

October

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Methodist Church

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Rev. Jenny Pathmarajah

Welcome to October at St Aubin

How is it that when October comes around and the nights are drawing in, the temperature drops, people start mention the C word....

Adverts start appearing and shops start putting up tinsel and we all engage in the age old conversation "is it me or does Christmas come earlier each year?"

Don't worry! It's not here yet, but as a Church community there are lots of things to think about to help make our preparations happen. Have you thought about helping at our Winter market? We're always looking for stalls or even better people to help coordinate it. Alas, there is no magic fairy that does all the hard work!

Or perhaps you'd like to help at one of our other Christmas events, or you have an idea of what the church should be doing at this special time.

Now is the perfect time to step up and have your voice heard, volunteer, or coming up with new ideas.

October is a season of change, we see it in creation all around us, the Church is forever changing (I've arrived for a start!), so I wonder what changes you might like to make. It might starting to do something in church or maybe in your spiritual life.

The first step is deciding what needs to be done and recognising that something needs to change. When you see the leaves turn this autumn and the Christmas decorations go up even earlier, consider what you might do this season and indeed where God might lead you!

Jenny

Winter Market
Saturday 18th
November
in the Parish hall

October... At a glance

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Tuesday 3rd October
Church Council

Saturday 14th October
Breakfast Club, 9am
(Contact Sally Noel)

Thursday 19th Oct, 7.30pm
Circuit meeting at Ebenezer

Services

(at 11.00 am unless stated)

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1st Oct, Rev. Jenny Pathmarajah
With Communion

8th Oct, Dr Nola Webster

15th Oct, Rev Jenny Pathmarajah

22nd Oct, Local Arrangement led
by Margaret Le Marquand

29th Oct, Pat Toutel

Please speak to our Minister, Rev Jenny Pathmarajah, if you would like more information about our church or the events mentioned in this newsletter.

Jenny can be reached on 07700 722102 or 743933 or via jpjersey@mail.com

Synod – a Message from Revs Graeme and Elaine Halls:

Our Circuit Meeting elects 12 members to attend Synod, which alternates its meetings between Guernsey and Jersey and meets on a Saturday in March or April (28th April 2018 in Guernsey).

In addition to these twelve all Ministers stationed here and Circuit Stewards are automatically members of Synod. We are at present updating the Synod Handbook and membership and have numerous vacancies. If you feel you would like to represent your church and circuit at Synod and would like to get the bigger picture of what the church is about in the Islands, please contact Graeme or Elaine as soon as possible. Costs of flights to Guernsey will be covered.

Rotas!

The stewards for this month are:

8th Oct – Janet Harris

15th Oct – Sally Noel

22nd Oct – Janet Harris

29th Oct – Jean Carrel

Our greeters for September are:

8th Oct – Jill Corbin & Mike Lambotte

15th Oct – Elizabeth Luce & Sue Lloyd

22nd Oct – Ruth Smith

29th Oct – Helen & Peter Rye

2018 Church project

The Leadership team is looking for suggestions for our 2018 Church (**Fundraising**) Project.

In 2017 we have been supporting the **Leprosy Mission** and we can accept donations and Sunshine bags for that cause until the end of this year.

Next year we will support a **local project**, **all suggestions welcome** to any Steward or member of the Leadership Team by **5th November** please.

Winter Market

Our 2017 Winter market will take place on **Saturday 18th November at the Parish Hall**. There will be loads of opportunities to help out on the day so put the date in your diary! More details to follow very soon....

Finances

OLD £1 COINS - The old £1 coin ceases to be legal tender after **Sunday 15th October**. If you have at home any bags, collecting boxes, biscuit tins, piggy-banks etc which might contain £1 coins be sure to check and bank them **BEFORE FRIDAY 13th OCTOBER**.

If any of these sources are related to this Church, please hand them in to any Steward. If the boxes relate to other Charities, please ensure that they are handed in to the appropriate office before 13th October.

If the coins are in your own personal savings make sure you change them by the same date.

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Also... When you are considering your financial gifts, don't forget that those of you who pay Income Tax in Jersey can covenant your giving, we can claim an extra 25% on every donation you make over £50 – even if made in instalments.

For more information about covenanted giving please speak to Ken Corbin.

There's more information on the website

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or contact us at

staubinmethodist@gmail.com

or find us on **Facebook**

Our Co-Op Share number is

340449

Please think about using this number when you're doing the weekly shop!

Don't forget our regulars

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Tuesdays - Pop-In

Social afternoon

from 1-4pm

Fridays – Coffee Morning

From 10.00am

Thursdays (term time) –

Toddler Group

9.30 to 11.30am

Looking ahead

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Christmas dates for your diary...

2nd Dec

Parish Christmas Fayre.
With the switching on of the Christmas lights at 5pm

10th Dec, 11.00 am

Gift Tree Service

17th Dec, 4.00 pm

Carol Service

21st Dec

Crib Service

23rd Dec, 5.00 pm

Christingle

24th Dec, 11.30 pm

Midnight Communion

25th Dec, 10.00 am

Christmas Day Celebration

Birthdays

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This month we celebrate birthdays with:

Iris le Feuvre (9th)

Marian Dart (17th)

Angela Noel (20th)