

Isle of Wight Methodist Circuit

“All this beauty is of God”

The Isle of Wight Methodist Circuit is seeking to appoint an active Supernumerary part time (0.49 of a full ministerial appointment).

Remuneration £14,520 pa.

There will be a requirement to live in the Manse linked with this appointment.

We are looking for an Active Supernumerary to join our ministry team for an initial 2 years, 2024 – 2026, with the possibility that the appointment may be extended.

The active Supernumerary will join a team of 2 Presbyters, 2 Local Lay Pastors and 1 Lay Worker, working across 17 churches. They will be given delegated authorisation to work in and with a cluster of churches in the south-east of the island, alongside one of the Local Lay Pastors who works with 2 of the churches in this cluster.

The role will incorporate pastoral care, leading worship, and leadership within the churches, in consultation with the Superintendent and the Circuit Leadership Team.

Further information about the appointment is on the accompanying pages.

If you sense God may be calling you to this exciting opportunity, please contact the Senior Circuit Steward, Mrs. Margaret Moyce at maigretmoyce@outlook.com

Closing Date:- 20th June 2024

Active Supernumerary Isle of Wight Methodist Circuit Appointment Information

The Isle of Wight is a beautiful, roughly diamond-shaped island off the south coast of England, measuring approximately 23 miles by 13 miles, with about half of it designated an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. It has good ferry connections to Portsmouth, Southampton, and the New Forest, and excellent onward transport links. Six return crossings are paid for per year for each Minister for personal use.

The Methodist Church on the island is friendly, active and relevant in all of the major centres of population.

If you decide to join us, you will be a member of the Circuit ministry team which consists of 2 Presbyters, 2 Local Lay Pastors and 1 Lay Worker (Circuit Administrator), and will have the following responsibilities:-

- Provide a ministry of pastoral care to the members and friends of Lake, Shanklin, Godshill, and Wroxall churches. Pastoral charge of the churches will rest with the Superintendent Minister.
- Support and work with the Local Lay Pastor in her work with Brading and Sandown churches.
- Conduct funerals, weddings and baptisms as necessary.
- Lead Sunday worship, including Holy Communion, as planned with the ministry team, for which you will receive separate remuneration.
- Chair or attend the church councils and steward's meetings of Lake, Shanklin, Godshill, and Wroxall churches. This will be permitted under SO 502 (1)(a)(ii) as agreed in the Letter of Understanding.
- Work with the churches to help them develop outreach and engagement with their communities.
- Being occasionally present, as appropriate, at activities associated with the churches.
- Attendance at Staff meetings, CLT meetings, Circuit meetings will be by agreement with the Leadership Team and set out in the Letter of Understanding. Attendance at the Presbyteral Session of Synod is as for all supernumerary presbyters in Full Connexion; with attendance at the Representative Sessions being optional.
- Supervision will be provided in line with the Connexional guidelines.

The profiles of the churches in the appointment are as follows:-

Lake – (25) A thriving, active church with a heart for Jesus and the community. Community outreach includes a monthly lunch, fortnightly Warm Spaces group, and a fortnightly Café/Library. They also support several local and overseas charities. There are prayer initiatives and Bible studies, plus good ecumenical links. Mainly elderly congregation, who enjoy traditional worship.

Shanklin – (26) This mainly older congregation enjoys traditional style worship. A friendly, welcoming church situated in the heart of this small town. Coffee mornings and CAMEO (Come and Meet Each Other) meetings both fortnightly. An afternoon service quarterly. Annual Christmas Tree Festival and Fayre. The hall is hired out regularly to different groups.

Godshill – (9) Although small in membership, this historic chapel is in the centre of a village which is a main tourist attraction on the island. The chapel and garden are open every day and get many visitors. There is a weekly, well-attended Crochet Club and a Thursday Group, and any events or special services are also well attended.

Wroxall- (12) A warm, friendly, welcoming congregation of mainly 50+ age range, enjoying both traditional and modern worship. Newly refurbished and accessible church building and garden. Community outreach through weekly Café & Craft and monthly afternoon Tea Services. There is also a weekly Toddler Group.

Brading – (8) An active church at the centre of the village, outward thinking, and engaging with the community. Community outreach through Welcome Café and lunches, together with work with families and young people through Youth Groups, Messy Church, and Toddlers. Developing stronger links with St. Mary's C of E Church. **Local Lay Pastor 20 hours per week.**

Sandown – (28) A warm, friendly, welcoming congregation, including children and young people. Worship celebrations use projected songs and images to make services as inclusive as possible. The church seeks to serve and reach out to the community through activities including a children's clothes exchange, Brownies, Guides and Rangers, coffee mornings, and family events. Several links with overseas missions. **Local Lay Pastor 10 hours per week.**

It is anticipated that you will normally work an average of 6 sessions per week (0.49 of FTE, and a session being 4 hours - a morning, afternoon or evening) which will be flexible depending on the requirements of any one week.

Remuneration will be on a pro rata basis, based on the standard presbyteral stipend, equating to 0.49 of basic stipend. Expenses for mileage and other expenditures should be sent to the Circuit Office on a monthly basis.

It is expected that all requirements for safeguarding, DBS and training will be in place, and that EDI training will have been completed.

There is a Manse in which you will be required to be resident for the better performance of the appointment.

Address: 12 Gordon Close, Sandown, Isle of Wight, PO36 9AD

Description of Manse (approximate measurements):

Detached family house in a cul-de-sac. 5 minutes' walk from the station and mainland mainline connections. 10 minutes' walk from the sea, shops and Sandown Church. There is a local health centre, and St. Mary's Hospital is in Newport, 10 miles away.

Ground Floor:

Porch and open hallway; Study 4.2m x 3.0m; Lounge 5.7m x 3.0m, with glazed door to Dining Room 4.0 m x 3.2m; Kitchen 5.0m x 3.0m with large cupboard. Small Cloakroom with WC.

First Floor:

4 Bedrooms [5.7m x 3.8m with wash basin and built-in wardrobe; 4.1m x 3.2m with wardrobe; 3.8m x 3.3m with wash basin and built-in wardrobe; 3.8m x 2.8m with wash basin]; Bathroom, Shower Room and separate WC.

Heating arrangements: Gas central heating.

Size nature of garden: Very large garden, mainly lawns.

Parking/Garage Facilities: Drive and garage [5m x 2.7m] with access inside via huge storage area to kitchen.

Arrangement for disability access: There are no adjustments currently in place.

Additional Information

You are strongly advised to seek advice about both the remuneration and pensions implications of this appointment, which can only be given on a personal basis.

If a stipend (full or part time) is paid to a supernumerary for ministerial duties previously carried out by an active minister, the Circuit pension contribution is payable. This applies whether or not the supernumerary returns to the active work or opts not to contribute to the Ministers' Pension Scheme (supernumeraries may however opt to contribute and accrue entitlement to pension).

Please contact the Pensions Team at pensionshelp@methodistchurch.org.uk or 020 7467 5258 to discuss issues relating to a supernumerary's pension.

Please contact the Payroll & Stipends Team at stipends@methodistchurch.org.uk or 020 7467 3780 to discuss any issues relating to the reimbursements or benefits for supernumeraries. The team can also offer some support in relation to taxation issues and you may also find the Church's Taxation Directory <https://www.methodist.org.uk/for-ministers-and-office-holders/finance/taxation-directory/> a help.