

**President's Visit**

The President of Conference, Reverend Dr Barbara Glasson, will no longer be able to visit the Isle of Wight Circuit on 20th-22nd March 2020 as she has to be elsewhere that weekend. However, the Circuit will play host to the Vice-President, Professor Clive Marsh, instead. We read on the Methodist Church website:-

*Professor Clive Marsh's 35 years as a Methodist has shaped his work profoundly. He has sought to help people think creatively about how faith, life and popular culture interweave, and what happens to theology as a result. Clive has taught in theological colleges and universities and is currently Head of the University of Leicester's Vaughan Centre for Lifelong Learning and an International Research Consultant at the Queen's Foundation. He is a church member, local preacher and tutor in the Leicester Trinity Circuit. Clive was also Faith and Order Committee Secretary from 2000-2007.*

**The dates will be the same so please continue to keep these dates free.** Details of the visit will be announced nearer the time.

**Chairman of the District**

Reverend Dr Andrew Wood is stepping down from his position as Chairman of the District in March 2020 to become Head of Ministries in the Connexional Team. From 1 September this year he will be carrying out both positions part time. Reverend Andrew deVille has been appointed as Chairman of the District for the remainder of the current period of the invitation.

**Stationing**

The Circuit Invitation Committee met on 24th July to consider Reverend John Izzard's invitation to the circuit and recommended an extension of five years from 1st September 2020. The Circuit Meeting accepted the recommendation without a vote as no amendments or objections had been received.

**Comings and Goings**

A new Circuit Steward, Margaret Moyce, was appointed at the recent Circuit Meeting and we welcome Margaret to the team. Wesley Watson has decided to step down as Circuit Steward after five years. We are grateful for all Wesley has contributed to the circuit during that time and for the support he has given to his colleagues.

**Sabbaticals**

We welcome Frances back from her Sabbatical and trust that she is fully refreshed. Helen will be taking hers next year.

**Bowcombe**

A service of thanksgiving was held on 2 June 2019 when the church was full to overflowing. Memories were shared and the afternoon ended with a typical Methodist tea. Plans for the sale of the property are well under way. An application will be made to the IoW Council for change of use to a residential dwelling in order to maximise the sale value of the property. This will be handled by Mr Andrew White, a planning consultant. An architect has also been engaged to produce drawings for a high quality conversion as required by the planning authority because of its location.

Finally, please continue to pray for our circuit and all those who play their part in its daily business.