

The Methodist Church

Bailiwick of Guernsey Circuit

CIRCUIT MEETING AGENDA

The next Circuit Meeting will take place at St Martin's Mission Methodist Church on Wednesday, 23rd September 2009, starting at 7.30 pm. We very much look forward to welcoming you to the meeting and sharing in the developing of our Circuit life. If you are unable to attend, let Margaret Lewis, at the Circuit office, have your apologies no later than 21 September, please. We respectfully remind you that, in the event of a representative being unable to attend, only those substitutes appointed by Church Councils may attend and vote at the Circuit Meeting.

*Andrew Male Senior Circuit Steward
David Hart, Superintendent Minister*

The timings are suggested rather than prescriptive.

7.30 pm

08/73. Welcome, apologies for absence and notification of any other business.

08/74. Minutes of the meeting held on 25 June 2009 (attached)

08/75. Correspondence, greetings and pastoralia.

7.40 pm

08/76. Matters arising

08/76.1 Parochial rates levied on Methodist Churches (minute 08/68.3)
(Reverend David Hart)

08.76.2 Arrangements for worship on Liberation Day, 2010 (minute
08.68.4 (The Dean of Guernsey)

08.76.3 Appointment representatives to District Synod.

*Three vacancies now exist for people to represent us in the
District Synod, which meets once a year in April or early May.
For more details, talk to the Reverend Stephen Robinson.*

7.50 pm

08/77. The Mission and Ministry of the Circuit

*08/77.1 Recognition of those authorised to Preside at the Sacrament of Holy
Communion.*

THE GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD

Greeting and scripture sentence

Hymn No.382 – Let him to whom we now belong

A prayer of confession and declaration of forgiveness is said.

Collect

God our Father, you have invited us to share in the supper which your Son gave to his church to proclaim his death until he comes: may he nourish us by his presence, and unite us in his love; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 11: 23 – 26

Gospel: John 2: 1 - 11

A short reflection

THE RECOGNITION OF AUTHORISATION

The presiding minister says:

Sisters and brothers, in order that none of our people should be deprived of the frequent and regular celebration of the sacrament of the Lord's Supper, the Methodist Conference authorises Irene Day and David Hollingsworth to preside at Holy Communion within the life of this Circuit.

Those whom the Conference has authorised are invited to the front of the church. All stand. The presiding minister says to the authorised persons:

We recognize the joy and privilege that will be yours as you preside at the Lord's Supper. As you receive your authorisation I ask:

Will you exercise your presidency at the Lord's Supper under my direction?

Answer With God's help I will.

Will you be prayerful and diligent in your preparation for each service of Holy Communion at which you preside?

Answer: With God's help I will.

The presiding minister says to the Congregation:

Since Irene and David has been authorised to preside at the Lord's Supper in this Circuit, will you support them with your prayers?

Answer With God's help, we will.

The presiding minister says:

Let us pray: Gracious God, we give you thanks that on the night in which he was betrayed your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ, gave to the church the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Bless your servants in the duty and privilege now granted to them and strengthen them with the gift of the Holy Spirit; through the same Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The presiding minister reads out and presents the Conference's authorisation

Hymn Sheet - O thou who this mysterious bread didst in Emmaus break

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us now and always, Amen.

There will be short break

8.15 pm

08/77.2 – Sharing in New Wine and Healing on the streets – development of Circuit policy.(Reverend Paul Chesworth)

08/77.3 – Candidate for Presbyterial Ministry: Mr David Hollingsworth
David has felt the call of God to explore for ordained ministry as a Presbyterian in the Methodist Church. The meeting will hear his account of his call to this ministry, and then hear from members of the Circuit about his candidature, before being asked to vote on the basis of our knowledge of David's life and ministry and on what he declares before us as to whether we support this application.

08/77.3 – Churches Together 'Church Fair'; 18 – 19 September 2010.

08/77.4 – Ministry at MHA (Guernsey) Ltd. (Mr Andrew Male)

08/77.5 – Reception of reports of Circuit ministry and activities.

9.00 pm

08/78 Circuit Property Matters (Mr Clive Falla)

08.78.1 St Peter Port – Ebenezer: progress report and responsibilities of Circuit meeting as managing trustees(Mr Andrew Male)

08.78.2 Progress report on St Paul's renovation scheme (Mrs Sue Seymour)

08.78.3 Changes to property consents system (Mr Tony Reddall)

08/79 Circuit Financial Matters

08.79.1 Resolution to change the signatories of Circuit accounts (Mr Bob Harbottle)

08/80 Safeguarding policies and enhanced disclosures (Reverend David Hart)

08/81. Ministerial invitations: Report of the Circuit Invitation Committee (Mr Andrew Male)

08/82 Any other business.

08/83. Closing courtesies.

08/84. Date and place of next meetings.

The next Circuit meetings are arranged at Wesley on Monday 8 February 2010, Forest United on Thursday, 24 June 2010 (if required). We request St Paul's for Thursday 23rd September, 2010.

08/84. Closing Devotions (Reverend Stephen Robinson)