Community Newsletter

St. John's Church

October 2026



Welcome

to St John's first monthly newsletter. Situated in the heart of a welcoming community in the north of St Peter Port, St John's is an Anglican church committed to serving people of all ages and backgrounds.

In this newsletter, you will find information about upcoming events, church activities, community initiatives, and ways to get involved.

We warmly welcome our neighbours and the wider Guernsey community and hope there is something here for everyone to enjoy.



HMS CHARYBDIS & HMS LIMBOURNE

Memorial Service

Royal Naval personnel lost their lives when HMS Charybdis and HMS Limbourne were sunk by enemy torpedo fire in the early hours of 23 October 1943, off the north coast of Brittany. Of the crew of HMS Charybdis, 107 men were rescued, but 464 lost their lives. A further 40 crew members from HMS Limbourne also perished.

The bodies of 21 personnel were washed ashore on Guernsey's coast. The German occupying forces buried them with full military honours at Le Foulon Cemetery in St Peter Port. More than 5,000 islanders attended, many arrived on foot or by bicycle, to the cemetery. They brought with them over 1,000 wreaths, many bearing messages of support for the British armed forces.

St John's Church holds an annual memorial service which is attended by survivors, their families, and members of the community. This year, the congregation was again honoured to welcome the last surviving crew member of HMS Charybdis, John Eskdale, aged 102. John was the last person to be rescued after HMS Charybdis sank. Enlisting in the Royal Navy at just 17 years old, two years before the disaster, he spent more than five hours in the cold waters of the Channel after his ship was torpedoed before finally being rescued.

His presence at this year's service provided a poignant reminder of the courage, sacrifice, and endurance of those who served, and ensured that the memory of those who lost their lives continues to be honoured by future generations. A permanent static memorial display can be seen at St John's Church.

MONDAY GROUP
Monday afternoons 2-3.45PM



Holy Communion

with prayers of wholeness and healing

Thursdays at 10am

Coming soon...

GARDEN CLUB

(free, all age)

Watch this space!





SUNDAY SERVICES IN OCTOBER

all services start at 10.00am

4th Oct Harvest Celebration
All Age worship
speaker: Sarah and Jo from PACE
followed by bring & share lunch

11th Oct Holy Communion

18th Oct Holy Communion

25th Oct Holy Communion

come worship with us

Everyone is welcome to join **MONDAY GROUP** for friendship, fun, and laughter in a warm and welcoming atmosphere. Whether you're looking for companionship, new interests, or simply a friendly afternoon out, we'd be delighted to see you. Our afternoons include:

- Living well and wellbeing topics
- Arts and crafts
- Inspirational guest speakers
- Learning about local and overseas charities
- Sharing memories while looking to the future
- Learning new things
- Outings and special events
- Meeting old friends and making new ones

Come along and receive a warm welcome!
🕑 Time: 2.00pm to approximately 3.45pm
☕ Refreshments: Tea, coffee and delicious homemade cakes

OCTOBER PROGRAMME

05 Oct St Francis
800th anniversary

12 Oct Virtual Tour of Guernsey with Judy

19 Oct Autumn Quiz & Craft with Anita

26 Oct Half Term
NO MEETING

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