



Thames Valley Methodist Circuit CIRCUIT NEWS



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CIRCUIT MEETING MINUTES ON THE WEBSITE

With the recent changes in legislation (GDPR) there have been a number of changes made to the website. In particular, instead of the website being entirely “open”, a secure **MEMBERS ONLY** section has been incorporated. This is specifically for Circuit Meeting members, and may include confidential information. Initially, this contains Circuit Meeting Minutes, but it will be expanded as necessary.

The section is password protected. The password is available to *bona fide* members from the Circuit Webmaster.

WORLD CHURCH RELATIONSHIPS NEWS BULLETIN

The August / September edition of The World Church Relationship News Bulletin includes interesting articles about the impact of Methodism and our Mission Partners throughout the world, in particular:

- Mediterranean Hope Project
- Papua New Guinea – rebuilding after the February earthquake.
- Living Hope ... in the city of Hiroshima site of an atomic bomb in 1945.
- Update following the eruptions of the volcano El Fuego in Guatemala in June.

[Click here to see it.](#)

METHODIST CONFERENCE

At this year's Methodist Conference the first item of business was to induct the Revd Michaela A Youngson and Bala Gnanapragasam as President and Vice-President for the coming year.



The Methodist website includes reports on the Conference, and you are invited to [click here and find out more!](#)

CIRCUIT THEME FOR THE YEAR

Each connexional year the Thames Valley Circuit has a specific theme, which we invite everyone to remember and think about!

This year's is the words in John, chapter 10, verse 10:

“I have come that they may have life, and may have it abundantly.”

When thinking about this theme, you might like to look at the various translations and consider the slight differences in emphasis and meaning.

Action for Children (AfC)

We are delighted to report that, in the last 12 months, the circuit has raised over **£5000** for AfC. This information was given at the AGM of the circuit AfC committee. To this will be added the amount raised by one church – whose representative was unable to attend.

Methodist Church Fund, Opportunities for the Disabled

There is a small Methodist connexional charity, **Opportunities for the Disabled**, which provides bursaries to registered disabled people with artistic abilities to use their talents in the service of the Church. Projects such as painting, singing and dramatic productions were cited as being suitable.

If any Methodist church or circuit has any project that may align with these purposes, please contact [Sue Haworth](#) with full details and she will pass the request on.

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](#).

THAMES VALLEY CIRCUIT ANNUAL REPORT

The Circuit’s 2017 Annual Report, for the connexional year September 2016 – August 2017 is available on the website. You can access it from the ABOUT US page of the website or by clicking [this link](#).

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.

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>

