



THE METHODIST CHURCH

WEST DEVON CIRCUIT

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Jonathan Schnarr, a Circuit Youth Worker writes: -

Dear Friends

“The body is a unit, though it is made up of many parts; and though all its parts are many, they form one body. Now our Circuit is not made up of one chapel but of many. If **Chilla** or **Lakeway** should say “Because we are not **Fairplace** or **Winkleigh**, we do not belong to the Circuit,” they would not for that reason cease to be part of our Circuit. And if **Madworthy** or **Belstone** would say, “Because we are not **Northlew** or **Exbourne** and don’t worship like **Iddesleigh**, we do not belong to the Circuit ,” they would not for that reason cease to be part of our Circuit. If the whole Circuit were just **Hatherleigh** or **Petrockstowe**, where would the sense of belonging be? How would **Bridestowe** fit in? If the whole Circuit was **Broadwoodkelly** or **Boasley** would they no longer love or be loved by us? If it were **Providence** or **Eworthy**, where would the sense of **Spreyton** be? But in fact, God has arranged the members of His Church, each one of them, just as He wanted them to be so that those parts of our Circuit which seem smaller or larger, louder or quieter are indispensable. We must treat those that feel less viable with love and encouragement and those that are needing and wanting change with special care, surrounded with our love and prayers; whilst our bigger chapels will continue to thrive with our prayerful support. If one chapel suffers, every chapel suffers with it; if one chapel is thriving, every chapel thrives and rejoices with it. Now you are the Church of Christ, and each one of you, is a part of it.” (1 Corinthians 12)

Those of you that came to the Circuit Gathering this month will have heard this reading in a similar format. It is a reading from the New Testament which celebrates our differences while highlighting our unity. Our chapels in this Circuit couldn’t be more different: We have big and small, rural and (more) urban chapels (if you can talk about urban in this part of Devon). We have congregations with young(er) and old(er) people, real Devonians and those that have joined us over the past years. We couldn’t be more different, yet we have something that unites us: Jesus’ love, His affection towards us, His concern for us and His protection over us. I love working for this crazy bunch of different chapels because together we represent God’s kingdom. Together we are Christ’s bride! So, let’s stop looking at each other in envy or pity, but instead support each other, love each other, care for each other and show concern for each other. Because that’s what Jesus is doing, too!

Jonathan

The Circuit Gathering 2019 'The Missing Piece?'

Thank you to everyone for entering enthusiastically and so creatively into this years' Circuit Gathering. The jigsaw pieces came back from every Church and



the Winkleigh team with their winner's trophy

Photo by Mrs Rachael James



The Madworthy/Eworthy and Winkleigh teams

Photo by Mrs Rachael James

created a wonderful montage of the many and varied activities that are taking place across the Circuit. From coffee mornings to concerts; worship to community event; children to the older generations; the Circuit is a fantastic reflection of God's love for all people.

Our gathering included a lot of food! Our thanks to all who provided some delicious goodies and to those who helped with all the washing up etc. It was inspiring to have young families with us and I suspect many of us were exhausted just by watching the dancing and then the activities!

The Circuit jigsaw was put together as a 'rewrite' of 1 Corinthians 12 was read reminding us that we are part of the body of Christ and cannot function as God's Church without one another. Rev Graham Thompson picked up on this theme and encouraged us not to rely on the faithful few who seem to do everything but to be working together with everyone bringing their gifts work in this Circuit.

Those who were there will remember the story of the Evergreen family!



The Circuit Jigsaw

Photo by Miss Sandra Trenaman

The afternoon saw some intrepid people join in a prayer walk around Hatherleigh, whilst others stayed at the Community Centre and completed a 200 piece jigsaw, created badges, and generally enjoyed having a chat. And in good Methodist tradition our time together closed with tea and cake!

The whole day wouldn't have been possible without the hard work of our dedicated Ministry Team and Circuit Administrator together with many others who shared with us.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to a great day.

Many people have asked what is now going to happen to the jigsaw. Well, it's going on tour! To the June Circuit Meeting, the LP meeting, the LWPT Sunday celebration and finally to the September Circuit Meeting where the pieces will be returned with a challenge for the next Church year! (And see photos of the gathering on pages 7 & 12 - Ed)

Rev. Liz

Marriage and Relationships – The Conference conversation

Over a number of years now a group of people, directed by the Methodist Conference and working on behalf of us all, have been prayerfully and diligently committed to the Marriage and Relationships Task Group. This group comprises theologically diverse people who have journeyed together towards producing a report that will enable the Methodist Church to have what will hopefully be an honest and open consultation about the report's recommendations.

There will inevitably be contrary convictions as we consider the matters placed before us but the forthcoming consultation is not about taking sides. It is an encouragement to listen carefully to all view points and to both agree and disagree well. It is an opportunity to discover a path along which we can all travel in love and with God despite our differences. The Methodist Church is committed to this

consultation process and will be producing resources that will help and support the process.

I have included below the way in which the consultation process will proceed, together with some words of explanation as to what will happen at certain points.

May 2019 Report published in Vol 1 of the Conference Agenda

This report is now available on the Methodist Church website www.methodist.org.uk homepage 'GOD IN LOVE UNITES US' or search Marriage and Relationships 2019

The report is 66 pages long and I could not do it justice by trying to precis it here. I urge you to read the report yourself, to read it carefully, and to be wary of listening to the summaries of others without reading the report yourself.

27th June – 4th July Methodist Conference at which the report will be presented

The Methodist Conference Agenda is available on the Methodist Church website. Nearer the time you will be able to see on which days reports are to be discussed and voted on. The website will give daily updates throughout the Conference and sessions are live streamed should you wish to join with the worship or follow any of the conferring.

Assuming that the Conference votes to implement the report from the Marriage and Relationships Task Group this will be the rest of the process:

July – August 2019 Production of resources to support the consultation process

Sept 2019 Presentation of the report at Synods with an explanation of the consultation process

Sept 2019 – Spring 2020 Consultation Period

March/April/May 2020 Votes in Synods

May – June 2020 Production of a report to the 2020 Conference on the results of voting etc

July 2020 Methodist Conference – decision to be made

Please continue to pray about this significant time in the life of the Methodist Church, remembering that there are many different emotions involved and this is an emotive subject for many. Please be sensitive to the views of those around you and please do speak kindly of the Church and our brothers and sisters in Christ.

Merciful God,
help us to speak in love what is in our minds,
and to hear in love what is said by others;
to feel in love what is in our hearts,
and to sense in love what is in the hearts of others;
to confer in love to discern your truth,
and to be open in love to your guiding Spirit.
Through our disagreements guide us;
in our agreements direct us.
Together may we share the mind of Christ,
in whose name we pray.
Amen

Rev Liz

Bridget Down writes:-

I just wanted to write to say thank you to all those that have offered gracious words and generous gifts as I move on to a new role with The Methodist Church Connexional Team. I am humbled to receive them and just wanted you to know how much I have loved the journey of working with the Circuit Teams and Volunteers.

It's not goodbye, because I hope to continue to be able to help out where needed, so please do continue to ask!

Thank you to the whole Team and the Circuit...with special mentions to Hilary (along with the Management Group) who has been my line manager; the listener and 'steadier' to the crazy ideas we have had, Jonathan for supporting the creative thoughts, theology and mayhem beyond his comfort levels at times and to Sarah for all that you have given me and continue to give to the Circuit. Your silent support in the moments when people are not looking, not only to individuals but to the Circuit as a whole is overwhelming

Bridget

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CIRCUIT NEWS

Wednesday 5th June, 7.30pm - the Circuit Meeting at Winkleigh.

Monday 10th June, 7.30pm - the Local Preachers' & Worship Leaders' Meeting at Iddesleigh.

Sunday 16th June, 6.30pm - Circuit Service at Fairplace.

Circuit Diary

JUNE

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| 1 st | Sat | 4pm | Fairplace | W&F Shoe Box Fund | |
| | | | | Cream Tea 17 Kempley Road | 📖 p11 |
| 2 nd | Sun | 9.30am | Bridestowe PC | Joint Service | 📖 p9 |
| 2 nd | Sun | 5pm | Belstone | Songs of Praise | 📖 p12 |
| 5 th | Wed | 7.30pm | Winkleigh | The Circuit Meeting | 📖 p5 |
| 9 th | Sun | 11am | Bridestowe | Service with John Hawkins | 📖 p9 |
| 9 th | Sun | 2.30pm | Northlew | Service led by Miss Angela Banfield and Afternoon Tea | 📖 p10 |
| 10 th | Mon | 7.30pm | Iddesleigh | Local Preachers' & Worship Leaders' Meeting | 📖 p5 |
| 13 th | Thu | 7pm | Lakeway | Quiz Night | 📖 p10 |
| 14 th to 16 th | 10am | Fairplace | Flower Festival | | 📖 p11 |
| 15 th | Sat | 7.30pm | Northlew | Dance in Victory Hall | 📖 p10 |
| 15 th & 16 th | 2pm | Okehampton | Open Garden at 41 Leaholes Ave | | 📖 p11 |
| 16 th | Sun | 11am | Bridestowe | Service with Mrs S Hammond | 📖 p9 |
| 16 th | Sun | 4pm | Lakeway | T.A.P. | 📖 p10 |
| 16 th | Sun | 6.30pm | Fairplace | Circuit Service – Songs of Praise | 📖 p11 |
| 19 th | Wed | 7.30pm | Torrington MC | A Safeguarding Evening | 📖 p8 |

4.30pm on Friday 21st JUNE DEADLINE for the July & August edition

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| 23 th | Sun | 11am | Bridestowe | Service with our worship Group | 📖 p9 |
| 23 rd | Sun | 6pm | Spreyton | The Gospel Side of Johnny Cash | 📖 p10 |
| 24 th | Mon | 7.30pm | Hatherleigh | Okehampton Choral Society Summer Concert | 📖 p9 |
| 27 th | Thu | 9am for | Padstow | Hatherleigh Luncheon Club Outing | 📖 p12 |
| 27 th | Thu | 6pm | Fairplace | W&F Putting in Simmons Park | 📖 p11 |
| 29 th | Sat | 10am | Northlew | Coffee Morning, Cake Stall | 📖 p10 |
| 29 th | Sat | 7.30pm | Fairplace | Okehampton Choral Society Summer Concert | 📖 p12 |
| 30 th | Sun | 11am | Bridestowe | Service with Barry Searle | 📖 p9 |
| 30 th | Sun | 1pm | Iddesleigh | Fellowship Meal 25 th Year Chapel Anniversary | 📖 p9 |
| 30 th | Sun | 3pm | Fairplace | St John Ambulance Service led by Rev Philip Wagstaff | 📖 p11 |

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| Sat | 13 th | 6pm | Hatherleigh | West Devon LWPT High Tea | 📖 p10 |
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Items in the diary may be flagged thus - 📖 p8 indicates page 8 for details where available

Don't forget the Circuit Website :- www.westdevonmethodists.org.uk

REGULAR EVENTS IN THE CIRCUIT.

Fairplace - The Terry Bennett Centre will be open on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to noon, for the Friendship Coffee Bar and or Bookshop.

Northlew - Midweek Church continues to meet at 7.45pm on Tuesdays.

Iddesleigh – 1st and 3rd Fridays - Crafty Biblers 7 to 8pm For all school aged children - Pre-school aged children welcome with parental supervision. Craft based activities surrounding a biblical theme. Coffee Bar 20p Entry! Tuck available. 8-9:30pm Aged 8 years and up! A place to come, play games and meet your friends. 5th Fridays – Special Youth Events (look out for local advertisements)

Broadwoodkelly Children's Club at the Village Hall, on Mondays at 5.30pm. Phone Marion on 83388, or Jean on 83380 for details.

Winkleigh:- Every Monday, except bank holidays Oasis café provides a home cooked 2 course meal served at 12.30pm. Lighter snacks are also available. Space youth club runs every 2nd and 4th Friday of the month, years 5 & 6 from 7 - 8.15pm and then year 7 upwards from 8.30 - 10.00pm. We also have weekly Sunday school during our morning worship. Teatime worship, every first Sunday in the month includes a bring & share tea and is AAW.

Bridestowe - First Sunday of the month United Service with St Bridget's alternating between Methodist at 11am and St Bridget's 9.30am. Family Games Evenings 2nd and 4th Wednesdays in the month, 7-9.30pm. Badminton, Pool, Table Tennis and Board Games. Adults £2, Children £1. Children must be accompanied by an adult! Prayer Meeting - weekly on Wednesdays at 9 am at Briruth.

Boasley Chapel Soup & Sweet Lunches, from noon to 2pm Every 3rd Thursday of the month. Everyone welcome.

The Prayer Walkers



TORRIDGE METHODIST CIRCUIT

SAFEGUARDING EVENING

**Wednesday 19th June at 7.30pm
at Torrington Methodist Church,
Mill Street, Torrington, EX38 8AL**

Speaker Rev. Brenda Mosedale

**On Managing Well - the Churches
response to survivors of abuse.**

All welcome

**Further details from Jacqui Watson
safeguarding@torridgemethodistcircuit.org.uk**

NEWS FROM BRIDESTOWE:

Many thanks to those of you who have supported our events to raise money for the ARK Project. We continue fund raising with a Treasure Hunt and Barbecue on 21st June.

Sunday 2nd June Joint Service at St Bridget's at 9.30am.

Sunday 9th June Methodist Church Service at 11am with John Hawkins.

Sunday 16th June Methodist Church with Mrs S Hammond at 11am

Sunday 23rd June Methodist Church at 11am with Bridestowe Worship Group

Sunday 30th June Methodist Church Service at 11am with Barry Searle

All Services followed by coffee and biscuits.

OKEHAMPTON CHORAL SOCIETY SUMMER CONCERTS

REMINDER - Okehampton Choral Society will be performing their two concerts on Monday 24th June at 7:30pm at Hatherleigh Methodist Church and Saturday 29th June at 7:30 at Fairplace Church, Okehampton. The music features Captain Noah and his Floating Zoo, a cantata in popular style by Michael Flanders & Joseph Horowitz and a variety of lighter pieces for your enjoyment.

Tickets are £8 (£4 students) available from The Salar Gallery (20 Bridge St Hatherleigh) or Fairplace Church Shop (17 The Arcade Okehampton). Also available from choir members or on the door.

IDDESLEIGH METHODIST CHAPEL

25th year Chapel Anniversary

Fellowship Meal

On Sunday 30th June 2019 at 1pm
(Cottage Pie, Desserts, Cheese & Biscuits)

Followed by a concert given by
Revd Irving Penberthy with his Accordion
and Friends.

Price for meal £10
Primary age children £5
Pre-school children Free

If you would like to come please give numbers to one of our fellowship.

**NORTHLEW METHODIST
CHURCH**

Sunday 9th June

2.30 p.m.

Service

led by Mrs Angela Banfield
followed by Afternoon Tea.

Saturday 15th June

7.30 p.m.

Dance in the Victory Hall
with Simon playing the keyboard.

Saturday 29th June

10 a.m. - noon

Cake and Savoury Stall,
Coffee Morning and 50/50 shop.

(The Women's meetings will start
again in September).

**LAKEWAY UNITED CHURCH
NORTH TAWTON**

T.A.P. (tea & praise)

Sunday 16th June - 4pm

Theme – Songs of Praise

Short Service followed
by refreshments.

All Welcome.

QUIZ NIGHT

Thursday 13th June - 7 for 7.30 start

£2 per person (teams of up to 6)

Raffle on The Night.

Bring your own nibbles

Contact Rose Dadds for more Info
on 01837 82130

**WEST DEVON LWPT
HIGH TEA**

At

Hatherleigh Methodist Church

on Saturday 13th July

at 6pm

Bring and Share Fork Buffet.

Speaker Mr Andy Moreman trustee for LWPT

Entertainment.

All are welcome.

SPREYTON METHODIST CHURCH

We have

'THE GOSPEL SIDE OF JOHNNY CASH'

for our L.A. Service on June 23rd at 6pm

with refreshments afterwards.

Fairplace Church Okehampton

Flower Festival - "Celebrations"

**From Friday 14th June to
Sunday 16th June
10.00 am to 6.00 pm**

Also

*Open Garden at
41 Leaholes Avenue Okehampton
Saturday 15th June and Sunday
16th June from 2pm to 6pm*

Refreshments available at both venues

Fairplace was saddened by the death of John Holland. He will be greatly missed by all. The family wish to express their thanks for all the messages, cards, and support they have received.

The next event at Fairplace will be the Flower Festival which will begin on Friday June 14th and finish with the Circuit Songs of Praise, led by Rev Liz on the Sunday at 6.30pm.

The Wives and Friends group are hoping to have a putting evening in the Park with a bring and share supper at Fairplace, on Thursday June 27th, beginning at 6pm.

Jill Allin will be hosting a cream tea at 17 Kempley Road on Saturday June 1st from 4pm in aid of the shoebox fund 2019 and everyone is welcome.

The Saint John Ambulance organisation is having their district Service at Fairplace on Sunday June 30th at 3pm. It will be led by Rev Philip Wagstaff and again, all are welcome.

NEWS FROM HATHERLEIGH METHODIST CHURCH

Thursday 27th June – Hatherleigh Luncheon Club Outing to Padstow.
Leaving at 9am. Names to Gordon Trenaman. Fare £11



The Circuit Gathering in Hatherleigh Community Centre

BELSTONE METHODIST CHURCH

SONGS OF PRAISE

Sunday 2nd June at 5pm

The Service will be led by the

Rev Liz

Come and join us – if you can

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