

# East Solent and Downs Circuit



## CIRCUIT NEWSLETTER News from the Autumn Circuit Meeting 2018

### APPOINTMENTS & STAFF NEWS.

The Circuit Meeting approved the re-invitation of three of our ministerial staff from 1st September 2019 following consultation across the Circuit and in agreement with each Minister.



Revd John Mills is re-invited for 3 years.

Deacons Janet Heys and Laura Evans are both re-invited for a further 5 years.



In addition the Circuit Meeting heard of the extension of the contract with Revd Bill Stillwell who has agreed to continue serving the circuit for a further 2 years from 1st September 2019.



**News from District Synod:** Revd Andrew de Ville and Joan Mason have been elected as Representatives to next year's Annual Conference meeting in Birmingham.



### OUR CALLING: EVANGELISM

The Circuit Service held at Hart Plain Church on 2<sup>nd</sup> Sept was very well attended and focussed on the continuing theme of mission with each church bringing along items symbolising an aspect of mission in their church. Things varied from: frying pans, knives & forks, prayer cards & welcome bags, welcome packs, tins of baked beans, musical chimes & tambourine, coffee jar, mug & biscuits; a collection of craft ideas.

**DATE: SAT 17 NOV DRAYTON UNITED CHURCH, 10.30AM - 2.30PM:** SOFT Team invite you to a day on Café Church – so come along if you're already involved or interested in Café Church or any other forms of alternative worship.



### OUR CALLING: WORSHIP

The Circuit Meeting continued to explore the area of Worship as the next initiative with members of the Circuit Leadership Team looking at ideas on ways to engage with local churches, preachers and worship leaders over the coming months.

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The major redevelopment is going to plan with much of the 'messy' building work completed during the summer. The 'new look' of the entrance and café area is generating a lot of excitement and enthusiasm amongst the congregation and community. The remaining work will be completed over the next few months.



Look out for more information in your own church soon!



**CANDIDATE FOR MINISTRY.** Neil Wingrove, a Local Preacher, spoke to the Circuit Meeting about a call to ordained ministry as a Deacon. The Meeting was unanimous in supporting Neil as someone in whom they saw the call and the potential to be a Minister. Please hold Neil in your prayers as he continues with the candidating process over the next few months.

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## IMPORTANT INFORMATION FROM CONFERENCE

A number of important matters and topics were discussed and decisions taken at Conference which affect our lives as Christian disciples and part of the Methodist Church. It is important that all of us take the opportunity to read about the matters when we are asked to study them and offer our thoughts and reflections as part of a consultation.

Our Circuit Leadership Team will look at ways of helping us to access and discuss the material over the next few months but please do have a look at the following reports which are available on-line, simply go to the website of the Methodist Church ([www.methodist.org.uk](http://www.methodist.org.uk)) and type into Quick Search the heading of the report. You can also ask the Circuit Office for printed copies.

**Ministry in the Methodist Church** – a report which considers the nature and understanding of ministry within the Church and how this might change in the future:

<https://www.methodist.org.uk/media/7937/conf-2018-32-ministry-in-the-methodist-church.pdf>

**Mission and Ministry in Covenant** – a report which continues the conversation on work being undertaken on proposals for bringing the Methodist Church and the Church of England into closer communion with one another:

<http://bit.ly/MaMiC-guide>

**Marriage and Relationships** – an interim report was delivered at Conference which focused on work being undertaken by a Task Group looking at preparing a new Statement of the judgement of the Conference on marriage and relationships, and, as part of that process, to revisit the definition of marriage:

<https://www.methodist.org.uk/about-us/news/latest-news/all-news/the-2018-methodist-conference-interim-report-on-marriage-and-relationships/>

**The Call to Holiness: From Glory to Glory** – the 10<sup>th</sup> report was delivered of the Joint International Commission for Dialogue between the World Methodist Council and the Roman Catholic Church and is commended for study and discussion:

<http://bit.ly/call-to-holiness>