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## 'Its Showtime' at the Arts Centre



Bradley Delap was the compere for the show on Sat. March 5<sup>th</sup> in front of a full house. Groups from all parts of the Circuit were involved in this lively show.

Beverly Waller was the main organiser with help from many others including Steph Cormack-Dexter, the Circuit Children's and Youth Work Development Officer. The stage was festooned with stars and all came on stage for a final number. More photos and stories in the centre pages

## The President in Jersey



**Rev. Alison Tomlin speaking at Georgetown**

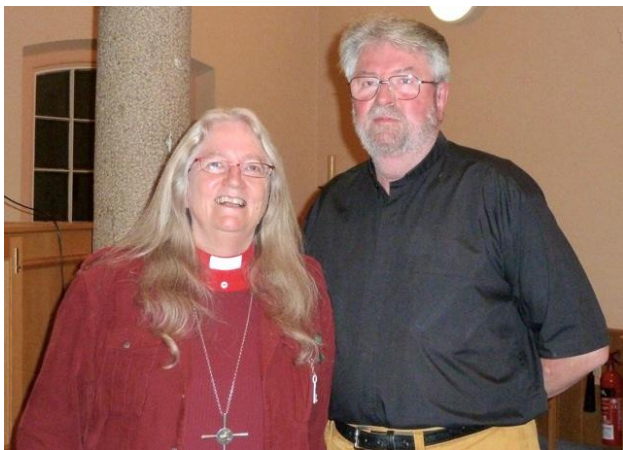
Having spent 4 days in Guernsey the President of the Methodist Conference, Rev Alison Tomlin, accompanied by her husband, Dave, arrived in Jersey on Sunday 3rd of April. The following day, having given an interview to the JEP, we were received by Governor and Mrs Ridgeway, and in the afternoon by the Bailiff, Mr Michael Birt. Both were welcoming and gracious, and a good conversation was had. Having then met with a group of 20 ladies from Network, the President was guest of honour at an evening 'Audience with the President.' She took questions from some of the 90 people present, including the Acting Dean, Rev Geoff Houghton and Deputy Jeremy Macon. Both these meetings were held at Georgetown and were happy and informative events.

On Tuesday we visited the prison and were warmly welcomed by the Chaplains, Rev Henry Le Ruez and Rev Sally White. Henry showed us around the prison and the deputy governor gave us some of his valuable time. Lunch was had at the Hospice, where a guided tour followed, and then on to Messy Church at Philadelphie Methodist Church. In the evening they attended a Lent Group studying with eleven others from La Rocque and Georgetown Methodist Churches the subject of Gifts of the Spirit from the York Course "Rich Inheritance".

On Wednesday, after an interview with Jersey radio, and some shopping, they returned home. We are deeply appreciative of Alison and Dave's visit. There were plenty of opportunities for them to meet people, and also witness the work of 2 of our chaplains. They have given us much to think about and encouraged us to listen to God and have the courage to go where he leads.

### **Graeme Halls**

#### **An audience with the President**



**Rev Alison Tomlin and husband Dave**

A good number of people from round the circuit enjoyed an evening with Alison Tomlin at Georgetown on April 4th. Seated round tables with drinks and nibbles we opened with "Jesus is Lord", a prayer, a reading from Luke 14 of the parable of the Great Feast and Charles Wesley's hymn 'Jesus - the name high over all'

Then Alison was fitted with a roving microphone and she first presented a candle from Conference to embody our link to the wider church. She also gave out a card with an imaginative picture by Mary Fleeson of Lindisfarne, with her theme 'Listening to God' printed on it. Alison was ordained in 1984, after 3 years study for a good theology degree, the last year counting as her probationary year.

The most common question she was asked in her first year in circuit was by people who said 'I can't pray'. She went on a course with Gerard Hughes but she came to realise that people meant that they couldn't pray in the way that they thought other people prayed. Alison said that people can pray when taking the dog for a walk, while dancing, standing up, lying down and many other ways, basically listening to God.

When her husband David was also ordained there was the prospect of flexible half-time working. She found some circuits regarded full time as being available 24/7. She managed to get a definition of full-time as on average 50 hours per week with flexible half-time being 20 to 25 hours a week.

Her year has involved travel abroad, mainly the Asia region such as Papua New Guinea, Singapore and Palestine. She has been to State events such as the Pope's visit meeting him in Edinburgh and Westminster and met the Bailiffs and Governors of both Jersey and Guernsey. She has been to civic events such as the TUC Congress. She has visited forces chaplains and was excited to get a ride in a Chinook.

She has been glad to meet many ordinary Methodist people who are showing the love of God in their communities. She was glad to be interviewed by the JEP. She has found some reporters have their own antagonistic views, just looking for the quote they can highlight.

Rev. Geoff Houghton, acting Dean of Jersey, remarked that he felt he was among

friends and asked Alison about relations between churches. She said that when people got together at grass roots it goes well but there are still problems with some people's ministry not being recognised. However she gave the example of a listed Anglican church with no water supply and an ugly modern Methodist church in a village, working together and involving the local primary school in a powerful witness.

Alison was keen on the work being done about fresh expressions of church but said that good traditional worship also drew people in. The Youth Assembly has a fulltime President for a year's term of office. Arrangements for meetings are made by Facebook.

Alison said that she challenged George Osborne's claim that benefit fraud cost £5bn. £3.5bn was due to official error! There are many who really needed support.

Alison said that the Methodist church needs to learn to stop doing some things it has often done to make room for new initiatives. For example much Methodist worship goes on in midweek at a time that suits the local situation. Churches have combined to have one church council for a group of churches and a joint treasurer, who may be paid.

She said that from time to time there is a worry about a lack of ministers in training, but God has always done new things, and stations are filled. It is very welcome that we have ministers from the World Church serving in UK, including a minister from Brazil coming to work in Guernsey. The Methodist Church worldwide is growing strongly.

It was a battle to get chaplains accepted for the Olympics but they are now in place. Chaplains are widely welcomed in sports clubs and in supermarkets like Asda, though not in Waitrose. The Olympics may encourage ventures through the 'More than Gold' initiative.

**Ed Le Quesne**

## **Visit of the Vice- President, Deacon Eunice Attwood, Thursday March 31st**

Eunice writes "Another first for John and I as we visit Jersey. We stayed with Rev Billy & Pauline Slatter who we last saw over twenty years ago when John trained as a Methodist Minister alongside Billy.

Our first visit was to a Housegroup to engage in conversation over rather delicious cup cakes. We talked and prayed together discussing the specific challenges of sharing the gospel here in Jersey. It was great to hear of the Circuit being willing to reflect on their future mission and strategy together.

Next Billy and I visited Sister Ruth Baudains (see photo below) at her home at Avalon. It is always a treat to meet a retired deaconess and be very aware of their continued prayerful support of the Methodist Diaconal Order.



### **Jersey Women's Refuge**

Visiting a Safe House always leaves me with mixed emotions whilst appreciating the fantastic work done, and this Project was exceptional in every way. It is always incredibly sad to be aware of how many people's lives continue to be damaged through domestic violence.

The Safe House seeks to provide-

A caring and safe environment where all women suffering abuse and their children are welcome.

A place where you are encouraged to realise your strengths and take control of your life.

A relaxing positive place for you to have space away from the abuse to discuss your options.

The Refuge staff were passionate about their work and very grateful for the huge amount of support they receive from local churches including Methodist churches.

### Grace Trust, Jersey



All the way to Jersey to meet a man from Chester-le-Street! This is Gerry Padden, General Manager of the Grace Trust, Jersey. Established in 1999 Grace Trust is a registered Charity, embracing Christian principles and providing both practical and personal help to some of the most vulnerable and needy in the island. Every Saturday a community lunch is served for the homeless, addicted, lonely and depressed. Groceries are distributed, furniture is supplied and regular outreach work occurs in the park where many vulnerable people regularly gather.

An inspiring project has also emerged called the Parklife Choir formed by the vulnerable men and women from the park, who meet to sing and now perform uplifting songs. It was great to discover this choir. We also have a similar Project in Newcastle called Recovery Rocks, formed by men and women recovering from alcohol addiction.

### Youth rep

Meeting Emma Hunter was good fun, she is one of the new Youth reps to Methodist Council. She is off to London soon to receive some training from Jude

Levermore and will attend her first council meeting in September.



### St Aubins Methodist Church Youth Club

Liz in the centre is the energy behind this Youth Club where young people meet from all over the Island to chill out together over food and games.

This information comes from Eunice's blog on the Methodist Church website [www.methodist.org.uk](http://www.methodist.org.uk). She packed much into her day in Jersey!

### April Circuit meeting

The meeting opened with the sad news of the death of Ernest Quenault. After opening devotions led by Rev Gill Daniel, on Ezekiel 37, can these dry bones live?, the meeting split into small groups with members from the same part of the circuit considering a set of questions about the future of the circuit. It was part two of a Circuit Consultation called 'All in this together'. There was no shortage of ideas for the leadership team to consider. This took 40 minutes before we moved to the business.

John Le Gresley reported that Bethel and Sion are being prepared for sale. He thanked the ministerial staff for their devoted work and also commended the outreach provided by our 5 Youth and Community workers. They are searching for new recruits for the Stewards team. In thanking Jill Corbin and Sue de Gruchy for their admin work as secretary and treasurer he reported that Jill had decided to retire,

which will be a big loss for the circuit.

Rev Liz Hunter was granted £5000 towards a Bible Society project to distribute an audio version of the New Testament to every household in the Island in the autumn to celebrate the 400th anniversary of the King James Bible.

Rev Billy Slatter gave an enthusiastic presentation of the potential of 'More than gold' as a mission opportunity for the Island. The first meeting will be held on Tuesday 5th July at RJA Showground, Trinity showing the potential impact of the 2012 Olympics. An exciting programme is being planned. With 2 votes against a sum of £10,000 was agreed to support this initiative. It comes from the CMTF (Circuit Model Trust Fund) formerly known as the Advance Fund.

It was agreed that we should try to maintain £150,000 in our general reserves, about 6 months expenditure. The audited accounts for 2010 were adopted and Sue de Gruchy went through the budget for this year and next. It suggests we run a small deficit, using up some of our large reserve. Assessments will increase for some decrease for others. Sue was warmly thanked for her work.

Balance of Sion funds (£18,700) was transferred to the circuit but ringfenced for 5 years for possible use by the congregation of Sion now worshipping at United Reformed Church. Treasury and War Stock from Sion was transferred to the Circuit

Funding was approved for one-third of the cost of a lay worker at Ebenezer, provided the District approve one-third and the church raises one-third. A person has not yet been appointed.

One-third funding was agreed for a further 3 years for Mrs Bev Waller as Community Link worker at Georgetown, increasing her hours to 15 per week. She has made a big impact on the community around Plat Douet School.

The title of Stephanie Cormack-Dexter's job was changed from BB/GB

Development Officer to Circuit Children's and Youth Work Development Officer to reflect more accurately what she does.

It is hoped that Rev. Paul Smith will visit Jersey on 10th/11th March 2012, with preparation in churches from January and a circuit morning service at St Helier Methodist Centre.

Marcia Lee was recommended to Synod for appointment as a trustee for Jersey Methodist Church Purposes. She replaces the last original member of the Trust, Peter Luce, who will stay on as an adviser so that his legal experience and wisdom is still available to the TJMCP.

The meeting approved a grant of £20,000 to St Martins towards the £110,000 cost of the development of their Hall and ancillary rooms. A full and exciting vision for the development was provided. Billy Slatter predicted that the work would be complete by the time the circuit meets there on October 6th, slightly later to give time for the accounts to be finalized.

The meeting closed after 9.30 with thanks for retiring officers, including Billy Slatter and John Perkins as circuit tutors and Jill Corbin as secretary and with prayer for restored health for Christine Legge.

**Ed Le Quesne**

### **London visit**

Kali Lewis and Alana Kavanagh, of the Jersey Girls Brigade and leaders Carole Weir and Island Commissioner, Ann Marett, will travel to London to form part of the procession for the Royal Wedding. They will be part of the uniformed organisations who line the route taken by the VIP's, members of the Royal Family and the bride and groom.

## **Barbara Jacobs, Minister's Assistant**



### **Barbara introduces herself**

I became a Christian at the age of fourteen in my home town of Croydon.

At eighteen I joined the Queen Alexandra's Royal Army Nursing Corps as a student nurse leaving some years later to get married.

I moved to Jersey with my husband in 1968 and after the birth of my son I returned to nursing with the States of Jersey Elderly Services from which I subsequently retired after 26 years.

I am currently working part time for the Jersey Cheshire Home and through my membership of St Martins Methodist Church I am also now working as a Ministers Assistant in the west of the island.

### **Barbara describes her work**

Having been in post as Minister's Assistant for a couple of months I have travelled many miles up and down narrow lanes and roads I have never driven down before in all my 43 years on the island.

The post was created to enable members of the Methodist church to be visited in their homes or residential care homes in order to assist ministers as it was felt this part of their ministry had been put under pressure.

I have met many people who have

taken various paths as they have aged requiring different needs for care and independence and who have such wonderful stories to tell. I was privileged to see a well preserved book written one hundred years ago on Methodism in the island with pictures of some of our churches standing gloriously as they still do today.

These Christian men and women have enriched my life in many ways and I pray my visits have been of benefit to them.

## **News from the Isle of Man**



On March 20th, **Nicholas and Joy Owen** paid a weekend visit to Jersey, nearly a year after they first left. Before preaching on the Sermon on the Mount at the evening service he conducted at Georgetown, Nick spoke about Methodism in the Isle of Man and kindly sent me a copy of the powerpoint with statistics compiled to present to the two short-listed candidates for that Island's Chair and the IoM circuit representatives.

He said that till recently there were 3 circuits and 8 ministers on the Island Now there is a single circuit but it is more like 8 sections with no shared vision. There are 33 church buildings - many in need of modernization - 12 have no toilet ( in one case you have to go to the house of neighbour! ) and half have no vestry The picture Nick gives is of a disproportionate number of very small chapels with limited facilities. Some churches believe that decline is inevitable, and acceptable if change can be resisted, with a general

feeling that the best days are behind them

Mission plans are largely non-existent at church level with pastoral oversight spread too thinly. Congregations often as small as 3 do not generate the spiritual warmth to attract new people, while Bible study and prayer do not feature in many churches

The circuit's expenditure exceeds circuit income by £30,000 per annum. Some manses are in poor condition and need significant expenditure to bring them up to required standards. The circuit advance fund has been depleted by expenditure that is not for capital assets or for mission.

There are also problems of Sunday worship. Out of 33 churches;

- only 20 have a morning service
- only 13 have a Sunday School
- three do not have a Sunday service every week
- only five have a trained worship leader
- only one has a listed worship contact

Overhead projectors exist in very few churches.

Against this rather depressing set of statistics the Isle of Man are conducting interviews to find a new Chairman to serve from Sept 2012. The Rev. Ian White, well-known to us in Jersey is overseeing the appointment process on behalf of Conference. Nick says that there are some good people in the churches but they are lacking a vision of a church engaged with its community and with a positive agenda for growth.

Before he left Jersey last year, Nick

said that he felt he had a calling to return to the Isle of Man. He has already been appointed a circuit steward and will no doubt play an important part in helping the Isle of Man circuit to find a new sense of mission. Nick is not discouraged and believes that the appointment of a new District Chairman will mark a revival in the fortunes of the Church. Our prayers are with them.

The new Chairman's name was released to all churches on Sunday April 3rd. He is Revd Richard Hall, currently Superintendent Minister in the Penrith circuit. Richard has been a minister since 1988 and is married with two grown-up children.

**What's in a name?** Pat Tourtel writes

I came across one of Lionel Blue's Thoughts for the Day which I have been reading at night. This short thought made me laugh so much I was still chuckling as I put out the light and lay down.....

There was a Jewish guy who saw a Far Eastern gentleman in a city restaurant. He was out of sorts, so he picked up a plate of noodles (as one does when one feels like that) and poured it over the Chinese gentleman. "That's for Pearl Harbour", he said. "But I'm Chinese, not Japanese," said the oriental. "Chinese, Siamese, Japanese, what's in a name?" said the Jew.

As he went to pay his bill, the Chinese gentleman suddenly hit the Jewish guy over the head with a salami. "That," he said courteously, "is for the sinking of the Titanic." "But," shouted the Jew, "the Titanic was sunk by an iceberg." "Greenberg, Goldberg, iceberg, what's in a name?"

.....This came at the end of one of the Thoughts entitled 'What's in a Name' where he was bewailing his own name, writing about names in the Bible and Christian names etc. but I couldn't stop laughing and I'm still laughing now!

## It's Showtime

The opening song was 'Come and join the celebration' with all on stage and audience singing too. The audience were invited to take photos.



**St Martins Youth Club - presented a sketch** called 'The Sower' with Angus Stuart-Smith, Andrew Pallot, Alex and Chloe Lowndes, Hannah and Lydia Higginson

### St Helier Methodist Centre – songs

The Youth Group from St Helier Methodist Centre sang 'Memories' from Cats and 'Tomorrow' from Annie. They are Emma Hunter, Chloe Gilmour, Nonsikelelo Hawe, Chumba Kafilo and Nanneke Boxhall.



### Georgetown Girls Brigade – The Lion King

The girls chose the song 'The circle of Life' from The Lion King. They worked on the movements and costumes themselves. Their ages range from 4 to 17 years. Hannah McNaney, Jessica Coates, Allana Kavanagh, Hannah Tadier-Mogan, Rachel Driscoll, Amber Moody, Kali Lewis, Naomi Cranie, Tilly Holcroft, Caitlin Bonnar, Shannon Cavanagh, Jessica Shum, Atlanta Wood, Tammy Phookkhao, Myah Langley, Grace Roberts, Emilie Bresset, Tayah Vasse, Liddy Bone, Rosie McDonald, Emma Lawrence, Jasmine Walsh, Mia Richardson, Amy Larkins, Michaela McNaney, Tegan Coutanche, Sara Phookkhao, Ashleigh-Mai Gaston, Maddison Dootson, Kerri Banks, Josie

Little, Kaysi Lewis, Hannah Morgan, Aneka Renouf, Anita Travers, Lucy de Sousa, William and George Waller



### St Martins Methodist Sunday School

The groups from the Parish of St Martins had less numbers than usual due to a clash with a Parish event. Chloe, Alex and Ben Lowndes and Freddie Layer performed a poem – 'Please Mrs Butler' and a song – 'Great, great, brill, brill'

### Bethlehem Methodist - The Prodigal Son



The Prodigal Son was a sketch performed by members of our Church youth group, including compere Bradey Delap shedding his bowtie for a pair of braces, as the father with two sons.. Danielle Connan was the prodigal, welcomed back with a ring. It was a freeze frame sketch, adding into it snippets of music and adverts (as the prodigal dreamed of home) to spice it up!

Cast: Nikita and Danielle Connan, Bradley Delap Thomas Webb, Amie Townsend

### Georgetown Girls Brigade – We are the camping kids

The girls enjoy camping as part of their activities in Girls Brigade. Camping is a great way of learning to be part of a team, to be self-sufficient and to have the experience of being away from the comforts of home. Once the date has been set to camp, it doesn't matter what happens with the weather, the group will have to survive in those conditions –

Great fun! Great experiences! Great memories!



**Lighting the campfire**

**How much clutter? Audience participation!**

A sackful of surplus items was collected

**St Martin's Girls Brigade – dance**

The girls chose the song 'If I were a butterfly'  
Juliette Cullinane, Lily Heslam, Leanne Carroll, Tegan Parker, Rhiannon Le Maistre, Emelia and Poppy Sargeant, Jenny Romeril, Ruby Mahoney, Amelia Mc Cartney, Alys Williamson, Christina Mallett, Beth Cooper, Taysie Ascroft, Daisy Summerfield, Anna Simon, Leah O'Brien, Scarlett and Phoebe Sargeant, Charlotte Pope, Summer Rapley, Renee Falle.

They all sang well but Charlotte Pope( front right in this off-stage photo) stole the show with her impromptu actions.



**St Martin's Girls Brigade – dance**

All the way from the World Cup with 'Wave the flag' – Juliette Cullinane, Lily Heslam, Leanne Carroll, Tegan Parker, Rhiannon Le Maistre, Emelia and Poppy Sargeant

**Solo – 'Reflection**



A young person gets some make-up on before singing. She was supported by family members

**Puppets**

Bethlehem puppets - The New Disciples Puppet Team was formed in 2005 with a purpose - Not just to entertain, but to deliver the Christian message in a visual and exciting way, with an appeal for all age groups. Nikita and Danielle Connan, Bradley Delap, Thomas Webb and Amie Townsend  
Georgetown puppets –

Our puppeteers all attend the Sunday Activity Group and are a much younger group of children, who have been together for less than one year.

**Finale Reach for the stars the girls on stage sang first two verses then all sung along)**



This is the team that made it all happen.

Di Le Maistre, Mary Rive, Ann Marett, Bev & Hugh Waller, Janine and Gary Godefroy . with Steph Cormack-Dexter at the front.

Rev.Graeme Halls ended the evening by thanking all who took part for a memorable show

## Carole-Ann Egre



**18th June 1959 - 6th February 2011**

Carole-Ann had an unstinting faith in the God she loved and who loved her. Her Bible remained by her side throughout her illness and she would have been more than happy for God to have been spoken about at her funeral service. What she wouldn't have been quite so comfortable with was the sharing of her story.....because Carole-Ann never thought about herself. Her first thought was always about other people. When she was ill and you visited her she would always ask after your family, the activities here at church, your anxieties....never once did she complain about her illness or what was happening to her. Never once did she have a bad word to say about anyone or anything.

And that attitude was been reflected throughout her whole life. If anyone could be described as the perfect wife and Mum then Carole-Ann was that person. She never bought anything for herself but would spend the money on her family instead, they were the most important thing in her life and she often said that she felt that God's purpose for her was to have children. Carole-Ann fought her first battle with cancer and came

through it to be Mum to Jo, Steph and Eddie at the time when they needed her most. They are a tribute to her and wherever life takes them they will take something of Carole-Ann with them.

The word faith is central when we think of Carole-Ann. Her own faith journey began at Eden Methodist Chapel where she grew up in the Sunday School going on to become a Sunday School teacher herself and later Sunday School Superintendent. More recently she had been a member of the church family at St Helier Methodist Centre and brought her love and gift of music to the Worship Group there. Carole-Ann learnt to play the piano as a child, sang for several years with Les Conteurs and sang in a quartet with her sister Rosie, aunt Jackie and good friend Betty Clare. The way in which she sang her faith was an inspiration to many people.

A true Jersey girl Carole-Ann loved this island, never taking its beauty for granted, appreciating each day and each season for its variety. She loved everything about the farming way of life and enjoyed helping out on the farm and she loved her garden.....sitting out there on the swing seat when there was a moment or two to relax. Times for relaxation didn't come that often but when they did if they weren't spent in the garden or with her dog, Deefa, Carole-Ann would be at the beach, enjoying a swim or time in the boat. It was life's simplest things that gave her the greatest pleasure.

And it is perhaps the straightforward things about Carole-Ann that have left their mark on every one who knew her - her lovely sense of humour, her smile, her friendship, her love, her faith.

**Liz Hunter**

## Samares news

What's going on with the most southerly church? Having closed the year with a free Christmas gift wrapping service one late night shopping evening in King Street we launched the New Year with a great New Year's Eve party held in the chapel.

The year is set with challenges as we welcome new people into the fellowship and look creatively at how we are doing things and where we might be going. We are slowly making new contacts in the estates around the Le Marais/Le Squez area through Rosie (one of our members) and Hannah joining the leadership of Le Squez Youth Club. We are involved in school assemblies, have run holiday clubs as well as having the occasional pastoral moment, and the more we can use the facilities in the area the more we can meet up with people.

In the meantime we have set a target of raising £10,000 by 1 September in order to develop our outreach. There has been a lot of fun in the creative energies as we have tackled this one. A breakfast club has started with different members of the congregation taking responsibility for arranging a breakfast, lunch or afternoon tea and charging their guests £5 for the pleasure of eating it all. Then the men of the church, see photo below, led by restaurateur Mario Reis (one of our Church Stewards) created a fabulous 3 course evening meal for over 60 guests who were invited to pay what they thought the meal was worth. £1,000 was raised that night through the loving generosity of supportive guests. There will be more ideas as the spring rolls into Summer!



But we are not just about ourselves so we sent a strong team to the swimathon to participate for the first time this year. The reward was a lavish breakfast before the Sunday service began. Well they did swim at 8am...

Our children and teenagers are a real joy and we are so glad that our young people have become part of the St Paul's Church discipleship evenings each Wednesday. Then they have cakes and Wii games at St Paul's on Sunday afternoons. They still

meet on their own on Monday fortnights. It is good to see them occasionally becoming part of St Paul's evening worship where all the young people sit together.

Where do we go from here? Two big issues form the focus of our prayer and concern. One is the way in which we replace Hannah later in the year and the other concerns the development of an outreach project. We will very much value the prayerful support of the Circuit that we may discern the right path for us to travel. In the meantime we hold on to our verse of the year:

*Those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint. (Isaiah 40:31)*

**Henry Le Ruez**

## The Valley of Bones (based on Ezekiel 37:1-14)

The battle is over  
The valley is still  
The silence of the aftermath  
Is left to God's will

The sun-scorched bones  
There is life to restore  
The silent wind will enter  
and explore.

The Spirit returns,  
The bones rattle.  
The breath is returning  
The wind is fulfilling  
God's will  
Putting life into their spirit  
So they can return to their home  
The land of Israel  
The Lord hath spoken  
His good work is done.

*Mandie Christie*

*Samares Methodist Church*

**Written on April 10<sup>th</sup> in a "multi-stream" service (where the Bible lesson is looked at in different ways; Mandie was in the "Art" stream) when one of the lessons was from Ezekiel 37.**

## Lent lunch

When Sion Methodist Church closed its doors last Summer, some of the members had mentioned that they would like to keep together and one way that was suggested was to continue the fellowship by working together to provide a Lent Lunch as part of the St. Johns Group Of Churches, at a new venue. The Les Freres Centre has this year become a community centre for Youth Work in the Circuit and for the use of The Boys Brigade and The Girls Brigade. It was also hoped to provide an opportunity for parishioners and other groups to see our newly refurbished premises and its facilities and opportunities for further use, including Archery which was available as a Taster Session on the day.

On 2nd April we were thrilled to open our doors and although none of us had said what we were making we had six different flavours of soup on the menu which we served to visitors from various churches and friends from St. John. It was all served in our lovely newly refurbished dining - kitchen area. The event was very successful with generous comments, and opportunities to reminisce about the premises and its history , as well as having a go at archery and also making a new booking for the premises.



### Gordon and Muriel Cobden at lunch

A big thank you to all those who made the fantastic soups, to those who helped in the kitchen, to the Boys Brigade Gordon and Muriel Cobden and Mick Humphreys for the Archery and to those who supported the event making a grand total of £175.00 to be donated to Christian Aid. This amount also included monies from the collection at the Methodist Circuit Service held at St. Ewolds on the previous Sunday.

The event must have been reasonably successful for a first attempt as we have been asked to hold another one or even maybe two next year, so if you didn't get the opportunity to join us this year watch out for the dates next year and a chance to join us here at Les Freres with the Sion Fellowship. Thanks also to Richard and Rosemary Dupre and the Lent Lunch Committee who put their faith in us, hope we didn't let you down.



A busy dining hall

Joan Streets

## Services at St. Ewolds

We keep been made aware of the fact that there is a growing elderly population. Many in this age group have grown up with a deep faith and in many cases have been bought up going to church three times on a Sunday and as they get less mobile they are unable to attend their local church.

At St. Ewolds Residential Home we have been fortunate to be able to use the parish minibus with its wheel chair access to take residents to Sion Methodist and then to the United Reformed Church with the support of Michael and Edith Le Cornu. We also meet the spiritual needs of the clients by visiting other churches and holding services inhouse.

All this has been done on a ecumenical basis as all are welcome to participate and share their faith and reminisce as we sing favourite hymns in the services. We also have the fortnightly hymn singing organised with Tesson Chapel.

However the residents' greatest wish was to be able to have a Sunday morning service in the home so that even the nursing residents and those who found the journey in a wheel chair too much could take part.. We had been discussing this and very kindly Nola Webster and John Perkins agreed to support the initiative. John took one in September and Nola in December. Now with the kind support of the Rev. Graeme Halls and the Circuit we have organized four services this year.

Autumn 18th September with John Perkins  
Winter 18th Dec with Nola Webster.  
**Joan Streets**



### **John leads with Catherine playing**

The first of these was held on Sunday March 27th with John Perkins preaching and Catherine Baudains playing for the hymns which had been chosen specifically for the residents. One of the residents read the lesson. We had a packed lounge at St. Ewolds with residents, friends from Sion Methodist Church and the United Reformed Church, and families sharing the fellowship. One of the highlights was for me, the fact that one resident, a local preacher for many years, who had not been well was able to join the service and sang along to the hymns and renewed old acquaintances. We do welcome friends to join us at our next service if attending church is no longer practical due to mobility limitations.



### **Joy Potts and Joan Streets**

The feedback has been that this is a really positive innovation, a great way to grow the faith ecumenically, allowing the residents to rekindle that spiritual link, and feel part of the wider church family in Jersey. Also providing an opportunity for residents to share a service with their families, and to forge more links in the circle of life. People can be a bit apprehensive of 'residential care' for their loved one, but a positive service like this shows the homely, family, friendly environment that is prevalent at St. Ewolds and many other care settings in the Island.

Special thanks to John and Nola and Catherine, without whom we would not be able to proceed; Ann McLean the home manager, Michael for the refreshments and the chef for the cakes.

Further Service dates have been agreed as  
Summer 19th June with Nola Webster

## **MENTORING TO TRANSFORM LIVES**



### **Liz, on the left, with Sharon and Paul**

Sharon Prior and Paul Wilcox were invited by the Methodist Circuit to lead a training day on Mentoring which was held at Bethlehem Church on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> March. Both Sharon and Paul are passionate about mentoring and this came across as they shared with us many stories of mentoring that had made a difference to people's lives. Paul Wilcox referred to all of us as sometimes getting 'stuck' on our journey of life and that we often need the help of another to free us from our 'stuckness'. The Bible frequently tells us how much we need each other and yet so many of us try and live life on our own. Christianity is about relationships and getting below the surface of people's lives. The quote, 'if you want to make an impression speak to the crowd but if you want to make a lasting impact speak to an individual' reminds me how important mentoring is. If every one of us who attended the training day mentor only one person then we will have made a difference to 40+ people.

It was an inspiring, but at the same time, practical day that equipped us with tools to take this concept on further to our varying situations and denominations.

**Liz Lambotte**

## **PANCAKES GALORE!!**

St Aubin Methodist Church, equipped with flour, eggs, and milk, set out to make 340 pancakes for the children, teachers and support staff at La Moye School. All ages were involved in making the day a huge success. Many of the congregation formed groups and worked together to make hundreds of pancakes the day before.



### **Iris Le Feuvre gets down to work.**

An early start was made at La Moye School on Shrove Tuesday to enable all the classes to savour a pancake. Gradually throughout the day each class filtered through the hall to receive their pancake and could choose a filling of lemon, sugar and/or golden syrup.

During the half hour sessions the children were involved in colouring, word searches, quizzes and puzzles. There was a chance to have a go at tossing a pancake and much fun was had with a parachute game called pancake!!



**Enjoying the pancake game**

A really good day was had by all and it was a great chance for St Aubin Methodist Church to not only serve the community but to witness that faith is something to be enjoyed.

On April 5<sup>th</sup> we went into La Moye School once again to help the children experience Holy Week by looking at various symbols and different activities in the form of prayer stations.

**Liz Lambotte, Youth Leader  
St Aubin Methodist Church**

## **St. Ouen news**

The Sunday School Anniversary held in November was very successful and was well attended by parents, members and friends. The children gave a very good and moving demonstration on Moses' journey to The Promised Land which was much appreciated. Our thanks to Lloyd and Grace Le Gresley for their unstinting work. Unfortunately, due to the sudden and unexpected snowfall our carol service was cancelled. However members were able to join in the midnight and Christmas morning services in the other churches of the Section.

Our building project is nearly complete, and it is hoped that the work will be finished in the next few weeks. Fundraising will be ongoing for the foreseeable future, and our Fundraising Committee have lots of ideas. A concert organised by our Organist, Hugh Lince was held in the Parish Hall on Friday, March 11<sup>th</sup>. It featured many of his pupils. The usual Spring Bazaar was held at the Parish Hall on April 2<sup>nd</sup>. In May there will be an afternoon with the ParkLife choir and a sponsored walk organised by the Sunday School and in June a hostess tea. Please ring June Le Marchand on 481661 for details of these activities.

During Fairtrade Fortnight we held an afternoon tea party at the Church. There was a wonderful array of cakes made using fairtrade ingredients and the speaker was Francois Le Maistre. In excess of £220 was raised for Methodist Relief.

On Liberation Day, May 9<sup>th</sup>, we shall hold our usual united Thanksgiving Service at 12 noon. The Service will be conducted by Mr. Brian Vibert and the Connetable will read the lesson.

On Sea Sunday, July 17<sup>th</sup>, our members along with those of the Parish Church, St Georges, St. Mary and Bethlehem will meet at Greve de Lecq for our annual service, followed by the blessing of the boats. Always a very popular gathering.

Please do look out for notices of our events, we will be glad to welcome you.

**Valeria Remon**

**Creative kids  
for Primary School age children  
Term time Thursday's  
4.00 to 5.15 at  
Ebenezer Methodist Church**

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**Out of the mouths(or pencils) of children ..**

**History**

In wartime children who lived in big cities had to be evaporated because it was safer in the country.

Sometimes in war they take prisners and keep them as ostriges until the war is over. Some prisners end up in consterpation camps.

Then Joan of Ark met her end. She was burned as a steak.

Sir Walter Raleigh circumcised the world with a big clipper.

**Religious studies**

A mosque is a sort of church. The main difference is that its roof is doomed.

I asked my mum why we said old men at the end of prayers at skool, I don't know any old men apart from grandpa.

If you marry two people you are a pigamist, but morons are allowed to do this.

**Maths**

I would like to be an accountant but you have to know a lot about moths.

If it is less than 90 degrees it is a cute angel.

**Science**

Helicopters are cleverer than planes. Not only can they fly through the air they can also Hoover.

**Geography**

In Scandinavia, the Danish people come from Denmark, the Norwegians come from Norway and the Lapdancers come from Lapland

from the internet, passed on by **Tom Perchard**.

**Christian Aid news**

**Lent lunches** this year are supporting a farming and a water project in Sierra Leone. For each £1 we raise, the E.U. will add £3.50. Our target is £7000, which will mean £31,500 sent out.

A Prayer for Sierra Leone (below) was written by Sahr Kenmoore Salia, general secretary of the Council of Christian Churches to mark April 27th, 2011, which marks 50 years since the country became independent. Sierra Leone is recovering from the effects of a decade-long civil war.

Dear Father in heaven, we learn from your Word that the Jubilee year means cancellation of debts, freedom and restoration as well as economic and social justice.

After 50 years of political misrule, forgive our debts as a people;

Free us from self, greed, hatred and malice in Church and state;

Restore to us the joy of your salvation;

Raise from among your Church in Sierra Leone prophets that will advocate for economic and social justice in a land buffeted by extreme poverty.

**Christian Aid Week is from 16th to 21st May.** A ran important annual opportunity for all churches to work together to fulfill Christian Aid's vision of Poverty over in a generation.

Young people at St Helier Methodist Centre are planning to start the Week with a sponsored 24 hour fast from Saturday morning of Sat May 14th. We hope that a young people's 'Changemakers group' will be formed after the Fast and be active over coming year.

The main focus this year is a project in Nicaragua helping coffee farmers work their way out of poverty through a local partner.

**Christian Aid news** comes out 3 times a year in paper or electronic form and gives much information about Christian Aid campaigns on such topics as climate change, an end to tax secrecy and progress in areas such as Haiti and Congo.

A striking series of advert have appeared in the national press recently asking for you to look at the deep roots that lie behind poverty but with the message that we can make poverty be over.

For more information and offers of help please contact me, Ed Le Quesne on 730131.



## Welcome to springtime.....!

We re-open on the 16<sup>th</sup> April and look forward to welcoming all our local friends to your Jersey Christian Hotel.

### **Have you heard about our Friday Club ?**

Come and join us for a wonderful social luncheon each Friday at 1.00pm in our sea view dining room. £10 treats you to a drink on arrival, a fine main course followed by dessert and coffee.

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**Our popular after Church Sunday Lunch** is already booking so bring the family along for the best value full Roast lunch on the island. £13 for adults and £8 for children 11yrs and under.

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