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## A Community Project at St. Martin



### David Marett, Rev. Billy Slatter and Alan Le Maistre, part of the team

Food always features highly at St. Martin as is well known! So it is perhaps no surprise that the whole project began with the kitchen! The 21 year old outfit was felt to be dated and not up to the best of modern health and safety standards, something of a concern with a commercial Pre-School using the premises daily at that time. There was a general agreement that a new kitchen was a must.

At the 2010 General Church Meeting, David Marett gave a PowerPoint presentation broadening the scope of this project to include the whole of the church hall premises, to bring them up to 21<sup>st</sup> century standards and to allow for much greater flexibility in their use. Far from a simple building renovation, it was suggested that we view this as a 'community project' designed to enable completely new ways of being 'church' as well as serving our community in new and creative ways.

This mission statement was viewed as vital to the

future of a church community at St. Martin.

Support for such a radical programme was tested and, during the following twelve months, various teams set to work to explore the possibilities for both kitchen and Hall and the need for up to date disabled facilities. Fund raising began with gusto with all sorts of money raising events and projects such as church recipe books – that food again! - raising a good third of projected costs, with commitments for a further third. By this year's General Meeting, plans had been drawn up by architect, Peter Warren. These met with general approval and with a few tweaks here and there, planning permission was gained. Grants were also secured.

Builder Rodney Buesnel and teams of plumbers, electricians and painters moved in at the end of June and the work was all but complete for the re-opening on the 25<sup>th</sup> September, "Back to Church Sunday", despite setbacks when rot was discovered and quite extensive and expensive remedial work became necessary. Teamwork between members, architects, project managers and contractors has been of the essence and the job was done in a remarkable three months – in 1991, the kitchen alone took five months, February to July!

The re-opening on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> September was a joyous occasion, with over 100 folk enjoying coffee, tea and croissants at a café-style service, which was at once challenging and moving, and prepared by the Revd Billy Slatter, and Nicola Jones. The changes which feature a lowered ceiling, insulated walls, a versatile hall, which can be subdivided to offer three different-sized work spaces for different occasions, disabled access and facilities and a superb kitchen, all met with the approval of members, evidenced by much lively chatter and smiling faces.



**The Hall in action on Sept. 25th**

Now the hard work begins, not only as funds are raised to pay back loans, but as we seek new ways of committing to serve our wider community. Our premises offer new opportunities. We look to new ventures too, as we seek to share the Good News of Jesus Christ in new ways and as we welcome back our own church groups, the Mother and Toddler group, and, three days a week, “Toddler Sense”, the ‘post-graduate!’ version of “Baby Sensory” which meets at Ebenezer,



**Billy leads the worship**

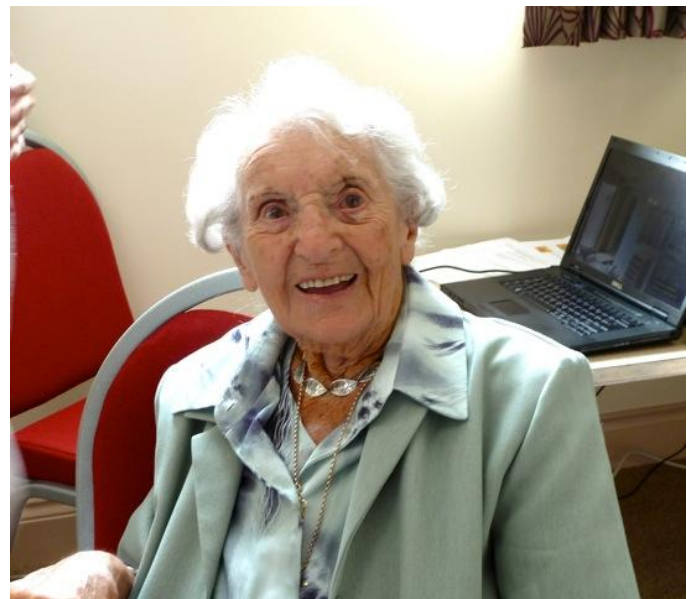
Opportunities of course only become reality with commitment and hard work! So it’s “all hands to the pump”, then . . . !

**David Marett**

### **Busy in the new kitchen**



### **Mrs. Winnie Perchard at 100**



Centenarians may be a little more common today, but as regular members of our congregations they are still relatively few and far between. At St. Martin, however, a regular member of the congregation, Mrs. Winnie Perchard, reached her hundredth birthday on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> July, surrounded by her four children, 13 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren, the youngest of who had yet to reach a first birthday. Two days before, Mrs. Perchard was in her usual seat in church, following the habit and commitment of a lifetime.

Winnie, née Horn, was born on the 19<sup>th</sup> July, 1911 at W. Horn Bros. in Winchester Street. She went to St. Paul’s Primary School. She greatly enjoyed her years in Brownies and Guides, experiences which perhaps inspired her later to become a founder member and Captain in the Girls’ Brigade or Girls’ Life Brigade as it was then.

At 14 she left school and took up shorthand and typing.

Six years later, just pipped at the post by older sister and friendly rival, Dot, she married her own handsome prince, William Perchard, whom she had met at church. The town girl, settled to rural life on the farm at La Chasse, St. Martin, where they were to start a very successful dairy farm. She still lives there today independently, though within close reach of numerous members of her family.

Surviving the Occupation, she went on to bring up a young family and support her husband during his years as a Senator in the States. Winnie has many happy memories, remembered with a crystal clarity, the envy of many a person half her age. A strong faith and a positive outlook on life at all times may well be the secret of a long and active life. Recently, Mrs. Perchard joined with younger friends – they are all younger - at St. Martin when they met for Café Worship in their newly renovated Hall, which had only been there twenty years, when she was born!! What a catalogue of change and innovation she can describe.

**David Marett**

### **Thoughts of a child?**

A father was at the beach with his children when the four year-old son ran up to him, grabbed his hand. And led him to the shore where a seagull lay dead in the sand.

“Daddy, what happened to him?” the son asked.

“He died and went to Heaven,” the Dad replied. The boy thought for a moment and then said, “Did God throw him back down?”

A little girl was diligently pounding away on her grandfather’s computer. She told him she was writing a story. “What’s it about?” he asked. “I don’t know,” she replied “I can’t read.”

## **New face in the north of the circuit**

### **Nicola Jones introduces herself**



I have been on the island for some six weeks now having arrived from Cliff College near Sheffield. My role is as a student intern community development officer and I work with St Martins and Ebenezer churches, supporting Billy, the minister, whilst he works with the ‘More than Gold’ Olympic project. It is an exciting opportunity for me to be involved in practical hands on work within the church. I have just been given a note to preach and am looking forward to progressing this during the year. I look forward to working with the two different churches and being involved in Gods work there.

This is a complete change of path for me having spent 22 years working in South Wales as a police officer. I look forward to what God has in store for us all as we are being encouraged to live out our faith in missional and transforming ways.

God bless

**Nicola**

## DISCOVER DISNEY HOLIDAY CLUB



### Holiday club members

A group of young people led this year's holiday club at St Aubin Methodist Church. 41 children registered for 'Discover Disney.' Every day a clip was shown from a Disney film and activities, games, crafts and a visit was organised around the theme. Monday began with the film 'Tarzan' and songs, games and crafts were about animals and then we spent the afternoon enjoying everything at Amaizin' Maze, even a tractor ride put on especially for us.

Tuesday we watched a clip from 'Tangled' and visited Gorey Castle. Wednesday was 'Finding Nemo' and we visited Le Braye beach. Thursday was 'Bug's Life' followed by a visit to St Catherine's Woods. Friday was a clip from the film 'Cars' followed by the children dressing up in their favourite Disney character and the afternoon spent playing party games.

Every day, time was spent together in prayer, reflecting on the message from the film clip that was shown and talking about how this relates to our Christian journey. We learnt much about God's love and how he wants us to be kind and loving to each other. None of us are perfect, but even when we do wrong things and mess up, nothing will ever separate us from God's love.

Sunday was a celebration service to thank God for such a wonderful week. Many of the children attended to show their parents all the things they had done as well as receiving a Discover Disney certificate.

The young people leading the week were extremely tired following a very intense, busy week with much learning taken place. Skills that had been learnt while attending the Kinetic Leadership Training were now being used in practise. I was

extremely proud, as a Youth Worker to see them all rise and grow into the role of leader. Well done to them all!

**Liz Lambotte**  
Youth Worker

St Aubin Methodist Church



### Team leaders

**Top row**, left to right Matthew Hutchison, George Townsend, Ross Devine, Sarah Nott, Becky Hutchison, Jessica Luce **Front row** Ciara McCarthy, Chloe Luce, Kiara O'Brien, Melissa Davey, Sophie Cross, Mary Townsend.

## August Holiday Club at St Helier

Q. Can you ever have too many Helpers?

A. No, not in Children's Work.

In August, 20 – 25 children each day came through our doors to share songs, stories, drama, prayers, activities and of course food at our summer "Holiday Club"

It was a fantastic week, not only because of the children, but because of the help and fun we shared as a team. We had more helpers than we expected, which was great, because it meant that we could do more things, and give more attention to each child. At times we were even able to split the children up and have half in the Church and half in the hall, and still have enough helpers for all the many activities. We were not sure sometimes if the club was for the children or the teenagers, as they were there every day willing and able to do whatever was required of them. They really were stars.

The week followed the theme of "Bible Journeys" and every day we took a character from the Bible, and developed the days activities around him.

**Monday was Noah.** That day we had the Godly Play version of the story, which the children responded very well to.

**Tuesday was Moses** travelling through the desert, and going up Mount Sinai to meet God and receive the “Ten best ways” (Commandments)

**Wednesday** we had great fun with **Jonah** re telling the story on the parachute as the sea and the whale.

**Thursday** we came to the New Testament and talked about **Paul**, his journeys, his imprisonment, and his encounter with a snake! Very popular!

On our **last day** together we thought about **ourselves** and our Christian journeys. We made footprints, recapped on the previous days stories, wrote prayers, then sent them up to God on helium balloons.

All in all, it was a great week. Everyone enjoyed it and were well behaved!

**Sally Vasselin**

### **Nestling day care nursery at SHMC**

Nestling Day Care Nursery is committed to providing high quality care and education for children aged 3months to school age in a friendly, caring, stimulating environment, where children are able to learn and develop through play.

The Nursery Manager is fully qualified and has extensive nursery experience along with the Deputy Manager and Team Leaders. 20 staff work in the nursery and have various levels of experience from Basic Child Care training to NVQ level 3 in Child Care & Education. The senior staff have completed various Management & team leader courses. In house training is also provided by the Nursery Manager on a regular basis. All staff hold child Protection, Infection Control, HIV & Aids and First Aid certificates which are updated regularly.

Training is a very important factor in the nursery environment as this enhances the quality of care offered to the children and has proved to be a great support to the staff, underpinning knowledge and giving a deeper understanding of children’s needs. The nursery team pride themselves in the quality care that is offered and Nestling Day Care has a very high reputation in Jersey.

The nursery has four separate rooms, each consisting of a creative area, quiet area and play area. The baby room has its own changing area and sleep room, whilst the three other rooms have their own separate bathrooms. The children can also participate in quiet activities and relax in the library. Children need the opportunity to explore movement and participate in large physical activities. The large hall, which is part of the church premises is often used for this. There is an outside play area attached

to the nursery and is safely enclosed, with a soft rubber surface.

Staff who work with the under 3’s follow the Birth to Three matters framework and provide a child centred environment. Foundation stage follows the Desirable Outcomes programme. The subjects are: Personal & social; Early Maths; Physical; Language & Literature; Knowledge & understanding of the World.

Outings are also an important part of the curriculum. These experiences are planned to ensure that a broad based curriculum is in place.

Once a year the nursery is visited by two Registering Officers who assess whether the practices in place meet the conditions necessary for re-registration. The nursery team continually monitors and evaluates its environment which keeps the nursery to a high standard.

The Nursery Management Committee oversees the running of the nursery, the employment of suitably qualified staff, the budgeting, salaries, and staff welfare issues as they arise. The committee, made up of Church Members is answerable to Church Council for the good management of the nursery. The nursery is wholly owned by the church and is an important part of St Helier Methodist Centre. Our Family worker, Sally, holds a music and singing session once a week with the oldest, pre-school, group.

This helps to forge a stronger link between the nursery and the church.

“If your plan is for a year, plant rice.

If your plan is for a decade, plant trees.

If your plan is for a lifetime, educate children.”

Confucius (551-479 BC)

### **Greenpeace at 40**

On 15th September 1971 a small fishing boat set out from Vancouver to protest about the plan by the USA to test nuclear weapons near an island in the Pacific called Amchitka, home to people and sea otters. This was the first direct action carried out by Greenpeace.

#### **How it began**

In 1970 a Quaker called Irving Stowe learned that the USA were going to explode nuclear bombs in the Pacific, near an island called Amchitka,. He and others organised petitions then had the vision of sending a boat to the test area. They had no money, but decided to hold a rock concert. At one meeting Irving called out ‘Peace man’ to Bill as he went out the door. ‘Yes lets make it a green peace’ said Bill. And that struck everyone as a powerful symbol of what they were about, so Greenpeace was born. And they got their boat. It didn’t stop the first test or the second and third but three months after the

Greenpeace boat and a second boat returned to Vancouver, the remaining tests were abandoned for 'political and other reasons'

### **Direct action**

Since then Greenpeace has continued with non-violent protest about weapons of war and protests about protection of the environment. Activists protest directly and wholeheartedly, putting themselves at risk. Now they have 2.8 millions members worldwide. They take no money from government

### **Personal Link**

I have been a member for 23 years, with a quarterly standing order. When the International Whaling Conference was held at the Hotel de France in July, I was able to spend an hour at CafeJAC with Willie Mackenzie, one of the Greenpeace team. He has been working on a protest about destructive methods of tuna fishing and was delighted that John West had finally agreed to review their method of tuna fishing to reduce bycatch. This was the last company to make the change to sustainable fishing methods, a welcome result for prolonged protests ( I sent some e-mails to company heads). He also said that Greenpeace staff in Japan are in dialogue with Japanese whalers to change their attitude to whaling. He was also pleased that areas of the Pacific have been declared fishing-free zones, allowing fish stocks to build up. Following his visit I was sent several copies of the Greenpeace Impact Report 2010 which outlined some of their current campaigns including

- \* Stopping drilling for oil in the Arctic, where a spill would be a disaster for the environment.

- \* Exposing the destruction of rain forests in Indonesia for palm oil production.

- \* A successful campaign to stop the building of a third runway at Heathrow.

- \* Slowing deforestation in the Amazon, now lower than at any time on record.

- \* Exposing water pollution from the textile industry in China that makes water unsafe to drink for one in four people.

### **Rainbow Warrior**

The first Rainbow Warrior was bought in 1977 for £40,000. She was sunk in Auckland harbour in July 1985 by 2 bombs, attached by French secret service agents, killing Fernando Pereira. The present Rainbow Warrior was 31 years old when she was bought in 1989 and refitted for environmental campaigning. She has been rammed, boarded, impounded and shot at and now spends a long time in dry dock for repairs.

An appeal was launched in 2010 to raise £17.5 million to build a new Rainbow Warrior. This has been successful and it will visit UK in November. It

will be fast enough to pursue and challenge whalers, illegal fishing vessels and any other adversaries. She will have a helicopter pad, which will be a huge advantage when tracking vessels such as boats carrying illegally logged timber from rainforests. The new ship will be able to broadcast live coverage of her operations direct to the world's media by satellite to expose exploiters of the natural environment and engage the public.

She has been built using the latest advances in environmental construction. She will be able to travel long distances under sail, have very low fuel consumption. have engines that can use biodiesel (where appropriate) and the heat from her engines will produce the hot water needed on the ship. She can also be equipped as a floating laboratory to carry out scientific research and collect crucial evidence about pollution and the impacts of climate change. A Greenpeace laboratory has been set up at Exeter University, with several research scientists.

### **How to join**

Ring 020 7865 8100 or go to their website [www.greenpeace.org.uk](http://www.greenpeace.org.uk)

I often join millions of cyberactivists to send e-mail petitions to heads of state and companies, a powerful voice to get them to change direction. Are there any other Greenpeace members among Jersey's Methodists? Let me know if you are or if you want further information about Greenpeace.

**Ed Le Quesne**

### **REV THOMAS STEPHEN NICHOLAS**



Tom was born on 25<sup>th</sup> November 1928 in Redruth in Cornwall. He came from a Methodist and musical family and was educated at the Redruth County Grammar School. He entered the Civil Service in the Inland Revenue Department at the age of 16. After passing a Civil Service Exam he was posted to work in what was then H.M. Borstal Institution at Portland in Dorset. Here his education was further extended as he met a very different world from the one in which he had grown up!

While in Portland he was called up for a period of National Service in the RAF. Part of this service time was spent in the Middle East in what was then called the Canal Zone. On demobilisation he returned to Portland and became part of the life of the Methodist Church at Easton in the Portland Circuit. Through the Youth Club attached to that Church he met and married Ena (nee Flew) who was his love and best friend for the rest of his life.

While in that Church he became a Local Preacher and then felt the call to the Ministry. At that time it was the rule that married candidates were not accepted for the Methodist Ministry, with some exceptions being made for those who had served during the Second World War and not able to offer themselves until after their demobilisation. Despite this ruling the call was so strong that he decided to proceed with his offer as a candidate. This was in 1957. In that same year the Conference changed this rule and decided in future to accept married men with certain provisos. Tom kept the letter he received from the Secretary of the Conference reminding him that the Church would accept no financial responsibility for a wife or any children during the 7 years probationary period prior to ordination. Despite the obvious problems Ena did not place any barriers in Tom's path. That was a costly choice for her. The Conference for their part kept their word. During the period of College training which involved their separation they used whatever small savings they had. Then during the years of probation in a Circuit their allowances were based on the understanding that he would be paid as a married Probationer (£310 per annum with an additional £100 per annum if a Manse was not available!) They survived along with their first child through the individual kindnesses of their respective families and through the kindness of many friends that they found in their first Probationer's appointment at Yate in the Bristol South Gloucestershire Circuit.

He served in the following circuits: Bristol South Gloucestershire; Saltash and St.Germans; Penzance; Plymouth; Jersey; Worthing; finally returning to Jersey for a further term. Tom & Ena eventually retired from the active work in Jersey and they lived in a flat kindly provided by a Jersey Methodist Trust. Tom leaves his wife Ena, daughter Vivienne and son Andrew and their families.

Tom died in July the 83<sup>rd</sup> year of his life and the 53<sup>rd</sup> year of his ministry. Many attended his funeral service at St Helier Methodist Centre, led by Rev. Graeme Halls on July 20th, with good memories of a faithful minister. Our prayers are

with Ena

Typically of Tom, he wrote his own obituary. He asked for donations to the Methodist Ministers Housing Society in his memory.

## **Dorothy Picot**

Dorothy was born in Richmond, Surrey into a happy Church of England family with two brothers and a sister. The family home was her own father's family home and full of 'Victoriana'. Her father was choirmaster and organist at Richmond Parish Church for 45 years. An early memory is of the Armistice Day services, solemn occasions with the East Surrey regiment there in full force with their band. Her father played the 'Dead March' in Saul from beginning to end while she stood still. She also recalls the strain of kneeling during the whole litany in Lent.

She was a Girl Guide, helped form a Youth group and obtained a place on the Parochial Church Council. Youth group points could only be raised under A.O.B. and if they were controversial the Vicar ended the meeting immediately with prayers. For a few years she ran the infants Sunday School but this was stopped by the wartime bombing as there was no adequate shelter to hand. At a Christmas party there were candles in holders rather than fairy lights on the tree and one of the curates, playing Father Christmas, set his beard alight which she had to rip off! She never went to Sunday School as her brothers returned with such tales that her parents thought it was too rough for her.

From elementary school, she won a scholarship to the County School, where she spent six happy years. After school she was taken on as an apprentice at a 'posh' college, Whitehall Secretarial College, 36 Victoria St, later flattened by a bomb and now New Scotland Yard. She was given free tuition in exchange for being a dogsbody to the College office and the students. The latter were mostly debutantes and she found out how the other half lived. Having mastered shorthand and typing she was sent out on work experience including the Temple Church to take down a sermon in shorthand that was to be broadcast later by the Master, as the person-in-charge was called.

Her first secretarial job was with a firm of accountants in the City. She was the only female and the articled clerks were her age group and all from Colfes Grammar School so she enjoyed this time. After three years a younger batch came and she moved to a firm near St Pauls Cathedral. This was 1939 and her future husband Leslie came to work there. They were in the same air raid shelter and Dorothy was knitting socks for refugees, when

Leslie asked her to knit him a pair, claiming refugee status!



**Dorothy and Leslie enjoy a cruise**

They married in 1943 and rented a bedsitter in Cockfosters. She joined the Voluntary Fire Service and did put out fires with a bucket and a stirrup pump and a dustbin lid for protection. She agreed to join the Methodist Church with a view to joining Leslie's family church, Grove Place, in due course. In London they joined the Bourne Church at Southgate. She found it rather casual with no set service to follow and was very put off when a bearded gentleman lent across two pews to shake her hand. She went to many Channel Islands meetings in London between 1940-45 so had a number of friends when they returned to Jersey at the last day of 1945, with daughter Christine just 6 weeks old. They bought No.3 Avenue Le Petit Felard, their home for 38 years. Leslie was so keen to host visiting preachers that the first one came before the stair carpet was laid.

Dorothy was not impressed with Grove Place, rows of pews and no little chapel or choir vestry. The choir, unrobed, were up in the gallery, there was an enormous pulpit and no cross at the front on which to focus one's eyes. However familiarity and the friendliness of everyone helped her to settle down.

Two boys followed Christine and all 3 children were baptised at Grove Place in the morning service, Christine by Rev Robert Rider and Graham and Derek by Rev. Clifford Lever. Busy years of child-rearing followed, school functions, PTA involvement etc. During Rev Eccleston Potts' time a Young Wives Club started at Wesley Grove. Dorothy was secretary and they put on plays and choral speaking, coached by Marjorie Maine. Later she was President of Women's Work and represented the C.I. in London. She valued the opportunity it gave her to know many people in the District.

Her husband Leslie was circuit steward for six years. There was much work to do at each change of minister as the circuit owned the manse.

From 1972-73, they offered to the Methodist Church Overseas Division and were sent to Sefula Secondary School in Zambia, a school of 500 boys and girls well in the bush and 100 miles from Victoria Falls. Leslie was school bursar. They sailed to Cape Town and drove up in a Land Rover, crossing the Rhodesian border the day before it was closed following the declaration of UDI. Dorothy said 'God took care of us as we coped with the many problems and gave us joy in the new friends from all over the world'

On return from Zambia, she became Home Missions Secretary at Wesley Grove and for 30 years typed the church magazine, till finally displaced by the computer. Outside the church she was on the Children's Committee of the Education Committee, a Governor of St Helier Girls School and chair of the Hospital League of Friends. Also as a Jurat's wife she had the chance to meet many interesting people including the Queen and other royalty. Lately she was treasurer of the Bridge Club.

Dorothy reflected that with four grandchildren she knows their great-great-grandparents "Tell out my soul the greatness of the Lord to children's children and for evermore"

**Taken from notes made by Dorothy and passed on by her son Graham**

### **Rodney Baudains is 90 years old**

We had our second service at St. Ewolds on Fathers Day Sun. June 18th. Once again we had a fantastic congregation with about a dozen residents in wheelchairs, who definitely could no longer attend a church on a Sunday morning due to their disabilities and care needs but were able to join our fellowship.

This was again ecumenical with residents of different faiths and friends from United Reformed Church, the former Sion Methodist Church and some friends from St. Marks as well as a resident's family from the United Kingdom, who expressed their delight that their mother was able to still have spiritual input in her 98th year.



Nola Webster organised an excellent service, with two residents taking part by doing the readings, and hymn choices made by residents from St Ewolds. Nola is shown above with Catherine Baudains at the keyboard.

However one of the highlights of the service was the fact that we were thrilled to be able to celebrate the 90th birthday of Rodney Baudains, with cards and gifts from us all as we all feel we are part of the Church Family even in the care setting at St. Ewolds Residential home.



### Joan brings Rodney his birthday cake

The celebrations concluded with a cake and candles, but not 90 due to fire regulations,. It was made by our excellent chef, Fred Dorey, whose own mum attended our service.

## Photo of the congregation



### Different ages share in worship

Thanks to all concerned. The next service was on Sunday Sept 18th, led by John Perkins.

**Joan Streets**

### Letter to Lulu

Alex Renton is a non-believer who sends his six year old daughter, Lulu, to a Scottish church primary school. Her teachers asked her to write the following letter.

“To God, How did you get invented?” The Rentons were taken aback. “We had no idea that a state primary affiliated with a church would do quite so much God” said her father. He could have told Lulu that, in his opinion, there was no God; or he could have pretended that he was a believer. He chose to do neither. Instead he e-mailed her letter to the Scottish Episcopal Church (no reply), the Presbyterians (ditto) and the Scottish Catholics ( a nice but theologically complex answer). For good measure he sent it to “the head of theology of the Anglican Communion, based at Lambeth Palace” - and this was the response:

*Dear Lulu,*

*Your dad has sent on your letter and asked if I have any answers. It's a difficult one! But I think God might reply a bit like this -*

*'Dear Lulu - Nobody invented me - but lots of people discovered me and were quite surprised. They discovered me when they looked round at the world and thought it was really beautiful or really mysterious and wondered where it came from. They discovered me when they were very, very quiet on their own and felt a sort of peace and love they hadn't expected.*

*Then they invented ideas about me - some of them sensible and some of them not very sensible. From time to time I sent them some hints - especially in the life of Jesus - to help them get*

*closer to what I'm really like.*

*But there was nothing and nobody around before me to invent me. Rather like somebody who writes a story in a book, I started making up the story of the world and eventually invented human beings like you who could ask me awkward questions!'*

*And then he'd send you lots of love and sign off. I know he doesn't usually write letters, so I have to do the best I can on his behalf. Lots of love from me too.*

*+Archbishop Rowan*

I think this letter reveals a lot about the Archbishop of Canterbury's sort of theology - more, indeed, than many of his lectures or agonised Synod addresses. I'd be interested to know whether readers of this blog think he did a good job of answering Lulu's question. But what the letter also tells us is that the Archbishop took the trouble to write a really thoughtful message - unmistakably his work and not that of a secretary - to a little girl. "Well done, Rowan!" was the reaction of Alex Renton's mother, and I agree.

This article was first published in the Times

## **St. Ouen news**

In spite of the uncertain weather, we have been fortunate to have dry days for our events. However our garden party at the home of Graeme and Joy Le Marquand was somewhat damp at the beginning but the sun came out towards the end of the afternoon. Tables had been set up in the sheltered walled garden and those who came enjoyed an abundance of home-made cakes, a book and vegetable stall. This, of course, was another event towards our refurbishment fund-raising. We thank Graeme and Joy for their generous hospitality and our Fund Raising committee and all our members for their hard work.

Members were delighted to take part in the Sea Sunday service at Greve de Lecq in July along with the congregations from the Parish Church and St. George's and St Mary's churches.

By the time this magazine is published our Sunday School outing will have taken place, in lorries as usual, with a stop for refreshments and games.

Our Harvest thanksgiving will be on October 2<sup>nd</sup> and is to be followed by a barn dance in the Parish Hall on October 8th and our Autumn bazaar on November 26th. We look forward to welcoming many of you to these events.

**Valerie Remon**

## **Hello Everyone,**

I thought I would share my good news with you all; after six months of prayers, Soul searching and asking God's Guidance over my ministry I feel in my heart and Soul that the time is right for me to move on to St Brelade's Church and to leave Georgetown.

Due to my course being Anglican in nature, and with the third year rapidly approaching, I am reminded by Scripture in Ecclesiastes, 3:1-8 that there is a right time for things in life to happen and as I continue my walk with God, I can only feel excited as to what God has in store for me, on the next step of my journey.

I would like to take this opportunity to say a huge thank you to everyone at Georgetown and in the Circuit, there are so many people who have helped me on my faith journey to get here, too many to name; Georgetown will always remain in my heart, and as fellow brothers and sisters I assure you that you will always be in my prayers.

I will of course continue to be the Lay-worker for the Deaf and HOH here in Jersey, as my ministry is island wide, so I will be leaving the Deaf Bible here at Georgetown for people to use. If you have any Deaf visitors or locals who need a BSL translation, I will be available, please e mail me. My thanks go to Rev Graeme and Elaine Halls, Dr John Le Gresley, Barbara and Gladys, Ruth, Revd Liz Hunter, and everyone for all their continuing love, encouragement and support, over the last eleven years and more.

With Love and prayers from **Pat Bougeard**  
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the Deaf and HOH Community in Jersey

## News from David Coote, Sept 2011

I've finished with surgery and chemo. I'm fine now and preaching in the circuit and elsewhere, although limiting appointments and also getting involved in things locally.

Barbara is busy with a number of things although during the past few weeks her parents have been a cause of much concern. However on the whole we are doing well and enjoying life here in Midhurst.

We keep up to date with some of the Jersey news from Liz Lambotte and several others- some of whom have dropped in to see us. Barbara joins with me is sending love to you

With best wishes

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**'Proud to be a Methodist'** is the title of a poster featuring a statue of John Wesley. It was produced to celebrate 150 years of the Methodist Recorder and is very true for me. I am proud.

Read the first part of the Methodist story, as described by Rev. Liz Hunter in recent copies of the SHMC magazine.

### The Methodist Story

Before it all began.....1703.....a new century, a new millennium...what did England look like? There was a constitutional monarchy and an active Parliament but very few people were able to vote. Political parties existed but not in any shape or form that we would recognise today. Britain was growing into an economic and colonial power to be reckoned with – largely due to her dominance of the seas. The country's wealth was based on the wool industry. The population was around 5 million. The second largest city to London was Bristol and the majority of the population lived in a world of disease, high infant mortality, drunkenness, promiscuity, little education.....pretty appalling conditions all round.

Few people went to church and 'folk religion' would best describe the faith that most people professed. The Church of England however enjoyed great status.....part of the constitution of the nation but also the one place where, in the absence of any social welfare system, educational and medical resources might be found. The Toleration Act had just come into place, with the coming of William and Mary to the throne, which enabled Dissenters (eg Baptists, Quakers, Presbyterians) and Roman Catholics to worship in their own buildings....

although some strict parameters were enforced! It was into this world on the 28th June 1703 that a certain John Wesley was born. His father, Samuel was an Anglican clergyman, Rector of the parish of Epworth in Lincolnshire. His mother, Susanna, had a sharp intellect and superb management skills and her life was largely dedicated to her family, rearing and educating her children. She gave birth to, it is believed, around 18 children, nine of whom lived to adulthood. (She herself is thought to have been the 25th child of her father by his second wife!!) Reports have it that the figures are approximate because in later years both men were a little hazy about how many children they had!

Susanna Wesley was loyal to the exiled King James whilst her husband was a staunch supporter of the House of Orange and one day Samuel noticed that his wife did not say 'Amen' at the end of the prayer for the king. He challenged her about this and she explained that as James had been overthrown she did not see how William of Orange could be king. Samuel is reported to have said 'If that be the case you and I must part; for if we have two kings, we must have two beds.' Samuel went to London but in 1702 William died, the couple were reunited.....John was born less than a year later! Charles arrived in 1708.

### Fire

In 1709 the Epworth rectory was completely destroyed by fire. During the blaze Samuel and Susanna and the other seven children made their way to safety but John was left upstairs. As the family gathered in the garden they heard a cry from the attic window. There being no time to fetch a ladder one man standing on the shoulders of another managed to reach the young lad and just in time, for the roof collapsed shortly after. It was this incident that resulted in the conviction that John had been spared for a special purpose. A verse from one of Charles' hymns alludes to this:

Where shall my wondering soul begin?  
How shall I all to heaven aspire?  
A slave redeemed from death and sin,  
A brand plucked from eternal fire,  
How shall I equal triumphs raise,  
Or sing my great deliverer's praise.

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Susanna vowed to be 'more particularly careful of the soul of this child' after the fire and John, or 'Jacky' as he was known, was regarded as 'a brand plucked from the burning.' A reference to Zechariah 3:2 'Is not this man a brand plucked from the fire?' (NRSV) Susanna taught the children with a strictness that would seem unreasonably severe to us today but not without love.

## Study

In January 1714 John went to Charterhouse School in London and then in 1720 he obtained a scholarship to Christ Church, Oxford. He was just a few days short of his 17th birthday. After graduating in 1724 John stayed on at Christ Church to study for his Masters degree and we now reach the time in his life when there was to be a spiritual awakening and he began to take his faith more seriously than he had before. Things were about to change dramatically. the Methodist story:

### To Georgia and back.....

Having made the decision to remain in Oxford and study for his Masters degree the question arose as to what the young graduate, John Wesley, was to do with his life. He had no capital of his own, and with his background, his choices were rather limited. It seemed it was to be the priesthood or education and as most teachers of the day were also clergymen ordination seemed the obvious path for Wesley to take. That ordination was to come in September 1728 during a two year break from Oxford when John acted as a part-time curate for his father. It was during this time that he saw how a deep inward faith needs to be combined with a practical outworking of that faith. On his return to Oxford John joined the group of young men known as the 'Holy Club', a group which had been founded by his brother, Charles. John quickly became the natural leader, the number of meetings increased to three or four a week, and the members made a point of eating and praying together. They would go into the town and the local prison to carry out charitable work, they took communion weekly and very soon they had gained a number of mockingly given nicknames from other students

– 'Methodists', 'Bible Moths', 'Enthusiasts' – though it was 'Methodist' that was to be the longest lasting.

In 1733 the Wesley brothers met George Whitfield, a student 11 years John's junior, who was to become a great friend and whose name will reappear as we travel further along the road of Methodism. In the following year, 1734, his father invited John to succeed him at the rectory in Epworth. John refused. In 1735 his father died and in the same year John met General James Oglethorpe who, just a few years previously, had founded the colony of Georgia in America. He decided that the colony needed a pastor and he

approached the brothers, John to be pastor to the colonists, and Charles to be private secretary to Oglethorpe. The Wesley brothers sailed for America in November 1735. It was to be a significant journey for it was during their crossing of the Atlantic that John began writing his Journal. And it was on board ship that the Wesleys first encountered the Moravians. It was a terrifying voyage during which they suffered five violent storms and often feared for their lives. John was disturbed at his own attitude to the possibility of, death. 'I was unfit, for I was unwilling, to die,' he wrote. He was attending the German passengers' worship during one especially bad storm and was taken by how calm and unafraid they were. He found out more about their tradition, which was rooted in strong hymn singing and an emphasis on preaching and extempore prayer. This Moravian spirituality was to have a huge impact and influence on the shape of Methodism.

John was still on a quest for personal holiness but unfortunately Georgia was not to be the place where he found the spiritual peace of mind which he so craved. Initially his ministry went down well but before too long opinions were divided. After a somewhat disastrous romantic 'relationship' and further problems with his congregation John decided to return to England and sailed for home on 2nd December 1737. 'I shook the dust off my feet, and left Georgia, after having preached the gospel there not as I ought, but as I was able, one year and nearly nine months.'

Charles meanwhile had proved to have little ability as a personal secretary and the people weren't keen on his approach to priestly duties either. Homesickness and bad health hadn't helped and he had already returned to England during the previous year.

### Peter Bohler

In early 1738 John met a young Moravian missionary named Peter Bohler. It was he who told the Wesleys that whilst they believed intellectually they had no saving faith! They hoped to become righteous by virtue of their own deeds, he said, but lacked the true faith that brings rebirth and an utter certainty of salvation. John's reaction was that he thought he should stop preaching but Bohler refused to hear of it. 'But what can I preach?' John asked. 'Preach faith till you have it, and then, because you have it, you will preach faith' came the reply.

Bohler had a profound effect on the lives of both brothers – an effect that was to see the laying of the cornerstone of Methodism as Charles and then John experienced the very life changing, life saving, faith that they had both so desired.

O for a thousand tongues to sing  
My great Redeemer's praise,  
The glories of my God and King,  
The triumphs of his grace!  
My gracious Master and my God,  
Assist me to proclaim,  
To spread through all the earth abroad  
The honours of thy name.

Charles Wesley  
from Hymns and Psalms; No. 744

#### Painting at SHMC by Carolyn Lake.



This striking painting, on the wall on the right as you come out of the lift, was inspired by the Fire in the Isles conference a few years ago. It has a dove hovering over the church and water flowing out of it. Carolyn was encouraged to paint it by Rev. Liz Hunter and the water image was confirmed by a sermon she preached at the time. The Holy Spirit is active at SHMC.

#### Voyage on Tenacious

It all started with a phone call from our son Tim, "Dad, the Jubilee Sailing Trust are looking to make up the crew on one of the Tall Ships sailing from Southampton to Jersey, at a reduced fare. Would you be interested?" Would Pooh Bear like honey?

I have always been interested in Tall Ships, so this was an opportunity not to be missed! - a dream come true! Phone calls, messages on internet, forms to fill in and an air flight to book, and next day, **Saturday 4 June**, found me at Southampton docks Gate 10. There were a few cruise ships looking like floating palaces, "Ocean Princess" and "Queen Mary 2" amongst them. So with a mixture of nerves and excitement and "what am I doing here?", I made my way to berth 202 and there she was - S.V. TENACIOUS - the most beautiful ship in the harbour. But I wasn't going cruising, I was going to help crew this ship and sail her to Jersey. 'Tenacious' is the world's second square-rigged sailing ship, that was specially built by the J.S.T. and first sailed in 2000, to be used by able bodied and physically disabled people working together. There are lifts between decks, clamping points for wheelchairs, deck markers for visually impaired and a talking compass so that blind people are able to steer and of course disabled showers and toilets.

Once on board, we surrendered our passports etc and were introduced to the Captain and staff. There are 10 permanent crew and up to 40 paying crew. After safety talks we were divided into four watches. Jamie, our watch leader, from Southampton had sailed before so was experienced. Dawn and Heather, then Gloria, Judy, Kevin, Rodney and me from Jersey were in my watch. Mark who was totally blind, made up our watch and he was a great joy to be with - in fact when he met Nance he tried to persuade her to go on the next trip. "No chance," she said!

We were known as Aft and Port watch. After getting to know one another, it was time to go on deck. We were encouraged to climb the rigging. Yes, I went up and so did Mark, and Andy was hoisted in his wheelchair. We set sail from Southampton about 5pm, passing the big liners to the open sea, round the east coast of the Isle of

Wight. The food was excellent, thanks to the permanent chef on board. Roast lamb on the first night! Our first watch was from 8pm to midnight, taking turns to steer the ship, be on lookout, reporting other vessels, buoys etc making up ship's log and coffee or tea for the watch. We cleared the southern point of the Isle of Wight and headed west.

After a cooked breakfast on **Sunday**, we were told about sails and ropes and how they work. Watch was 12.30pm till 4, then the rest of the day to ourselves. Early to bed and woken at 11.30pm— watch from midnight to 4am Monday. There was constant shipping in the Channel, so a good lookout is essential. We passed Guernsey on this watch.

**Monday morning** - the French coast was in sight and we entered the lock at St Malo about 9.30am, then mooring up under the city walls - tidying the ship until lunchtime - eating on deck mackerel that was caught the evening before on lines at the stern of the ship - about 60! We all went ashore and had a good meal in a nice French restaurant. In port there is no watch duty, only harbour watch, so two crew had to stay on guard at the top of the gangway. I had 4-6am watch with Rodney.

On **Tuesday**, after leaving St Malo, we headed west along the north coast of France then, turning to head for Jersey, we set and trimmed the sails as the wind was quite strong. She was going about 7 knots and listing to starboard. It was great and really exciting as 'Tenacious' came alive racing ahead by the power of the wind. "Wow!"

Mid-afternoon the coast of Jersey came into view. As we came eventually in St Aubin's Bay, our watch was on duty and I was at the helm. When we took on the Pilot he informed us we had to wait for 2 Condor ferries to enter the harbour. They were running late. (so what's new?) Jamie took over and brought her into the harbour. It was quite emotional for me coming home in this way!

We moored along the Albert Pier and after settling the ship, our watch went for a meal at St Aubin's where Rodney's wife and Nance joined us. After the meal we all had to go back on board that night.

**Wednesday morning** - all hands on deck, clearing, cleaning, debriefing and a long, lazy

lunch on deck. Nance arrived to fetch me in time to share lunch!!

I had the time of my life, made new friends and met some very interesting people. Would I go again? You bet! TENACIOUS has a wooden hull of Siberian larch, steel mast and aluminium yards. Overall length 65m; beam 10.60m; mast head height above deck 39.77m

**David Hicklin**

### **Meaningful Chocolate Tree Decorations**

Following their successful promotion of real Easter eggs, the Meaningful Chocolate Company are now promoting Meaningful decorations for the 20 million Christmas trees set up in UK homes each year. The vast majority of trees have nothing religious hanging on them. As the literature says "Meaningful Chocolate Tree Decorations are an opportunity for parents, grandparents and godparents to buy an interactive gift that allows the telling of the Christmas story. Each box, costing £3.95, contains a Christmas story card, sticker set and six hand wrapped quality Fairtrade chocolate decorations for the tree. Once completed the decorations can be hung on the tree as a reminder of the real meaning of Christmas."

They are available through Traidcraft or at [www.MeaningfulChristmas.co.uk](http://www.MeaningfulChristmas.co.uk). Orders need to be made by Novembr14th. Use the website of ring 0845 330 8900 or contact me at Georgetown and join a bulk order.

**Ed Le Quesne**

### **The Long & Short of it - a comment on financial markets**

August saw a rising sense of panic in the markets as global debt became impossible to ignore. Confidence collapsed with Western nations fast running out of cash and growth stalling. In an effort to prevent a crash, several governments banned the practice of short selling - selling shares you do not own in the expectation they will drop in price, before buying them back and pocketing the difference.

Computer controlled trading makes up around 70% of the activity on Wall Street. Only last year, a dramatic five minute drop in the

markets was caused by a trading algorithm selling shares with a value of over £2 billion in just twenty minutes, causing other super-fast trading algorithms to follow suit. Speculation like this can dominate a stock market. In our obsession with making short-term financial wins we are losing sight of long-term value. When publicly traded companies drift into a financially driven mindset they lose the vision and vitality that once made them great. Aspects of value like relationships, innovation and sustainability cannot be simply measured in a conventional monetary sense and therein lies one of the great challenges and potential battles of our time. We need better measures that reflect long-term value because companies can thrive through strong values and purposes beyond profit.

It is time to renew our commitment to long-term value and business based on values, instead of being driven by the fear and greed of those speculators who have no interest in the purpose of the enterprise, no interest in its customers, no interest in its workforce or indeed in any other stakeholder.

Business leaders everywhere need the courage to rise above pay incentives based on quarterly earnings or share price and pursue what really matters. Now is the time for leadership principles that encourage sustainability, investing in people and healthy working relationships, making quality products and services, and building strong community relationships. Now is the time to choose to do the right thing, not because it pays quickly, but because it is the right thing.

Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the Lord your God goes with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you. (Deuteronomy 31:6)

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**Circuit meeting** It is not due to be held till after we go to press, but will welcome John Le Marquand as a new Circuit steward.

The two-bedroomed house and the one bedroom house alongside St Ouen's Methodist Church have now been let.

Rev Gill Daniel has taken the role of Hospital Chaplain from July this year. There will thus be a reduced assessment for St Aubin.

The former Church building at Les Freres has now been fitted out by a local gym club so is well used. However work is needed on the window frames.

### **Vulture Funds**

The issue of 'vulture funds' was raised at Synod in April. In July the Jersey Court granted an appeal by FG Hemispheres to be able to reclaim nearly £100 million from the Congo Govt. after buying a discounted debt for a much smaller figure, hence FG Hemispheres are an example of a vulture fund. This type of action has been made illegal in UK

Now the States have issued a consultation document asking first whether Jersey should follow the UK in introducing a law here. The straightforward answer is 'Yes'. However the consultation document gives a very full explanation of the whole issue of debt relief for poor countries and gives options for ways in which Jersey could respond. I hope to sit down with a small group to formulate a response by the December deadline. Christian Aid in UK and the Jubilee Debt campaign are watching Jersey's action with interest.

### **Switched on**

Rev. Liz Hunter was part of the group that arranged for the production of a CD containing a dramatised reading of St Marks Gospel. The project was inspired by the 400th anniversary of the King James Bible. It got extra publicity because an employee of Jersey Post blocked its distribution as 'offensive material', which prompted an unreserved apology and assistance with distribution from Kevin Keen, Head of Jersey Post. I hope that Liz can report on the impact of this project in the next issue.