# Methodist Circuit

# Newsletter June 2025



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# Prayer for the Week: June

### Week commencing 1st June

Father God, as we look forward to Pentecost, fill us anew with the power of your Holy Spirit. Help us to remember to call on your strength and power in our weakness and bring glory to your name. Amen.

### Week commencing 8th June

Loving Father, Son and Holy Spirit, in this week of Trinity Sunday, help us to be more aware of the loving, respectful and honouring relationship amongst the Trinity and help us to apply this to our own relationships. Amen.

### Week commencing 15th June

Lord of light, as we enjoy the long days of summer, help us to live in your light and truth. Give us ears to hear you speaking to us and help us make time to simply rest in your loving presence. Amen.

### Week commencing 22nd June

Sweet Lord Jesus, our companion and friend, help us to always remember that you are walking with us on our faith journey. Help us to share our experiences with you so that we may grow closer to you and find strength in you. Amen.

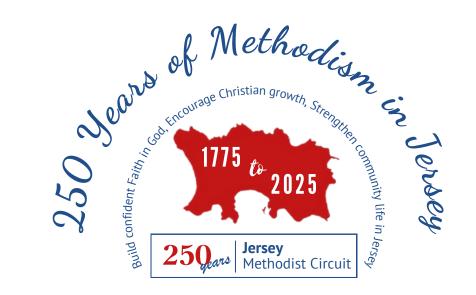
### Week commencing 29th June

Creator God, as we marvel at the beauty of nature around us, help us to see ourselves in relationship with you and your world and be mindful of our environment. Amen.









# A weekend of celebration

Thank you once again to everyone that was involved in the Celebratory weekend (26<sup>th</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> of May) for the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Methodism in Jersey.

To highlight all the weekend's activities as well as the activities that the President and Vice-President took part in during their stay (25<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> of May), we will be releasing a special Anniversary newsletter soon, providing details and photos of all the events.



# News From Stuart Court

What a busy time the residents of Stuart Court have had recently thanks to Lisa our activity coordinator,

we have enjoyed some very interesting talks and demonstrations from The Jersey Honey Co (image on the right), the Library (below left image) and Chocodyllic (below right image).











We also loved the lunch at the Ambassador Hotel, to celebrate Liberation Day. A great day was had by all. Grateful thanks to the Parish of St Lawrence.



Unfortunately, we did not do the Parish proud at the Jersey Royal growing competition, we came last, however we did enjoy the thrill of the weigh in and seeing our friends at the Parish Hall!

Sending you our very best wishes.



Elaine Jackson (Home Manager)

# The Transition to Residential Care

The staff at Maison La Corderie are respectful of how difficult it can be to make not only the decision but the transition into Residential care and have kindly shared a letter that is due to be published in the JEP detailing one families such thoughts and feelings around the subject:



The thought of moving into a care home was overwhelming for our mother for many reasons. Throughout numerous conversations about the possibility of needing extra support in the future, she was always adamant that she did not want to leave her home. In her mind, moving to a care home meant losing her independence, sitting in a chair all day, and simply waiting for the end. However, she had a fall which led her to having to go into Maison La Corderie for respite.

From the moment she arrived she was met with kindness from the staff. They took the time to reassure her that her well being was their priority. Her perception of care homes began to change as she realised that rather than losing her independence, she was gaining the support and companionship to help her to continue enjoying life. She found new friends and received the support and reassurance knowing that help is always available and she joined in activities and outings to keep her active. The staff listened and respected her with kindness. With the support of the staff Maison La Corderie her fears faded. She felt safe, comfortable and most importantly she was happy.

As her family it was important to us that the decision was hers to make, as she wad leaving behind a home filled with memories. Like her, we had our own fears, what is she wasn't happy? What is she regretted leaving her home? But as time passed we could see her feeling comfortable in her new surroundings. She spoke highly of the staff, enjoyed the social aspect and felt truly cared for. Seeing her settling into Maison La Cordeie and being happy in her new surroundings reassured us that this was the right choice for her well being and happiness.

Now, Maison La Cordeire is not just where she lives, it has become her home. A place where she is surrounded by companionship, care, and a supportive environment.

Linda (the Daughter of Joyce Osmand who has recently come to stay at Maison La Corderie)





### We are looking for 50 Friends in 50 Days!

Each of our therapeutic arts group programmes costs £3,000. Help us to raise this amount by recruiting 50 supporters over the next 50 days in the run up to Pentecost to become regular givers and it costs as little as £5 a month!

All you have to do is ...

- Pledge a minimum of £5 per month or £50 per year to Kairos Arts for the next three years.
- Sign a Jersey Gift Support Form which raises a further 25% for us (the link to the form is on the QR code below).
- Save the form, send it to **michelle@kairosarts.org** and we'll gift you a Kairos Arts Bag for Life as a thank you.
- Celebrate with us as we plan for sustainable future growth!



Follow the QR code to sign up today, alternatively contact Michelle 07797925472 to set up a standing order.



Take time out and enter into the labyrinth

### PILGRIM PEOPLE -COME AND EXPLORE A LABYRINTH

Come and join us at in this opportunity to find out about and experience walking a labyrinth (various sizes). Everyone welcome!

### DATES

- 05/06/25 @ 11.30am (LW 0907 HW 1503)
- 11/06/25 @ 10.30am (HW 0712 LW 1348)
- 31/07/25 @ 2pm (HW 1114 LW 1744)
- 07/08/25 @ 10.30am (HW 0553 LW 1226)
- 04/09/25 @ 11am (LW 1109 HW 1705)
- 18/09/25 @ 11am (LW 1124 HW 1713)

### LOCATION

St Brelade's Bay beach (far left hand side just past the last slipway

### CONTACT

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Please note: If there is inclement weather (rain and/or very strong winds), the event will be cancelled on that day.

# "WRITE THE LIGHT"

### Write an icon of The Transfiguration - Climbing Mount Tabour

Take part in this special retreat, where you will be guided by the local iconographer, Karen Blampied, in this spiritual journey of writing your icon.



MACLEIXME

### 04-08 AUG 2025

ADDIERK

9.30AM TO 4.40PM EACH DAY

Only 10 spaces available. All materials are included in the cost of the course, with the exception of each participant required to bring 3 paintbrushes. For more information or to book your space, please contact Donna at circuit.office.jsy@gmail.com.

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

2025 marked 80 years since the island was liberated and with various eents happenign across the island in the weeks surrounding the 9<sup>th</sup> of May, the circuit also held some of its own services and events which were open to all!







# Liberation Day Service at Ebenezer

Ebenezer held a service on the morning of the 9<sup>th,</sup> Collections made on the day and at other times, meant £500 was received and donated to the The British Red Cross in reconigtion of their work during WWII.

"...Between December 1944 and May 1945 the Vega made five voyages to the Channel Islands, with the final trip being made in June 1945. In August 1945, the Vega travelled to London to be repainted and have her Red Cross insignia removed. The Vega was finally broken up for scrap in 1954 in Travemunde, Germany.

To show their gratitude after the Vega's first voyage, in December 1944 the people of Jersey established a Red Cross fund and by October 1945, it had reached the considerable sum of £125,000, equivalent to £5,213,820.00 in today's money."

# **Liberation Day** Service at St Ouen St Ouen began their Liberation service at 9.30am on May 9th. It was a well attended service, with a fitting address given from the memoirs of Nan le Ruez and Bob le Suer by Joyce and Hugh Lince. 2 计学

Bethesda, Bethlehem, Ebenezer, Georgetown, St Aubin, St Helier Methodist Centre, St Martin, St Ouen



# Summer Fayre

# at

# St Aubin's Methodist Church

### on

# Saturday 14 June

# 10am to 2pm

Various Stalls & Light Refreshments



# Sip & Make with Rev. Keith

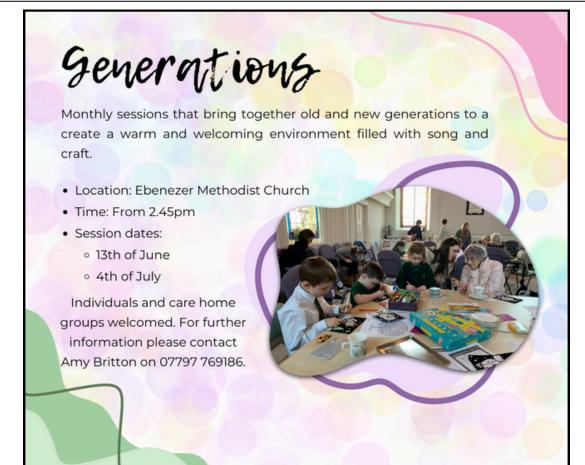
Back in the April newsletter we heard about Rev Keith's sip and make sessions, where everyone who joined him got to take part in some glass making.

Across the gatherings, each person not only made a larger piece of art for them to keep personally but also made a smaller decoration that would be used as part of a community project.

A tree holding these smaller decorations (as photographed to the right) is making the rounds around each of the Circuit's churches to show what can be achieved, even if you are not arty!

Re Keith's sessions will begin again in June, so do get in contact with him if you are interested in joining.







### The Community for Spiritual Formation

Friday 18th & Saturday 19th July 2025

An online overnight retreat with Bishop Sidwell Mokgothu

### **Reawakening Sacramental Living**

How do we lead lives that are 'outward and visible signs' that convey God's grace to the broken world?



**Rev Dr R Sidwell Mokgothu** is the Bishop of the Limpopo District of the Methodist Church of Southern Africa in Pretoria. Sidwell is a passionate trainer, speaker, coach and retreat leader who has presented at international platforms. He is a former liberation struggle activist, and an ecumenical leader grounded in social justice. He is an ardent proponent of a spirituality that balances the contemplative with prophetic action. Sidwell is the cofounder and advocate of the Sedibeng Spiritual Experience, whose formation was influenced by the Academy for Spiritual Formation. He is the current chairperson of the Africa Upper Room Ministries [AURM].

#### Programme for the event

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> 7:00 – 8:30pm [UK time]

7pm Gathering, welcome & orientation

- Short shared silence
- Listening and Learning 1 including questions for overnight reflection
- Night Prayer
- Disperse (participants spending time in silence if they wish/are able to do so)

### Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> 9am – 1pm [UK time]

9:00am Morning Prayer

- Plenary reflecting on the questions & theme together
- Listening and Learning 2
- An hour of silence (individually off screen)
- 12 noon Plenary sharing together
- 12.30pm Midday Prayer and close

#### **Further Information**

To register for this event please email registrar@communitysf.org.uk by Monday 30<sup>th</sup> June

Worship material will be sent by email in advance. It is important to be present for the whole event.

**Cost**: Donations to the Community are invited with a suggested minimum amount of £10. This can be Gift Aided; forms and bank details will be shared when you register.

To find out more about the Community for Spiritual Formation please visit: https://www.communitysf.org.uk/

Leadership team for this event: Sheryl Anderson, Sally Graham, Val Reid

### **GEORGETOWN ANNIVERSARY CONCERT**

Join Georgetown in celebrating their 152nd birthday with a Concert by Les Conteur Singers, who are also celebrating their 25th anniversary! Congratulations all round!

The choir have strong ties with the Parish of St Saviour, especially with their sell out Christmas Specials! Their instrumental guest that evening is classical guitarist Dom Pallot who impressed with his playing and style in last years concert.



Following the Thursday concert the Church will hold a special Sunday Morning Service on June 15th at 10.30am, with guest preacher Rev Tracy Bromley to which everyone is invited.

### 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

#### 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
- 11<sup>th</sup> Pilgrim People Cpme and explore a Labyrinth 10.30am
- 12<sup>th</sup> Thursday Night is Music Night at Georgetown 7.30pm
- 14<sup>th</sup> Generations at Ebenzer From 2.15pm
- 14<sup>th</sup> Summer Fayre at St Aubin 10am to 2pm
- 17<sup>th</sup> Messy Vintage at Philadelphie 2.30pm to 4.30pm
- 26<sup>th</sup> June to 2<sup>nd</sup> July Methodist Conference at Telford

#### July:

- 1<sup>st</sup> East Joint Stewards Meeting 12am
- 1<sup>st</sup> Messy Church at Philadelphoe 3.30pm t 2.30pm
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday Night is Music Night at Georgetown 7.30pm
- 4<sup>th</sup> Generations at Ebenzer From 2.15pm



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.