

Grace 18



# Grace in Action...

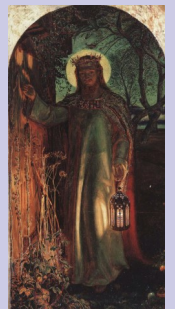


LOVE AND CARE FOR JERSEY'S POOR & NEEDY.

NEW YEAR.....

## New Office

### 3 Daisy Villas Lewis Street



It is not the first time in the history of 3 Daisy Villas that it has had links with Grace Trust.

Jean Bonhomme, a member of Parklife, was born in November 1937 in the Jubilee Nursing Home. Her proud parents brought their precious new daughter home to .....3 Daisy Villas! Jean's dad did not believe in buying things for a nursery so Jean's cot was a drawer in the fami-ly's large Jersey chest of drawers.

Jean lived in Daisy villas during the occupation and as there were many hotels in Lewis Street she was surrounded by Germans. She had a cat which used to sit in the front window but unfortunately it went missing,, they then acquired a stray cat and when it was sitting in the favourite place by the front window her mother saw a hand reach around and grab the cat., it was a German soldier and he was carrying a sack full of cats. As everyone was starving at that stage we can only guess the fate of the poor cats.

Jeans's father died and Jean and her mother left Daisy Villas as the Barra Hotel wanted the property back after the occupation in the anticipation of a revival in tourism.

Jean remembers a copy of Holman Hunt's "Light of the World" picture hanging on the wall at the top of the stairs. Brett has found a copy of the picture and we plan to place the picture once more at the top of the stairs. Jean was one of the original members of Parklife and can remember how it got its name. Roger Barra wondered what to call the choir and Aldo said, "Well, we're not Westlife, we're Parklife"

And Parklife have continued from strength to strength!

**This day was set up to help the students get familiar with the staff and their surroundings.**



**This is all part of building relationships. Brett went along as our Grace 18 coordinator to help introduce the students to the assistance that may be available to them or their families. It was a great day and a valuable experience in this area of our work.**



## Trizia's Cooking Days

**The ingredients are Dedication, Patience, Love, Compassion, Care and Commitment problem is, these don't come in tins!**



**From this at 9.30 am....**



**....to this at 3.30 pm job done !**

## Vini's viewpoint.

**We have always felt right wherever we are working from. Minden Place worked well from being in our little office downstairs which in hindsight was very small to the bigger room upstairs and now we are in our brilliant new base at Daisy Villa's Lewis St just off Cheapside. The new facilities are great but what makes it great is that we can still be Grace Trust.**

**What do you think of when you think of us? Are we part of your support system or part of your volunteering expression toward folk who you wish to help? We have so many folk who come to us in each respect. The unseen work we do can sometimes be the most rewarding and difficult at the same time. We have learnt a lot from those we help and those who help us in trying to share the load for those who are struggling on life's road. Sometimes the answers come in actions, sometimes just being there for folk is enough. Our faith should benefit others where they are in their journey.**

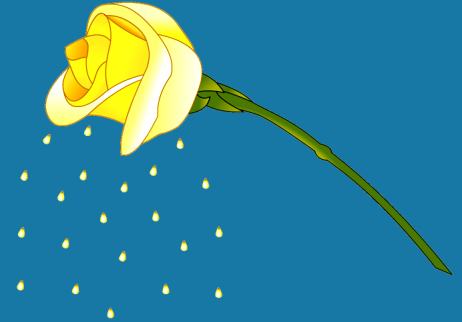
*We want to say a huge thank you to Vicki Lavarack who has stepped down as a Trustee for Grace Trust after many faithful years of service but will still continue to support us through prayer, thank you for all you have done, you have been brilliant.*





# Household Goods Distribution and Collections.

**A Huge Thank you to.....**



**The Grace Trust Van. Two things are identifiable from Space the Great Wall of China and the Grace Trust Van!**

**We are out and around pretty much every Tuesday and Thursday mornings, collecting and delivering used furniture that has been donated or requested.**

**Rod (THE DRIVER) great guy ! along with Lee and Gary are our current volunteers who do a great job. We have a laugh, a good "craic".**

**The Van has been a blessing to the Church of Jersey especially Freedom for Life Ministries, Freedom Church at the Round the Island Walk each June, The Book Club and many more.**

**This a great way of helping guy's back into a work mode, we have seen quite a few go onto proper employment from this project.**



**To Marina Noel and St Mathews Church who have served at these lunches for years, they now go to our fifth Saturday slot with David who is Marina's dad.**

**Meet our new Saturday Lunch Cooking Team "*Angels in Aprons*" this team has come into the second Saturday slot.**

**Shazza, Lucy, Linda, Michelle and Kay now join us as our Saturday lunches continue to reach out to the community each and every Saturday at St Pauls Church serving from 1pm doors open at 12:00**

# Words from our "Trusty Trustees"



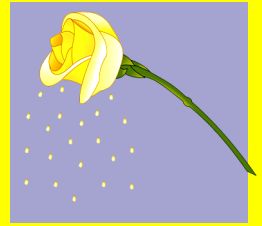
**We have great Trustees at Grace Trust who offer tremendous support to our staff and clients. These Trustees were asked four questions:**

**What is your best childhood memory?**

**What makes you smile?**

**What are you most proud of?**

**What is your favourite bible verse and why?**



**Diana Pitt:** Diana's best childhood memory was a regular outing with her mother when she was about 4 years old which involved going for a walk to Havres des Pas and visiting en-route a large and vociferous green parrot. She remembers being so amazed at how the parrot could actually talk and even string sentences together!

Daffodils never fail to make her smile.

She is proud to be blessed by her wonderful family. She is proud to have been involved in Grace Trust for many years and be privileged to witness the work of Grace Trust blossom over the years affecting so many people's lives. She is grateful for all of those who contribute in many different ways towards the work of Grace Trust and for the wonderful team who are altogether outstanding.

"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me" Philippians 4:13 is one of her favourite Bible verses as it is such an encouragement whenever she struggles to overcome adversity, "He will always take over and carry me through".

**Rob Hewlett:** by profession Rob is an insurance broker but far more importantly he is husband to Kim and father to two grown up sons, Ryan and Bailey. He was moved to become a Trustee of Grace Trust after going to a Parklife concert—"there was some sort of Spirit in the atmosphere that prompted me asking Gerry if there was anything I could do to help." Apart from Grace Trust, Rob has many other interests-music, reading (all sorts!), most sport but especially football and cricket.

Rob remembers family holidays and especially Grimspound Bronze Age village on Dartmoor.

Trees, sunsets and seeing people achieving things they never thought possible for them make Rob smile.

Rob is most proud of his two sons, Ryan and Bailey.

"No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord" Romans 8:37-39 is Rob's favourite Bible verse as it gives him hope that no matter what he does, the Father loves him.



**Barbara Brown** has been involved with Grace Trust for many years but is a brand new Trustee this year.

Barbara's best childhood memory is when she lived on a farm at Maufant, St Saviour. She, along with her older brother, and two younger sisters would go off, through the fields for picnics after raiding their mum's kitchen cupboards for raw jelly, cornflakes etc. It was such a wonderful childhood, so free.

Her seven year grand-daughter, Layla, makes her smile as she is such a delight and Barbara loves to be in her presence. Layla was a member of Parklife choir from a couple of months of age until going to school!

Barbara feels most proud of her beautiful daughter Phoebe, mother of Layla.

"The lord your God is with you, the Mighty Warrior who saves. He will take great delight in you, in His love He will no longer rebuke you, but will rejoice over you with singing." Zephaniah 3:17 is her favourite verse because it describes god as a Mighty Warrior and yet he sings over us, what a wonderful picture.

Next time we will hear from **Ian Slack** and **Janine Graham** who make up the full team of Trustees with **Peter Le Seilleur** as Treasurer and **David Capps** our Chairman.

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