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Christmas Greetings inside from family and friends, plus messages from Bishop Dale, Chief Minister and Governor







OPINION

SENTINEL COMMENT

Luke Bennett, SAMS

Well here it is, the end of the year and the final issue for the year. I have the privilege of doing the last comment of the year, so I'd like to start off with a big thank you to all of you who have supported The Sentinel this year, I've received some flattering comments over the last year and we are very grateful. We do our very best to produce a quality non-biased paper, and with a small team it can be challenging, but we stick in there and get through it, but it is encouraging to hear the support coming from you all, so thank you. And also, a big thank you to those who print for us, I know you guys had some challenges through the year as well so thank you for all your hard work and we appreciate your efforts.

The next thank you goes to our SAMS Radio 1 listeners out there. I've been doing radio for about ten years or so now and every year we always get positive feedback, its hard to get motived wen your in a room by yourself talking to yourself, if anything it could be concerning LOL!! Jokes, but knowing that your out there listening, appreciating and enjoying, helps us enjoy it more. And also, to the constructive critics (mum) LOL!! We need honesty, we can't get better without honesty, we really want to bring radio back where all ages can enjoy it, so we need to know how we can improve but also how we can keep you listening, but don't be rude about it otherwise I'll call you out on the air LOL!! Jokes again.... or wha? So, thank you all for tuning into SAMS Radio 1, we do feel the love.

And finally, cheers to the team. Like I said earlier, it can be challenging sometimes but for the most part it's enjoyable because of you guys and I look forward to the year ahead. So, thank you all for the year and we'll be back with The Sentinel next year, look after each other, show the love and Happy Holidays!

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YOUR LETTERS

Dear Editor,

With a dented ego and his tail between his legs after his Trump inspired 'Make St. Helena Great Again' election campaign was an epic fail, it now appears that St. Helena has a new missionary, but with the same mission as his new found friends, and previously self-proclaimed missionaries—to destroy the tradition and birthright of some of our island's most upstanding and dedicated fishermen...

Whilst Derek Pedley's views and thoughts on The Green Fish Company venture is received as meaningless and irrelevant, his clear disregard for the hard-working local fishermen, their families and their futures, is nothing less than deplorable from someone who has been on St. Helena for 5-minutes and has no clue about the very fabric that binds St. Helenians together.

Whilst venting his spleen and focusing his energy and efforts on the intentions of a privately funded venture, he chooses to stand idly by and completely ignore the actions of his good friends and perhaps his soon to be new partners, STC—who's reckless actions over the past months has brought St. Helena's fishery to its knees and dragged an exemplary reputation, built-up over decades, into the gutter.

Being informed by the UK's Marine Management Organisation, that breaches to International Regulations have occurred and that a catch has been categorised as IUU (technically illegal) is a huge step in the wrong direction for our island's fishery, but seemingly, this is of little or no importance to the man who only months ago, told the general public in his now failed and flawed campaign, that he would flush-out corruption and wrongdoing!

In his 'empty vessels make the most noise' article in last week's Sentinel, Mr Pedley spoke as if TGFC's venture and lease is based on another £500,000.00 island 'hand-out' that has been squandered over the last 5-years, so, perhaps next time and before he cites misguided nonsense—claiming to be informed by Government officials, he might consider engaging the loose matter between his ears and back his statements up with facts e.g. go ask local councillors if they have seen recent proof of TGFC's investment—then go ask Ministers what prevents the investment from being drawn-down and deployed—then go ask SHG officials what terms and conditions are in TGFC's lease that could force it to be handed-back—then go talk to the Chief Fisheries Officer about who allocates and owns quotas—and before he throws accusations regarding land grabbing/banking, have a good look in the mirror.

St. Helena doesn't need deluded, loose-lipped, Trump wanna be's with 'I've only been on the island for 5-minutes, but I know everything' attitudes, it needs people who have genuine hope and regard for its long-term, sustainable, economic development, and for its local people and their futures.

So, if Mr Pedley truly wants to 'get St. Helena Fishing' and to prove he stands for the betterment of the livelihoods of our local fishermen, and, that he has a place in the industry's future, he must surely want his friends' recklessness cleaned-up first, and in this regard, he should find the courage to publicly denounce their actions i.e. for being instrumental in bestowing untold reputational damage on our fishery—bringing-in a vessel displaying false instrumentation, breaching International Regulations, catching and landing fish illegally and exporting illegal fish.

Will he, or won't he? The devil is in the detail, not the drivel...

Malcolm Williams

Dear Editor,

A Matter of Reputation, Accountability and Trust

The recent press statements issued by the St Helena Government (SHG) and The Green Fish Company (TGFC) regarding the operations of the fishing vessel St Albatros present two sharply contrasting narratives. It is this contrast, rather than technical detail alone, that should concern every St Helenian who cares about our island's reputation, governance, and economic future.

SHG's response characterises the confirmed breaches as "minor, administrative issues", now considered "historic", and asserts that the matter has effectively fallen away because St Albatros is "currently operating under the St Helena flag". In contrast, TGFC's statement cites confirmation from the UK Marine Management Organisation (MMO) that these same breaches constitute non-compliance with ICCAT regulations and fall within the definition of Illegal, Unregulated and Unreported (IUU) fishing - one of the most serious classifications any fishery can incur.

These are not merely differences of tone; they are differences of substance.

Of particular concern is SHG's statement that the issues are now historic because the vessel is operating under the St Helena flag. This claim itself requires clarification and verifica-

tion. While the vessel may have been deregistered from the South African registry, it is not publicly evident that St Albatros has been formally registered on St Helena's Ship Registry. To the best of public knowledge, the vessel has been classified as a "local vessel", which is not necessarily the same as being lawfully flagged or registered under St Helena's flag in accordance with maritime convention and registry requirements.

If this distinction is correct, it raises an important question: does classification as a local vessel alone justify the assertion that St Albatros is flagged in St Helena? This is not a semantic issue. Flag State status carries legal responsibilities, international recognition, and regulatory consequences. Any ambiguity in this area risks further undermining confidence in SHG's regulatory oversight and international credibility.

Furthermore, regulatory compliance is not retrospective. Even if the vessel were now properly registered under the St Helena flag, this would not negate confirmed breaches that occurred while it was operating under a foreign registry, nor would it remove the obligation to address those breaches transparently and robustly.

Investors, regulators, and international partners understand this distinction clearly.

Equally troubling is the apparent absence of accountability. TGFC's statement raises serious and specific concerns relating to due diligence, vessel verification, catch reporting, and oversight by senior officials – concerns which, according to TGFC, remain unanswered despite prolonged engagement. SHG's response offers a general apology but provides no clarity as to whether responsibility has been accepted, whether disciplinary or procedural action has been taken, or how similar failures will be prevented in future.

This issue extends far beyond a single vessel.

St Helena's fishery is small, highly visible, and dependent on trust – trust from international regulators, conservation bodies, export markets, and potential investors. Association with IUU fishing is among the most reputationally damaging labels a fishery can bear, and it can take years to recover from, regardless of scale. For an island seeking sustainable development within a Marine Protected Area, reputational harm of this nature is not a minor administrative matter; it is a serious strategic risk.

The public has a right to expect more than reassurances that "lessons have been learned". Without clear evidence of strengthened governance, verified compliance, and accountability at senior levels, such statements risk becoming empty refrains. Past experience shows that unresolved weaknesses in public administration do not disappear – they repeat.

This letter is not written to undermine public servants who work diligently and in good faith. It is written to assert that when failures occur at senior levels – failures that expose St Helena to international non-compliance and reputational damage – they must be confronted openly, accurately, and responsibly.

Rewording outcomes does not protect St Helena. Transparency does.

If we are serious about protecting our fishery, attracting credible investment, and maintaining international confidence in our governance, then clarity, verification, and accountability are not optional – they are essential.

St Helena Commercial Fishermen's Association



'Tissue the Season to be Jolly



Health Portfolio warn of significant flu threat on St Helena this month

Liam Yon, SAMS

The Health and Social Care Portfolio have issued a notice to inform the public about what they are calling "a significant and early influenza (flu) threat this December."

They explain that "the UK is currently experiencing a severe and unusually early 'flu season" before adding that, "with the high volume of visitors arriving in December from the Northern Hemisphere, St Helena is likely to be affected by the Northern Hemisphere virus."

Health detail how there is "a new variant" that "is circulating in the UK" and which is causing "high case numbers, including among children and young people." Due to the variant being new, they inform how "protection from previous infection or past vaccinations may be limited."

Again, they add that "given the influx of visitors" to St Helena for the festive season, they are anticipating "that an outbreak of 'flu on St Helena is highly likely in the near future."

In terms of flu vaccinations, HSC state that while they have "been working to secure a supply of the Northern Hemisphere 'flu vaccine since October" they have since been informed "that the vaccine will not be available until February 2026."

Further to this, HSC informs that while they "would ideally vaccinate vulnerable people" the expected delay in the arrival of vaccines means it will "arrive too late for the expected December/January outbreak" of the virus on St Helena. They did seek to make clear however that "even if available" the flu vaccine "offers only partial protection against the new variant, though it is still advised in the UK for certain groups."

Turning their focus to the flu itself, Health explain how symptoms "can vary widely" adding that "whilst some people will only have minor symptoms (runny nose, sore throat, headache), others may experience a high fever, severe muscle aches, fatigue/tiredness and shortness of breath"

Concerningly, they also indicated how "a small number of people, particularly the elderly or those with chronic lung conditions, may require hospital admission."

Unfortunately, as is the case with all variants of the flu, "there are no effective antiviral treatments for the general public" however their advice, as always, is for people to have plenty of rest and to take Paracetamol or Ibuprofen to relieve aches, sore throat, and fever.

In terms of protection and to prevent spread of the virus, HSC are advising the public to take measures similar to those which were being taken during the COVID-19 pandemic. "The 'flu virus spreads in the same way as COVID-19: through coughs, sneezes (airborne), and by touching contaminated surfaces," they explained. "We must apply the basic infection control measures we all learned during the pandemic."

Health then list some situations and the relevant action to take. In which case, they advise people who are unwell and coughing/sneezing to "stay home and avoid contact with others, especially the elderly and vulnerable."

They then add that "if you must go out while unwell" you are encouraged to "wear a mask to significantly prevent the spread of droplets."

In terms of general prevention, the advice is to regularly and thoroughly wash or sanitise hands, and if you are not wearing a mask, to cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your elbow when coughing or sneezing.

The HSC concluded their notice by confirming that they "will be actively monitoring the 'flu situation and will provide regular updates" before adding that the public's "cooperation with these measures is vital to protect our community."

Christmas Message from Chief Minister



2025 is coming to its end, the festive season of Christmas is once again here. Now is the time to reflect on the year passing, to celebrate, where possible, with family and friends and enjoy each other's company, to feast and spend time together in a way that's hard to do with the busy lives we lead.

Christmas is also a time to enjoy, a time of giving and sharing what we have with others, spreading happiness brings real pleasure and reminds us of how important our community spirit is to our way of life here on St Helena.

This year has been a year of transition for our island. We continue to face long-standing challenges linked to our isolation, and like other small communities, rising costs of living, an ageing population, and pressures on families and mental wellbeing.

In our thoughts we must remember that the past year has been difficult for many people on St Helena; the cost of living ever rising putting pressure on everyone, especially the families on low incomes, and the pain many people have experienced with the loss of a loved one. It's at these times that support from our strong island community can get us through the tough times and show us that in this ever-changing world where so many people are suffering unimaginable hardship, we on St Helena have got much to be grateful for.

Across all of this work, the community spirit of St Helena – families, volunteers, churches, employers and neighbours, all remain a quiet strength underpinning health and wellbeing on an Island facing big demographic and economic shifts.

I have learnt much about the governance and politics of St Helena and met many of the people who behind the scenes both here and overseas are helping to keep our Island running.

As 2025 draws to a close we should recognise the progress made this year. We have seen the opening of Rupert's cargo facility and the relocation of port services to Rupert's. The move of port services also opens up Jamestown Wharf to new potential re-development opportunities. These are important milestones supported through the Economic Development Investment Programme (EDIP). We have continued a significant programme of road rehabilitation and resurfacing across key routes, improving safety and reliability. A huge amount of work has been done to be ready for the move of KS1 and KS2 pupils in the New Year and prepare for work at the future St Paul's KS2 site.

We are seeing some real progress with our education; our young people are our inspiration. Their resilience, honesty, and clarity about what truly matters challenge us as adults to do better. Supporting our young people to thrive remains one of this Government's strongest commitments.

With support from UK Government funding under BIOT and essential equipment funding, our Health and Social Care services have modernised and strengthened, bringing in new technology, specialist expertise and vital equipment so more people can be diagnosed, treated and cared for on-Island, closer to their families. Alongside this, continued investment in prevention, social care, safeguarding and our workforce is helping ensure compassionate, safe and sustainable care for our community, now and into the future.

Thank you to all who have worked extraordinarily hard and with dedication throughout this year in achieving these complex and challenging projects.

As we look to the New Year, there remains a significant gap between where we are and where we want to be. Acknowledging that honestly is not a weakness, it is the starting point for change. We will use this moment to reaffirm our commitment to work together: to communicate openly, to act fairly, and to treat one another with respect, and to take shared responsibility for the future we are building.

To those that celebrate, I wish you and your families a blessed & peaceful Christmas, and everyone happy holidays and Happy New Year for 2026 when it comes!

Bishop Dale Bowers' Christmas Message 2025



I greet you all in the blessed name of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

Now, I know that we will all be caught up in the festivities of Christmas. In our communities of St Helena and Ascension, Christmas is always a time of holidays and travelling home to be with loved ones. For many of us, we have planned baptisms, marriages and other family events around this time so that we have most of our friends and family home to celebrate with us. One cannot deny that it will be a time of great fun, joy, happiness and family gathering. There is no question, from the amount of people travelling home for Christmas, for them, St Helena is still the best place to be.

This year I want to start my Christmas message with the words from the prophet Isaiah. 'The people who lived in darkness had seen a great light. Those who lived in a land of darkness, on them light has shined.'

These are the words of the prophet Isaiah, written seven hundred years before the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ. It's a time when the peoples of Israel and Judah were facing the threat of invasion from the Assyrian empire, causing great despair, trials, uncertainty and instability. These words, are words of great hope because he is revealing to them that God will intervene. You who live under this darkness of oppression, a great light will shine and conquer it. And that great light is the promise of a Prince of Peace, a King who will establish his eternal kingdom and will conquer the power of darkness. God lives up to his promise when the Son of God, Jesus, came into the world and his light overcame the darkness of sin, evil and death.

These words are still relevant to all of us today. Jesus is still the Prince of Peace and God among us. The most important thing in my message this year is that we experience the light of Christ and the hope that his light brings, when we accept him and are transformed by him and live by his light of love, peace, harmony, forgiveness, reconciliation, endurance and hope.

In the last year and the years ahead, we would have and will experience, joy, love, kindness, hospitality, fun, happiness and contentment, but we will also experience disappointment, rejection, sorrows, anger, cheating, abuse in some form or the other, relationships breaking down, pride dominating our hearts, broken trust, despair and grief. This year there were elections with great expectations both here and globally. In our primary schools we have changes taking place and people are facing the uncertainties of change. For others they are suffering with anxiety and depression. But never think that you are alone in all of these experiences. God gave us this gift of life; do you think that he doesn't care about how we live our lives and what we face in life? St John says in his gospel 3:17 'For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. 10:10, 'I came so that you can have life and life in all its fullness'; in St Matthew's gospel 11:28, Jesus says 'Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest'. So of course, God cares about each and everyone of us and he cares deeply about the life we live and the situations that we face.

And God does this because as his Church, we are called to make contact with you all so that you all will come in contact with him in your every day-to-day situations. In him we learn to live life. He says that not all love is good for us, the love of greed and unhealthy desires, to love is to love as he loves, desiring the greatest good for the other person and ourselves. To have joy is not to seek unhealthy pleasure, but to experience the goodness of life especially with others. To be kind as he is kind is to express his kindness to all we meet and know, and not just our friends and family. To live his life is to have hospitality where all are welcomed into our hearts as fellow brothers and sisters of Christ. To have fun is to enjoy the gift of life in harmony with others. To be happy and content is to be thankful to God for all the blessings that we receive, even as we face the many challenges in life. In these, the light of Christ shines as he changes our hearts, minds and attitudes in how we live life.

In disappointments, he helps us to learn from the experience, not to allow it to dominate our hearts and minds with sadness, but to learn and be aware of the realities of life, so that we can avoid or handle the same disappointments in the future.

In moments of rejection, relationships breaking down, broken trust, again Christ helps us in these situations, especially when relationships break down and one is struggling to move on. Living the Jesus way helps the one who feels that they are the victims of harassment, to understand and see and feel the pain of another who is suffering the rejection. This doesn't seek harm instead it helps heal the situation as they move on in life, still desiring the greatest good for each other, and not trying to harm the characters of each other.

Jesus does not want us to be the victims of rejection, he heals us when he helps us to face rejection with strength, by not allowing it to dominate our minds and hearts and to see new opportunities. If we are dominated with pride, anger, hatred, Jesus helps us as he melts the hardness of the pride in our hearts helping us not to hurt others and harming our souls by sinning in the process.

There are many of us who suffer with anxiety, depression and mental health issues, Jesus asks us all to support such people to help them see the beauty of life and to know that through us, his Church, Jesus offers the support and help and love that is needed during such times.

And grief, so many families have suffered and is experiencing the pain of grief which is the pain of love. St John 3:16 says 'For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have

eternal life.' Jesus says believe in me, believe that he died for our sins so that we can have eternal life and our loved ones are resting safe in his care.
Into all of these, the light of Christ shines. But you must come to Christ and let Christ love you in the good and the challenging time and to protect you from hurting others and harming yourselves. So that we enjoy the beauty of life with God and each other through endurance, hope and love.
If you receive this from Christ this Christmas then you would have received the greatest gift of all - the life of Jesus himself guiding and living in and through you and in doing so you would have experience the prophecy 'The people who lived in darkness had seen a great light. Those who lived in a land of darkness, on them light has shined.'
May you all have a blessed Christmas.

Christmas Message from The Governor of St Helena



Christmas is upon us once again. The decoration of houses with amazing light displays never fails to delight. It is similarly delightful to see so many people out and about; aircraft filled to capacity is only good news. At this special time of year, the creativity of the community is on full display, whether it be the Festival of Lights, the school nativity plays or any of the other great events being organised. That positivity is uplifting.
As ever, the past year has been busy; in fact, it is astonishing just how busy it does get on this island. One of the most significant milestones was our general election, a true testament to the strength and vibrancy of our democracy. With the election of our new government, we have seen new faces and ideas, all committed to continuing the mission of steering St Helena towards greater progress. A dodgy knee (in case you hadn't noticed) will not prevent me and my team from continuing to put our shoulders to the wheel in support.
There have been real achievements over the past year to celebrate. Rupert's port is now complete, so too the roads connecting it to Jamestown. We are also making progress on several other infrastructure and essential equipment projects, all of which will increase the capacity of St Helena to grow. The continual strengthening of the Island's critical national infrastructure is in a way akin to expanding our foundations in such a manner that new opportunities to build are made possible.
But of course, it is always about people. Throughout the year my wife and I have found special joy in opening Plantation House for district receptions, a new initiative this year. It has been truly heartening to welcome so many residents, many for the very first time, into this historic home. Seeing Plantation House filled with laughter, conversation and the spirit of community has been one of the greatest pleasures of our tenure. These gatherings are an enactment of my determination that we respect, celebrate and recognise the incredible good work carried out across St Helena by individuals and groups who give so much to island life.
Respect is essentially about caring for one another. All of us face different challenges, some can go unseen. Putting yourself in someone else's shoes takes effort, but it is the foundation of the sort of kindness communities rely upon to thrive. One aspect of that sort of kindness is recognising that whilst joyful for most, for some in the community, Christmas can be especially difficult. For those mourning or struggling, it is my heartfelt wish that the Christmas message of hope will help those in need to find peace and strength.
It would not be one of my Christmas messages if I did not pause to remember and give thanks to all those who will be working over Christmas to deliver essential services and keep our community safe. To those so engaged, I say your dedication merits our respect and is deeply appreciated.
As 2026 draws near, my mind turns to how much more there is to do in the ongoing mission to tackle some of the major challenges we face. The work to develop the education sector is now visible. Although it will herald change, my hope is that we will advance our efforts to retain and attract young families and develop the next generation who are the future of this island.
Developing the economy is also critical and obviously tourism has a key role to play. There are some exciting opportunities being worked up, not least the marathon and adventure week in February. This too builds on the work that has gone before, most recently the highly successful tour of the Titans cricket team. This island has a host of talented sports men and women and initiatives such as this offer a multitude of benefits.
To close. This will be my last Christmas message as Governor. Let me then on behalf of my wife and myself, extend our warmest wishes for a very Merry Christmas. And whatever your faith, may the New Year bring health, happiness, and prosperity to you all.

Treasured Memories, A Sad Goodbye

Primary Schools close for final time prior to Phase 1 Reorganisation in January

Liam Yon, SAMS

The Island's three Primary Schools – Harford, Pilling and St Paul's – have officially closed their doors to end an era of the three schools as full Key Stage 1 & 2 schools on the Island.

From January, the St Paul's Primary building will reopen as the temporary Key Stage 1 school for all children on the Island attending from Nursery through to Year 2, while the Pilling Primary building will reopen as the temporary Key Stage 2 school for those from Years 3 to 6. This will be the arrangement while works take place to the Harford site, which will eventually become the permanent Key Stage 1 school from September 2026.

The final weeks of each of the three former Primary Schools were a mixture of celebration and emotions, as Harford, Pilling and St Pauls hosted a number of unique events to say farewell to their respective schools.

While Pilling held a Graduation Ceremony for their Key Stage 1 children, both Harford and St Paul's held emotional Time Capsule Ceremonies at their school sites. The schools' respective advent performances were also held recently while a number of other events took place, including the Bumble Bee Parade, Open Days and Christmas parties.

Pilling Primary's final event will be their ever-popular Festival of Lights parade tonight.































Historic & Record-Breaking

Mundens take the win in St Helena Secondary School Athletics Day; the last to be competed in by the four traditional Houses



Anita Robbertse, SAMS

Last Friday, the St Helena Secondary School hosted their annual Athletics Day for the school at Francis Plain. This would be the last time the four iconic Houses – Cavendish, Dutton, Jenkins and Mundens – would compete before changing to a new house system in the New Year as part of the school restructure to be implemented from 2026.

Opening speeches were made by former students, Cara Joshua, Julie Thomas and Martin Henry welcoming all students, participants and supporters to the event as well as sharing some memories from past athletics days. After the official opening took place, it was the cheerleaders' turn to entertain the spectators with their routine and compete for this title. The cheerleaders for each house pulled out all the moves with Mundens and Dutton tying for the win in the end.

The high jump events were completed on the Monday to ensure all the other events could be completed on time on Friday. During this event, the first two records were broken by Ryan Stevens for the Upper Boys and Shautai Yon for the Upper Girls, laying the groundwork for more new records to be set.

On Friday, the first events were the 1500m where Blane Bennett made a superior effort to smash his own record of 2024 by another 11 seconds. This was followed by the 800m and 400m track events while participants were competing in the field in various items like javelin, shot put, discus, triple jump and long jump. In the field events, Erin Thomas broke the record for the Upper Girl's Javelin, achieving a distance of 24.61m.

The sprints were next on the program where several closely contested races took place with Tyler Anthony impressively setting a new Upper Boys 100m record. The first half of the day concluded with the gruelling 4x400m relay after which everyone had a well-deserved lunch break.

The field events continued after the lunch break while the 200m sprints took place on the track. After the scores were tallied, the announcer, James Fantom, revealed that some of the Houses were tied for first place with only the 4x100m relays still to go, evidencing the tight competition on the day. With this being the last time to earn the bragging rights as the victorious House, the relay teams were feeling the pressure and were determined to do their individual Houses proud.

After the races were completed, all the students were called to the field to assemble in their House-groups for the last time. Closing speeches were done by former House leaders Pamela Lawrence, Carolyn Yon and Elaine Benjamin before the final scores were announced to the anxiously awaiting crowd. Even though it was a very close contest, Mundens ended up the victors for the day with Cavendish following in a close second place. The final scores were Mundens 141, Cavendish 131, Dutton 116 and Jenkins with 109 points.

Well done to all who participated in this historic athletics day and to the organisers. Now the island will be looking to see what the Houses of St Helena Secondary School will look like and how they will compete against each other in the fields of sports, academics and culture in the future.

LIFESTYLE & CULTURE

Let the People Sing 2025

Another delightful programme of Christmas carols and songs



Cyril Gunnell, Contributed

The annual 'Let the People Sing' programme of Christmas music hosted by the Gettogethers Orchestra for 2025 was held in the Mule Yard, Jamestown, on Sunday, 14 December. There was an appreciable attendance, undoubtedly more than in 2024 including the increasing number of visitors joining us for this wonderful time of year. Rain had threatened, but it stayed away, not wanting to dampen the warm and friendly atmosphere throughout the evening to come, it would seem.

Illness prevented some orchestra members from participating this year. But joined with the Salvation Army Band, 14 musicians performed well on a range of brass and rhythm instruments for the audience to sing-a-long, beginning with O Come All Ye Faithful.

Compere for the event was Elaine Benjamin, and music was conducted by the bandmaster, Geoffrey Benjamin. Elaine did the first solo, Its Christmas. Others followed – Noleen Stevens, O Holy Night, Johnny Carter, Silent Night and I'll have a Blue Christmas without You, and Colin Peters did a Charlie Pride medley, Santa and the Kids, followed by Christmas in our Home Town and the audience joined in with, Jingle Bells.

The programme included some well-known pieces: While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks by Night, Silver Bells, Away In a Manger, Hark The Herald Angels Sing, C Is For The Christ-Child, Greatest Gift Of All, Christmas Is A Time, As With Gladness Men of Old, It Came Upon a Midnight Clear, and When a Child Is Born. At least 20 carols and songs were sung interspersed with the rhythm section performing White Christmas, There's An Old Christmas Card and Blue Christmas.

'Let the People Sing' community events have taken place at different venues since 1974 when organisers Eric Benjamin and the late, Arthur Bizarre, acknowledged that the musical talent on St Helena needed harnessing, and funds were needed for purchasing new instruments so that others could join going forward.

A collection was taken up on Sunday evening for replacing expensive instruments and purchasing new music – it amounted to a very encouraging £335.45. In his closing remarks, Geoffrey gave thanks for this very valuable contribution and he also thanked, among others, Stephen McDaniel for use of the Mule Yard. Many described the occasion as "very enjoyable." It concluded with Silent Night and We Wish You a Merry Christmas.













The Island Pulse

Closing 2025 with Community Reflections and Festive Goodwill



— Councillor Julie Thomas, Contributed —

All seven Legislative Councillors came together on SAMS Radio 1 for the final Island Pulse of the year, sharing reflections on community engagement, international representation, and seasonal messages as the island heads into the Christmas recess.

Presented by Councillor Julie Thomas, the programme marked the Council's final working day before entering recess. While formal meetings pause over the festive period, councillors emphasised that they remain active, accessible and engaged, attending community events and making time for informal conversations with residents, visitors and returning Saints.

Community Engagement and Festive Spirit

Councillor Rob Midwinter highlighted the strong sense of community evident in school performances, festive parades and preparations for events such as the Festival of Lights. He reminded listeners that recess simply means a break from official meetings, not from community involvement, and confirmed that his monthly drop-in surgeries and constituency meetings will resume in the New Year.

Several councillors reflected on the success of recent constituency meetings, noting high attendance and strong public interest. Councillor Derek Thomas described the past three months in office as extremely busy but rewarding, with meaningful engagement across districts, including Half Tree Hollow. He also praised the Youth Parliament Week, noting the high standard of preparation and questioning from young participants.

Councillors Clint Beard and Corinda Essex echoed these sentiments, emphasising the importance of continued dialogue with residents, the diaspora and community groups. Both highlighted the positive atmosphere created by returning Saints and the renewed sense of island pride and togetherness this festive season.

International Representation: Green Overseas Conference

A key feature of the programme was Councillor Dennis Leo's reflections on attending the Green Overseas (GO) Conference in Tahiti from 1–5 December, representing St Helena alongside Sam Cherrett. The conference brought together small island territories to discuss sustainability, climate resilience, agriculture, fisheries and cultural preservation.

Councillor Leo shared lessons from organic farming practices, backyard agriculture, school fruit programmes and community-driven food security initiatives. Discussions also explored adapting livestock breeds to warmer climates, managing fisheries sustainably and bridging gaps between farmers, scientists and policymakers.

He highlighted the importance of water access, collaboration and valuing farmers and fishers as entrepreneurs. Cultural preservation emerged as a powerful theme, with Councillor Leo noting how other islands integrate heritage into development — something he hopes to champion further on St Helena.

Seasonal Messages and Thanks

Throughout the programme, councillors shared heartfelt Christmas messages, acknowledging that the festive season can be difficult for some. Particular thanks were extended to frontline workers, emergency services, health and social care staff, transport providers, shop workers and those working shifts over Christmas to keep essential services running.

Councillor Corinda Essex paid tribute to businesses and organisations supporting the island during the festive period, including recognition of efforts to ensure December shipping arrived in time for Christmas supplies. Councillor Ronald highlighted road safety, inclusion and compassion for those facing hardship locally and globally.

Councillor Julie Thomas closed the programme by thanking schools, educators, transport providers and residents across her constituency for their resilience and engagement during a year of change. Special appreciation was also given to SAMS Radio 1 for providing a vital service, particularly for those who may feel isolated at Christmas.

Looking Ahead to 2026

As Island Pulse signs off for 2025, councillors reaffirmed their commitment to staying connected during recess and returning in 2026 with continued updates, engagement and community-focused work. The programme ended on a note of gratitude, reflection and hope, wishing all residents a safe, peaceful Christmas and a healthy, prosperous New Year.

Island Pulse will return in 2026 with further updates on the work of the Legislative Council.







The End of an Era

The Bumblebees Close Their Doors



— **Miss Anne Clarke,** Contributed —

As the final days of St Paul's Primary School unfolded, each event felt layered with meaning—joyful yet reflective, celebratory yet deeply emotional. The final week became a living tribute to everything the school has represented for generations of children and families.

The Christmas Variety Show at St Paul's Cathedral set the tone for the week. Pupils performed with confidence, heart, and unmistakable pride, fully aware that this would be their final Advent celebration as St Paul's Primary. The atmosphere was electric yet tender, as laughter, applause, and quiet tears filled the Cathedral. The farewell song at the end of the evening proved especially moving, capturing the emotion of the moment and leaving a lasting impression on all who attended. Bishop Dale delivered a heartfelt address, offering words of gratitude and tribute—particularly to Head Teacher Mrs Patricia Williams—acknowledging the dedication, leadership, and strong sense of community that have defined St Paul's Primary School throughout the years.

Midweek brought moments of warmth and celebration during the school's final Christmas party. The children enjoyed a range of engaging activities throughout the day, followed by an exceptionally delicious Christmas lunch generously provided by the SPPS PTA. A visit from Santa Claus added to the excitement, delighting pupils and creating cherished final memories. During the celebrations, Mrs Williams was presented with a gift from the PTA in recognition of her remarkable 48 years of service in education and her dedication as Head Teacher. Staff were also surprised with a beautifully prepared cake and Chamdor from Ms Tracey and Mr Neil, a thoughtful gesture recognising their continued hard work and commitment throughout the reorganisation process.

On Thursday, 11 December, St Paul's Primary School proudly participated in its final Christmas Parade through Jamestown—an event long held close in the heart of the school community. This year's theme, Christmas Bumblebees, marked a joyful and symbolic farewell. The SPPS PTA created two magnificent floats depicting the school's much-loved mascot, the Bumblebee, and a beehive, accompanied by festive music that brought the streets to life. Head Teacher Mrs Williams appeared on one of the floats as the Queen Bee, waving proudly as children, staff, and parents—dressed as Christmas Bumblebees—filled the parade with colour, energy, and enthusiasm. The cheerleaders delivered an outstanding performance, and the playing of the school song We Are the Bumblebees on the bridge created a truly special and emotional moment.

Earlier in the week, the school welcomed parents, former pupils, and members of the wider community for a final Open Day. Visitors were invited to witness teaching and learning in action one last time, observing classrooms filled with curiosity, creativity, and care. As part of the Open Day, a carefully curated Memories Display Room provided a space for reflection, filled with photographs and displays spanning many years of school life. For many, this became a particularly poignant experience—an opportunity to share stories, reconnect with memories, and reflect on the enduring impact of St Paul's Primary School.

The week concluded on Friday, 12 December, with the deeply moving Time Capsule Ceremony. Pupils, staff past and present, parents, Bishop Dale, government officials, and members of the wider community gathered to mark the closure of St Paul's Primary School in its current form, ahead of its reopening in January as a temporary Key Stage 1 school as part of the wider primary school reorganisation. Items carefully chosen by each class were placed into the time capsule, symbolising the learning, friendships, achievements, and values that have shaped the school community over many years. A particularly heartfelt moment of the ceremony was the tribute paid to Mrs Patricia Williams. Pupils and staff warmly thanked her for her extraordinary dedication to education and to St Paul's Primary School. With 48 years of service in teaching and school leadership, Mrs Williams has devoted her career to nurturing young minds and supporting school communities with unwavering care and compassion. Although she steps away from her role as Head Teacher, her continued service within education stands as a testament to her lifelong commitment to children and learning.

As St Paul's Primary School closed its doors on 12th December, it did so surrounded by pride, gratitude, and deep affection. These final days were not simply about endings, but about honouring a place that shaped childhoods, built confidence, and created a strong sense of belonging. Within its classrooms and play spaces, generations of children learned not only lessons from books, but lessons of kindness, resilience, faith, and community. While the school prepares to reopen in January with a new purpose, the St Paul's known and loved by so many will forever live on in the hearts of its pupils, families, staff, and friends. The Bumblebees may have flown from their hive as a full primary school, but their spirit remains—strong, united, and enduring—carried forward in every memory, every value, and every life touched by St Paul's Primary School.














Merry Christmas














St Paul's






Candy Cane Lane
WORKSHOP
ST PAUL'S PRIMARY


MERRY CHRISTMAS


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SAMS RADIO 1 SCHEDULE

SAMS Radio 1

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FRI. Dec 19

- 7am -10am: Sunrise show with Luke Bennett
- 1pm: American Connections (repeat)
- 7:30pm: Country Classics (repeat)

SAT. Dec 20

- 9am-12 Noon: Saturday Show with Sebestian
- 1pm: Northward Sounds with Tony Leo
- 3-5pm: Modern Country Chart with Donna Crowie (Repeat)
- 6-8pm: Artist through the decades with Deon and Anita

SUN. Dec 21

- 7am-noon: Sunday Show with Luke Bennett
- 1pm : Interview Hour
- 3-4pm: UK Chart Show with Liam Yon
- 5pm : Island Pulse
- 7pm: Seventh Day Adventist Church Service

MON. Dec 22

- 7am-10am: Sunrise with Luke Bennett
- 11am-1pm: 1548 with Ferdie
- 3pm-5pm: Artists through the decades
- 5-7pm: Christmas Country Classics
- 8pm: 80's Hour

TUE. Dec 23

- 7am-9am: Breakfast show with Donna Crowie
- 11am-1pm: Vibes Christmas with a difference with Anita
- 3pm: American Connections with Brian Clough
- 5:30-7pm: Uk's top no 1's for 2024 with Liam Yon
- 7:30pm:Classical Compilations with Anita

WED. Dec 24

- 7am-9am : Sunrise with Deon
- 11am: SHSS Christmas Programme
- 12 noon: Concert
- 4-7pm: Chritmas eve with Luke
- 7:30pm: Vibes Christmas with a difference with Anita

THU. Dec 25

- 7am-10am: Sunrise with Luke
- 10am: SHSS Christmas Prorgamme
- 11am-1pm: The Shining Star with Tony Leo
- 1-3pm: Christmas Message Show
- 3-5pm: Vibes Christmas with a difference with Anita
- 5:30-7pm: Country Chart no1's with Donna
- 7:30pm: Concert

FRI. Dec 26

- 7am -10am: Sunrise show with Luke Bennett
- 11am-12 noon - American Connection (repeat)
- 12noon-1pm: 80's Hour repeat
- 2pm - 4pm: Christmas Message Show (repeat)
- 5pm-7pn: Out Out
- 7pm-9pm: Country Classics

SAT. Dec 27

- 9am-12 Noon: Saturday Show with Sebastian
- 1pm: The shining star with Tony Leo (Repeat)
- 3-5pm: Modern Country Chart with Donna Crowie (Repeat)
- 6-8pm: Artists Through the Decades (repeat)
- 8pm-10pm: Out Out (repeat)

SUN. Dec 28

- 7am-noon: Sunday Show with Liam Yon
- 12noon: Christmas Messages Repeat
- 3-5pm: UK Chart Show
- 7pm: Anglican Church Service
- 7:30-8:30: Classical Compilations

MON. Dec 29

- 7am-10am: Sunrise with Luke Bennett
- 11am-1pm: 1548 with Ferdie
- 2pm - 4pm: Artists Through the Decades
- 5-7pm: Country Classics with Donna
- 8pm: 80's Hour

TUE. Dec 30

- 7am-9am: Breakfast show with Donna Crowie
- 11am-1pm: Holiday Hot Parade with Tony Leo
- 2pm-4pm: New Year's Vibes with Annika
- 4-5 pm: American Connections with Brian Clough
- 5-7pm: Uk's top no 1's for 2025 with Liam Yon
- 7:30-8:30 pm: Classical Compilations with Anita

WED. Dec 31

- 7am-8:30am : Sunrise with Deon
- 12 noon-3pm: Concert
- 4-7pm: Afternoon Drive with Luke Bennett
- 7-9pm: New Year's Vibes with Annika

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THU. Jan 01

- 7am-10am: Sunrise with Luke
- 12noon-2pm: Holiday Hot Parade with Tony Leo
- 3pm-5pm: New Year's Vibes with Annika
- 5-7pm: Modern Country Chart with Donna Crowie
- Concert (repeat)



FRI, Jan 02

- 7am -10am: Sunrise show with Luke Bennett
- 11am: American Connections (Repeat)
- 1pm: Concert
- 3pm: 80's Hour
- 5pm: OUT OUT
- 7:30pm: Country Classics (Repeat)



SAT. Jan 03

- 9am-12 Noon: Saturday Show with Sebastian Stent
- 1pm: Holiday Hot Parade (Repeat)
- 3:30-5pm: Modern Country Chart with Donna Crowie (Repeat)
- 6pm: Artists through the Decades with Deon & Anita
- 8:30pm: Out Out (repeat)



SUN. Jan 04

- 7am-noon: Sunday Show with Liam Yon
- 1pm:Concert
- 3-4:30pm: UK Chart Show with Liam Yon
- 7pm: Baptist Church Service
- 20:30: Classical Compilations with Anita

MON. Jan 05

- 7am-10am: Sunrise with Luke Bennett
- 3-5pm: Artists through the Decades with Deon & Anita
- 5:30pm: Country Classics with Donna



TUE. Jan 06

- 7am-9:00am: Morning Show with Donna
- 11am: Vibes with Anita
- 3:30pm: American Connections with Brian Clough
- 5:30-7pm: UK chart Show with Liam Yon
- 7:30pm: Classical Compilations with Anita

WED. Jan 07

- 7am-8:30am : Sunrise with Deon
- 11am: Northward Sounds with Tony Leo
- 1-3pm 1548 show with Cyril Gunnell
- 4-7pm: Afternoon Drive with Luke Bennett
- 7:30pm: Vibes With Anita

THU. Jan 08

- 7am - 10am: Sunrise with Liam & Luke
- 5-7pm: Modern Country Chart with Donna Crowie

TIME OUT

Competition time!!

Christmas Word Scramble

Can you unscramble these words to find the hidden word?

sehlig

lagne

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teer

corasl





During the month of December, The Sentinel will be offering both kids and adults a chance to win a £5 voucher each week, thanks to Solomons for their generous donation, allowing this to happen.

Congratulations to last weeks winners who were:
Liz Young and Kai Benjamin

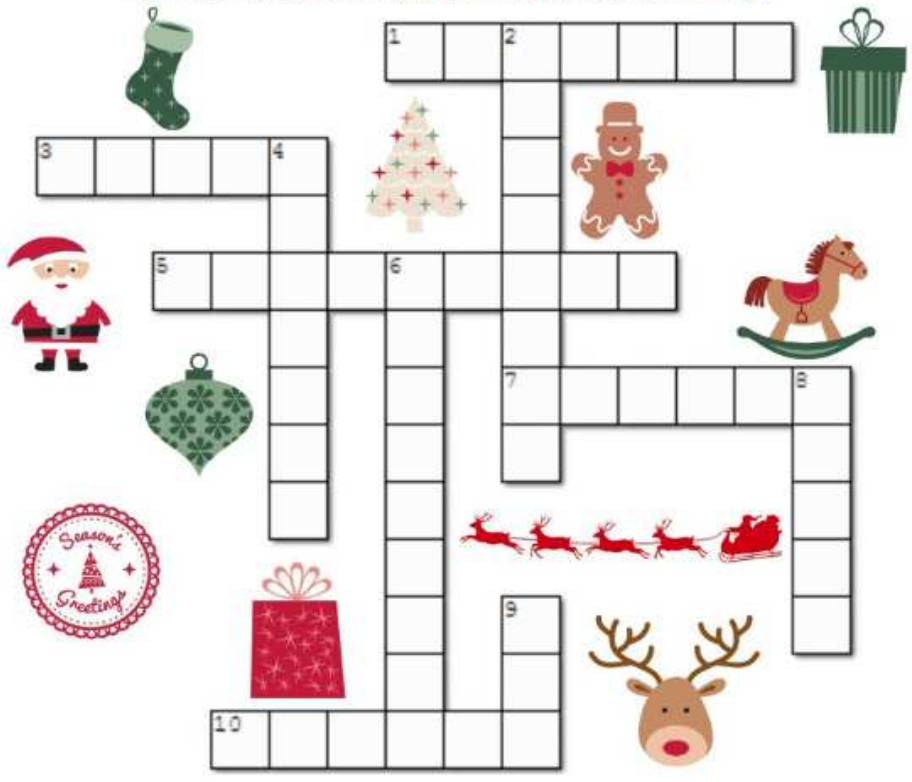
For this week's competition:
Kids - Complete the 'Word Scramble' puzzle
Adults - Complete the Christmas Crossword

Return completed puzzles with your name/number to SAMS by 12noon on Tuesday 6th Jan 2026.

Winners will be announced in our first issue of 2026! Good Luck!

CHRISTMAS CROSSWORD PUZZLE

USE THE CLUES TO COMPLETE THE CROSSWORD PUZZLE.



ACROSS
1.One of Santa's Reindeers
3. Santa's Helpers
5. December 25th is .....
7. Christmas Drink
10. The name of a popular Snowman

DOWN
2.Christmas Month
4. He hates Christmas!
6. You hang them by the chimney.
8. On Christmas morning we unwrap our .....
9. ..... to the world!

2025 CHRISTMAS MESSAGES

To my Nannie
Maisie and Nanny Dellie
'Merry Christmas'
With love and kisses
from Remi

Merry xmas to daughter sinitta Ashley and byron On Ascension Island
Merry xmas and a happy new year hope u guys have a good one
Love and miss u loads
Mum louise and Alex xx

For sis Cindy and Steve Jolene, Becky, Talia and Daniel
Merry xmas and
a happy new year
From Louise and Alex xx



Merry xmas and a happy new year to my daughter
Sasha and Keith Du.toit
On the Falklands
Hope u guys have a good one love and miss you both, looking forward to seeing you both soon,
With lots of live from mum
Louise and Alex xx

Merry xmas
to Karla Nathan and girls
From Auntie Louise and Alex xx

Merry xmas and a happy new year to my mum patricia Norris, sister Mellissa and Ashton
hope u all have a magical xmas
From Louise and Alex



A very merry xmas and
a happy new year
To Valerie and mike Hill hope u guys have a good one
From Louise and Alex xxx

Merry xmas and a happy new year to Hannah, Hugh and Mia
From Auntie Louise And Alex xx

Stefun Samantha Jago Otis
Christo Nikki Yazmine Izabella & Rylee
Juan,Cecilia Sofia & Keria -Abigail
Nicolene Johnson & Jason Augustus
Fred,Tunny,Victoria Freddie & Harry Stuart
Emma, Andrew & Thea Clifford
Shirley Leslie Robertson & Family
Gibby Nicola Young & Family
Pops Robert Macky Peters & Family
Mum Shirley ,Bro Colin Shu,Tracey,Tyler Shanice & James
Kerry Gene Valerie Phillips & Family
Valarie Zejaye & Adrian Andrews
Gemma Matt Skai & Mershara
Larry Pammie Daniel Amy & Bump
Michael Priyia & Jaya
Heather ,Maureen,Mavis,Vera Eric
Rhiann,Billy, Debs,keith Aleisha Rex
Peter Charlane & Their Families
Linda Young & Family
James Ed Joline Ella & Eden
Owen Thomas & Family
Alan Nick Miriam Carol & Joan Rolys & Their Families
Annie Essex,
kerishee Daniel Libby Yon, Barbara
Stroud Delsha& Ian Stevens & Family
Jenny Hill Tomm & Family
Ian Elaine Wayne Pinney Nanna
Buckley, Lee Donna & Family
Clarence Pam & Thomas Roberts
Brian & Deborah Phillips, Joan Joshua
Mary & Norman Thomas

FAMILY FRIENDS WORK COLLEAGUES
Merry Christmas Happy Blessed New Year,Enjoy The Festive Holidays Love you All x

Pammy Roly

Sister Angela Smith & family.
Auntie Jenny crowie & family.
Brother Robert crowie & family.
Friend David kelland.
all in the UK.
Merry Christmas and a happy new Year to you all.
From christina and Billy.

Uncle Geoffrey furniss. Tracy & family.
Sister Rosie and Raymond,
Sister Rita and Eric.
Jason Bennett.
Brothers Cardinal, Patrick
and their families.
Merry Christmas to you all
From Christina and Billy.



Daughter Orlena & Denis
Daughter Lin and Terry
Daughter janie, errol and family.
Grandchildren jasmine, Liam and Tyler. Merry Christmas and a happy new year. From nanny Christina and papa Billy.

Daughter Vanessa and family
Son's donny and Adam crowie and their families.
Merry Christmas and a happy new year to you all.
From dad and Christina.



To the rest of our family and friends to many to mention. Merry Christmas and a happy new year to you all.
From christina and Billy.

For mum Christina Henry and Billy of bottom woods, Dad Lawrence Timm of high knoll. Uncle Geoffrey furniss, merry Christmas and a happy new year to you all.
From Janie, errol and family

Sister lin and Terry Riseley
Sister Orlena and Denis
Special niece jaz owen
Uncle Robert crowie and family. All In the UK Merry Christmas and a happy new year to you all.
Friend sean Harris on the Falklands.
From Janie, Errol and family.



Tracey, jamelia and Simon. Sister suzie and Alex.
Brother Alan and Alice.
Doreen and peter Thomas. Nanny Joy george(bunny). Mavis Lawrence and family.
Jason Bennett
Andrea's ceasar and family. Jenny and Roy Andrews. Sarah, Colin and Harold Thomas.
Merry Christmas and a happy new year to you all.

From Janie, errol and family.

2025 CHRISTMAS MESSAGES

Sylvia Buckley of Cleughs Plain would like to wish all of her family and friends both here on the Island and overseas, a Blessed Christmas and a Healthy and Peaceful New Year.

Vera Scipio and Family, London UK, would like to wish family and friends on the Island a Merry Christmas and a Happy, Healthy and Prosperous New Year.
Thinking of you all

To a Special Mum and Nannie Pamela Williams on the Falkland Islands
Wishing you a season full of warmth, joy, and the magic of Christmas.
Love and missing you loads
From Daughters Paige and Oksana, Robbie
and Granddaughters Skye and Cataleya.
Xxxxx



To a wonderful Girlfriend
Pamela Williams on
the Falkland Islands
Wishing you a merry and bright Christmas!
Lots of Love
From Boyfriend Adrian here on St Helena Xxxxx

To a Special Dad and Papa Adrian Hudson,
Wishing you a season full of warmth, joy, and the magic of Christmas.
Lots of Love from
Daughters Paige and Oksana, Robbie and Granddaughters Skye and Cataleya. Xxxxx

To a Wonderful Boyfriend
Adrian Hudson
Wishing you a merry and bright Christmas!
Lots of Love
From Girlfriend Pamela
on the Falkland Islands.
Xxxxx



To a Special Sister and Auntie
Paige Louise,
Wishing you a merry and bright Christmas!
Lots of Love
From Sister Oksana, Robbie and Niece Cataleya

To a Special Niece and Cousin
Skye Williams,
Wishing you a merry and bright Christmas!
Lots of Love
Auntie Oksana, Uncle Robbie and Cousin Cataleya
Xxxxx

To a Special Mummy Paige Louise
Merry Christmas and a Happy new year.
Lots of Love
From Your Lil angel Skye.
xxxxx



Merry Christmas to our Special
Daughter Cataleya Crowie,
Hope you have a wonderful time and enjoy your Presents.
Lots of love from
Mum and Dad
Xxxxx



Merry Christmas to my Special
Daughter Skye Leah-Rae,
Hope you have a wonderful time and enjoy your Presents.
Lots of love from
Mummy
Xxxxx

To a Wonderful Boyfriend
Robbie Crowie
Wishing you a merry and bright Christmas!
Lots of Love
From Girlfriend Oksana
Xxxxx



To a Special Niece and Cousin Cataleya Crowie,
Wishing you a merry and bright Christmas!
Lots of Love
Auntie Paige and Cousin Skye
Xxxxx

To a Special Sister and Auntie
Oksana Williams,
Wishing you a merry and bright Christmas!
Lots of Love
From Sister Paige and Niece Skye
Xxxxx

To Uncle Robbie,
Wishing you a merry and bright Christmas!
Lots of Love
From Niece Skye
Xxxxx

To a Special Mummy and Daddy,
Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year,
Lots of love
From Daughter Cataleya.
Xxxxx



To a Special Girlfriend
Oksana Williams
Wishing you a merry and bright Christmas!
Lots of Love
From Boyfriend Robbie
Xxxxx

To my two Special Daughters Paige and Oksana, and Robbie
Merry Christmas and a happy new year.
Love and Missing you Loads
From Mum Pamela and Adrian
Xxxxx



To my two Special Granddaughters
Skye and Cataleya
Merry Christmas and a happy new year.
Love and Missing you Loads
From Mum Pamela and Adrian
Xxxxx

To all Our Family and Friends here and overseas,
Merry Christmas and a Happy new year
Lots of love from
Pamela, Adrian and the Family
Xxxxx



2025 CHRISTMAS MESSAGES

To godparents Karyn, Averil, Troy and Craig.
Merry Christmas to you all
From godson Liam Timm.

To son liam and daughter Tyler and donny. Merry Christmas and a happy new year with love from mum and dad.

To auntie Shirley Robinson and family. Auntie Karyn Joshua and family.
Auntie Sandra and family.
Auntie's Rita and Rosie and their families.
To all our auntie's and uncle's and cousins and the rest of our family and friends to many to mention. Hope you all have a great Christmas and New Year
Love Janie, errol and Family



Auntie dee Henry and family
Auntie olive Nolan and family
Auntie Joan Thomas and family.
Charmaine and Leon and family.
Merry Christmas and a happy new Year to you all.
From Janie, Errol and family.

Dalrae and Andrew
Friend David kelland.
Erica, blake and simon
Carlin and Karen and family.
All in the UK
Merry Christmas and a happy new year to you all.
From Janie, Errol and family.

Uncle Cecil crowie on the Falklands.
Jason Timm and family.
Debra Francis and David.
Averil and Troy Henry all on ascension island.
All on ascension merry Christmas and a happy new year to all.
From Janie, Errol and family.



To all our family & friends, have a wonderful Christmas. From Tina and Nick UK x

Martin and Joan Yon would like to wish son Andrew Speed Yon and Family also son Tristan and family a merry Christmas.
to all family and friends have a lovely Christmas from
Martin and Joan uk

Wishing all our family and friends a very merry Christmas and a happy new year, special mention to:
Mum/Nanny June and Dad/Papa Walter Crowie
Sister/Mum Donna, Dad Kneo and Niece/Sister Hayley
Papa Raymond
Uncle David and Andrea
Nanny Shirley, Papa Leslie and Uncle Phillip
Auntie Darlene and Uncle Richie on ASC
Auntie Val and Uncle Mervyn and family
Auntie Jenny
Roberta, Ryan and Boys
Brother Shamichael
Sister Santara and Nathan

Though we can't celebrate together, we are sending you all our love and warmest wishes for a joyful and magical Christmas, and all the best for 2026.
Love Jamie,Megan and Christo



To a Special Son and Brother
Christo Blake
Wishing you nothing but that best this Christmas season have a lovely time and
enjoy your snowy New Year
Love and miss you always
See you soon
Mum, Dad and Sister Hayley xx

Sister Megan and Jamie
Have a fantastic Christmas and wishing you both nothing but the best for 2026!
Love and miss you both
Donna, Kneo and Hayley. xxxx



Daughter Megan, grandson Christo and Jamie
Wishing you all a very
Merry Christmas and a new year filled with dreams coming true
Love and miss you all
Mum,Dad and Papa Raymond



Grandson/Nephew Christo,
not forgetting Megan and Jamie
Wishing you all a
Merry christmas and happy 2026.
Love Nanny,Papa,Uncle Phillip, Auntie Darlene and Uncle Richie xxx



To my dearest children Lizemarié, Zac, Annika, Ian, Erik and Lukas,
I hope you guys have the most wonderful Christmas and that the New Year will bring new adventures and loads of blessings.

Mom, Dad and Jaqui, while you guys are spending this time together and with family, know that we miss you and are thinking of all of you.
May Christmas be special and the New Year filled with joy.

To my darling Deon, you are my biggest Christmas present ever.
Love you always.

Anita
xxxxx



To all our Family and friends
Have a wonderful Christmas
With love from
Dorothy and Colin Stevens UK



Three-Time Nate the Great

Nathaniel Benjamin announced as winner of Governor's Christmas Card Competition 2025 – his third time in four years



Nathaniel has been there and done it before

Liam Yon, SAMS

Each year, the Governor of St Helena hosts a Christmas Card competition where all Primary School children are invited to showcase their creative skills by designing a Christmas Card which the Governor will use to send out his Christmas greetings over the festive season.

Once again this year, a fantastic array of card designs were received from all three Primary Schools with St Helena Government (SHG) revealing that "while every entry deserves recognition, 14 children were given special mention for their engaging and imaginative designs, all of which captured the essence of our community and the festive season."

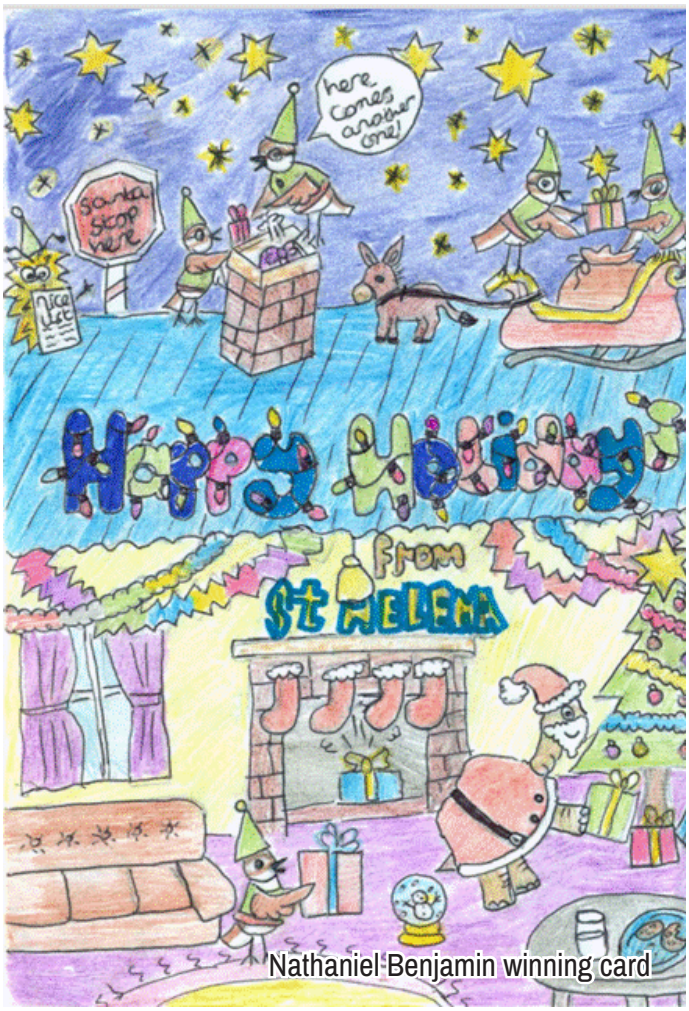
It was during the recent King's Birthday celebrations at Plantation House when invited guests were given the opportunity to vote in a secret ballot on which out of the 10 shortlisted entries should be the overall winner.

Having collated those votes, SHG revealed last week that, for the third time, Nathaniel Benjamin of Pilling Primary has emerged as the winner. Nathaniel first one the competition in 2022 as a student of St Paul's Primary, while he was also the winner last year in 2024 as a student of Pilling. This year, Nathaniel once again showed off his creative skills and imaginative thinking with his card design featuring Jonathan the Tortoise, as Santa, delivering presents, along with his little helpers - which were St Helena Wirebirds - on a beautiful starry night.

While Nathaniel's design received the most votes, there were other designs that were recognised and mentioned in SHG's announcement, including the three runners-up; Madison van Wyk of Pilling Primary, along with Georgia Thomas and Conor Phillips of Harford Primary.

Nathanial, along with the runners-up, will be invited to Plantation House to join the Governor for tea, while all of the entries for this year's competition will be displayed in the window at The Canister over the festive season.

Well done to all who participated, and big congratulations to Nathanial!



Nathaniel Benjamin winning card

St Helena Government

FAIRNESS INTEGRITY TEAMWORK

INVITATION TO TENDER

Replacement of Timber Windows at Community Care Complex

St Helena Government would like to invite suitably experienced contractors to submit tenders for the following contract:

SSHA9-2025/26 – Replace Timber Windows with Aluminium Windows at the Community Care Complex

A site visit to view the works will take place on Friday, 09 January 2026, at 10:00, meeting at the Community Care Complex, Ladder Hill.

Contractors should note that site visits requested after this date will not be entertained unless there is a relevant reason why the contractor could not attend the scheduled site visit.

Copies of the tender document and further details can be obtained from the Procurement Officer, on telephone no: 25932 or via email tiffany.lawrence@sainthelena.gov.sh .

Completed tenders should be placed in the Tender Box located on the Top Floor, Post Office Building by 12:00 on Thursday, 22 January 2026, clearly marked **"Tender SSHA9-2025/26"**.

Interested parties should note that this opportunity is **not** being advertised overseas.

SHG, 04 December 2025

St Helena Government

FAIRNESS INTEGRITY TEAMWORK

INVITATION TO TENDER

Installation of Playground Equipment & Facilities

St Helena Government would like to invite suitably experienced contractors to submit tenders for the following contract:

ED-1972-SHG – Installation of Playground Equipment & Facilities – Half Tree Hollow & Longwood Green

A site visit to view the works will take place on Wednesday, 17 December 2025, meeting at Longwood Green at 09:00 and at Half Tree Hollow Playground at 11:30.

Contractors should note that site visits requested after this date will not be entertained unless there is a relevant reason why the contractor could not attend the scheduled site visit.

Copies of the tender document and further details can be obtained from the Procurement Officer, on telephone no: 25932 or via email tiffany.lawrence@sainthelena.gov.sh .

Completed tenders should be placed in the Tender Box located on the Top Floor, Post Office Building by 12:00 on Wednesday, 07 January 2026, clearly marked **"Tender ED-1972-SHG"**.

Interested parties should note that this opportunity is **not** being advertised overseas.

SHG, 09 December 2025

NOTICE BOARD

St Helena Government

INVITATION TO TENDER

Management of Security Services at Rupert's Cargo Management Facility (RCMF) and Jamestown Wharf

The St Helena Government would like to invite organisations to submit a Tender for the Management of Security Services at Rupert's Cargo Management Facility (RCMF) and Jamestown Wharf. **Please note this tender is reserved for on-island suppliers only.**

The Safety, Security & Home Affairs (SSHA) Portfolio are offering a tender to a Supplier for Security Services of the RCMF, and any legacy work at Jamestown Wharf. The contract will include:

- Agreement on security services to cover the entire Port of Jamestown.
- Management of the gatehouse at Ruperts
- Deliver static security services to the Port of Jamestown
- Deliver mobile security services to the Port of Jamestown
- Deliver detection services to the Port of Jamestown and any vessels as and when required
- Deliver detection services to the His Majesty Prison (HMP) Jamestown and Royal St Helena Police Service (RSHP) as and when required
- Support Port Control with their required maintenance checks of equipment in the Port of Jamestown
- Support Port Control with operational activity including supporting the AP and lifts to improve health and safety at the Port of Jamestown
- Deliver security training to stakeholders in the Port of Jamestown as and when required.

Key Submission Dates:

Action	Deadline
EOI Submissions	Mon, 12 Jan 2026 @ 12:00
Site Visit	On/After Tue, 13 Jan (TBC)
Clarifications	Mon, 19 Jan 2026 @ 12:00
Final Bids Due	Wed, 28 Jan 2026 @ 12:00

SHG
12 December 2025

ST HELENA NATIONAL TRUST

TRANS-ATLANTIC SLAVE MEMORIAL ST HELENA

PUBLIC TALK – "MEMORALISING ANCESTRAL CONNECTIONS"







A presentation by Professor Deborah A Thomas and colleagues

6:30pm, Thursday, 08 January 2026, The Museum of St Helena

St. Helena's centrality to the circuits that brought together Europe, West Africa, South Africa, and the Caribbean is not widely known beyond these shores. The island is rarely discussed beyond the biography of Napoleon Bonaparte, despite its importance in the history of the slave trade. In this talk, Deborah Thomas (University of Pennsylvania), Rachel Watkins (University of Pennsylvania), and Kelly Gillespie (University of the Western Cape) will trace some of the important, though lesser-known, middle passage histories that inform diasporic movement, cycles of dispossession and abandonment, and potential repair. The talk will touch on issues related to African burial grounds, the ethical treatment of human remains worldwide, and the cultural phenomenon of Kumina – a Congolese-based ritual practice that was established in Jamaica by Africans who had been liberated in St. Helena.

St Helena Island A breath of fresh air

MUSEUM of St. Helena

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Festival of Walking
Walk of the Week - Fairyland Flax Mill and Peak Dale

Date: Sunday, 4 January 2026
Start Time: 09:00
Meeting Point: Casons Car Park
Duration: approx 2 hours (Fairyland Flax Mill) approx 4 hours (Peak Dale)

Walk grade: Fairly Easy | 3 - 4 (Fairyland Flax Mill) Moderate | 5 - 6 (Peak Dale)

Reconnect with a chapter of St Helena's history, the flax industry, that once was the main export and source of employment for the island. Join Henry Thorpe as he talks about one of the island's most fascinating heritage stories, which leads to a viewing of the Fairyland Flax Mill.

Walkers have the option to continue along the track to enjoy the diverse landscapes as we head to the Peak Dale Post Box walk, continuing along to Thompsons Wood garage and returning to Casons car park.

Remember to wear sensible walking shoes, sunscreen and bring a minimum of 2L of water

Date	Upcoming Walks
Saturday, 10 January 2026	Gill Point

Receive email updates of the 'Walk of the Week' email dianne.venning@sainthelena.gov.sh or the Tourist Office T: 22158

Festival of Walking
Walk of the Week

Date: Saturday, 27 December 2025
Start Time: 08:00
Meeting Point: Sandy Bay Community Centre, then car share to Sandy Bay Beach.
Duration: approx 5 hours

Walk grade: Fairly Strenuous | 7 - 8

Lot's Wife Ponds is a coastal walk offering stunning views with fascinating birdlife. Take a refreshing swim in the natural pools before the walk back (bring swimming gear).

The walk will be led by local walking guide, Tom Wortley from Rockmount Walking Tours. There are some narrow sections on the path and cliffside walking. Remember to wear sensible walking shoes, sunscreen and bring a minimum of 2L of water.

Please contact the Tourist Office to register for the walk and let us know if you would like to offer car share from the Sandy Bay Community Centre to Sandy Bay Beach and return.

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Sunday, 4 January 2026	Fairyland Flax Mill and Peak Dale Post Box Walk

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ASCENSION ISLAND GOVERNMENT
TWO BOATS SCHOOL

VACANCY NOTICE
Deputy Head Teacher

Total package value up to £48,118 per annum

Comprising salary of up to £30,940 plus food and utilities allowances, housing and other benefits – details below.

About the role

Two Boats School is a unique, friendly primary and secondary school located on the beautiful island of Ascension in the South Atlantic. With around 65 students aged 3–16, our small and nurturing environment enables every child to be known, valued and supported to achieve their best. We are now seeking a dedicated and forward-thinking Deputy Head Teacher to lead our Primary sector and contribute to the strategic development of the whole school. This is an exceptional opportunity to work in a close-knit, community-centred setting, where you will have a meaningful and lasting impact on teaching, learning and student outcomes across the Primary phase.

What you'll do

As Deputy Head Teacher, you will lead the Primary phase and support the Head Teacher with the day-to-day running of the school. This is a teaching role (with a reduced timetable), so you will have recent and relevant Primary teaching experience and strong knowledge of the UK National Curriculum. You will champion high-quality teaching and learning, model excellent practice through a reduced teaching timetable, and oversee curriculum planning, assessment and pupil progress. You will also act as the Designated Safeguarding Lead for the whole school and take a key role in pastoral care and behaviour. In the Head Teacher's absence, you will step up to lead the school.

What you'll bring

You will be an experienced and motivated Primary teacher with QTS and strong knowledge of the UK curriculum. You'll have proven leadership experience, excellent communication skills and the ability to drive high standards in teaching and learning. A commitment to safeguarding, inclusion and supporting the wellbeing of all students is essential. You'll be resilient, adaptable and ready to play a key role in a small, close-knit island community.

What's it like to live and work on Ascension?

Ascension is a small volcanic island, situated in the South Atlantic, with a warm stable climate (26-34°C). We are part of the wider UK Overseas Territory of Saint Helena, Ascension and Tristan da Cunha, situated approximately 1,000 miles from the mainland of Africa and 800 miles from our nearest neighbour, the island of St Helena. To thrive here in this high-profile role, you must be resilient, adaptable and able to live and work in a remote environment and small community.

What we offer

In addition to an annual salary of up to £30,940 (taxable on Ascension), the role attracts an accompanied status contract and the following benefits:

- Rent free furnished accommodation worth £3,000 pa (taxable benefit)
- An Accompanied status food allowance of £7,680 pa accompanied, or Single status £3,840 pa (taxable benefit)
- An electricity allowance worth £3,296 pa
- A water allowance worth £3,202 pa accompanied, or £1,921 single status
- Relocation costs for your personal effects, including assistance with the shipment of a vehicle
- One mid-contract return journey to your country of recruitment
- 30 days' annual holiday (with an additional 9 days public holidays)
- A gratuity payable on the successful completion of a 2-year contract
- Free primary dental and medical care and off island, with medical referral if required including medivac arrangements in an emergency.
- Free schooling for dependent children from 4 to 16 years.
- Free annual travel insurance
- Death in Service insurance

The appointment will be subject to:

- Satisfactory employment references
- Enhanced Criminal Records Check and Qualified Teacher Status checks
- Satisfactory Medical Clearance (employee and any accompanying dependents)

Closing date: **Tuesday 06 January 2026**
Interviews: **Week Commencing 12 January 2026 (via video call if off island)**
Start date: **April 2026**

For more information, a full job description, and to apply, visit:
www.ascension.gov.ac/lifestyle-and-employment/working-here/

If you have any questions about the role, email: recruitment@ascension.gov.ac

CUSTOMER NOTICE



Transfer Box

At the Bank of St Helena, we understand that your time is valuable, especially during our busiest periods.

To help make your banking experience smoother and faster, the designated transfer box is always available for an efficient alternative for bill payments and transfers.

All transfers placed in this box will be securely collected and processed by our team at the end of the business day.

We appreciate your patience and continued support.

Bank of St. Helena Ltd.

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SHG SERVICES OPENING AND CLOSING TIMES-CHRISTMAS/NEW YEAR 2025/26

All SHG Portfolios/services will be closed on 25 and 26 December 2025 and 1 January 2026. Details of opening hours between 23 and 31 December 2025 are shown below. Normal business will resume on 2 January 2026 unless otherwise stated.

SHG Directorate	Service	Details
Central Support Service	Castle Reception	Open from 08.30 - 12.00 on 24, 29, 30 and 31 December.
	The Archives	Closed from 12.30 on the 24 December until 2 January
	Judicial Services	Closed from 12.30 on the 23 December until 2 January
Treasury	Post and Customer Services Centre	Open from 08.45 – 12.00 on 24, 29 and 31 December.
	Social Security Office	Closed from 12.00 24 December to 2 January
	Income Tax Office	Closed from 16.00 on 23 December to 2 January
Economic Development	Property – Crown Estates	Closed from 16.00 on 23 December to 5 January
	Property - Housing	Closed from 12.00 on 24 December until 2 January During this time on call services will be provided for emergency repairs **only** that are the Landlord's responsibility (as specified in Government Landlord Responsibilities) Contact details: **Plumber 62235** **Electrician 62236**
	Civil Aviation and Shipping	Closed from 23 December to 5 January
	Trade and Investment	Closed from 19 December to 5 January
	Tourist Office	Monday 22 and Tuesday 23 December 08.30-16.00 Wednesday 24 December – 08.30-12.30 Saturday 27 December 11.30-14.30 (Airport) Sunday 28 December 09.00-12.00 (Office) Mon/Tues/Wed 29/30/31 December - 08.30-12.30
Education, Skills and Employment	St Helena Research Institute, Careers Access St Helena	Closed from 22 December and re-open on 5 January. Enquiries during the festive period can be made to Mrs. Sarah Iguna Mobile 64324
	St Helena Community College	Closed from 22 December and re-open on 5 January. Enquiries during the festive period can be made to Miss Carley Peters Mobile 61177
	Administration	Closed from Friday 20 December and re-open on 2 January. For the period 29 – 31 December inquiries can be made to Miss Carley Peters Mobile 61177
	Public Library	Closed from 17.00 on Tuesday 23 December and will re-open on Monday 5 January
	All Schools	All schools will close for the Christmas holidays from Monday, 16 December, and **re-open** as follows: Secondary School – First Teaching Day – **7 January** Primary School – First Teaching Day – **14 January**
Environment, Natural Resources and Planning	Planning Office, Essex House & Scotland Offices	Closed from 16.00 on 23 December. Normal opening hours will resume on Friday, 2 January
	Veterinary & Forestry Service	Agricultural Services – Veterinary Emergency calls – 26162 Agricultural Services – Forestry calls - 65394 or 24202
	Waste Management	**Domestic & Commercial Waste Collection and Disposal:** All domestic and commercial waste collection and disposal services throughout December to 2 January will remain unchanged. **For Waste Management Issues:** please contact Shane Williams – Waste Management Services Supervisor – Mobile 66380 (mornings only)
	Marine, Fisheries & Conservation	Closed from 1**6.00** on Friday, 19 December to Friday 2 January. Normal opening hours Monday 5 January
	Marine Compliance & Enforcement	Closed from 13**.00** on Wednesday 24 December and will open on Saturday 27 December. Any enquiries outside of opening hours please call 64642. Normal opening hours will resume on 2 January
Health and Social Care	Administration and Environmental Health Services	24, 29, 30 and 31 December – Closed

		[**Note**: Staff on call and contactable via the Hospital Switchboard on telephone number: 22500]
	Mental Health, Physiotherapy & Occupational Therapy Services	24, 29, 30 and 31 December – Normal Working Hours
	Dental Clinic	24, 30 and 31 December – Closed 29 December – Open from 08:30 to 12:00 only. [**Note**: Persons experiencing dental pain when the Dental Clinic is closed, are asked to attend the Emergency Department at the General Hospital, where they will be triaged]
	Pharmacy & Lab Services	24, 29, 30 and 31 December - Normal Working Hours
	Doctor's clinics	24, 29, 30 and 31 December - Normal Working Hours
	Community Nursing Service	24, 29, 30 and 31 December - **Jamestown Outpatient Clinic** - Normal Working Hours 29 December - **Half Tree Hollow Clinic –** Open from 09.00 to 11.00 only [**Note**: Essential Community Nursing services, which include Home Visits and Palliative Care will be conducted throughout the festive period, as required]
	Probation, Children and Adults Social Care Services	24, 29, 30 and 31 December - Normal Working Hours
Safety, Security and Home Affairs	Port Control	Closed from 12.00 on 24, 29, 30 & 31 December. Normal working hours resume on 2 January. Contact outside normal working hours: On-call phone 61827. Emergencies: 999 or VHF 16
	Roads/ Building Maintenance/Rock Guards	Normal 24hr roster call-out system in place from 22 December to 2 January
	Sea Rescue	Open 08.00 to 12.00 on the 29, 30 and 31 December. For an emergency response, please contact the JESCC on 999 or Saint Helena Radio on VHF channel 16
	Emergency Planning	The Emergency Planning Department will be on call throughout the holiday period and will operate as normal for emergency response through the JESCC on telephone 999 and 22626 for non-emergencies. Normal opening hours will resume on the 5 January
	Customs and Immigration Office	Thursday 18 and Friday 19 December- 09.00 – 17.00 Saturday 20 December – 09.00 – 13.00 Monday 22 and Tuesday 23 December – 09.00 – 17.00 Wednesday 24 December – 09.00 – 13.00 Wednesday 31 December – 09.00 – 13.00 Friday 2 January - CLOSED Monday 5 January - normal working hours
	HM Prison	HM Prison remains open and operational over the festive and New Year period, however, there will be no social visits on the 25 and 26 December or 1 January
	Royal St Helena Police	Normal policing and emergency responses maintained throughout the holiday period. For any emergencies call telephone number 999, for non-emergencies call 22626
	Fire Service	The station will close on 29, 30 & 31 December. Normal opening hours will resume on 2 January The Fire Service will be on call throughout the holiday period and will operate as normal for emergency response through the JESCC on telephone 999 and 22626 for non-emergencies

We hope you enjoy the holidays and we wish you all the best for the festive season.

Ian Todd
Chief Secretary
St Helena Government

10 December 2025

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BENEFITS

- → **Leave** – 30 days leave per annum, plus public holidays
- → **Pension** – 15% pension contribution by SHG into approved defined contribution pension scheme
- → **Training and Development**
- → **Paid sickness absence**

HOW TO APPLY

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To be considered for our vacancies, you must complete our application form. Please do not submit your CV.

Legislative Council Office Assistant
(£11,604 per annum)

The Legislative Council Office is seeking to recruit a motivated individual with proven effective administrative skills to provide the Speaker, Deputy Speaker and Members of the Legislative Council with secretarial, research and administrative support. If you are interested in this opportunity, then we would be keen to hear from you.

Contact us for more information and a discussion

Enquiries: Anita Legg on Tel No. 22470 or Email: anita.legg@sainthelena.gov.sh
Closing date: 07 January 2026
Shortlisting date: 12 January 2026
Interview date: 19 January 2026

Police Constable
(£13,569 per annum)

A unique and challenging opportunity has arisen for an enthusiastic and dynamic individual, to join the Royal St. Helena Police Service (RSHPS). The Royal St. Helena Police Service covers both Ascension Island and St. Helena and, at full strength, consists of 34 officers. We are seeking to recruit further Police Constables to support current Policing on both Saint Helena and Ascension.

In line with the requirements of the Police Service Ordinance 1985, the post holder must be under the age of 60 on the date of appointment.

Why join us?
Career Progression – Clear pathways for advancement within the Service, with opportunities to specialise and take on supervisory roles.
Training & Development – Access to professional training, accredited courses, and continuous development to help you grow in your policing career.
Salary Advancements – Competitive incremental pay structure as you gain experience and qualifications.

Contact us for more information and a discussion

Enquiries: Mark Coombe on Tel No. 22626 or Email: mark.coombe@sainthelena.gov.sh
Closing date: 07 January 2026
Shortlisting date: 12 January 2026
Interview date: 19 January 2026

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Administration Team Leader

(£13,569 per annum)

The Administration Team Leader will contribute to service delivery by coordinating the daily operations of the Senior Administration Assistants and Administration Assistants. You will ensure all administrative tasks are performed efficiently and effectively to enable the Portfolios to operate smoothly. Located in the Central Support Service but mobile across the Portfolios, this role promotes efficiencies and assists the Senior Administration Team Leader in creating an effective administration service that adapts to the evolving requirements of a contemporary Public Service.

Contact us for more information and a discussion

Enquiries: Carol Henry on Tel No. 22470 or Email: carol.henry@sainthelena.gov.sh
Closing date: 07 January 2026
Shortlisting date: 12 January 2026
Interview date: 19 January 2026

English/Humanities Teacher

(£13,569 - £20,645 per annum depending on qualifications & experience)

Are you passionate about working with young people and helping shape their future? Join our team as an English/Humanities teacher at St. Helena Secondary School. In this role, you'll be responsible for planning, preparing, and delivering engaging lessons that cater to students of all abilities. We're looking for someone with the necessary qualifications, a commitment to safeguarding the well-being of young people, and excellent communication skills. You'll work closely with students, parents, and colleagues to create a supportive and effective learning environment. For more details and to discuss this exciting opportunity, get in touch with us!

Education Skills and Employment is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people. We expect all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. The successful candidate will be required to provide proof of identity and qualifications, and will be subject to reference checks, an enhanced police background check, and any other safeguarding checks relevant to the role. We promote equality of opportunity and welcome applications from all sections of the community

Enquiries: Phil Toal on Tel No. 24290 or Email: phil.toal@sainthelena.gov.sh
Closing date: 02 January 2026
Shortlisting date: 07 January 2026
Interview date: 16 January 2026

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Community Staff Nurse
(£13,569 per annum)

The Community Staff Nurse will work within the community either at the District Clinics or in the patient's home. Deliver Nursing Care as part of a team. Supporting the Community Nursing Sister in the delivery of an efficient/effective nursing service and has responsibility for assessment, planning, delivery and evaluation of care. Management of a caseload of patients under the direction of the Nursing Sister.

Contact us for more information and a discussion

Enquiries: Jacqueline Henry on Tel No. 22500 or Email: Jackie.henry@sainthelena.gov.sh
Closing date: 07 January 2026
Shortlisting date: 12 January 2026
Interview date: 19 January 2026

Security, Health & Safety Officer
(£13,569 per annum)

The Security, Health & Safety Officer will enhance the well-being of everyone in our community and support the prosperity of the island, collaborating with Emergency Planning, while implementing and ensuring adherence to SHG security, health, and safety (OHS) regulations. The main responsibility will involve providing guidance on strategies to reduce security violations, mitigate hazards, and uphold a safe and secure working environment throughout SHG, in compliance with legal safety requirements and fostering a culture that prioritizes security and safety.

Contact us for more information and a discussion

Enquiries: Anel O'Bey on Tel No. 25052 or Email: anel.obey@helanta.co.sh
Closing date: 09 January 2026
Shortlisting date: 14 January 2026
Interview date: 22 January 2026

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Administration Assistant
(£10,088 per annum)

Are you interested in becoming a member of the Central Support team? If so, we are looking to recruit an Administration Assistant. The Administration Assistant is responsible for completing straightforward administrative processes that support the smooth running of Portfolios and delivering a high quality, customer focused service. We are seeking a highly motivated individual who works methodically and has a keen eye for detail that can provide administrative support across the Portfolios.

Contact us for more information and a discussion

Enquiries: Sara-Kay Yon on Tel No. 22470 or Email: sara kay.yon@sainthelena.gov.sh
Closing date: 07 January 2026
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Teacher - Science (SHSS)
(£13,569 – £20,645 per annum)

Do you have a passion for education and a love of science? We are seeking a dedicated and enthusiastic Teacher of Science to join our team and inspire the next generation of learners. In this role, you will deliver engaging and high-quality teaching across Key Stages 3, 4, and 5, helping students develop both academically and personally. You will plan, prepare, and teach well-structured, differentiated lessons that spark curiosity and foster scientific thinking. You will also set meaningful home learning tasks that consolidate learning and support steady progress. We're looking for a teacher who can bring science to life, encouraging students to question, explore, and understand the world around them. If you are passionate about creating positive learning experiences and committed to helping every student achieve their potential, we would love to hear from you.

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THE MARINE AND FISHERIES CONSERVATION SECTION

QUARTERLY CATCH

OCTOBER TO DECEMBER 2025 www.sainthelena.gov.sh



The Marine and Fisheries Conservation Section (MFCS) team, in line with the vision of the Marine Management Plan 2023-27, aim to conserve, protect and restore the rich biodiversity and unique natural ecosystems of St Helena's Marine Protected Area (MPA) with use of its natural resources managed in accordance with its International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) Category 6 sustainable use principles now and for future generations.

It's been a busy past three months, MFCS have been very active in our scientific work and monitoring, with lots of progress and highlights:

Zooplankton Surveys Reach Midpoint



We have reached the midpoint of our zooplankton surveys, focusing on fish eggs and larvae, with fieldwork progressing well and remaining firmly on track. To date, an impressive 269 samples have been collected with 83 being collected over the past three months! This achievement provides an exceptional foundation for the next phase of analysis and reflects the team's consistent effort in the field. During fieldwork, the team also discovered what appears to be an oarfish tail. The oarfish is an extremely long ribbon like fish, the longest bony fish in the world, known for its silvery scaleless body and red crest of dorsal fins. This rare and intriguing find contributes to our growing understanding of the lesser-known species that may be present in St Helena's surrounding waters. This unexpected discovery further highlights the island's unique marine biodiversity and reinforces the value of continued research in the area.

UVCS: October Survey Complete



In October, the team successfully completed the winter round of UVCS for this year. These surveys observe and quantify fish, invertebrate, and plant communities, providing valuable insight into marine life abundance and trends across St Helena's waters.
This work builds on a long term UVC programme that was first established in 2002 and has been conducted regularly since 2013. The data gathered helps to inform conservation planning, support fisheries management, and provides a reliable baseline for identifying long term changes in St Helena's marine ecosystems.
To deliver this monitoring, surveys are carried out across 22 permanent paths located at 12 sites around the island, including Flagstaff Bay, Buttermilk Point, Banks, Rupert's Bay, James Bay, Bennetts Point, Billy May Revenge, Lemon Valley and Egg Island.

Long Term Oceanographic Monitoring



Since 2015, temperature data has been collected around St Helena as part of a long-term marine monitoring programme designed to track environmental change over time. This programme uses a range of environmental data loggers, including HOBO temperature loggers and MiniDOT oxygen loggers, which we service and replace every six months to ensure consistent and reliable data.
HOBO temperature loggers are the most widely deployed and are often the easiest to see in the water. At sites such as the wreck of the Papanui in James Bay, they are attached to a length of rope marked by a yellow buoy, with the logger secured below, where it continuously records seawater temperature.
MiniDOT loggers are deployed at fewer locations but provide additional insight into water quality. These compact devices measure both water temperature and the amount of oxygen dissolved in the water, an important indicator of ocean health. The data is stored

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internally and later downloaded for analysis.

Together, these monitoring tools provide a comprehensive picture of how St Helena's marine environment is changing over time. The information gathered supports scientific research and helps guide future marine management and climate change resilience planning for the island.

Lobster Tagging Programme 2025/26



We have started our lobster tagging programme for the 2025/26 season, focusing on the two commercial species, the brown spiny lobster *Panulirus echinatus*, locally known as crayfish, and the endemic red slipper lobster *Scyllarides obtusus*, locally known as stump. This programme supports sustainable fisheries management by monitoring key aspects of the lobster population, including growth rates, abundance, breeding cycles, and movement patterns.

Tagging work started in November of this year, in line with the start of the lobsters' breeding season and will continue every other month until March 2026. Each work period includes three nights of diving and three days of potting. Night dives are carried out as lobsters are more active after dark, while daytime potting uses circular baited traps deployed in different locations around the island for a 24-hour period to safely capture lobsters without causing harm. Captured individuals are tagged with conventional identification tags, visible as small green markers.

Grouper Tagging Programme Continues



MFCS has been carrying out our grouper tagging programme, which began in 2018. This long-term monitoring tracks fish abundance, growth rates, breeding cycles, and movement, providing vital information to support sustainable fisheries management. Fieldwork is conducted one day each month. During surveys, fish are captured, measured, and tagged with conventional yellow tags before being released back into the ocean. Approximately 8% of the fish are double tagged, allowing researchers to account for tag loss. If a single tag is lost, data could be incomplete, but with two tags, the team can accurately estimate the proportion of tags lost and refine population assessments.

Some fish experience barotrauma, a condition caused by rapid changes in pressure during capture. This can result in internal injuries, such as the expansion of the swim bladder or displacement of organs. To reduce the effects of barotrauma, fish are carefully returned to depth using a specialized cage. This approach has shown excellent survival rates, with many individuals returning for subsequent recaptures. These repeated encounters provide valuable insights into fish movements, survival, and population dynamics, highlighting both the resilience of the species and the effectiveness of the methods used.

Oceanographic Buoy Discovery at Egg Island



At Egg Island, an unidentified buoy was recently discovered by Mr Gavin Maggott, who brought it to the Marine Centre. Part of the buoy had broken away, making it unclear what the device was or who had deployed it. Following further research by MFCS, the buoy was identified as an oceanographic monitoring tool known as an SVP, Surface Velocity Program, drifter. This sturdy buoy is designed to float with the currents near the surface, tracking water movement and recording key information such as sea temperature. Equipped with multiple sensors at different depths, it provides a detailed picture of conditions in the open ocean. The buoy was designed by a company called Pacific Gyre, which develops innovative tools to help scientists and organizations study and better understand the world's oceans. Devices like this drifter are vital for monitoring currents, temperatures, and other ocean conditions, providing researchers with valuable insights into global marine environments.

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Year 9 Students Visit the Marine Centre



An exciting day was recently held at the Marine Centre, as we welcomed a group of Year 9 students eager to learn more about careers in marine conservation. The visit included a full tour of the centre, followed by a presentation featuring insights from our Marine and Fisheries Conservation Officer, Adam Riggs, and our Graduate Management Trainee, Shelby Bargo, who shared details of their roles and day to day work.

The students also observed a practical demonstration of an otolith extraction from a tuna head. Otoliths are small structures in a fish's inner ear, which help fish maintain balance and sense movement in the water. For scientists, otoliths act like natural records of a fish's life. By examining the rings on an otolith, like counting tree rings, researchers can determine a fish's age, growth rate, and the environments it has lived in. It was inspiring to see this group of young people showing curiosity and enthusiasm for marine science and conservation. We look forward to seeing these bright minds potentially contributing to the field in the future.

Year 8 Career Talk at St Helena Secondary School



During this quarter, our Graduate Management Trainee, Shelby Bargo, also visited St Helena Secondary School to deliver a career talk to Year 8 students who are beginning to consider their future options. During the session, Shelby provided an overview of her role within MFCS, introduced the wider team, and explained the variety of work each member undertakes. She also shared practical advice on relevant subjects to study and highlighted ways students can get involved in marine conservation at an early stage, including volunteering opportunities and alternative pathways beyond traditional degree routes. The students were engaged and able to identify different fish species. They also discussed the scientific monitoring methods used by MFCS. It was encouraging to see their interest in marine science and conservation.

Strengthening St Helena's Marine Protection

In just five years, St Helena has progressed from having no dedicated marine enforcement capacity to establishing a fully trained, locally led Marine Enforcement Section, with support from the Blue Belt Programme. This represents a significant milestone in safeguarding the island's waters, strengthening compliance, and supporting long-term marine stewardship. This achievement reflects the commitment and collaboration of all those involved and marks an important step forward in protecting St Helena's marine environment for future generations.

Knowledge Exchange Strengthens Marine Research Across UK Overseas Territories



In November, our Marine and Fisheries Conservation Officer, Adam Riggs, travelled to Ascension Island to collaborate with the Ascension Marine team, alongside Dr Kerry Howell and Amelia Bridges from Plymouth Marine Laboratory and the University of Plymouth, and Dr Tim Noyes from the Bermuda Institute of Ocean Sciences.

Over the course of ten days, the group took part in a valuable knowledge exchange focused on the Darwin PLUS project, *Building baseline knowledge of mesophotic ecosystems in the Ascension Island Marine Protected Area*. The visit facilitated productive discussions, allowing teams to share expertise, gain insight into ongoing work, and explore how this emerging technology could be applied to address key research questions across our respective territories. This innovative project uses a newly

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designed, low-cost, compact camera system to survey habitats and species at depths between 30 and 200M.

MC&ES Welcomes Marine Management Organisation (MMO) Representatives



MC&ES recently welcomed a representative, Sam Gregory, from MMO as part of a formal visit focused on officer development and a review of current procedures. During the visit, inspection procedures were formally reviewed and updated, alongside strategies relating to compliance and enforcement. These developments strengthen our ability to deliver effective marine protection and highlight the dedication and professionalism of both enforcement officers and support staff.

As part of this work, another representative, Paul Nelson, provided technical assistance to the Marine Enforcement team, supporting the installation and data analysis of Remote Electronic Monitoring (REM) systems. REM is a technology installed on fishing vessels that uses onboard cameras and sensors to remotely monitor fishing activity, including effort and catch, helping to improve compliance and strengthen fisheries oversight.

This visit reflects our ongoing commitment to transparency, accountability, and the continuous improvement of operational standards, as well as upholding the highest standards of marine stewardship and regulatory compliance, ensuring the long-term protection of St Helena's marine environment.

Mission Atlantic Workshop Highlights Research Across the Mid-Atlantic Region

A Mission Atlantic workshop was recently held, bringing together researchers to share outputs and findings from a range of studies focused on the marine environment of St Helena and the wider Mid-Atlantic region. The workshop covered research conducted across key areas, including seamounts along the Mid-Atlantic Ridge, St Peter and St Paul's Rocks, St Helena, and Ascension Island. Discussions focused on climate change scenarios, human impacts, environmental drivers, and the species that rely on these important marine habitats. By bringing together research from across the region, the workshop provided valuable insights into how these ecosystems are connected and how they may respond to future environmental change.

MMP 2nd Annual Report Marks Another Year of Progress for St Helena's MPA

We are pleased to announce the publication of our second MMP Annual Report, marking another important milestone in our ongoing commitment to protecting and enhancing St Helena's MPA. The report highlights the strong progress made over the past year and reflects the continued dedication of all those involved in caring for the island's marine environment.



The 2024 to 2025 highlights showcase a year of growth, collaboration, and meaningful impact. A key moment was the release of the film A Small Island with a Big Future: *St Helena's Marine Protected Area during MPA* Day in August 2024, celebrating the island's rich marine heritage. Research activity also remained strong, with scientific publications contributing to a better understanding of local marine life, including input from the Marine and Fisheries Conservation Section to the IUCN's global review of sharks, rays, and chimaeras. During Marine Awareness Week in March 2025, the team shared findings from four years of climate change research on St Helena's priority marine species, providing valuable insight into how these species may respond to future environmental change. Further celebrating the island's unique biodiversity, a special stamp issue released in September 2024 featured deep-sea species discovered during a 2022 research cruise. The publication of this second MMP

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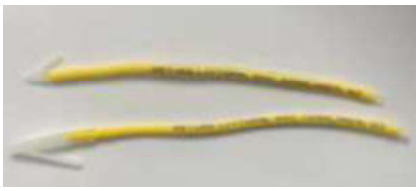
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Annual Report reflects the commitment of our teams, partners, and wider community, and reinforces our shared responsibility to safeguard St Helena's marine environment for generations to come.

St Helena Wins ICCAT Tag Return Lottery



Each year, International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas (ICCAT) runs a draw using all tag returns from its international tagging programme. ICCAT is an intergovernmental organisation responsible for the conservation and management of tuna and other highly migratory fish species across the Atlantic Ocean. One tag number is drawn at random, and the person or organisation that returned that tag receives a monetary prize. St Helena was fortunate to be a winner this year. This marks the third time that St Helena has won, reflecting a strong rate of tag returns and the effective management of the island's tagging programme. The results highlight the success of ongoing research efforts and the value of consistent monitoring in supporting sustainable fisheries management.

Interesting Marine Species Sightings

Day Sarpon (Longnose lancetfish *Alepisaurus ferox*)



A Longnose lancetfish, locally called Day Sarpon, was recently sighted in James Bay. These iridescent fish can appear bluish or pale, with fins ranging from brown to black, and can reach a maximum length of around 2 meters. Sarpon are rarely caught around St Helena, mostly appearing on longlines used for tuna fishing, though occasional captures on handlines have been reported. These fish are widespread in tropical and subtropical waters of all oceans, rarely entering coastal waters, typically inhabiting depths of several hundred meters during the day but rise closer to the surface at night when they are more active. They are long, slender, and scaleless, reflecting their adaptations to life in the deep ocean.

Robust mora *Laemonema robustum*



Another interesting fish sighting was reported by Mr Dorian "Duffy" Caswell, from an area locally known as 'The Shovel', off South West Point. He encountered a robust mora, a deep-water fish that inhabits depths ranging from the outer continental shelf down to the abyss. Robust moras are benthopelagic, meaning they live and feed near the ocean floor but also spend time swimming in the open water just above it. The species is brownish in colour, with darker fins, and can reach a standard length of at least 36cm. Robust moras are considered rare around St Helena, with only occasional records from the eastern and central Atlantic.

Flying halfbeak *Euleporhamphus velox*



A Flying Halfbeak was recently recorded by Mr Dorian "Duffy" Caswell in local waters. This small, streamlined fish typically grows to around 15 cm in length and is easily recognised by its elongated, pointed lower jaw, which extends beyond the upper jaw to form a distinctive beak-like profile. Its body is generally silvery, marked by a faint lateral line running from head to tail that helps it blend with sunlight filtering through the water. The well-developed pectoral fins aid in propulsion, particularly when the fish breaks the surface, reflecting its adaptation to life in the upper layers of the ocean.

WE NEED YOU!



We are creating a **logo** for **our Marine Protected Area** and we want **your ideas**!

What would **you** like the **logo to look like**?
What would **you** like to see **included**?

Let us know, whether it be a few words, a sketch or a drawing.
Email laura.duncan@sainthelena.gov.sh to share your thoughts and ideas

Closes: 11th January 2026

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Festival of Walking 2025/26

Festival of Walking offers a unique opportunity to explore St Helena's nature trails and Post Box Walks, whilst enjoying the diverse landscapes.

As part of the 2025/26 Festival, St Helena Tourism is pleased to be collaborating with iRecord St Helena, the island's National Biological Records System, which makes it easy for anyone to record and share wildlife sightings.

By submitting observations through the app, participants can contribute to a national database that supports scientists, conservationists, and the wider community in understanding and protecting St Helena's unique biodiversity, helping to connect people with nature and safeguard the island's environment for future generations.

To register your interest for Festival of Walking and receive email updates of the 'Walk of the Week' email, dianne.venning@sainthelena.gov.sh or call the Tourist Office T: 22158.

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Date	Walk
27 Dec	Lot's Wife Ponds
04 Jan	Fairyland Flax Mill and Peak Dale
10 Jan	Gill Point
17 Jan	Blue Point
24 Jan	Prosperous Bay
31 Jan	The Barn
07 Feb	Great Stone Top
15 Feb	Lot's Wife Ponds
07 Mar	Sugarloaf - Banks - Ruperts - Jamestown
14 Mar	Flagstaff
15 Mar	Lower Jamestown history walk
21 Mar	Rosemary Plain - Casons (via Mackintosh)
28 Mar	Lemon Valley

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'TIS THE SEASON TO BE CAREFUL ONLINE

AVOID THE SCAMS

- DO YOUR RESEARCH
- VERIFY BEFORE YOU BUY
- AVOID FREE WI-FI
- ONLY BUY FROM TRUSTED/REPUTABLE SITES/STORES
- INSTALL ANTI-VIRUS SOFTWARE & KEEP IT UP-TO-DATE
- BE WARY OF UNUSUAL/UNEXPECTED REQUESTS FOR MONEY

IF YOU'VE BEEN SCAMMED...

1. SECURE YOUR ACCOUNTS:
Change passwords, enable 2FA and log out of any active sessions

2. SECURE YOUR DEVICES:
Clear your history & caches, ensure your OS & apps are updated, and run a malware scan.

3. REPORT IT:
Contact your bank, or other relevant financial institution immediately & report it to the Police.

WATCH OUT FOR THESE SCAMS THIS FESTIVE SEASON!

1. FAKE ONLINE STORES
Scammers create professional-looking websites offering unbelievable discounts on popular gifts, such as gaming consoles, designer items, digital devices etc. You check out, the money leaves your account instantly, but your item never arrives.

2. SOCIAL MEDIA GIVEAWAYS
"Share this post & tag 3 friends to win $5,000!" or "Free iPhone 16 for the first 100 people who click here!". These too-good-to-be-true contests often lead to stolen personal information or malware infection. If it's too good to be true it usually is!

3. FAKE CHARITY SCAMS
Scammers create fake charities or mimic real ones to take advantage of year-end giving. They use emotional pleas, urgent requests, or look-alike websites (e.g. "RedCr0ss.org" instead of "RedCross.org").

4. GRANDPARENT SCAMS
Targeting seniors, criminals will start a phone call with "Grandma/Grandpa? Do you know who this is?" Thinking it's one of their grandchildren, the victim will answer and the scammer will respond by saying they're in some sort of trouble and ask for money.

5. FAKE DELIVERY ALERTS
DHL, the Post Office etc. can't deliver your package, unless you click a link or provide personal information. The link often installs malware or takes you to a fake website.

6. FAKE ORDER CONFIRMATIONS
You receive an email saying: "Your Amazon order for £487.99 has been confirmed". The email includes a link to "view details" or "cancel order." But you know you didn't order anything. It's all a ploy to steal your hard earned cash.

7. FREE WI-FI SCAMS
Avoid the temptation to connect to free Wi-Fi while out holiday shopping, if you do, never enter personal/financial information, as the connection could be run by a scammer or hacker who can then steal this information.

8. HOLIDAY TRAVEL SCAMS
The festive season is one of the busiest travel periods. Trips can get expensive as people try to get good flight tickets, hotel rooms, and rental cars. Scammers exploit this with travel booking scams, and fake travel websites with unbelievable prices.

9. CARD SKIMMING
Card skimming happens when a scammer installs a card-reader device on an ATM or other point-of-sale terminal to steal card numbers and PINs. This scam is quite old, but it still happens often.

10. GIFT CARD SCAMS
If someone demands payment in gift cards, you're not dealing with a legitimate company but a scammer instead. They can pose as retailers, utility companies, your boss, a relative, or even a charity, usually with a request that needs urgent attention.

11. ROMANCE SCAMS
Scammers take advantage of those looking for love, often via dating apps and social media. After an online romantic relationship is established they start asking for money.

12. TECH SUPPORT SCAMS
A pop-up or email tells you that your device has a virus. You're told to call a "support line" immediately. Once connected, scammers take remote access of your device and request payment to "fix" the problem they invented.

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CYBER SECURITY AWARENESS CAMPAIGN 2025

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Bank of St. Helena Ltd.

Insurance Manager

Commencing at £17,004 per annum

Bank of St Helena Limited is seeking to recruit a suitable person to fill the new and exciting position of an Insurance Manager.

Reporting to the Deputy Managing Director, the Insurance Manager will monitor and be responsible for the management of Insurance Policy sales, Underwriting and Claims.

The role includes:

- Overseeing the Insurance team and provide customer support on a daily basis.
- Ensure the section is operational, efficient and compliance at all times.
- Deliver first-class service to customers, whilst adhering to processes and procedures.

Working closely with the Deputy Managing Director and in collaboration with Caribbean Alliance, the successful candidate will also:

- Develop and implement risk management strategies.
- Oversee the life cycle of Insurance Policies, monitor sales, manage underwriting and Claims .
- Train and manage the Insurance team.
- Ensure adherence to Regulations in collaboration with Caribbean Alliance.

About You

The ideal candidate must be:

- Highly motivated, self-reliant, and able to work to their own initiative.
- Flexible and adaptable to meet work demands.
- Accurate and detail-orientated, with both a practical and strategic approach to tasks.
- A strong communicator with excellent interpersonal and influencing skills.

Essential Requirements

- A background in financial and/or business management.
- Proven organisational skills with the ability to build effective working relationships at all levels.
- Must have good interpersonal skills and deal with people in a professional manner, with strong sales and negotiation skills.
- Some knowledge of the delivery of insurance products is desirable.

Training and Development

- Training for the position will be provided, which will include international training resources.
- Candidates will be expected to study towards a relevant professional qualification if one is not already held.

An Application form and a job profile is available upon request from the Bank.

Completed application forms should be addressed to the Human Resources Manager, Market Street, Jamestown or emailed to hrmanager@sainthelenabank.com.

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THE STAFF OF THE QUEEN MARY STORE, VICTORIA SHOP & BARRACK'S STORE WISH ALL OUR CUSTOMERS A MERRY CHRISTMAS & A HAPPY NEW YEAR!
WE BE CLOSED FROM 25TH DECEMBER, OPEN ON THE MONDAY 29TH UNTIL 3.00PM CLOSED FROM 30TH DECEMBER OPENING AGAIN ON FRIDAY 2ND JANUARY 2026

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ST HELENA NATIONAL TRUST

St Helena Island A breath of fresh air

St Thomas Kumina Collective Performance

Saturday 10th January 2026
The Mule Yard
6:00pm

In January 2026, the St Thomas Kumina Collective Group will journey from Jamaica to St Helena as part of the "Middle Passages and Returns." This field trip will explore St Helena's crucial role in the history of the East India Company's involvement in the slave trade and its later efforts in the abolition of the Trans-Atlantic Slave Trade. The visit will centre on the Liberated African Establishment in Rupert's Valley, tracing the paths of Liberated Africans who were later resettled in Jamaica.

Honouring these ancestors, the St Thomas Collective will present Kumina, a powerful traditional and spiritual practice of drumming, dance, and ancestral connection - carried forward by the descendants of those very liberated Africans.

We warmly invite you to come, witness, and share in this meaningful and transformative experience.



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Join the Annual Wirebird Census

January 2026

Volunteers Needed!

We invite enthusiastic volunteers to participate in our annual Wirebird census. This important activity involves counting of Wirebirds across designated census sites, including key conservation areas. This data collected helps us monitor the population of this species and evaluate the effectiveness of our ongoing conservation efforts. No prior experience is necessary, full training will be provided on the day.

When: January 2026

Where: Surveys will be conducted at 35 sites across various terrains and weather conditions. Locations and dates to be announced soon.

What to bring: Sensible footwear is essential due to the diverse landscapes. Please come prepared for all weather conditions.

Why volunteer?

- Enjoy unique encounters with St Helena's iconic endemic land bird.
- Contribute directly to the conservation of the Wirebird and play a role in protecting our natural heritage.
- Experience breath-taking landscapes while exploring our beautiful island.
- Connect with our dedicated and welcoming team
- Space is limited, so if you're interested in joining our team for this rewarding project, please contact us soon!

For more information: Please contact: 22569/22190 or email gavin.ellick@trust.org.sh

We look forward to hearing from you and sharing this conservation journey together.

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BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday Services
21st December — Sandy Bay Chapel, 08.45 am
Head O'Wain Chapel, 10.45 am
Jamestown Chapel, 6.00 pm

Christmas Day
25th December — Sandy Bay Chapel, 09.00 am
Head O'Wain Chapel, 10.00 am
Jamestown Chapel, 10.00 am

Sunday Service
28th December — Sandy Bay Chapel, 08.45 am
Head O'Wain Chapel, 10.45 am
Jamestown Chapel, 6.00 pm

Watch Night Service
31st December — Jamestown Chapel, 11.30 pm

Bible Studies
In recess.

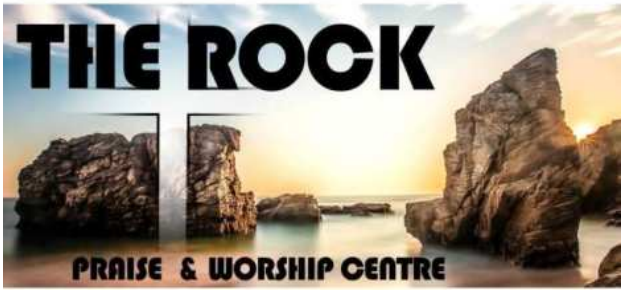
ALL ARE WELCOME
For further information contact: Tel No 24644

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The Parish of St Paul's		
Sunday 21st December 2025– 4th Sunday in Advent		
8.00 a.m.	Eucharist	Cathedral
9.30 a.m.	Eucharist/Church Parade	Cathedral
3.30 p.m.	Eucharist	St Peter
7.00 p.m.	**Ecumenical Service**	**Court House Steps**
	Wednesday 24th December	
6.00 p.m.	Eucharist	St Martin
11.30 p.m.	Midnight Mass	Cathedral
	Thursday 25th December	
07.45 a.m.	Eucharist	St Andrew
08.00 a.m.	Eucharist	St Peter
09.30 a.m.	Eucharist	St Helena & The Cross
The Parish of St James		
Sunday 21st December 2025 – 4th Sunday in Advent		
9.30 a.m.	Eucharist	St James
7.00 p.m.	**Ecumenical Service**	**Court House Steps**
	Wednesday 24th December	
11.30 p.m.	Midnight Mass	St James
	Thursday 25th December	
08.00 a.m.	Eucharist	St John
The Parish of St Matthew		
Sunday 21st December 2025 – 4th Sunday in Advent		
11.15 a.m.	Eucharist	St Mark
7.00 p.m.	**Ecumenical Service**	**Court House Steps**
	Wednesday 24th December	
11.30 p.m.	Midnight Mass	St Mark
	Thursday 25th December	
9.30 a.m.	Eucharist	St Matthew

DIOCESE OF SAINT HELENA

The Parish of St Paul's		
Sunday 28th December 2025– 1st Sunday after Christmas		
9.30 a.m.	Eucharist	Cathedral
5.00 p.m..	Nine Lessons and Carols	Cathedral
	Sunday 4th January 2026 – 2nd Sunday after Christmas	
8.00 a.m	Eucharist	Cathedral
8.00 a.m.	Eucharist	St Peter
9.30 a.m.	Eucharist	Cathedral
The Parish of St James		
Sunday 28th December 2025 – 1st Sunday after Christmas		
9.30 a.m.	Eucharist	St James
5.00 p.m.	Nine Lessons and Carols	St James
	Sunday 4th January 2026 – 2nd Sunday after Christmas	
09.30 a.m.	Eucharist	St James
3.30 p.m.	Eucharist	St Michael
	Monday 5th January 2026	
7.00 p.m.	Eucharist	St Mary
	Thursday 8th January 2026	
7.00 p.m.	Mass with Healing	St John
The Parish of St Matthew		
Sunday 28th December 2025 – 1st Sunday after Christmas		
9.30 a.m.	Eucharist	St Mark
3.00 p.m.	Nine Lessons and Carols	St Mark
	Sunday 4th January 2026 – 2nd Sunday after Christmas	
11.15 a.m.	Eucharist	St Mark
	Tuesday 6th January 2026	
7.00 p.m.	Forgiveness 70x7	St Mark



Church Notices

We warmly invite you to join us for:

Praise and Worship Service

Sunday 21st December 2025

@ The Rock Christian Fellowship Centre, Longwood Avenue.

Praise and Worship Service

Christmas Day, 10.00am

@ The Rock Christian Fellowship Centre, Longwood Avenue.

Cell Meetings

All Cell Groups are now in recession

Christian Gift/bookshop & DVD rental

The Christian gift/bookshop & DVD rental
(as well as second-hand goods shop) is available.
For further information contact Priscilla: 51919.

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OPENING HOURS

DATE	TIME
Mon 22nd Dec (later opening)	9am – 5pm
Wed 24th Dec	9am - 1pm
Thurs 25th and Fri 26th Dec	CLOSED
Sat 27th Dec	9am - 12pm
Mon 29th Dec	9am - 3pm
Tue 30th Dec	9am - 12pm
Wed 31st Dec	9am - 1pm
Fri 2nd Jan	Normal Hours Resume

Directory Enquiries will be available during opening hours and Faults can be logged 24/7 on tele 121

Wishing all our customers a wonderful Christmas and a successful year ahead!

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J. PATSY FLAGG M.B.E. J.P CONVEYS HER WARMEST BEST WISHES TO ALL HER BELOVED FAMILY, FRIENDS & ACQUAINTANCES ON ST HELENA & OVERSEAS – FOR A HAPPY & HEALTHY FESTIVE SEASON AND A PEACEFUL AND PROSPEROUS 2026. MAY GOD BLESS US ALL.

Connect SAINT HELENA LTD

OFFICE HOURS FOR THE FESTIVE SEASON

Connect Saint Helena Ltd offices will close for the holidays from 2pm on the 23 December 2025 through to 01 January 2026. Normal business will resume on the 02 January 2026.

During this period faults can be reported as follows:

Electricity: Power Station on 22602.
Water and Sewage: Out of Hours Contractor, David Constantine on 22522 or 61307.

Connect Saint Helena Ltd wishes you all the best for the festive season.

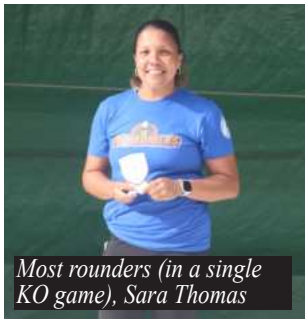


WSA PRESENTATION 2025


Wooden Spoon Winners, Ballbusters


Wooden Plate Winners, Battitude


League Runners-up, Incredibles


Most rounders (in a single KO game), Sara Thomas

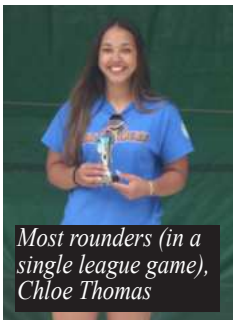

Lady of the Season, Maxina Yon


Marie Jonas Cup Winner, Qui Green


Most rounders for the season, Chloe & Dani Thomas

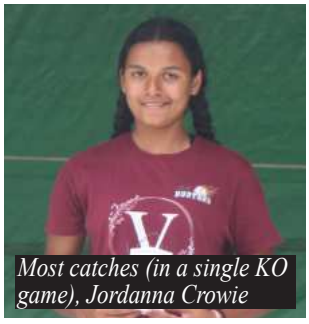

Most catches (league), Taylor Thomas


Most catches (in a single league game), Chloe & Taylor Thomas


Most rounders (in a single league game), Chloe Thomas


KO Final Lady of the Match, April Stevens


Young Ladies of the Season, Katelyn Benjamin & Renee Coleman


Most catches (in a single KO game), Jordanna Crowie


Knockout Runners-up, Ballzy Ladies


Rising Stars


Most improved players in each team

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District Runners-up, St Pauls


District Champions, Half Tree Hollow


KO Runners-up, Bellboys


District Top Goal Scorer, Joey Thomas


Kenon Bargo Youuth Cup Winner, Ryan Stevens


Player of the Season, Joey Thomas


Young Player of the Season, Tyler Anthony


League Top Goal Scorer, Joey Thomas


David Price Veteran Trophy Winner, Alistair Buckley


KO Final Match Officials


KO Final Man of the Match Rico Benjamin


Keeper of the Season, Keith Yon


Most Improved Player, Luke Bowers


District Best Keeper, Keith Yon


League Runners-up, Rovers

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Knockout Champions, Rovers



League Champions, Ballzy Ladies



League Champions, Bellboys



Knockout Champions, Incredibles