



Circuit Bulletin March 2009

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

'Jesus Christ is risen today – Hallelujah!'

Circuit Meeting held on 16 February 2009

For further details discussed at the meeting see copy of minutes on the Circuit website – www.methodist.org.gg

- Closure of St Peter Port

The Circuit meeting gave formal approval to the application of the St Peter Port Society to cease worship from 31 August and to the application for sale of Ebenezer, Brock Road.

- Finance

It was agreed to amalgamate the accounts for the Circuit Benevolent Fund and the Education and Youth Account with the Circuit General Fund, to be administered in future by the Circuit Treasurer. The Budget for 2009/10 was also approved but because the new assessment system was presently showing a shortfall it was agreed to refer back to Church Councils to rethink their bids.

- The Circuit as a whole is now registered as a Charity under the Charities and Non Profit Organisations (Registration) (Guernsey) Law, 2008
- Vacancies for Officers

Circuit Steward - nominations are requested for a Circuit Steward to replace Sara Gould whose term of office ends in August 2009.

Member of District Synod - There is one vacancy for a member of the District Synod, which meets once a year in April. Nominations are requested to reach Reverend David Hart by the first week of April.

Visit to Guernsey of the Methodist National Youth Brass Band

Nathan Falla from Galaad and Hannah, his wife, are co-ordinating a visit to Guernsey of the Youth Band from 9 – 16 August 2009. The programme of visits and events will be publicised on the Circuit website as soon as arrangements are finalised. Keep checking the site!

Circuit Service

The next Circuit Service will take place at **St Paul's Methodist Church** on Sunday 17 May at 6.00 pm and not at Forest - as indicated on the Quarterly Preaching Plan.

Chapel and Swastika: Methodism in the Channel Islands during the German Occupation 1940-1945 (Published April 2009 ISBN 978 1 906641 08 5)



David M. Chapman is a Methodist Minister and the author of two previous books on Methodist history and theology as well as numerous articles in academic journals. He has a doctorate in theology from the University of Cambridge.

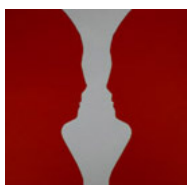
In *Chapel and Swastika* David Chapman tells the fascinating story of how Methodism fared in the Channel Islands during the German Occupation. Meticulously researched and illustrated with numerous historical photographs, *Chapel and Swastika* draws on a wide range of previously unpublished material, including contemporary records and diaries deposited in island archives.

This first major study of Methodism in the Channel Islands between 1940 and 1945 will be invaluable to anyone interested in Channel Island history.

Pre-publication offer: Available from bookshops in April, copies of the book can be ordered in advance of publication direct from the author at a cost of £10 each, post free. Please send cheque to Revd Dr David M. Chapman 23 Ryecroft Drive, Horsham, West Sussex RH12 2AW (Email: davidm.chapman@btinternet.com)

The author is giving a talk on 'Methodism during the Occupation' to the Guernsey branch of the Occupation Society on Tuesday 21 April at 7.30 pm at La Villette Hotel, St Martin's. All visitors welcome.

World Mission Conference - Christians and Muslims: Side by Side and Face to Face



We need to meet Muslims 'face to face' – so that we can learn more about each other. We also need to find appropriate ways to work 'side by side' alongside members of the Muslim community for the good of our society. This conference will address why it is vital for Christian mission that we engage in dialogue with our Muslim neighbours and work towards mutual understanding for the peace of our world – and the well-being of society in

Britain.

The Conference is sponsored by The Methodist Church, Methodists for World Mission, Anglicans in World Mission, Christian Aid and Christians Aware.

Venue: The Hayes, Swanwick, 5 – 7 June 2009. Keynote Speakers:

- Dr Ataulh Siddiqui of the Markfield (Islamic) Institute of Higher Education, LEICS.
- Mr Julian Bond and Dr Musharraf Hussain of the National Christian-Muslim Forum
- Ven. Michael Ipgrave, Archdeacon of Southwark and previously National Adviser for Inter Faith concerns for the CTBI

Reflective worship and bible study linked to the theme; workshops on a range of practical topics; drama... and more. For further information and a booking form contact Meg Bailey, 63 D Green Lane, Heaton Norris, STOCKPORT, SK4 3LH. Tel. 0161 432 3854 or Email: meg@baileymm.fsnet.co.uk or book online: www.mwm.org.uk

Sark

Sark Methodist Church is hosting a number of creative and spiritual retreats throughout 2009. David Hollingsworth has now set up a website for Sark on www.sarkmethodists.com as well as having created Sark virtual church on Facebook. For more details and information please email David at hollingsworthd100@yahoo.co.uk or visit the Sark website and also our Circuit website.

Circuit Website

The Circuit website is finally live at www.methodist.org.gg and most churches now have a representative nominated to update their part of the site. Future social events can be put on your individual church site, circuit social events section, or emailed to the Circuit Office to be put in the 'News' section.

Network News

On 10 June 2009 Circuit Network will be having High Tea at Les Cotils at 6.00 pm followed by a presentation by Pam Turner, former connexional Network President, on her visit to Latvia. We have made contact with some of the Latvian people living in the Island, who we hope will be able to join us. Please keep this date free. More information to follow.

St Peter Port Plant and Cake Sale

St Peter Port will be holding its usual plant and cake sale on Bank Holiday Monday, 4 May, at Les Cotils from 10.00 am until 12.00 noon

Biarritz Hotel – Jersey

“Christian Hospitality at its very best” - A special week for Islanders is being advertised at the Biarritz Hotel in Jersey from 25 April to 2 May 2009. Other offers are also available in May please see your church notice boards or contact 01534 742239 for details.

Circuit Diary		
March	16	Local Preachers and Leaders of Worship meeting, St Martin's Mission (tea at 6.30 pm followed by meeting at 7.30 pm)
	17	7.30 pm Circuit Leadership Team Meeting
	17	12.00 noon Staff meeting at Le Chene Manse
	27 – 28	Local Preachers' training event at Les Cotils – with Revd David Day of the College of Preachers
April	21	9.30 am Plan making at Delancey Manse
	21	Launch of David Chapman's book 'Methodism under Occupation'. Further details to be confirmed.
	23	7.00 pm - Churches Together Meeting at Les Cotils
	24 -25	District Policy Committee and Synod in Jersey
	28	9.30 am Staff meeting - venue to be advised
	29	12.30 pm at Les Cotils - Women's Network Lunch and Easter Offering Service
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May	04	St Peter Port - Plant and Cake Sale at Les Cotils 10.00 am – 12.00 noon
	13	Circuit Steward's meeting
	13/14	Visit of President of Conference Revd Stephen Poxon and Deacon Myrtle Poxon
	16/17	Visit of Vice-President of Conference Mr David Walton
	26	12.00 noon Staff meeting at St Martin's Manse
June	3	7.30 pm Circuit Leadership Team – Delancey Manse
	10	Network – presentation of Pam Turner's visit to Latvia, following High Tea at Les Cotils at 6.00 pm.
	23	12 noon – Circuit Staff meeting – Delancey Manse Local Preachers and Leaders of Worship meeting, Forest United (tea at 6.30 pm followed by meeting at 7.30 pm)
	25	7.30 pm – Circuit meeting - Rohais
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
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
	23	7.30 pm Circuit meeting at St Martin's Mission
Oct	7	7.00 pm Churches Together meeting at Les Cotils

The next Bulletin will be published at the beginning of June 2009.

All items for inclusion should reach the Circuit Office, or Margaret by e-mail at home, by Thursday 14 May.

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