

**St Helier Methodist Centre**  
**December 17<sup>th</sup>- 31<sup>st</sup> 2023**

**Happy Christmas**



We extend a warm welcome to those who are here for the first time. You'll find a welcome pack in the vestibule and you're invited to stay for coffee afterwards which is served downstairs.

This morning's 10.30 am service follows the traditional pattern of readings and carols and is led by Tony, as will the services on Dec 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>.

**PLEASE PICK UP YOUR CHRISTMAS CARDS FROM THE VESTIBULE**

## **Christmas Services 2023**

<b>Sunday Dec 24<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>3.00pm Nativity Service</b>
<b>Monday Dec 25<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>10.30am Christmas Day Celebration (45 min)</b>
<b>Sunday Dec 31<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>10.30am Joint New Year Day Thanksgiving at Ebenezer</b>

### **Rotas for December 24<sup>th</sup>**

<b>Meet &amp; Greet</b> Barrie & Maureen	<b>Coffee/Tea</b> Fiona & David Mary & Beni
<b>Sound</b> David V or Ronan	<b>Vision</b> Lucas

### **This Week at the Centre**

<b>Mon 18<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Rascals - Toddlers aged 2+</b>	<b>10-12pm</b>
<b>Tue 19<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Rascals – New-born under 6 months</b>	<b>10-12pm</b>
<b>Wed 20<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Bible Group</b>	<b>6:30-8pm</b>

The Service of Thanksgiving for our much-loved Pat Tourtel will take place at St Helier Methodist on Wednesday January 10<sup>th</sup> at 11.00am. We give thanks for her steadfast faith and character of love and service and uphold her family that she so loved during this time. At the family's request her name remains on the list of office holders on these notices until after her funeral, a recognition of her outstanding pastoral care that she offered to so many.

**1) A Christmas kindness, a drop-in day is being held at St Brelade's Church hall on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December from 11am to 4pm. It is easy to feel lonely, stressed or isolated at this time of year. The drop-in day is a place to unwind, find conversation and chat and be listened to. Open to everyone, a time to recharge.**

**2) Carols at Georgetown, all are welcome to soup and mince pies followed by carols starting at 12pm on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December.**

**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.**

**This week we will remember in prayer the Messy Church across the Island. On the 24<sup>th</sup> December we will remember all church community outreach centres and on the 31<sup>st</sup> we will remember Chaplains of the Emergency Services.**

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Welcome

Lighting of Peace Candle for Pat

Carol	In the bleak mid-winter
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Reading 1	John 1:1-5
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Bidding Prayer

Carol 213	O little town of Bethlehem
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Lighting of the Advent Ring	Advent candles tell their story
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Reading 2	Micah 5:2-4
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Carol 178	Long ago prophets knew
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Reading 3	Isaiah 9: 2, 6-7
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Poem	Come, Immanuel
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Carol 169	Come, thou long-expected Jesus
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Reading 4	Luke 1:26-38
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Carol

The Angel Gabriel

Reading 5

Matthew 1:18-25

Reading 6

Luke 2:1-7

Solo

O Holy Night

Reading 7

Luke 2:8-20

Carol 194

Child of Joy & Peace

Reading 8

Matthew 2:1-12

Youth Drama

A Strange Night

Sat7

Silent Night

Lighting of candles

Spiegel 8:17

Hymn 193

Born in the night

Prayers for others

Lord's Prayer

Offertory during

Hymn 202

Hark! The herald angels sing

Blessing



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