St Helier Methodist Centre February 12th 2023

All Ages, All Nations, All Stages of Faith



The open-air Baptistery of Saint Lydia of Thyatira, Greece (Acts 16:11-15)

This Sunday we are worshipping at St Martin's Methodist where Tony will be speaking on the verse, 'We left the city and went down to the river to pray'. Acts 16:13.

There will be no service at St Helier, however our children and youth work will continue at the Centre as usual.

Rotas for February 19th

Flowers Di Meet & Greet Sally & Philip

Sound Jan Vision Martin

Coffee/Tea Fiona & David

This Week at the Centre

A very quiet week ahead at the centre with it being half term, there are no Rascals sessions.

Tue 14th	Stewards Meeting	7:30pm
Thur 16th	Café Teas/Coffees Soup	10:30-1pm
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Bible Study 11am

Fri 17th Move More Jersey 9:45 -11:15

Café Open for teas and coffees.

- 1) The Food Bank needs your help; thank you to those who have donated to the food bank in the last couple of weeks, we are however still running short of some groceries. Please think about supporting it by bringing in a tin or packet or two each week. At the moment we especially need, tins of fish (especially tuna), tins of fruit, packets of crackers and biscuits but all cupboard groceries with a long shelf life will be very gratefully received.
- 2) For those who covenant their donations to the church, Martin has placed a letter in the pigeon holes: please sign the enclosed form and return to Martin in the envelope provided. This will enable the church to reclaim the tax on the donations. The church is able to reclaim the tax for any donations above £50 in the tax year so if anyone is a Jersey taxpayer and wishes

to take part in the scheme, please get in touch with Martin and he will provide the relevant details, Many thanks, Marin Delap.

- 4) Christianity & Creation, two major issues facing the world today are Climate Change and The Threat to Biodiversity, so it's important that we consider 'What Christianity has to say about our Care of Creation. Sessions are being held at St. Columba's Church in Midvale Road on Saturday 11th, 18th and 25th February at 10am to consider the Christian response to these issues, all are welcome.
- **5)** Every seven years Methodist Ministers are required to take a three-month sabbatical. Tony's starts on February 27th. The first leg of the sabbatical will be to explore the biblical, spiritual and ecological importance of rivers.

The plan is to read the books of Genesis and Exodus in their context of Egypt, the Gospel of John by the Jordan and the book of Acts by the Zygakti river in Greece.

The voyage will be a fascinating voyage of discovery to explore the importance of rivers, as the Nile, Tigris, Euphrates & Jordan are the backdrop of the bible's great narrative.

Before returning home Tony and Cathy will then walk the 80 miles of the Cumbrian Eden river from source to sea and have time to meet two hydrologists who travel the world helping to irrigate dry places.

This week we will remember the congregation in prayer of St Clement's and St Nicholas' Anglican Churches, Rev Canon David Shaw, Rev Martin Dryden, Rev Tracy Le C Bromley.

I Went Down to The River To Pray

Welcome and Call to worship

Hymn 20 Be still for the presence of the Lord

Introduction to

YouTube clip The River Eden in Cumbria

Hymn 82 O Lord my God,

Prayers of Praise

Song River wash over me

OT Psalm 1

NT Acts 16:11-15

Sermon

Hymn not in StF Shall we gather at the river

Prayers of Intercession

Lord's Prayer

Offertory During which we listen to

I went down to the river to pray

Prayer of dedication

Hymn 465 Blessing Guide me o thou great Jehovah



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