

## BORDEAUX QUARTERLY EVENTS

### JUNE – AUGUST 2024

I always come back from these events feeling energised and stimulated from listening to inspirational speakers and meeting with friends, old and new. After full days, from breakfast to supper, some of us retire to share a few glasses of liquid refreshment while we put the world and the Methodist Church to rights. As much as Michelle, Liam and I recognise what a privilege and delight it is for us to live and work in Guernsey, it is, nonetheless, important for me to remember that I am fully connected to something bigger and broader than my own context. In turn, that reminds me that we are all connected to the One, the great "I AM" of the universe who created, redeemed and sustains us, who are all made to reflect God's Light and Image to God's world all around us.

I wish you a very happy summer and pray that you might connect very personally to the One who made and loves you.

Best wishes,

Howard

#### CHURCH KEYS

If you need access to the church for any reason please contact someone and arrange to collect and return a key. Church keys are held by the people listed below.

Rev Howard Stringer	241390	Linda Allett	07781 123771
Rex Martel	249355	Pat Cushing	07781 438459
Mary Drake	726652	Graham De Jersey	07781 100117
Jan Brown	245986	Jan De Jersey	07781 405257
Glenn Drake	07781 148833	Cathy Robert	07911 713209

DATE	MORNING SERVICE 11 am
2 June	Rev Howard Stringer
9 June	No Service
16 June	Janet De Jersey
23 June	Rev Howard Stringer S
30 June	Rev Howard Stringer
7 July	Roger Browning
14 July	Keith Le Parmentier Church Anniversary
21 July	Rev Howard Stringer
28 July	Rev Howard Stringer S
4 August	Rev Howard Stringer
11 August	Rev Howard Stringer S
18 August	Fellowship
25 August	Rev Howard Stringer S

**BIBLE FELLOWSHIP** will recommence on Wednesday 2 October 2024

## FLOWER ROTA

June 2	Jan De Jersey
June 9	No service at Bordeaux
June 16	Pat Cushing
June 23	Joanne Martel
June 30	Mary Drake
July 7	Shirley Banyard
July 14	Marion Brackley
July 21	Marion Willcocks
July 28	Jan Brown
August 4	Cathy Robert
August 11	Sandra Kohlinsky
August 18	Barbara Carre
August 25	Jenny Allez
September 1	Ali Le Page

## TEA/COFFEE ROTA

June 2	Shirley	July 7	Jan	August 4	Jan
June 16	Pat	July 14	Pat	August 11	Pat
June 23	Mary	July 21	Mary	August 18	Mary
June 30	Shirley	July 28	Shirley	August 25	Shirley
				September 1	Jan

## WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

At the AGM on 26 September 2023, it was decided that the group would meet only on the last Tuesday of each month from 2 - 3.30 pm.

Delancey, May 2024

Dear Friends,

I write this aboard the Condor Liberation as it makes its way at three quarters speed due to some technical problem they have, perhaps wisely, left unexplained. In recent weeks, I have left or arrived via different ports as compared to previously published schedules. It's all rather inconvenient but that's it, really, just a bit irritating. On this occasion I am accompanied by my mother who no longer wished to make such journeys on her own. Looking out of the window she remarked that, in the middle of the Channel, with no land in sight, it made her realise just how desperate people must be to pay money that they don't have in order to attempt to cross these busy shipping lanes in small boats, seeking a better life in the UK. Desperate enough to travel and sometimes with babes in arms. This reminds me how blessed we are to have the freedom to choose to come and go whenever we want to - assuming we can afford the fare, which itself can prove prohibitive.

I'm able to bring my Mum over, having attended the annual Conference for Superintendents. We meet for three days, and two nights, for worship, mutual support and sharing and to hear the current trends and initiatives that are happening across our Connexion. On one occasion I was sitting at a table with the President of Conference and her husband, both of whom I know quite well from when we worked together in my last district. Also around the table were current colleagues from the Southampton District as well as two people I first met at theological college some 27 years ago!