

ST AUBIN METHODIST CHURCH

DIARY DATES - FEBRUARY 2025

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



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

Sunday 2nd February – 10.30am – Morning Worship – Local Arrangement

SATURDAY 8TH FEBRUARY – 9.30AM – Fundraising Meeting in the Church Lounge. Details from Terry L. New ideas?

Sunday 9th February – 10.30am - Morning Worship – led by Mr Stephen Higginson

Tuesday 11th February – 11.00am – Thanksgiving Service for the life of Brian Bullock

TUESDAY 11TH FEBRUARY – Exploring the Bible – 2.30pm to 4.00ish with Dr Nola Webster. All welcome!
No previous knowledge needed; why not give it a try? Friendly group, always tea and biscuits, and often cake!

Sunday 16th February – 10.30am – Morning Worship led by Mrs Helen Higginson

Sunday 23rd February – 10.30am – Morning Worship with Holy Communion led by Rev Peter Goodhall

TUESDAY, 25TH FEBRUARY -- Exploring the Bible – 2.30pm to 4.00ish with Dr Nola Webster. All welcome!

Please note - During February parking is going to be restricted along Le Boulevard from the Parish Hall to the Old Court House and also around Le Quai Bisson due to resurfacing road works. At this stage we are not sure how this is going to restrict access to our Church parking when Le Quai Bisson is resurfaced. We will let everyone know when any information filters through.

A message from Ruth Smith

Dear Reverend Peter and friends at St Aubin's Methodist Church,
Happy New Year!

I just wanted to thank everyone for their very kind words and good wishes when it was announced in the New Year's Honour's list that I had been awarded an MBE for services to the communities of Jersey and Kenya.

I feel very humbled and proud at the same time..... humbled because there are so many worthy people in Jersey who do their bit to help their communities completely under the radar, they just get on with it unsung heroes.

Once I got over the shock of the announcement, and, to some extent the disbelief, I did feel proud that my efforts, in various ways, have helped others.

We do what we can whilst we are able. It makes us feel worthwhile and it's what Jesus would have us do.

So thank you dear friends and thank you Lord for continuing to stand by my side in my endeavours. Blessings to you all, Ruth



A Thought

What we really love tells the story of who we really are.



**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: lorrainefwheeler@gmail.com

A message from Rev Peter

On 14th February we celebrate Valentine's Day, but who was Valentine?

Valentine was a Christian priest who lived in Roman times.

Legend has it that Valentine used to go secretly to the homes of the poor, leaving baskets of food and other gifts at their doors. No one knew it was Valentine.

That is why, today, people give secret cards and gifts to those they love.



Valentine also helped persecuted Christians and was himself imprisoned. While in prison, he miraculously gave sight to the prison officer's daughter who was blind. The prison officer and his family became Christians and were baptised.

This enraged the Roman Emperor who ordered that Valentine be killed. Valentine died on February 14th in the year AD 269.

He was made a saint, becoming Saint Valentine. Valentine's Day is more than a lovers' day, it is love's day.

We remember the love of God today, revealed to us in Jesus Christ.

Like Valentine we can show God's love today in practical, caring ways.

"For God so lo**V**ed the world
That He g**A**ve
His on**L**y
Begott**E**n
So**N**
That whosoever
Believes **I**n Him
Shall **N**ot perish,
But have **E**verlasting life."

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.

Well done Terry L and Team! The total amount raised at the Autumn & Christmas Fayres was a little over £3,000. A great contribution towards Church funds.

Our Outreach Project 2025

British Red Cross

This year marks the 80th anniversary of the Liberation. The Parish has asked that we host a Liberation Exhibition in our church in May, so it seems appropriate that we continue to support the Red Cross in remembrance of the food relief the organisation provided to the residents of Jersey when food was so scarce towards the end of World War II. Sadly, wars and natural disasters continue to affect many areas of our world and the work of the Red Cross and other relief agencies is as vital as ever.

Please remember to take a Sunshine Bag or collecting box and to pop some coins (or notes!) into it as often as possible throughout the year.

We will soon be looking for volunteers to help us keep the church open during the Liberation celebrations so please consider how you might be able to help. **Thank you!**

Representatives of the Jersey branch of the Red Cross attended our service on Sunday 5th January and were delighted to receive £2,163.33 as a result of our fundraising and your donations. The schools, who held Carol Services in our church, donated money to our Outreach Project and this amounts to around a further £350 to be added to the total.

Thank you all again!

Prayer Corner

Dear Lord, we come before you with grateful hearts.

Thank you for the gift of love that you have bestowed upon us, both in our relationships with others and in our relationship with you. Help us to cherish and nurture the love we share with our partners, family, and friends, always seeking to reflect your love in our words and actions.

Lord, we lift up to you all those who are lonely or hurting at this time, asking that you would surround them with your comfort and peace. Help us to be instruments of your love, reaching out to those in need and sharing the love that you have poured into our hearts.

Finally, Lord, we thank you for the ultimate expression of your love—the sacrifice of your Son, Jesus Christ, on the cross. May we always remember the depth of your love for us and live our lives in gratitude and obedience to you.

Amen.