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**dear friends**

As I write this I'm preparing to attend the annual Methodist Conference which this year is being held in Southport, Merseyside. Yet as I get excited about looking beyond our Circuit, as I mutter away about things Connexional, as I explain that I go to this event as a representative for our District, you may well be sat there wondering what on earth I'm talking about. Circuit, District, Connexion, Conference.....what are all these things.....and she can't even spell connection properly!!!

It's perhaps a reflection of the times in which we live that people who do still go to church go to the churches where they feel welcome, where they feel they might have a sense of belonging, where they are able to be themselves, to engage with what is happening. No longer is it a case of 'I go to this church because this is where my grandparents worshipped' or 'I go here because it's where my Mum went to Sunday School.' Actually it's more and more the case now that those older generations probably won't have gone to church themselves. And what this means is a whole grouping of folk who have found a spiritual home with us but actually have no idea why Methodism came into being, how our structure works, how the Methodist Church fits in to the worldwide church or indeed, what makes us 'different'- what makes us the people of God who are called 'Methodists'.

This is a real challenge for us.....to begin to rediscover our identity as Methodist people whilst also relating to, and with, the rapidly changing world around us. What does make Methodism special and why do we still have so much to offer to the world and society? Over the next few issues of this magazine I would like to share something with you about the history of Methodism and about how the local church, and the church at national level, works. I'd like to take you on a bit of a 'Who Do You Think You Are?' journey!

There is often talk today about the church 'dying' – I don't believe that it is, not globally anyway. However I do think that we need to rise to some of the challenges before us if the church locally is to survive in a vibrant and relevant way. And for this to happen I'm convinced that we need to go back to basics and as the gardeners among you might say – firm our roots in. Until we know deep within us who we are and why we are here any movement outside the comfortable and familiar is never going to happen. But move we must and soon.....

In his report to Conference this year the General Secretary the Revd Martyn Atkins (former President of Conference) picks up on the gardening or agricultural image, which is very biblical. He says that when hard decisions have to be made there is always a fertile period in which to make them. A time when the resources and the energy needed to implement necessary decisions are available. He goes on to say "Sadly what often happens in organisations, including Churches, is that decisions are not made at the point when resources and energy are sufficient to enact them, but then are made, usually reluctantly and as a last resort, when the required

resources and energy.....are no longer available.” Revd Atkins does not feel we are yet in that deadly and disillusioning place but that “the fertile season” of resources and energy when we might make changes and become a vibrant church again are “fast coming to an end.” I agree with him.

So – what to do? Here is a starting point.....Many of you are some of those ‘resources’. Think about what that might mean and then visit the ‘Situations Vacant’ page! What do you have to offer God and the church? What is God calling you to do? The old adage ‘many hands make light work’ is oh so true. Or in the words of Jesus ‘The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few.’

And if you have questions about faith issues or church life why not submit a question to the Q&A page? We can’t always guarantee an answer but we will try!

May God bless you as we move forward together as God’s people called ‘Methodists’.

Liz

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## why France?

Is everything in France the same as here in Jersey? France is a secular country; the Bible is relatively unknown; there are 36,000 communes with no evangelical witness; for every evangelical Christian there are 186 people with no religious connections at all. Since 2003 a small team of Christians from different churches in Jersey have been going to **Lessay Fair** in Normandy to distribute 5,000 New Testaments and 20,000 Gospels of John. The group leaves Jersey on Thursday 8 September and returns on Monday 12 September. They stay in Carteret at a guest house run by a Jersey Christian lady.

If you would like to join the group please speak to John Vasselin tel:742972 or David Vasselin tel: 613925.

Speaking French is **not** essential.



Mohammad Ali said;

“Impossible” is just a big word thrown around by small men, who find it easier to live in a world they’ve been given, than to explore the power they have to change it. Impossible is not a fact, its an opinion. Impossible is not a declaration, it’s a dare. Impossible is potential. Impossible is temporary. Impossible is nothing.”

## Godspell

By Stephen Schwartz & John-Michael Tebelac

Thursday 7th July  
Friday 8th July  
Saturday 9th July  
at St Helier Methodist Centre  
Performances at 7.30pm  
Retiring collection

Jersey Arts Centre  
Youth theatre production ,  
directed by Daniel Austin.

## Disclosure

Prayer is like watching for the Kingfisher. All you can do is Be where he is likely to appear, and Wait.  
Often, nothing much happens; There is space, silence and Expectancy.  
No visible sign, only the Knowledge that he’s been there, And may come again.  
Seeing or not seeing cease to matter, You have been prepared.  
But sometimes, when you’ve almost Stopped expecting it, A flash of brightness Gives encouragement.



Ann Lewin  
Watching for the Kingfisher  
Canterbury press

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## family news and prayer concerns



We remember in our prayers The family of HAROLD PICOT, who died on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> June. Harold had only been in hospital for a few days but his family were relieved that he did not linger. Up until then he had been in reasonable health, very much a family man, proud of what his two children Margaret and David had achieved and particularly his grand-daughters, Julia and Frances. During his younger days Harold was involved with the Sunday School. Pat remembers seeing him in the Primary room at Aquila Road where he would be one of those who marked the Star Cards, which were for attendance and those with a full attendance card had a special prize at the Anniversary. Later he was involved with the sound system, when microphones were introduced into the church and always he was on hand to take photographs of the special events which were very much part of the church's life, particularly during the Occupation when the community spirit was in evidence and was necessary to keep people together as they shared whatever they had. Harold was in his 91<sup>st</sup> year & he & Joan had just celebrated 64 years of marriage. He will be greatly missed by his family and friends. We send our love and sympathy to them all.

DAVID PAUL is now back at home, having spent a month in hospital after falling and breaking some ribs. He is glad to be back with the family where he can have as many cups of tea as he

likes. PATRICK BOUCHERE had been out of the island with his son Andrew, who is undergoing surgery for the removal of gall stones, in a London hospital.

We remember all our household, elderly or frail members and friends in our prayers - they are part of the rich tapestry of our church family.

On Sunday 19 June TIM and VERONICA ROWE were welcomed into Membership by transfer from their previous church in UK. Roy Picot welcomed them on behalf of SHMC.

Please remember TIM & LOU HICKLIN as they prepare for their Wedding Blessing at SHMC on Saturday 23 July.

*BIRTHDAYS* in June & July PAULINE O'PREY, MENNA & JENNA TRELEVEN; PAT TOURTEL; HELEN TOOLE .....and others not mentioned here! May you be surrounded by God's love as you journey into another year.

**Congratulations** to: HELEN TOOLE on completing her P.G.C.E. to enable her to teach Primary age children. She is currently applying for teaching positions in the UK. We wish her every success in her new career.

We remember those who are anxiously awaiting exam results before taking the next step on life's journey.

### **Christian Aid**

As always many thanks to those who delivered envelopes and to the few who collected and took their turn at sitting at one of the Supermarkets. There was a col-

lecting tin at SHMC which together with the envelopes which had been returned raised £155.53. This is in addition to the sum of £570 which has so far been collected from the Fast which was organised by Charlotte and the young people of the church. Congratulation to them and thanks to the helpers who came in on the Sunday morning to cook the breakfast, which was greatly appreciated!



### **Beetle!!**

On 27 May about 40 people gathered in the large hall for an entertaining, exhilarating and exciting evening. Although some had not played this game before, they soon found themselves shouting with the others, 'sixes, sixes all we want now are sixes', or 'why can't we get a two, the game will be over before we start' and 'all we need is 1 for a feeler' and words to that effect. Our minister said she went to bed with the refrain 'legs, legs, legs,' in her head. It was a most enjoyable, if noisy, evening and we were provided with a vast array of delicious cakes at half time, to spur us on to greater shouting. Most people went home hoarse and exhausted, but all agreed that this pleasant pastime was worth repeating. £170 was raised for church funds.

### **worship consultation**

The next meeting to discuss the worship at SHMC will be held on **Monday 18 July at 7.30pm** This meeting is open to all the congregation and is an opportunity to express views and to offer suggestions for future services of worship. All aspects of worship are explored - hymns, music, prayers, atmosphere, special arrangements & preachers. Do come and share in this vital part of the Christian life of our church.

## Q & A

**Question:** On the preaching plan there are 'lectionary' readings given for each Sunday. What is the lectionary?

**Answer:**  
The Revised Common Lectionary (RCL) works on a three year cycle – known as Year A, B and C. The year commences on the first Sunday of Advent and we are currently in Year A. Each Sunday in the year has a title – for example the Fifth Sunday in Lent or the Tenth Sunday of Ordinary Time. Ordinary Time being that period of the year that isn't Lent, Advent, Easter Season, Pentecost etc!! Each Sunday there are two sets of readings : Principal Service and Second Service. The Principal Service readings are subdivided into Related and Continuous. Continuous Readings are just that...from week to week they enable at least a semi-continuous reading of the Bible. Related Readings are what you will see at the top of our preaching plan. These readings seek to relate the Old Testament reading and the Epistle to the Gospel reading so that all three could be used together if wanted. Year A uses Matthew as the main gospel, Year B uses Mark and Year C uses Luke. John's Gospel is used at various times throughout the years, especially for major Church festivals such as Christmas. The readings are date related so, for example, the Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time is always the Sunday between 12 and 18 June inclusive. Not every church follows the lectionary and nor does every preacher so that is why you may look at the plan expecting to hear one reading read and actually hear something quite different! Printing the readings on the plan

though is helpful for preachers and it can be a way in which you can prepare for worship by reading the passages beforehand.....even if they aren't then preached on!

It is worth noting that the word 'Common' means that the lectionary is common to the various denominations and whilst there are some differences at certain times of the year if the RCL is followed it means in theory that the passages you hear preached about on a particular Sunday would be the same as the ones your friend who goes to the Anglican church would hear.

*Questions submitted to this page will be printed at the discretion of the Editor.*

*All questions should be submitted to the Editor at least one week before the deadline date on the back page of each issue.*

*can you find 16 books of the Bible in the following passage?*

I once made a remark about a hidden book of the Bible. It was a lu-lu, kept people looking so hard for the facts, and for others it was a revelation. Some were in a jam, especially since the names were not capitalised, but the truth finally struck home to numbers of readers. To others it was a real job. I want it to be a most fascinating few moments for you. Yes there will be some easy ones to spot, but others may require even judges to help them. I freely admit it usually takes a minister to find one of them and there will be loud lamentations when it is found. One lady said that she brews a cup of tea to help her.

## **Waterpot**

The daily going out  
and coming in  
always being hurried  
along  
like like... cattle

In the evenings  
returning from the fields  
she tried hard to walk  
like a woman

she tried very hard  
pulling herself erect  
with every three or four  
steps  
pulling herself together  
holding herself like  
royal cane

And the overseer  
hurrying them along  
in the quickening darkness

And the overseer sneering  
them along in the quickening  
darkness

sneered at the pathetic-  
the pathetic display  
of dignity

O but look  
there's a waterpot growing  
from her head

*Grace Nichols*

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## Football Quiz Answers

19. Wrexham 20. Spurs  
18. Queens Park Rangers  
15. Brighton 16. Millwall 17. Bolton  
13. Wimbledon 14. Charlton  
11. Chelsea 12. West Ham  
9. Sheffield Wednesday 10. Everton  
6. Oxford 7. Blackpool 8. Preston  
4. Crystal Palace 5. Mansfield  
1. Luton 2. Wolves 3. Doncaster

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, drunkenness, high infant mortality, promiscuity, little education.....pretty appalling conditions all round.

Few people went to church and 'folk religion' would best describe was 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 28<sup>th</sup> 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 25<sup>th</sup> 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 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.

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.*

Hymns & Psalms 706

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. 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 17<sup>th</sup> 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.

Prayer is the best way to meet the Lord.

Trespassing is FASTER.

## nestling day care nursery

Nestling Day Care Nursery is committed to providing high quality care and education for children aged 3 months 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

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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)

## church family fun day - 10 July

Everyone is invited to join together



on Sunday 10 July at Bel Royal Beach after morning worship. Please bring your picnic, drinks, rugs etc. and join in the fellowship and fun.

Games will be organised for the ones who wish to take part. Young or older! everyone welcome.

If it is wet (but we are positive) we will use the church premises with modified games but still the fellowship! We look forward to a fun day together.



## family worship themes 2011

July 24th 'Lost Property'  
God searches for his people

August 21st Holiday Club Service

The Whist Drive, held on Friday was great fun and very successful in raising £225 to support Cathrine from the Esperado Children's Haven. Thanks to some very kind donations plus the support from everyone who came, we have now raised the £335 towards the £500 needed to provide Cathrine with spending money for essentials and small extras during the remainder of her catering course.

Below is a letter from Cathrine:-

Everyone who attended both the Beetle and Whist drives held recently, has greatly enjoyed them, discovering what wonderful social occasions they are, and if they can raise funds as well, what a bonus that has been!

THIS LETTER IS DEDICATED TO ALL THE HONOURABLE PEOPLE WHO HAVE MADE IT POSSIBLE FOR ME TO BE WHERE AM TODAY!!!!

I would truly and deeply love to take this wonderful moment to greet u all..it feels so unique and special to write to all,you are all an important essential product of life, thats why i want to take this opportunity to thank per individuals for the greatest gift you offered me

I mostly like to thank for the opportunity you gave me in order for me 2 learn and achieve something, it really means a lot and i appreciate each and every effort and courage you put. you made my life worth living.you all have enhanced your motivation to me and thats what exactly made me to be where i am today because you are filled with inspiration that motivates people like myself GOD has already given u all blessings. thankyou for making me be part of your thoughts and your warm and kind hearts which is willing 2 help more importantly taking me into consideration in your presents i'm grateful.you all are amazing and i thank God for everything you are doing for me....

I just want every1 to know this when i completed high school i had no idea what to do next i was confused and frustrated about how am i going to further my education because i'm a person who is ambitious all this questions was hard to answer a barrie was created,i then thought of going to look for a job but that wouldn't help cause i will be paid peanuts moreover an impact of not having any experience or a go ahead qualifications will do no good, until the day Jenna called me and told me the good news ,

my nightmares and obstacles come to an end thats how powerful God is,you gave me direction of my life and and an opportunity of a life time.

AND NOW IM GOING TO TELL YOU ALL ABOUT THE ACADEMY.

Its in Mpumalanga situated in nelspruit, its a 3 star hotel,having 24 rooms accomodating less or more

than 40 guest, having all different departments it also offers conference rooms, large restaurant and the main kitchen were most cooking preparation takes place. the academy offers different courses such as waitress, housekeeping, chef, food and beverage and assistance chef, depending due to their duration. coming to the campus it has approximately about 24 rooms

Each bedroom consist of 2 single beds,2 study tables,2 wardrobes and 2 study lights and we have our meals three times a day.we attend the practical kitchen every 2 weeks and the following 2 weeks is theory in the classroom we wear full uniforms each learner is provided with utensils, a stove and preparation surface.

..the academy offers registered and recognise certificate from THETA. we have 6 months practicals which will take place next year,we are being Placed to any hotel or lodge in South Africa some hotels offers accomodation and meals some dont,we are also taught work of waitress. working opportunities that might arise i grab them with both hands, which will be after the practicals, i also would love to work in the cruise ship if i can get that opportunity i love challeges they build me up and exploring, learning is what keeps me going and thats of couse due to your presents. this month we went to kruger national park for 3 days it was fun and each and everyone of us learnt something new thank you again for making the trip possible for me, im grateful for the privilege u are giving me to explore.

I'm even a good example of my siblings at home and my family is proud all thanx to you all! MAY YOU ALL ETERNELY BE FILLED WITH HAPPINESS FROM ABOVE

LOVE YOU ALL

I sincerely appreciate each and everyone's support.  
YOURS FAITHFULLY  
CATHRINE MABILA

## **Esperado** (cont)

A letter from Jean-Louis Vardim  
Hi Jane-hope all of u are well? All here at the haven are in good health and we have been busy cleaning up the backyard - we are planning a winter garden - we would once again want to thank all of u for the help with the electricity. We still have the daily struggle for diesel to fetch food and then the food pickups contain less usable items. Sophia health is fair due to the daily stress to make ends meet, winter has not been that cold yet - tolerable. We received a donation from a textile company of material and Sophia and Benildy are very busy sewing and making items to sell.  
I will write again soon. Kind regards Jean-Louis.

## **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

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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, had sailed before so was experienced and from Southampton, Dawn and Heather, then Gloria, Judy, Kevin, Rodney and me from Jersey. 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

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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 H.

## a prayer

**Steer our vessels towards yourself, O Lord, for you are the haven of all storm-tossed souls. Direct our course, renew our spirits and curb our wayward senses. Teach us gladly to obey your commandments and constantly to rejoice in your presence; through Christ our Lord. Amen**

Basil the Great (c.330-379)  
From Day 18 of the Methodist Prayer Handbook

## football teams

1. Heavyweight toilet.
2. Kevin dances with them.
3. University professor in the foundry.
4. Glass mansion.
5. Male meadow.
6. Animal's car.
7. Dirty water.
8. Push a weight.
9. Steel city day.
10. Always one hundred.
11. Famous for buns.
12. not an eastern dish.
13. Where the Wombles live.
14. Famous football brothers.
15. Opposite of dull off.
16. Cotton factory's own barrier.
17. Lock the door.
18. Royal leisure area guardians.
19. Smashes up cars.
20. Cowboy boots have them.

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## quick brain teasers

1. Some months have 31 days, some have 30. How many have 28?
2. If a doctor gave you 3 tablets and told you to take one every half hour, how long would they last?
3. How many sides are there in a circle?
4. Which countries have a 4th of July - UK, USA, France, Austria?
5. A man built a rectangular house with each side facing south. A bear came wandering by. What colour was the bear?
6. Can a man living in the Parish of Trinity be buried in St Lawrence?
7. Alone in the house at night, with an oil lamp, a candle, a gas fire and only one match, which would you light first?
8. Is it legally possible for a man to marry his widow's sister?

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**STEWARDS REQUIRED.....**  
Do you have ideas about the life of the church?  
Want to make a difference....help the church to grow?  
Maybe you would like to 'shadow a steward' with a view to joining the team?  
Rev Liz Hunter can tell you more.

*MESSY CHURCH &  
LITTLE RASCALS  
Helpers needed. Talk  
to Sally*

Can you arrange flowers - you could join the list of those who place flowers in church for Sunday worship.  
Perhaps you could help deliver them to our members at home on Sunday afternoon or Monday.  
**Pauline** would be pleased to hear from you.

Maureen says more leaders for Junior Church would be an 'answer to prayer'.  
Could you be that 'answer'?

Do you enjoy cooking?  
Could you make a large pan of soup once a month?  
**YES?!!** There's a place for you on our Friday lunch rota.  
Offers to Pat Tourtel

**SITUATIONS  
VACANT**

# Children's Activities *st helier methodist centre*

## Holiday Club:

For two days in the recent half term we had a very successful, well attended gathering of

4 – 9yr olds. Some of the parents and children sometimes refer to these events as "Holiday Rascals," especially if they have children in the younger groups. So sometimes I do too.

The number of children who came exceeded the number I expected would actually come. Most times there are always children who book in and don't turn up, but this time every single child on the list arrived and more as well. It was fantastic – but extremely hard work!

Luckily we had made a decision to use the big space in the Church for stories, games and songs, so it left downstairs available for eating and all the craft activities. We had not used the two areas before in this way but I really think it worked. Surprisingly the 37 children enjoyed their journeys up and down the stairs, and it took a bit of time up! As well as, the changing environment seemed to help focus them better for the next task.

Maureen concentrated on the mechanics of downstairs (with others helping) While I (with another adult) ran the upstairs part.

Our theme was "The 3 Lost Parables", the son, the coin, and the sheep. Presenting each story in different styles, hopefully gave every child a chance to remember something. We did lots and lots of craft, some you can see on the notice board in the vestibule. They always love these (for some possibly this is the only reason they come) but at least they come. Who are we to know what they are absorbing while they are with us. Especially as every child takes home a bag, full of their handiwork.

We are going to run a week long Holiday Club in August: 15<sup>th</sup>–19<sup>th</sup> concluding with the service on the Sunday morning. So any help during that week would be greatly appreciated. Even if you can only give one day, or help with the preparation, or even offer food, it all is useful and appreciated.



## Messy Church

Our June Messy Church was held on the 16<sup>th</sup>, and 30 children plus parents/carers attended. The theme was "Fathers". Not just our earthly fathers, as some of the children don't have fathers, but on Our Heavenly Father God, and his love for us.

They ate Chicken Nuggets, Spaghetti Hoops, Mashed Potatoes, followed by Yoghurts, and all went home happily, with gifts and cards for their Dads or other special people in their lives.

## Teddy Bears Picnic

Our Tuesday Little Rascal Group brought their Teddy Bears this week to join in the fun of an indoor picnic. One of the Teddies told me on the way out "that it was really good to get out and meet some friends." I hope that their owners feel the same way. Judging by how well they sat and ate and played the games I'm sure that they do.

## Meals for Mums with new Babies

Just thought that you would like to know how much these meals mean to the people who receive them.

This is a quote from one family.

*"We just want to say a very big THANK YOU to all those who prepared and delivered meals to us. It was a great help to us and very much appreciated  
THANKS AGAIN".*

Thank you from me too!  
Sally



## worship

July 2011

3rd	10.30am	Morning worship Dr Nola Webster
	4.00pm	Keswick Celebration worship
10th	10.30am	Morning worship Mrs Pat Tourtel
17th	10.30am	Morning worship Mr Richard Astridge
24th	10.30am	Family worship Rev Liz Hunter
31st	10.30am	Morning worship & Holy Communion Rev Liz Hunter
<b>august</b>		
7th	10.30am	Local arrangement
	5.00pm	Circuit service at St Aubin (coffee bar style)
14th	10.30am	Morning worship Rev Liz Hunter
21st	10.30am	Holiday Club service (family worship) Rev Liz Hunter
28th	10.30am	Morning worship & Holy Communion Rev Liz Hunter

### don't forget.....

**Sunday 10 July** - Family Fun Day 12noon Bel Royal

**Coffee bar** 10am-12noon Mondays & Wednesdays

Monday **Baby Rascals** group 2-3.30pm  
Tuesday **Little Rascals** Parent/toddler group 10am-12

Wednesday **Prayer time** 12noon-12.30pm  
**Communion service** 12.30pm –1pm  
**Lunchtime Rascals** 12.30pm-3pm

**N.B.** Rascals groups are 'term time' only.

Friday **Lunch and 'stay-a-while'**

**House groups:** Tuesdays (tel:730109)

Thursdays (tel: 877310)

Check your pigeon holes in the hall foyer for messages.

Read the church notice boards regularly - you might miss something really interesting!



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the magazine

News and views welcomed -  
advertise your planned events -  
report on events you have shared

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**cake sales** for Esperado after  
family worship on 24 July

