



*'For the beauty of the earth;
For the beauty of the skies,
For the love which from our birth
Over and around us lies:
Lord of all, to thee we raise
This our joyful hymn of praise.'*

F.S Pierpoint (1835-1917)

Circuit Bulletin June 2009

*Aiming to keep the Circuit connected,
informed and equipped for Mission*

The Superintendent writes:

Welcome to the summer edition of the Circuit Bulletin. Sometimes, people still say to me that they did not know what was happening in our Circuit. Well, here it is! The summer months is a time when traditionally churches take a 'breather' from the round of formal meetings and activities, but there's still lots going on. Please support the visit of the Methodist Youth Brass Band in August: as well as playing in worship around the Circuit, they will also be giving a major concert in St James, at Candie Gardens, in the Markets and at MHA Maison L'Aumone. Posters and flyers will be out in July.

God bless,

David.

The main decisions taken at the Circuit Meeting held on 25 June 2009:

- The Pastoral oversight of the Circuit from 1 September 2010 was agreed as follows:

Reverend David Hinchliffe, Chair of District and Superintendent Minister with responsibility for policy development and external relationships, and pastoral care of Les Capelles and Bordeaux.

New minister to be appointed – Responsibility for exploring discipleship and developing vocations, pastoral care of St Paul's, Wesley and Galaad.

Reverend Paul Chesworth – Responsibility for mission development, fresh expressions of church and pastoral care of Les Camps, St Martin's Mission and Rohais.

Reverend Carole Holmes – Responsibility for fresh expressions of church, work among children and young people and pastoral care of Forest United, Torteval, Les Adams and Delisle.

- Budget contributions for 2009/2010 through the Assessment Share Scheme were approved.
- The meeting approved various property matters, including a scheme to deal with some problems with the interior of St Paul's, and a re-structuring of the Circuit Playgroup Management. The Playgroup is based at Wesley, and operates four mornings a week in term time. The team of dedicated staff provide a vital service to the area for families.
- Annual appointment of Officers and Representatives – the following were approved:
 - a) Circuit Steward – Mrs Janet de Jersey appointed from 1 September 2009 for a period not exceeding 4 years

- b) As members of the District Policy Committee – Mr Andrew Male, Mrs Claire Teed and the Reverend Paul Chesworth
- c) As members of the District Synod - Mr M Le Poidevin, Mr M Le Tissier, Mrs M Lewis, Mrs M Penney, Mrs K Saddington, Miss J Vidamour, Mr M Ward, Mrs E Weston, Mr H Winterflood

There are two vacancies still to be filled – if you are interested then talk to one of the Circuit Stewards about becoming a representative to Synod.

Circuit Services

- 09 August at Forest United Methodist Church at 6.00 pm. The Preacher will be the Reverend the Lord Griffiths, from Wesley's Chapel, London. The Methodist National Youth Brass Band will also take part.
- Circuit Service of Thanksgiving at Les Cotils on Sunday 30 August at 6.00 pm to mark St Peter Port's final Act of Worship together.

Visit to Guernsey of the Methodist National Youth Brass Band

The programme for the visit to Guernsey 8 – 15 August 2009 of the Methodist National Youth Brass Band is nearly complete and will be forwarded to all churches when it has been finalised. In the meantime a request is made for the provision of one lunchtime meal by the churches to help defray the Band's costs and in an effort for the members of the group to meet people from around the Circuit. Please contact Rev'd Carole Holmes. Overnight accommodation and breakfast will be provided by Les Capelles. As part of its programme the Band will be playing at the Circuit Service at Forest United Methodist Church on Sunday 09 August at 6.00 pm, as well as at a Circuit Songs of Praise at Les Capelles on Monday 10 August at 7.30 pm. If you have a favourite hymn or worship song you'd like to suggest for inclusion, then let David know (241390).

Vacancy

A Director of Music is required from September 2009 at Les Capelles Methodist Church, to train the Church Choir and to encourage modern worship and music making within the Services. A full job description is available from the Minister, Reverend Stephen Robinson tel 257178 or email: rafiki@cwgsy.net

Special Service - On Sunday 30 August at 10.30 am there will be a special 'Choir Service' at Les Capelles led by the Reverend Stephen Robinson, to mark the retirement of Brian de Jersey after 30 years as choirmaster at Les Capelles.

Congratulations!

Congratulations to David Hollingsworth on being awarded a BA (Hons) degree from Anglia Ruskin University. The work was completed after taking up his ministry in Sark – so well done, David!

Training & Consultation Days

Stewards:

There will be a training/consultation event for all Church Stewards on Saturday 19 September 2009 at Forest United. The event starts at 10.00 am with training for new Stewards, and then existing Stewards are asked to come for coffee at 11.00 am. The event ends at 12.45 pm. All Church Stewards should aim to come, and the event will look at issues affecting all of the churches.

Pastoral Visitors: This training day for all those working as Pastoral visitors, or who are interested in exploring if they could do this work are invited. The event takes place on Saturday 15 May 2010 at Forest United. Please make a note in your diaries and further information will be available nearer the date.

'Godly Play Day': We hope that Carole will be leading a 'Godly Play' event in 2010. More details in the next Bulletin and look on the web site. Godly Play provides a really engaging, all-age and interactive way of exploring the Bible, and sharing faith.

Healing on the Streets (H.O.T.S.)

Seven people from Les Camps, Wesley and Rohais Methodist Churches began this ministry in Guernsey in March 2009. We meet every Saturday morning from 07.30 am – 11.00 am at La Mare de Carteret car boot sale, where hundreds of people meet to buy and sell. We offer prayer for any who need healing and we are beginning to see prayers answered. We hope to extend into town and we would like to become an inter-church team, working with you. If you would like to join our team you will need to come to our training weekend arranged for Friday and Saturday 02, 03 October 2009 at Les Camps. Mark Marx from the Causeway Coast Vineyard Church in Coleraine, N. Ireland and his team began this ministry five years ago and he will be coming to Guernsey to lead our training weekend.

Programme for the training weekend:

Friday 02 October

7.00 pm – 10.00 pm Session 1: Teaching and Q & A time

Saturday 03 October

09.00 am – 12.00 pm Session 2: Teaching, practical hands-on training and Q & A time.

12.00 pm – 12.45 pm Lunch at Les Camps Coffee Shop

1.00 pm – 3.00 pm Healing on the Streets

7.00 pm Evening Celebration. Worship, Teaching and Ministry. The evening will be open to all, not just those on the training weekend.

There is no charge for the weekend. The training is free, but free-will gifts will be invited on Saturday night to help cover costs. In addition, there will be a 24 hour sponsored table tennis event at Les Camps from 6.30 pm on Friday 21 August – 6.30 pm on Saturday 22 August. This will be in the Church Hall and will carry on during the Saturday morning Coffee Drop-In. Sponsorship forms should already be available in your churches. For further information on any of the above please contact Paul Chesworth on 239144 or 07781 449195 or email Paul on pchesworth@cwgsy.net

Book Review by Owen Bourgaize – Amazing Grace, the story of John Newton

At the March Local Preachers' Meeting there was an opportunity to share on the Lenten Theme. I mentioned I had been blessed in my own journey of faith by reading the recently published biography (from the Guille-Alles Library) of John Newton, the converted former slave ship captain and the author of the celebrated hymn, 'Amazing Grace'. I was so impressed that I wrote a short synopsis (about 3,000 words) of the book, 'John Newton: From Disgrace to Amazing Grace' by Jonathan Aitken, to help me remember the story and insights from it. I would be pleased to let others have a copy on application, by email or hard copy. (owenbourgaize@cwgsy.net / phone 253036)

Circuit Website

Please visit the Circuit website at www.methodist.org.gg to find out what is going on in the Bailiwick of Guernsey Circuit.

Circuit Diary		
July	1	7.00 pm – Churches Together Meeting at Les Cotils
	8	Circuit Stewards Meeting (for preparation of Minister's profile)
	14	7.30 pm Circuit Leadership Team meeting at Delancey Manse
	20	Morning – District Development Forum, Jersey
	21	9.30 am – Plan Making, Delancey Manse
	28	9.30 am Staff meeting at Delancey Manse
August	9	6.00 pm Circuit Service at Forest United
	10	7.30 pm Songs of Praise with Methodist Youth Brass Band at Les Capelles
	21- 22	24 hour sponsored table tennis at Les Camps in aid of the HOTS training weekend
	30	6.00 pm Circuit Service of Thanksgiving at Les Cotils – final Act of Worship for St Peter Port
Sept	8	12.00 noon Joint meeting with Anglican Clergy Chapter at Les Cotils
	10	6.30 pm Local Preachers' meeting at St Paul's
	19	10.00 am Church Stewards' Consultation, Forest United
	23	7.30 pm Circuit meeting at St Martin's Mission
Oct	2 - 3	Healing on the Streets Training Weekend at Les Camps
	7	7.00 pm Churches Together meeting at Les Cotils

The next Bulletin will be published in September 2009.

All items for inclusion should reach the Circuit Office, or Margaret by e-mail at home, by Thursday 10 September.

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