



# The Methodist Church

## East Solent and Downs Circuit (26/7)

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Dear East Solent and Downs Circuit Family

With hearts filled with gratitude we near the end of our Church year with a Plan filled with opportunities where the Good News can be proclaimed and love, hope, joy and peace can be shared among us.

We praise the Lord for each Preacher, Minister, Worship Leader, and Steward who contribute to the building of God's Kingdom in this way. Without each one of you we could not have put the Plan for June to August 2024 together. Thanks to you and all the members who gather with you, in person or online, to praise and worship the Lord.

In the past the planning of this quarter proved to be problematic but even though this is our summer period we have surprisingly few gaps. So if anything change to free your time, please fill one of those gaps. Furthermore we are grateful to say our Plan is compliant to the Connexional expectation with every preacher fulfilling the EDI and UCB requirements. Thanks to each one of you for taking this seriously and to Jean Parnell who offered in-person training opportunities. We expect every Steward's team to uphold this standard in the arrangement of Weddings and Funerals and to only make use of Preachers who comply with the Connexional requirements.

Our traditional Methodist Women in Britain service where the Easter Collections are dedicated was never organised, but this did not stop the commitment within a number of our Congregations who still faithfully organised the envelopes and collected the donations. You are all invited to join the service at Stubbington on Sunday, 18<sup>th</sup> August 2024 at 10h15. At this Methodist Women in Britain service the donation will be received and dedicated. Encourage as many as possible to gather for this special Worship service.

Remember the next Circuit Meeting is scheduled for 18<sup>th</sup> June 2024 during which we will present the Circuit Mission Action Plan for your consideration and encourage every congregation to continue on a journey of discernment to formulate your own unique and God inspired Mission Action Plan. Remain mindful of the Connexional challenge to be an Eco-friendly church and share your eco-friendly project information with Mark Wade that a helpful resource with contact numbers for Expert Companies or suppliers in this field we can all benefit from. More information will be shared in this regard.

The District Stationing briefing meetings will be on 9<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> May from 7 – 9 pm. The Stationing representatives need to register for one of these Zoom meetings and familiarise

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themselves with the Code of Practise for Stationing 2025 and note the changes from last year. The Circuit office will provide you with more detail if needed.

May your sunny days be plenty, your joy and peace abundant and the love, presence and guidance of the Lord be tangible, inspiring and assuring.

Together we move forward in Christ.

With every blessing

*Elize and David*