

# St Helier Methodist Centre

## December 10th, 2023

*All Ages, All Nations, All Stages of Faith*  
**2nd Sunday of Advent**



We extend a very warm welcome to those who are here for the first time. You'll find a welcome pack in the vestibule and do stay for coffee so that we can get to know you better.

This mornings 10.30am service is led by our very own Martin Delap. Don't forget that you're invited to prayers before the service in the music room from 10.00am onwards, and after the service please help with moving the chairs for next week's school services.

## Rotas for December 17th

<b>Flowers</b>	Ann Paul	<b>Meet &amp; Greet</b> Tony H
<b>Sound</b>	Jan	<b>Vision</b> Malcolm
<b>Coffee/Tea</b>	Hazel, Jane & Trevor	
<b>Welcome</b>	Ajay	<b>Vestry</b> Libby
<b>Helper</b>	Ann	

### This Week at the Centre

<b>Mon 11<sup>th</sup></b>	Rascals - Toddlers aged 2+	10-12pm
<b>Tue 12<sup>th</sup></b>	Rascals – New-born under 6 months	10-12pm
	JC Prep Christmas service	6pm
<b>Wed 13<sup>th</sup></b>	Rascals – Crawlers aged 1+	10-12pm
	Bible Group	6:30-8pm
<b>Thu 14<sup>th</sup></b>	Café Teas/Coffee	10:30-1pm
	Bible Study	11am
	Lunch – Soup	12pm
	Beaulieu primary Christmas service	6pm
<b>Fri 15<sup>th</sup></b>	Move More Jersey	9:45–11:15
	Café Open for teas and coffees.	
<b>Sat 16<sup>th</sup></b>	Vic Prep Christmas service	9:30am
	Philippines Embassy outreach	8-8pm

It is with great sadness we heard of our dear Pat Tourtel's death on Monday morning. A wonderfully loyal and gifted Christian, Pat was a loved and respected member of our church community, and we give thanks to God for her outstanding witness. Our thoughts and prayers are with Sally, Mary and all her family, who she so loved. Rest in Peace & Rise is Glory, through Christ our Lord

- 1) Church repairs, the Management committee felt it appropriate to provide an update on the Portico (canopy) at the front of the building. Following investigations by a structural engineer, Hartigans, four options to strengthen the**

cracking plaster were provided. Following consultation with the planning department a decision was approved by the Management committee that the best option for a grade 2 listed building is the use of specialist repairs using drilled tension bars grouted into the brickwork of the flat arches. Several documents are required for the planning application which Hartigan's are currently completing. The management committee is aware that this has been a slow and drawn-out process to date, rest assured we are keeping our finger on the pulse and hope that in the New Year we will be in a position to submit the application and then seek tenders to complete the work.

- 2) **Café donations**, the charity chosen for the café donation during October and November was Dementia Jersey, the amount raised was £203.17. For the months of December and January we are collecting for Brightly Jersey.
- 3) **The Food Bank** really needs your help as we are still running short of some groceries, and we see more people being referred before and after the Christmas period. At the moment we especially need, tinned meat, tins of fruit, packets of crackers and biscuits - but all cupboard groceries with a long shelf life will be very gratefully received.
- 4) **Step Into Christmas** is a free immersive Christmas Experience for families in the Royal Square 14-15 Dec 4-8pm, 16 Dec 10am-4pm. It is organised by a group of Jersey Churches, and Kairos Arts and Bible Society will have a space to give away Christmas story booklets and offer craft activities to share the hope of Christmas. This is a fantastic outreach opportunity – can you offer an hour or two? Cathy would love your help! Contact [cathy@kairosarts.org](mailto:cathy@kairosarts.org)

This week we will remember in prayer the Work of prison chaplains, Deacon David Cahill, Rev Henry Le Ruez and team.

## Order of Worship

Welcome & Call to Worship

Lighting of the candles & moving of the star

Hymn 165 v1&2

Advent candles tell their story

Hymn 272

From heaven you came

Reading

Mark 1:1-8

Prayer of thanksgiving

Hymn 489

All I once held dear

Prayers of Confession

Reading

Isaiah 40:1-11

Hymn 471

Lord I come to you

Hymn 668

Teach me my God and King

Offering

Prayers of Intercession

Lord's Prayer

Hymn 443

Come let us sing of a wonderful

Benediction

**Fellowship of moving the chairs!!!**



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