



The Methodist Church



Bailiwick of Guernsey Methodist Circuit

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

Lots of things happening around our Circuit so not a lot of room for me, except to wish everyone a very blessed, happy and refreshing Christmas. Please pass this bulletin round – there are still lots of folk saying 'I didn't know it was happening!' So please share this information and support the activities that are happening.

God bless

David

Training Days

Worship Conference; We are holding two weekend events this year, 19 – 21 March and 14 – 16 May. Over the two weekends, we will be running the Methodist Worship Leaders' course, a recognized programme of training for anyone interested in worship (which should be all of us!) but which is especially helpful to those who work in worship teams or worship bands. Whether you are experienced, newly appointed or just thinking about this exciting ministry, please come along. As well as the course, there will be workshops, discussions and refresher training for existing Preachers, Worship Leaders and anyone just interested in deepening their appreciation of worship, along with those who wish to explore their calling to be Worship Leaders and Preachers. Full details will be available in the New Year. We hope to include sessions on Messy Church, music for worship and lots more. Look for your copy of the brochure after Christmas.

Pastoral Visitors: This training event 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. The sessions will start with a session at 10 am for new Pastoral Visitors and Class Leaders. They will be joined at 11 am by existing workers and the event will end at 12.45 pm. Among other topics, we will be exploring pastoral care and spiritual support to those suffering from ageing illnesses, like dementia.

Godly Play: The Reverend Carole Holmes is going to lead a Godly Play 'taster day' at Forest on Saturday 24 April 2010. Lots of 'hands on' opportunities to learn about this imaginative and engaging way of discovering God's word. The day is designed for anybody who would like to discover more. Please let Carole know if you're coming, on 234105.

Les Capelles Methodist Church Youth Worker

We are looking to replace the Youth Worker to lead three clubs assisted by 2 session workers and a team of church volunteers. The enthusiastic and dynamic applicant will need experience in youth work in the 4 - 11 yr old age group and be available to work 10 hrs a week term time only. He/She will be expected to be organised and communicate effectively with all ages. For further details please contact Ann Graham on tel 256797. Letters of application to be sent to Mrs Ann Brouard, Le Pignon, Long Camps, St Sampson's GY2 4UQ by 21 December 2009 including the names of 2 referees.

Fransician Retreat

The Fransician Order are holding a three day retreat at Les Cotils from Monday 12th to Wednesday 14th April 2010. For more details, and booking information, please contact the Reverend Jan le Billon, Tranquillite, Clos Des Quatre Vents, St Martin, GY4 6SU. (e mail: revjanlebillon@newtelsurf.com).

New Minister designated

We are delighted that the Reverend Geoff Hayes, a Minister currently in the South Petherton and Crewkerne Circuit in the Plymouth and Exeter

District, has accepted our invitation to minister here from September 2010, subject to approval by the Methodist Conference. Geoff trained for the ministry at Wesley College, Bristol before moving to his present Circuit in 2003. He is married to Kathy who is a Deacon and they have two boys; Mathew and Ronan. Before entering ordained ministry, Geoff and Kathy served as mission partners in Haiti. Geoff will have responsibility for St Paul's, Wesley and Galaad. Please pray for them as they prepare to move to a new Circuit and be among new friends.

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. 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.

Addendum to the Circuit Directory:

The Trustees for the Bailiwick of Guernsey Methodist Church Purposes - This list was published at the back of the current Circuit Directory and should be amended to include the Reverend David Hart as an ex-officio member of the Trustees.

Circuit Diary	
Jan 2010	
7	12.30 pm Ministerial staff meeting at Delancey Manse
12	9.30 am Plan Making at Delancey Manse
17	Guernsey Churches Together Pulpit exchange (Les Adams, Galaad and Les Camps)
18 – 25	<i>Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity</i>
20	11.30 am Custodian Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes 2.30 pm District Development Forum <i>Both meetings, subject to confirmation, will be teleconferences.</i>
22	12.30 pm Network Festive Lunch at St Margaret's Lodge Hotel
24	Afternoon - Guernsey Churches Together United Service, Les Cotils
27	7.30 pm Guernsey Churches Together Meeting, Les Cotils

Feb	
1	7.30 pm Circuit Property Committee, Rohais
6	District Candidates Committee, Forest 10 am – 4 pm.
8	7.30pm Circuit meeting, Wesley
9	9.30 am Ministerial staff meeting, Delancey Manse
17	Ash Wednesday – Lent begins
	22 Feb – 07 March - Fairtrade fortnight
March	
4	6.30 pm Local Preachers and Worship Leaders meeting, Wesley
5	7.00 pm Circuit Playgroup ‘Open evening’, Wesley
9	9.30 am Ministerial Staff meeting, Forest Manse 12.00 noon Joint meeting with Anglican Chapter, Les Cotils
19 – 21	Worship Conference: Part 1 – venue to be confirmed
25	7.30 pm Circuit Leadership Team – La Molliere, Robergerie Lane, St Sampsons,
April	
2 (Good Friday)	Visit of the Vice-President of the Conference, Dr. Richard Vautrety: Les Capelles at 10.30 am.
4 (Easter Day)	Visit of the President of the Conference, Reverend David Gamble – Sark at 10.30 am and Galaad at 6 pm (Circuit Service)
4 – 7	Visit of the President of the Conference continues.
13	Plan making, followed by staff meeting, Aldersgate at 9.30 am.
16	District Alderney and Sark Committee, District Policy Committee and Ministerial session of Synod, Les Capelles, All day.
17	10.00 am Representative session of the District Synod, Les Capelles
23	12.30 pm Network Easter Offering Lunch at Les Cotils
May	
4	9.30 am Ministerial staff meeting, St martin’s Manse 7.30 pm Anglican Deanery Synod, Town Church
9 – 15	<i>Christian Aid week</i>
14 – 16	Worship Conference: Part 2 – venue to be confirmed
15	Pastoral Visitors’ training day at Forest United
19	4.30 pm Circuit Leadership Team, Les Cotils

The next Bulletin will be published in early March 2010. All items for inclusion should reach the Circuit Office, or Margaret by e-mail at home, by the end of February.

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