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Early arrival: *Eune vraie Saint Jeannaise*



The first baby for twelve years to be born in the Parish, Amelia Rose Startup, arrived into the world at 09:03 on 7th October at 3 Windsor Court, Mont Mado, St John. Her Mum, Emma, went into labour at 8am and before the ambulance arrived Amelia was on her way, so a second ambulance arrived with a midwife. The most recent birth in the Parish before Amelia was Joshua Jehan who was born on 3rd November 2000 to Andy and Judy.

Amelia is pictured with her Dad Jeremy, Mum, Emma, and sister Eve (2) who was not too keen to have her picture taken!

The Queen's Diamond Jubilee Long Service Medals



Presentation at St Saviour's Parish Hall on 18th September.

(L to R): Constable's Officer Chris Taylor; Centenier David Ward; Chef de Police Jonathon Plunkett; H. E. General Sir John McColl; Connétable Phil Rondel; Bailiff Sir Michael Birt; Vingtenier Trevor de la Mothe; Chief Minister Ian Gorst; Constable's Officer John Gallichan. Not present: Centeniers Ian Averty & Trevor Pointon; Constable's Officers Manuel Pereira, Timothy Luce & Stephen Pallot



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- to challenge yourself

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Dear Parishioners . . .

Whether in business or front line policing, I'm used to dealing with emergencies. Some of the more memorable incidents include burst water mains at 3 am, and roofs being ripped off during the Great Storm of 1987. Similarly when sailing our boat, La Justice, which sank in under five minutes, my wife Wendy found herself in an Avon dinghy and I found myself getting into a semi-inflated life raft eight miles offshore in August 1991.

Likewise whilst serving as a Centenier I had to deal with many wide-ranging issues including fatal accidents, suicides, sudden deaths, and a number of inquests. One memory which remains poignant to this day is of the soldiers who drowned after the failed parachute drops over St Aubin and Grouville Bay.

Similarly, whether it was working with CID on the Beast of Jersey, the murder at West Park, or the more trivial times when I have had to assist with cats stuck up trees, or Chris's cows on the run again, the important thing to remember is that you must just get on with the job.

Turning a nightmare into a challenge

Let me open the door to the journey that I have been on since becoming your Connétable. When I was approached to stand for the office, little did I know that my family would be torn apart by the loss of our beloved daughter, Helen-Clair, who passed away at 11 minutes to 11 on the 11th November 2011, leaving a large void in the heart of our family. But with the support of Wendy and the rest of the family, we continue to soldier on together. To any one of you who might have thought me distant over recent months, this might explain why.

I took my oath of office on 14th November 2011 and several days later the Parish Secretary notified me that she was due to retire at the start 2012. I was still learning the ropes and already one valuable member of staff short. We had a major void to fill.

There are not many people with the skill-set required to run a Parish, especially when you consider the amount of administration involved. Statutory deadlines are in place for firearms renewals, driving licences, rates, and electoral registers etc. Consequently finding the right personnel was essential. Several other Parish officials were also due to retire within a few months; along with the Procurers I had some work to do. I'm pleased to say that the Parish administration now in place, and while consisting of new people, is functioning excellently.

Starting at the top, our new Chef de Police, the Hon. Jonathan Plunkett, was sworn in some weeks prior to myself. He is a man with a dry sense of humour, highly respected by myself, his Honorary Police colleagues, and, most importantly, by all who come into contact with him.

Our new Parish Secretary is Susan Rodrigues ('Skipper', the girl Cotillard from Le Couvent) and she

has firmly taken the reins at the Parish Hall, with Kieranne Grimshaw and Nick Lane completing our Parish administration in their respective part-time roles.

With the new team in place and with the support of several other parishes, which assisted us by lending senior staff to help train our staff to the level required, the job that started as a nightmare became an enjoyable and rewarding challenge.

At this point I must say a big THANK YOU to the Connétable of St Brelade, Steve Pallett, and his former Parish secretary, Mike Videgrain, and his Staff, as well as to the Connétable of St Lawrence, Deidre Mezbourian, and her Parish team, for giving up a great deal of time in helping to train and support our staff in St John. Thanks are also due to others including Connétables Juliette Gallichan and John Gallichan, who supported me on a number of queries when I was first elected, along with the Sue de Gruchy, Secretary to the Comité de Connétables.

A final recognition must go to the current and former members of our administration. This includes the Procureurs, Rector, Centeniers, Honorary Police, Rates and Road Committees and Roads Inspectors and all in between, including all former Connétables of the Parish who are always on hand, if required, to offer support and advice. The Parish of St John is indeed a BIG FAMILY.

My first Assembly was on 15th November 2011, an Electoral Assembly that had been called by the then Parish Secretary for the replacement of the retired Chef de Police, David Curtis. This first day in office as Connétable proved to be a baptism of fire for when I inquired about the business of the Assembly I was informed that we did not have any candidates for the position of Centenier. Wow!

I called our new Chef and we got our heads together. A new Constable's Officer had joined the Honorary Police 36 months before; a person of good disposition, and kindly in manner, so I telephoned, asking him if he could help me out of a hole. Rather sneakily I did not say what it was, but asked him to attend the Parish Hall at 7pm that evening to sign a paper. He agreed. I then rang up 10 parishioners to ask if they would sign the nomination paper, and by 19:15 when the Constable's Officer asked what he was signing up to, I replied, 'It's your promotion to Centenier'. 'Uh-oh' was his reply with a big smile across his face! A very big thank you must go to Centenier Jim Elam from all of us. Jim saved the day; he saved the Parish, and he saved the new Connétable from an early embarrassment of having to report to



the Royal Court that we could not fill the office.

In December the Chef de Police and I had to attend our first Licensing Assembly in the Royal Court to produce the Parish Licensing Register. This was a fascinating insight into the workings of the Parish system. Each Parish produced to the Bailiff and the Jurats a register of monthly visits by its Honorary Police to all licensed premises of the Parish over the previous twelve months. In some cases licensees have to attend a Royal Court sitting to explain in detail, the recordings of the Parish Register.

Over the past twelve months we have had a number of Parish Assemblies and my first Rating Assembly. At this particular meeting I managed to trip and fall off the stage, finishing sprawled out at the feet of Mr Le Marquand! I don't know who was the more surprised, Snow or me! Thankfully the only damage, apart from a small bruise, was to my pride.

Recent months have been packed with events and Wendy has had a spell in Hospital for a knee replacement. As I write this Wendy is up to her eyes in the Poppy appeal and collecting or dropping off our grandchildren. It's good to have twelve grandchildren – never a dull moment; at the time of writing we have three little ones sleeping over while mum and dad deal with family bereavement off Island.

The Parish Christmas tree

Last year I received a bit of friendly banter about our rather small Christmas tree; I explained we were in recession and trying to keep costs down. This year, however, a very generous donor who lives in Rue de l'Église has offered to supply a tree which is currently maturing in his garden, so if the residents of the area notice a Christmas tree missing from their neighbour's garden, you will know which kind citizen to thank. (Thank you David)

Christmas Day Swim

Last Christmas I managed to convince my daughter Penny, and her children Bethany, Adam, and Amie to join me at Bonne Nuit for a 10.30 am dip (it's very invigorating at that time of year!) This year both Wendy and I will be off Island, and it will be down to somebody else to ensure that the annual swim goes ahead, (possibly our good friends the Rector or Ethel, might wish to support or persuade Penny to partake in this year's swim).

As Christmas approaches, Wendy and I wish you and your family all you wish for, in this festive season and beyond.

*Phil Rondel
Connétable*

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From Deputy Ryan...

Dear All,

Are you feeling Christmassy yet? Although I'm writing this in mid-November I'm conscious that when you get to read this it will only be a too short time before the Festive Season.

We are especially looking forward to Christmas this year as we have all of our children home for the first time in a few years and, all being well, we will be celebrating the arrival of our first grandchild! If you see me beaming around that time it will be the grin of a proud grandfather.

The big debate

Now a brief update on what I've been up to lately. I'll try not to bore you with politics but suffice to say that preparation and negotiation with the Treasury and the Council of Ministers over November's big debate on the MTFP (Medium Term Financial Plan) has been taking up many waking hours during the weeks over the summer. This is because this major set piece States debate has effectively controlled the funding for everything that we hope to achieve for Education over the next few years.

I'm delighted to say that the debate was a success as far as my department goes, with all of the requests for extra education funding approved. This means, for example, that there will be a new local apprenticeship scheme, new funding in 2014 and 2015 for increased grants to cover increases in UK University fees, more vocational training in schools and at Highlands College, and money to cover the expansion of Nursery education for three-year-olds, amongst many other things. The Department for Education Sport and Culture will be very busy bringing in these new schemes as a result.

Parish matters

In the Parish much discussion is taking place behind the scenes. I'm hoping soon to meet the Roads Committee and agree with them the details of providing a space for the disabled by the pharmacy, and seeking improvements to the traffic system around the school. Also, I hope to be attending a meeting with TTS (Transport and Technical Services) over some other safety improvements to the main roads around the village.

As I write this note it is actually Sunday November 11th, so that sombre yet uplifting service this morning is still fresh in my mind. The sound of the Last Post always brings a lump to my throat as does the reading out of all those names of the brave men and women who gave their lives in conflicts far away from their beloved Island. It was great as always to see so much support from the Parish in attendance. I was again reminded of those who volunteer to help in so many ways, giving up their free time to support our community. The Honorary Police and other officials, the

busy ladies of St John who bake and make and help with fundraising events of all kinds, young fundraisers, charity volunteers, event organisers. . . the list is huge and it is easy to forget how grateful we all are for the time and effort offered and what a difference they make in very real ways.

The Poppy Appeal coffee morning was also very well attended in spite of the rain, and I greatly enjoyed helping the team with the vegetable sales. If you missed it this year it's worth looking out for next – it's always on the Saturday before Remembrance Day and is one great example of our community working together. I'm also looking forward to the forthcoming usual parish events over Christmas and hope to see you all there as well.

I hope you feel you can contact me with any issues you may have and I will do my best to help, or point you in the right direction.



Best wishes

*Patrick Ryan
Deputy*



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The format is friendly and relaxed, with 10 weekly meetings starting at 7.30pm on Tuesday nights at The Rectory; for a bite to eat; a twenty minute DVD on subjects such as Who is Jesus? Why did he die? before an open discussion. All concluding by 9.30pm.

Alpha is a great opportunity for individuals to explore those questions of faith that they've carried with them unanswered for many years.

Contact Revd Andy Thewlis, on 861677, if you'd like to join the course.

Christingle Service - Christmas Eve - 5.30pm

Everyone is welcome to join us on the eve of Jesus' birthday to celebrate the good news that Jesus is the LIGHT of the world, with the aid of our symbolic oranges and song, including; Once in Royal David's City, Shine Jesus Shine and Away in a Manager

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Plough Sunday - Sun 6th January - 10.30am

The Annual Blessing of the Plough takes place during a special All-Age Service which will include the traditional blessing of the plough and milk churn. All are most welcome as we mark the start of the farming year.

St John's Church Website

Early in the New Year, St John's church will once again have a live presence on the Web. So why not add us to your 'favourites menu' and pay us a visit regularly as you'll find information not just about Sunday worship and special services, but also news of midweek activities and much, much, more!

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Five representatives of St John describe

The Royal Visit to the RJ&HS, Trinity

The Youth Club and Community Centre

Rosemary Dupré

On the 18th July, following an invitation from our Constable, a representative group of Parishioners attended the R.J.A and H.S headquarters in Trinity, in order to welcome their Royal Highnesses, Prince Charles and the Duchess of Cornwall, who were visiting the islands as representatives of Her Majesty in celebration of Her Diamond Jubilee. The group put together a static display portraying some of the activities that their Clubs and Associations have on offer.

As time was pressing, the Royal couple parted and each visited one half of the hall. The Duchess visited our section and she shook hands with us all. She looked extremely pleased when young Pierre Syvret came forward and presented her with a locally caught Bonne Nuit lobster! The afternoon went off well and we were all proud to have been asked to take part on behalf of our Parish.

St John's Youth & Community Trust

Andrew Lewis, Chairman

Andrew Lewis and Sam Coutanche were delighted to represent the Skateboard Park Association.

The display included the original concept designs and final construction. The intention was for all to see the work and thought that had gone into the planning process, and the final outcome that is such a success.

On hand, there was a skateboard, a longboard and a scooter. Sam demonstrated what each piece of equipment was best used for, but the Duchess declined to 'have a go'!

Membership of the Skateboard Park Association is open to all parishioners from the age of 8. Non-parishioners can also apply for membership, and during the Royal Visit leaflets were on display and available for anyone wishing to join up to this popular facility.

Bonne Nuit Boat Owners' Association

Linda Carter

The skipper of Bonne Nuit, Steven Carter, together with the secretary of the Association, Linda Carter, and Ian Syvret, the treasurer, were all presented to Her Royal Highness, together with Cameron Querée and Pierre Syvret. Steven explained a bit about the association to Camilla and then presented the representatives to her. She spent some time chatting to Cameron then was introduced to Pierre Syvret, a young member who loves fishing with his father. He offered Camilla a very large lobster that she very gracefully accepted. All agreed that she was a most charming and approachable lady.



Pierre Syvret presents the Duchess with a Bonne Nuit lobster

St John's Shooting Club

John Renouf, President

"I was very pleased to see that St John had probably the most attractive stand. The Duchess of Cornwall spent a good time talking to us and was intrigued to know that we had so much going on in such a small community, including two shooting clubs, commenting that our crime rate must be very low. I was very impressed by the way the Duchess made a point of speaking to everyone and not rushing past people. All said it was a worthwhile effort by all who spent time and effort to mount such a vibrant display.

Jersey Motor Cycle & Light Car Club

Melvin Le Feuvre, President

The JMC&LCC contributed to the royal visit by presenting the history of the club and a static display put together by Honorary Life President, Ken Thomson, who is also the club's historian and keeper of the extensive archive dating back to the 1920s.

Ken had put together a superb display of photographs and memorabilia and this formed the backdrop to the display and was further enhanced by a kart from the Jersey Kart Club supplied by Andrew Gibault, and a motocross bike supplied and displayed by young Adam Godwin, one of the JMC&LCC's 65cc cadet riders.

The Duchess took great interest in Adam's contribution and spoke to him whilst twisting the throttle on his bike in a most professional manner. Penny Godwin, Adam's mum, was delighted that Adam's contribution had created so much interest, as was Adam's Dad, Andy, who was photographing the proceedings with a big smile on his face.

In all, I believe, the visit was a great success. We are delighted to have been invited to contribute to this special day and wish to thank Connétable, Phil Rondel, for picking our Club as one of the two main contributors to the Parish of St John Stand.

Thanks also go to Sue De Gruchy and the organising team at RJA&HS for a well executed day for the Royal visitors.





Simon Bell moved on from the St John's Youth Project in August to take up a post with Le Squez Youth Project, and I have been temporarily managing the project in the mean time. In January Nicky Brown will be taking over as Senior Youth Worker, as part of her role with St Ouen's and St Mary's youth projects.

While we are waiting for the building works to be completed in the youth club area of the Recreation Centre, we are continuing to operate on a Tuesday evening from 7.00 to 9.00 pm using the Jersey Youth Service mobile unit. Since October we have been able to access the Centre's sports hall which has been a welcome addition for the young people.

During the summer the Project participated in the Bonne Nuit Harbour Festival, organising games for children on the beach. A group from the club also went for a trip out on the Spirit of Young Variety fishing boat which is owned by the Youth Service. This was a successful afternoon out and a selection

of mackerel and bream was caught.

We will be planning a Christmas outing with those that have been attending our sessions and will be discussing options with the young people in the coming weeks.

If there is anything you would like to know about youth work and working with young people in St John, please don't hesitate to contact me; I'm always happy to discuss young people's issues.

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Editorial

'Pease on earth, goodwill to men!' is a seasonally appropriate greeting exemplified in this edition. Many articles demonstrate practical goodwill to men – from Community Savings, whose services (mainly voluntary) are highly important to many Islanders, to the China trek in aid of Childreach International. In St John life is enriched by those who run social organisations like the Brownies, Twinning, W.I., Youth and Community Trust and the Youth Project, not forgetting the sporting organisations. Major social events like the Harbour Festival and Les Praires Horse Trials bring people together to share their talents and have fun (as well as raising money for charity). The new development at Le Pré de L'Église, allowing over 55s to move to the social centre of the village, is a permanent example of community enhancement.

BUT... yes, there's always one of those...none of these activities is possible without the goodwill of those who become involved in the community. So it's fitting that alongside the front page photo of members of the Honorary Police who have been awarded the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Medal for long service, there is an appeal for more parishioners to fill the gaps in the ranks.

The Editorial Team thanks those who finance 'Star of the North' by advertising their Businesses. Times are hard – reflected in our slimmer editions because costs are exceeding revenue.

Members of the Editorial team wish to express appreciation to Roger Long for his invaluable help as Assistant Editor, continuing in this role after the sudden death of his wife, Margaret. We wish to record our heartfelt condolences to Roger, and acknowledge the many years of service to Jersey of both Margaret and Roger in their work for the Société Jersiaise.

In conclusion, can I express a personal word of thanks to all those who have generously supported and encouraged me in my 2012 sporting challenge and, as you enjoy your Christmas celebrations, invite you to spare a thought and a prayer for those in Bukavu, in the east of the Democratic Republic of the Congo, which remains a most troubled part of our world.

*Revd Andy Thewlis
Acting Editor*

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LES MATHIONNETTES – ‘Northern Lights’

Our Northern Light, Keith Kelly, who toured with Tommy Steele, was interviewed by Mary Rouillé

Keith Kelly, born near Selby in Yorkshire, had his first taste of entertaining when he sang at school concerts and was solo voice in a church choir. He joined the Royal Air Force at the age of seventeen and served for three years, the majority of his time being spent in the Suez Canal Zone, Egypt and Cyprus. During his time in the R.A.F. Keith began entertaining again, this time playing the harmonica.

After being demobbed, he worked in a shoe shop in York during the day, and played and sang with a band each evening in a dance hall. Playing trumpet with the band was another young man who had just been demobbed, John Barry, who became famous as the film music writer, writing many of the James Bond theme songs. Keith and John became great friends, and in 1957 John decided to form The John Barry Seven. Keith joined the group, singing and playing rhythm guitar, along with five other members also from the Yorkshire area. They got professional work from the beginning, as John's father was in the entertainment business.

On tour

The group began with a summer season in Blackpool, with Tommy Steele topping the bill, and later that year they toured again with him, visiting Denmark and Sweden. After the summer season they went on to tour the Gaumont cinemas, which used to be converted into theatres, and were the backing group along with other musicians for Paul Anka, a Canadian singer/songwriter who became famous with the song 'Oh Diana', as well as writing the song 'My Way'. Keith got on well with Paul and remembers taking him to the cinema; Paul having to go in disguise. The group also toured around the UK at the Empire theatres, which were located in most large towns and cities, with acts such as Mike and Bernie Winters and Frankie Vaughan.

On television

During 1957 and 1958 the group appeared on television shows such as 'Oh Boy' and 'Six Five Special', a show in which Cliff Richard made his TV debut. In 1958 the original members began to leave, and by 1959 the group disbanded. John Barry wanted to concentrate on writing music and so Keith went it alone.

Recording contract

In 1959 Keith got the job of singing each evening at the famous 21's coffee bar, located in Compton Street, Soho. Many musicians started their careers here, and it was a place where famous film stars visited when in London. The venue was a small cellar below the coffee bar, with live entertainment every night.

George Martin, who was the producer of the



Keith in his heyday (above) and relaxing now (opposite)

Beatles records, visited the 21's, and offered Keith a recording contract, so Keith found himself back at Abbey Road, the studio where he had recorded with the JB7. He wrote a couple of songs, 'Tease Me' being one of them, which was released on April 1st 1960, and reached number twelve in the hit parade. He began to travel around the country doing gigs, until in 1961, after returning from a job in the Midlands, he hit upon a patch of freezing fog, which resulted in a car accident. As a consequence Keith spent a year on crutches and two years out of the entertainment business. After recovering, he got a job in Lincolnshire with a group called the Echoes and then later on with a group from Hull, doing half hour slots at local clubs. In late 1964 Keith moved to Sunderland, appearing in clubs in the North East and Scotland and was the supporting act in Gateshead with Engelbert Humperdinck just before the song 'Release Me' came out. In the early 1970s Keith first came to Jersey where he performed at the Watersplash.

Returning to Sunderland he worked in the northern clubs, until in the late 1970s they began to close as the breathalyser was beginning to take effect. Keith started to become disillusioned, as jobs were not as lucrative, and the agents who found work for the acts were getting the lion's share of the fee.

Back to Jersey

As he had loved Jersey when he first visited, he returned in 1980, initially staying in St Ouen and doing the odd gig; one being the El Rancho club in St John. Jobs in the nightclubs eventually began to dry up and so Keith began to undertake small building and gardening jobs. Today he is gardener-caretaker of a property in St John.





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Le Pré de L'Église

Earlier this year the first residents moved into Le Pré de L'Église, a development of fourteen houses for the over-55's, to the north St John's Village. As with all developments of this type, planning regulations dictate that a certain percentage of the houses be rentable properties for social housing. However, the developers were also developing a site in Grouville, where demand for such housing was high in contrast to little demand in St John. Consequently, the two parishes and developers worked together and agreement was reached whereby all the properties in St John would be sold, with the social housing component being transferred to Grouville. In recognition of this the Parish gained the ownership of the field next to the development and it is hoped that this may be used for allotments in the future.

The Parish also had the nomination rights to the properties, and allocations from the list were made on a points basis, similar to the mechanism used for Maison Le Vesconte. This has enabled parishioners to move closer to the centre of the parish and all the facilities, whilst at the same time releasing family properties within the parish for young families.

Returning to their roots

Some of the new residents are people who are returning to their roots in the parish. Among them is Mrs Doreen Buesnel who, as Miss Doreen Le Lay, spent her childhood and girlhood near to where she has now returned. She is delighted with her new home and the opportunity to return to the centre of the community in St John.

Now widowed and reaching a more golden age, Mrs

Buesnel is very pleased to be back in the centre of things from the distant parts of St Ouen. Although she had always kept in touch with her friends in the parish, she is thrilled to have received such a warm welcome from them and also the chance to make new friends. She has joined the worship at the parish church and has found a warm welcome there as she has at the Golden Age club and the St John's WI. Mrs Buesnel is doing all that the parish officials hoped, joining in the many activities the parish has to offer and having a beautiful new home right in the centre of parish life.

Line-dancing cockatoo

Also among the new residents are a crested cockatoo, who fancies himself as a line dancer, and an African Grey parrot. These are the pets of Robin and Denise Shrives, along with a cat and a dog. Robin and Denise are also delighted to be back in the centre of the parish in which they lived for twenty-two years and with which Mrs Shrives has long-standing family connections. They love their new home and its close proximity to all the amenities. They too are looking forward to taking part in the activities St John has to offer.

This sympathetic and attractive development will allow its residents in their later years to be close to the centre of parish life. The shops, café, medical facilities and post office, along with the church and parish hall, which is the meeting place for the WI and the Golden Age Club, are all within easy walking distance and the bus service is at hand for those who do not wish to use a car.

St John has amongst the best facilities on the Island in a small, convenient area and these are now able to be enjoyed by more of its senior citizens.

Rosie Bleasby

Bonny's Country Garden

Sion, St. John

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Lauren Thérin and Joe Thewlis trekked the Great Wall in aid of Childreach International

From a simple Nursery Nativity at Sion to the peak of Heaven's Ladder on the Great Wall of China, the journey with my friend Joe Thewlis has spanned almost two decades. Together we graduated from Hautlieu School with our A-levels and entered the world of full time work, Joe continuing his ambition of becoming a Chef and myself as a Trust Administrator. Now we both live independently in St. Helier. We have shared many experiences together over the years and none more so than our most recent adventure to ancient China to trek along the Great Wall in aid of Childreach International.

Childreach International began in 2004 and works in partnership with local communities in Tanzania, India, Pakistan, Nepal, Cambodia and Bangladesh. Their aim is simple, to improve children's access to health care, education, child rights and protection. So far Childreach has helped improve the lives of over 300,000 children, either by supporting and building educational facilities or by offering support to those children who have previously suffered abuse and helping them to lead normal, lives.

In August this year, we teamed up with 35 like-minded students from Sussex, Nottingham and Newcastle and, with Joe asleep on my shoulder, embarked on a 10 hour flight to Beijing International Airport to arrived in the country that invented gunpowder, the land of the emperors and, more importantly, gave the world Jackie Chan!

The never-ending Wall

Starting out at Old Dragons Head, where the Wall meets the Pacific Ocean, we made our way slowly inland going over mountains and staying in rural villages along the way back towards Beijing. The trek along the Wall varied immensely. One day we battled our way for 7 hours through dense vegetation over 4 mountain peaks on the ruins of the Wall, reaching the peek of Heaven Ladder, a relatively wellrestored section which is a mere 1264 steps up an almost vertical mountain, not including the towers, pathways and steep slopes the Chinese oh so helpfully put in! A memorable moment for me was when we climbed so high that the mist that surrounded the mountains came down. I could see the mist actually shooting off ridges. A small group of us climbed to the top of the tower where we could see nothing but the billowing mist. No mountains, no sun, just white. Jamie, a fellow trekker, described it as what he thought heaven would look like. Later the mist cleared slightly, revealing the never-ending Wall just stretched out over countless mountains.

It wasn't always about trekking; we had the chance in the evenings to relax and explore what China had to offer – be it a spider on a stick or the karaoke set up in the yard. We found Chinese culture very diverse and enthralling, and along with our fellow trekkers

definitely made the most of our time. After the trek we used the remaining time to us to travel to the seaside city of Quingdou where we all met one evening by the light-house to watch the sun setting over the city and the lights coming on while chilling and drinking beer, and then on to Xi'an, the home of the Terracotta Warriors, before flying back home to Blighty.



Great Wall of China

Future challenges

The group as a whole raised an astonishing £77,355 for Childreach International. We would like to say a huge thank you to our friends and family for their support and to anyone who sponsored us with our trek. Our fundraising efforts have not ended here. Joe's experience has inspired him to challenge himself and see what he can offer this world. As a result he will be continuing his fundraising effort for Childreach International by climbing Mount Kilimanjaro in 2013. Me? I've definitely caught the travelling bug and I really wish to challenge myself both physically and with my charity work, and although Mount Kilimanjaro is definitely on my bucket list, next year I intend to cycle from London to Paris for a local cancer charity.

If you would like to learn more about Childreach and what they do, or perhaps get involved in a challenge event, then please check out their website at www.childreach.org.uk.

Live long and prosper!

Laura Thérin



Laura, 2nd left, and Joe, far right, relaxing in Quingdou



'Bean' Around the World

Forty-one-year-old Parishioner, Mark Poisson, recently returned to the island for a short break with his family before continuing his adventures working on the cruise ships.

After working for Cunard Line for less than a year, you can imagine my excitement when I was informed that I would be working on their newest ship, the Queen Elizabeth. It was only a year old and I would be sailing around the world on her. As crew-members working for a prestigious company like Cunard, we undergo frequent rigorous training, especially in emergencies and evacuating the ship. I hope I never have to put it into practice but we have to be prepared, so every couple of weeks, we are drilled and inspected by Marine Coastal Agencies.

One of a thousand

What is it like working on board one of these liners? I am just one of a thousand crew looking after two thousand guests. There are fifty nationalities working on board. The highest percentage is from the Philippines who represent half of the crew. It's fantastic because we all get on very well. In the Crew Only areas, there are a lot of activities and



In the Norwegian fjords

parties arranged to keep up the morale. I have made many friends from lots of different countries that I meet daily along the 'M1' or 'Burma Road', the main thoroughfare on the deck below the guest area. It's a corridor that stretches the whole way from forward to aft!

Everybody always wants to know what the food is like for the crew. I have Officer Status so I am lucky enough to eat in the same Mess as the Captain; therefore, the standard is high. Always lots of choice and in a restaurant set up with napkins and tablecloths!! In the Crew Mess, it's a different story. It resembles a self-service café serving lots of Asian food to cater for the crew from those countries, who wouldn't like the officers' food anyway!

Tuk-tuk ride

So, what about the destinations we visit? The World Voyage 2012 visited 22 countries, with 38 ports of call. Sailing through five continents, it took 107 days and travelled 37,000 nautical miles after setting off from Southampton on 10th January for New York. Highlights for me were transiting through the Panama Canal, stops in American Samoa, and overnight stops in Sydney and Hong Kong. My favourite places were Ho Chi Minh City in Vietnam and a hair-raising tuk-tuk ride in Cochin, India! Mostly we experienced fantastic weather although we did have to miss a port in Vietnam due to fog.

And what about the guests? (they are guests not passengers!) Out of 2,000 guests, over 800 had booked to do the whole 107 days. They were from all over the world and included many interesting characters. One man called Yorkshire Terry held 'duckling' parties. If he liked you, you became a duckling! There was a lady who wore flags and referred to all the crew as her sons and daughters. Keep your eye on television around Christmas time, the whole voyage was filmed by a French film crew and we believe Channel 4 have bought it!

Sunshine Mark

So what do I do on board? I have one of the best jobs! I work in the Entertainment Department. There are many daily activities arranged during the day, which include shuffleboard, deck quoits and trivia quizzes. I host these as part of a team, as well as looking after the disco in the nightclub. My name on board is Mark Sunshine. Why 'Sunshine'? Last year, on the Queen Victoria, I was the weatherman on the daily TV show, so the name has stuck!

Do I meet many Jersey people on the ship? Yes, on nearly every voyage, there is someone from the island, but it would be even better to meet a fellow St Jeanais.

Do I enjoy working at sea and do I get seasick? I love it, I can't imagine doing anything else, and no, I am lucky I don't suffer with sea-sickness but if I do, the crew doctor is always ready with a syringe!

Mark Poisson



St John's Women's Institute



After a busy summer with many events held across the Island with other W.I.s we are back in the Parish Hall for our autumn and winter meetings. In September Vicky Coupland, a forensic expert, came to talk to us about her profession, explaining how she came to be in that interesting and unusual job which is varied and sometimes complicated.

In October Maureen Hamel and Christine Matthews demonstrated ways of making Christmas flower arrangements

and decorations for our homes.

November is the month for the Annual General Meetings of all the W.I.s in the Island when the new committee is elected. Following the formal business we are holding a baby photo quiz.

December 5th is the date for our Christmas party in the Parish Hall at which we will be entertained by the Handbell Ringers.

Joining the W.I. gives you the opportunity of

learning many different things in a friendly and cordial atmosphere. We are always pleased to see new members, so do come and join us on any second Wednesday of the month at St John's Parish Hall at 7.30 pm where you will be warmly welcomed.

May I take this opportunity of wishing all our members and everyone a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year.

*Myrtle Malzard,
President*

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St John Youth & Community Trust

Improvements to recreational areas

In recent weeks the trustees of the St John Youth & Community Trust have been turning their attention to the young children's play area next to St John's Church. The facility continues to be well used by mothers and toddlers and is popular for primary school children after 3pm.

The equipment has now been in place for seventeen years and is in need of updating. Consultation has taken place with a local supplier of play equipment and enquiries have been made with a UK specialist to compare prices. Having consulted the Parish, the intention is to keep a similar design but to upgrade and update the current equipment whilst complying with health and safety regulations.

Two other projects are also being considered. Firstly it is the aim of the Trustees to renew the picnic benches and barbeque areas at the three existing sites along the north coast. In order to progress this further, we have been liaising with TTS to get this improvement off the ground.

The 'jumps' behind the Millennium Cross are still used by some young cycling enthusiasts and we

have been consulting an officer from the Department of the Environment as to how we can best enhance this facility whilst maintaining the natural surroundings of this special area.

In improving these recreational areas the Trustees hope that more parishioners, young and old, will continue to enjoy our countryside.

Andrew Lewis

Chairman, St John Youth & Community Trust

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St John's Brownies



So far this year the girls have had a variety of celebrations and outings, as well as



learning new sports and meeting new people. Here are some of our highlights to share with you.

The Jubilee celebrations started off with a tea party, some games and girls designed their own pillowcases to mark the occasion.

We all took part in the Island Brownie Adventure Day which was themed on the Olympics and we continued as a Brownie pack with

our Sports badge.

The girls voted for new sports to try out and as a result we all went to Grainville Indoor Bowling Stadium, St Saviour, and to the Jersey Table Tennis Association Club at St Clement.

Both evenings were great fun for parents and Brownies.



To finish off this year, we will be celebrating Diwali, followed by Christmas craft and a Christmas party.

Our Brownie pack is full – however we do have a waiting list. If you would like to enrol your daughter's name for St John's Brownies, please e-mail donnacrobbie@hotmail.com

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Community Savings celebrates its 10th Anniversary

Community Savings is promoting its 10th Anniversary with an Awareness Raising Campaign throughout November. The charity has designed a new logo with a strapline summarising its aims:

Charitable help with money matters.

The charity provides basic banking-type services and budgeting advice to individuals resident in Jersey who, for a variety of reasons, find themselves excluded from such financial opportunities. A pre-paid debit card can be issued to account holders and, on a discretionary basis, limited emergency funding is available to regular customers with a savings record.

The service offered is unique in Jersey and is modelled on that of a credit union with a high percentage of the staff being volunteers. Since opening in 2001 the charity has helped numerous customers. Currently they have just over 700 active accounts with enquiries about new loans or accounts currently running at approximately 8 to 10 per week. However, Chairman Brian Curtis MBE believes that there are between three and five thousand more individuals in the Island's community who could benefit from the free services offered by the charity.

Customers' backgrounds are varied. Some have

bad credit ratings; many are on Income Support; some are undergoing rehabilitation programmes; others have disabilities which would make going into high street banks harrowing. Others have simply never had any help with money management. In the current economic climate with redundancies and unemployment running at high levels the charity has seen a worrying trend of more people from Middle Jersey coming for advice and assistance. However, Community Savings advisers always try to help, and clients appreciate the informal and welcoming office surroundings.

Anyone interested in finding out more about the charity's services, sponsoring the charity or becoming a volunteer can

- visit the new website www.communitysavings.org.je
- call in at the charity's Seale Street Office next to the Old Magistrate's Court in Seale Street, St Helier
- telephone 737555 to speak to an adviser
- call Melanie Cavey, Development Officer, on 737555 to arrange a team meeting
- pick up a leaflet at St John's Parish Hall

ST JOHN



LE TEILLEUL



St John's Twinning Association

On Saturday 23rd September a group of 29 of our friends from Le Teilleul

arrived on Condor at 8.20 am for our usual exchange visit. It was a sunny Saturday morning so we were able to get out and about our lovely Island and do what each family had arranged independently.

In the evening a dinner was organised for 68 people at the Merton Hotel where we had the choice of several dishes on the hot and cold buffet. Everyone enjoyed the food and those who wished to stay for the dancing afterwards were able to do so, but many were very tired after a long day, as our friends had an early start from their village at 5.30 am to catch the early boat from St Malo.

On Sunday morning a Vin d'Honneur was held in the Parish Hall to celebrate the 80th birthday of Mon. Foucault and also the 70th birthday of Mon. André Mallard. We were pleased that these special birthdays fell during the weekend of the exchange.

The rest of Sunday was left to the individual families to arrange their entertainment. Many got together with other families for a meal or BBQ at



Welcoming the visitors

lunchtime. Our friends departed to St Malo at 8.20 pm and did not arrive in their village until 1.30 am – so I am sure that many were very tired the following day!

Our visit to Le Teilleul next year has been arranged for the weekend of the 20th and 21st of April.

If you would like to join the Twinning Association, please contact our Chairman, Mr Ron Le Herissier, on telephone 862010, or myself on telephone 862931.

Myrtle Malzard



NEWS FROM THE UNITED REFORMED CHURCH

All change – but no change!

In the last edition we wrote about the retirement of our Minister Patrick and his wife Gillian and their return to the mainland, so you will have been surprised to see them out and about very much as usual. Well, although they found a suitable house in Hayling Island, property transactions can take an inordinate amount of time to complete as some of you will know only too well, and they are still waiting, more or less in a state of limbo. We are, of course, delighted to have them in the congregation every Sunday morning but sympathise with them in their frustration.

But life in general goes on, and Church life goes on. We know that the United Reformed Church nationally is unable to provide a Minister for the Channel Islands and we know that Mike Sheldrake, our faithful Church Secretary for the past eleven years, has decided that for family reasons, now is the right time for him to 'retire'. Michael Ruskin, who was Church Secretary during the 1990s, has agreed to return to that role once again and so, with an

enthusiastic congregation, our team of Elders to provide pastoral care and, from time to time, visiting preachers, we know that we can continue to flourish. Closer links with our Church in Guernsey are planned and Reverend Peter Norris, URC Minister in Petersfield Hampshire, will provide long-distance oversight when required.

Sunday morning worship in the Reformed tradition remains the focus of our week but we have also introduced mid-week prayers every Wednesday morning between 11.00 and 11.30 at which all are welcome. If half an hour away from the bustle of the world appeals to you please feel free to join us for an informal time of prayer. Plans for other mid-week activities are also under consideration.

So, all in all, we remain confident that although things will be different, the work that was begun in Sion over 200 years ago remains important and will continue to flourish and grow.

Michael Ruskin

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This month is one of opposites as we enjoy delights of Christmas with family and friends, when the days are shorter and the weather colder. So look ahead with the Bonne Nuit Harbour Festival Planning Committee to Saturday, 15th June, 2013, close to the longest day, when in brighter weather and with family and friends, you will be able enjoy the fifth annual Harbour Festival down in the bay.

After four successful years, with attendances averaging around 2,500 throughout the day, the festival is well established within parish life and indeed within the wider Tourism calendar. Although not primarily a fundraising event, the planning committee is delighted that in the first four years £13,000 has been given to local organisations, including £500 in 2012 to the St John Youth Project towards refurbishment of the Youth Club Area at the Recreation Centre.

While the general feel of the next year's Festival, on Saturday, 15th June, will be similar to previous years with food, entertainment and games on the beach for the children, there are to be exciting additions, and also a slight modification to the length of the event which will run from 11am to 8pm, with the headline band playing the final two hour set from 6.00 to 8.00pm.

As always there will be the old favourite of Bonnie Baby; Fun Food Challenge (not so funny when participating and asked to eat Whelks!); and Bonne Nuit's Strongest Man. New for 2013 will be the Stocks, for which the Constable, Deputy and Rector have already been persuaded to put their heads on the block. Who else would you like to throw wet sponges at?

Andy Thewlis
Secretary Bonne Nuit Harbour Festival



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OUR RECTOR COMPLETES HIS 2012 CHALLENGE – RAISING OVER £6,000

September was a month of achievement for our Parish Rector, Andy Thewlis, as he successfully completed his 2012 challenge of '2012 miles!'

When I last updated you, Andy still had 704 miles to go. However his bicycle was positively smoking during the later summer months, and Lily, his trusty canine companion, also got to enjoy lots of walks.

Some of the mileage was eaten up in faraway places including Paris and Germany, proving that wherever Andy went, his challenge went with him.

On the day when Andy's milometer clocked 2012 miles it happened to be one of those rare and truly fabulous summer days, and a chance meeting at the Village Café (I am known to pop there occasionally!) This ended up with Andy and I going down to Bonne Nuit and swimming out to Cheval Rock and back, (there are photos to prove it). This was not only an amazing and memorable swim, but, wow, what a way to finish the challenge.

Andy's twelve-Parish-Church walk, planned in advance for Saturday 22nd September, in anticipation of the expected celebration of passing the 2012 target, was another landmark event for his challenge. The 32-mile-walk was achieved in the company of Jill Keogh and Chiara O'Flaherty.

Anyone doubting that Andy completed his walk would only have had to have seen his feet, or witnessed his John Wayne walk!

Andy's 2012 challenge has raised, to date, a grand total of £6,250, which will be well received in the Diocese of Bukavu, in a most needed part of the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

Thank you to everyone who has offered financial



Feet up at last!



Clocking up the miles in Germany – photo: Tanja Claassen

support and encouragement along the journey.

Additional donations would be most appreciated and can be sent in the form of cheques payable to 'St John's Church' and sent to The Rectory, St John, JE3 4AF.



Andy and Jayne cooling off at Bonne Nuit

So Andy, what next for 2013?!

It has already been suggested that in 2013 Andy tackles twelve daring challenges, one per month, to push our now sporting Rector outside his comfort zone. What will you suggest?

*Jayne Luce
Swimming companion & reporter
for Star of the North*





Thinking and Learning at St John's School

Over the past academic year at St John's School, the staff and children have been exploring 'Thinking Skills,' as well as developing our understanding of enquiry and considering how independent learning underpins our 'Creative Curriculum.'

Why are Thinking Skills so important? They are about effective primary teaching, and about developing children's thinking and understanding of their own learning.

How are we planning for these skills at school? One way is through information/processing skills which enable pupils to gather information and more importantly, to sort, classify, sequence, compare and contrast, as well as analyse. One way we explored these areas was with years 5 and 6 classes, who were asked the question: 'Why did Paul Smith go to War in 1914?' This was a very poignant focus for the children to reflect on close to Remembrance Day. Children were provided with several individual statements. These encouraged them to reason (another thinking skill), and collate evidence for their thoughts and opinions. They then explained why they thought the conclusions they offered might be correct. After the children had time to think about the statements, they went on to research World War 1 and why people went to war, asking relevant questions, as well as posing and defining problems. They were asked to produce a conclusion to predict their outcome and anticipate possible consequences. These are further 'Thinking Skills'. These conclusions were debated and ideas discussed, before pupils were asked to evaluate the process. By using enquiries such as these, pupils are supported in developing their 'Creative Thinking Skills'. These skills enable pupils to generate ideas and apply imagination in searching for alternative solutions.

In a stimulating thinking lesson, groups of pupils talk together intensely, trying to make sense of issues or problems. The more stimulating and challenging a lesson, the more varied the outcome. In one project, developed in one of our geographical enquiry lessons, pupils explained that they were learning to think beyond their first thought, to look at things from more than one point of view and how thinking got better if children shared ideas. In these lessons, the teacher plays a crucial role by debriefing the learning experience. In other words, they go to considerable lengths to help the pupils make the fullest meaning possible from their learning/

research/discussions. This means that the teacher has to listen or observe the thinking of pupils, not necessarily looking for right answers, but for interesting comments, deepening ideas, appealing solutions and productive bits of dialogue. With careful questioning added to a teacher's observations, teachers can begin to piece together what thinking has happened and how students tackled a task.

During this term, staff at St John have developed



School Football team winning a primary schools tournament at Springfield last term

creative thinking skills through our 'Thinking Curriculum'. Year groups have been learning through investigating some of these ideas and thoughts:-

- What can you create at Cooking Monster Ltd? Please plan, produce, record your results and evaluate your products.
- What dramatic event occurred in the village of Eyam? How did it change the course of history in that place?
- How has farming impacted on Jersey's history?
- Describe how polar bears survive in their environment.

We believe that 'learning to think' is supporting us to become deeper, more reflective, motivated learners and true lifelong learners, better equipped to deal with the challenges of life.

We wish you all a very Happy Christmas.

*Trudie De La Haye
Head Teacher*



Les Prairies Horse Trials 2012

After the success of the 2012 Les Prairies Horse Trials, which saw over 3,000 people attend the two-day horse trials and family weekend, it's hard to believe that this event began its life over a few pints of cider shared by a group of four friends with a vision.

The group of friends, Amanda Huson, Christian May, Dan Williams and Joe McCool, who stable their horses at Les Prairies, St John had taken inspiration from the cross-country events that had been held there years previously. A large majority of the jumps that had once provided an exciting and challenging cross-country course had aged over the years and were no longer fit for purpose.

'Joe, who is a trained carpenter, said he could repair some of the jumps and build us some new ones,' Amanda said. From this point onwards the team discussed in length putting on a cross-country, once an annual event in the equestrian diary.

From here the ideas for it snowballed, and before long a full two-day horse trials and event village was being planned for September. Freda Evans, the owner of the property, had always been a keen supporter of Hospice and therefore this was the charity chosen to benefit from it. 'Hospice is a charity which I think everyone can relate to. They do such great work there and we just wanted to help with some funding,' Dan stated.

Homework

Over the following months the team faced many challenges. The first, which seemed to be the most time-consuming, was preparing the land for the horse trials. 'Due to all the new health and safety regulations involved with putting on an event of this kind, we had to make sure we had done our homework. We tried to follow the British Eventing (the governing body in the UK) rule book as closely as possible to ensure the course was up to standard. We wanted the course to be fun yet challenging for both horses and riders, so it was vital that the design of all the jumps was well thought out,' said Christian, who had spent a large amount of his time leading up to the event reading every internet page and book imaginable related to putting on a horse trials, being the least 'horsey' of the group.

The theme of the event village was another challenge the team faced. They wanted it to attract families and provide a great weekend out in the country that both adults and children could enjoy. Following on from this, many weekends were spent visiting various events around the island over the summer months so the team could speak to exhibitors and organisers in order to research what was the most successful formula for a family event.

Lots of chocolate!

In the weeks running up to the event many late nights were spent up at Les Prairies by the team and some close friends who had volunteered their help on the promise of lots of chocolate! While Joe put his carpentry skills to use building the entire show-jumping course and the large majority of the cross-country jumps, the rest of the team took care of the painting, whilst still trying to juggle organising the event village, and most importantly, promotion of the event.

The day of Les Prairies Horse Trials finally arrived; after an early start which included going to collect rubbish bins from St Aubin at 6am (and losing one on the way back).

Amanda said, 'After all our hard work it was great that the event was so successful. We had so many lovely comments from both competitors and the general public over the weekend. We love to hear feedback so we can ensure Les Prairies Horse Trials can provide a bigger and event next year. Most important of all we raised money for Hospice who face a £6,000 a day running cost'.

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We will record the number of Parishioners' enquiries during this period and if it is felt to be worthwhile, then the trial will continue.

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PARISH HALL OPENING HOURS

Monday, Tuesday & Friday
9.00-1.00 and 2.00-4.00
Wednesday
9.00-1.00 and 2.00-7.00
CLOSED ALL DAY THURSDAY



PARISH DIARY - December 2012 to May 2013

DECEMBER

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| Mon 10th | 1.15pm | School Reception/KS1 Production |
| Tues 11th | 1.15pm | School Reception/KS1 Production |
| Tues 11th | 7.30pm | Muriel's Christmas Bingo |
| Wed 12th | 5.25pm | Father Christmas in the Parish Hall |
| Wed 12th | 7.30pm | WI Christmas Party with Hand Bell Ringers. Parish Hall |
| Thurs 13th | 12.30pm | Parish Senior Citizens' Lunch at The Farmhouse |
| Thurs 13th | 7pm | KS2 Christmas Production – Cinderella. St John's School |
| Fri 14th | 1.15 & 7pm | KS2 Christmas Production – Cinderella. St John's School |
| Sun 16th | 6.00pm | St John's Group of Churches Candlelit Carol Service. Parish Church |
| Wed 19th | | Last day of school Term |
| Sun 23rd | 10.30am | Service of Lessons and Carols at the URC |
| Mon 24th | 5.30pm | Christingle. Parish Church |
| Mon 24th | 11.30pm | Midnight Communion. Parish Church |
| Tues 25th | 8.00am | Christmas Day Communion. Parish Church |
| Tues 25th | 10.00am | Family Service at the URC |
| Tues 25th | 10.30am | All-Age Christmas Day Celebration. Parish Church |
| Sun 30th | 10.30am | Morning Worship at the URC |
| Sun 30th | 10.30am | New Year Celebration at the Parish Church |

JANUARY

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| Thurs 3rd | | Back to School |
| Sun 6th | 10.30am | All-Age Plough Sunday Service |
| Wed 9th | 7.30pm | WI talk by Graeme Harris on Jersey Postcards. Parish Hall |
| Tues 29th | 7.30pm | Muriel's Bingo in the Parish Hall |
| Wed 30th | 2.30pm | Golden Age Club meet at the Parish Hall |

FEBRUARY

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| Fri 8th | 1.00 – 2.30pm | School's David Hockney Exhibition – Open Viewing |
| Fri 8th | | Last Day of half-term |
| Sun 10th | 11.00am | Celebration of Marriage at the Parish Church |
| Wed 13th | 7.30pm | WI talk by Captain Brian Nibbs on the Harbour & Air Search. Parish Hall |
| Wed 13th | 8.00pm | Ash Wednesday Communion at the Parish Church |
| Sat 16th | 12.00 – 2.00pm | Lent lunch in Parish Hall hosted by the Parish Church |
| Mon 18th | | Back to School |
| Sat 23rd | 12.00 – 2.00pm | Lent lunch at the URC |
| Tues 26th | 7.30pm | Muriel's Bingo in the Parish Hall |
| Wed 27th | 2.30pm | Golden Age Club meets at the Parish Hall |
| Wed 27th | 3.30pm | Primary Schools Cross Country Competition. Les Quennevais |

MARCH

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| Fri 1st | | Women's World Day of Prayer |
| Sat 2nd | 12.00 – 2.00pm | Lent lunch at Les Frères |
| Sat 9th | 12.00 – 2.00pm | Lent lunch in Parish Hall hosted by the Parish Church |
| Sun 10th | 10.30am | All-Age Mothering Sunday Celebration at the Parish Church |
| Wed 13th | 7.30pm | WI talk by Anne Perchard on the Jersey Cow & Occupation. Parish Hall |
| Sat 16th | 9.30am | Parish Clean |
| Sat 16th | 12.00 – 2.00pm | Lent lunch at the URC |
| Sat 23rd | 12.00 – 2.00pm | Lent lunch at Les Frères |
| Tues 26th | 7.30pm | Muriel's Easter Bingo in the Parish Hall |
| Wed 27th | 12.30pm | Golden Age lunch. Meet at the Parish Hall |

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| Wed 27th | | Last Day of Term |
| Thurs 28th | 8.00pm | Tenebrae Service at URC |
| Fri 29th | 10.30am | Good Friday Worship at the Parish Church |
| Sun 31st | | Easter Day |

APRIL

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| Wed 10th | 7.30pm | WI fashion show by Crème & JSSK Parish Hall |
| Tues 16th | | Back to School |
| Wed 24th | 2.30pm | Golden Age Club meets at the Parish Hall |
| Sun 28th | 11.00am | Celebration of Education Service in the Parish Church with St John's School |
| Tues 30th | 7.30pm | Muriel's Bingo in the Parish Hall |

MAY

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| Sun 5th | 10.30am | United Service for Liberation in the Parish Church |
| Mon 6th | | Bank Holiday - No School |
| Thurs 9th | | Liberation Day – No School |

SUNDAY WORSHIP IN ST JOHN

THE PARISH CHURCH

Every Sunday

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| 8.00am | Holy Communion |
| 9.30am | Holy Communion with traditional hymns |
| 11.00am | Contemporary Worship – All-age Worship, Celebrations or Communion |

UNITED REFORMED CHURCH

Every Sunday

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| 10.30am | Family Worship |
| | Holy Communion, monthly, as advertised |

St John's Parish Contacts

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 Archery – Martin Pomroy – 855479
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 Golden Age Club – Wendy Rondel - 863667
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 Les Frères Mother Toddler and Baby Group – Sharon Day - 725224
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St John's Village Inn

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George & staff wish all their customers the Season's Greetings - Christmas menu @ £18.50 per person:-

STARTERS

Soup of the day with
crispy bread & butter

Deep fried breaded
Camembert

Home-made chicken pâté
with Cumberland sauce

Spicy homemade fish cakes
with sweet chilli dip



MAIN COURSES

Traditional roast Turkey with sausage meat
chestnut & sage stuffing & all trimmings

Fillet of sea bass with tapenade crust
crushed baby potatoes, ratatouille and pesto

Spiced confit duck leg with ginger and
sesame stir fry, veg & black bean sauce

Chestnut fennel and sweet potato crumble
served with fresh salad



DESSERTS

Traditional Christmas
pudding with brandy sauce

Profiteroles with warm
chocolate sauce

Selection of Jersey
Ice Cream

Cheese and biscuits

Christmas opening hours - Christmas Eve - normal hours restaurant open
Christmas Day 11am-1pm and Boxing Day 11am - 5pm (bar only)

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