

HESWALL METHODIST CHURCH

Annual Report September 2021 to August 2022

We started September with our Minister, Reverend Steve Carpenter, on his third month of Sabbatical. Covid was still in evidence and after less infections over the summer period, it was on the increase again as autumn progressed. The Covid Pandemic has had a big impact on the resources of the Wirral Methodist Circuit, it has been a demanding time with a shortage of preachers for the 22 churches – of which Heswall is one. A series of video services was put together to be shown on a Sunday when a preacher was not available, so a church service could still go on. This was only necessary about once a quarter. The Ministerial staff have been very stretched.

Our Beacon Coffee Shop settled into regular opening times again following the disruption of the pandemic, thanks to the hard work and commitment of the team of volunteers. This was very much appreciated by many in the local community who enjoy the fellowship and refreshments here. They held their usual MacMillan Coffee Morning raising 1300.00, so it was good to get back to some normality. About 300 jumpers and woolly hats were sent to Africa for newborn babies in November after a lot of knitting during the lockdown periods. A Defibrillator has now been attached to the outside wall of the Beacon and is available for public use.

The Church Mice were able to meet again after 16 months on Zoom – which was very effective at keeping the group together during the Covid restrictions. They were able to share together, in person, the Bible stories, craft sessions and refreshments. We have been really encouraged by the number of Baptisms coming from this group.

The Flower Team was also able to resume their weekly distribution of the church flowers to those who were ill, housebound, bereaved or celebrating new births/anniversaries. It is a greatly appreciated service.

The Orion Club – for those with special needs – had to cancel their annual Nativity Play due to Covid numbers rising again. That was sad for those taking part or coming to watch. The volunteers who have run Orion for many years had to step down in the Spring, and it looked like the Club that had run for 50 years would have to close. But at the eleventh hour two parents came forward to take over the leadership role and it was wonderful that this precious group has been saved and will continue.

The Church of England further down the main road from us was demolished and after many years of fund raising was starting to be rebuilt to modern standards. As a result, we had a large increase in the use of our premises as groups needed an interim base. The “Lighthouse Church” as it will be known, began to use our church on a regular basis whilst their new premises were being built, we have also enjoyed some joint services.

Reverend Steve Carpenter left Heswall Methodist Church in early December due to his personal views on the Methodist Church’s report “God in Love Unites Us”, dealing with issues of same-sex marriage. He will be missed, he served the HMC community with diligence and worked very hard.

We were very fortunate to have a Supernummary Minister, Reverend Phyl Fanning, step in and offer us 25% time from December to August 2022 initially – this has since been increased to August 2023. As a result, all our Christmas services were able to continue.

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity ran in January and the materials were prepared by churches from the Middle East. Reverend Phyl Fanning ran a Lent Course based on the life of St Winifred.

When the war broke out in Ukraine many of the church groups and the Beacon raised funds to help the refugees.

We did continue to feel the knock-on effects of the Covid Pandemic. Several groups and projects never re-opened. This included the Pram and Buggy Club, the Beacon Lights group for women, the local Ecumenical Committee that ran the annual World Day of Prayer and the Wirral wide Scout Post. These groups all found it too difficult to recover sufficient volunteers to re-start.

However, the Uniformed Organisations' Parade Services did resume in March, after 2 and half years, and were very well attended and enjoyed. Reverend Phyl Fanning put together some very entertaining and well received services.

We did lose a lot of friends over the year, sadly. These are always remembered at a special Memorial Service each year, shared by the United Reformed Church.

It has been a year still dominated by the Covid Pandemic, but there have been positive moves back to some kind of normality, which has been due to a lot of hard work on the part of many, and we are very grateful to them.

Please refer to our website for more information and photographs: heswallmethodist.org.uk

THE METHODIST CHURCH STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31 August 2022

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| SECTION A | | Unrestricted Funds | Restricted Funds | Totals this year | Totals last year |
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| a3 | Bank and CFB interest and Investment income | (1,255) | | (1,255) | 5,545 |
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| c3 | Sub total | (c1+c2) | 70,531 | 2,610 | 73,140 | 65,609 |
| c4 | Transfers and adjustments | | 4,939 | | 4,939 (c7) | 577 |
| c5 | TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR | (c3+c4) | 75,469 | 2,610 | 78,079 (c8) | 66,186 (c6) |

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| e5 | Beacon Lights | | 166 | (166) | | 166 | closed |
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STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

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