)

### Methodist Church Prayer Handbook, Day 19

Praying with Christians in Malaysia and Singapore and in Britain, the Manchester and Stockport District

### Christians Together in Jersey – Mutual Intercessions

This month: our teachers and lecturers

This week: St Matthew's Anglican Church and the ministry of Rev Phil Warren

### Rev Dawn's rest day



Now that Rev Dawn is settling down into a more regular routine of her ministry on the Island and District, her normal rest day will be a **Friday** – though occasionally this will need to be moved. This is partly because her husband, Nick has been permitted to consolidate his working week into Monday to Thursday so he is always off on Fridays.

## CARING FOR CREATION



### Jersey's Climate Emergency: How did we get here?

Jonathan Renouf /  
Co-hosted by Action for Wildlife,  
National Trust for Jersey

Jersey Arts Centre  
Friday 1 October, 8.00pm

£7 (£6.50 seniors + £5 students)

To buy tickets [click](#)

The States of Jersey has declared a climate emergency, and plans are underway to make Jersey carbon neutral by 2030 – twenty years earlier than the UK. It will mean huge changes, involve a lot of money, and touch on almost every aspect of island life. But how did we get here? Over the last 20 years, Jonathan has had a ring side seat on the climate change debate. As a TV producer in the BBC Science Unit, he was involved in almost every major BBC documentary about climate change, including 2019's "Climate Change: The Facts". He's met leading climate change sceptics, visited scientists studying climate change all over the world, and filmed climate change in action. In this talk, illustrated with clips from many different television programmes, he explains why climate change is such a difficult subject to film, identifies the key turning points in our understanding of the changing climate, and discusses how best to tackle climate change scepticism.

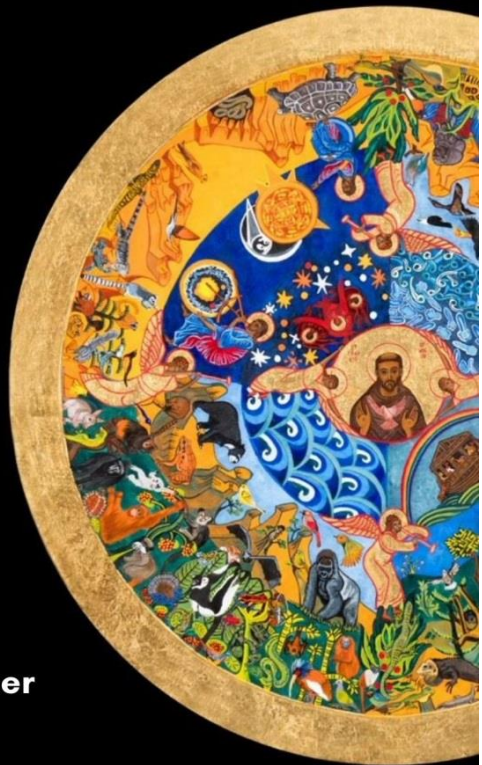
Jonathan Renouf is an award-winning television producer who spent 20 years working for BBC Television's Science Unit. He was Executive Producer of series such as "Wonders of the Universe", "The Sky at Night" and "How Earth Made Us". His climate change credits include: "Earth: The Climate Wars", "Meltdown: A Global Warming Journey" (BAFTA Nominated), "Climate Change by Numbers" and "Climate Change: The Facts". He now lives in Jersey.

# CHRISTIAN CLIMATE ACTION

**An All-Island  
Ecumenical Service  
& Candlelit Vigil**

*A Spiritual Call  
to Climate Action*

**6pm, Sunday, 3rd October  
St Helier Town Church  
Ending in Royal Square**



# Christians United for Climate Action

## Who?

Christians from across the church spectrum - Roman Catholics, Methodists, Anglicans and Free Church.

## What?

A service of prayer, praise, penitence and thanksgiving to mark Creation Season, and the Feast of St Francis of Assisi.

The Service will finish with a procession and brief candlelit vigil in Royal Square as an act of witness.

## Why?

In recognition of the ever worsening Climate Crisis, and in anticipation of the 'COP 26' UN Climate Summit, we as Christians will make a statement of witness in both prayer and presence.

By worshiping and witnessing together, we pray that we can strengthen and deepen our bonds of solidarity on this most urgent of issues.

## When?

Sunday 3rd October from 6pm

## Where?

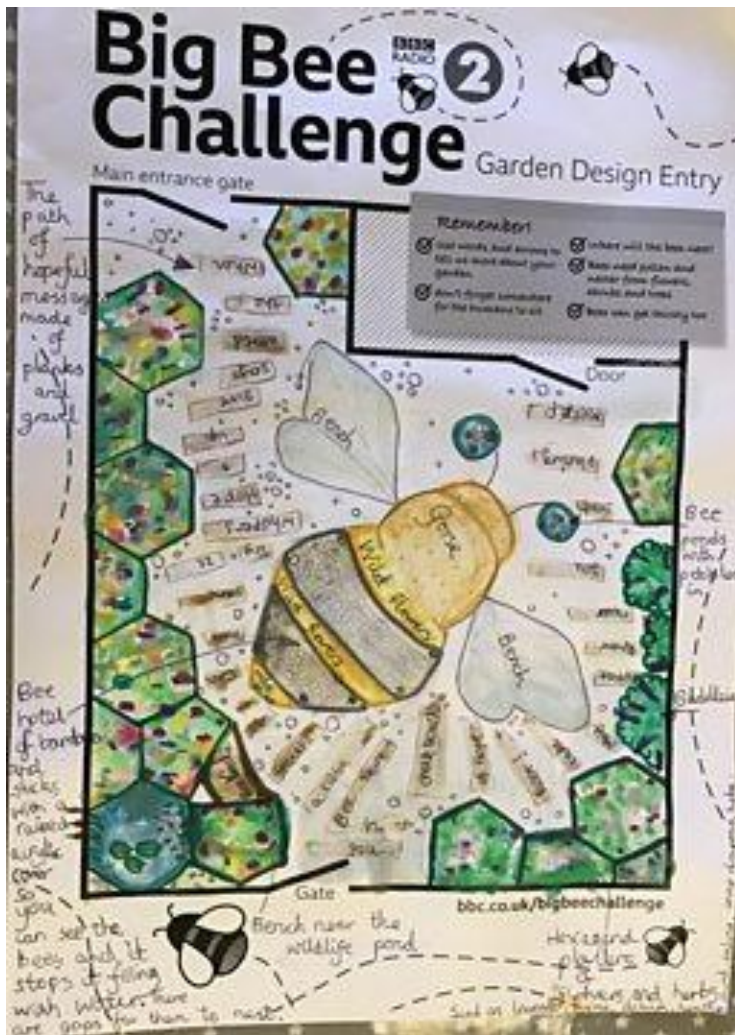
St Helier Town Church

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## THE BEE CHALLENGE

Congratulations to young Harry Bidmead of Bethesda Methodist Church. Harry, who has just turned 10, likes drawing, designing and creating things so he thought he would like to enter the **Radio 2 2021 Big Bee Challenge** just for



fun. But little did Harry know his bee-friendly garden design would be chosen as one of the top 20 out of 13,000 entries! Harry says that he enjoyed designing the garden as it was all of his favourite things combined in one project. Harry also loves that bees love purple and they see in hexagons.

There are plans to create Harry's

garden here in Jersey in the near future so what this space. In the meantime you can see Harry's design below. Well done Harry!

## AROUND THE CIRCUIT

### Lunch at Georgetown with the Learning Network

We were delighted that Rev Adrian Roux and James Devenish from the Learning Network could join members of Georgetown and the Circuit for lunch after they led morning worship on Sunday 12 September. Daughter-of-the-Manse Ellie Saunders prepared and cooked a roast lunch with all the trimmings for 25 and Nick Saunders whipped up apple crumbles to a very discerning but appreciative group of diners. Definitely a 5 star rating on Tripadvisor for Ellie!



### The Sun Belles



Who could resist snapping these three ladies enjoying the sunshine on a bench at Bethesda in the coffee time between the morning services: Enid Quenault, Margaret Huelin and Betty Neal.

## Toilet Twinning

Pictures of toilets and balloons promoting toilet twinning are not usually seen outside St Aubin Methodist Church but, last Saturday, 4<sup>th</sup> September, they drew inquisitive islanders and visitors in to find out what was going on – doubtless also enticed by the promise of tea and cake!



Members of St Aubin were participating in the Kindness Festival. The area in front of St Aubin Parish Hall was buzzing with activity as 26 charities



explained their work with some selling various items to add to their funds. SAMC decided to open its doors and promote Toilet Twinning. By donating £60 to twin a toilet we could help fund a project in a poor community that will enable families to build a basic toilet, have access to clean water and learn about hygiene – a vital combination that saves lives. St Aubin has four loos on the premises and so needed to raise £240 to twin all four

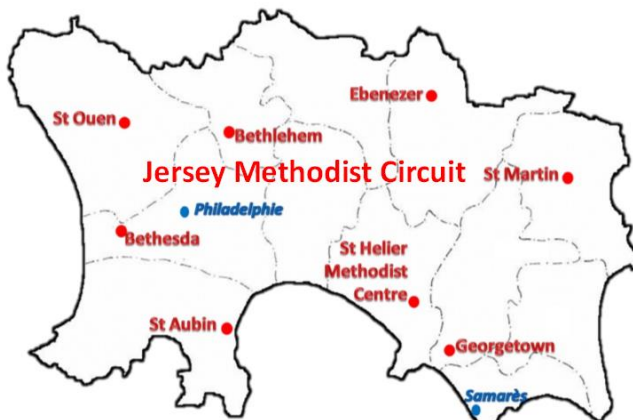
toilets. By explaining the project and asking for donations for tea and cakes we ended up raising £242 – how amazing! A very enjoyable and worthwhile day for all our members who participated as it turned out to be a really sociable event - the first we have enjoyed since the easing of Covid restrictions. To find out more about the project [click](#) –

During the day we ran an explanatory video that can be found by scrolling down through the information on [link](#) Now, what next?!!



## Rev Debbie

At a special service recently at Ebenezer led by Rev Dawn, Rev Debbie 'sat down'. Although Rev Derek was unable to attend the service in person, by the power of technology we heard him read from the Gospel of John and Kay Papworth, Rev Debbie's mother read about Deborah in Judges. Deborah means 'bee' and the appropriateness of her name has resonated throughout her diverse ministry. We will still be seeing and hearing from Rev Debbie regularly, starting as she leads Ebenezer for their Harvest thanksgiving on 3 October.



We hope you will consider packing a CHRISTMAS SHOEBOX for a needy child or pensioner in Romania this year.

But there are some changes, so PLEASE READ THIS CAREFULLY.

To continue to send Christmas shoeboxes is increasingly costly. Although we are a registered charity we know bank charges are coming for us with paying in cheques and cash. So if at all possible we ask you to make the donation online direct to our bank account:

Mustard Seed Jersey Appeal

Sort Code 40/25/41

Account No: 71135333

We will understand the money paid into that account is for transport and distribution costs, unless you advise us otherwise. Please fill in the reply slip including the name of the bank account you use, then we can "marry" your donation to the bank account entry and allocate the money accordingly.

If not using BACS and your donation is under £15 then please use cash. Cheques must be written in BLACK ink and made payable to Mustard Seed Jersey.

If you would like a copy of our NEWSLETTER sent by email in January 22, then please send an email to [msjnews@mail.com](mailto:msjnews@mail.com) & using the reply option we will send you our newsletter. ALL OTHER EMAILS TO BE SENT TO [mustardseedjersey@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:mustardseedjersey@yahoo.co.uk).

### IT'S MORE THAN SHOEBOXES

Only the poorest receive one of our shoeboxes, often they genuinely face the risk of starving or freezing to death. We invite you to give money for our BREAD & FOOD & WINTER FUEL APPEALS. We purchase the food and fuel in Romania with the donated money. We distribute to those most in need. We also help with MEDICAL NEEDS.

### WANT TO GIVE BUT SHORT OF TIME?

We will be happy to decorate a shoebox, purchase the contents, pack the box, and send it on your behalf. To arrange this we ask for a donation of £22 PER SHOEBOX. If possible use BACS 40/25/41 71135333 and add the reference PACK A BOX. Or use the reply slip and send your cheque to the address below as soon as possible.

If you would like to receive a copy of our newsletter by post, then please supply a stamped addressed envelope with the word "newsletter" written on the back & we will use that to send you our newsletter.

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## PLEASE PACK A CHRISTMAS SHOEBOX



*Help Mustard Seed  
Jersey to make someone's  
Christmas better in 2021*

## REPLY SLIP

I have packed ..... shoeboxes  
@ £2 for transport £.....

Donation to buy sweets for  
children's shoeboxes £.....

Donation to buy bread / food £.....

Donation to buy winter fuel £.....

Donation for medical needs £.....

Donation where most needed £.....

Please pack ..... shoebox for me  
@ £22 per box £.....

Total donation £.....

**I have made my donation by BACS  
to 40/25/41 71135333  
Name of my bank account**

**Amount of donation**

**OR I enclose Cash**

**OR I enclose Cheque**

## How To Pack A Shoebox

DECIDE on age group. Our age groups are: Child 3-6 or Child 6-11 or Young Person 12-16 or for Adults;; Man or Woman

PURCHASE CONTENTS: Please refer to our list of suggested contents opposite.

GET A SHOEBOX: max size shoe size 9 / 43 please

DECORATE the base and top separately (maybe with Christmas paper).

Arrange contents in shoebox.

Inside the box on top of the contents put YOUR REPLY SLIP

Sort out your TRANSPORT DONATION either using BACS or included in an envelope with the reply slip on top of contents in box. .

Put LABEL on lid to indicate intended recipient. Labels should read 3-6 or 6-11 or 12-16 or Man or Woman

SECURE box with rubber band or string - this is really important - please do not seal.

DELIVER TO COLLECTION POINT - the Parish Halls & Les Quennevais Sports Centre  
*However in view of the uncertainty at time of printing we advise that you check with your chosen collection place before delivery.*

We trust there will be no lockdowns or delays, but if this does happen, Mustard Seed commits to getting the shoeboxes to those in need in Romania as quickly as it is safe and possible to do so.

Last year we sent 2905 Christmas shoeboxes from Jersey to Romania. How many will it be this year? The answer depends on you.

**Closing Date October 27<sup>th</sup>**

## SUGGESTED CONTENTS

**All items need to be as good as new, preferably new!**

**Children's boxes should be unisex - each box suitable for either gender.**

**All items of clothing should be appropriate size for age group. For everyone the suggested clothing would be hat, gloves, scarf or socks.**

**Child 3-6:** 3 toys: including a soft toy & other items possibly car & ball. Writing materials: paper, pencil, wax crayons. Toothbrush & Toothpaste. Clothing: 2 items

**Child 6-11:** 2 Fun items: possibly ball, toy car, marbles. Writing materials: paper, pencils, rubber, sharpener, pens, crayons or felt pens. Toothbrush & Toothpaste. Clothing: 2 items.

**Young person 12-16:** Writing materials: paper, pens, pencils, rubber, sharpener, coloring pencils. Toiletries: Toothbrush & toothpaste or smaller toothpaste and selection of small toiletry items. 1 Useful item maybe mug (well protected) / torch, & if possible further item to bring enjoyment. Clothing: 2 items

### Adult Boxes

3 items of non-perishable food (pasta, rice, tinned foods Use by date must be AFTER JULY 2022). Toiletries 1 large toiletry item or 2 smaller items (liquids well sealed). At least 1 Useful item: (torch, mug, umbrella, string, scissors, small tool set, comb, pen, notebook etc) Clothing 2 or 3 items

## CI SYNOD – A TRIUMPH OF TECHNOLOGY!



Last Saturday, 11 September the combined audio visual expertise of Rev'd Mark Street and Rev'd Danny Wheadon united Georgetown (Jersey), Forest (Guernsey) and Alderney for a 4½ hour long Synod gathering. Huge thanks go to both ministers for running across various screens a worship video, a Powerpoint presentation from the Learning Network, views of

whole churches, single speakers, multiple camera angles and good volume. Ideally we would have been meeting in person but Rev Danny and Rev Mark enabled a very positive Synod with genuine fellowship where everyone felt they could speak up and be listened to. And it was all gently oiled with the good humour of our unflappable District Chair, Rev Dawn.

## CIRCUIT DIARY

Sunday 19 September, 10.30am, Bethlehem Methodist Church sees the **Feast of Tabernacles Celebration Service** with Adrian Smith (from Lighthouse Church). All are invited to join us for this wonderful 'Feast of the Lord'. Tabernacles! How does this Biblical feast have relevance for Christian's



today? Why did Jesus choose this feast to build His picture of 'living water' believers?

Agriculturally, Tabernacles relates to the final Ingathering of the fruit harvest. Is there a future Spiritual harvest that awaits at this time?

The Feast of Tabernacles is the last of three

Jewish Autumn Feasts. Some say that it is the time

that Jesus was born and also the time when He will return in glory. When you study the Feasts you will find such richness, edification and depth of understanding. But the most important reason for us to study the Feasts is that they each point to Messiah Jesus!!

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.



Bethlehem's **Friday Film nights** are starting again. The first one will be a showing of 'Selma' on **Friday 24 September**, the Oscar winning film which tells the story of the pivotal moment in Dr Martin Luther King Jr's epic civil rights struggle. The historic protest march from Selma to Montgomery, Alabama, was a triumphant demonstration of the power of the people. Tea and coffee will be served in the church from **7.00pm** and



the film will start at 7.30pm.

James and Helen Munro from Bethlehem are running a **coffee morning** for **Macmillan Cancer Support Jersey** on **Saturday 25 September, 10.00am-**



**1.00pm**. Their home is Tapsalterrie, 9 La Ville de la Croix, La Rue des Maretts, St Ouen, JE3 2HE, behind St Ouen's Parish Hall (bus routes 8 and 9). Disc parking is available behind the Parish Hall. Any queries call Helen on 07829 804545.

The Messy Church District Zoom discussion is on **Monday 11 October at 7.00pm**. The Zoom link will be circulated nearer the time and it will be led by Rev Dawn.



If you have any item for the **next newsletter Sunday 3 October**, please send it in before 28 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.

WHERE THE CHURCH IS

(Cartoon Church.com)

