

Grace in Action...

LOVE AND CARE FOR JERSEY'S NEEDY.

We need your help!!



We are looking for **volunteers** to help us 'man' our street collection. This will mainly take place in the town precinct in St Helier for **one week beginning Monday 27 June 2011**.

Volunteers can give as little as an hour of their precious time and it would be gratefully appreciated.

We also have **two bag pack** dates for the Co-op stores, Saturday **5th March (town)** and **1st October (St Peter)**.



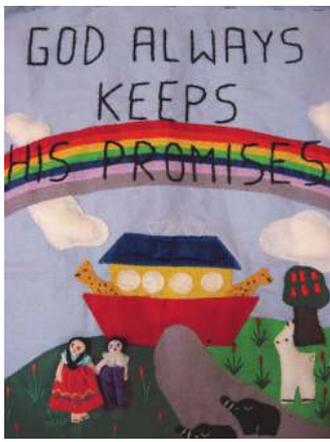
Eddie and Zena Vibert have been helping Grace Trust as volunteers for several years now. Eddie is in charge of the Saturday Lunches at St Pauls's church and they are both a great support to the Trust. They married in March 2010 and we wish them every happiness.

A big thank you to everyone who has helped the Trust over the past year, either in a practical way, financially or otherwise.



Barbara Brown— "Take me as you find me"
(Grace Trust volunteer)

When asked if she wanted a brush to brush her hair before her photo was taken Barbara replied, 'No, this is me, take me as you find me'. This sums Barbara up quite nicely as she is a lady who is pretty 'laid back' with no 'airs and graces'.



Photographed at Samares Methodist Church

dodgy oven door shut. It was quite a challenging time!!

The numbers soon outgrew Elim Church, and St Paul's Church in New Street became, and still is, the cornerstone for this project. Barbara and the volunteers would go to the park and invite people back for a hot meal. Although Barbara is no longer in charge of the lunches she still goes to the Park most Wednesdays before work to chat to the 'lads and lassies', and she is also a member and helper of the 'Parklife' Choir (see back page).

What is Barbara's faith?

"I was brought up on a farm in St Saviour and sent to Eden Methodist Church as a child. It wasn't until my mum prayed for me years later to get a job with Jersey Mutual, and it materialised, that I realised there must be something to this praying lark", she ponders.

Barbara felt that she had better start going to church when her daughter was born as she wanted to have her christened. She recalls seeing challenging posters outside St Paul's church and that started her attending. Eventually, she felt God speak to her in a personal way and she gave her life to Jesus.

The Future

Barbara says that Grace Trust has expanded greatly in her time, is now well known locally, and is a big support for island life. She finds the 'Parklife' choir very exciting and

recommends that new volunteers come forward, as well as people who would like to support the Trust financially. "It is great fun", she laughs.

"My heart is with people who are 'hopeless' cases and I feel glad that I can be of use to God in this way. They are real and vulnerable", she adds. "I love what I do and I love the people. **Everybody is needy but not everybody is honest with it**".

Barbara considers the people she visits as her friends and this is a great leveller. She recalls that "A few have given their lives to Jesus and some have simply turned their lives around. Although, I feel fulfilled in what I do, I don't want to see people walk in this way of life". But Barbara recognises that she can only do her 'bit' and leave the rest to God.

Barbara's final word

When asked what her final comment would be, Barbara replies

'Unconditional Acceptance'.

This sums Barbara up, and also why she enjoys volunteering with Grace Trust, and ultimately uncovers the God that Barbara so passionately believes in.



Don't Listen to Gossip by James Brown

Somebody said that somebody said,
And somebody heard what somebody said,
And someone repeated an idle word,
But somebody heard what someone said.

There has been many a broken heart,
And many marriages come apart
Through gossip and gossip unfounded,
unchecked,
And it's all because,
Somebody said that somebody said.

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John, Archie and Mark

Meet some of the volunteers from our **Household Goods Team**. They are all youngish, **free and single!!!!!!**

For further details ladies, please feel free to contact Grace Trust!!

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Past Events 2010



Mary Sullivan (aka-Maria)
Neil Fowler & Rachael Dorey
(Napoleon & Radula)



Vicki Lavarack
(Venetia)



Bobby Stewart
(Captain Benito
McHaggis)

'Five Seasons of Love' Fun Fashion Show



Arthur Crago & Tami Higgins
(Aristotle & Tamara)



Danielle Nelson & Terry Noel
(Demelsa & Tarquin)



Highlands College



Thank you so much !!

The Philip Gower Charitable Trust
The Association of Jersey Charities
Barclays, Ogier, Mourant, Capco &
all associations, churches, businesses and
schools who contributed over the year.
All those who gave of their time and
finances to help us to help those in need.



Fancy Dress Walk



St Simon's High Mass



Reg's Garden-Barbecue



Trinity Crib Service



AJC Christmas Fayre



Food
Donations



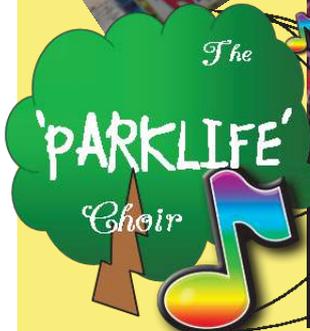
Casis Car Boot Sale



Simon Bell



PARKLIFE are 'branching' out !!



Anyone can become a member of Parklife !!

With virtually every type of 'gig' under their belt from weddings to funerals Parklife are the singers to watch out for in this coming year. They are very much in demand, and director Roger Bara is determined to let the public of Jersey see just what the singers can achieve. 2010 saw them singing at: the Pitcher's and Le Quesne's (and also the Shelter Trust) Remembrance Service, Zena & Eddie Vibert's wedding, All Saint's in aid of the Street Kids of Mongolia (above), Communicare (below), the Branchage Film Festival, the Grace Trust Fashion Show, St Ouen's W.I.'s concert, and finally at the St Brelade's Senior Citizen's Christmas Party.



Communicare

Chris & Roger



Rehearsals at All Saints Church Wednesdays 2pm

Established by Roger Bara and Gerry Padden on the 2nd March 2009 as a choir for people who had been through life's 'hard knocks', the group sing well known popular songs with their theme tune 'Bring Me Sunshine' deliberately chosen to emphasize their intent. It's easy to make **them** smile, however. All their audiences have to do is to simply **'join in and have fun'**.

If you would like to support or join Parklife phone Grace Trust for details and dates of their future performances. Thank you if you already do.

Some quotes from the Parklife members:

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| Tasha | The choir makes me laugh & smile. |
| Tony S | I love it. It's something to do that's exciting. |
| Aldo | Expect the unexpected. |
| Carol | It brightens my Wednesday afternoons. |
| Bobby Stewart | I'm addicted. It gives me a 'high'. |
| Gabriel | When I am down it cheers me up. |
| Roger | The most inspiring choir in Jersey. |
| Chris | One word, 'happiness'. |
| Don | I was just passing by and 'popped in'. |
| Rev Tony K | I work with distressed people but being a member of Parklife refuels me. |
| Barbara | Unconditional Acceptance |

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