

## **Latest news items added:**

- **Smaller Churches Newsletter, February – March edition** **See page 1**
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## **Methodist Church Zimbabwe Fellowship**

For the benefit of the Zimbabwe members at St Andrew's Church, the annual calendar of the Methodist Church Zimbabwe Fellowship can now be accessed via the Circuit Diary, or by [clicking here](#).

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## **Smaller Churches' Group, February – March Newsletter**

The February – March edition of the Smaller Churches' Group is now available. [Click here to see it.](#)

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## **Update from the Methodist Church in Fiji**

On 7<sup>th</sup> January 2012 the government in Fiji lifted the public emergency regulations which seriously restricted the activities of the Methodist Church there. However they were immediately replaced by a revised public order act.

This act means that the Methodist Church in Fiji is now allowed to apply for permission to hold meetings, rather than not even being allowed to apply. They are now trying to organise themselves as it has been three years since many Church meetings have been held.

Rev Tevita Nawadra, Assistant General Secretary of the Methodist Church in Fiji, has written to thank "our friends and partners who have shared our stories and given time to think and pray for the Church in Fiji; their prayers have been answered. May God bless them all. We still have a long way to go still, but it is starting anyway".

The Methodist Church has provided this special prayer for Fiji. Please continue to pray for the nation:

*God of truth and love, Lord of the day and the night  
We pray for our brothers and sisters in Fiji.  
They have day while we have night and night during our day  
but we walk alongside them in this difficult time  
together we need the light of your truth and the warmth of your love in every  
hour.  
May all the people of Fiji work together for good  
The Methodist Church, the Government, the Hindus, the Christians  
Till justice rolls like the waters of the ocean  
And peace rests as securely as the land. Amen.*

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## **Olympic Torch to pass through the Circuit**

Details of the places to be visited by the runners with the Olympic Torch have now been published. On **Tuesday, 10<sup>th</sup> July 2012**, the runners will start in Oxford, and arrive in the Circuit via Henley-on-Thames and Bisham Abbey. The route from there goes via

**... Maidenhead ... Slough ... Windsor ...**

continuing via Egham and Bracknell to Reading for an overnight stop. The detailed route will be published next year.

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## **World Church Bulletin**

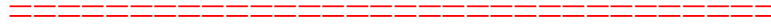
The January edition of the World Church Bulletin is now available. Just to remind you that this and other regular publications can be accessed via the LINKS page.

[Click here to see the \(pdf\) version of the current edition](#) which contains information, prayers and links with more details about:

- Update on the situation in Fiji.
- Belize – conversation with a Mission Partner.
- The Methodist Church in Honduras.
- *Fresh Expressions* in Europe.
- Work among the Dalits in India.
- Prayer for the work of Mission Partners in Zambia.
- Report from Shelley Cooling in Zimbabwe. [She is a Mission Partner whom Jill Baker met on her trip to Zimbabwe.]
- Prayer Points.

## **PLEASE SEND YOUR NEWS**

Items for inclusion in this Circuit News section should be sent to the Circuit Webmaster. If names are to be included, please ensure that permission has been granted.



### **Pictures to Share**

The Circuit has purchased 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.

There is also a leaflet giving advice as to how to use them and with whom.



### **Are you into Twitter?**

Did you know that you can now find out on Twitter the latest about what's going on in the Methodist Church of Great Britain:

You can follow Methodist news releases on Twitter at:

<http://twitter.com/Methodistmedia>

