**Forest Methodist Church**

**June Newsletter**

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**Serve Learn Share Praise**

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Bailiwick of Guernsey

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Dear Friends,

As we head into June, it means I need to get packed and ready for the Methodist conference. Once more this year I am to represent the Channel Islands with Helen Mahoney and Dawn our Chair district. The opportunity to really see what a huge church we are, and all connected by this yearly meeting. It’s good to hear the news from up in Shetland islands, down to us and everywhere in between. Papers and reports are presented and debated, encouraging us to keep current, relevant and connected with the local church. Anything that is discussed will have started in an ordinary church, when someone said, ‘We need to do something about this.’ We all are the conference, each person makes up the Methodist connexion. Connected too with the one desire to introduce people on an exploration of faith, introducing them to our wonderful Jesus. We each have a part, in the role of being a growin

g, inclusive, evangelistic and justice seeking church. In declining numbers, we hold on to the promise in Matthew 16:18 when Jesus commissioned Peter to build the church. God ‘builds on rock and the gate of Hades will not prevail.’ So, we need to listen carefully how to be church for today’s world, it may look different to how it has been done in the past. Please do ask me about the conference, on my return.

Of course, June means also summertime coming, as we enter the holiday season, we can get excited at having a break. It might be you have down time from meetings, clubs and groups. What to do with the extra time? Having a rest in your comfy armchair or lounger outside, is a favourite, God does encourage rest time. Will you read a novel, pursuing a long-neglected hobby, potter around the garden? Some no longer wish to travel, staycation is for them. Others the break will include journeying. When planning a trip, it’s quite a decision to know where to go. We do have a world of possibilities before us. Decisions, decisions, decisions? Do we go somewhere new or an old favourite? For some a break gives delightful time with family and friends, catching up. When on holiday we have the chance to unwind and let our minds wander in the space created from the everyday busyness. This is what a break is all about. It is an opportunity to sit and be with God. The chance to have a different

routine and perhaps a little adventure. I pray you are all blessed in your break with refreshment and renewal. In Jeremiah 6: 16 we can read ‘This is what the Lord says: “Stand at the crossroads and look; ask for the ancient paths, ask where the good way is, and walk in it, and you will find rest for your souls. ‘

To have a rested soul, be at peace, it will leave you feeling revitalised, just what a good break should give! So, folks get ready….

Here comes the Summer! Big blessings, Jacky

A message from Beth

Sadly, my dear husband Greg passed away on Liberation Day.   The love and support my family and I have received from Our Church Family has been wonderful, so many cards, letters, flowers so very kind of you all and much appreciated.  
     To those who came to Greg's Funeral, and to Peter who played so beautifully, thank you.   A very special thank you to Rev. Jacky who led the service with such warmth and understanding, a great blessing to us all.  Greg is now at peace and with our Lord in whom he had such faith.

**Pentecost Lunch**

**Sunday 8th June**

Service at 11am

Followed by Lunch

Please sign up in the welcome area

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Supporting: NIGHTSTOP and GUERNSEY SUICIDE AWARENESS

Thank you to all those who supported our Liberation Celebrations.

We raised over £1600 for our two chosen charities.

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**Teddy Bears’ Picnic**

Vale Church

**Saturday 7th June, 3.00pm**

See poster for more details

**MEET & EAT**

This is a house group which meets usually on the first Monday of each month.    We often meet at different participants homes as and when they can offer to host.  There’s usually between 6 and 10 people that come along to enjoy some food followed by a discussion based on the previous Sunday’s G&M but not exclusively.  We meet at 7pm and finish around 9pm.  There is a minimum donation requested of £5 to cover the cost of catering.

**June’s meeting will be at Nev & Carole’s’s at 7pm on Monday 2nd June**

Should you wish to give us a try you can either put your name(s) on the list in the Welcome Area or call Carole on 07781 438265.

**FOREST LADIES GROUP.**

Thursday 12th June at 2.00pm  
       Speaker.    -    Rev Jacky  
  
      Thursday 24th June at 12.30pm  
       Lunch at the Longfrie

A WARM WELCOME TO ALL LADIES TO COME AND ENJOY FELLOWSHIP

MEETING AT THE FOREST METHODIST CHURCH UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED

ANY QUERIES CONTACT BETH TEL: 263564 / MOBILE: 07781 163564

Les Adams Methodist Church

Please come join us **19th June 7.30p.m**. for a wonderful night of song, with Singing from the Heart choir.

Also 5th July please help us raise funds for our AV equipment at our coffee morning. Brac a brac, books, plants and amazing cakes, including Noella’s  special meringues! Come chat over tea and coffee.

**The Big Tea Party**

In aid of The Leprosy Mission

**Saturday 28th June at 3pm**

Vazon Church, La Mare Road, Castel

Tickets: £6 on the door

See poster for more details

Capelles Methodist Church

We are to have a concert by Peter Le Messurier,

**Joyful Pipes on the organ.**

Please come to enjoy an evening of incredible music **12th July at 7p.m.**

All donations to help homelessness, build a house with Tumaini and furnish flats for teenagers, with Action for Children Guernsey.

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**Preaching & Duty Stewart Schedule**

God & Marmalade is at 8.45am

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| Date | AM Preacher | Duty Steward |
| **1st June** | Gill Dallin | Carole |
| **8th June** | 11am Jacky Cottrell | Nev |
| **15th June** | Jacky Cottell (HC) | Sarah |
| **22nd June** | Stephen Dallin | Beth |
| **29th June** | Fellowship | Carole |

Evening Service is at 6pm

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| Date | PM Preacher | Duty Steward |
| **1st June** | Jacky Cottrell | Pam |
| **8th June** | N/A | N/A |
| **15th June** | Fellowship (Pam) | Beth |
| **22nd June** | Fellowship | Sarah |
| **29th June** | Victor Lane | Beth |

**Flower Rota**

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| **Date** |  |
| **1st June** | **Angela Galetzine** |
| **8th June** | **Margaret Stockreiter** |
| **15th June** | **Hayley Le Boutiller** |
| **22nd June** | **Sandra Hardill** |
| **29th June** | **Judy Wade** |

**G & M Breakfast Rota**

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| **Date** | **Breakfast** | **Setting Up** | **Cloth Wash** |
| **1st June** | Sarah | Carole/Nev | Margaret |
| **8th June** | Catering | David (237669) | Sarah |
| **15th June** | Carole/Nev | Leon | Jenny |
| **22nd June** | Sandra/Ian Jenny | Steve/Jan (07911 734700) | Beth |
| **29th June** | Sarah | David | Rosemary |

Welcome Steward Rota

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| **DATE** | **AM** | **PM** |
| **1st June** | Sandra | Beth |
| **8th June** | Andrea | N/A |
| **15th June** | Jenny | Brian |
| **22nd June** | Andrea | Beth |
| **29th June** | Sandra | Brian |

**With grateful thanks to all who give their time to the service of the church**

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Notices/articles for next month let Michelle know by **Wed 25th June**

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An article from The Times written by Bear Grylls

When I was a young teenager, I heard a visiting vicar at my school say: “Jesus Christ came to kill religion and bring life.”

I was intrigued. On one hand, religion always seemed the source of war, division and conflict. On the other, whenever I came across stories about Jesus, he seemed to be about peace, kindness, sacrifice, freedom and affirmation.

I decided to read up about this Jesus person and the one thing I always noticed is that whoever he met — rich, poor, sick, healthy, preacher or prostitute, powerful leader or simple fisherman — no one ever seemed to walk away unchanged.

It made me want to explore the notion of faith and learn more about what he was about. It wasn't religion I was after — as a teenager I wasn't exactly hungry for more rules, restrictions, customs and conventions. But I did like the sound of the freedom and empowerment that seemed to come from being around this guy. What I didn't know was how it would truly change me from the inside out.

Sir Edmund Hillary, the first man confirmed to have climbed the world's highest mountain, once said, “There is no such thing as an atheist in the 'Death Zone' on Everest.”

I am sure a few atheists have climbed Everest over the years, but the point he made is that when we're truly afraid and there's no one around to help us, to possess a quiet faith can give us a persistence and courage that is so much greater than what we have within ourselves.

But what is this faith within? Can the power and presence that Jesus had on people 2,000 years ago have such an effect on us today?

I can only talk from experience. For me, having a Christian faith can be difficult to articulate. It's like describing ice cream or swimming — it has to be tried to be felt. In a nutshell, my Christian faith has strengthened me in so many battles I've faced in life.

Not long after that visiting preacher delivered those words about religion versus life, I said a quiet prayer to myself in a tree at the end of our garden. I closed my eyes and asked if Jesus was real, then please be with me and help me. Little did I know that this simple prayer would be the acorn from which an oak tree would grow.

At heart, my Christian faith tells me I will never walk alone, and that I have the light of the Almighty within me. The most beautiful part is that this gift is given to any of us freely when we simply ask. And I've witnessed it change so many lives over the years.

None of us deserves this gift. I certainly don't. If anything, I am more aware than ever how often I have failed, yet still I am forgiven. That's why Christ turned everything on its head. His forgiveness is free because He has paid the price. He took our place on the Cross. He died to set us free. It's the greatest story ever told.

In years gone by, I have ignored my faith and tried to do life without it. I have tried to be strong only in myself. But I have found that my heart is restless until I open the door to Christ again. I have discovered that we lose our power when we try to live on

our own strength alone. I really need His helping hand, His peace within and that quiet assurance.

My longing for this life within me is stronger than the fear of what others may think. I am not too proud to admit that I need my Saviour beside me, within me.

Does that make my faith a crutch? Maybe. But what does a crutch do? It helps us stand and walk on in life, even when we have wounds and hurts. I like that.

My Christian faith helps me to live more adventurously, be bold and take risks, but also to care and encourage, to love and support those closest to me and hopefully beyond as well.

It's easy to be cynical about faith and to push difficult issues and questions aside. But to explore is good. To question is wise. To seek truth is courageous. And, of course, we will have doubts. That's part of it all. The uncertainty. But I have realised that doubts are ok. Two sides of the same coin: doubt and faith. It means we can't have one without the other.

But to choose to have a faith takes courage. All too often it is the tougher path, but life and the wild have taught me that the tougher path often ends up being the most fulfilling one.

So be brave. Bend the knee, close your eyes and ask for help. It's a beautiful, humble, powerful thing to do. We have nothing to lose and everything to gain.

Bear Grylls OBE is an adventurer, writer and television presenter.

His book The Greatest Story Ever Told is being published next month by Hodder & Stoughton

Guernsey Circuit Alpha

Helen is organising an Alpha course across all our churches. She is encouraging people to come and experience it so that they can inspire new people seeking a faith next time. Banners will be appearing outside our churches to let our communities know. Helen does need volunteers to run this, specific requests will be coming. For now, please hold each Wednesday evening from 1st Oct until 10th Dec if you are interested. This is a big commitment of 11 weeks and Helen will be coming around all our churches to share with us all it entails.

**Gift Day**

Dear Friends,

At the Church Council, it was decided to have a gift day for the church to boost the diminishing funds, that we use for outgoings, to maintain the building and conduct mission. As we come together to celebrate the Christian Church’s anniversary, at the feast of Pentecost, having a meal together on 8th of June, this we thought would be a good day for doing so. Together we rejoice at the many years of witness we have given in the weekly worship every Sunday, praising in prayer and song, and challenged by scripture, discussions and sermons.

Our doors have been opened for all to be warmly welcomed in with the hospitality of a friendly smile and breakfast, meals, soups, cakes, choc ices and popcorn. We have had fun with family crafts, crocheting Christmas stockings and concerts as well as fund raisers to help Nightstop and Guernsey Suicide Awareness. Our premises are used and appreciated by the ‘Singing from the Heart’ choir,exercise and craft groups, as well as many children’s parties. This is all super mission reaching out into the lives of our neighbours.

In 2 Corinthians 9 : 6 we read, 'the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully.' You have all generously and faithfully supported this church to enable Gods work to be done, for which we are thankful and grateful!

We now look ahead to the new season and the sowing to be done ready in expectation and awaiting the harvest that God will deliver. So we ask you, if you are able, to give an extra financial gift to help us maintain our building. In 2 Corinthians 9:7 it advises 'Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work.'

As we look to the opportunities and challenges that God will place before the Forest Methodist Church this coming year, we thank you for your support and ask for your prayers for wisdom as we desire to honour God and take up the privilege of spreading the good news of Jesus in love, by

word and action. You may like to read more of 2 Corinthians, chapter 9 in which the last sentence says, 'Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!' Thanks indeed, for all gifts our awesome God has given us, individually and as the church!

Jacky and Stewards

**Collection boxes**

**Used stamps for charity** **Guernsey Welfare Services**

Collected and sold to raise funds for We collect non-perishable goods to be

The worldwide work of Christian Aid. Passed on to the GWS to support the

If you have any, please leave them in Work of their foodbank. Please leave any

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Fairtrade stall at Forest

2nd Sunday of the month

**PARKING FOR THE AIRPORT at Forest Methodist**

THIS WILL BE ENTIRELY AT CAR OWNERS RISK

To reserve a space please email [rosemary.willey@gmail.com](mailto:rosemary.willey@gmail.com) and cc to [carolejehan1972@gmail.com](mailto:carolejehan1972@gmail.com).

You will need to provide your car number, dates required and a contact telephone number. Please can you display your Christian name on your dashboard when leaving the vehicle.

It should be noted that on the rare occasions when the car park is full, I.e. funerals, access to your vehicle may be temporarily delayed.



**Prayer Pages**

**IN YOUR PRAYERS**  
If you know of someone who would appreciate being on our prayer list, please ensure you have the person's permission before passing their name to Michelle.

Please pray for Ron Gould, Win De La Mare, Karen Harrison,

Rachel Meinke, Caroline Treharne, Joyce Baudains,

Margaret Boden-Heaume, Bob Cartmell,

Rev John Luff and his wife Carole,

Howard Ellis (Sandra’s son), Debbie Hobbs,

Colleen Ogier and Debbie Dorey

Wilfred is now doing really well, and the family would like to thank you for all your prayers.

**Bailiwick of Guernsey Churches Prayer Cycle for 2025**

Jun 08 ***PENTECOST (Prayer for the worldwide church)***

Jun 15 Parish church of St Sampson & St Mary’s church, L’Islet

***(Refugee Week 16-22 June)***

Jun 22 Spurgeon Baptist church / Bethesda Baptist chapel

Jun 29 St Andrew-in-the-Grange, Church of Scotland

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## FACTOR 7

**Please pray wherever you are: at home, work, in your car or shower, pray for**

7 minutes at 7am and/or 7pm

FOCUS THIS MONTH

Give thanks to God for sending the Holy Spirit to be our helper and guide.  Pray for those people and situations you know of which particularly need the breath of the God's Spirit for life, healing, strength and inspiration.

Praise God for the wonders of creation!  Pray for all who seek to preserve and care for the world around us, and for those who educate about how nature works and what is needed to enable its flourishing.

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Church notices that didn’t turn out quite right!  
  
  
The Low Self-esteem group will be meeting in the hall on Friday evening. Please use the back door.  
  
The third verse of “Blessed Assurance” will be sung without musical accomplishment.  
  
Next Sunday Mrs. Vinson will be the soloist for the morning service. Following this, tbe vicar will then speak on “Terrible experiences.”  
  
The recent concert was a great success. Special thanks are due to the minister’s daughter, who laboured for the whole evening at the piano, which as usual fell on her.

A cartoon character with a balloon

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