



SHARON MORAVIAN CHURCH

(Built by Slaves – 1799)

Sharon, St. Thomas. BB22136

Make a joyful noise to the
LORD, all the earth:
make a loud noise, and
rejoice, and sing praise.

—Psalm 98:4

Sunday, November 16, 2025

Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 a.m.

Welcome: "She opens her mouth with wisdom, and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue." (Proverbs 31:26). We joyfully welcome Rev. Cherice Job-Lewis among us, as she brings God's Word to inspire and uplift our hearts. May the Lord anoint her lips and guide her steps, that His truth and grace shine through her message today. Welcome once again to all!

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WATCHWORD: *Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.*
(2 Thessalonians 3:13)

Provincial Theme 2025:

"SHIFT: Reclaiming Our Identity, Renewing Our Purpose, and Re-Igniting Our Passion"



ORDER OF SERVICE

Prelude

Call to Worship:

L. I was glad when they said to me,

C. *“Let us go into the house of the Lord”*

Opening Hymn: 441 – *“Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!”*

Prayer & Lord’s Prayer

Responsive Reading: Psalm 98

Worship in Tithes & Offerings

Offertory Sentence: *“And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up.” – Galatians 6:9*

Offertory Hymn: 262 – *“I know not why God’s wondrous grace”*

Prayer of Dedication of Tithes & Offerings

Offertory Doxology: *“Thanks, Thanks, I Give You Thanks”*

Greetings, Celebrations & Notices

Adoration in Song

MINISTRY OF THE WORD

First Scripture Reading: Malachi 4:1 – 2

Second Scripture Reading: 2 Thessalonians 3:6 – 13

Hymn of Preparation: 527 – *“Be still for the presence of the Lord”*

Sermon – Rev. Cherice Job-Lewis

Prayer of Commitment & Intercession

Hymn of Reflection: 302 – *“Be Thou my Vision”*

Benediction



Visit our Website at <http://sharonmoravian.info>; Visit our Facebook Page and subscribe to our YouTube Channel. These are means by which we can connect to our brothers and sisters, and get the word out on what’s happening in the church. Like us; Follow us; Re-post us.



Prelude

Call to Worship:

L. I was glad when they said to me,

C. *“Let us go into the house of the Lord”*



Opening Hymn: 441 –

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!
Unnumbered blessings give my spirit voice;
Tender to me the promise of his word;
In God my Saviour shall my heart rejoice.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his name!
Make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;
His mercy sure, from age to age to same;
His holy name -- the Lord, the Mighty One.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his might!
Powers and dominions lay their glory by.
Proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to flight,
The hungry fed, the humble lifted high.

Tell out, my soul, the glories of his word!
Firm is his promise, and his mercy sure.
Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord
To children's children and for evermore!



Prayer & Lord's Prayer



Responsive Reading: Psalm 98

1. O sing unto the Lord a new song; for he hath done marvellous things: his right hand, and his holy arm, hath gotten him the victory.
2. The Lord hath made known his salvation: his righteousness hath he openly shewed in the sight of the heathen.

3. He hath remembered his mercy and his truth toward the house of Israel: all the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.
4. Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all the earth: make a loud noise, and rejoice, and sing praise.
5. Sing unto the Lord with the harp; with the harp, and the voice of a psalm.
6. With trumpets and sound of cornet make a joyful noise before the Lord, the King.
7. Let the sea roar, and the fulness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein.
8. Let the floods clap their hands: let the hills be joyful together.
9. Before the Lord; for he cometh to judge the earth: with righteousness shall he judge the world, and the people with equity.



Worship in Tithes & Offerings

Offertory Sentence: *“And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up.” – Galatians 6:9*

Offertory Hymn: 262 –

I know not why God’s wondrous grace
To me He hath made known,
Nor why, unworthy, Christ in love
Redeemed me for His own.

*But ‘I know whom I have believèd,
And am persuaded that He is able
To keep that which I’ve committed
Unto Him against that day.’*

I know not how this saving faith
To me He did impart;
Nor how believing in His Word
Wrought peace within my heart.

I know not how the Spirit moves,
Convincing men of sin,
Revealing Jesus through the Word,
Creating faith in Him.

I know not what of good or ill
May be reserved for me,
Of weary ways or golden days,
Before His face I see.

I know not when my Lord may come,
At night or noontide fair,
Nor if I'll walk the vale with Him,
Or meet Him in the air.



Prayer of Dedication of Tithes & Offerings



Offertory Doxology:

Thanks, thanks, I give you thanks

Thanks, thanks, I give you thanks

For all you've done

I am so blessed, my soul is at rest

O Lord, I give you thanks.



Greetings, Celebrations & Notices



Adoration in Song



Ministry of the Word

First Scripture Reading – Malachi 4: 1 – 2

1. For, behold, the day cometh, that shall burn as an oven; and all the proud, yea, and all that do wickedly, shall be stubble: and the day that cometh shall burn them up, saith the Lord of hosts, that it shall leave them neither root nor branch.
2. But unto you that fear my name shall the Sun of righteousness arise with healing in his wings; and ye shall go forth, and grow up as calves of the stall.



Second Scripture Reading – 2 Thessalonians 3:6 – 13

6. Now we command you, brethren, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye withdraw yourselves from every brother that walketh disorderly, and not after the tradition which he received of us.
7. For yourselves know how ye ought to follow us: for we behaved not ourselves disorderly among you;
8. Neither did we eat any man's bread for nought; but wrought with labour and travail night and day, that we might not be chargeable to any of you:
9. Not because we have not power, but to make ourselves an ensample unto you to follow us.
10. For even when we were with you, this we commanded you, that if any would not work, neither should he eat.
11. For we hear that there are some which walk among you disorderly, working not at all, but are busybodies.
12. Now them that are such we command and exhort by our Lord Jesus Christ, that with quietness they work, and eat their own bread.
13. But ye, brethren, be not weary in well doing.



Hymn of Preparation: 527 –

Be still, for the presence of the Lord,
The Holy One, is here;
Come bow before Him now
With reverence and fear:
In Him no sin is found –
We stand on holy ground.
Be still, for the presence of the Lord,
The Holy One, is here.

Be still, for the glory of the Lord
Is shining all around;
He burns with holy fire,
With splendour He is crowned:
How awesome is the sight –

Our radiant King of light!
Be still, for the presence of the Lord,
Is shining all around.

Be still, for the power of the Lord,
Is moving in this place;
He comes to cleanse and heal,
To minister His grace –
No work too hard for Him.
In faith receive from Him.
Be still, for the power of the Lord,
Is moving in this place.



Sermon – *Rev. Cherise Job-Lewis*



Prayer of Commitment & Intercession



Hymn of Reflection: 302 –

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart,
Be all else but naught to me, save that thou art;
Be thou my best thought in the day and the night,
Both waking and sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true word;
Be thou ever with me, and I with thee, Lord;
Be thou my great Father, and I thy true son;
Be thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.

Be thou my breastplate, my sword for the fight;
Be thou my whole armour, be thou my true might;
Be thou my soul's shelter, be thou my strong tower,
O raise thou me heavenward, great Power of my power.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,
Be thou mine inheritance now and always;
Be thou and thou only the first in my heart;
O Sovereign of heaven, my treasure thou art.

High King of heaven, thou heaven's bright sun,
O grant me its joys, after victory won;
Great heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be thou my vision, O ruler of all.



The Benediction



Organ Postlude



Greetings & Celebrations

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Advanced: Sheila Browne, Jerome Watts & Chloe Jean-Baptiste (17th), Kathryn Eversley, Dahlia Miller & Velda Whittaker (19th), Terry Meek (20th), Jennifer Clarke, Rev. Ezra Parris & Shakaylah Wickham (21st), Evangeline Downes & Marion King-Taylor (22nd)



Congratulations to Bro. Louis & Sis. Marjorie Adams who will celebrate their 59th Wedding Anniversary on November 19, 2025.



MORAVIAN BIRTHDAY SONG

With Thy presence, Lord, our Head and Saviour,
Bless them all we humbly pray;
Our dear heavenly Father's love and favour
Be their comfort every day.
May the Holy Ghost in each proceeding,
Favour them with his most gracious leading;
Thus shall they be truly blessed,
Both in labour and in rest.



OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE & INVOLVEMENT

✝ Today: Divine Worship at 9:30 a.m.

✝ Adventures in Worship (All ages) – 9:45 a.m. in the D.C. Moore Centre

✝ Consecration of Rev. Ezra Parris as Bishop at 4:00 p.m.

THIS WEEK

Office Hours for the Pastorate: Tuesday and Friday, 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. and 1:30 – 4:30 p.m. (D. C. Moore Centre).

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✝ Tuesday: Women's Fellowship – First & Third Tuesdays: In Sanctuary at 3:00 p.m. All other Tuesdays: Online via Zoom at 6:00 p.m.

✝ Wednesday: Bible Study (*The Sermon on the Mount*) – 6:00 p.m. online via Zoom. Meeting ID: 861 4335 8604 / Passcode: 244093.

✝ Friday: Choir Rehearsal at 7:00 p.m.

✝ Next Sunday: Divine Worship at 9:30 a.m. – 260th Anniversary Purple Sunday – Conference Wide

✝ Adventures in Worship (All ages) – 9:45 a.m. in the D.C. Moore Centre

✝ Testimonies Sunday at Sharon



Activities in the Month of November 2025:

✝ Missionary Festival at Fulnec – Sunday, 16th, 8:00 a.m.

✝ Consecration of Rev. Ezra Parris as Bishop – Sunday, 16th, 4:00 p.m.

✝ 260th ANNIVERSARY PURPLE SUNDAY – CONFERENCE WIDE – 23RD

✝ Harvest Festival at Bethlehem – Sunday, 23rd, 3:30 p.m.

✝ Rev. Parris on Vacation – 24th – December 8th

✝ Provincial Pension Appeal – 30th

✝ Rededication of the Dunscombe Sanctuary – Sunday, 30th, at 4:00 p.m.



NEWS, INFORMATION & REMINDERS

1. We express thanks to all who supported Missionary Festival 2025. So far, we have raised \$15,074.40 which exceeds our target of \$13,000. However, we do not stop our ingathering until the end of our financial year and we will receive contributions until then. You can make contributions in envelopes marked “Missions” or by direct deposit to our bank account. Funds raised will go towards local missions, and to missionary endeavours across the

region and the world through the various mission organisations of the Moravian Church. Contributions in specific categories are below:

2. From the Moravian Church Barbados Conference 260th Anniversary Committee:



MORAVIAN HISTORY (CUSTOMS)



THE CHRISTINGLE! PART 1

The word 'Christingle' means Christ-Light'. The word Christingle most likely comes from the German word "Christkindl", meaning "Little Christ Child", referring to Jesus. The tradition of the Christingle began in the Moravian Church in Germany in 1747. "Some believe the name is a combination of "Christmas" and "ingle" (an old Scots word for fire). This interpretation aligns with the symbolic meaning of the Christingle, which represents Christ as the "Light of the World".

Christingle services are often held during Advent to symbolize hope in darkness at Christmas, focusing on Jesus' birth as the light of the world or in Epiphany, emphasizing God's light for all people.



DID YOU KNOW?

3. From the Provincial Board:

3.1. Hurricane Melissa:

3.1.1. The images of the devastation caused by Hurricane Melissa in Jamaica and across several of our Caribbean neighbours are truly heartbreaking. Our support for the Jamaica Province is already underway. Rev. Neilson Waithe is currently in Jamaica providing counselling and logistical assistance. The Moravian Church Eastern West Indies Province is actively exploring additional ways to assist our sisters and brothers during this difficult time. Their needs will be many as they begin the long process of rebuilding their lives. While we await a detailed assessment of the specific items required, we can already offer meaningful help through financial gifts. As you are able and as the Holy Spirit leads, you may contribute through your congregation or Conference. All funds received will be forwarded directly to the Jamaica Province to aid in the recovery

effort. Monetary gifts of any size are deeply appreciated. Your generosity will serve as a tangible reminder to our Moravian siblings that they are not alone – we stand with them. Let us continue to lift our brothers and sisters in prayer as they navigate this season of loss and rebuilding. Our brothers and sisters in Jamaica are currently assessing the full extent of the damage. Due to limited access to some affected areas, the situation remains uncertain. What is clear is that they will need significant support through tangible and intangible means. The Provincial Board is already in communication with the Jamaica Province and the work has begun.

3.1.2. In the meantime, let us pray for all those affect by Hurricane Melissa that they will not lose their hope in God and that God will make ways for them despite this tragic disaster.

3.2. The Provincial Board invites the prayers of the Province for the Grenada Mission. As they continue to minister faithfully in Mount Tranquil, Grenada, they are without the immediate presence of a Pastor. For the next two Sundays, Bro. Daniel Mark will be there to provide pastoral leadership and presence. Sis. Adelyn Mgonela from the St. Kitts Conference will do the same for the following Sunday. There will be a similar arrangement next month providing pastoral leadership and presence. As you pray, please also listen for God’s call on how you may support the Grenada Mission with your presence or your resources.

3.3. The service of Consecration for Bishop Elect, Rev. Ezra Parris, will be held on Sunday, November 16, 2025, at the Sharon Moravian Church in Barbados at 4:00 p.m. Bishop Dr. Conrad Spencer, and Bishop Dr. Kingsley Lewis of the Eastern West Indies Province, and Bishop Stanley Clarke of the Jamaica and Cayman Islands Province, will officiate. Please pray for Bro. Parris and family and the officiating Bishops as they prepare for this solemn and sacred moment.

4. Our Board of Elders has been assigned to Districts as follows:

No.	DISTRICT	ELDERS
1	Edgehill Rd., Near Sharon, Upper Jackson.	Sis. Ismay Straker
2	Cane Garden, Cane Garden Park, Cane Garden New Development, Cane Garden Crescent, Cane Garden Heights.	Bro. Anthony Ifill
3	Lower Jackson, 1 st Avenue Jackson, Browne’s Gap, Arthur Seat (W – West of Quarry Rd. to Warrens).	Bro. Edwin Sandiford
4	Canewood Rd., Lears Corner, St. George, St. Joseph, St. John, Christ Church, Brittons Hill.	Bro. Victor Hurdle
5	Bridgefield, Whitehall – St. T, Hopewell, Bloomsbury.	Sis. Merville Franklyn

6	Jackson Terrace, Jackson Tenantry, Arsenal Playing Field Rd.	Sis. Carmel Downes
7	Arthur Seat (East – Quarry Rd to Melrose Cnr.)	Sis. Ingrid Ibrahim
8	Melrose, Arthur Seat (Central), Welches, Padmore Village.	Sis. Denise Grant
9	Edgehill Terrace, Edgehill Heights, Shop Hill, Content, Spring Farm, Farm Path, White Hill Terrace, Hillaby.	Sis. Lelia Gibbs
10	Eden Lodge, Under Lodge Hill, White Hall – St. M, Cave Hill, Grazettes, Codrington Hill, Spooners Hill, Green Hill.	Bro. Steven King
11	Friendship Terrace, Lodge Hill, Rock Dundo Park, Farm Rd., Clermont, Lodge Terrace, Mahaica Gap.	Sis. Veronica Leacock
12	Black Rock, Fitts Village, West Terrace, Oxnards, Wanstead Heights & Gardens, Husbands, Hinds Hill, Thorpes, Holders Hill, Hoytes Village, Prior Park.	Sis. Cora Cumberbatch
13	Warrens, Welches – North, Redman’s Village, Bagatelle, Baywoods, Bakers Woods, Mt. Brevitor.	Sis. Hazel Carter

5. We have closed our year of celebrating 225 years since the laying of the cornerstone here at Sharon. One planned event remains outstanding, that is the Planting of a Time Capsule, which will be completed when all the items have been gathered.

5.1. We are still open to contributions under our “225 for 225” drive, in which we ask persons to donate \$225 or multiples of \$225 towards the continuing work of the church. You don’t have to give it all at once, you can fill the envelope over time and bring it in at your convenience. We look forward to your participation in our “225 for 225” drive. Envelopes are available for collection. For those who would give electronically can do so by direct deposit to our account at Scotiabank, Warrens – 40274. You can also give via SurePay at a walk-in kiosk or using your online account. Pay to: *Biller – The Moravian Church, Account No – 1765-1768-0000, Name – Sharon Moravian Church.* A specimen of the envelope is displayed below.



6. We have resumed the “Basket of Hope” ministry. Each Sunday you are invited to make contributions of non-perishable food items, which will be distributed to those in need. Contributions can be made during the offertory hymn. We are appealing for volunteers to provide the needed management and helping-hands for this ministry. Please let the Pastors know of your interest.
7. We are thankful for your financial support.
 - 7.1. We do need your ongoing support so that we can maintain our ministry, our facilities and paying property insurance. So we ask for your continued faithfulness in giving as you are able.
 - 7.2. You are reminded that labelled envelopes can be dropped into the slot in the front door of the Manse.
 - 7.3. Generally, those who would give electronically can do so by direct deposit to our account at Scotiabank, Warrens – 40274. You can also give via SurePay at a walk-in kiosk or using your online account. At SurePay you can make payments anonymously to the Moravian Church (*Account No: 1765-1768-0000, Name: Sharon Moravian Church*), or if you need your donations recorded for tax purposes and you have a box of envelopes; make payments to the Moravian Church (*Account No: 1765-1768-0-[your 3-digit envelope number], Name: Your Name*). Visit www.sharonmoravian.info/giving-monetary for these details.
8. Remember to listen to the Moravian Radio Programme: “Moravian Voice” on Thursday mornings at 9:30 a.m. on Life 97.5 FM.
 - 8.1. Our radio broadcast ministry Moravian Voice has been on the air for some 32 years, since Wednesday, July 18, 1990. We rejoice that we have been able to offer this ministry and we are thankful to all our listenership and all who hosted and provided content over the years. We are thankful to our congregations which faithfully sponsored the programme.
 - 8.2. We invite you to tune in for inspiration and information to enable you in your Christian walk and service.
 - 8.3. Moravian Voice will also be available on Instagram (www.instagram.com/moravianvoice/) and the YouTube Channel of the Moravian Church Barbados Conference (<https://youtube.com/c/TheMoravianChurch-BarbadosConference>).
 - 8.4. You can email your comments and requests to: moravianvoice@gmail.com



PRAYER NEEDS:



1. Our Shut-ins:

a. Sharon: *Sis. Aileen Bowen, Sis. Vernice Alberta Osbourne, Sis. Cynthia Walrond, Sis. Fraulene Headley.*

2. The Sick/Recovering: *Sis. Shanna King (USA), Sis. Brenda Herbert, Bro. Stephen Greaves*

3. World Peace



AVAILABLE (Through the Church Office):

† Offering Envelopes for 2025 – We invite each member of the congregation to receive a box of envelopes and thereby seek to faithfully support the work of the church. Please request that a box be provided for you if none has been provided as yet.

† Sharon Burgundy Shirts: Polos – \$30 / T-Shirts – \$15

† Copies of Sunday sermons on CD – \$2.00.

† Books:

☞ Rev. Neilson Waithe: Understanding the Caribbean Worker – \$25; Provocation – \$20.

☞ Rev. Dr. Winelle Kirton-Roberts: Created in Their Image: Evangelical Protestantism in Antigua and Barbados 1834-1914 – \$50.

☞ Rev. Dr. Joseph Nicholas: Baptism Is a Gift of God: As Such It Is More Than Water – \$35.

† Greeting Cards (\$2.00) and Prints (\$20.00) of a painting of Sharon Church.



Provincial Theme 2025:

“SHIFT: Reclaiming Our Identity, Renewing Our Purpose, and Re-Igniting Our Passion”

The focus for 2025 will be: Re-igniting our passion; for souls, service, and sustainability.

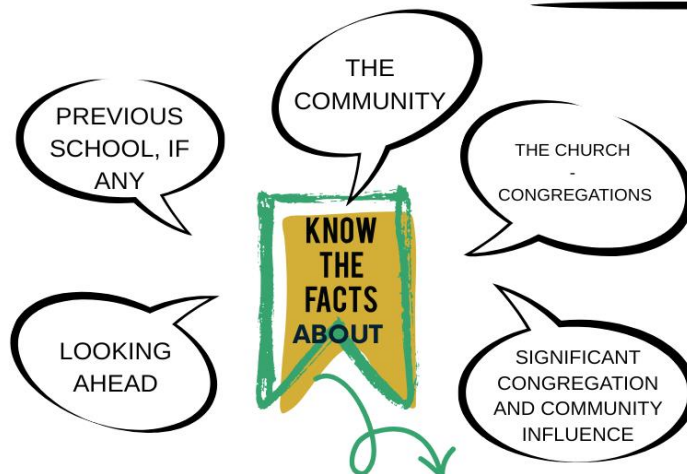
“Broadly speaking, renewing identity speaks of who we are as Christ-followers; renewing our purpose speaks to why the church exists; re-igniting our passion speaks to our willingness to share our faith with others. — Chairman of PEC



CELEBRATE OUR HERITAGE & HONOUR OUR HISTORY



OCTOBER 2025 - SEPTEMBER 2026



MONTH OF OCTOBER



- WEEK 1 - THE MISSIONARIES
- WEEK 2 - BUNKERS HILL
- WEEK 3 - CUSTOMS & PRACTICES
- WEEK 4 - EDUCATION

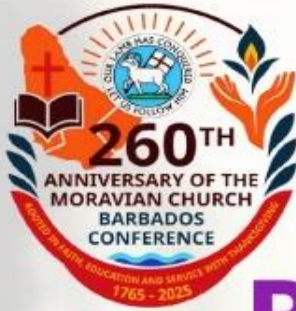
MONTH OF FOCUS FOR EACH CONGREGATION

- ❁ NOVEMBER - FAITH (2018)
- ❁ DECEMBER - BETHLEHEM (1964)
- ❁ JANUARY - PENUEL (1914)
- ❁ FEBRUARY - FULNEC (1894)
- ❁ MARCH - GRACE HILL (1882)
- ❁ APRIL - CENTENARY (1865)

- ❁ MAY - DUNSCOMBE (1860)
- ❁ JUNE - CLIFTON HILL (1841)
- ❁ JULY - CALVARY (1834)
- ❁ AUGUST - MOUNT TABOR (1825)
- ❁ SEPTEMBER - SHARON (1768)

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PURPLE SUNDAY

DONATION - SUNDAY

Purple Sunday, your generosity helps build a stronger Moravian community – one brick, one meal, and one child at a time.



Supporting Our Future – The Moravian Pre-School

Your donations will:

- Provide essential learning materials
- Provide suitable and safe furniture
- Support early childhood programs



Finishing the Conference Kitchen – A Table for All

Your support will:

- Purchase the materials needed to complete the kitchen
- Equip the kitchen for meal preparation and gatherings
- Help us feed both congregation and community with love

NOVEMBER 23RD 2025

MARCH 29TH 2026

AUGUST 30TH 2026



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Mount Tabor
Moravian Church
celebrates its
200th Anniversary and
invites you to a

GARDEN PARTY

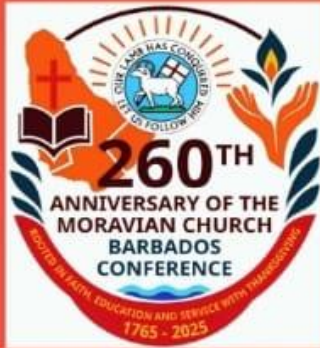
Experience The Atmosphere & Live
Entertainment

\$50 Admission

November 22nd, 2025
2:00p.m.- 6:00pm

Mount Tabor
Moravian Church
St. John

The Moravian Church Barbados Conference
presents



Christingle

2025

featuring

***The Moramus Singers of
Barbados***

Hallelujah Dancers

Mount Tabor's Sunday School

Nerys Thorpe - Flautist

Sunday, 7th December, 2025

5:00 p.m.

at

Mount Tabor Moravian Church

St. John.

\$25.00





TECH
FREE
SPACE



FREE
ENTRY

CELEBRATING 260 YEARS

Moravian FEST 260

UNPLUG AND PLAY

**DEC
12TH
2025**



06 PM
to **11 PM**

An evening of fun, games and fellowship

AGE 13 YRS - 40 YRS

VENUE: TBA