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Sunday 14 August

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PRAYER POINT

Circuit Facebook Prayer of the Week (Katie Norman)

When you pray, God listens.
When you listen, God talks.
When you believe, God works.
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Methodist Church Prayer Handbook, Day 14

The United Church of Canada, Guatemala, Mexico, Nicaragua and El Salvador, the United Methodist Church in the USA and the East Anglia District

Christians Together in Jersey – Mutual Intercessions

This month: those on whom we rely for health care

This week: Communicare and the ministry of Revd Mark Bond and Rev Danny and Deacon Sally Wheadon

ROLLING DIARY

Thursday 18 August, 7.30pm

- Georgetown Concert, Jersey Academy of Music International Summer School

Friday 9 September, 6.30pm

- First meeting of the new Alpha course at Rev Danny/Deacon Sally's Manse

Thursday 15 September, 7.30pm, Ebenezer

- Circuit meeting at Ebenezer

Saturday 17 September

- Synod in Guernsey

Thursday 22 September, 12.45pm,

- Gentlemen's lunch at the Biarritz Hotel

REV JENNY – A THANK YOU

Thank you from the bottom of my heart for the wonderful and lovely messages we've had from everyone across the circuit, the very moving cards, the generous gifts and the lovely best wishes everyone's given us. We've loved being here and will miss you all very much but as it is in Methodism, I'm sure this isn't the end and our paths will cross again I've no doubt.

Thank you once again. With love, thanks and lots of prayers, Rev Jenny

ALIVE AND WELL??



Dear Friends

It was so lovely to see so many of you at the "Alive and Well??" away day. It was a spirit filled discussion and a significant amount of information was gathered from people's contributions. The plan going forward is to send a feedback booklet to church members and ask that your church councils and church leadership teams discuss this further. Some guiding questions will form part of the booklet. I shall then arrange two shorter gatherings (after most church councils have taken place) in the autumn. One gathering will be a circuit prayer gathering and the other a discussion session.

Please continue to join me in praying for the circuit and the Island's communities, that we hear the guidance of the Holy Spirit in all our endeavours.

Yours in Christ

Dawn

The Rev'd Dawn Saunders

*Chair of The Channel Islands District
& Superintendent of The Jersey Circuit*

The Methodist Church

As part of the away day there were two group walks from Bethlehem along St Mary's green lanes to Belfry Cottage, where John Wesley himself preached on 23 August 1787. Members from our various churches mingled and renewed friendships in the perfect sunshine. After a few prayers, where the role of John's mother Susana was also acknowledged, the groups moved on to the prayer garden



THE ST MARY'S COMMUNITY PRAYER GARDEN

Thanks to the 'A Team' of Neil Fauvel, sisters Elizabeth & Mildred Dorey, husband and wife Richard & Vivienne Dorey and led by Deacon Sally Wheadon, the unpromising site has been beautifully transformed into an oasis for all to enjoy while also providing pollinator plants for the bees and a haven for wildlife. Mike Picot paused to admire it on the way back to Bethlehem chapel.



CONFERENCE 2022

Please share this with the office holders and members of your Church and Circuit. This can be read online and downloaded from www.methodist.org.uk/conference

Conference Business Digest

A report for local churches about the business of the 2022 Methodist Conference

The 2022 Methodist Conference, held in Telford: Presbyteral Session 23-24 June; Representative Session 25-30 June.
www.methodist.org.uk/conference

Election and Induction of the President and Vice-President

On Saturday 25 June, the Revd Graham Thompson was elected and inducted as President of the Conference, and Anthony Boateng as Vice-President. In his Conference address, Mr Thompson focused on the theme for the year of The Greatest Commandment. Mr Boateng's address was entitled 'Revival: The Methodist Dream' and emphasised the need to revive the Wesleyan fire.

You can read both addresses in full here:
www.methodist.org.uk/presidential-addresses-2022

Reception into Full Connexion

During Conference worship, 20 presbyters and three deacons were received into Full Connexion on Sunday 26 June, along with four presbyters by transfer and two presbyters by reinstatement and transfer. Later that day, ordination services took place in four churches in the vicinity of Telford.

Candidating Process

The Revd Dr Roger Walton, who had chaired the review group, presented the proposed new three-phase process to the Conference. The Conference adopted the new process, noting that it aims to be simpler and shorter, while allowing space for exploration and discernment. The necessary revisions to Standing Orders will be

brought to the 2023 Conference and the new process will begin in September 2023.

Pension Schemes

The Conference received an update on the pension schemes, and, in particular thanked those Methodist bodies which had contributed so generously to the Pension Reserve Fund following the appeal made at the 2021 Conference. It agreed to increase the circuit contribution rate for the Methodist Ministers' Pension Scheme to 29.5% from 1 September 2023, with the shortfall during 2022/2023 being paid from the Pension Reserve Fund.

Joint Advisory Committee on the Ethics of Investment (JACEI)

The Revd Dr Stephen Wigley, Chair of JACEI, presented the Committee's report to the Conference saying that due to world events, challenges remain acute and as pressing as ever for the investment community. This year's developments for the Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church include a revised policy on Israel and Palestine, mining and other extraction industries, and increased engagement with banks including HSBC. A memorial urging further engagement with HSBC bank was accepted.

Methodist Homes (MHA)

The acting Chief Executive of MHA, Mr Dan Ryan, presented its report to the Conference, drawing attention to the considerable impact that Covid has had on residents, staff and families and the need to create connections with people in different ways. Mr Ryan thanked everyone for their support, care and compassion and said how this time is a significant moment for care, both in terms of staffing and funding. He said they will champion their sector and called on people to support their #FixCareForAll campaign, make links with local MHA services, consider becoming a rep and continue to pray for MHA and the work they do.

Methodist Diaconal Order Rule of Life

The Conference approved a new Rule of Life for the Methodist Diaconal Order, which had been reviewed and revised following the adoption in 2019 of the report, *The Theology and Ecclesiology underpinning the Diaconate and the Methodist Diaconal Order*. The new Rule is anchored more explicitly in the Scriptures and gives clear expression to the commitments contained in the ordination service liturgy. It has been developed collaboratively, working through the deacons' area and regional groups as well as the Convocation.

Marriage and relationships

The Conference received a Faith and Order Committee report on marriage and relationships. The Conference resolved that the 1992 Conference Statement on A Christian Understanding of Family Life, the Single Person and Marriage should no longer have the status of a Conference Statement, bearing in mind the considerable changes in society and in the Church, the growth of understanding of human relationships and human sexuality, and the decisions that the Conference has made over the past thirty years. The Conference directed the Faith and Order Committee to bring a report on singleness to the 2024 Conference and to report to the 2025 Conference on whether any further work on marriage and relationships is required.

Covenant Relationship between the Church and its Ministers

The Revd Paul Wood, Director of the Ministries Team, presented the report on the Covenant Relationship between the Church and its Ministers. The Conference adopted the Commitments and Expectations and directed that they be printed in the Guidance section of CPD, and resolved that these commitments should be affirmed annually, beginning in the MDO Convocation and the Conference in 2023.

Local Lay-Pastors

Following the decisions of the 2021 Conference to establish the office of Local Lay-Pastor, the Conference adopted a set of competencies for the role. The Conference also adopted a new section of Standing Orders which define the office, making provision for the appointment of people to it, their training, support and accountability as well as termination of the appointment.

Anniversaries

The Conference marked the 250th anniversary of the birth of Hugh Bourne, one of the founders of Primitive Methodism, and the 150th anniversary of the foundation of Southlands College which opened in Battersea in 1872 as a training college for women teachers and is now part of Roehampton University. The Revd Paul Davis, the Interim Chair of Methodist Insurance, addressed the Conference to mark the 150th anniversary of Methodist Insurance. He talked about the formation of the company, set up to protect Methodist Churches from fire. He told representatives that they have consistently given profits away, to date giving away over £1.75m. They have worked with the All Churches Trust (as the Benefact Trust) and since 2016 have given £11m to 236 churches. £50,000 has been donated to All We

Can be used to alleviate the trauma suffered by those affected by the war in Ukraine.

Action for Hope

The 2021 Conference, seeking to build on past work, and with a renewed sense of urgency, agreed an aspirational target to become a net zero Church by 2030. The Council reported to the Conference that it had received a report which set out a plan of action for reaching that target. This plan is designed for the Church to work and measure progress on reducing carbon emissions, focusing on key areas of assets, wisdom and lifestyles. The Conference also received a number of memorials in this area, which will be taken into account as the work continues.

Forces Board

Alongside receiving the annual report of the Forces Board, the Conference welcomed the new Chaplain-General and Deputy Chaplain-General to the British Army, who are both Methodist ministers and the representatives of chaplains in the other armed forces. The Chaplain General, the Revd Michael D Parker, thanked representatives for the welcome and told representatives: "You as the Conference send us to do this work and to station us. Both we and the wider defence community thank you for your ongoing support. We ask that you will pray with us sometimes but pray for us all the time."

Justice, Dignity and Solidarity (JDS)

The Conference received the report from the shadow JDS Committee, which updated the Conference on the progress so far with the Strategy for Justice, Dignity and Solidarity. The Conference adopted Standing Orders to establish the new JDS Committee, and also received a summary report from the JDS Scrutiny Group. During the Conference communion service, an Act of Repentance was shared. This liturgy will be offered to Districts and Circuits later in the year.

Oversight and Trusteeship

The Conference considered the Oversight and Trusteeship proposals. The Revd Dr Jonathan Hustler opened the presentations, emphasising that not all the discussions have resulted in agreement and that while changing structures will not in itself make the Church more effective in mission, it should free it from what holds it back. The wide-ranging proposals were put before the Conference in order to reflect more accurately the size of the Church and to reduce the burden of administration on Districts, Circuits and churches. The Conference agreed to reduce the size and duration of

the Conference, with effect from 2024. It also agreed to establish a new trustee body, the Connexional Council, which will replace both the Methodist Council and the Strategy and Resources Committee; it will be the charity trustee body and will have general control and management of the connexional administration of the Methodist Church. With around 20 members, the Connexional Council should be small enough to be nimble and flexible and large enough to have different views and balance. The amendments to the Deed of Union to enact this are the subject of a Special Resolution, upon which consultation will be sought with the Synods and the Law and Polity Committee before being brought back to the 2023 Conference.

The Conference declined to receive proposals which aimed to reduce the number of districts and subsequent resolutions were withdrawn. The Secretary of the Conference told representatives that a number of districts have already started work on boundary changes and these will be considered by the Methodist Council. Dr Hustler said that discussions with representatives will take place over the summer and it is hoped these will enable new and imaginative ideas to be explored as the Connexion discerns the way ahead.

The Conference received a report on the work undertaken so far in respect of all the connexional committees, and in particular it received proposals to establish a Nominations Committee for such committees to ensure that those appointed have the right skillset, as well as representing the diversity of the Church. Work is also continuing on the discernment processes for senior roles, and will report to the 2023 Conference. The Conference received a report from the Faith and Order Committee which offered some reflections on Oversight, Trusteeship and Leadership, and directed the Faith and Order Committee in consultation with the Ministries Committee to bring a report on the role of the District Chair to the 2023 Conference.

The Conference noted that, following the decisions of the 2021 Conference, work has continued to support the creative examples of local church governance such as multi site churches. There have been conversations about online church arrangements, and the Conference directed the Faith and Order and Law and Polity committees to consider the issues involved in establishing and operating an online church, and to report to the 2023 Conference.

Wales Synod Cymru

The Conference endorsed the establishment of a single new Synod for Wales, in place of the Wales Synod and

Synod Cymru. The new Wales Synod Cymru, which will be bilingual, will come into being on 1 September 2022.

3Generate

3Generate, the annual Children and Youth Assembly of the Methodist Church, had a successful first year at its new venue, the National Exhibition Centre in Birmingham. Following Covid, significant work was undertaken to build confidence in attendance, with 750 young people participating, supported by 250 leaders. The resolutions put before the Conference were based on Covenants made at 3Generate. The Conference agreed to encourage Circuits to explore a range of worship styles which include open discussions about faith and celebrating intergenerational learning, to urge circuit staff teams to review how young people under the age of 23 might be more intentionally and actively supported to consider their calling and be guided onto relevant pathways, and to encourage Church Councils to include the question 'how can we make our church a more praying church?' on their agendas.

Budget

The budget was presented to the Conference by the Connexional Treasurer the Revd Tim Swindell and the Director of Finance and Resources, Mr Matthew Tattersall. Mr Swindell told the Conference there were financial consequences of not supporting the district review proposals. Whilst the Connexional Team budget is making cuts of £1.4m over 5 years, these will not be sufficient and therefore the cut in District Assessment in 2023/24 needs to be postponed. The Conference adopted the budget and the district allocations of the assessment.

Notices of Motion

The Conference expressed its concern in the following areas:

- Healing ministry and neurodiverse conditions;
- Ukraine;
- Transportation of asylum seekers;
- Churches of sanctuary;
- Support for disposal of property;
- Fossil fuel.

Memorials

Memorials are messages from Circuit Meetings and District Synods to the Conference. They play a vital part in enabling the Conference to hear and to respond to concerns from across the Connexion. This year, the Conference considered and replied to 22 memorials on topics including work with young people, ethical investments, connexional levy and property

improvements, IT provision for ministers, Council Tax rebate for energy costs, Living Wage, Israel Palestine, Korea, Tenant Farmers, climate change and energy efficiency, and safeguarding.

President and Vice-President designated for 2023-2024

The Conference designated the Revd Gill Newton to be President and Deacon Kerry Scarlett to be Vice-President of the Conference 2023/2024.

Appointments

The Conference made a number of appointments and reappointments, including:

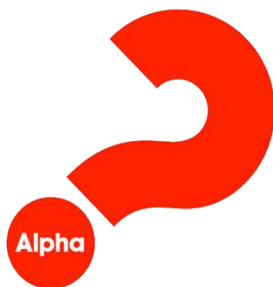
The Revd Sonia Hicks as Chair of the Methodist Council from 1 September 2022.

The Revd Mark Rowland as Secretary of the Faith and Order Committee from 1 September 2022.

The Revd Andrew Charlesworth as Chair for Wales Synod Cymru from 1 September 2023; the Revd Philip Gough as Chair for the Lancashire District from 1 September 2022; the Revd Loraine Mellor as Chair for the Cornwall and Isles of Scilly District from 1 September 2022; the Revd Dr Andrew Lunn as Chair for the Bolton and Rochdale District from 1 September 2022; the Revd Helen Cameron as Chair for the Nottingham and Derby District from 1 September 2022.

CURIOUS ABOUT FAITH? - ALPHA COURSE

Alpha is a series that explores the basics of the Christian faith in a welcoming, open and friendly environment and Rev Danny and Deacon Sally are running a course in the autumn. It's free and there's no pressure or follow-up. At each session you'll hear different topics on Christianity and have time to chat through any thoughts. You can say anything you like or nothing at all. Everyone's welcome. No matter your background or beliefs, you're invited.



Fridays, 6.30 – 9.00 pm from 9 September to 2 December (an evening meal is provided)

Away Day: Saturday 5 November, 9.30 am – 5.00 pm

Venue: 4 St Mary's Village, St Mary JE3 3BQ

For more details or to book a place please call Deacon Sally on 07797 737877 or 491877 or by email sally.wheadon@methodist.org.uk.

DEACON SALLY'S GRADUATION



On 9 December 2021 something happened that up until six years ago I would never have thought possible - I received an email which confirmed once and for all that I had been awarded a BA Honours Degree in Theology, Ministry and Mission from Durham University. When I say I didn't think it was possible, it wasn't simply because very few people in the village where I grew up ever aspired to a university education but, moreover, because I didn't think that I had the level of intellect required to complete a degree level course. And admittedly it wasn't easy. Although I loved attending college residential weekends and Easter School, as someone who left school more than thirty years ago, writing the assignments was the cause of much angst and often floods of tears, particularly in the early days.

Time and time again, much as Moses questioned God's ability to provide meat for the Israelites in the wilderness, I found myself questioning God's ability to get me through the course. And every time God's answer was the same as it was to Moses - Is there a limit to my power? (). And indeed there is no limit to God's power. With the degree completed, Danny and I were privileged to attend my graduation ceremony in Durham Cathedral in June of this year.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO INA

The photo was taken after the service on 31 July with members

gathering from Bethlehem, Bethesda and St Ouen over a faith lunch at Bethlehem to celebrate Ina Christison's 90th birthday. Ina is a long-standing member of Bethlehem.



PICKLES - GRADUATION



At the end of each school year Ebenezer organise a graduation ceremony in church for all the children leaving Pickles followed by a leaving party in the hall.

Deacon Sally came to share in the fun, and hopefully most will re-join for Pickles Plus in the autumn. 😊





Georgetown Methodist Church

Thursday Night is Music Night!

Our 219th Concert



Thursday 18 August, 7.30pm

**Tutors and students
of the International Masterclasses
directed by **Ukrainian Viktoria Grigoreva****

**No tickets required,
retiring collection to the **Bailiff's Ukraine Appeal****

THE MADDOXES AT WEMBLEY

The Maddox family from Ebenezer were fortunate enough to get tickets for the Euro finals at Wembley Stadium and soaked in the atmosphere as they witnessed 'in person' the Lionesses beat Germany to win the Euros. As you can see, they were dressed for the occasion and it was smiles all round!



GENTLEMEN'S LUNCH

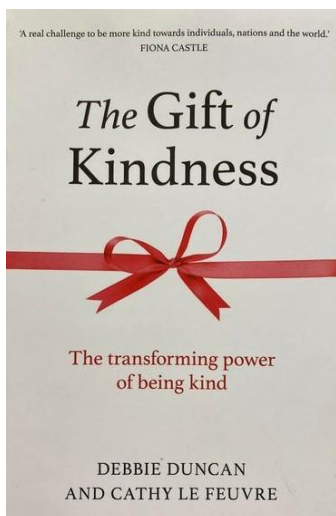


The first Gentlemen's Circuit lunch on 20 July proved a great success, so much so that they want to hold another one! Gentlemen, please put in your diaries Thursday 22 September, 12.45pm at the Biarritz.

We will try and book perfect weather again for the perfect view!



THE GIFT OF KINDNESS



Cathy Le Feuvre, well known to us from her career at the BBC, has just written a book with Debbie Duncan, which she will be talking about at **St Helier Methodist Centre** on **Sunday 14 August, 6.00pm** at **New Song** (all are welcome!).

Acts of kindness have the potential to make the world a happier place. If someone is kind to you it can boost your confidence or increase your happiness. But kindness cannot be faked. It is much deeper than just 'being nice'. To have real impact, kindness needs to become a lifestyle choice. We need to actively choose to be kind every day if we want our lives to mirror the qualities of Jesus. Interweaving Biblical and

scientific insights with real life stories and pointers for practical life application, Debbie and Cathy explore what kindness really is and how it has the power to transform us and others. The book is available on Amazon - £9.99

SUMMER FAMILY DROP-IN, SHMC

After initially having a disappointing response to their holiday club, Ellen and Sally pivoted to organising a family drop in on 1 and 3 August and they were delighted with the response. Altogether 22 families came along, including 9 new families. The other families the ladies knew from their toddler groups.

They were thrilled to have this support from their regular families and they all had fun! Something for everyone.



PRIDE OF JERSEY AWARDS: Community Champion of the year



Amy Britton, the ‘very dedicated’ community worker at Ebenezer, has been nominated by 2 mums for one of the Pride of Jersey awards. They described her as a ‘truly selfless and amazing lady’ and the ‘happy, friendly and patient manager of a popular parent and toddler group [Pickles and Pickles Plus] . . . She knows

what it is like to go to a group as a new mum – it can be scary – and so she welcomes everyone with open arms and makes them feel at home’. The nominators described how Amy went out of her way to provide activities for children to do at home during the pandemic. Some of the children’s craft work was sent to their senior citizen friends at Generations, which she also launched. Generations meets monthly, mixing primary school children and older folk for music, craft and quizzes. Voting will begin at the end of the summer for Pride of Jersey nominees and you may like to consider Amy in the **Community Champion of the Year** category.

And the children of Pickles enjoyed their end of term beach party!





Invitation

WI Jersey Federation Climate Change Forum

The WI has a proud history of taking action to protect the environment.

Over the years the WI has cleaned up our beaches, stood up for the honeybee and campaigned for wide areas of special beauty. In recent times, this concern for our natural environment has seen members rally against climate change.

1918 The very first WI resolution passed for a 'sufficient supply of convenient and sanitary houses, being of vital importance to women in the country'

1971 Plastic on the Environment Campaign – called for research into 'the production of disintegrating plastic bags.

2015 The WI launched Our Natural World. 'We are Sisters of the Planet; we are Global Citizens

2016 Food Matters Our campaign to reduce food waste and tackle food poverty

2018 In a Spin - How our laundry is contributing to Plastic Pollution

2020 Founder member of the Climate Change Coalition

10th September 2022

9.30pm to 3.30pm

Venue St Lawrence
Church

10am-11.50am Guest Speakers

**Deputy Jonathan Renouf
Minister of the Environment**

Climate Change How did we get Here?

Nigel Jones JIT

Jersey in Transition and Climate Change

**Jane Burns
Sustainability & Climate Change
Engagement Manager**

Gov.je and the Climate Emergency

Climate Change Stands

11.50-12.30

1.15 -2.45 Workshops

WI & Local Environment
Deputy Jonathan Renouf

WI & Food Matters

WI & Recycling Plastic
Louise Carson Journey to Zero Waste

WI & Keep Jersey Tidy
Jane Burns Ecoactive

WI & a Green Economy
Nigel Jones JIT

You can choose 2 workshops

Cost for the Event £10.00

Contact wi.jersey@yahoo.co.uk

