

East Solent and Downs Circuit



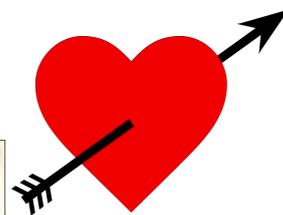
CIRCUIT NEWSLETTER

Summer 2018

News of Ministers and Churches

At the circuit meeting it was announced that Revd Steve Wright and Louise Beech from Petersfield church have become engaged.

The circuit meeting wished them every happiness.



Beacon Church

Deacon Janet says a big thank you to the Circuit and all the churches for their financial support and would be happy to come to talk to any church group that may want to know more.

Janet asks for our prayers that she and Revd Dom will successfully build a church community, with nurturing an Alpha course, and with their conversations with the developers and to engage with other churches and community groups.

Haslemere Church

The building phase of this exciting redevelopment project is scheduled to start this summer using funds raised to date. Further funds need to be raised for project completion. Haslemere church is holding regular fundraising events. Watch out for details and please support these events.

Lindford Donkey Day

This was arranged to share the Easter message with the wider community and the church had the Easter story cleverly displayed in the form of fresh flowers.

There were two beautiful donkeys, Nelson and Morris, providing free rides for local children. As people entered the church they were welcomed by Deacon Janet who handed out family goody bags including invitations to the Easter celebration services, to the background of worship music. The church hall hosted multiple Easter craft stations for the children, including Calvary Hill craft, decorate the Easter cross and fun Easter egg hunts. The adults enjoyed yummy free hot cross buns and tea.



The event was blessed with over 100 children attending, over 66 donkey rides and 80 Easter egg hunts completed. The day was great witness for the wider community where the Easter story was brought to light.



Portsmouth Methodist Church

The newly formed church has now been granted Charity status. At the June Circuit meeting it was agreed that the new church will be represented at circuit meetings by one member representing each original church plus the treasurer for the next connexional year.

Local Arrangement Services

To assist churches with local arrangement services when there is no preacher available, the circuit has obtained for each church access to a monthly service from The Vine.

Circuit Meeting News

The current 6 circuit stewards were re-elected to serve for a further year. More volunteers for this rewarding work are needed.

Finance

Richard and Janet Baker have moved away from the circuit and the Circuit Meeting recorded its thanks for their ministry over a number of years. Richard's departure left a gap in the Circuit Finance group. The Circuit meeting approved that Margaret Newnham should be an authorised signatory for the circuit finances and that Margaret would be a member of the Circuit Finance Group.

The sale of Leigh Road manse has been completed. The net result, after the purchase of the new manse at Ellesmere Orchard, was just under £55,000.

Data Protection and GDPR (General Data Protection Regulation)

This requirement has been in the attention of all churches recently. Margaret Heathcote, Circuit Finance Officer, is the Champion for the circuit. Any queries may be addressed to Margaret.

The message is 'No Panic'!

Date for the diary:

Café style Circuit Service

at Hart Plain Church. (PO8 8RG),
Sunday 2nd September at 3pm.

Everyone welcome.

