



Les Adams

Keeping in Touch



June/ July 2015

The **Methodist** Church 

Dear Friends,

Over the past few weeks, I've been going to and from the UK for various reasons: a family break after Easter, the Convocation of Methodist Deacons in Derbyshire (an annual residential commitment for all deacons in keeping with our Rule of Life), and most recently, a short conference for Methodist ministers who have been in ministry under 5 years (yes, I'm still a 'toddler' in ministry terms!). On each occasion, I return home and, despite having lived here for just under 2 years, it always is 'coming home'. There's the moment when you open the door and everything is just as you expect (unless I've been away on my own!) and immediately all is easy and familiar. And then the prospect of washing, ironing, stocking up with food begins again...

In the book of Ezra in the Old Testament, we find the Jewish people coming towards the end of spending years away from home – their exile in Babylon. Then they are permitted to return home and a time of reconstruction, both physical and spiritual, is ahead of them. Returning home was a time to be joyful, but also to accept a new challenge: to be part of the community re-aligning themselves with God through re-building the temple and then reaffirming their dependence on God and seeking to be an obedient community of faith. In the past few weeks, we have been thinking about occupation, evacuation and liberation – both on Sundays and in the many events that have made up the commemoration and celebrations of the 70th Anniversary of Liberation. I imagine that many memories of home-coming, being in strange places and the challenge of returning and facing struggles as well as joys, have been in our thoughts and reflections. How good it is to know that ultimately we can find our home with God! Just like the parable of the lost son in Luke chapter 15, we can always be assured of receiving a warm and loving welcome from our heavenly Father. As we head in God's direction, he will come running towards us, arms open wide.

Every blessing

Sian



Little Bears

This month we have been learning about planting and growing and as well as planting some sunflower seeds, we sat in the growing area and looked at lots of books about planting and growing and bugs and mini-beasts. The weather has been very kind to us and we have made good use of the lovely outdoor area we have.



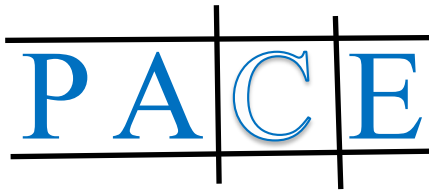
We have also been talking about people who help us, including teachers, police, fire fighters, doctors and nurses and dentists.



We are looking forward to our half term break to have a rest before the last half term before big school !

Enjoy the sunshine !

Karen



Since 1991 PACE have been creating opportunities for children to explore the Christian faith

We work in Guernsey schools, with children and young people from 4 – 19 years of age.

We have six experienced schools workers who have contact with hundreds of children every week. Working alongside teachers, we lead assemblies, lessons, clubs, prayer spaces and any other practical way we can support schools.

We aim to present Christianity as a vibrant faith by sharing from the Bible, stories and personalities, of which many of the children may never have heard.

We seek to show the relevance of Christianity in the world today.



ASSEMBLIES

Primary school assemblies are usually based on Bible stories, with a relevant message for the young people taught from the scripture. We often invite students to take part in acting out the stories or involve the whole school in an interactive interpretation of the Bible passage. At the end of each term the ever-popular PACE puppets make an appearance, and we have been graced with the presence of several real-life super heroes over the years!

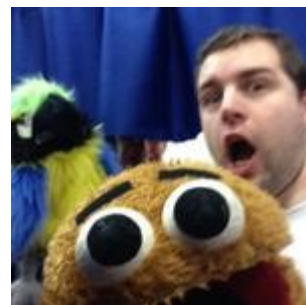
Secondary assemblies usually address moral and social themes on which we give a Christian perspective. Drama, videos, music and quizzes are some of the ways we use to engage with the students and encourage them to think about the topics being addressed.

CHURCH VISITS

This year we have visited quite a few churches to share the message of what we do in schools. We have delivered a message of sharing God's light into this world. We have looked at Liberation and the fact we are free to share this message in schools. We still have lots of churches to visit. If you would like us to visit your church, please do get in touch using the details below. If you would like to get involved with our work practically then please do get in contact with us.

Should you wish any of the schools' workers to speak at your church, in a service, or youth groups and mid-week group or prayer meetings please give us a call with plenty of notice! Email or call our mobile on 07781 122402 to book a visit. We can talk on a specific subject and the work of PACE.

Oscar's mission at Easter was successful! Using the help of three friends, he found three reasons why we celebrate Easter with a chocolate egg. We encouraged the children to remember the real reason behind Easter during the holidays. Oscar didn't stop there though... he even went to visit some of the children during a family visit at the prison. They really enjoyed seeing his mission (& balloon animals)!



PACE Drop-In: Since Easter, the team has been unpacking the Easter story and what it means for Christians. They have been using the 'Four Points' for discussion.

♥ God loves us.

We have sinned. X

✝ Jesus died for us.

What is your choice ?

Prayer Points

- For the PACE Team to make good connections with new teachers in senior positions at the secondary schools.
- For the PACE Team to hear clearly from God about what work they should pursue in the future in the schools.
- To find a suitable, and gifted member of staff for September.
- For RE Inspired to inspire the teachers and churches in Guernsey, and to see Religious Education enhanced from this initiative.
- For St Andrews school as they prepare to close: that the teachers find new work, and the students settle into their new school easily. For all the other schools as they take on more children due to this closure.

A BIG THANK YOU! To everyone who has helped in anyway to make this year as successful as it has been! We really couldn't do it without you!

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UPCOMING EVENTS...

Our AGM will be held on 8th June, at Les Cotils Centre, and will feature a presentation from an organisation from the UK called RE Inspired. This organisation seeks to support schools with their Religious Education lessons, using the support of local churches. We are also in the process of seeing how we can work alongside RE Inspired. Please do come along on the 8th, at 7.15pm for a 7.30pm start, to hear about this organisation and an update on our work. It would be great to see you there!



Les Adams Methodist Church

Thursday July 2nd 7.30 pm

A Musical Evening

The Guernsey Fellowship Singers

Accompanied by Natalie Mc Lagan

Conducted by Molly Thompson

Always a wonderful evening listening to this Choir

Everyone very welcome

Refreshments will be served



Did you attend Les Adams Sunday School

or another Sunday School ?



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you

LES ADAMS METHODIST CHURCH

SUNDAY JUNE 21st 2.30 pm

TRADITIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL PICNIC



Re live those happy days



Come and sing the old favourites

Jesus bids us shine

Wide, wide as the ocean

Zaccheus was a very little man

Jesus loves me, this I know

God make my life a little light

And more !



Enjoy a typical Picnic Tea

Sandwiches, Guernsey Biscuits,

Cakes, Jelly and Ice Cream

This will be a fun afternoon

Do not miss it !

Names please Eileen -- 264194

Diary

Preachers for June

- June 7th Victor Lane
- June 14th Fellowship Request Service
- June 21st 10.30 am Keith Le Parmentier
2.30 pm Sunday School Picnic
- June 28th 10.30 am Rev'd Mark Street
Holy Communion



Preachers for July

- July 5th Mr David Lees
- July 12th 11 am Circuit Celebration at Beau Sejour
- July 19th Deacon Sian Street
- July 26th Sandra Gallienne



Forthcoming Events

- June 21st 2.30 pm Traditional Sunday School Picnic
- June 28th 5.15pm Section Service at Fort Grey
- July 2nd 7.30 pm Fellowship Singers

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