

These are the feasts of the LORD, even holy convocations, which ye shall proclaim in their seasons. In the fourteenth day of the first month at even is the LORD's passover. And on the fifteenth day of the same month is the feast of unleavened bread unto the LORD: seven days ye must eat unleavened bread (Leviticus 23:4-6).

The Lord God gave the people of Israel seven festivals. These were times of rest, reflection and celebration. The times of the festivals corresponded with national harvests. The second of these is the Feast of Unleavened Bread. It is so closely related to Passover feast that they are often treated as one. However they are different feasts although they both are celebrated together. Part of the ritual of Passover involves the removal of all products with leaven (another name for yeast) and this corresponds with the Feast of Unleavened Bread. The Pascal Lamb must not be offered with leaven or yeast (Exodus 34:25) so it was always removed by the Passover morning. That is because leaven is a type of sin. We only need little yeast (or leaven) placed into bread dough to cause the whole loaf to rise. This helps give our bread its pleasant taste and texture. That is why it is a good illustration or type of sin because like a sin it may begin little and hardly noticeable but soon it grows and dominates our lives – just like leaven in bread or cakes. It soon spreads and permeates the whole lump. So when Jesus said this is my body making a connection with the bread of the Passover, He was saying that like the Passover bread there was no leaven or sin in Him. By contrast He advised His followers to beware the leaven of the Pharisees and Scribes (Matthew 16:11; Mark 8:15). He did not want and He does not want His followers contaminated with the sin of hypocrisy – which was the leaven of the Pharisees. From time to time it is a good thing to clear out old and redundant things from our lives. As we look ahead into 2025 let us – as it were – ‘spring clean’ our lives of anything that hinders our witness for Him.

The following lists some of the activities of our church in the year that has just passed (2024).

Evangelism: due to the problems we have with our bank account being closed, the door to door has had to be suspended. Hopefully this will be temporary. Our monthly Coffee Morning and Fellowship is still running and provides a venue for relaxed conversation - All Welcome.

Sunday services: again I extend my thanks to Barry K and Martin D who each minister one Sunday per month. We are indebted to both of them for their faithful service and healthful teaching. Our Thursday Prayer and Bible Study is now studying the Gospel of Luke.

Prophetic Witness: Due to difficulties booking the hall Martin D has decided to move these meetings to Emmanuel Evangelical Church in Baildon. Martin has also handed over future administration and organisation of PWMI to our friend and brother Martin H.

Other churches and Cricket Club: We continue to have a loose fellowship with 'New Life Christian Fellowship' which continues to use our halls to conduct their meetings.

Due to Pastor Wojtech's illness 'Krestanska Misia Imanuel' has not been using our halls. I am still in contact with Stefan (church member and translator) who is hopeful the church will once again use our halls once Pastor Wojtech's health improves.

During the summer, Martin and Stella D have kept in touch with the Cricket Club.

Conference and other special meetings: For the second time (in as many years), Muff Field was not represented at the June Wesleyan Reform Conference 2024. Also due to other previous family commitments I was unable to attend the Ministers and Pastors Group Annual Retreat.

Bank account: I am happy and somewhat relieved to report that our account with Barclays Bank has been restored. It will be a great relief for me to no longer have to carry cash (from our church collection and gifts, etc.) to the Halifax branch each month. I should like to express my gratitude to David S and his sister Margret K for resolving this. However, we were not alone, many churches have faced similar difficulties because of Barclays change of policy.

Maintenance and repair of the church manse has proved to be very time consuming and quite expensive. Thankfully, we have new tenants and I can now rely on the estate agents to manage this property.

Church outings: on 27 June 2024 we visited Crag House Farm at Cookridge. This is the headquarters of the Christian charity, 'Caring For Life'. We had a hearty lunch and then went for a leisurely walk around the extensive grounds. Some even managed some shopping and purchased plants from the charity's garden centre.

MUFF FIELD ANNUAL ACCOUNTS 2024**GENERAL**

<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>
7329 Collections	6589.13	12237 Pastor's Stipend & NIC	11545.09
(Chapel Anniversary		571 Pastor's Expenses	435.05
S. School Anniversary			
Harvest Sunday		1335 Prof. Fees	730.80
Ladies Sunday)			
<hr/> 7329	<hr/> 6589.13	Insurance:	
		7691 Chapel, Manse & CC	0.00
0 Donations	1464.38		
		718 Gas	3601.65
Net Rental Income:		434 Electricity	737.60
0 Manse	1116.71	184 Water	727.17
1970 New Life Church	7267.50		
829 Czech Church	525.00	773 Repairs - Chapel	892.60
0 European Church	120.00		
252 PWM	0.00	8651 Manse expenses	12430.60
420 Cricket Club	433.87		
		113 Printing & Stationery	0.00
0 Legacies	500.00		
		Circuit Expenses:	
0 Funerals and In Memoria	200.00	1063 Union Levy	481.00
0 Food & Fellowship	60.00	42 Sundries	1.00
0 WRU Holdback Grant	6600.00	0 Loan monies repaid	3829.67
76 Investment Income	230.55		
0 Sundry Income	278.00		
19 Building Society Interest	365.35		
5192 Loan monies	3021.54		
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Balances at 01.01.24		Balances at 31.12.24	
24172 Bank Current Account	0.00	0 Bank Current Account	10114.12
37625 Building Society Account	26952.32	26952 Building Society Account	27317.67
0 Cash & Cheques	17119.67	17120 Cash & Cheques	0.00
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General Church Account	26952.32	28772.03	35412.23	20312.12
Home Missions	0.00		0.00	0.00
Flower Fund	164.82		9.00	155.82
Coffee Morning	69.48		35.00	34.48
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Charities Investment Fund - Ethical Investment Units:

Value at 31.12.21	5511.88
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Members -01.01.24	18
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Other Memberships: Sunday School Teachers	1

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Muff Field Wesleyan Reform Chapel

Independent examiner's report to the trustees on the unaudited financial statements of Muff Field Wesleyan Reform Chapel - number 1131108

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity (the Trust) for the year ended 31 December 2024.

Respective responsibilities and basis of report

As the Charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 (the Act).

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 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.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
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- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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