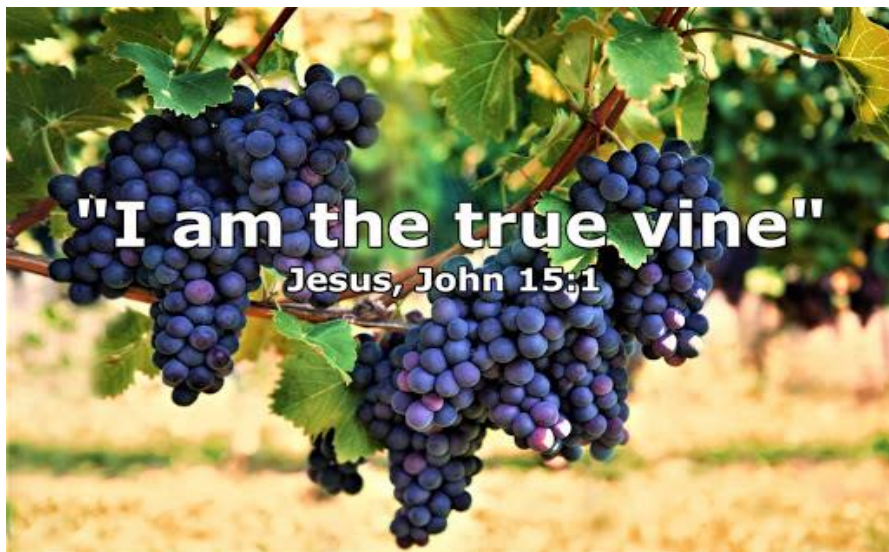


St Helier Methodist Centre

January 24th, 2021

All Ages, All Nations, All stages of Faith

WELCOME



This Sunday's Circuit Service will be led by Revd. Jenny Pathmarajah and her Ecumenical Friends in the Parish of St Brelade. As usual it will be broadcast via our SHMC YouTube Channel and Facebook Page.

It will be available from 10.30am on Sunday but you can watch it any time at your convenience after that time.

Dear Friends,

Do call me when you receive your vaccination so that I can ring my bell in celebration! Last week it rang six times as members of our congregation took this important step towards health protection. Wonderful News - and aren't we grateful to all those who have made this possible!

If you would like assistance with booking your place or transport do get in contact with Sarah in the office or Tony.

Whilst we can't meet in person, do join with friends from around the Circuit on Zoom from 11.30am this Sunday by following this link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6279237950?pwd=cWNqYTdx dHF XQkiWd0ITbHBVQWtJQT09>

Meeting ID: 837 9036 7062

Passcode: Coffee

Or tel: 0203 481 5240

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Every blessing and don't hesitate to contact me on 739906 or tony@methodistcentre.je

Be wise and keep safe and we look forward to when we will meet together for worship.

Please continue to remember all front-line workers, and particularly for those health workers who are members of our church, praying that they may know safety, strength, and peace. They have our grateful thanks.

Tony

This week please pray for those working at home, and those who volunteer, the congregation of the St Martin and Ebenezer Methodist Churches and the Rev Nico Hilmy-Jones.

This week I ordered some more palm crosses in preparation for Easter. We order them from African Palms – a company in London - africanpalms.co.uk and I wondered how a London company came to be selling palms from Africa. It turns out to be a good story.

Sarah

African Palms & the Rev Alan Talbot (27-1-1923 to 30- 8-2018)

Revd Alan John Talbot was born in Leyton, East London. He served in world war two as a navigator in bomber command, and then read PPE at Oxford University before going to the College of The Resurrection in Mirfield.

He was ordained priest in 1952, serving in Hackney Wick and Portsmouth before going to Southern Tanzania where he worked as a priest in a very remote area of the Masasi Diocese.

In 1967 he was visited by two English botanists who identified and confirmed that the bushes of reeds that grew wild around the village were Palm. He had recently read that the making of Palm Crosses in Devon had come to an end. This gave him the idea that the villagers could make some extra money for essentials such as salt by plaiting palm leaves. This wouldn't interfere with their work as farmers and gave them dignity in earning their own money. He sent these back to friends in the UK with the aim that they should try and sell them, they proved popular, so he sent more back.

He returned to the UK in 1969 and continued the project which grew. He was delighted when all denominations started to use the crosses uniting so many Christians on Palm Sunday. Palm Crosses are now sold all around the world from the UK to Hong Kong.

At his funeral Father Henry from African Palms USA told of how Palm Crosses had affected millions of people in Tanzania over

the years, both through the work of making the crosses and through money leftover being used in Education and Healthcare projects. It is amazing how such a small idea has affected and encouraged people in their daily lives around the world.

On the day of his funeral, he was remembered in all the parishes of the Diocese of Masasi, Tanzania in a special service. He will be remembered by many throughout the world with love and joy.



Order of Service

Welcome & Call to Worship

Hymn 372

Come down O Love divine

Prayers

Litany of Praise

First Vigil

Gospel

John 15:1-17

Prayers of Intercessions

Hymn 242

A new commandment

Second Vigil

Epistle

I Corinthians 1:10-13a

Prayers of Intercessions

Hymn 652

Lord, we come to ask

Third Vigil

Epistle

Revelations 7:9-12

Prayers of Intercessions

Lord's Prayer

Hymn

We are one in the Spirit

Personal Reflection

Hymn 404

God's Spirit is in my heart

Blessing



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