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SIERRA LEONE

We send our prayers to the people of Sierra Leone, where extreme flooding and a landslide led to more than 300 confirmed deaths with hundreds more people still missing. Methodist's Africa Partnership Coordinator, Dr Olubunmi Olayisade, and the President of the Conference, the Revd Loraine N Mellor, have offered their reflections and prayers. To see and use them in your prayers, click [here](#).

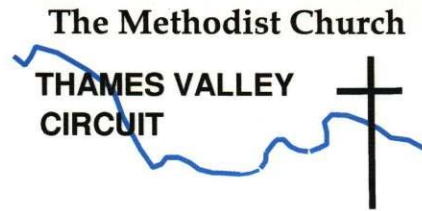
If you would like to make a donation toward the relief effort, the World Church Relationships Team and *All We Can* are collecting funds to be passed directly to our partners in the area. [Click here](#) to find out how to help.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS OF STAFF

On 1st September 2017, we shall be welcoming two new members of staff:

Rev Julie Underwood is a Supernumerary from Staines who will be assisting Margaret at St Mark's Crescent on two days each week.

Naomi Sharp is a Lay Worker who will be working with High Street Maidenhead. If you take advantage of the Methodist Prayer Handbook, you may have noticed that the prayer from Huddersfield was written by Naomi!



THAMES VALLEY CIRCUIT

You are invited to a

Circuit Service

on Sunday, 10th September at 6.30 pm

at St Mark's Crescent Methodist Church Maidenhead

We shall be welcoming our new members of staff,



**Rev Julie Underwood
and Ms Naomi Sharp**



and giving thanks for previous members of staff who brought rich blessings to our community in the past.

The service will include a celebration of Holy Communion.

A BIG THANK YOU FROM ST MARK'S CRESCENT !

On behalf of St Mark's Crescent Methodist Church a heartfelt "thank you" to everyone who contributed their Windsor and Maidenhead recycling points to St Mark's 2020Vision Project.

The project came third on the list at the end of June with over 213,000 points.

As a result, the Project has been awarded £1000 under the scheme. Thank you, everyone! This could not have been achieved without your help!

BOOK THE DATE ... and avoid a clash!

Jill Baker, who will be Vice President of the Conference for the church year 2017-8, will be taking our Thames Valley Circuit Service on the evening of **Sunday, 29th October 2017 at High Street Methodist Church Maidenhead**. We look forward to welcoming her back!

Our Superintendent Minister, Sonia, says it would be good if as many of the Circuit as possible are able to attend. Please do book this date and do avoid arranging any other events which would clash with this visit!

CIRCUIT MEETING MINUTES

The minutes of the Circuit Meeting held on 23rd May 2017 are now available, and can be accessed by clicking [this link](#).

MEDITATION WEBSITE

If you have a few minutes to spare, why not try one of the meditations at "TakeTime"! This is a recently-launched website, www.taketime.org.uk.

These meditations are inspired by the tradition of St Ignatius and the stories of Jesus. They are free and are meant to enable you to encounter Jesus in a new way through guided meditation – all you have to do is listen and relax! If you would like further information, go to the website or contact [Connie Jeffery](#).

A VERY SUCCESSFUL HIKE

Overcoming the rain, Liz Tottingham has successfully completed her marathon Thames Path Might Hike from Windsor to Henley for Macmillan Cancer Support in thanks to show that she is fit again! She has so far raised over £630. There is still time to donate ... via the following link: <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/LizTottingham>

SMALLER CHURCHES NEWSLETTER

The Smaller Churches Newsletter for Q4, June – August 2017 is available on the website. You can access it from the OUTREACH page of the website or by clicking [this link](#).

WORLD CHURCH RELATIONSHIPS NEWS BULLETIN

The June edition of The World Church Relationship News Bulletin has stories and information from Fiji, Colombia Myanmar and Zimbabwe Fellowship in the UK. [Click here to see it.](#)

PICTURES TO SHARE

The Circuit has two sets of illustrated books which are intended for use with people who have problems in communication, such as those suffering with stroke or dementia.

Each Church in the Circuit has at least one book which is available for use when visiting Care Homes, etc. If you wish to take advantage, please check with your church's Senior Steward for details of the procedure for borrowing.

THAMES VALLEY CIRCUIT ANNUAL REPORT

The Circuit's 2016 Annual Report, for the connexional year September 2015 – August 2016 is available on the website. You can access it from the ABOUT US page of the website or by clicking [this link](#).

PLEASE SEND YOUR NEWS

If you have any news you would like to share with the circuit (and further afield) please send it to the [circuit webmaster](#).

NEVILLE WALTON: "HEADS UP" CHARITY APPEAL

Neville Walton is raising money for 'Heads Up' an Oxford based pioneering scientific research charity, aligned to The Head and Neck Cancer Unit, at the Churchill Hospital, Oxford. His treatment for tonsil cancer was recently carried out by this unit.

Such was the excellent skill and care Neville received, he is asking family and friends to consider making a donation to support their clinical, teaching and research work in the field of cancer of the head and neck.



His daughter, her partner, his grandson and friends, The Pink Mohicans, are committed to cycling more than 500 miles across France in aid of the Charity.

The family would like to thank you in advance for any gift you feel able to make.

Please send your donation to:

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or via The Just Giving website <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Gillian-Walton>

