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Prayer for the Week: April

Week commencing 5th April

We praise you, Father God, that Jesus is risen!
May the joy of our Saviour's resurrection remain with us in the weeks and months ahead.
May your Holy Spirit help us to share this amazing news with all whom we meet. Amen.



Week commencing 12th April

Loving and guiding Lord, Thank you for Ignite...ing the Jersey Circuit with your passionate and guiding love; for the ideas brought by the members, collated and discussed by the Design Team and for the lively discussion at our Ignite Vision Day. Help us to make these dreams a reality and may you be at the centre of everything we are and do. Amen.



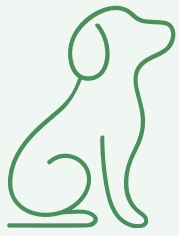
Week commencing 19th April

Healing Lord, Help us to build times of restoration into our day where we can simply rest in your loving healing and guiding presence. Give rest to the weary; strength to the weak and fill our hearts with your love and light. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.



Week commencing 26th April

God of all seasons, we ask that you bring stability to our lives by relying on you in every circumstance. May we worship you with our whole lives; strengthen our discipleship in fellowship with one another and reach out to our communities with love. Amen.



PET BLESSING SERVICE AT EBENEZER



The service that took place on Sunday the 1st of March was a first for Ebenezer Methodist Church, as they welcomed fur and feather into the church for a Pet Blessing Service. As it happened, only dogs did make an appearance and with the barking and howling that accompanied some of the hymns, it was probably a good thing that no cats were present!



All dogs were on their best behaviour with no accidents or bad manners!

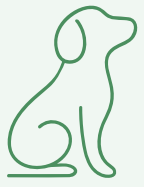
Included in the doggy congregation was Beau, Rev Keith's dog. He was a very good boy and helped his "boss" in leading the service from the lectern. Rev Keith spoke about God's creation of all animals, the wild and our domesticated ones too. At the end of service Rev Keith went around with treats to bless all our pets individually.

The children used toilet rolls to create animals with faces. Even a tiger made an appearance! A few soft toy animals could also be seen hanging around the communion rail.



More pictures on the next page!





PET BLESSING SERVICE AT EBENEZER CONT.



Update from the Methodist Homes for the Aged



We're delighted to share some exciting news from Stuart Court.

We are anticipating submitting our planning application in April for the refurbishment and extension of our care home in Stuart a significant and exciting milestone for us.

Alongside this, we're very pleased to confirm that we will soon begin the renovation and refresh of our side outdoor patio and courtyard at Stuart Court. This project will create an even more welcoming and accessible space where residents can relax, socialise, and enjoy the outdoors.

Here's what's coming:

- New 'L'-shaped bench seating with comfortable rounded edges
- Accessible 520mm seating height to make sitting down and standing up easier
- New planted containers and planters to enhance greenery and colour
- Smooth, level paving for a smart and practical finish
- An above-ground pond feature to add interest and enjoyment

What makes this project especially meaningful is that it is being funded in part through the generous legacy gifts of former residents. Their kindness and foresight are helping us create a beautiful outdoor space that will benefit both current and future residents for years to come. We are incredibly grateful for their lasting contribution to Stuart Court.

We are also looking forward to welcoming local school groups during the Easter period and seeing their smiles as they take part in activities with our residents. These intergenerational moments are always a highlight for everyone involved.

Wishing you all the best from everyone at MHA.

Gerard McCormack
(Chief Executive Officer – MHA)



Generations

Some photos from the March Generations session at Ebenezer.

You can see a very willing little lad with a yellow tub handing out tambourines and other musical shakers for the last set of songs (top right) and one of the longest supporters, who has been to Generations for over 5 years. She can be seen, bottom left, proudly displaying her artwork and earrings too!

Next session dates are:

8th May, 5th June & 3rd July

From 2.45pm. Everyone welcome!



Mothering Sunday at Ebenezer



The Pickles group have a 'Thanks for Mums' short service in Church at the end of their Pickles session on the Friday before Mothering Sunday. There are songs, a prayer and a bunch of daffodils given to each parent/carer present.



Equipping for Equality

A development session for those in the Methodist Church
passionate about Justice, Dignity and Solidarity

Reimagining masculinity: Creating safer



spaces for all

Monday 20th April

7pm - 9pm

on Zoom



During this session our guest speaker, Rev Simon Sutcliffe, will introduce us to some broader understandings of men and masculinities, helping us identify some of the roots for unhealthy responses from men towards others.

We will then explore some scenarios of conflict that may arise in church spaces in relation to men's attitudes and/or behaviour and how these might be addressed safely to prevent further escalation and discrimination from occurring.

Simon is a Methodist Minister currently serving as the Free Church Chaplain at Keele University and has contributed to several books and papers exploring theologies of masculinity.

The session is open to all genders. For tickets, visit:
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/reimagining-masculinity-creating-safer-spaces-for-all-tickets-1658830981119?aff=odcleoeventsincollection>

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Georgetown Methodist Church

THURSDAY NIGHT IS MUSIC NIGHT CONCERTS

Celebrating 25 years • 2001 - 2026

Georgetown are celebrating 25 years of concerts this year, organised by Rowland Heaven. Amongst the many highlights, the Thursday Night is Music Night series will feature 3 of the 6 finalists in the 2026 PwC Jersey Young Musician of the Year, including the winner from St Helier Methodist Centre, Rubie Le Masurier.


Don't miss out!

16 April



Holmchase Singers
Jean Hall (*oboe*)
Prutha Tejpal (*violin*)

21 May



Voces Victoria
Francis Murton (*organ*)
Eva Hsei (*marimba*)

11 June




Amity Singers
Georgina Sutton (*piano*)
Jess Hughes (*harp*)

2 July



'Les Miserables'
Da Capo Academy of
Performing Arts

9 July



Stafford Grammar School
Rubie Le Masurier (*vocalist*)
Cosimo Dhami-Hounsome
(*flute*)

23 July



Vocalise
Katherine Grant (*flute*)
Amelia Weber (*piano*)

13 August



Musical Originals
Gabriela Cassidy (*vocal*)
Grace Garnier (*piano*)

27 Aug or 3 Sept



Julia Callander & TBC
(*vocalists*)
Aaron Le Maistre (*piano*)
TBC (*Marimba*)

8 October



St Saviour's Church Choir
Simone Garton &
Hilton Packies (*vocalists*)
Nic Turner (*Organ*)

All concerts start at 7.30pm. Free entry, retiring collection.

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Georgetown Methodist Church

THURSDAY NIGHT IS MUSIC NIGHT CONCERTS

Celebrating 25 years • 2001 - 2026

2026 OPENING CONCERT

Holmchase Singers

(conductor Angela Luce)

Jean Hall

(oboe)

Prutha Tejpal

(violin)*

THURSDAY 16 APRIL, 7.30pm

* Finalist in the 2026 PwC
Jersey Young Musician
of the Year Competition

Retiring collection shared between
the John Lobb Memorial Fund, Sanctuary House
and the Church's mission

**FREE
ENTRY**

Jersey Methodist Circuit

HOLY WEEK



PALM SUNDAY

Sunday services at the Circuit churches

10.30AM

MAUNDY THURSDAY

Circuit Service at Ebenezer

*Holy Communion: **7PM** • Tenebrae: **8PM***

GOOD FRIDAY

Circuit Service at St Helier

10AM

EASTER SUNDAY

Easter Sunrise Service at Sorel Loop (North Coast)

6.30AM

Sunday Services at the Circuit churches

10.30AM

Please see the Quarterly Plan for specifics on the individual church services:

<https://www.jerseymethodist.org.uk/circuit-plan/>

Rainbows and Brownies at Georgetown



The 1st East Rainbows and 9th Greve d'Azette Brownies have been meeting weekly at Georgetown for some years and valuable links have been built up between the organisations, their leaders and the church members. The girls have worked on various projects like thoughtfully packed hampers for Grace Trust and artwork and decorations for Harvest and Christmas church displays. Recently the Rainbows surprised the residents of Maison La Corderie (again) with a hamper weighed down with all kinds of chocolate goodies for Easter. Georgetown member and Maison La Corderie resident, Betty Nutter (pictured) was delighted to receive it on behalf of her friends though extra hands were needed to carry the precious box!

It is no accident that the Rainbow and Brownie leaders (Louise Matthews, Lauren and Hannah Mundy) who use Georgetown were recognised last month at an award ceremony within Girlguiding Jersey for their long service, commitment, leadership and community involvement. It is proving a very fruitful relationship both ways with Church members.



EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE

Sunday 5th April at 6.30am

Sorel Loop on the North Coast
Led by Rev Peter

Are You Looking for an Easter Gift with Meaning?

Look no further than All We Can's Easter Extraordinary Gifts!

A £15 Extraordinary Gifts Easter Card can help vulnerable families in Uganda start their own businesses rearing and selling chickens which can make an income that will provide for their basic needs.

You will receive an Easter card to send to your loved one with some information inside telling them about the impact that the Extraordinary Gift can have.



B I B L E
S T U D Y

at St Martin

St Martin's Methodist Church have a Bible study group, superbly lead by Nola Webster who meet once a month on a Wednesday night at 7.30pm, in the fellowship hall. The dates are organised each time we meet, the next meeting will be on April 8th.

We really look forward to each month and are currently studying revelation.

We are hoping to get WiFi fitted soon but meanwhile Helen Westcott is joining us from Norfolk via what's app, you can see her on the iPad on the table!



Reasons to be thankful at St Martin

St Martin steward; Judy Egre (pictured right) is a very talented lady, as well as her stewarding duties she often arranges local arrangements and blesses their worship with her beautiful singing. Here she is with her trophies from the last Jersey Eisteddfod.



St Martin is also very thankful that their steward; Brian Arnold is recovering well following a long awaited double hip replacement. To the left is a photo of Brian and Marian from December when they celebrated their Golden Wedding.

thank you!

A movie poster for the film 'Of Gods and Men' by Xavier Beauvois. The poster features a central image of a man in a white hooded cloak sitting at a desk in a church. The text on the poster includes: "FESTIVAL DE CANNES GRAND PRIX", "beautifully told story of bravery" (quoted by Kate Mair, The Times), "stunningly serious and passionate" (quoted by Peter Bradshaw, The Guardian), "OF GODS AND MEN", "A film by XAVIER BEAUVOIS", "In the face of terror, their greatest weapon was faith", and the names of the lead actors: MICHAEL LONSDALE and LAMBERT WILSON. The poster is framed by a black film strip border.

Bethlehem Film Night
The last film of the season is 'Of Gods and Men'. A powerful film based on a true story.
Saturday 11th April at Bethlehem Methodist Church, St Mary.
Join at 6.00p.m. for meal, 7.30pm for film

Please let Dianne Huddlestone know by the 8th April, if you are attending the meal (Tel: 07797747621)

“IGNITE”



There was a real sense of energy, hope and purpose at our recent ‘Ignite’ gathering, which took place on Saturday the 21st of March at Ebenezer Methodist Church. More than 80 people came together to explore the Vision and Mission for the Jersey Circuit from September 2026. It was a truly uplifting occasion, with thoughtful conversations, shared faith and a strong awareness of the Holy Spirit at work among us.

We are so grateful to everyone who attended and contributed so openly. Your insights and enthusiasm have been invaluable. Following the event, the design team carefully reviewed all the ideas and reflections, helping to shape a clear and inspiring direction for our future.

From your rich input, three key priorities have emerged:

1. Dedicating ourselves to prayer and deepening our spiritual life
2. Investing in paid co-ordinators, specialists etc to develop worship, discipleship, evangelism and mission for all ages.
3. Helping people to find their passion and cultivating teams of cross circuit volunteers for mission and outreach.

The individual mission statements have been clustered into themes, with some exciting ideas starting to emerge. We look forward to sharing some of these at the upcoming Circuit Meeting on 9th April. The next stage will be to work alongside the Circuit Stewards to develop a clear and practical roadmap. This will help us move forward with confidence, ensuring that our resources and roles are aligned with God’s calling for our Circuit.

Importantly, this Vision and Mission are firmly rooted in all that has been shared through our ‘Alive and Well’ conversations. Now, as we move from discussion into action, we do so with faith, expectation and a shared sense of purpose.

There is much to look forward to, and we trust that God will continue to guide and inspire us as we step into this next chapter.



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:

April:

- 2nd - Maundy Thursday at Ebenezer - 7pm & 8pm
- 3rd - Good Friday Service at Georgetown - 10am
- 5th - Easter Sunrise Service at Sorel Loop - 6.30am
- 7th - Messy Church at Philadelphie - 3.30pm to 5.30pm
- 9th - Circuit Meeting at Bethesda - 7.30pm
- 11th - Spring Representative Synod at Georgetown - 9am to 2pm
- 21st - Messy Vintage at Philadelphie - 2.30pm to 4.30pm

May:

- 2nd - St Helier Methodist Centre - Jersey Festival Choir, in their 70th Anniversary Year - 7.30pm
- 5th - Messy Church at Philadelphie - 3.30pm to 5.30pm



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

