

ST AUBIN METHODIST CHURCH



DIARY DATES JANUARY 2026

Please note these dates and come along whenever you can.



Sunday 28th December 10.30am – Morning Worship -Circuit Service at Bethlehem (No service at St Aubin.)

Sunday 4th January 10.30am - Morning Worship led by Stephen Higginson.

Sunday 11th January – 10.30am – Morning Worship led by Dr Nola Webster.

Tuesday 13th January - 2.30pm – 4.00ish - Exploring the Bible – with Dr Nola Webster. All welcome!

For more details contact Janet or Jill.

Wednesday 14th January - 7.00pm – Leadership Team meeting.

Thursday 15th January – 12noon – a short **Worship Service** at the end of Coffee Morning. All welcome.

Sunday 18th January 10.30am – Morning Worship with Holy Communion – led by Rev Karen Le Mouton.

Tuesday 20th January – 7.30pm – Circuit Meeting at St Martin Methodist Church for those with a right to attend.

Sunday 25th January 10.30am – Morning Worship – Local Arrangement.

Tuesday 27th January - 2.30pm – 4.00ish - Exploring the Bible – with Dr Nola Webster. All welcome!

Wednesday 28th January – Church Lunch – details to be advised. See Maureen for further information.

Friday 30th January – Friday Reset– led by Rebecca & Helen. Come any time after 5.30pm for a chat & a hot drink. At 6pm we'll have 30 minutes of led meditation and a chance to reset after a busy week.

Sunday 1st February 10.30am - Morning Worship led by Stephen Higginson.

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO MADE CHRISTMAS AT SAMC SPECIAL

Terry & Team for organising a very successful Christmas Fayre that raised £1200+ for church funds.

Lynne, Paul, Michelle & Team who decorated the church so beautifully.

Michelle who organised the Gift Tree and distributed the gifts to the different charities. And a BIG thank you to **the Church community** for the 110 gifts donated - a new record!

CICS who kindly donated the oranges for the Christingles.

Hugh who led a lively 'Sing Along with Hugh' on the 18th December.

Lorraine & Rev Peter who led some special Christmas services and to **all who took part in any way**.

Mary who was here, there and everywhere making sure the church was warm whenever something extra was happening and always on hand to help with whatever.

TEAM WORK MAKES THE DREAM WORK. Thank you one and all.

RECYCLING – please save!

- used stamps and old/foreign coins
- spectacles that are no longer of use to you but can be used to improve the sight of many in third world countries.
- greetings cards for our members who make the lovely cards available in church.

We received a Christmas card and newsy letter from Rev Danny & Deacon Sally. Both are on the noticeboard in the vestibule.

New Year's Day Coffee Morning

10am til noon. All welcome.



Monday Drop-In (closed Bank Holidays)

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



Coffee Morning

Thursdays

10am - 12.30pm

Come for the morning
or just drop in for a while.

All welcome!

For coffee or tea, snacks,
chat and friendship.



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:
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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: lorraine.wheeler@gmail.com

A message from Reverend Peter

In this first newsletter of 2026 may I take the opportunity of wishing you a very Happy New Year.

Led by God, I hope you each found your way to the heart of Christmas.

The Word became flesh and Jesus Christ made his dwelling among us.

His story continues and comes alive in our lives. May the Christmas love-story continue to be written in our lives this New Year and through 2026.

May God bless you and guide your footsteps.

Reverend Peter

Take courage from this New Year reflection by Joyce Rupp

A New Year stands on my doorstep
ready to enter my life's journey.

Something in me welcomes this visitor:
the hope of bountiful blessings
the joy of a new beginning
the freshness of unclaimed surprises

Something in me rebuffs this visitor:
the swiftness of the coming
the boldness of the entrance
the challenge of a year's good-bye.

Something in me fears this visitor:
the unnamed events of future days
the wisdom needed to walk love well
the demands of giving away and growing.

A new year stands on my doorstep.
with fragile caution I move
to open the door for its entrance,
my heart leaps with surprise,
joy jumps in my eyes,
for there, beside this brand new year,
stands my God with outstretched hand!

God smiles and gently asks of me:
can we walk this year together?

And I, so overwhelmed with goodness,
can barely whisper my reply: "Welcome in!"

Christmas Morning

With a choice of three services around the Circuit on Christmas morning some of us chose to celebrate at Bethesda where Rev Peter led a family service. The church was beautifully decorated, there was a good congregation, great music and lots of fun when the children showed us some of their Christmas gifts. Rev Peter's address was something worth sharing and he kindly agreed to let me print it in the newsletter, so read on! **If Christmas** -

'If Christmas'

If Christmas is great and brings you joy and happiness – then thank God for all His blessings.

If Christmas is far from perfect - then remember that imperfect first Christmas which happened in the muddle and mess of a stable. Know God is with you.

If Christmas seems all about what you can get – how many gifts you can tick off your list - then Christmas teaches us not to let our greed and selfishness steal Christmas – but to remember it is a time of giving, a time to look to the needs of others.

If Christmas makes you think of those you love and miss – and the empty chair at your Christmas table – then receive the comfort and peace of God. God's love bridges the miles. Christ was born to bring us to heaven.

If Christmas brings you worry and makes you afraid of what the New Year will hold for you - then remember the word of the Angel of God to Mary and the Shepherds:
'The Lord is with you - Do not be afraid'

If Christmas brings you despair at the state of the world, conflict, violence, environmental disaster, - then know that good is greater than evil and love is stronger than hate. The King Herods of today will never put out the light.

If Christmas finds you filled with guilt and regret, and you are haunted by the past, then know Jesus came to save you and if you repent and turn back to God you can know your sins are forgiven.

If Christmas is the one time you come to church – and Jesus is always a baby – then remember he grew to be a man and called people to follow him. He is calling your name saying 'Follow me.' There is a lot more God wants to reveal to you, to fill your life in 2026. Christmas is only the start of the Jesus journey. Wise ones still seek him.

If Christmas is just for a Day, - then we will miss all the ways its message of good news overflows into the whole year ahead.

Christmas can be all this and much more. For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, - to you.

If Christmas means you push open the door of your heart a little wider you will find – 'To us a child is born, to us a son is given, - and in your life and mine he will be called Wonderful, Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift.