

# Artist in residence in the 12 Parish Churches of Jersey

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Church Venue	Date	Times
Holy Trinity Parish Church Trinity	24 <sup>th</sup> -29 <sup>th</sup> May	10am-4.30pm each day
St Breilade Parish Church Communicare St Breilade	31 <sup>st</sup> May -3 <sup>rd</sup> June 4 <sup>th</sup> -5 <sup>th</sup> June	10am-4.30pm each day
St John of the Oaks Parish Church St John's	14 <sup>th</sup> - 19 <sup>th</sup> June	10am-4.30pm each day
St Peter in the Desert Parish Church St Peter	21 <sup>st</sup> - 26 <sup>th</sup> June	10am-4.30pm each day
St Martin Le Vieux Parish Church St Martin	28 <sup>th</sup> June- 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	10am-4.30pm each day
St Heller Week Church being renovated still to be confirmed.	12 <sup>th</sup> - 17 <sup>th</sup> July	10am-4.30pm each day
St Lawrence Parish Church St Lawrence	9 <sup>th</sup> -14 <sup>th</sup> August	10am-4.30pm each day
St Ouen Parish Church St Ouen Parish Hall	16 <sup>th</sup> -18 <sup>th</sup> August 19 <sup>th</sup> -21 <sup>st</sup> August	10am-4.30pm each day
St Mary of the Burnt Monastery Church St Mary	30 <sup>th</sup> August - 4 <sup>th</sup> September	10am-4.30pm each day
St Martin de Grouville Parish Church Grouville	1 <sup>st</sup> -6 <sup>th</sup> November	10am-4.30pm each day
St Saviour de Jersey Parish Church St Saviour	15 <sup>th</sup> -20 <sup>th</sup> November	10am-4.30pm each day
St Clement de Pierreville Parish Church St Clement	22 <sup>nd</sup> - 27 <sup>th</sup> November	10am-4.30pm each day
All Saints Church	2 <sup>nd</sup> - 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Exhibition of all the Icons of the Twelve Parish Saints. 10am-4.30pm each day

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## Iconographer

I have had a passion for writing icons since 1983. I originally trained as a secondary school art teacher, and first became inspired by icons while living in a Russian Orthodox house in London in the early 80's.

About the same time, my then spiritual director encouraged me to use the icons I was painting as a spiritual journey. I have been privileged to be able to continue doing this ever since.

In 1998, after returning from studying for a M.A. in Religious Studies at Leuven University in Belgium, I embarked on a 5 year online course in iconography. This drew together my theological study and my love of art.

For the last few years I have been teaching Religious Studies, Philosophy and Ethics, However, in November 2008 I finally set up 'iconspirit studios' to fulfil my passion of writing icons.

This year 2010, I have set myself an amazing project, to write icons of each of the 12 parish saints of Jersey. Join me on my Journey!

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# The 12 Parish Saints of Jersey

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Icon Project 2010

By Karen Blampied Iconographer

"I have set myself an amazing project, to write icons of each of the 12 Parish Saints of Jersey. Join me on my Journey as I paint each icon in the Parish Church dedicated to that Saint."

## Who are the

### Twelve Parish Saints of Jersey?

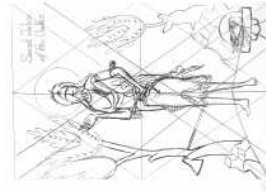
Jersey was at the crossroads of Celtic and Roman Saints. The name of each parish church gives us an insight into its Patron Saint. They provide a combination of story, legend and historical facts, that weave an intriguing community story and identity for the island of Jersey.

#### **Saint Saviour de l'Épine- Saint Saviour of Jersey**

Pope Hilary (461-468) decreed that churches should only be dedicated to the Saviour, John his Precursor, Mary His Mother, Peter his Apostle and Lawrence his Deacon. Hence we have the Church of Saint Saviour in Jersey, dedicated to Jesus Christ, whom Christians believe was the 'Saviour' of all peoples.

#### **Saint Jean-Les-Chênes - Saint John of the Oaks**

Saint John of the Oaks' Church is named after John the Baptist. As one of the central figures in Christian history, his mission was one of forerunner and herald to Jesus Christ. His incredible story of martyrdom can be found in Scripture, notably his head being presented to King Herod on a plate.



#### **Saint Marie d'Arroustier - Saint Mary of the Burnt Monastery**

Mary the mother of Jesus is seen by many Christians as a saint for her part in the Christian story. The church that is dedicated to her name, St Mary of the Burnt monastery, tells its own story of Christian witness. As the name suggests there was a link to a monastery in that area of the island or perhaps the then neighbouring monastic centre in Sark.

#### **St Pierre dans le Desert - Saint in the Desert**

The Apostle Peter was one of the central figures in Christian history, his mission was to establish Christ's Church on earth. Peter's story is full of life and meaning and is well documented in scripture. There are many symbolic events that tell us who Peter was. As a first century fisherman he obeyed Christ's call to be a fisher-of-men. As a first century bishop of Rome, Christ handed Peter the 'keys' of heaven, but invited him to build the church on earth.

#### **Saint Laurent- Saint Lawrence**

Saint Lawrence was Archdeacon of Rome during the persecution of Christians. He was martyred on the 10th August 258 by being roasted on a gridiron and is said to have shown no sign of suffering, he was however heard to say, "Turn me; I am done on this side."

#### **Saint Clément de Pierreville- St Clement of Peterstown**

Clement was the fourth Bishop of Rome and is said to have been ordained a priest by Saint Peter. He was the author of the First Epistle of Clement to the Corinthians. His true identity however is uncertain, as is his martyrdom. He is said to have been killed by being thrown into the sea with an anchor tied around him.

#### **Saint Hélier**

Saint Hélier was a hermit monk living in Jersey in the 6th Century. His legend tells the story of his ascetic lifestyle, starving himself for years. From his vantage point on Hermitage Rock, he would look out across the bay and signal to the shore if there were marauding attackers approaching. Finally, he is said to have been beheaded by one such group of attackers in 555 AD and despite his frail body, he was able to pick up his head and walk to shore.



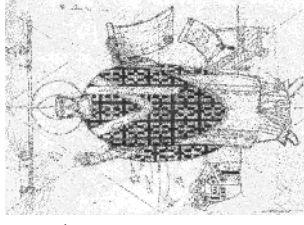
#### **Saint Brélade**

Saint Brélade was a Celtic (Brythonic) monk. In the 6th Century, Jersey came under the diocese of Dol in Normandy. Many of the local saints came from there. The saint's life story is one of fact and fiction. We do know that Saint Brélade did many a missionary voyage with Saint Samson, he is said to have founded churches in St Brélade Jersey and St Breward

Cornwall. He is also said to have been a bishop in Jersey. In Cornwall the saint is known as Breward and in the Exeter martyrology as Bramwallader, where he is described as the son of the Cornish King Kenen.

#### **Saint Ouen de Rouen**

(Latin Audaenus). Ouen's childhood was a privileged one. His father made sure his son was well educated. As a result of this he was welcomed into the court of Clothaire II and his successor Dagobert I who made him chancellor, as did Clovis. Dagobert I persuaded Ouen not to become a monk and charged him with important missions. As a layman, Ouen took up theological study and actively promoted his Christian religion. As a statesman and theologian he encouraged learning and the founding of new monasteries. Saint Ouen, wrote the life of his friend, Eloi, in it he gave valuable information on the moral and religious education of that time. It is one of the most authentic historical documents of the 7th Century.



#### **Saint Martin de Grouville and Saint Martin Le Vieux**

Saint Martin de Grouville and Saint Martin Le Vieux share the same Patron Saint: Saint Martin de Tours. (Latin: Sanctus Martinus Tounensis. (316-397) Martin is the patron saint of France and of soldiers. He was born in Hungary and is buried at Candés, France. At the age of ten he started attending church and his interest in Christianity led him to ask for baptism, but for this he would have to wait. At fifteen he was obliged to join the cavalry and was stationed in Amiens France. While Martin was at the gates of the city of Amiens he met a beggar, he was so moved that he cut his own military cloak in half and gave it to him. That night he dreamed that Jesus was wearing the half of his cloak that he had given away. The dream confirmed to Martin that he should be baptised and so at the age of eighteen he fulfilled his wish. As an older man he became bishop of Tours and founded a monastery.