

AGENDA

ST. EUSTATIUS
 Police Station 182333
 Emergency 111
 Hot Line 108
 Fire Department 120
 Hospital 182211/182371
 Landsradio 182210
 Post Office 182207
 St. Eustatius Historical Foundation Museum 182288
 Winair Office 182362
 Lions Club meets every 1st and 3rd Wednesday at the "Den" next to the Airport
 Drug Prevention Foundation meets every Tuesday 5:30pm at the Golden Era Hotel.
 Coastguard NA&A 113
 St. Eustatius National parks: Gallows Bay: 318 2884

SABA
 Police Station
 The Bottom, tel. 4163237
 Emergency 111/112
 Hospital
 The Bottom, tel. 4163288/4163289
 Fire Department Airport
 Flat Point tel. 4162210
SATEL
 The Bottom, tel. 4163211
WINAIR, Airport
 Flat Point, tel. 4162255/2713
Taxi Service Airport
 Flat Point, tel. 160
Administration Building
 The Bottom, tel. 4163311/4163312/4163313
Tourist Office
 Windwardside, tel. 4162231
Harbour Office
 Fort Bay, tel. 4163294
Saba Marine Park
 Fort Bay, tel. 4163295
Nature & Hike Guide
 James Johnson
 The Bottom, tel. 4163307
Service Club
 Saba Lions Club general meeting every 1st and 3rd Tuesday 8:00 p.m. at Eugenius A. Johnson Center.
Coastguard NA&A 113
Red Cross
 General meeting every last Monday, 6 p.m. Eugenius A. Johnson Center.

ANGUILLA
EMERGENCY
 Police 911
 Fire 911
 Ambulance 911
 Police Station 497 2333
 Hospital 497 2551
 Dental clinic 497 2343
 Radio Anguilla 497 2218
 Tourism Department 497 2759
 Crimestoppers 0800 7777777
AIRLINES
 American Eagle 497 3501
 Winair 497 2748
 Liat 497 5000
 Air Anguilla 497 2643
 Trans Anguilla 497 8690
COURIER SERVICE
 DHL 497 3400
 Federal Express 497 2719
 UPS 497 2239
SERVICE CLUBS
Rotary Club of Anguilla
 Meets at Da Vida every Thursday at 6.00 p.m.
Soroptimist International
 Day Care Centre
 4.30 p.m. 2nd Tuesday
 in each month Tel: 497 3509
Lions Club
 Meets every 1st and 3rd Tuesday at 5.30 p.m. at the Arts and Crafts Centre Tel: 497 6259
Interact Club of Anguilla
 Meets every Friday at 3.15 p.m. at the Albena Lake Lodge Comprehensive School
Toastermaster club
 meets every 2nd and 4th Saturday at 6.45 p.m. at La Vue, South Hill

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Methodist Church marks restoration



Executive and Island Council Members, clergy, invited guests, and parishioners attended the re-dedication celebration service of thanksgiving at Bethel Methodist Church.

ST. EUSTATIUS—Bethel Methodist Church is known for its uplifting style of worship with occasional foot-tapping hymns. Sunday's special service to celebrate the restoration of the church building was no exception. Led by Rev-



Customers browsing the new Everyt'ings gift shop.

Everyt'ings and Five Square Art Gallery open in grand style

SABA—Despite showery conditions, more than 50 people gathered to celebrate the opening of the new Everyt'ings gift shop and Five Square Art Gallery shopping complex at the old police station in Windwardside last Thursday.

Glasses of wine, beer and sodas were dispensed whilst the gathered throng checked out the merchandise in the store and artwork in the gallery.

The overwhelming consensus amongst those present was that this was an exciting, new and improved shopping experience on Saba.

One of the co-owners, Gerard "Gersh" Geenty, made a short speech to welcome everyone and to explain how and why Everyt'ings and Five Square had ar-

rived at "The Old Nick," which is English slang for the old police station.

"Once we'd begun to understand the basics of the businesses that we'd bought we wanted to improve the end product for our customers. Not only do we want to offer the best products at the best price but we want to offer the best shopping experience, and we want to do our bit for keeping Saba as the Unspoiled Queen."

Not only are the new premises larger, all on one level and airy, but the owners have also re-wired the whole complex and only installed LED lighting.

"As well as reducing the heat produced by our lights, using only LED's means that we're doing something extra for Saba's ecology and its future. By using LED's

instead of incandescent or halogen bulbs we shall reduce our carbon footprint by more than 60 per cent, and with more than 100 lights, that's a lot of carbon footprint."

Geenty thanked all of the people who had helped during the long project, and in particular Miryam Hassell, "Our dear employee who had been working for Everyt'ings since before Saba had been discovered."

A number of people expressed regret that no sales were being offered during the opening party but as co-owner Emilie Declippeir said, "Sometimes you just want to share the moment with your friends and customers and turn the business thing off." Despite being unable to buy anything on Thursday night, most seemed very happy with that.

erend Vincia Celestine, the service was attended by regular worshippers, as well as leaders of other religious denominations and many local politicians.

Entitled Service of Thanksgiving and Rededication, the event equally celebrated 173 years of existence. The church has a fascinating history as Sister Jeanette Farrel-Philip explained.

The existing building was destroyed by the earthquake of February 8, 1848. Within a space of ten months, the local congregation worked hard to rebuild the church. Historian Walter Hellebrand provided details of how the rebuilding was completed.

Since then, age and weather have conspired to prompt new renovation works. With foresight of such expensive outlays, Reverend James C. Richardson made a difficult decision in 2002 to charge a burial fee.

A loan from the National Restoration Fund was also secured with Hellebrand's assistance in his capacity of Monuments Director to top-up the necessary financing. As a listed monument, the building qualifies for the special restoration loans that come with an interest of only two per cent payable over 20 years.

Many improvements to the visual and structural interior of the church have been achieved. However, the restoration is still not complete. The next phase will involve the repair of the belfry, external walkways and eventually the chapel roof.

The current works have been undertaken in only eight months. "Like the earthquake of 1848, the Methodist congregation has been quick to rebuild its place of worship. This also says something about the general enthusiasm of the Methodist church movement everywhere and throughout time," Reverend Celestine commented.

She noted that creating a Methodist foothold on the "Historical Gem" has not always been without challenges. Much attention was paid to Black Harry, a slave who pioneered the church movement on the island.

"Expelled in the 18th century for the act of worship, he returned to foster the roots of our church. His legacy lives on," she said. Black Harry was reincar-

nated during the service in an inspired dramatization by Christina Timber-Glover. Her characterisation and verse were eagerly applauded.

Equally appreciated was the choral contribution from the 20-member Senior Bethel Choir. Their rendition of "Bless this House" was an appropriate choice for the occasion. The Children's Choir added further charm for the benefit of a full congregation.

Local politicians were also present to celebrate the occasion. Island Council Member for Democratic Party (DP) Adelka Spanner congratulated the Methodist community for its contribution to the island through the years.

"The building is the oldest church on the island," she noted. "And the Methodist movement has given children an excellent educational start to their lives." Spanner also related her fondness as a child for the sound of its church bells and the annual candlelight services during the Christmas period.

In his address to the congregation, fraction leader of Progressive Labour Party (PLP) Clyde van Putten shared similar congratulations. "This chapel has played an important educational role as a kindergarten," he said. "We live in difficult times and the church continues to provide a beacon of hope. I therefore look forward with excitement to the Methodist Conference to be held on the island in January 2017."

Rechelline Leerdam (PLP) also represented the Island Council, alongside Commissioner Derrick Simmons and the newly appointed Commissioner Charles Woodley for the Executive Council.

In her sermon, Reverend Celestine gave a powerful tribute to all individuals who made the renovation work possible. "We now have a little cathedral and our mission is to minister to the needs of the younger generation," she concluded.

