

ST AUBIN METHODIST CHURCH

DIARY DATES - JANUARY 2025

Please note these dates
and come along whenever you can,
- a warm welcome awaits you.



Sunday 5th January – 10.30am – Morning Worship led by Rev Karen Le Mouton.

This is the service when we will be presenting a cheque to representatives of The British Red Cross who will be putting up a small exhibition in the church and who look forward to chatting with members of the congregation after the service. Please make every effort to come to church that morning and to encourage those who still work so hard to bring relief to those in need.

TUESDAY 7TH JANUARY – 7.00PM – LEADERSHIP TEAM MEETING.

THURSDAY 9TH JANUARY - 11.15AM- SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING FOR THE LIFE OF JEAN CARREL

Sunday 12th January – 10.30am – Morning Worship with Communion led by Rev Peter Goodhall

TUESDAY, 14TH JANUARY -- EXPLORING THE BIBLE – 2.30PM to 4.00ish WITH DR NOLA WEBSTER. **All welcome!**
No previous knowledge needed; it really isn't scary!

Sunday 19th January – 10.30am - Morning Worship – led by Dr Nola Webster

TUESDAY 21ST JANUARY 2025 – 7.30PM - CIRCUIT MEETING AT EBENEZER

Sunday 26th January – 10.30am – Morning Worship led by Rev Dawn Saunders

TUESDAY, 28TH JANUARY -- EXPLORING THE BIBLE – 2.30PM to 4.00ISH WITH DR NOLA WEBSTER. **All Welcome!**

Sunday 1st February – 10.30am – Morning Worship – Local Arrangement led by members of our congregation.

PASTORAL NEWS

Sadly, we have lost two of our loyal church members during the season of Advent. Both were greatly loved and will be greatly missed by us all.

Jean Carrel passed away very peacefully in her Lakeside room with her family by her bedside on Wednesday 4th December. It is sad news, yet we can be comforted that her burden was not prolonged and she is at peace in the care of her Lord and Saviour. Jean's funeral service will be held on Thursday 9th January 2025. There will be a private service for family at the crematorium followed by a public service of thanksgiving at our church starting at 11.15am.

Brian Bullock, our Church Treasurer, passed away very peacefully at his home on the evening of 19th December with his family around him. Although our loss is magnified in this season of Christmas, we can take comfort that Brian is in the everlasting arms of our Lord and reunited with his dear wife Betty. Brian's family hopes that sadness will not overwhelm us, but instead for us to be glad for all the memories and the ways Brian was so treasured. Funeral details to follow.

We *extend* our sympathy, love and prayers to both families.

We also offer our condolences to Rev Debbie Poole following the death of her husband, Rev Derek, on the 18th December.



Monday Drop-In
(closed Bank Holidays)

**Drop in any time
between 1 - 4pm
for some company
& a cuppa.**

Coffee Morning

Everyone Welcome
Thursdays



10.00am to 12.30pm

Come along and bring your friends!



Rev Peter Goodhall has pastoral charge of our church at St Aubin. His telephone number is 743933 and you can contact him by email should you wish: Email: methodistpeter@gmail.com



Mrs Lorraine Wheeler is a Circuit appointed pastoral worker who will be assisting Rev Peter in his work. Her telephone number is 07797 748747 and her Email: lorrainewheeler@gmail.com

A message from Reverend Peter

With love and prayers, I send New Year greetings to you and your family.

We have passed through the door of the opening year and now wonder what 2025 will hold for us.

You might have a new diary to be written in, a fresh start to be made and perhaps a New Year Resolution to keep. Psalm 90 verse 9 reminds us that 'We spend our years as a tale that is told'.

Year endings and beginnings provide us with an opportunity for us to look back at the story of our lives. We thank God for the blessings of our past. We receive his promised grace for this present day and hour.

As we look to the future, there is great uncertainty on the international stage. We acknowledge fears we may have for world conflicts, political upheaval, economic crises, the risks of Artificial Intelligence and the devastation of climate catastrophes. These events shape or influence our future and the future of humankind.

At Christmas we celebrated the gift of Jesus Christ, Immanuel, God-with-us. We can know and see that God is present, living and active in the world, and in our lives. History is His-story. God is working his purpose out.

'We spend our years as a tale that is told' and God is the Author of our story and our destiny. So let us enter 2025 with renewed hope and courage. For our church on The Bulwarks, God shall be our defence and our harbour. We shall not be overwhelmed.

As the words of 'Auld Lang Syne' fade away, I leave you with the song of another Scottish writer, Horatius Bonar, who lifts our eyes to God's New Day with the happy ending of the tale that is told:

A few more suns shall set,
O'er these dark hills of time;
And we shall be where suns are not,
A far serener clime.

A few more storms shall beat
On this wild, rocky shore;
And we shall be where tempests cease,
And surges swell no more.

A few more struggles here,
A few more partings o'er;
A few more toils, a few more tears,
And we shall weep no more.

Tis but a little while
And He shall come again,
Who died that we might live; who lives
That we with Him may reign.

The **Methodist Church**

Invitation To Church Membership

If you would like to explore becoming a member of our church, please have a word with Reverend Peter and he will be pleased to discuss it with you.

RUTH SMITH MBE



HUGE CONGRATULATIONS to Ruth who has been recognised in the New Year Honours List. She was awarded a very well-deserved MBE for her tireless work to improve education in both Jersey and Kenya as well as for her work with several charities. What an example to us all of love in action. Well done Ruth, - are we now expected to bow?

A message from Michelle

A big thank you to our church community for the 96 gifts that were given at the Gift Tree Service back in December. These gifts were delivered to the following local charities: FREEDA, Shelter Trust, Sanctuary House Trust, Cheshire Homes and Brighter Futures. We have been supporting local charities in this way for 25 years now, which is quite an achievement. Well done all!

Prayer Corner

Eternal God,
as we enter into a new year,
calm and quieten our souls;
keep us humble and full of wonder
and trusting as we live in your love;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.