

Jersey Methodist Circuit

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Our Mission

To build confident faith in God, to encourage Christian growth and to strengthen community life in Jersey



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Prayer for the Week: December (Lorraine Wheeler)

Week of 3 December

God of light and life, give us hope as we wait for your coming again. Send us out into the darkness in search of those who need you most. May we never lose a sense of wonder and gratitude for the great gift of your salvation. Amen.

Week of 17 December

Generous and Holy God, help us to see all that we have received through your abundant generosity. Give peace to our restless hearts in the assurance of your love for us, that we will grow to desire your potter's hands shaping and moulding us. Amen.

Week of 31 December

Loving Lord Jesus, help us to reflect on how well we have served you over the last year and how we can be guided by your light to serve you with greater zeal in the year ahead. Amen.

Week of 10 December

God of hope and love, fill us with your Holy Spirit and keep us watchful in prayer as we await the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ - the light of the world. May our anticipation of Jesus' Second Coming absorb us throughout this Holy Season. Amen.

Week of 24 December

Faithful and eternal God, give us the courage and the power to allow our lives to point to Jesus, our Saviour, Friend and deliverer. May our lives shine with hope and promise in you, this Christmas and always. Amen

Training and connecting with each other across the Connexion

1. Last month's course for local preachers and worship leaders, to develop their digital skills and be more confident about their role in a digital world, was so popular that it is being re-run on Tuesdays (starting 2.00pm) in January:

16 January	What's digital got to do with me? (why should we bother with the digital world at all?)
23 January	Going digital in worship (including videos in PPT, recorded music etc)
30 January	Developing online prayer and worship in social media

The course is run by Fiona Fidgin, Digital Training Communications Officer for the Methodist Church. If you have any questions / queries, please email her fidginf@methodistchurch.org.uk but you can also click [here](#) for more information



2. The Learning network run The Staffroom monthly, just 45 minutes to 'hang out' online each month with lay employees and volunteers across the Connexion. The sessions start at 11.00am and everyone is welcome. The Eventbrite links to book in are:

15 December	https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/765636989847?aff=oddtcreator
25 January	https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/765684682497?aff=oddtcreator
21 February	https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/765694521927?aff=oddtcreator

Any questions: please contact James Devenish, Learning & Development Officer on 07799 902567



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Pat Tourtel



Dear Friends,

Our beloved mother, grandmother and great grandmother, faithful servant and friend to so many of you, passed away to be her Lord, on Monday morning. May she rest in peace, free from all the pain that she has bravely borne for so long.

A service of Thanksgiving will be held on 10 January, time to be arranged. We would love as many of you who can, to come and celebrate her life so richly lived and blessed.

Thank you,
Sally, Mary and Families

Stuart Court's thank you to Hazel



For those who don't know, there are two Methodist residential care homes in Jersey, Maison La Corderie in Green St and Stuart Court in St Lawrence. It has been my privilege to serve as a Director on the MHA Board for over two decades. I came on to the Board thinking I'd "give it a go" for the three year term, and here I am, some 25 years later, bidding "au revoir". I have loved almost every minute!!

When I started there was no official regulation that exists now. The Jersey Care Commission has come into being, and through its biennial inspections of all care homes, together with its informative advisory role, it has ensured that excellent standards of care are maintained.

I thoroughly recommend voluntary service to those who have some spare time. It's so fulfilling, interesting and rewarding. The more you give, the more you receive back. Both MHA homes in Jersey will always hold a very special place in my heart.

Hazel le Boutillier



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**JERSEY ISLAND SINGERS
PRESENTS**

A Choral Christmas

7:30 PM DECEMBER 8, 2023

ST COLUMBA'S CHURCH, MIDVALE RD



WITH

EDWARD CLARK AND ALEX LE CORNU : VIOLIN

MICHAEL WYNNE : ORGAN

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Update on Alive and Well

As this year draws to a close, we reflect on the positive steps that Alive and Well has presented this past year.

There have been real signs of change as congregations appreciate the reasons behind a Plan with more united services / LA's and face the reality of the situation. We thank all churches for their graciousness during this period of transition.

What's been exciting is what we've gained. There is a feeling that when we meet together it feels we belong to something bigger and there are opportunities to build new relationships. Churches are actively exploring different forms of worship, new talents have been unleashed by those willing to lead an LA and there has been a sharing of resources that are helpful for preparing LA services.

Churches are proactively exploring opportunities to see what can be done together in a creative way. In the east, for example, SHMC, St Martin, Georgetown and Ebenezer are experimenting with new ways of working, holding their Stewards' meetings in the same place and at the same time. A 6-week Bible Study led by Rev Tony and Helen on Philippians was very well attended with over 20 people from different congregations attending. Following on from this, a Circuit-wide Advent course at Georgetown will be led by Rev Tony and Helen over three Tuesdays from 1.00pm-2.15pm, starting on 5th December.

Some of our Churches have identified a heart for youth work/work with young families as a priority and a meeting is scheduled for January 10th, 1.00pm at St Helier during which they will share their emerging plans, but also explore how we might work together to create something new across the Circuit. To know more speak to Tony or Lou Hicklin.

So as we begin a new calendar year with a Plan that is sustainable for the time being, but delicate, we will continue to explore new opportunities and directions for our Circuit. We ask for your prayers that we may see hidden treasures in our journey ahead and that our Alive and Well plans are guided by the Holy Spirit in grace and love.

Rosemary Parker



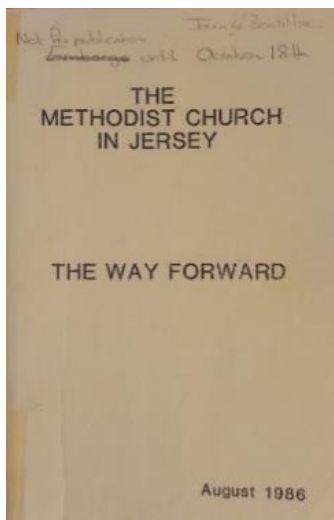
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Being Circuit: Jean Treleven

Jean's (née Le Boutillier) formative years began at Sunday School with Mrs Le Marquand at St John's Congregational Church (later the URC). She then moved on to Sunday School at Sion and 'graduated' to their "exciting" youth club run by the inspirational Don and Dulcie De La Haye where they put on shows and performances. She also enjoyed evenings at the youth club at Georgetown and travelled to the Royal Albert Hall with the MAYC. After completing her degree in Geography at Goldsmiths College and doing her teacher training, she returned to the island to teach and ran the Sion youth club herself.



After several years teaching in the Island, Jean landed her dream job in Schools Radio based at Highlands. She produced radio programmes and audio visual resources supporting schools with sound effects for their dramatic productions.



Led by Rev John Farley and Rev Charles Carnahan (on secondment from the USA) and possibly gently cajoled by Dr John Le Gresley, Jean's first major contribution to the Jersey Circuit was in 1986 when she helped to organise a survey of the Methodist Church, The Way Forward. This large piece of work started the Circuit thinking about how to operate with smaller numbers.

Jean did not play an active role in church life whilst she and husband John lived in Chiswick raising their young twin daughters, Menna and Jenna and she retrained in primary school teaching to fit around the girls. In 2000 the family returned to Jersey, joining SHMC with Jean becoming first



a church steward and then a Circuit steward and the girls marrying together there in 2020, quite an event in the local media!

Her current role is CI District EDI Officer (Equality, Diversity and Inclusivity) and many of those who hold roles in the Jersey Circuit will have attended her training sessions this year at Georgetown when she rolled out the Methodist Church's JDS strategy (Justice, Dignity and Solidarity). In June she had the opportunity to attend Conference 2023 in Birmingham (see her report in the July 2023 newsletter) and she was inspired by the vision of those on the main platform and at the fringe events. Church administrators around the Circuit are grateful to her for her support on technical issues with running their websites, skills she gained during her final two years at Education working with on-line learning.

Working towards a fully
inclusive Methodist Church
User Guide to the Strategy for
Justice, Dignity and Solidarity

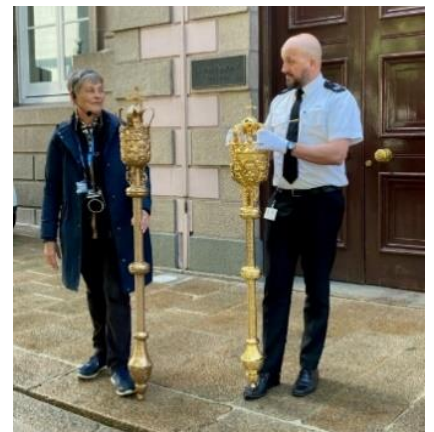


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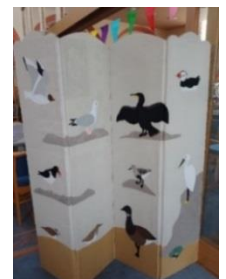
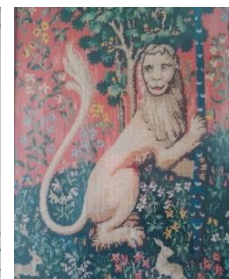
Ever the teacher and communicator even in retirement, Jean is currently Education Officer for Jersey Dairy and leads groups of mostly primary school children around dairy farms and the Dairy explaining the 'grass to glass' process.



Since retirement, Jean has re-immersed herself in her passion of all things Jersey. A long-time member of the Société Jersiaise, back in 1983 Jean was responsible for the reproduction of the 1787/95 Richmond map of Jersey. She is a Jerriais speaker and helps to promote it in schools. Listen to her reading her [Lettre Jerriaise](#) on BBC Radio Jersey in October. Able to trace her family origins back to the Norman period, very appropriately she enjoys traditional Norman dancing with Les Chaboleurs (the shufflers) at Hamptonne and the Jersey festivals like the Corn Riots, Black Butter etc. She is also a Blue Badge Guide and a specialist in the 17th century and the Civil War, church history and the Island's geology. She has led groups (including Presidents of the Methodist Conference on their annual visits and a group of Canadian Methodists) around the churches of St Helier and has made her own impressive Royal Mace!



Since her school days Jean has always loved sewing and stitching and in 2014 she led the team which made the cushions for the SHMC balcony pews and more recently has helped with the church Christmas decorations. When at home, amongst her crafting she enjoys knitting (nativity sets started by Rev Elaine Halls and characters like Maisie (below)), tapestry (conventional and Bayeux) and applique.



As well as singing in the Jersey Festival Choir, she supports the family and specially little grandson Jasper. Having joined her husband John (newsletter August 2023) as he refereed tennis at the Island Games in Gotland, Gibraltar and Guernsey, she is hoping to visit Orkney to study its unique archeology. One hopes the local guide will have done his homework!



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INVITE YOU TO
A CONCERT OF
THEIR

FAVOURITE CHRISTMAS SONGS

**MON 11th & TUES 12th DECEMBER
ST SAVIOUR'S PARISH HALL
7.30pm**

Tickets £8 on the door, from choir
members or by calling 871265

Retiring collection
in aid of MacMillan Jersey
and the Connetable of St
Saviour's Welfare Fund



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Something New – Somewhere New

New Places for New People (NPNP) is a Connexional Initiative aimed at creating a culture of church planting and pioneering across the Methodist Church. It is focused on an end result of new Christian communities and new Christian disciples.

Here in the Channel Islands we've starting to try to discern what it might look like for our particular context – and how it might work across all four islands. We've got a Core Group of six people – led by Rev David Stretton – and Lorraine Wheeler and Katie Norman are the Jersey representatives. Every church member should have received a special prayer card by now – and we are inviting everyone to pray the prayer regularly. There is also a monthly twenty-minute Zoom prayer meeting – email me and I'll send you the link.

Over the next few months, we'll be putting together some proposals for people to think about and discuss – and we hope that the main project will launch towards the end of 2024. In the meantime, the District has made £500 available to every church to have a go at doing something new – so if you've got an idea then speak with your minister who has the simple one-page application form.

As advertised at our recent District and Circuit meetings, we're gathering on Zoom once a month to pray together for inspiration, guidance, courage, strength and wisdom as we move the NPNP project forward. Please join us if you can - 6.30-6.50pm - just 20 minutes once a month on a Monday evening: 18 December, 22 January, 26 February, 25 March and 22 April

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81667750414?pwd=aUFieW1lUVdYMmFrRkZESmgzNW11dz09>

Meeting ID: 816 6775 0414, Passcode: 231469

Only a few people, many are frail,
and many are busy

How many people do we need?
Working in pairs?

Ministers are busy, and this isn't a priority

What do we need ministers for? And how can we
'go around' them for other stuff?

Little or no culture of 'having a go'. Existing
meetings are not designed for creativity

How can we make it easy for church members?
What obstacles need removing?

People haven't heard of or experienced
other expressions of church

How do we get some decent input and some
ideas? Who and where from?

All four islands are very different

Do we continue to pursue a four-island proposal:
can we create a framework or brand, that people
and projects can connect to and be part of?
Or do we go for one big project?

The Core Team is limited in capacity and
experience

Okay for now – but not for going forward

Rev David Stretton, minister on Alderney
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Jersey Festival Choir



FESTIVAL



OF CAROLS

Wednesday

13th December

8.00 p.m.

St Thomas' Church

Collection in aid of



**Motor Neurone Disease
Association
(Jersey Branch)**



www.festivalchoir.org.je



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Remembrance around the Circuit



Bethesda Rev Peter led a time of reflection on Psalm 46 before the time of remembrance and silence at 11.00am. Jo led the congregation in a song 'Hymn of Heaven' before the Communion.

St Helier

Ebenezer



The annual Remembrance ceremony at Trinity took place down in Petit Port Bay, Egypt, where Captain Ayton landed. He was a member of a Joint Allied unit who landed in Jersey in December 1943 on a reconnaissance mission but he unfortunately died from injuries sustained during the mission. He will always be remembered by the Parish of Trinity for making the ultimate sacrifice.

Considering there were still very strong winds that morning and a lot of rain overnight, nearly fifty people attended, including many new faces which is good for the future. The Lieutenant-Governor, Vice Admiral Jeremy Kyd CBE, the Dean of Jersey and the Rector and Parish Connétable led the short service, at which some eight wreaths were laid.

At the service on Remembrance Sunday morning Jasper poignantly played the National Anthem on the French horn before he and William were blessed by Rev Tony.

St Aubin's Pop-ins



If you are out exploring the west of the island on a Monday afternoon (closed bank holidays), why not pop in for some company and a cuppa to St Aubin's Church, any time between 1.00-4.00pm. You can also share your crafting skills, help with a jigsaw, do some colouring or simply drop in for a chat.



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Christmas around the Circuit at a glance

CHRISTMAS EVE (Sunday 24 December)

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| 10.30am | Georgetown, Martin Delap
Ebenezer, Rev Peter
St Martin, local arrangement
Bethesda, Rev Tony
St Aubin, Lorraine Wheeler
St Ouen, Rev Dawn |
| 3.00pm | SHMC crib, Rev Tony |
| 4.30pm | Bethlehem Christingle, Rev Peter |
| 6.30pm | St Martin candlelit carols, Rev Tony |
| 11.30pm | St Aubin Communion, Rev Peter |

CHRISTMAS DAY (Monday 25 December)

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| 10.00am | St Martin, Martin Delap
(Not 10.30am as on the Plan) |
| 10.30am | SHMC all age worship, Rev Tony
Bethesda, Rev Peter
St Aubin, Rev Dawn |



Young people around the Circuit



"It's all about who you know!" Just before take-off to London recently young William was invited to sit in the hot seat by Rupert an easyJet pilot and fellow member of **Ebenezer**. William's smile is worth a thousand words!



The 1st East Rainbows, which meets weekly at **Georgetown**, have been completing part of their charity/ community badge and taking part in a reverse Advent Calendar, where the girls brought a donation to their meetings and placed it in a special box. This week they presented their boxes of goodies to Rowland Heaven for FREEDA (the Jersey Women's Refuge).

Circuit Diary – regular dates

Weekly socials

- Mondays: 1.00 - 4.00pm – St Aubin (not bank holidays)
- Wednesdays: 10.30 - 11.45am – Samares
- Thursdays: 10.00am - 12.00pm – Georgetown
- Thursdays: 10.00am – 12.30pm – St Aubin (concluding with a short service at 12.00pm on the second Thursday of each month)

Circuit Diary – special events

- 3-13 December, 11.00am-5.00pm: St Peter's Parish Church Christmas Tree Festival
- 5-10 December, 10.00-4.00pm: Exhibition of cartoons by Baudet created for his windows at St Martin's Parish Church
- Friday 8 December 7.30pm: St Columba's Church, Jersey Island Singers, A Choral Christmas
- Monday 11 December 7.30pm: St Martin, local preachers and worship leaders meeting (please note change of time and venue from that advertised in the Plan)
- Monday 11 and Tuesday 12 December 7.30pm: St Saviour's Parish Hall, Les Conteurs' Favourite Christmas Songs
- Wednesday 13 December, 8.00pm: St Thomas's Church, Festival of Carols
- Friday 12 January, 2.45-4.30pm: Ebenezer, Generations
- Saturday 13 January 9.30am for a prompt 10.00am start and finishing at 11.30am: Georgetown, Circuit Foundation Safeguarding course

The Circuit Office will be closed 22 – 28 December inclusive. Please send in all items and details of special events to appear in the January newsletter by Friday 5 January.



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