



*Happy
Christmas &
New Year!*



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Prayer for the Week: December

Week commencing 7th December

Lord of peace,
In the business of our preparations for Christmas, fill
us with your peace, which passes all understanding
and help us to keep our eyes fixed firmly on Jesus
this Advent. Amen.



Week commencing 14th December

Lord of joy,
As we look forward to Christmas help us to remember
the true meaning and not become slaves to the
commerciality of Christmas. May we rejoice in the
coming of Jesus Christ and keep watch for his return.
Amen.



Week commencing 21st December

God of love,
Pour out your love and compassion in this week of
Christmas so that we may in turn share your love in
the world. Amen.

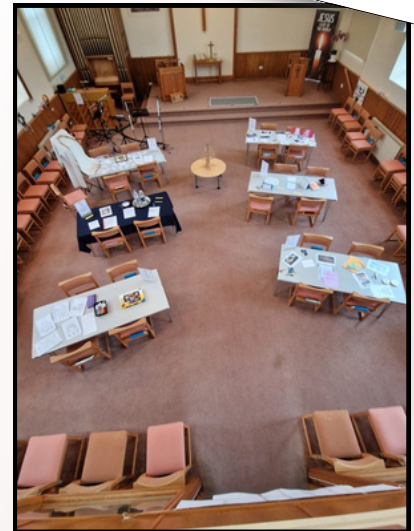


Week commencing 28th December

God of ancient times and our future,
Help us to learn from our past mistakes and look to
this New Year with a firm resolve to know you more
and spend time resting in your life-giving presence.
Thank you for always being available for us. Amen.

A Healing Place: 12 Hour Prayer Event

The 12 hour prayer event took place at Bethlehem Methodist Church on Saturday the 4th of October from 8am to 8pm.



All were welcome to attend as much or as little of the 12 hour event. Prayer stations were set up each focusing on biblical stories of healing allowing individuals to prayer and mediate or just sit quietly to rest in God's healing presence. Rev Peter finished the 12 hour event by leading a Communion service from 7.00 pm to 8pm.





Soup, Pud & Chat

Ebenezer Methodist Church welcomes everyone to join them at Trinity Parish Hall on:

- Thursday, 13th November
- Tuesday, 16th December
- Tuesday, 27th January
- Tuesday, 24th February



Time: 12.15pm - 1.30pm

**No booking needed and
no charge to attend but
donations will be welcome
in aid of MIND Jersey.**

If you have any questions or offers
of help, please contact Rosemary
on 07797 792242



KAIROS ARTS

Thank you to all who supported the Kairos Arts trip to Kolkata in November. One of the 'kairos moments' was at "Loyal" – a Freedom Business in a red-light district employing people who've been previously exploited or abused.



Men and women, all at different stages of their journeys of faith, were gathered for our workshop and amongst them was a social worker who'd been supporting the staff for years. We invited each person to decorate a box considering what is seen by the world on the outside and the inner qualities or treasure within. This exercise was unlocking for many people.

One participant shared, "Inside the box is God – I'm very happy to make this. I'm thinking and praying that God will transform my life."

"They've never spoken like this before," said the social worker afterwards, "How can I learn from you?" It was our last workshop of the trip, so we gathered all the remaining resources and handed them over to her. We've offered to tutor her online to support her work with this community.

These courageous artisans have known such brokenness, but every product now represents their restoration stories of hope and transformation by God's grace.

More stories and view the products on Friday 9th January at St Martin's Methodist Church Hall.

The Learning Network

The learning network provides free opportunities for everyone to expand their knowledge. Some online courses available through Eventbrite include:

- Equipping for equality – Development sessions for those in the Methodist Church passionate about Justice, Dignity and Solidarity (www.eventbrite.com/cc/equipping-for-equality-3250479?)
- What might God be calling you to in 2026? Encounter is a year-long programme of monthly opportunities to explore discipleship and vocation with others. Sign up for a taster session here. (www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/encounter-2026-taster-evenings-registration-1918551121049)
- Could I be a pioneer? Do you long to connect people outside of church with Jesus? Come along and meet like-minded folk (www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/could-i-be-a-pioneer-southampton-and-channel-island-districts-registration-1976193294341?)

Follow the Learning Network on Facebook, through *The Learning Network (Methodist Church)* group.

BRIAN E BECK MEMORIAL LECTURE 2026

Perfecting Love and the public sphere?

Towards a Wesleyan social ethics for a fractured world

with Professor Dion Forster



This year the Revd Dr Brian E Beck Memorial Lecture will be given by Dion Forster, Professor of Public Theology & Ethics in the School of Religion & Theology at Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam.

This lecture asks how perfecting love might inhabit the public sphere as an expression of Wesleyan social ethics for a fractured world.

In the spirit of Scripture and Conference, embodied by Brian Beck, the lecture considers the promises and perils of diverse and sometimes divergent Methodisms shaped by migration, contextual, and global entanglements, and how these can serve and hinder the common good.

Thursday 22 January 2026 2.30pm-4pm
At Wesley House or Online

Wesley House, St Giles Court, 24 Castle Street, Cambridge CB3 0AJ



Wesley House
Cambridge

For further information and to register (in person or online) visit:
<https://brianbeck.eventbrite.co.uk>

A thought from Rev Peter...

I took this photograph in St Lawrence on Monday 24th November.

When I saw this rainbow in our grey winter skies I remembered God's everlasting covenant of love and peace with his creation.

The message from God for me through this photo is "I have set my bow in the clouds and I have set my cross upon the earth".

God's covenant of love and peace is not simply a sign in the sky; instead, because of the cross, God's covenant of love and peace is grounded in history.

This Advent and Christmas we look for his coming to us.



If You Look for Me at Christmas,
you won't need a special star;
I'm no longer just in Bethlehem,
I'm right there where you are.

You may not be aware of Me
amid the celebrations.
You'll have to look beyond the stores
and all the decorations.

But if you take a moment
from your list of things to do,
and listen to your heart, you'll find
I'm waiting there for you.

You're the one I want to be with,
you're the reason that I came,
and you'll find Me in the stillness,
as I'm whispering your name.

Love from Jesus

(Author Unknown)

Concerts at Georgetown

Georgetown has had a wonderful run of concerts this year, each time raising funds for worthy causes through their retiring collections.

The last concert of the year took place on Saturday the 29th of November, welcoming Jersey Camerata with Eva Hsieh and Alexander Garvey Kingham to play.

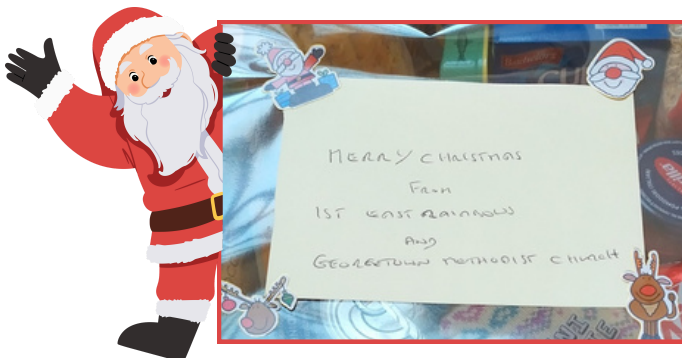


You can see Alexander in the photo to the left playing the marimba.



Reverse Advent Calendar at Georgetown

The girls of the 1st East Rainbows, who meet at Georgetown on Monday evenings, have been putting together a reverse Advent calendar, the opposite of the modern commercial Advent calendar. Instead of them receiving a treat each day, the Rainbows collected for others. In a partnership with the members of Georgetown, donations of food and little gifts as stocking fillers were packaged up and three festive hampers have been presented to Grace Trust.



Remembrance at Ebenezer

Rev Keith took part in a special Remembrance service that was held down Petite Port Bay on the 7th of November, 2025. This parish ecumenical service had over 50+ people attending to honour the late Captain Philip Ayton.

Captain Ayton was a member of a Joint Allied unit who landed in the location in Trinity, on a reconnaissance mission in December 1943. He unfortunately died from injuries sustained during the mission. He will always be remembered by the Parish of Trinity for making the ultimate sacrifice.



Each year for Remembrance Sunday, Ebenezer's young people prepare a craft that is pertinent to the service. This year they prepared a wreath and a garland to show the different coloured poppies now worn each year during Remembrance Week. These and the painting from last year's service can be seen in the photo to the right.



Catching up with the Methodist Homes for the Aged

2025 has been a special year for Methodist Homes for the Aged, as we celebrated 60 years since being founded in Jersey and 50 wonderful years since Mr. F.H. Le Cornu became the very first resident of Maison La Corderie. It's been a memorable journey, and we're proud to have spent all these years providing warm, compassionate care for older people. Our Christian values continue to inspire us every day as we support residents to live with dignity, independence, and a real sense of home. This year, our staff and residents also had a lot of fun getting involved in upgrading our website. Everyone is delighted with how it has turned out, and we'd love for you to take a look at www.mhajersey.org. Another new addition this year has been our refreshed logo which we have recently begun using.



A picture of Mr F.H. Le Cornu back in 1975, the first resident of Maison La Corderie.

Looking ahead, our Board, Senior Management team, and I are truly excited about what's to come. We're full of enthusiasm as we build on the excellent care we're known for, stay ahead in an ever-changing regulatory world, and explore fresh and meaningful ways to offer even more support and services for our residents.

From all at Methodist Homes for the Aged Jersey, we wish you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year and thank you for your continued support.

Gerard McCormack, Chief Executive

Recently, Gerard McCormack joined Methodist Homes for the Aged as our new Chief Executive, following the retirement of Julie Garnett. Gerard has just returned from New Zealand after ten years, accompanied by his wife Sarah and their sons, Joshua (7) and Benjamin (5). We are thrilled to have Gerard on board and look forward to working with him as he helps lead the organisation into the future, bringing his wealth of experience in government and the charitable sector to support our continued growth and success. In the New Year, we will be looking for new members to join our Board to help shape the future direction and strategy of the organisation. If you would like to be part of our journey and help us achieve our goals, we would love to hear from you. Please feel free to contact either Gerard (ceo@mhajersey.org) or myself (chairman@mhajersey.org).

Wishing you all a Happy Christmas and New Year.

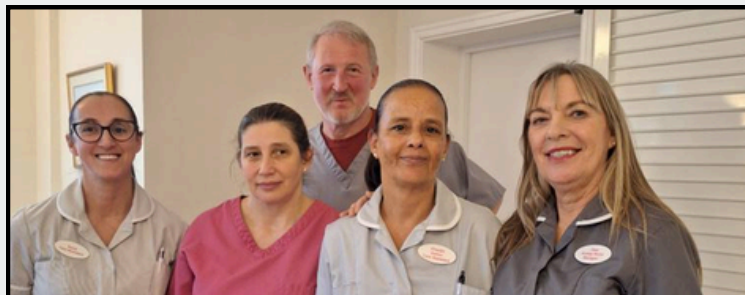
Anne Pryke, Board Chair Methodist Homes for the Aged (Jersey)

50th

Anniversary Celebration

Maison La Corderie

Maison La Corderie celebrated their 50th anniversary on the 21st of November. Joined by friends and family, everyone had a marvelous time, with some very tasty cake and food served to celebrate the momentous occasion.



Rev Karen Le Mouton delivered a prayer for 50th anniversary:

Heavenly Father, we rejoice in this 50th anniversary and the countless blessings you have poured upon MHA and this home. Loving God, we thank you for guiding MHA through fifty years of service, compassion, and dedication here at Maison La Corderie. You have been the foundation in times of challenge and the joy in seasons of triumph. Without the dedicated staff this could not have been achieved. Bless every hand that has built this legacy, every heart that has carried this home forward, and every life touched along the way. May the seeds planted over these decades continue to bear fruit for generations to come.

Lord, as MHA celebrates this golden milestone, we look to you for wisdom for the years ahead. Keep our vision clear, our hearts humble, and our work rooted in love. We ask for your continued protection, provision, and inspiration. May every step forward be guided by your light, and may our mission always reflect your heart for the world. May the next fifty years be filled with renewed purpose, and even greater impact, all for Your glory. Amen.

Jersey Heritage: Discover the Artist in You! Exhibition



Above is Rev Keith with his works at the opening night of the exhibition.

Left: How Rev Keith found fused glass!

Rev Timothy Keith Sandow – Glass artist

I was introduced to fused glass in a roundabout way. First, by designing terrariums and creating geometric shaped structures. Second, by enjoying stained glass which led me to take a six-week course in fused glass. I later bought a used paragon kiln and gradually started slumping, bottles, and working with frit moulds before creating layered glass landscapes.

Fused Glass is an amazing medium with unlimited possibilities to grow and develop. I offer taster workshops to the public free of charge through a Connect Me grant. I can be reached via the Methodist Centre in St Helier.

The two images to the left are mini wreaths made from fused glass and turned into Christmas tree decorations.

Children from St Helier Methodist Church each had a turn at making them with Rev Keith and proudly have them displayed.



ADVENT PRAYER

ONLINE



Using a variety of ways of praying, these guided contemplative sessions will explore the Advent themes of 'waiting, watching & hoping.'

WAITING... Wed 3rd Dec 7:30pm

WATCHING... Wed 10th Dec 7:30pm

HOPING... Wed 17th Dec 7:30pm

All sessions stand alone -
come to as many or as
few as you wish.



To receive the Zoom link
scan the QR code or email
vwilderspin@gmail.com



Come and join us for our “Gifted” Advent Course

At Ebenezer Methodist Church
2.30 to 3.30pm

- 🎁 25th November - 'Give Hope' with Rev Keith
- 🎁 2nd December - 'Orange in Stockings' with Helen
- 🎁 9th December - 'You are a Gift' with Rev Peter
- 🎁 16th December - 'With Love from God' with Lorraine

Any queries please get in touch with
Helen: [**higginsonhe@outlook.com**](mailto:higginsonhe@outlook.com)



Christmas & New Year across the Circuit

There are lots of services and events happening at the Methodist Churches this Christmas and New Year. Please see the next 5 pages for them all. Remember everyone is welcome to any of the events and we look forward to seeing as many of you as possible.

We wish everyone a very happy Christmas and New Year! We look forward to seeing everyone in 2026!

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

St Aubin

- Sunday 14th December - 10.30am - All-age Gift Tree Service with Christingle
- Sunday 21st December - 5pm - Carol Service
- Christmas Eve - 11.30pm - Midnight Communion
- Boxing Day Coffee Morning - 10am-12.30pm - All Welcome

Bethesda

- Sunday 21st December - 5pm - Candlelight Carol Service
- Christmas Day - 10.30am - Family Service

Bethehem

- Sunday 21st December - 10.30am - Carol Service
- Christmas Eve - 4.30pm - Christingle
- Sunday 28th December - 10.30am - Circuit Service

St Martin

- Sunday 21st December - 6.30pm - Carol Service, with refreshments from 5.45pm

St. Helier Methodist Centre
Join us this Christmas

14th December
CAROL SERVICE
10.30am

21st December
NATIVITY SERVICE
10.30am

24th December
CHRISTINGLE
4.30pm
CHRISTMAS DAY
CELEBRATION
10.30am



Sunday 7th
December at
3pm - De
Gruchy Carol
Service of
Remembrance



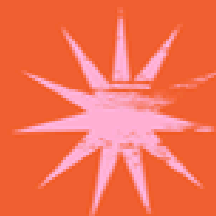
CHRISTMAS

AT EBENEZER METHODIST CHURCH



SUNDAY 7TH DEC - 10.30AM

Deck the Halls' a special service to prepare us all for Christmas.



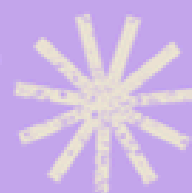
SUNDAY 14TH DEC - 10.30 AM

'Pantivity', a fun filled service for all ages telling the Christmas story in a 'Pantomime' way! If children would like to come dressed as Kings, Angels and/or shepherds then please do.



SUNDAY 21ST DEC - 10.30AM

A traditional Carol Service with favourite carols chosen by our congregation.





Back by popular demand, our...

Pantivity

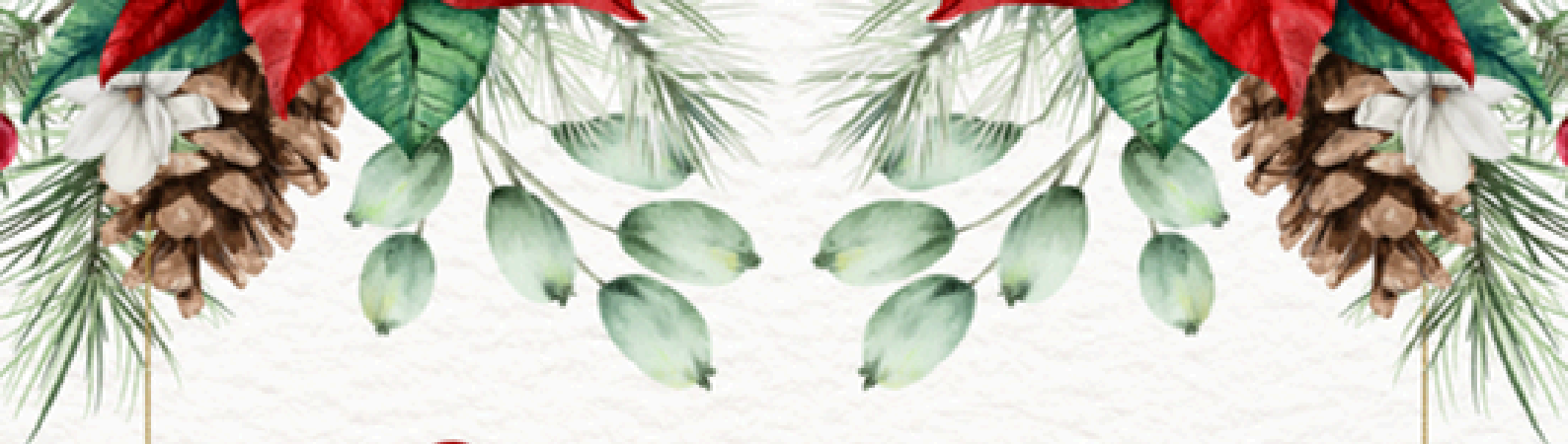
Sunday 14th December, 10.30am

A live interactive telling of the Nativity, led by Rev Dawn Saunders. Children can come dressed up, if they would like to add to the fun!

Not just for children (oh yes it is...oh no it isn't!)

Refreshments will be served afterwards





*Georgetown
Methodist Church*

BOXING DAY

COMMUNITY
COFFEE MORNING

10.00am -
12.00pm

*ALL are
welcome!*



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:

December:

- 5th - Generations at Ebenezer - from 2.45pm
- 9th - "Gifted" Advent Course at Ebenezer - 2.30pm to 3.30pm
- 15th & 16th - Chair's Conference in Cambridge
- 16th - Soup, Pud & Chat at Trinity Parish Hall - 12.15pm to 1.30pm
- 16th - Messy Vintage at Philadelphie - 2.30pm to 4.30pm
- 16th - "Gifted" Advent Course at Ebenezer - 2.30pm to 3.30pm
- 26th - Boxing Day Coffee Morning at Georgetown - 10am to 12pm
- 26th - Boxing Day Coffee Morning at St Aubin - 10am to 12.30pm



Please see individual posters for
Christmas services being held across
the circuit churches.

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 (circuit.office.jsy@gmail.com).

