



# St Brelade's Church and St Aubin on the Hill Newsletter and What's On for May 2026



## View from the Rectory

No prizes for working out what's missing in the picture to the left - the organ was removed on Monday. I'm looking forward to welcoming Mont Nicolle reception class to the church next week, and asking them if they can work out what's not there!

The old organ will be going to a good home; to the grandson of the man who was organist when the organ was installed back in 1973. He works with Kevin who was chatting about the new organ, and so the story unfolded.

The new organ will be installed in the week starting 10<sup>th</sup> May; there are a couple of Sundays without it, where we'll use a keyboard. The first service where we'll be able to hear the

new instrument is our 10.30am Parish Communion on May 17<sup>th</sup>. We'll also have a baptism in that service - two new beginnings to celebrate. In the following week, we have 2 weddings and a funeral in church - it will be well used from the start. We look forward to it enhancing our sung worship.

May is the month of our annual meetings. St Aubin on the Hill kick off the AGMs, on May 17<sup>th</sup> at 9.15am: Denise will lead a service of morning worship after it, from around 10.15am. Then we have our Ecclesiastical assembly at 7pm on May 19<sup>th</sup> in the Church Hall, and the Church AGM at 1130 after our Little Acorns Service on May 24<sup>th</sup>. I'll be sending out more information in advance of these but please do put them in your diary and come along. And please do be praying for all these events in the life of our church - why not join in with the worldwide prayer movement 'Thy Kingdom Come'? Details on p 6

With love in Christ - Sarah

*Sarah McClelland, Rector, Parish Church of St Brelade with St Aubin on the Hill*

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# St Brelade's Church Vision Day - Update

## What's happening with all the feedback given?

I've distilled it into 4 values which, along with all the suggestions of what we might want to do, have informed a Mission Action Plan. This is being honed by the leadership team before being shared more widely.

## Has anything happened as a result yet?

Yes! An overwhelming value was around welcome and hospitality, and offering more chances to get together socially featured a lot on the 'dream' and 'do' list. So I'm delighted that we've started a Community Cafe in the Church Hall from 10am - 12 every Wednesday. Free drinks and cake - (donations welcome), with craft provided or BYO, and with the aim of making it a great place for us to welcome all ages from young children up! Pop in and see us!

## Wellness Service - 10am in Church, 6<sup>th</sup> May

The Wellness service is back! Lead by Brian, at 10am on the first Wednesday of the month. followed by a cuppa in the Community Café. We hope you can join us.

## Bees!

Those of you who've been around at St Brelade's for a while will know that the church is popular with bees! Recently they swarmed but have settled down again. We're keeping an eye on them and took the advice of 'Jersey Honey' - which is



that it's probably best to make them welcome and leave them alone!

# Annual meetings

**St Aubin on the Hill AGM: 17th May, 9.15am**

**Ecclesiastical Assembly: 19<sup>th</sup> May 7pm Church Hall**

To receive Tresor Accounts and elect and/ or re elect church officers (Church Wardens and Almoners)

**Church AGM: 24<sup>th</sup> May 1130 after Little Acorns service**

To receive Church Accounts and elect Deanery Synod reps

## Giving financially at St Brelade's

As you know we don't take a collection in our services and many of you give through the tap and go card machine at the back of church. Thank you!

You will also have noticed a QR code on the pew in front of you, and this is another easy way to give without leaving your pew! Just put your phone camera on the code and it will show you a link to click on - if you follow this, you can donate on line rather than joining the queue at the back of church.

**If you give regularly, have you considered giving through your bank account and setting up a standing order? This really helps us budget and if you pay tax, the church can claim an extra 20% on top of your donation! Ask Ruth for details and we will be giving more details soon.**

# Bible Book Club

Next one: **16<sup>th</sup> May, 10am - 12noon**

**Usually** Second Saturday of the month (but in May that is Liberation Day, so third Saturday) - in the Church Hall

Read a book of the Bible in advance and come together to discover more about it, ask questions and learn together  
Starting with the smallest book of the Bible (by number of verses!)

16<sup>th</sup> May: Obadiah (Old Testament)

13th June: Titus

Everybody's welcome if you'd like to get a bit deeper into the Bible! Come when you can - each session stands alone.

## How to prepare this month:

- Simply read the book of Obadiah in the Old Testament
- Make notes of any questions or reflections, if you like
- As you read, you may like to think about:
  - Were there any parts of the book that you particularly liked or which inspired you?
  - Were there any parts of the book that you disliked or which troubled you?
  - What did you think the book was about?
  - Did you read anything in the book that touched you, expanded your faith or made you think more deeply about your life and how you live it?
- Turn up and participate as much or as little as you want

# Prayer

If you would like prayer for anything, please just ask, and Cliff and I and our lay readers are happy to say a prayer with you as you receive communion and around the edges of services and coffee time. To add someone to the intercessions list, please ensure the person in question knows and gives permission, and let Ali know (PA@stbreladeschurch.com). They will stay on for a month and can be added again if appropriate.

# Safeguarding

This is always a priority and if you have any concerns at all please contact me (Sarah), or Sheila Smith at the Bay (10sheilagsmith@gmail.com) or Andrew Parker (ahp63@icloud.com) at the Hill.

# Sunday 9.15 @St Aubins

Don't forget that there's now a communion service each week at the Hill - on the whole the sermon is the same as at the Bay that day. You're very welcome to try it out and enjoy breakfast before the service!



# Prayer @ St Aubins

Every Tue at 2.30pm, to pray for concerns, locally and further afield.



# Thy Kingdom Come (TKC)

'TKC is a global ecumenical prayer movement that invites Christians around the world to pray from Ascension to Pentecost for more people to come to know Jesus. Every person, household and church are encouraged to pray during the 11 days in their own way. Specifically, we again invite each and every Christian across the globe to pray that God's Spirit might work in the lives of 5 people who have not responded with their 'Yes' to God's call.'

## Thy Kingdom Come at St Brelade's: 14 - 24<sup>th</sup> May 2026

TKC is a great opportunity for us to join in this world wide movement, to pray between Ascension and Pentecost for God's Spirit to work powerfully in our Church and Island.

There will be booklets available to help us pray - pick them up at our Ascension Day service (May 14<sup>th</sup>) or at the back of church in the week before and let's get praying!

To earth our prayers we're invited to pray for 5 people in particular, to discover God's love and acceptance more fully for themselves. Who will you pray for?

### **Acts 1: 3 - 5 - Jesus asked his disciples to pray between his ascension and Pentecost:**

'During the forty days after Jesus suffered and died, he appeared to the apostles from time to time, and he proved to them in many ways that he was actually alive. And he talked to them about the Kingdom of God.

<sup>4</sup> Once when he was eating with them, he commanded them, "Do not leave Jerusalem until the Father sends you the gift he promised, as I told you before. <sup>5</sup> John baptized with water, but in just a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit."

# Community Café

St Brelade's Church Hall (opposite the Church)  
Every Wednesday 10am - 12

*Coffee &  
cake*

*For all  
ages!*

*Crafts  
provided  
or BYO*

*Where  
everyone's  
always  
welcome!*

*Pop in for  
great  
company!*





# What's On in May

**Men's Breakfast: Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> May at 8:30am**

St Peter's Garden Centre. All men welcome, just turn up!

**Healing Service: Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> May** in the Lady Chapel followed by coffee in the Community Cafe

**Bible Book Club: 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday** of the month - this month it is changed to the 3<sup>rd</sup> due to Liberation Day **Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> May, 10:00am – 12 noon**  
Book of Obadiah in the Church Hall

**Ecclesiastical Assembly** Annual Meeting Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> May at 7:00pm

**Church AGM** in the Church following Little Acorns on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> May 11:30am

## *Weekly*

**Community Cafe: Every Wednesday 10:00 am - 12:00 noon** Crafting for all ages, coffee and cake!

**Prayer @ St Aubins: Every Tuesday at 2.30pm**  
To pray for concerns, locally and further afield

**The Bay Art Group: Every Friday 2:00 - 4:00pm** in the Church Hall (opposite the Church)

# May Services

## **Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> May – Easter 5**

08:00 am Holy Communion (BCP)

09:15 am Holy Communion Service-St Aubin on the Hill

10:30 am Parish Communion Service

## **Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> May – Wellness Service**

10:00am in the Lady Chapel (followed by coffee in the Community Café)

## **Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> May – Easter 6**

08:00 am Holy Communion (BCP)

09:15 am Holy Communion Service - St Aubin on the Hill

10:30 am Parish Communion Service

## **Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May – Ascension Day**

6:30pm Holy Communion Service – Fisherman’s Chapel

## **Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> May – Easter 7**

08:00 am Holy Communion (BCP)

09:15 am Holy Communion Service – St Aubin on the Hill

10:30 am Parish Communion Service

## **Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> May - Pentecost – Little Acorns**

08:00 am Holy Communion (BCP)

09:15 am Holy Communion Service - St Aubin on the Hill

**10:30 am Little Acorns Family Service** (followed by AGM @11:30am)

6:30 pm Parish Communion Service – Fishermen’s Chapel

## **Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> May – Trinity Sunday**

08:00 am Holy Communion (BCP)

09:15 am Holy Communion Service-St Aubin on the Hill

10:30 am Parish Communion Service

# Points for prayer

Prayer is vital - for us personally, as we spend time in God's presence, bringing those situations on our hearts to Him; it's vital for our church as we seek to bless to each other and our communities, and it's vital in the world - Jesus taught us to pray 'Your Kingdom come, on earth as it is in heaven.' God's Kingdom is governed by love and peace - so different to all we see in the world around us.

So here are some pointers as to how we might pray as the body of Christ in St Brelade's.

## **For the World: A prayer for the Middle East from the Methodist Church**

God of love,

As we see and hear the news of the devastating violence wrought upon and within the Middle East,

we hold your broken world before you in prayer,

We pray for lives lost, for people who mourn, and for those living in fear

We pray for people stranded and in need of safe routes and safe harbours.

We long for peace and pray that those who wage war might exchange weapons for words.

Help us to know how to pray, how to speak and how to act,

that we might remember our call to follow the Prince of Peace,

In whose name we pray, Amen.

**For our Island:** For politicians who have had the courage to stand for election, and their campaigns; for voters, that they would engage with them issues.

**For our Church:** For our annual meetings; for our leadership team, for those who are unwell.

**For our friends and family:** Why not 'pray for 5' - pray for 5 people to know the love God has for them more? See TKC on p6 - let's join in with this worldwide prayer movement.

*Philippians 4:6-7: 'Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.*

*And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.'*