



Autumn Newsletter 2011

As we launch into our autumn programme what stands out is the emphasis, quite rightly, on the centrality and importance of the Bible, this being the 400th anniversary of the King James Version. Coupled with this is the desire to surround the Island with prayer at a time of election and to reach out to the wider world with our prayer as we meet together as churches with a common love for outreach.

Having invested heavily in two amazingly useful publications, the new edition of the Joy of Jersey leaflets and the launch of the amazing tool for evangelism training Projekt 1 (both of which are still available to purchase) and now handling the finances toward the 'Switched on' CD's going out to every home in Jersey containing the whole of Marks Gospel as produced by the Riding Lights theatre company, our accounts have been stretched and if you would like to consider a donation towards the cost of our annual open air carol service that would be gratefully received.

So what is coming up this autumn? There will be a 'call for prayer' around the time of the elections to encourage members and member churches to include prayer for these elections in their normal weekly worship and prayer gatherings. We are holding a joint JEA evening service at St. Andrew's church on the 23rd October where much of our thinking on this Bible Sunday will be on celebrating the Word of God and hearing from those involved actively in giving out Bibles and witnessing to its power to change lives.

On the 31st October there is going to be a JEA sponsored alternative to Halloween, in the form of a praise party, to be held at Elim Oasis in Georgetown, more information to follow. 31st October is a Monday but we still want to offer children a Christian alternative to Trick or Treat.

This autumn, in fact over the next couple of weeks, the Switched on CD's will be going out to every home in the Island, please pray for this initiative and get involved where you can. This autumn, St. Paul's church were host to the Bible Society's 'The People's Bible', which gave people the opportunity to make history whilst celebrating the Bible.

Our AGM will be held on Sunday night the 5th of February 2012 and Steve Clifford, General Director of the Evangelical Alliance, will be speaking!

Our Christmas carol event will be taking place again in the Royal Square as this felt to be the better place. Planning is already under way for this annual event that is always well attended.

JEA is also working alongside 'More than Gold' which is a national organisation supporting the 2012 Olympics in London as a Church initiative to find ways of connecting the Christian mission with the national celebrations around this event. The Olympic torch is coming to the Island so we will be aware of this major sporting event happening even here in Jersey. Revd Billy Slatter and a group of others have a local task force to help churches throughout Jersey make the most of this rare opportunity for the gospel and for showing the church as supportive and encouraging in offering its help during the festivities. There will be joint ventures that we can get involved in on our Island, so watch out for details.

Church leaders Fraternal continues to meet to encourage those in leadership and the planning group meet monthly to keep abreast of issues that need the notice and attention of Evangelical Christians in Jersey.

And finally, thank you for your ongoing support for the work of the Jersey Evangelical Alliance - without the support of you, our members, we could not do what we do for the sake of Jesus and His Kingdom.