

SECRETARY'S REPORT ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

SUNDAY 19TH JUNE 2022

Following a time of disruption and opening and closing of churches during the pandemic, after the final period of lockdown in 2021 the church permanently re-opened for services just before the AGM last June. So this year has been a time of gradually re-building all aspects of church life and returning to a normal pattern. The Hall Lettings started to re-book over a period of time, much to the delight of our Treasurer when the Invoices once again began to be paid!

Peter and Jill Haslett had very kindly been responsible for finding members of the congregation to lead Pause for Prayer, but gave notice at the end of last year that they would be finishing in this role as they were intending to move away from Poole. In order that this important Thursday half hour would not cease, we are very grateful to Revd. Brian Rawling for taking over this task and providing us with ongoing volunteers each week. Thank you to all who agree to undertake leading this service.

At the beginning of October our organist Danny Campbell left with no notice, creating a very difficult situation for the church. For the next four months we were very grateful that a series of different organists very kindly agreed to help us out playing the organ each week for the Sunday services. Advertisements were placed in a number of publications, but no one suitable emerged until Chris Denton applied for the position of permanent organist having already covered three or four of our Sundays here. He relinquished his position as part time organist for two other local churches, and was duly appointed as our organist here at the beginning of February 2022. He is providing us with splendid organ music each week.

Two Elders are retiring from the Eldership this year having completed their present three year term – Ann Gawler and Dr. Margaret Seward. We are very sorry indeed to lose them but thank them very much for their very constructive input into Elders meetings and they will be much missed. Isabel Platts has decided to retire before the completion of her three year term and we thank her for the many years she has been an Elder and taken part in Elders meetings and discussions and she will of course also be missed. No new names have been put forward for election, so the number on the Eldership stands at 14 for the coming year.

Our Minister Wilbert had re-married last May, and had to wait until November for Mandi to be able to travel to England and join him. Mandi

has quickly integrated with our congregation and it has been a joy to get to know her. We thank Wilbert for his sermons, teaching, guidance and pastoral work during the last church year.

I also thank all those many people who work so hard in every area of church life – and as the saying goes – you know who you are, and I am sure know you are appreciated.

I finish with the **STASTICS FOR THE YEAR JUNE 2021 – JUNE 2022.**

WEDDINGS 1 wedding has taken place:-

Christopher Collier and Madeleine Watton - 14th May 2022

BAPTISMS There have been 3 baptisms:-

Twins Frankie and Oliver Harker – 1st August 2021

Joanne Bratt - 19th May 2022 in Pause for Prayer (daughter of Roy Perryman)

NEW MEMBERS There have been 7 new members inducted:-

Susan Mathews, Neeher Mathews, Nidaan Mathews, Darren Hill, Gemma Hill, James Flood and Mandi Sayimani

cont

THOSE WHO HAVE DIED 12 members of the congregation have died during this church year:-

Dame Margaret Seward 21st July 2021

Col. Arnold Lewis	5th August 2021
Brian Willcox	9th August 2021
Roy Heard	August 2021
Brenda Trimmer	29th August 2021
Tony Watts	14th September 2021
Lily Shearer	21st October 2021
Robin Simmons	15th January 2022
Jean Sparrowhawk	9th February 2022
Greg Welch	28th February 2022
George Cannon	19th April 2022
Roy Ricketts	May 2022

We express our condolences to all relatives of these members

NUMBER OF CHURCH MEMBERS 111

We know there have not been any social gatherings during this year, but I am aware that two events are now being planned, so may we continue growing in fellowship, and pray the church can move forward with confidence into 2023.

**Hilary Scott
Secretary**

Accounts for Richmond Hill St Andrews United Reformed Church for Year Ended 31 March 2021

	2022 General Fund	2021 General Fund
Opening Balance	372311	337683
Legacies	43358	0
Donations	41754	37863
Gift Day	0	0
Donations to Organ	0	0
Members Car Park Fees	400	531
Fundraising	95	79
Lettings of Church/Wedding Income	2631	1310
School of English	17636	18187
Commercial Car Park	-5223	-3837
Investment Income	583	724
Sale of Assets	0	0
Appreciation of Investments	4453	61886
Miscellaneous Income	0	1000
Total Income	105687	117743
Net Expenditure		
Ministry & Mission inc car allowance	55882	35538
Ministry and Manse Expenses	5692	5488
Early Bird Salaries and Expenses	284	0
Churchkeeper, Organist and Choir Costs	22014	8896
Administration	2966	1109
Church Maintenance	9513	10933
Utilities, Insurance and Cleaning	17735	21261
Minibus	0	0
Church Refreshments	120	0
Sundries	1190	643
Audit	65	65
Donations to Charity from Church Funds	324	486
South Window	0	0
Major Organ Repair	0	-1512
Purchase of Assets	421	210
Total Expenses	116206	83115
Net Surplus	-10519	34628
Closing Balance	361792	372311

Independent Examiners Report

I have examined the Receipts and Payments Accounts and Balance Sheet of Richmond Hill St Andrews United Reformed Church (Charity No 1131668) for the year ended 31 March 2021. My examination was conducted in accordance with the General Directives issued by the accounts for small charities. Nothing has come to my attention that gives me cause to believe otherwise that the records satisfy the requirements of the Charities Act 1993. I am not aware of any matter for which attention needs to be drawn to obtain a proper Understanding of the accounts.

Examiner:

Colin Naughton