

SALTASH WESLEY METHODIST CHURCH

Annual Church Meeting

Sunday 7th March 2021

REPORTS

INTRODUCTION FROM THE MINISTER

Once again, we reach the Annual Church Meeting. Usually, there would be much more in these reports, but this has been no usual year for any of us, nor for Saltash, Wesley. The onset of the Covid-19 pandemic has brought a halt to many things that we were running or involved with, and others have required a lot of creativity to keep going. It is with sadness that we are having to hold our meeting online, knowing this will exclude some, but no better alternative is available at this point.

I want to pay tribute to those people who have laboured away, often behind the scenes, doing very practical but necessary work through this strange time. Stewards, staff, volunteers in lots of areas have achieved more than we might have thought possible twelve months ago, and we have done our best as a church to continue supporting our members and adherents with worship, pastoral care and practical help. I am frequently humbled by how ready to serve people are, and how generous. You will see in our financial reports that though things are much harder at the moment, there has been again great generosity shown by the members of the church. We can take pride in these responses, because to do so is to be proud of God's work among us, and to him be the glory. As we think today and in the coming months how our work needs to be reshaped, we pray to see more and more God's hand shaping us. I commend these reports to you, with thanks.

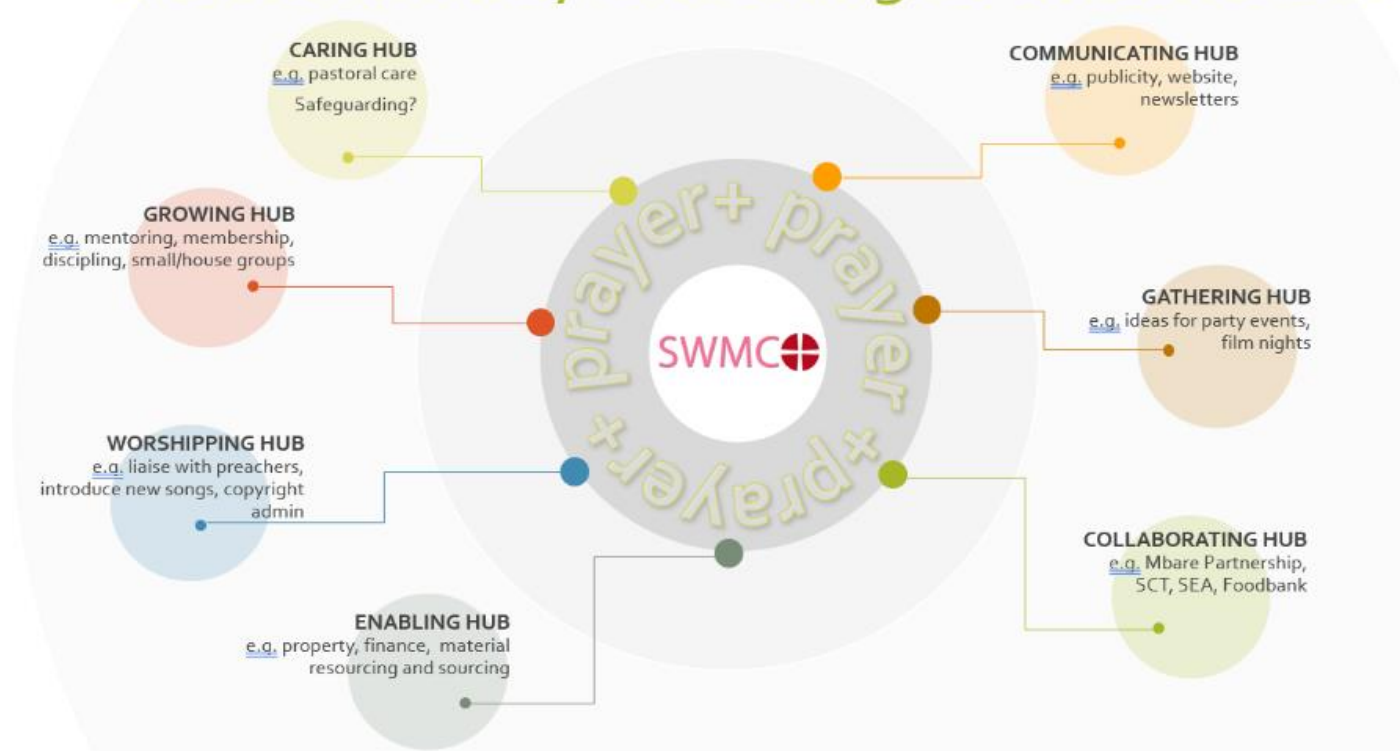
Revd Jonathan Budd

ACM Presentation of CFW Project Working Group

Over the winter months, at the instruction of the Church Council a small group comprised of the Minister, our Children and Families Worker, Chris Clark, Joanna Couch our administrator and Caroline Hambly met to examine the future direction of the Children and Families project which employs our worker. Over the course of five meetings many related matters were discussed, culminating in a proposal to develop a more integrated way of working at Wesley, one which allows through focussing on similar areas rather than committee structures more people to feel a sense of involvement in and understanding of what we do. As part of this, it is proposed that the church look to continue the paid post, once again seeking funding from external bodies as well as internal funds. It is clear that we are in a time of budgets being tightened, and so we will need to accept that finding the finance may not be easy, but we bring this to the ACM hoping to set the course as a church, and work the details through in the months ahead. Headline recommendations are:

- 1. Plan to fund CFW post for an additional year, initially, to assist transitioning to new ways of working**
- 2. Areas of current CFW work to be reprioritised and/or refocussed, and 'cutting to cloth'**
- 3. CFW work be fully integrated to life of church (no longer a side project or 'an aspect')**
- 4. Salaried role continues but evolves from current CFW role into a 'Church Family Coordinator' role.**

A different way of looking at what we do.



The diagram to the above gives an outline of the areas we hope can be used to reshape our work, but it is not possible to give a full explanation in this brief report and more detail will be given at the ACM and in months to come as they are developed.

STEWARDS REPORT

As my time as our Senior Steward comes towards its end, I must reflect on what a different year it has been for us all. I would normally wish to write about all the varied and wonderful activities that take place at Wesley each week but of course we have not been able to meet for any social activities in the church or even worship for many months now, apart from a brief interlude in December.

It is my fervent hope that we will see some form of a return towards normality in the not-too-distant future and I look forward to being able to meet in person again with so many friends at Wesley who I have not been able to meet with for some time now.

Of course, I must also express my huge thanks to all the hard work that has continued during the last year. The Zoom services have I think been an outstanding success and are hugely valued by a lot of people who attend regularly, including many who had moved on from worshipping at Wesley prior to the pandemic who have been very welcome on the Zoom services too. A lot of work goes into the planning of these services from the message to the various contributors and of course the IT support behind the scenes to make the services run smoothly and also to make them as accessible as possible, including the distribution of CDs for those unable to access the service online.

Away from the services, so much was done to make Wesley 'COVID safe', and I would like to express my thanks to all those who worked so hard with things like hand gel stations, markings on the floor, enhanced cleaning routines and all the planning that went in to making this happen.

We have also seen the weekly Salt & Light newsletter. Again, there is a lot of work required to produce this and also to distribute to those not on email. My thanks go to all those involved.

It has also been a busy year for various committees as much of the work at Wesley continues. The Stewards have met in the most part every three weeks to discuss essential business and we have become used to seeing each other on Zoom and being able to discuss the key issues that have arisen. Also, management committee has continued to meet and various essential maintenance jobs have been taking place while the building is seeing much reduced use. It has been a big effort on behalf of all those who have been involved in this and also the maintaining of the finances of the church.

I must also thank the Pastoral visitors and group leaders who have worked so well keeping in touch with people and making sure that they are coping ok during these difficult times.

There have been other nice touches that have brightened people's days too. A big effort has been made to provide colourful and cheerful displays on the front windows of the church, and these have made me smile as I have paused to look at them on so many of my daily walks around Saltash. As I type this the Valentines hearts display is up conveying a message of love and hope for all of us. I must also mention the recent distribution of daffodils to members of our congregation, which brightened many homes as they were received recently. Thank you to all those involved.

I hope I have given a small flavour of the work that has taken place over the last year, and I hope that you all, like me, feel optimistic for the future that we will, God willing, move forward from this pandemic and be able to meet in fellowship and to worship our God again in the near future.

Chris Gittins

PASTORAL REPORT

Firstly, the official business of providing membership statistics for the Methodist Church. Our membership figure reported on 1st November 2020 was 127. Since then we have sadly lost two more members through death, and two who have elected to become adherents rather than full members. Hence our current membership stands at 123. What a very unusual year it has been since our last ACM. But although many of our regular church activities have had to be put on hold during the Covid-19 pandemic, in fact it has proved to be a very busy and rewarding time for our pastoral team. Our 35 Pastoral Links have all been working very hard and have been in regular contact with all those on their pastoral lists. In addition, at the beginning of the first lockdown back in March 2020, we compiled a list of other volunteers who were willing to offer more practical help such as shopping, picking up prescriptions etc. for those who were shielding and unable to venture out themselves. We have also been particularly aware of the additional loneliness and lack of fellowship felt by those of our congregation who have been unable to access our Sunday morning worship on Zoom. Although it has without doubt been a very difficult year, we have tried to ensure that we have kept in more regular touch with each other than usual, and hopefully we have helped people feel that their Wesley support network has still been very much alive. My personal thanks go to Rev Jonathan who has worked closely with me, ensuring that one or other of us has contacted all our Pastoral Links, on a regular rota basis. I must also pay tribute to many members of our congregation, who have extended the hand of friendship by offering practical and spiritual support and encouragement to others. We are so blessed to belong to such a vibrant part of the Body of Christ. As we journey further into 2021, the future of our church life still looks very uncertain, but with God's help I am confident that we will continue to keep our regular pastoral links going until such time as we can meet again physically.

Jo Lambourne, Pastoral Secretary

MANAGEMENT REPORT

Whilst Wesley has been in COVID 'lock down' mode for most of the past year your Management Committee has been active in keeping the finances and property in good order by meeting every 6 weeks via Zoom. Owing to Government restrictions we have been obliged to cancel normal church services and the extensive use by our organisations and outside lettings. In anticipation of relaxations, we carried out in depth Risk Assessments and alterations to our premises for a period of very limited reopening. We have however been able to accept bookings from NHS Diabetic Eye and Podiatric Assessment Clinics. Link into Learning Adult Education sessions have been restricted in line with Government Guidelines for schools and hopefully will resume shortly. Risk Assessments were completed before Christmas for a number of outside hirers who had wished to hire our premises from January 2021, but once again Covid restrictions prevented.

We need to thank many people for their unstinting help in so many ways in particular to our Treasurer who has spent many hours keeping our finances in order, Jo in the office, Craig for his expertise in administering the virtual Zoom meetings and services. Our thanks also go to Carolyn Statton on her retirement after many years carrying

out her cleaning duties at our Church premises so diligently. Carolyn has offered to continue in a voluntary capacity and will join a small group who are keeping our Church premises clean and Covid safe. If there are any other members of our Church congregation who could give a little time to assist in this way, please contact Roger Thompson.

PROPERTY REPORT

Apart from the regular help with the many small maintenance jobs by our own members, we have paid to resurface part of the service road between the rear entrance to our Church and Greenwich Place, who funded part of this expenditure. Extensive repairs are in the process of being carried out to the white wall pebble dash rendering and should be completed shortly. Following the decoration of the coffee bar by our own members, a new carpet has been fitted in the stairway and the coffee bar, with new lighting on the stairs giving the whole area a bright and fresh new look. In addition the small hall floor has been sanded down and re-polished.

Our thanks must also go to David Wood for all his gardening expertise and for keeping the garden and flower displays so immaculate. Thank you also to David Lawton for maintenance to the front and back grass areas and hedges.

Steve Tait: Chair of Management

CHILDREN AND FAMILIES REPORT

When the Children's Action Group met at the beginning of March last year, we came up with all sorts of plans for 2020, finishing the meeting with an acknowledgement that we would have to keep an eye on the developing situation around Coronavirus to see if it would have any impact on the work. Since then ...

Scootathon and **film night** took place just ahead of the closure of activities in March, seeing great attendances and raising money for Water Aid and the childrens work resource budget respectively. Many other events, including several **Fresh Ground trips** to Donderry and the planned launch of a **youth club** in Donderry Methodist Chapel, have had to be put on hold.

Activities which have moved online since March, via the Zoom platform, include **Junior Church**, **Youth Alpha**, **Messy Church**, **holiday clubs**, the **Children's Action Group** and recently **Fresh Ground** – these are now usually hosted from a purpose-built tech setup at Wesley. More details on each group can be found below.

Schoolswork has continued in part, with two of the Saltash primary schools requesting 'virtual' **assemblies**, either online via Google Meet or pre-recorded for schools to play to individual classes. **Open the Book**, the ecumenical assemblies team, is currently on pause, as are **RE lessons**, consideration of a **possible new school** at Broadmoor/Treledan, and the **Prayer Spaces in Schools** initiative. Regular contact remains in place with all local schools to assess needs and for distribution of publicity.

Other activities which have been continued in different ways include links with **other youth organisations**, including the Town Youth Council and the National Youth Agency (who regulate all youth activities in England and have been providing regular webinars on Covid compliance for the sector) and charities such as Fareshare, the food hunger charity, with whom opportunities for collaboration are being explored. The annual **book giveaway**, covering all devotional groups including Messy Church, also took place in the summer of 2020. The giveaway was, with a little creativity, covered entirely by books we already had in stock, with socially-distanced deliveries taking place in compliance with guidelines. Families were grateful for the books during a year with lots of time at home together, and were particularly appreciative of the church contact.

Shell and Youth Club have both been on hold, at least in their usual format, since March, with the Shell & Youth Leader initially taking the opportunity to attend to things usually done during the holidays, such as an overhaul

and review of our records and databases. That done, time was then spent keeping in contact with as many of the families who usually attend as possible, either via Facebook or phonecalls – the clubs will usually receive an attendance of around 300 youngsters over the course of a school year (we had almost reached that number by March 2020). Since November 2020 and in light of increasing funding challenges, the **Shell and Youth Leader role** was placed on furlough, which remains the case at present. An action plan is being devised for safe reopening of the clubs to bring to the Covid group for approval when time is right, while some potential new initiatives for the format of the groups are also being considered.

Youth Alpha has had some good attendances for its Zoom sessions, especially during lockdowns when sports clubs were also closed, and has kept going at the request of its members during all school holidays. The group had wanted to do some Bible overview, looking at whole books to get an overall sense of their story, and so we have covered Mark's Gospel the start of Genesis. There is flexibility so that other themes can receive attention when needed. We have recently seen new members joining the group and are also currently considering the possibility of running a course to offer **church membership** for the attendees.

Various options were tested for **Junior Church** before a 9.30am slot preceding the 10am service was settled upon. This has seen good regular attendance, but grew into the 'Fresh Ground: Mini' format, in November 2020.

Fresh Ground: Mini arose out of the desire for an informal, all-age style of worship, especially among those who used to attend Fresh Ground: Breakfast or the monthly Fresh Ground prayer meeting. There was also a concern that the cross-generational relationships so natural to Fresh Ground meetings were beginning to fade, and so the session allows for time to catch up at the beginning and end over breakfast, and is open to the Circuit. It begins at 9.15am each week on the same Zoom feed as the 10am service and currently has a simple format, of a song & prayer at the start and end around the usual junior church session (quiz & story with short discussion). These are very much open to the wider church and Circuit – please do come along and see what happens.

Holiday clubs were unexpectedly popular after their move online, with three sessions in August being followed up with special clubs for All Hallows' Eve (focused on light, and filling the slot of the popular Circuit light party at Landrake) and for Bonfire night. This has since developed into a **regular online children's club**, meeting around twice per half term, covering Advent, Christmas, Jesus in the temple, and Jesus in the desert, with upcoming clubs planned for the themes of Palm Sunday (session on 27th March) and Easter (session on 10th April). These clubs have seen attendances of around 10-15 families booking in, often with several children present on each individual Zoom feed. Kit bags containing crafts and snacks have been prepared and delivered in advance by a team of helpers, giving families things to do before and after the club and extending its interest, while the sessions themselves have been reduced to 45 minutes as a healthy limit for screen time. The clubs have been very much appreciated by the families, and also quite popular with the helpers. While the online format is of course limited, it irones out some of the challenges that come with a physical club (children finishing crafts at different times, background noise etc) while still allowing time in small groups to build relations, talk about the story and catch up with each other. A **New Years' Eve party** for the church and local community was held in a similar style, organised by the church stewards, drawing in new attendees to our other activities. Regular **prayer meetings** have also been organised for these clubs and for the wider work. It has been wonderful to have so many parents attending these events alongside their children, helped by the Zoom requirement that under-13s must be supervised on the platform, giving a broader connection into family life.

Messy Church has taken several forms since it paused physical meetings in March 2020, initially moving online on the first Saturday of the month, with a shorter slot of around 20-25 minutes and taking a format similar to the

worship slot in the physical session, often supplemented by a craft that could be made out of a single sheet of paper at home (for example, it is even possible to make a musical instrument with just one A4 sheet). Attendances were mixed for these sessions, with several families attending, but rarely all at once; it has therefore made practical sense to combine Messy Church with the new **online children's club** (described above) for the present.

In the absence of the town events which would have seen our involvement, such as **May Fair, Regatta, Mission Youth, Kalan Gwav** and the **Fore Street Christmas** event, the church instead took part in the **Window Wanderland** displays in December, and has looked to maintain a regular window display in the foyer to show the church is still very much active even when it cannot physically meet. Elements from the children's clubs have made up some of the displays, while a wonderful team of church members have been responsible for the vast majority of them, including the stunning nativity windows and the current Valentine and Lent display. Much of our other **field work** has not been possible this year, such as trips to **Downderry with Fresh Ground: Breakfast, Youth Alpha weekends away** and possible **summer beach missions** (replacing our outreach at Port Eliot.) These opportunities will be revisited when the time is right.

Back-of-shop activities have continued in support of the work, such as the **Children's Action Group**, which has met regularly online since May 2020 to keep an overview of the various aspects of the work. The long pause in our regular pattern of work has given a unique opportunity for review and the Children's Action Group will also be considering whether we would like to try anything differently as groups and activities are able to recommence physical meetings. Separately, involvement continues in various **District meetings** and I have been **elected to Conference in 2021**, after the 2020 Conference was forced to move online with reduced business, with much being held in abeyance. Discussions have also been taking place around the **future of the children's and families' work**, in light of an approaching funding deadline for the worker post. These discussions have been a very helpful and welcome opportunity to take a long view of the work since September 2010, while considering how best to enable future growth.

A good deal of time has been spent **understanding new technologies** and potential uses for them. Much of the first lockdown was spent on **training courses**, including in the areas of social media and running children's clubs safely online, with regular top-ups since. Promising new technology is then tried locally, to see if it can meet our needs while ensuring our safeguarding and best practice framework can be adhered to. Many tech offerings have not made the cut, but those we are using are currently serving us well.

Training sessions have become more readily available via Zoom this year, with one in particular on **outreach to toddlers and those who care for them** being a particular highlight. It yielded interesting information on how many parents of under-fives have contact with church (as high as three quarters of the adult population of the UK, which of course drops off markedly as children grow beyond this age). It also gave outreach ideas which are possible even under lockdown and encouraged churches to think about their work in this area. Currently, the two toddlers' groups at Wesley, called **little footsteps**, are on hold, but a Circuit toddlers' strategy meeting is being planned to consider this outreach, looking at what can currently be done and also possibly identifying areas where new toddlers' groups could be established around the Circuit in the future, when safe to do so.

Also, Wesley has been given **Bishop Tim Thornton's wooden cross**, which was given to the Cornwall District on his departure in 2016 and which hung in the District office until it was recently disbanded in a move to home-based working. In a case of being in the right place at the right time, I was present as it was taken off the wall and

mentioned we were looking for one, especially thinking of the redecoration of the coffee bar. It was given with blessings by Rev Steve Wild for our work and can often be seen behind me, in Zoom sessions hosted from Wesley.

Lastly, it is hard to overstate just how important the **whole church family** has been over the year, without which none of the above would have been possible. These are strange times, but we have been facing them together in wonder at God's faithfulness, giving Him all glory, as we are provided with new mercies 'morning by morning' (Lamentations 3:22-23). In the difficult days of the Old Testament, the writer of Ecclesiastes famously noted 'two are better than one ... if one falls the other can help him up ... a rope of three chords is hard to break' (Ecc. 4:9-12). Accordingly, enormous **thanks are due** to a very dedicated and willing team of helpers, and to the whole church family for love, prayers and support. If I can be of any help, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

With prayers and every blessing, Chris Clark (07790537911; chrisclark@wesleyweb.co.uk).

TREASURER'S REPORT

Accounts year ended 31 August 2020

The Saltash Wesley Church General Accounts for the year ended 31 August 2020 were presented to the Church Council Meeting in November 2020 and I am pleased to report that the accounting records have now been audited by David Trill and agreed. Again my thanks to David for his speedy but thorough review of the records. All the internal organisation accounts have also now been examined and passed to myself so thank you also to all those who have examined the figures for the internal organisations.

As mentioned in my report last year, the majority of the internal organisation figures are shown as designated accounts on the Standard Form of Accounts in order to reflect accurate total income and expenditure figures. The accounts for the Saltash/Mbare Partnership and the Music Foundation which are restricted funds have remained outside these figures and have been shown in the restricted organisations summary.

Going through the main sources of income, offerings including standing order receipts amounted to **£38,386** compared to **£40,577** in the previous year. The drop in income of **£2,191** was entirely owing to the fact that we were unable to hold actual services for over five months in the last financial year, thus losing the weekly cash offerings which would have been taken at our usual Sunday morning services. However, I was grateful that several new standing orders have been set up which will have a continuing effect in the future and also thank you to those members who have increased their standing orders.

The other main source of income, being hiring of our premises was also down and emerged at **£14,561** compared to **£15,649** in 2019 a fall of **£1,088**. This would have been much worst had we not received hiring income of **£10,627** in the 6 months to February 2020.

Weekday coffee mornings were also showing an increase up to the date of the lockdown, and realised **£2,247** in just over a 6 month period compared to **£4,063** in the previous year. With recent government announcements I am sure many of us hope that the coffee mornings will be able to recommence again as they provided not only a source of income, but a valuable outreach to our community.

Income from investments was up by **£178** and amounted to **£5,581** during the year with **£5,134** being received from investments from the Henwood bequest via Brewin Dolphin, **£385** from TMCP and **£62** bank interest.

The Gift Aid Tax reclaim was up by **£4,050** and amounted to **£15,796**. However this included **£1,990** under the Gift Aid Small Donations scheme which for the last few years hasn't been paid until late November, resulting in 2 amounts of GASDS being received in the year. This will of course have an effect on the amount receivable next year and if the claim isn't paid until November 2021 a reduction of almost **£4,000** will be reflected in the 2021

accounts. In any event I anticipate that the claim under GASDS will be much lower for the year to 5 April 2021, because most of this claim results from unidentified cash collections. Whilst some of congregation have passed their normal offerings into the office, most of these have been by cheque, which do not qualify under the GASDS. Also showing a notable increase was the solar power pay-back which amounted to **£5,189** an increase of **£1,055** on the previous year. As a result of the church premises being closed, very little electric was used in the last six months of the accounting period, thus ploughing a larger amount back into the grid.

We were of course not able to hold our annual Gift Day in the spring, which represented a loss in income of **£9,688** compared to the previous year, although an amount was received from Augmented Choir and Tuesday Circle. However our financial position was alleviated by generous one-off donations of **£9,215** and from bequests of **£6,994**, without which the final results for the year would have been considerably worse.

A total of **£28,050** was received towards our Children's and Families Worker project with **£20,000** received in grants, **£7,400** from church members and **£650** from jacket potato lunches.

Total income for the year including that received from Designated Internal Organisations (but excluding restricted funds) amounted to **£139,951** compared to **£142,014** in the previous year.

Turning to expenditure our major expense was the Circuit assessment which increased by **£2,158** to **£58,084** an increase of 3.86%. Our other major expense is the cost of our Children's and Families Worker which emerged at **£29,992** thus resulting in a deficit for the year on this project of **£1,942**. Utilities totalled **£3,999** being water rates **£909** (2019 - £1,348), electricity **£1,805** (2019 - £2,135) and gas **£1,285** (2019 - £1,579) overall a decrease of **£1,063**, once again as a result of the Church premises being shut.

Building maintenance totalled **£7,476** of which **£3,000** relating to the dropped kerb and resurfacing of the service road between the Church and Greenwich Place, who contributed **£1,100** towards this expenditure. The re-rendering has been partially completed at a cost of **£1,800**, but conclusion of this work was delayed owing to difficulties accessing Bostraze, the adjacent property.

Telephone costs emerged at **£1,280** for the year an increase of **£335** which is probably because in the early days of the lock-down a far greater number of calls needed to be returned.

Cleaning and consumables have increased and amounted to **£854** which is mainly owing to the purchase of equipment and related consumables in order to comply with Methodist Church and Government Covid safety guidelines.

We are grateful to Phil Taylor, our organist for confirming that he would not be claiming any organist fees during the period of the lockdown, so organist fees were down compared to the previous year.

Most of the other expenses emerged as anticipated and were in line with the previous year and thus total expenses for the year including internal organisations emerged at **£135,800**.

As at 31 August 2020 the bank and cash balances held locally in the general account amounted to **£40,555** compared to **£39,016** at the end of the previous accounting period. In addition internal organisations held a total of **£7,358** (excluding Mbare and the Music Foundation).

The valuation of the Henwood bequest amounted to **£205,774** compared to **£217,643** in August 2019, a fall in value of **£11,869**.

The amount held by the Trustees for Methodist Church purposes as at 31 August 2020 amounted to **£37,831** (2019 - **£38,234**) of which **£25,741** related to Model Trust Funds and **£12,090** to Permanent Endowment Funds. Therefore total funds (including bank and cash balances and balances in restricted funds as at 31 August 2020) amounted to **£294,998** compared to **£302,602** in 2019, a fall of **£7,604** which comprises **£4,669** surplus of income and **£12,273** unrealised losses in the value of investments.

The Church Council has agreed a reserves policy of 40% of the expenditure from General Funds for the previous financial year excluding those items of expenditure which were simply passed on through the funds. The amount available in General Funds as at 31 August 2020 represented **51.7%** of the total General Funds expenditure. In August 2018 the reserves available amounted to **50.03%**.

Separately I have prepared a schedule of donations made to various charities during the year ended 31 August 2020 which totalled **£13,289**, including those made to our partner church in Mbare. This was not unsurprisingly down on the previous year when total charitable donations reached **£16,258**. However loans of **£3,000** were also advanced to MEDRA for the benefit of the Kopje Project in Mbare.

Taking into account the unprecedented events lasting almost 6 months in the financial year ended 31 August 2020 our financial position was much better than I originally projected at the beginning of the lockdown. However, turning to our current situation we have maintained a more or less break even position to the end of December 2020 this was partly owing to receipts from our Church Gift Day in October when a total of **£8,376** was received and my grateful thanks to all those who contributed especially those who ventured out to brave the inclement weather on the day.

I have prepared draft accounts for the 6 months ended February 2021 which show a significant drop in overall income compared to the same time last year mainly owing to our being unable to legally let our premises to regular hirers and a number of one-off annual hiring being forced to cancel. In fact letting income for the current year to date is down by **£7,607** compared to the previous year. Offerings have however been reasonable well maintained considering that we have only been able to hold five actual Sunday morning services since the initial lockdown and are only down by just over **£1,000**.

Overall a deficit arises in the 6 months to 28 February 2021 of **£2,954**, compared to an excess of income over expenditure in the same period last year of **£4,642** i.e. a differential of **£7,596**. It should be borne in mind that we have now received 78% of the anticipated grants and donations relating to our Children's and Families worker whereas only 50% of the annual expenditure has been paid to date. Expenditure will be required in the next few weeks in finalising the outside rendering, a new water heater in the kitchen and remedial health and safety repairs to the cooker all of which will total approximately **£3,000**. I should also mention that last year in March 2020 we received just under **£6,400** in one-off donations and legacies and the income receivable from hiring's in March 2021 is likely to be minimal. Thus although I hope we will be able to meet all our commitments in this financial year without having to draw down from the amounts held with TMCP, I do anticipate that the bank balances held locally will have been considerably depleted by the end of the current financial year. In addition many of our internal organisations paid over balances held on our last Gift Day in October and as they have now not met for over a year have much diminished available funds. I am sorry this all seems rather pessimistic, but I trust that we can look forward to better times ahead, being assured that God will provide in our time of need.

SALTASH WESLEY METHODIST CHURCH DONATIONS TO CHARITIES YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2020

	£	
Action Aid	180.00	Tuesday Circle
Action for Children	484.72	Collection Boxes
Action for Children -	256.76	Christmas Day Collection
Bloodwise	25.00	Tuesday Circle
Cornwall Air Ambulance	50.00	Table Top Sales
Goschen Centre for Homeless	90.00	Café Church
Matthew Rusike Children's Home	12.00	Personal Donations
Matthew Rusike Children's Home	201.19	Church Christmas Card
Mbare Methodist Church Relief Fund	2,244.70	Rev Iris & D Holley Zip Wire Challenge
Mbare Methodist Church Relief Fund	250.00	Table Top Sales

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Mbare Methodist Church Relief Fund	61.00	Saturday Morning Coffee
Mbare Methodist Church Relief Fund	1,105.70	Personal Donations
Mbare Methodist Church Relief Fund	255.41	Candlelit Carol Service
Mbare Methodist Church Relief Fund	373.91	Craft Fair
Mbare Methodist Church Relief Fund	93.05	Quiz Night
Mbare Methodist Church Relief Fund	143.00	Melling Wedding
Mbare Methodist Church Relief Fund	126.50	Film Night 50%
Mbare Methodist Church Relief Fund	282.25	Harvest Fair
Mbare Methodist Church Relief Fund	627.00	Christmas Gifts
Mbare Methodist Church Relief Fund	11.50	August month 50%
Mbare Methodist Church Relief Fund	771.25	Gift Aid
Mbare School Fees	3,057.00	Personal Donations
Mbare School Fees	770.00	Gift Aid
MEDRA	12.08	Wednesday House Group
MEDRA	300.00	Melling Wedding
Mercy Ships	50.00	Table Top Sales
Saltash Foodbank	437.45	Covenant Service Collection
Shelterbox	50.00	Table Top Sales
St Johns Ambulance	20.00	Tuesday Circle
St Petrocs Christmas Appeal	429.25	Collection (including Gift Aid)
Sue Hooper Charitable Foundation	20.00	Tuesday Circle
The Sowenna Appeal	50.00	Table Top Sales
Therapy Dogs	20.00	Tuesday Circle
Traidcraft Exchange	130.96	Traidcraft Big Brew
Traidcraft Exchange	30.90	Wesley Traidcraft
UNHCR	50.00	Table Top Sales
Water Aid	121.19	Scotathon
Water Aid	94.80	Jars of Change
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>£13,288.57</u>	

In addition £3,000 was sent to MEDRA as loans to Mbare for the Kopje Project

MBARE/SALTASH PARTNERSHIP REPORT

During 2020 Saltash Wesley has continued to send funds to Mbare both for school fees and for relief. The situation with the schools in Zimbabwe is similar to that here in England in that there have been times when schools have been closed, so we have relied on receiving information from members at Mbare to let us know when school fees were required. The Mbare/Wesley Partnership committee would like to thank those Wesley members who make regular payments for school fees by direct debit along with those of you who have made one-off payments whether by passing cheques or cash into the church office or by BACS directly into the Mbare bank account. We have also been surprised by some of the ways that funds have been raised during this time when we have been unable to run our usual fund-raising events- thanks go to you all.

The Mbare Partnership Committee sent a short report detailing how the school fees are allocated. Currently there are 10 children that are benefitting from the monies we send as well as the children in Sunday School. Apparently one of the children who benefitted in the past is now a member of the Partnership committee!

The need for funds for relief has also been met by donations from church members both regular and one-off. Thanks go to Jonathan for producing the 2021 calendar and to all of you who purchased one or more!! They raised just over £500.00. But, watch this space, as we are continually thinking about other ways in which to raise funds.

As a church we usually raise funds for Matthew Rusike Children's Home by having a church Christmas card which we sign and give a donation. This year, as that couldn't be done, we asked church members to sign a star and send it in to church whilst making a donation. We are pleased to say that this raised £125 which has been sent to the home.

May I take this opportunity to remind anyone who would like to have the details of how to make donations at present to please contact me either by phone call or e-mail (my details are in the circuit directory) and I will explain the options available to you. Thank you to everyone who has donated, no matter how little, during this difficult time.

Cathy Noakes- Treasurer Mbare/Saltash Partnership

HOUSE GROUPS

Several House Groups have continued to meet on zoom at their regular times throughout the year. Although the fellowship of meeting together in a room has been missed, it has been possible to follow valuable study courses and bible studies.

CAFÉ CHURCH

Café Church was suspended when the first lockdown started but we decided to resume in October, keeping the name despite the lack of communal refreshments! We have had five excellent sessions since then. In October Rev Jane Willcock told us about her ministry in the Scillies. Hilary Evans, the national President of Methodist Women in Britain, was due to come to speak to us in November, but instead joined us on zoom and spoke about the charity she supports – 'Human Trafficking and Modern Slavery'. In January Rachel Lampard, the Team Leader of JPIT – the Joint Public Issues Team representing four denominations – told us about the important work they do. And then in February Pat Cooper explained how she had become a Christian and Marie Poole told us about how she was called to train for the ministry, what that training involves and how she will become a Deacon.

PRAYER BREAKFAST

When we could no longer meet to pray together in Wesley every week, we decided to continue the prayer fellowship, each in our own homes, from 8.30 to 9.00 every Wednesday morning. We circulate material for prayer by email on Tuesdays, including Wesley and Circuit items, national and international issues, and individual needs. There are nine of us who take part but anyone else who would like to join this prayer team would be very welcome. A number of people do ask us to pray for a particular person and we are always glad to have such requests. Just contact Bob Mahy on r.mahy@btinternet.com or any other member of the team.

THE METHODIST CHURCH
STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31 August 2020

SALTASH	Circuit	Circuit no	22/12
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		Note	£	£	£	£	£
a1	RECEIPTS						
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a3	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income		258		5,323	5,581	5,403
a4	Lettings		14,561			14,561	15,649
a5	Other receipts		23,083	14,493	28,050	65,626	63,307
a6	TOTAL RECEIPTS		92,085	14,493	33,373	139,951 (a7)	142,014
SECTION B							
b1	PAYMENTS						
b2	Circuit Assessment or Share		58,084			58,084	55,926
b3	Donations		5	885		890	2,015
b4	Repairs and Maintenance		11,214		189	11,403	12,458
b5	Utilities (Insurances, water charges, heating & lighting)		7,648			7,648	8,565
b6	Children's and Families Worker		1,942		28,050	29,992	29,982
b7	Other payments		15,956	6,693	5,134	27,783	31,084
b8	TOTAL PAYMENTS		94,849	7,578	33,373	135,800 (b9)	140,030
SECTION C							
c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	(a6-b8)	(2,764)	6,915		4,151	1,984
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year		64,699	4,745	40	69,484 (c6)	62,281
c3	Sub total	(c1+c2)	61,935	11,660	40	73,635	64,265
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c5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR	(c3+c4)	66,256	7,358	40	73,654 (c8)	69,484 (c6)
SECTION D							
FOR INFORMATION ONLY: MONEY RECEIVED AND PASSED ON TO EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS							
d	(these amounts are not to be included in total receipts/payments figures above)					£	£
d1	Balance brought forward from last year					7,664	4,816
d2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations					18,328	22,960
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations					21,413	20,112
d4	BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID	(d1+d2-d3)				4,579	7,664

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Church accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)	139,951 (a7)	135,800 (b9)	4,151	19 (c7)	69,484 (c6)	73,654 (c8)
TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	140,469	135,800	4,669	19	72,447 (x)	77,135 (y)
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SECTION F**STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES****CHURCH - CASH FUNDS HELD at 31 August 2020**

	OPENING BALANCES	CLOSING BALANCES
Cash in hand	744	1,383
Bank Current Account	2,140	3,046
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I report in respect of my examination of the Church's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and, in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

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I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below*) which give me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

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