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Prayer for the Week: March

Week commencing 1st March

Dear Lord, As we step into the month of March, we ask for your blessings and guidance. May this month be filled with hope, joy, and new beginnings. Help us to embrace each day with a grateful heart and a positive spirit. Lord, guide my steps throughout this month of March and lead me on the right path in every decision I make. Amen



Week commencing 8th March

Help me reach out to others, seeing their needs as you see them and caring for them with your compassion. May I love as you love: extravagantly and indiscriminately. May I care as you do: without counting the cost. Amen



Week commencing 15th March

We give thanks for women who have been examples of self-giving love, who have given time, wisdom and care to the nurture of children, their own or others and we pray for those who find this a difficult day, May your Spirit continue to shape, heal and guide us. Amen



Week commencing 22nd March

Help me take time away from life's business to refocus my heart and spirit as I wait for you. I choose to re-centre my life on your Word, your teachings and to take heart in all your promises. Amen



Week commencing 29th March

We thank you for your triumphant entry to Jerusalem. We pray for hearts all over the world to turn to you, and for a renewed spiritual hunger that sees many come to welcome you as their Saviour and Lord. Amen





“IGNITE”

Come and find out about our Circuit's exciting new Vision & Mission and share in the passion for our future

When: Saturday, 21st March

Where: Ebenezer Methodist Church

Timings: 9.30am coffee, with a 10am start. Finish at 12pm and lunch available for those who want to stay.

It's time to Ignite our passion for collaborative circuit ministry.

You're invited to gather as many church friends as possible for an exciting presentation and engaging table discussion about our new five-year circuit vision and mission strategy on March 21st from 9:30 AM to noon at Ebenezer. This is your chance to dive into the strategy, ask questions, and prioritize what ignites your passion within the fresh vision and mission proposal. Together, we'll get the circuit ready to set sail, launching an enthusiastic and collaborative ministry focused on worship, discipleship and outreach beginning September 2026.

Enjoy coffee throughout the event and a light lunch at noon. If you plan to stay for lunch or have any dietary requirements, please contact Donna (circuit.office.jsy@gmail.com) by Monday, March 16th.

The circuit needs everyone to prayerfully embark on this amazing journey together! Thank you in advance for clearing your diary for this important event.

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Philippians



About Bible Month

This year, Bible Month invites churches and small groups to dive into one of the most joyful and encouraging letters in the New Testament: Philippians. Written by Paul from prison, this short epistle overflows with warmth, hope, and practical wisdom for living a Christ-shaped life.

Across four weeks, you'll discover:

- Joy that endures - Paul's call to rejoice, even in hardship, rooted in confidence in God's goodness.
- Christ-like humility - the famous "Christ hymn" in chapter 2, showing Jesus' self-giving love as our model.
- Pressing on in faith - discipleship as a lifelong journey of growth and perseverance.
- Grace and peace - learning contentment and generosity in every circumstance.
- Most churches take part in June, when resources and training are scheduled, but you can choose any month that fits your local calendar.

About the Training Day: 14th March, 10am-3pm

To supplement all the resources developed by the Connexional Team and external contributors, we're hosting a live-streamed training day, live from Cliff College.

How to join in?

It's very simple. You can watch the live-stream at home, or with others in your church or Circuit by registering here: <https://bible-month-training-2026.eventbrite.co.uk>. You don't need any special technical knowledge: if you can watch a YouTube video at home or at your church, you can join in.

Got questions?

Questions for Bible Month will be handled by Jon White from the Learning Network. You can email him at whitej@methodistchurch.org.uk.

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
- Next session on Friday 27th March

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



BBC Radio Jersey Make a Difference Awards

BBC radio Jersey Make a Difference Awards are open for nomination. If there is someone who has helped the church community and has really made a difference this year, we'd love to give them the recognition they deserve.

We are holding the Make a Difference Awards in September but you've only got until 5pm on Tuesday 31 March 2026 to make a nomination. You can find out more detail on all categories and our terms here: <https://bbc.in/4kP4AiQ>

If you've got any questions you can message me or email chris.caddock@bbc.co.uk

CIRCUIT LENTEN SERIES

Fruits of the Spirit

A journey of colour,
faith, struggle and
hope.

March 3rd with Rev Keith
March 10th with Rev Peter
March 17th with Helen
March 24th with Rev Keith

St Helier Methodist Church
2.30pm



**A four week staff led series based on Galations
5:22-25 utilizing paintings and commentary by
special guest Carmella Knight.**

Maundy Thursday

Thursday 2nd April

Ebenezer Methodist Church is delighted once again to host the Circuit Maundy Thursday service on 2nd April, led By Reverend Keith Sandow and Reverend Peter Goodhall.

The service will again be conducted in two parts, as last year.

It will begin with Holy Communion in their Hall at 7 pm. This service will last approximately 45 minutes to offer time for a 15 minute comfort break before the second part of the evening begins.

The second part of the service will be held in the Church sanctuary starting at 8pm. Everyone is invited to enter the Church building by the front entrance for the Service of Shadows, the Tenebrae.

The Service of Shadows involves a dramatic reading of the passion and the extinguishing of candle light throughout. Following the blessing everyone is encouraged to leave the chapel in silence.

Both services beautifully link the Last Supper with the Passion and will be deeply moving.

Because of the length of the evening and people's schedules, the service is in two parts to allow everyone to participate in one or both parts of the evening if they wish.

Guests have a choice to attend the 7pm communion ending at 7.45 and/or the Service of Shadows at 8pm ending by 9 pm.

Please come along and do encourage friends to join you for this special circuit evening.



Good Friday

Friday 3rd April

Pause from the busyness of life and remember the depth of love, sacrifice, and grace that Good Friday represents. Alongside the reflective act of worship children and families worship and activities will take place in the hall. Led by Rev Dawn Saunders.

- 10am Service
- St Helier Methodist Centre
- Tea, coffee and hot cross buns will be served after the service.

Georgetown Methodist Church are hosting a Lent Lunch followed by a short informal service, which includes the Easter story and your favourite Eastertide hymns, led by Rev Dawn Saunders.

Wednesday 1 April, from 12.00pm

Everyone welcome to this community worship!



Soup, Pud & Chat



The final session of Soup, Pud & Chat took place on Tuesday 24th of February, with another good turnout of individuals from within the parish of Trinity and across the circuit.

In total the 4 lunches, raised a wonderful **£820** for **Mind Jersey**.

Thank you to all volunteers who helped out and everyone who supported us.



The Blessing of The Armenian Nativity Icons at Bethlehem

By Susan Le Gresley

The beautiful service at Bethlehem Chapel on the 15th February led by Reverend Peter on Transfiguration Sunday, was an opportunity to bless the Armenian Nativity Icons. The culmination of a spiritual pilgrimage, which began at the beginning of November in preparation for Advent.

A group of five ladies came together to write the Armenian Nativity Icon. We were led by Karen Blampied, our tutor and guide, to explore the theology and divine geometry of this beautiful Icon depicting the Divine Word made flesh in Jesus Christ. The message and majesty revealed in this Icon is that, 'Christ is Born - God is Revealed.'



The Armenian Nativity Icon

There were many blessings in participating in worship and prayer together as a group, Fellowship and

newfound friends. Also a safe space at Philadelphie to explore new understandings and meanings of Scripture within the Icon. This opened our eyes to a new way of seeing, and deepened our understanding of Scripture.



The five completed icons on display.

We find that Jesus the Baby is wrapped in swaddling clothes, that echo the garments of the grave. That in the Icon we see Christ's manger is also a sarcophagus pointing to the grave and resurrection.

We find the stable is in a cave, in this icon symbolically depicted within Mount Ararat, where The Ark of Noah came to rest on dry land.

An Icon is 'written' as it is scripturally based and always points to The Lord Jesus Christ.

The Blessing of The Armenian Nativity Icons at Bethlehem cont.

We embarked on the practical journey of learning how to etch our gessoed Icon panels with the image of the nativity scene, this represented the written word being etched into the stone tablets of Moses.

Then we learned to mix and apply egg tempera paint in a number of techniques. Learning that the Icon is written from dark to light, with the white accents last representing the Light of Christ. Each Icon is written in meditation and takes countless hours of prayerful work.

An Icon represents the created order coming under the rule of Jesus Christ. The materials are pigments from the earth, wood that represents The Cross, Gesso that represents the stone of the tomb, and the tablets of the law God gave to Moses. Every aspect of the Icon is symbolic of scripture.

An Icon is not worshipped. We are drawn into the Icon as it expresses the mysteries of the incarnation of Jesus

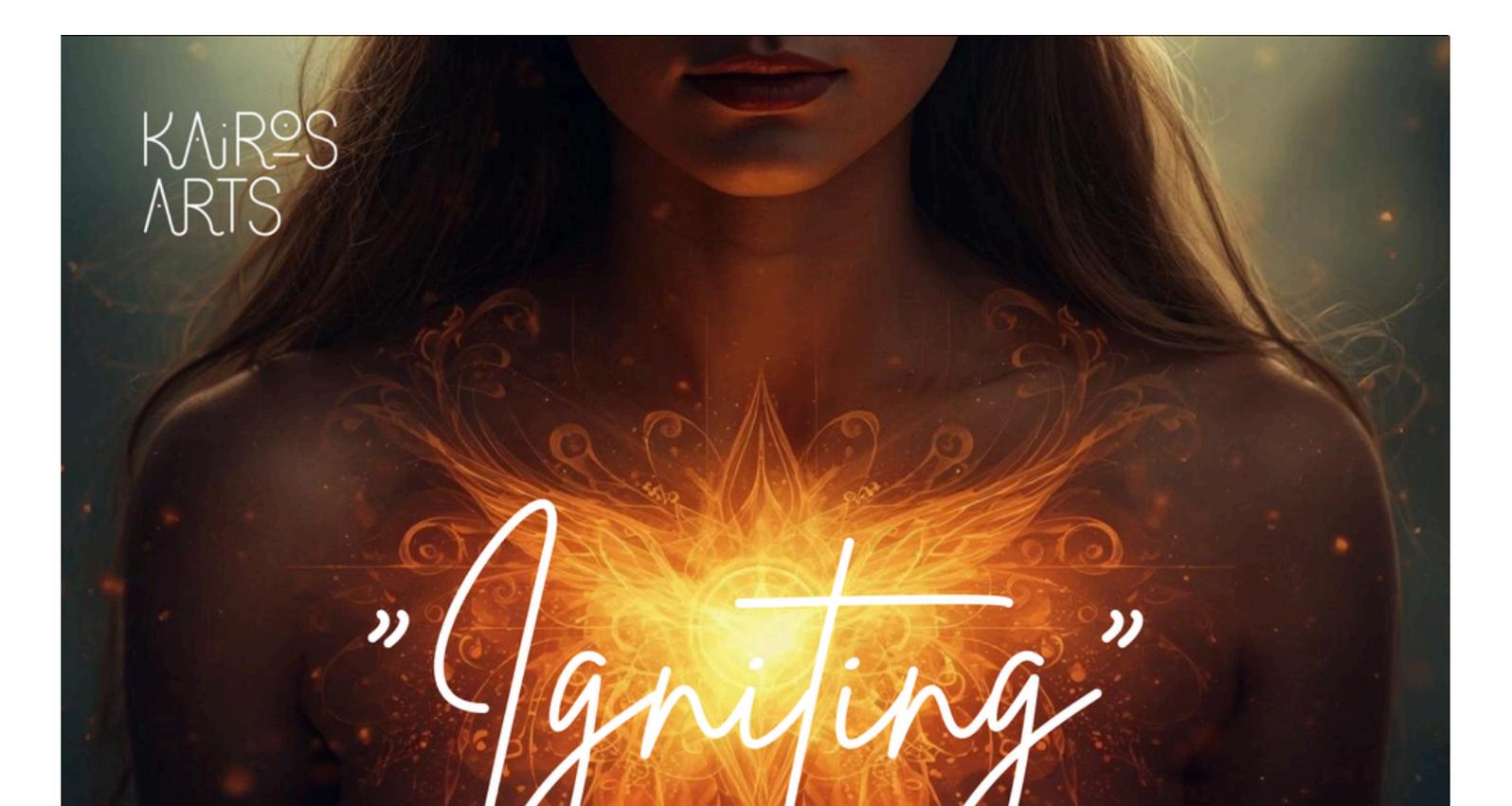
Christ. We meditate with the Icon and venerate the subject. We are participating in the whole of creation coming under the rule of Jesus Christ. Often an Icon is referred to as a 'Window to Heaven'.

Announcing more Good News!

There is another opportunity to join a week long retreat at Philadelphie, led by Karen Blampied, starting on Monday 17th of August to Friday the 21st August where we shall be writing the Icon of The Sinai Christ, a sixth century icon. The name of the retreat is; 'Face to Face as One'. More details of this retreat will follow soon but if you have any questions or would like to register your interest, please email me at souixsieq@gmail.com.



From left to right: Maureen Parris, Susan le Gresley, Julia Renault, Katie Norman, Karen Blampied.



”Igniting”

Mon 09th - Sat 21st March 10am - 3pm
JARO Gallery, 1 York Street, St Helier

Come and experience this immersive, ethereal art installation. An expression of the emotional challenges, hope and empowerment felt by those with lived experience of domestic abuse and sexual violence.

Through light, form, and atmosphere, this installation weaves together the inner forces that fuel passion, resilience, and transformation. *Igniting* reflects moments of breakthrough, where hope ignites possibility, symbolising inner awakening and the courage to emerge boldly into the unknown. At its heart, this work is a reminder that light exists within our internal landscape — our essence, guiding us forward in hope.

Pop by to see the installation, experience a wellbeing workshop, browse our life transforming artisan products from freedom businesses in Bolivia and India, and much more!

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:

March:

- 3rd - Circuit Lenten Service at St Helier (page 5) - 2.30pm
- 3rd - Messy Church at Philadelphie - 3.30pm to 5.30pm
- 7th - Advanced Safeguarding Training - 9.15am to 12pm
- 10th - Circuit Lenten Service at St Helier (page 5) - 2.30pm
- 11th - Presbyteral Synod in Southampton
- 13th - St Brelade Lent Lunch at Parish Hall - 12pm to 2pm
- 17th - Circuit Lenten Service at St Helier (page 5) - 2.30pm
- 17th - Messy Vintage - 2.30pm to 4.30pm
- 20th - St Brelade Lent Lunch at Parish Hall - 12pm to 2pm
- 21st - "Ignite" event (see page 2) - 9.30am to 12pm
- 24th - Circuit Lenten Service at St Helier (page 5) - 2.30pm
- 26th - Local Preacher & Worship Meeting - 7.30pm
- 27th - Generations - From 2.45pm
- 27th - St Brelade Lent Lunch at Parish Hall - 12pm to 2pm



April:

- 1st - Lent Lunch at Georgetown (see page 8) - From 12pm
- 2nd - Maundy Thursday at Ebenezer - 7pm & 8pm (see page 6)
- 3rd - Good Friday Service at St Helier - 10am (see page 7)
- 3rd - St Brelade Lent Lunch at Parish Hall - 12pm to 2pm

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).