



4 PAGES OF PRAYERS

IGNITE PRAYER WAVE

**2026
Tinathon**
West's Centre • Friday 9th October
8.00am - 2.30pm



**In aid of The Shelter Trust for the Homeless
supporting Jersey's needy**

For more information contact:
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Prayer for the Week: September

Prayers are part of the Ignite Prayer Wave (see page 9)



Week commencing 6th September

Matthew 6: v 6- "But when you pray, go into your room, close the door and pray to your Father, who is unseen. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you." This teaches private, sincere prayer.

Lord Jesus, when I pray help me to shut the door to a noisy world. Guide me to set aside a regular time each day to meet with you. Teach me to seek you in quiet places away from distractions, so that my heart can experience your love for me.

Jesus, you see my hidden devotion, and you listen to my secret longings and whispers of my spirit. I do not pray for others to see me, but to know you more deeply. Please fill my daily quiet moments with your powerful presence, love, and guidance. Amen.



Week commencing 14th September

1 Thessalonians 5:16 - 18- "Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus." It encourages constant prayer and thankfulness.

Heavenly Father, fill my heart and mind with your joy in each moment of my day. Teach me the power of constant prayer and conversation with you. Help me to understand you in the silence between us.

Remind me to lean on You Lord Jesus through every moment of my day. No matter what I face, give me reasons to give You thanks. I know this is your perfect will for me Lord Jesus; to rest in your presence.

When my life gets busy or difficult, anchor my soul in gratitude. Let my unspoken thoughts become a continuous, loving conversation with You, Jesus. Transform me so that in my every breath, I praise Your goodness and trust in your plan for my life. Amen.



Prayer for the Week: September (cont.)



Week commencing 21st September

Philippians 4:6-7 - "Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus" This verse emphasizes presenting all concerns to God with gratitude.

Father, thank you for reminding us that we can come to you in every situation. Help us to choose joy today, focussing on your unfailing love rather than the uncertainties of our circumstances. Exchange our burdens, fears and anxious thoughts for your perfect peace, which surpasses all our human understanding.

Amen



Week commencing 28th August

Psalms 34:17 - "The righteous cry out, and the Lord hears them; he delivers them from all their troubles." Prayer is a source of comfort and divine intervention.

Lord, we thank you that you are a God who listens and cares for every detail of our lives. Drive away our troubles and fears and grant us your peace. You are our rock in times of trouble, as the song says, and we thank you for being our refuge and strength when our problems threaten to overwhelm us. Help us to fix our eyes on you, our Lord and Redeemer. Amen





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- **Promote independence and choice**
- **Provide expert, personalised care**
- **Support wellbeing through a holistic, Christian approach**
- **Create a true sense of home and belonging**



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Are you interested in exploring Ordained Ministry?

Exploring Ordained Ministry online events now available. They take place from 10am to 12:30pm and will be on:

- Saturday 17 October 2026 - Available
- Saturday 6 March 2027 - Available
- Saturday 19 June 2027 - Available
- Saturday 16 October 2027 - signups will be opened later this year

Please email cdim@methodistchurch.org.uk to signup.
Further information at:

www.methodist.org.uk/for-churches/ministries/called-to-ordained-ministry/ordination-exploration-days/



Road Trip to Epworth

Many of you may remember the Revd Jenny Pathmarajah who was part of the Jersey Circuit for 5 years until 2022. Jenny recently visited Epworth Old Rectory in North Lincolnshire, the childhood home of John and Charles Wesley, along with her church members from Castle Street Methodist, Cambridge.

As published on the Methodist Church website; Jenny recounts the day as *"Blessed with good company, plenty of laughter and beautiful weather, we enjoyed a fascinating journey into the life and legacy of John and Charles Wesley. Our day began with a private tour of the Old Rectory, where we learnt so much about the Wesley family and what daily life would have been like in the eighteenth century. The house is full of stories, none more dramatic than the famous fire in 1709, which destroyed the original rectory. We stood at an upstairs bedroom window in the current house and heard how a young John Wesley was rescued. This event shaped his understanding of God's calling on his life. John would later describe himself as 'a brand plucked from the burning', believing that God had spared him for a purpose."*



"In the afternoon we explored the village itself on a guided walking tour. We stood on the steps outside the Red Lion, where John Wesley preached regularly and where he stayed. Eventually, John Wesley was refused permission to preach inside the parish church where his father, Samuel Wesley, had served faithfully as rector for almost forty years. The new rector declared that there was nowhere in Epworth under his authority he permitted Wesley to preach. The reaction? The family owned the grave of his father so, standing on his father's grave, John declared that he was taking his father's pulpit, and from there preached to the crowds who gathered in the churchyard. It was a powerful reminder that sometimes God opens unexpected doors when others close them."

"We learnt so much about our Methodist heritage, but perhaps even more importantly, we spent precious time together in fellowship, conversation and laughter. I was reminded that our shared story is not just about history but about the people we journey alongside today."

You can read about their trip in full on the Methodist Church website (www.methodist.org.uk), by searching under 'road trip to Epworth'.

SATURDAY BEATS

Live music on the Terrace
Every Saturday
Between 7pm-9pm

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2026

Tinathon

West's Centre - Friday 9th October
8.00am - 2.30pm

The Shelter Trust will be holding a tinathon and they have reached out to see if any of the Methodist Churches and/or community would be willing to take part in this fundraising initiative.



Tinned goods can be collected and left at shops including; Waitrose, M&S, Grand Marche CoOp and Alliance (others may be participating).

Please contact Richard Robins on 07797 716235 or email tinathonjersey@hotmail.co.uk if you would like any further details.



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Do you know any 18-30 year olds who want to grow as a leader?



LEADERSHIP YEAR



The Leadership Year is an exciting opportunity for 18-30 year olds in the Methodist Church who want to invest time in developing their leadership abilities. It is aimed at those who may just be starting out in a leadership role, or who are wanting to be involved in leadership, either within or outside of the Church.

It includes 3 residential weekends (Nov, March, July), an option to meet with a mentor and being part of a small group. It is a chance for young leaders to meet with other young adults, to reflect on what it means to be a Christian leader (in church, secular workplaces, and local community) and to develop characteristics needed for self-aware, visionary, resilient leadership.



There are 12 fully funded places available. All details and application form are here: www.methodist.org.uk/leadershipyear

Applications close on 20 Sept.



Learning Network Training Opportunities - Sept 26

What is a visit? - 10th September at 10am or 15th September at 7pm

An online session for pastoral carers to help answer questions that can arise around pastoral care.

Book through eventbrite: www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/unconscious-bias-training-tickets-775589949417?aff=oddttdtcreator

Exploring vocation taster evening - 14th September at 7pm or 22nd September at 7pm

Exploring how scripture sheds light on conflict, managing change and on the spiritual journey.

Book through eventbrite: www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/explore-taster-evenings-autumn-2026-tickets-1993657483200?aff=oddttdtcreator

For more information on the Learning Network and the courses that are offered, please visit: <https://www.methodist.org.uk/for-churches/learning-and-development/about-the-learning-network/>



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HARVEST CONCERT

THURSDAY 8 OCTOBER

**St Saviour's
Parish Church Choir**

7.30PM

**Simone Garton &
Hilton Packies**
(vocalists)

FREE
ENTRY

Nic Turner
(organ)

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Ignite Circuit Celebration Weekend Update

The Ignite Circuit Celebration weekend will take place at the Biarritz Hotel on the 23rd to 25th of October and is open to all within the circuit.

There is the option to fully immerse yourself in the weekend of events by staying for 2 nights at the Biarritz hotel (rooms to be booked and paid directly with the Biarritz) or anyone can visit during the day only, which is free of charge.

There is lots of work going on within the circuit to ensure the weekend proves engaging and worthwhile to all that attend. A schedule with further details will be made available to everyone soon, but to give you a taster there will be:

- Ignite sessions with speaker Anthony Clowes and the worship group
- Kairos crafts, led by Kairos Arts CEO, Cathy
- A beach labyrinth, organised by Rev Karen and Rev Debbie
- Prayer & Bible sessions with Rev Peter

As mentioned, further information will be distributed soon to all the churches. Do talk to your church stewards if you would like to attend so that numbers for the event can be taken.

Ignite Prayer Team Update

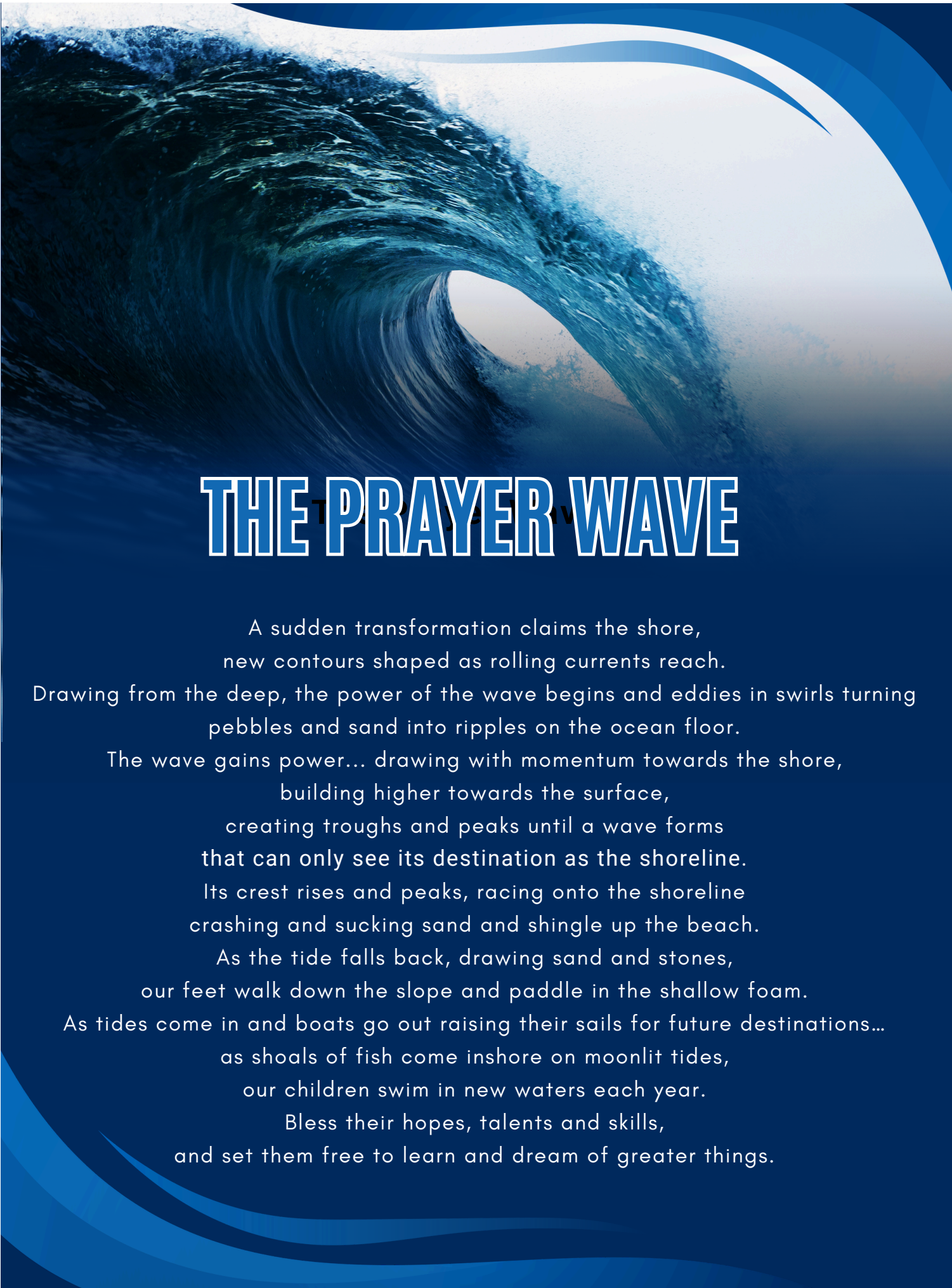
The weekly prayers (shown at the beginning of this newsletter) have once again come from the Ignite prayer team as part of the prayer wave. Selection of these prayers were based on the following themes:

- Communication with God – Prayer is a dialogue, not just requests; it includes thanksgiving, confession, and worship.
- Faith and Persistence – God hears prayers, and believers are encouraged to pray with trust and perseverance.
- Sincerity and Humility – God values the heart behind prayer more than eloquence or public display.
- Intercession and Healing – Praying for others is powerful and can bring spiritual and physical healing.
- Guidance and Peace – Prayer provides comfort, direction, and peace that surpasses understanding.

These verses collectively encourage believers to make prayer a continual, heartfelt practice, trusting in God's timing and wisdom while seeking his guidance and blessings.

The following 5 pages also form part of the prayer wave, with the main prayer wave on page 10, followed by three pages of prayers submitted by members of the circuit and a piece written by Maureen Parris (page 14) on what prayer means to her.

Susan, Maureen, Dianne and Karen.



THE PRAYER WAVE

A sudden transformation claims the shore,
new contours shaped as rolling currents reach.

Drawing from the deep, the power of the wave begins and eddies in swirls turning
pebbles and sand into ripples on the ocean floor.

The wave gains power... drawing with momentum towards the shore,
building higher towards the surface,

creating troughs and peaks until a wave forms
that can only see its destination as the shoreline.

Its crest rises and peaks, racing onto the shoreline
crashing and sucking sand and shingle up the beach.

As the tide falls back, drawing sand and stones,
our feet walk down the slope and paddle in the shallow foam.

As tides come in and boats go out raising their sails for future destinations...

as shoals of fish come inshore on moonlit tides,
our children swim in new waters each year.

Bless their hopes, talents and skills,
and set them free to learn and dream of greater things.

Gracious God,

Thak you for the privilege of prayer:
for asking us to join with you
in bringing in your kingdom;
for graciously agreeing to work
with our 'yes' and 'amen';
for waiting for our free will
to come alongside your perfect will.

Recognising this, we recommit ourselves
to pray more regularly, faithfully, and urgently
for the ministry and mission of your church. Amen.
(from the BRF Ministries Prayer Handbook)



A Prayer

Is my heart devoted to prayer? Spirit of the
living God, will you birth in me a new love for
prayer? Make me truly devoted to attending to
your presence. Make my love for prayer deep
in expectation and wide in practice. Let
prayer be as near to me as breath, as clear to
me as air, as dear to me as life. Thrill my heart
with your presence today. Amen

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Lord God,

thank you that in your covenant love,
you plan that we should be blessed,
and that we should become a blessing to others.
Help us this day to be open to receive this blessing,
and be ready to pass it on to all we meet
in the routines of our day.

In this way, may your kingdom come,
and your will be done through us. Amen.

From the Bible Reading Fellowship (BRF Ministries) Prayer
Diary

If I can stop one heart from breaking
I shall not live in vain.
If I can ease one life the aching,
Or cool the pain,
Or help one fainting robin
Unto his nest again,
I shall not live in vain.
by Emily Dickenson



Dear God,
As we gaze across the water, towards the Sun
rise, Refresh our bodies and calm our minds,
to the possibilities of a new
dawn.

May the gentle lapping of the waves on the
shore, take away pain, anxiety, and fear, and
ease us into your presence and peace.

Amen

Reverend Debbie Poole - Retired Circuit
Minister



God of the vast ocean,
As you pull us up into the wave of your
embrace.

May we surf on the white horses of your
love and empowered by your
Spirit, break onto the shore of
opportunity. Enable us to move forward
to our destination and discover our
potential and your purpose for our
future.

Amen

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Dear God,
As we travel through choppy waters and hold tight
to the boat, open our eyes to what lies beyond the
moments experience, and help us to see
you walking towards us.

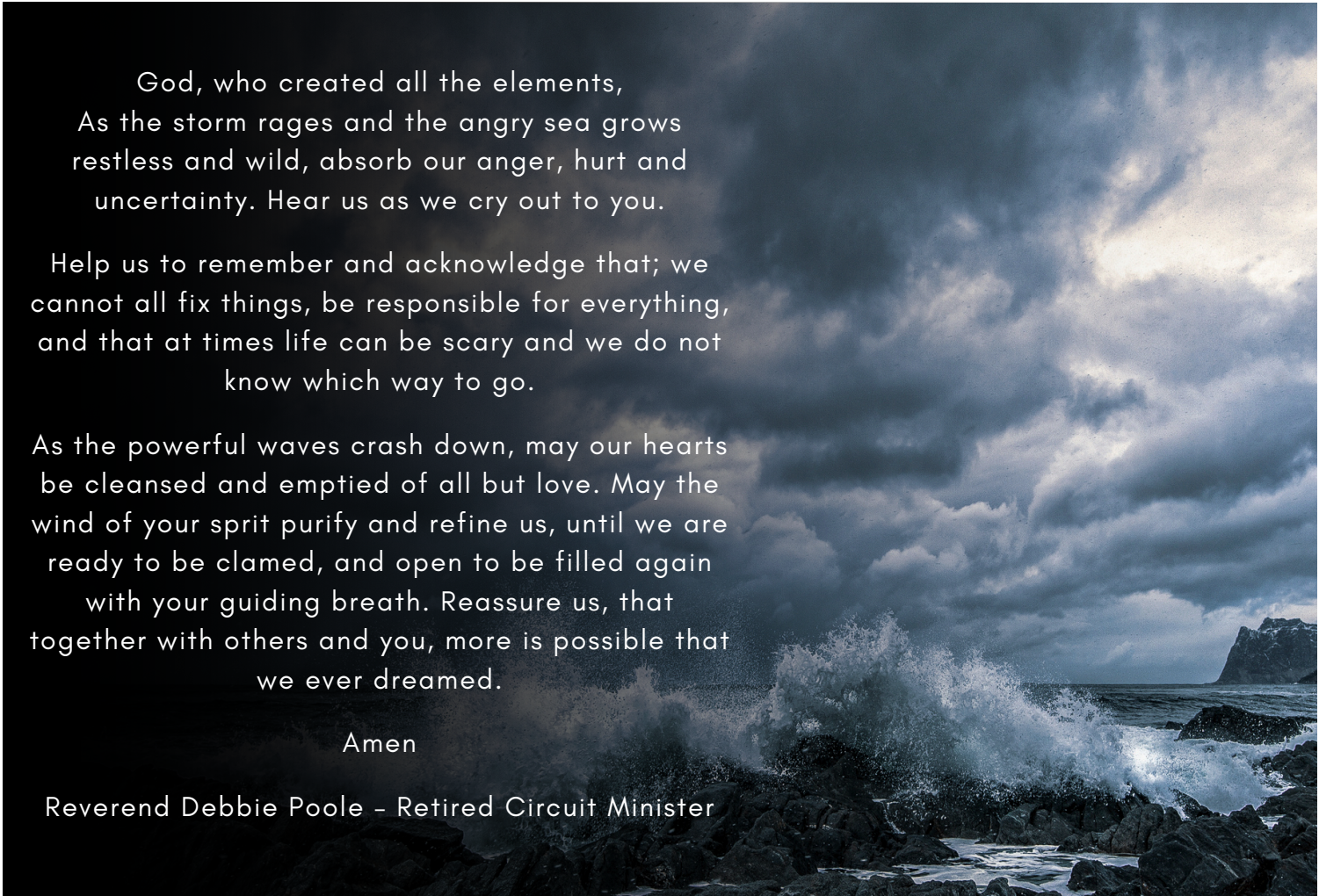
Help us to overcome ourselves and trust you. When
we falter may your loving strong arms lift us above
the waves.

As we move closer to you, rekindle and strengthen
our faith, and make each step we take empower
us to feel your presence and your peace.

Amen

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God, who created all the elements,
As the storm rages and the angry sea grows
restless and wild, absorb our anger, hurt and
uncertainty. Hear us as we cry out to you.

Help us to remember and acknowledge that; we
cannot all fix things, be responsible for everything,
and that at times life can be scary and we do not
know which way to go.

As the powerful waves crash down, may our hearts
be cleansed and emptied of all but love. May the
wind of your spirit purify and refine us, until we are
ready to be claimed, and open to be filled again
with your guiding breath. Reassure us, that
together with others and you, more is possible than
we ever dreamed.

Amen

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Dear God,

As the Sun sets and lights up the sky with the glorious
colour that is your gift to us, help us let go of all that
has happened in the day that has been
draining. May the beauty remind us that there are
always things to be thankful for and may the joy of
these moments lift and sustain us.

As the sun falls below the horizon, let us remember
that for others it rises. As the darkness descends, may
we know you are always with us, and that no matter
how much the absence of light disturbs us, you offer
rest, as you help us to recover and revive our very
being.

Remind us too, that after the night, the Sun always
rises, and a new day dawns.

Amen.

Reverend Debbie Poole – Retired Methodist Minister

My Prayer Life



Prayer! What is prayer to me? Is it a shopping list? Is it a list of wants? A list of thanks? Why should I pray otherwise to a God who can allow destruction in the world or severe pain. In hospital?

All these things used to jumble in my head until one day I said STOP ..this cannot be right.

I spoke with friends, went back to church and slowly, very slowly, felt a presence of something greater than my idle thinking.

It began with a deep feeling I had one day during communion. The presbyter and a member of the congregation were singing whilst we had our bread. It was a deeply spiritual song which I found rather moving and I felt a presence. Someone was beside me saying welcome. My tears welled up, my childhood feelings bubbled up and I remembered my childhood, my Gran who I always accompanied to Aquilla Road and I felt so calm...at peace.

In my own time I started to pray. Gradually my shopping list lessened and I began to think of things I might discuss with God. You see my prayers are more of a discussion now. I berate him over the state of the world...but this is not his fault, although he gave mankind free will and self-control. It was not however to be used in the way it is now by some of his people. Rather I ask how he could help us rectify these wrongs. Guide us to finding cures for the many painful conditions...make despots calm down...armies less cruel. Help us to stop wildfires and make all people aware of climate change and adhere strictly to a way of change. The list is endless.

I thank him for all the things he does do and the help he gives people in the background too, those whose achievements are published and for those that happen without our knowledge.

So now after considered time I pray differently. I pray by myself and thus far have found it difficult to pray aloud. I may one day when the company allows but until then I am grateful everyone understands. I do not fret over this.

God listens to me of that, I am sure. I do not always agree with his replies, but I accept they are reasoned. I need to listen more, have patience, a skill of which I am sadly lacking, and try and be less impulsive. He has helped me to recognise these flaws in my character, and I am trying to address them.

I need to listen to him more and try to act in a manner that makes my family and therefore God, proud!

Maureen Parris

CIRCUIT DIARY FOR THE NEXT MONTH:

WEEKLY EVENTS:

- Monday: Community 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
- Friday: Friday Reset at St Aubin's Methodist Church - 5.30pm

SPECIAL EVENTS:

September:

- 1st - Messy Church at Philadelphie Methodist Centre - 3.30pm to 5.30pm
- 3rd - 250th Concert at Georgetown Methodist Church - 7.30pm (page 6)
- 5th - Welcome service for Rev Rachel Bending in Guernsey (New Chair) - 10am
- 5th - Autumn Representative Synod in Guernsey - 11.30am
- 6th - St Ouen Methodist Church Council
- 7th - St Helier Methodist Centre Church Council - 7.30pm
- 15th - Messy Vintage at Philadelphie Methodist Centre - 2.30pm to 4.30pm
- 26th - Messy Knit & Natter at Philadelphie Methodist Centre - 3pm to 5pm

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).

