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# *Prayer for the Week: May*

## *Week commencing 4<sup>th</sup> May*

Dear God, we pray that each one of us feels your presence now and every day, whatever the circumstances, time or place. May we all reflect you, in our own particular words, thoughts and deeds, in such a way that others too can come to feel and know your presence throughout the whole world. In Jesus' name. Amen.

## *Week commencing 11<sup>th</sup> May*

Oh God, May today there be peace within.

May we trust that we are exactly where we are meant to be. May we not forget the infinite possibilities that are born of faith. May we use our gifts that we have received, and pass on the love that has been given to us. May we be confident knowing we are children of God.

Let His presence settle into our bones, and allow our soul the freedom to sing, dance, praise and love. It is there for each one of us. Amen

## *Week commencing 18<sup>th</sup> May*

Lord, I find myself at the beginning of another day.

I do not know what it will bring. Please help me to be ready for whatever it may be. If I am to stand up, help me to stand bravely. If I am to sit still, help me to sit quietly. If I am to lie low, help me to do it patiently.

If I am to do nothing, let me do it gallantly. Amen

## *Week commencing 25<sup>th</sup> May*

Creator God, I greet the morning. Whether awake or sleepy. Refreshed or restless. Hopeful or sullen. I greet the morning. The sunrise. The fresh air. The opportunity for a new beginning. I greet the morning and offer all that will be to you my loving God. "For all that has been, I say "thanks". And all that will be, I say "yes"." Amen





## News

# From Stuart Court

We are all enjoying a fun packed Spring, embracing the longer days, the sun shining, and the flowers blooming.

The residents have enjoyed some light gardening activities and arranging some vases of spring flowers. At Easter we enjoyed a chocolate making workshop, as a result we were able to give our families some wonderful handmade gifts.



Happy  
**100th**  
Birthday

On the 2nd of May, our resident John Pamby will be 100 years young! (Picture from last year's birthday on the left). His family have arranged for all the residents to enjoy the opening of his card from the King, a celebration cake, and a good sing song.



# News From Stuart Court Continued



On the 9th of May we will be celebrating the passing of eighty years since the Liberation, many of the residents will no doubt reflect on their memories of Occupation hardships, which will be followed by wonderful celebrations. We all acknowledge that our freedom did not come by accident, our liberation was hard won by a whole generation that deserve our love, respect, and heartfelt thanks. Liberation day is always a day the residents love to have lunch and share stories with friends.



Once again, we are looking forward to taking part in the Parish Jersey Royal growing competition, even if we don't win it's a chance to catch up with our fellow parishioners and have a good chin wag.

In preparation for the summer sunshine, we have had the lovely Helen Morton visit the home to advise us on what is the best colours to be wearing for our hair and skin tones. The residents were very intrigued by the insights given by Helen, we have all taken note of our best colours and will be choosing our most colourful outfits for the many outings and trips we will be making over the summer months !



Sending you our very best wishes.

*Elaine Jackson* (Home Manager)



## *A Message from Reverend Peter*

A three month sabbatical is a precious gift from the Methodist Church to its ministers every seven years of service. It is a time to rest from the busyness and demands of ministry and take dedicated time aside with the Lord to seek renewal of body, mind and soul. It doesn't mean being away from home all that time, but there will be times when I will be able to spend away with my UK family, who I don't get to see very often at all and sometimes less than once a year.

My sabbatical begins on Thursday 1st May and, with annual leave added on, will conclude on 20th August.

A spiritual highlight will be when my wife Jo and I join a pilgrimage walk for a week along the Camino De Santiago in northern Spain. Our walk along the 'Portuguese Way' begins on 26th May and we will cover about 77 miles in a week, arriving in Santiago at the end. We look forward to what the Lord has in store for us, which will unfold one day at a time and one mile at a time.

Like the friends on the Emmaus Road, we hope to be aware of the risen Lord coming alongside us, walking with us, joining our conversation, deepening our understanding, helping us to see how far we have come and showing us new visions of the road that lies ahead. May this be so for you as well.

We would value your prayers, and you will be held in my thoughts and prayers during my sabbatical. I join you in praying for our Circuit Leadership Team in this time of continuing discernment about future planning.

Apart for a time, but always together in the Lord's loving care.

À la prochaine

God bless,

*Reverend Peter*





# Palm Sunday at Ebenezer

13<sup>th</sup> April 2025

Led by Rev. Dawn, Ebenezer took part in an Easter active service on Palm Sunday. Based on Mark 11-11, the service started with everyone's favourite donkeys (they hadn't been seen since the Pantivity Service!) telling the Easter story from their perspective!



As the story was told, everyone got to take part in singing as well as the special craft of silk painting. Each person, young and old was given a choice of a pre-outlined painting that they could complete and take home. Everyone was also encouraged to join in the painting of a larger piece that will be hung at Ebenezer as a beautiful reminder of the service, the Easter story and that everyone, young and old can learn a new craft.

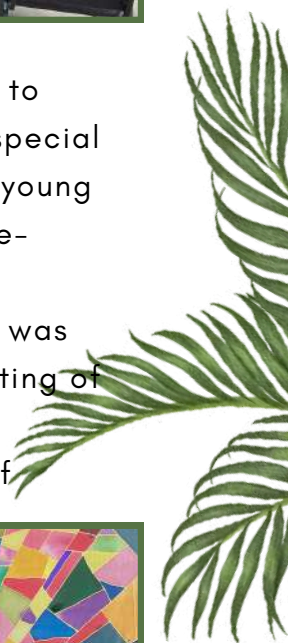


This is the finished silk painting that the everyone took part in completing.



Thank  
you

An offertory wasn't completed at the Service, however, Ebenezer will be donating all the money left in their boxes to the All we Can - Myanmar Earthquake Appeal. £140 had been received towards the appeal, with collections carrying on for a few more weeks before sending off.





*at Bethlelehem, Good Friday*

Passover was celebrated at Bethlehem on the 18<sup>th</sup> of April: Good Friday,. Everyone was invited with guests enjoying a buffet meal as part of the celebration.



*All profits from  
the event are  
going to the  
Bethlehem's  
'Israel Fund' for  
future Events*



# Easter Sunday at Ebenezer

Led by Rev Debbie, Ebenezer had a lovely family service with Debbie bringing many gifts she had received during her ministry to help explain the Easter story.

The larger wooden cross was lovingly made by her late husband many years ago when stationed in Ireland, It's called a 'spiritual cross' and he crafted out of 1 piece of wood. Rev. Keith has also donated a glass sculpture cross, which he made with various layers to create the finished product.



The pictures of the children to the right, show their craft made during the service.

One of the 'Garden of Gethsemane' and also the mound of 'Calvary'.





# Easter Celebrations at St Martin



Easter at St Martin's was led by Rev Keith, with wonderful displays throughout including another one of Keith's glass sculpted crosses.



The Sunday school, led by Jackie Layer, followed a Dutch tradition by making a beautiful yellow cross for Palm Sunday (as show in the picture to the left).

On the cross decorations were attached: 30 sweets to mark the pieces of silver and 12 peanuts for the 12 disciples.

Broodroostertjes, which, are bread rolls shaped like roosters, are usually placed on the top of the cross to remind those of Peter's denial, however, St Martin compromised with gingerbread chicks to get as close to the tradition as possible.





## Easter at St Martin cont.



Some of the  
magnificent  
flower displays  
from St Martin.



Sonny  
& Di



Barrie  
& Isolene



As well as Easter  
celebrations, St Martin's  
also celebrated Sonny &  
Di's 60th Wedding  
Anniversary and Barrie  
& Isolene Fossey's  
Wedding Anniversary!  
Congratulations to you  
all!





# Bethesda

## Family Easter Fun

Watch this space for what will hopefully be more family creativity fun to mark other seasons in the Christian calendar.

Bethesda were delighted to host a full Church Hall for their Family Easter Fun. Each family decorated and created their own garden cake, complete with an empty tomb, crosses and Easter goodies.



yum  
yum  
yum



Forty-five adults and children enjoyed the activity before going across to the Church, to hear and engage with the Easter story, so creatively presented by Naomi with a Lego Garden of Eden and cross. The children were wonderful!! The families each left with their Easter cake and Easter story book.



Thanks so much to the brilliant team who baked cakes, helped set up and clear up on the day; and covered the event in prayer.





# Bethesda Harvest

*Beautiful photos from  
the Bethesda Harvest  
Service*



## Open Farm Sunday - Reconnect with your local food Producers

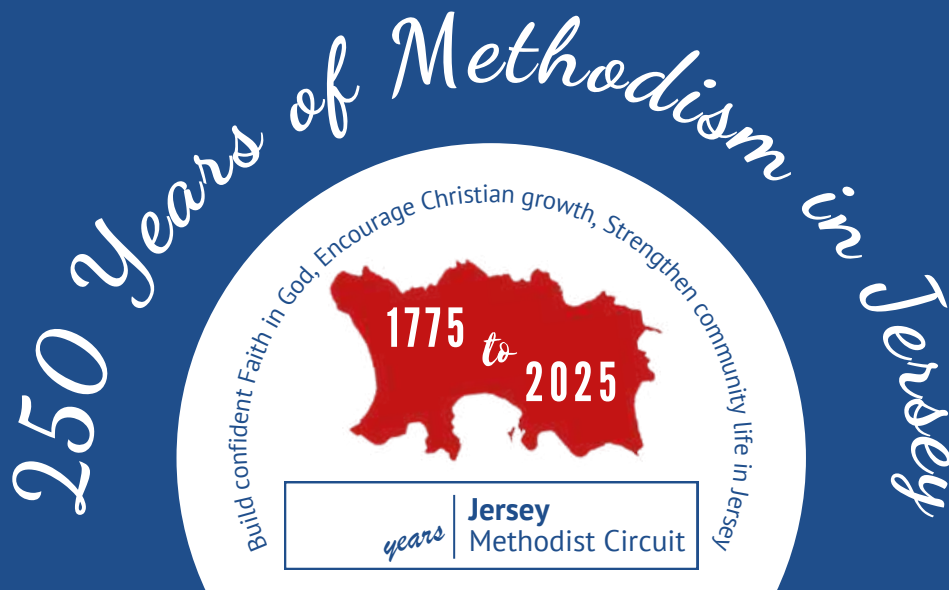
Dig out your wellies & head for a Sunday afternoon outing to a farm.

Open Farm Sunday is an opportunity to discover the crucial work farmers do producing food, nurturing nature, and protecting the environment for future generations. Sign up to visit a local farm & have the opportunity to talk with farmers, hear their stories and discover how they are working for a more sustainable future whilst producing food you can trust.

Why not organise a visit & invite your eco-church/ social justice group, toddler group families, warm space users, uniform groups, food pantry team... For further details and to find a local Open Farm, please visit Homepage - Open Farm Sunday







**Anniversary Weekend 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> Apri**

*Thank You!*

Thank you to everyone who helped out and took part in the events over the celebratory weekend. It turned into an insightful and joyous weekend, which we look forward to recounting in the June newsletter, bringing you pictures and details of all the events.



# Liberation Day, 9<sup>th</sup> May 2025

2025 marks the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the day Jersey was liberated from the Nazi German Occupation during the Second World War. This year is also the first year that Jersey recognises the 9<sup>th</sup> of May: Liberation day as Jersey's official national day.

Join us at one of your services to remember and give thanks to all those that were involved and took part in the Liberation of Jersey!

A large, white flag with a red cross and a gold crown emblem is flying against a clear blue sky. Red triangular bunting is strung across the top of the image.

*Collection in aid of the Red Cross*

***Liberation Day service***  
@ St.Ouen's Methodist Church  
May 9th @ 9.30am





# LIBERATION DAY SERVICE

MAY 9TH, 2025

*9.15am*

*Ebenezer Methodist Church*

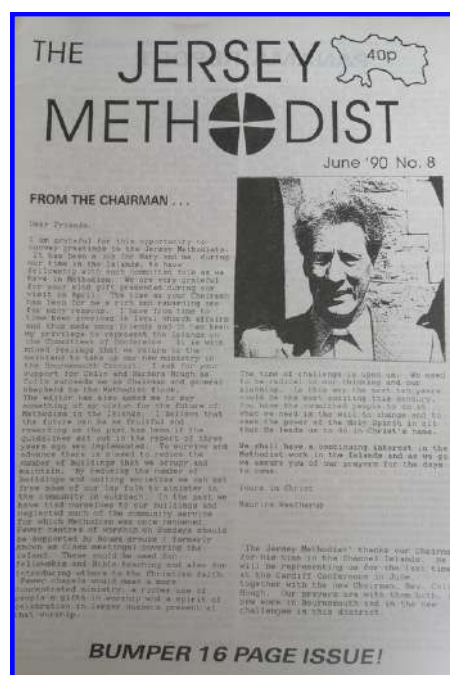
*Led by Rev Keith*

Collection as usual  
in aid of The British Red Cross in memory  
of the visit by the Red Cross ship 'Vega', when the  
Channel Islands population were near starvation point late Christmas 1943 and early  
1944.

## The Jersey Methodist Magazines

Jersey Archive have been going through their documents and have found duplicates of some of The Jersey Methodist Magazines. Instead of them being destroyed, they have kindly passed them onto the Circuit office, should anyone in the Methodist community like them.

If you are interested, please contact the Circuit admin at [circuit.office.jsy@gmail.com](mailto:circuit.office.jsy@gmail.com) for a list of the editions available. Just let the Circuit admin know the edition numbers you would like and arrangements can be made to drop them at whichever Church is best for collection.



## Generations

Monthly sessions that bring together old and new generations to a create a warm and welcoming environment filled with song and craft.

- Location: Ebenezer Methodist Church
- Time: From 2.45pm
- Session dates:
  - 16th of May
  - 13th of June
  - 4th of July



Individuals and care home groups welcomed. For further information please contact Amy Britton on 07797 769186.



# CIRCUIT DIARY FOR THE NEXT MONTH:

## WEEKLY EVENTS:

- Monday: Drop in at St Aubin's Methodist Church - 1pm to 4pm
- Monday: Messy Bears - 9am to 12pm (Term-time only)
- 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

### May:

- 6th - Messy Church at Philadelphie - 3.30pm to 5.30pm
- 6th - Circuit Stewards Meeting - 7.30pm
- 9th - Liberation Service at St Ouen - 9.30am
- 9th - Liberation Service at Ebenezer - 9.15am
- 16th - Generations at Ebenezer - From 2.45pm
- 20th - Messy Vintage at Ebenezer - 2.30pm to 4.30pm

### June:

- 3rd - Circuit Steward's Meeting - 7.30pm
- 3rd - Messy Church at Philadelphie - 3.30pm to 5.30pm
- 10th - Local Preacher's Meeting - 7.30pm



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.