**Forest Methodist Church**

**August Newsletter**

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**Serve Learn Share Praise**

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Bailiwick of Guernsey

**Minister:**

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**Hello everyone,**

**I hope you are all having a nice summer. Keeping safe in the hot sun, with your cream and hats. My family are staying and it’s wonderful to see the delight of the grandchildren, when the day is bright and they can have another beach day ahead of them. It is lovely to have their chatter around the house and to watch them busily playing. They are very creative and love to have pens, paper, sellotape and imaginations to produce unique art work. The other nice thing is seeing them working together, to produce a complex housing estate from sticklebricks or line up every car ready for the garage or sharing the coloured pens collection. They do have the differing of opinions sometimes and grumps at each other too. But they soon work through that.  
  
Working together what can be achieved? ‘Many hands make light work’ not from the book of proverbs but know as a proverb since 1300’s. I am sure we can all think of a task that was tricky until someone else came along and helped, participated with you, for which we thank God.  
  
The animal kingdom has many examples of working together, which can be compared to the Christian life style. Elephants take turns in nursing duties, they have empathy for each other. Like a Christian, we all watch over one another in love.  
Ants are absolute masters at cooperation, they collaborate to overcome huge obstacles compared to their size. They get the job done. This too is demonstrated by believers coming together in a church family. A church is a combination of united people, working together to find ways to mission into their neighbourhood.  
Bees have the one vision, that of survival for their hive, they combine their different roles, demonstrating that all are equally essential for the overall plan. Like Christians too, as we have one vision, to spread the good news of Christ! Yet we all have differing and equal roles in the working out of this. Ephesians 4 tells us of the many gifts that are given by God and how they come together to build up until at verse 13 ‘all of us come to the unity of faith and knowledge of the son of God.’ Now this is togetherness! Inspiration from nature and inspiration from Jesus.   
Blessings, Jacky**

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**Indoor/Outdoor BBQ**

**Sunday 17th August**

All Age Worship Service at 11am

Led by Esther Male

Followed by Lunch

Please sign up in the welcome area

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Where in the parish am I?

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**Welcome Service**

**31st August 4.00PM at Les Camps**

for Rev Anne Richardson

(No evening service at Forest)

**MEET & EAT**

This is a house group which meets usually on the first Monday of each month.    We often meet at different participants homes as and when they can offer to host.  There’s usually between 6 and 10 people that come along to enjoy some food followed by a discussion based on the previous Sunday’s G&M but not exclusively.  We meet at 7pm and finish around 9pm.  There is a minimum donation requested of £5 to cover the cost of catering.

**Meet and Eat will be taking its usual summer break in August but back again in September and will be looking forward to meeting up with old and new participants.**

Should you wish to give us a try you can either put your name(s) on the list in the Welcome Area or call Carole on 07781 438265.

**FOREST LADIES GROUP.**

Are meeting at the Church on  
**Thursday 14th August at 10.00am for**  
BREAKFAST WITH MOE AND CO  
  
**On Thursday 28th August at 2.30pm**  
Joy has kindly invited the Ladies Group  
To her home for a GARDEN PARTY  
  
A WARM WELCOME TO THE LADIES FOR OUR SUMMER EVENTS  
Further details from Beth

Any queries contact Beth on 07781 163564

**The Inspirational Story of Helen Keller**



As a name that is known worldwide, Helen Keller is a symbol of courage and hope.  Yet, she is much more than a name or a symbol.  She was a woman of astounding intelligence, unwavering determination, unbelievable courage and insurmountable achievement.  She dedicated her entire life to the betterment of others, helping people see the potential in their own lives, as well as the lives of people around them.

Helen Adams Keller was born on June, 27, 1880 to Arthur H. Keller and Kate Adams Keller in the small, north Alabama town of Tuscumbia.  When she was only 19 months old, she contracted a fever that would leave her both deaf and blind.  At almost seven years of age, her mother and father took her to see the famous inventor, Dr. Alexander Graham Bell, who advised them to hire a governess for the child.

On March 3, 1887, Anne Mansfield Sullivan, a partially blind, twenty-one year old woman, arrived in Tuscumbia to be Helen’s teacher.  With patience, understanding and love, Miss Sullivan was able to save Helen from her “double dungeon of darkness and silence”.

With the help of her beloved teacher, Helen quickly and eagerly learned to read and write.  After attending high school at the Perkins School for the Blind in Boston, Massachusetts, Miss Sullivan helped Helen enroll in Radcliffe College, formerly the all-male Harvard College’s coordinate institution for female students.  With remarkable determination, Helen graduated Cum Laude in 1904, becoming the first deaf-blind person to graduate from college. At that time, she announced that her life would be dedicated to the amelioration of blindness.

After graduation, Helen Keller began her life’s work of helping blind and deaf-blind people.  She appeared before state and national legislatures

and international forums.  She regarded herself as a “world citizen”, visiting 39 countries on five continents between 1939 and 1957.  She published 14 books and produced numerous articles.  Not only was she out-spoken on the needs and issues affecting her fellow deaf and deaf-blind comrades, Helen was also a valiant supporter of women’s suffrage, civil rights, and the labor union movement, as well as many other worthwhile and important causes.

Helen Keller’s pilgrimage from Tuscumbia, Alabama to worldwide recognition is an inspiring story that took her from silence and darkness to a life of vision and advocacy.  Against overwhelming odds, she waged a seemingly impossible battle to re-enter the world she had lost.  She is one of the most powerful symbols of triumph over adversity our era has produced, leading Winston Churchill to call her, “The greatest woman of our age”.

Helen Keller won numerous honors, including several honorary university degrees, the Lions Humanitarian Award, the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the French Legion of Honor and election to the Women’s Hall of Fame.  She also met every President of the United States, from Calvin Coolidge to John F. Kennedy.

Helen died on June 1, 1968 at the age of 87.  She was laid to rest in St. Joseph’s Chapel, at the National Cathedral in Washington, D.C.  Her legacy reminds us that with faith and courage, we can overcome obstacles in our own lives.  With endurance and determination, we can help to better the lives of those around us. With love and patience, we can leave this world a better place.

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**Preaching & Duty Stewart Schedule**

God & Marmalade is at 8.45am

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| **Date** | **AM Preacher** | **Duty Steward** |
| **3rd August** | Keith Le Parmentier | Nev |
| **10th August** | Jacky Cottrell | Rosemary |
| **17th August** | Esther Male | Sarah |
| **24th August** | Jacky Cottrell (HC) | Beth |
| **31st August** | Victor Lane | Carole |

Evening Service is at 6pm

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| Date | PM Preacher | Duty Steward |
| **3rd August** | | Fellowship | Beth |
| **10th August** | | Victor Lane | Sarah |
| **17th August** | | Fellowship | Pam |
| **24th August** | | Jacky Cottrell (HC) | Nev |
| **31st August** | | *@ Les Camps*  *Welcome to Rev Anne Richardson* | N/A |

**Flower Rota**

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| **Date** |  |
| 3rd August | Elizabeth Orr |
| 10th August | Margery Cartmell |
| 17th August | Sarah Plumley |
| 24th August | Carol Robert |
| 31st August | Sylvia Torode |

**G & M Breakfast Rota**

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| Date | Breakfast | Setting Up | Cloth Wash |
| 3rd August | Sandra/Ian  Jenny | Leon | Margaret |
| 10th August | Carole/Nev | Carole/Nev | Beth |
| 17th August | Debbie/Rosemary | Steve/Jan | Jenny |
| 24th August | Sarah | David | Rosemary |
| 31st August | Sandra/Ian  Jenny | Michelle G | Sarah |

Welcome Steward Rota

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| **DATE** | **AM** | **PM** |
| **3rd August** | **Sandra** | **Beth** |
| **10th August** | **Andrea** | **Brian** |
| **17th August** | **Sarah K** | **Beth** |
| **24th August** | **Jenny** | **Sarah P** |
| **31st August** | **Brian** | **N/A** |

**With grateful thanks to all who give their time to the service of the church**

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Notices/articles for next month let Michelle know by **Wed 27th August**

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**Dates for your diary**

Sunday 17th August All Age worship at 11am

Church BBQ at 12pm

No Evening Service

Sunday 14th September Harvest Festival Worship

Service at 11am

Lunch at 12pm

No Evening Service

Saturday 25th October Soup and cake on a plate

Guernsey Circuit Alpha

Helen is organising an Alpha course across all our churches. She is encouraging people to come and experience it so that they can inspire new people seeking a faith next time. Banners will be appearing outside our churches to let our communities know. Helen does need volunteers to run this, specific requests will be coming. For now, please hold each Wednesday evening from 1st Oct until 10th Dec if you are interested. This is a big commitment of 11 weeks and Helen will be coming around all our churches to share with us all it entails.

Gospel word search

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A group of vegetables on a table

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Sunday 14th September

**Theme:**

**‘Home is where the heart is’**

Jars of red liquid with cinnamon sticks

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**Tme to get creative**

All things home!

A loaf of bread on a cutting board

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A close up of a knitting needle

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**Collection boxes**

**Used stamps for charity** **Guernsey Welfare Services**

Collected and sold to raise funds for We collect non-perishable goods to be

The worldwide work of Christian Aid. Passed on to the GWS to support the

If you have any, please leave them in Work of their foodbank. Please leave any

The box in the welcome area. donations in the box in the foyer

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Fairtrade stall at Forest

2nd Sunday of the month

**PARKING FOR THE AIRPORT**

The Forest Methodist Church is inviting members of the Methodist Circuit the use of parking spaces in our car park when they need parking for the airport.

We are letting out five spaces, on a first come, first served basis, at a cost of £20 per week or part thereof. These parking spaces will be at the back of the top rear car park and will be delineated.

THIS WILL BE ENTIRELY AT CAR OWNERS RISK

To reserve a space please email [rosemary.willey@gmail.com](mailto:rosemary.willey@gmail.com) and cc to [carolejehan1972@gmail.com](mailto:carolejehan1972@gmail.com).

You will need to provide your car number, dates required and a contact telephone number. Please can you display your Christian name on your dashboard when leaving the vehicle.

It should be noted that on the rare occasions when the car park is full, I.e. funerals, access to your vehicle may be temporarily delayed.

THERE IS TO BE NO UNAUTHORISED USE OF PARKING SPACES WITHOUT FOLLOWING THE ABOVE GUIDELINES.



**Prayer Pages**

**IN YOUR PRAYERS**  
If you know of someone who would appreciate being on our prayer list, please ensure you have the person's permission before passing their name to Michelle.

Please pray for Ron Gould, Win De La Mare, Karen Harrison,

Rachel Meinke, Caroline Treharne, Joyce Baudains,

Margaret Boden-Heaume, Bob Cartmell,

Rev John Luff and his wife Carole,

Howard Ellis (Sandra’s son), Debbie Hobbs,

Colleen Ogier and Debbie Dorey.

Sarah’s grandson Edward

**Bailiwick of Guernsey Churches Prayer Cycle for 2025**

Aug 03 Parish church of Ste Marie de Castel

Aug 10 Shiloh Baptist church / The Love church, St Peter Port

Aug 17 Notre Dame Catholic Church / Orthodox Christians in Guernsey

Aug 24 Emmanuel Evangelical Baptist church / Full Gospel Mission

Aug 31 Parish church of St Saviour & St Apolline’s chapel

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## FACTOR 7

**Please pray wherever you are: at home, work, in your car or shower, pray for**

7 minutes at 7am and/or 7pm

FOCUS THIS MONTH

Give thanks to God for holiday times.  Pray for rest, refreshment and re-creation for all, whether here or spending time away.

Pray for all involved in travel and tourism; for those who serve and offer a welcome, and for those on journeys with family, friends, colleagues and strangers.

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While walking along the pavement in front of his church, a minister heard the intoning of a prayer that nearly made his collar wilt. Apparently, his 5-year-old son and his friends had found a dead robin. Feeling that a proper burial should be performed, they had secured a small box, then dug a hole and made ready for the disposal of the deceased.

The minister’s son was chosen to say the appropriate prayer. So, with sonorous dignity he intoned his version of what he thought his father always said:

“Glory be unto the Father, and unto the Son, and into the hole he goes!”

A little boy opened the big family Bible. He was fascinated as he fingered through the old pages. Suddenly, something fell out of the Bible. He picked up the object and looked at it. What he saw was an old leaf that had been pressed in between the pages.

“Mama, look what I found”, the little boy called out.

“What have you got there, dear?”

With astonishment in the young boy’s voice, he answered,

“I think it’s Adam’s underwear!”