



*All good gifts around us are sent from  
Heaven above . . .*

Bailiwick of Guernsey Methodist Circuit  
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## **Circuit Bulletin September 2009**

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

Happy New Year!

September sees the start of the Methodist year, and in our Churches around the Circuit the activities and groups will begin to get back into gear after a quieter time in the summer months.

We recently held the Church Stewards' Consultation at Forest and despite the fact that the Churches in Carole's section were spending some time together on Lihou, all the Churches of the Circuit were represented bar two. As well as talking about the issues that are affecting our life as a Circuit, we also explored the funding streams that are available to help you realise the vision you may have for the future ministry of the Circuit. If you have a vision, an idea or feel there is some way you can offer something in your Church, then please talk to your Minister or one of the Church Stewards.

God bless

David

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### **Summary of the main decisions taken at the Circuit meeting on 23 September:**

- Paul Chesworth gave a presentation on some of the ecumenical initiatives he is spear-heading. These include Healing on the Streets (see the later reference in this bulletin about the training weekend), Island-wide Alpha course and Guernsey New Wine. The Circuit offered its appreciation for these initiatives, and encouraged Paul to continue to work with colleagues of the other churches to bring more good things about. Thank you Paul!
- The Circuit meeting voted 43-1 to support David Hollingsworth, as he offers as a candidate for Presbyterial Ministry. David spoke with passion and conviction of his call to ministry, which has been forming for some years but which has been brought to this point through his ministry in Sark. David will go forward to the District Committee in February and to the Connexional Ministerial Selection Committee in April. Please pray for David on his journey.
- The meeting heard from Andrew Male, the Senior Circuit Steward, of the progress being made on the sale of Ebenezer, Brock Road. The architects are hoping to have plans ready for submission to the Environment Department by the end of September, to gain outline permission to convert the Church into an apartment complex.

- The Dean of Guernsey spoke about the Churches Fair, to be held in September 2010. This initiative comes from Guernsey Churches Together, and is likely to be held at St James, with Churches and Christian organisations in the Island having an opportunity to 'shop front' their ministry. Look out for more details!
- Andrew Male reported the progress on appointing a new Minister to serve St Paul's, Galaad and Wesley from September 2010. The profile ('person specification') is complete and will be sent to the Connexional team in early October. The earliest that an appointment can be made is early November, with two further opportunities in mid-November and early December.

### **Opening of Methodist Homes for Aged (Guernsey) Maison de Quetteville – Saturday 17 October**

You will be most welcome to come and help celebrate the opening of Maison de Quetteville, by attending a special evening on Saturday 17 October at Les Capelles at 7.00 pm. It is anticipated to finish at around 8.15 pm.

Pam Rhodes (Patron of Methodist Homes UK) will be the special guest for the evening and will interview people associated with the building of Maison de Quetteville.

There will also be a short presentation on the life of Jean de Quetteville, after whom the Directors have named the project.

Music items will be provided by choir, organ and the Salvation Army Band (L'Islet) from 6.45 pm.

### **Training Days**

Healing on the Streets – Publicity for this training weekend which takes place on 2/3 October has previously been circulated around the Circuit. Further information about this initiative and the programme of training can be found on the Circuit website at [www.methodist.org.gg](http://www.methodist.org.gg)

Pastoral Visitors: This training day is for all those working as Pastoral visitors, or those people who are interested in exploring if they could do this work. 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 website. Godly Play provides a really engaging, all-age and interactive way of exploring the Bible, and sharing faith.

### **Warden Patrol!**

The Circuit still needs 2 more volunteers to go on a rota to do a weekly walk around Ebenezer Church for approximately the next 6 months. No specialist knowledge

required – just time in your week to pop in and walk around to check the building is ok. If you are interested please call Andrew Male on 242339.

### **Planning your meeting programme?**

Mondomundi, the Fair Trade shop in St Martin's invites you to hold one of your evening group meetings there. It is an opportunity for people to visit the shop, unhurried, learn more about Fairtrade, and taste and see the extensive range of Fairtrade products.

This could be open to any group of people interested. It is suggested that the meeting last no more than an hour or so including refreshments and numbers between 12 and 25. Further details from Steve Mauger on 728064 or email [stevemauger@cwgsy.net](mailto:stevemauger@cwgsy.net)

**Sark Methodist Church** Due to the success of the retreats this year, the church aims to host a number of spiritual and creative Christian retreats throughout 2010.

These long weekend retreats running from Friday to Monday are entitled 'Art and the Christian Faith'. Drawing, painting and pottery will feature throughout, and those on retreat will have the opportunity to either learn or further develop these activities. These particular retreats are available to Christian groups of up to 10 people, as accommodation is limited during the busiest times of the year on Sark.

Details of the available retreats for 2010 will be posted on the Sark website at the end of December 2009. Go to [www.ci-methodist.org.uk](http://www.ci-methodist.org.uk) (which has been updated this year) or [www.sarkmethodists.com](http://www.sarkmethodists.com)

### **For your prayers**

Congratulations to Michael Grimsley, formerly of Les Capelles Methodist Church, who has begun training for the Methodist ministry at Queens College, Birmingham. Michael's course is due to last for 2 years, so please remember him and all others entering training this term, in your prayers.

### **Tumaini Fund**

Thanks is extended to all who gave so generously at the Circuit Service held at Les Cotils on 30 August when £1,310 was raised for the Tumaini fund.

### **Circuit Website**

Please visit the Circuit website at [www.methodist.org.gg](http://www.methodist.org.gg) to find out what is going on in the Bailiwick of Guernsey Circuit. Any information, other than the usual church activities, which you think would be of general interest and could be included should be sent in the first instance to the Circuit Office.

<b>Circuit Diary</b>	
<b>Oct</b>	
<b>02/03</b>	Healing on the Streets training weekend at Les Camps
<b>07</b>	7.00 pm Churches Together meeting at Les Cotils
<b>15</b>	12.30 pm (inc lunch) Ministerial Staff meeting at Les Capelles
<b>17</b>	7.00pm. Celebration at Les Capelles to mark the opening of MHA Maison de Quetteville, with guest Pam Rhodes
<b>20</b>	9.30 am Plan making at Delancey Manse
<b>Nov</b>	
<b>10</b>	9.30 am Ministerial Staff meeting at Aldersgate
<b>11</b>	12.30 pm Network Autumn Lunch at Les Cotils
<b>19</b>	7.30 pm Circuit Leadership Team meeting at Delancey Manse
<b>Dec</b>	
<b>1</b>	12.30 pm Ministerial staff meeting at St Martin's Manse
<b>2</b>	6.30 pm Local Preachers and Worship Leaders meeting at Rohais
<b>2010</b>	
<b>Jan</b>	
<b>7</b>	12.30 pm Ministerial staff meeting at Delancey Manse
<b>12</b>	9.30 am Plan Making at Delancey Manse
<b>20</b>	11.30 am (subject to confirmation) Custodian Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes 2.30 pm District Development Forum at Crossways Centre
<b>22</b>	Network Festive Lunch at St Margaret's Lodge Hotel
<b>Feb</b>	
<b>1</b>	7.30 pm Circuit Property Committee, Rohais
<b>8</b>	7.30pm Circuit meeting, Wesley
<b>9</b>	9.30 am Ministerial staff meeting, Delancey Manse
<b>March</b>	
<b>4</b>	6.30 pm Local Preachers and Worship Leaders meeting, Wesley.
<b>April</b>	
<b>23</b>	Network Easter Offering Lunch at Les Cotils
<b>May</b>	
<b>15</b>	Pastoral Visitors' training day at Forest United

**The next Bulletin will be published in early December 2009.**

**All items for inclusion should reach the Circuit Office, or Margaret by e-mail at home, by the end of November.**

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