

Rustington Methodist Church

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Annual Report 2022

Welcome to Rustington Methodist Church's Annual Booklet for 2022



This booklet serves to give information regarding all of the Church's activities during the year September 2020 to August 2021 but ranges more widely also.

There will be an opportunity to reflect on individual reports at the General Church Meeting on Sunday May 8th.

In due course the whole report and our accounts are sent to the Charity Commission.

The Church's Mission Statement is on page 5.

You will find the Agenda for the meeting and information about the formation of the Church Council on Page 4. Please inform Rev Bob Sneddon before the meeting if there is something you would like to raise that is not covered by the Agenda.

At the meeting appointments will be made, as appropriate, of Church Stewards and Congregational Representatives to the Church Council. Nominations, agreed by the nominee, should be received by 1st May. Nomination forms are available. Everyone eligible to vote can do so at the meeting. As the Church is registered with the Charity Commission elected Council members become Trustees.

We are aiming to start the meeting at 11.45 following the second service/refreshments. The first part of the meeting will deal with items in the Annual Report, appointments and conversation about the work of God in our church.

Please bring a packed lunch and drink

The second part of the meeting, starting at approximately 1.00 p.m., will be led by Tim Cooper (the Lay Pastor at Selsey) who will help us to explore the "God in Love Unites Us" report that was adopted by the Methodist Conference in 2021. One part of that report gives Church Council's the choice of whether or not to approve same sex marriages in a local church. That is on a Church Council Agenda later in May.

The General Church Meeting will end **no later than 2.30 p.m.**

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7. Appointment of Communion Steward - Convenor
8. Appointment of representativeness to Church Council
9. Finance Report
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12. Minister's reflections
13. Any Other Business / Conversation about the work of God
14. Date of next General Church Meeting
15. A conversation about the “God in Love Unites Us”
report led by Tim Cooper the Lay Pastor at Selsey Methodist Church
16. Closing Devotions

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP 151 at 3.2.22 **Church Council Membership**

The following were members of the Church Council as of 12th April 2022: Minister, Rev Bob Sneddon; Church Council Secretary, Paula Trahern; Circuit Ministers, Ian Suttie and Frank Okai-Sam; Church Treasurer (and Chair of Resources), Bob Slatter; Pastoral Secretary, Mollie Priest; Church Stewards, Elizabeth Slatter (Senior), Sue Bingham, Chris Clarke, Sue Cooper, Patrick Khoo and Pam Warren; Junior Church Leaders, Simon and Bec Richards; Communion Steward, Verena Thrift and Designated Circuit Representative, John Bishop (Circuit Steward).

Church Representatives:

Alan Clarke, Ruth Fraser, Colin Fraser, Jean Marshall, Ken Marshall, Carole Pickworth, Joan Salmon, Ann Waters, Stephen Waters

A maximum of **eight** more church representatives are eligible for election. There is information about this in the April edition of The Link. Nomination forms are on the notice boards and voting forms are available from the church office. Please do consider undertaking this role.

RUSTINGTON METHODIST CHURCH MISSION STATEMENT

Rustington Methodist Church exists for:

- **Worship:** to increase awareness of God's presence and to celebrate God's love.
- **Learning and Caring:** to help people to learn and grow as Christians, through mutual support and care.
- **Service:** to be a good neighbour to people in need and challenge injustice.
- **Evangelism:** to make more followers of Jesus Christ.

Priorities for Rustington Methodist Church:

In partnership with others wherever possible, Rustington Methodist Church will concentrate its prayers, resources, imagination and commitments on this priority:

To proclaim and affirm its conviction of God's love in Christ, for us and for all the world; and renew confidence in God's presence and action in the world and in the Church.

As ways towards realising this priority, Rustington Methodist Church will give particular attention to:

1. underpinning everything we do with God-centred worship and prayer;
2. supporting community development and action for justice, especially among the most deprived and poor - in Britain and worldwide;
3. developing confidence in evangelism and in the capacity to speak of God and faith in ways that make sense to all involved;
4. encouraging fresh ways of being Church;
5. nurturing a culture in the Church which is people-centred and flexible.

Rustington Methodist Church

General Church Meeting May 8th 2022

Minister's Report

For the first time since 2019 the General Church Meeting is back to some sort of normal. My annual report that year focused on a number of challenges that faced us and the potential of the forthcoming Church Review (held in July that year).

Since then, completely unforeseen at the time, and for the more than two years from March 2020, the global and local impact of the Covid virus has dominated our life and worship. We have discovered the benefits of technologies old and new and benefitted from the generosity and creativity of our church community in pastoral care, worship and every other aspect of our life. I want to express my thanks to all those who, often unseen, have prayed and planned to sustain us.

We are gradually emerging into a new phase of our life together. It will never be the same so we must find “the different” that God requires from us. A token of that is the preparation that is in place for the Church Council to consider the God in Love Unites Us report including the possibility of same sex couples being married at Rustington Methodist Church. There will be an opportunity for the whole church to reflect on that report at the General Church Meeting.

It is probably true to say that the last two years have been more about living in the shadows than in the light. As we began to emerge from lockdown the world was rocked by the Russian invasion of Ukraine. Having wrestled with the creation in the form of a virus we have been starkly reminded of the human capacity for violence in the pursuit of power. Prior to the invasion of Ukraine there were already strains on global prices and the cost of living, particularly with regard to fuel. Energy provision to churches is non-domestic so not capped. Rising prices are likely to impact on our budget, and the way we use our premises, in the immediate future.

Our woes continued when on March 26th our friend Stephen Waters died suddenly. We surround Ann and Stephen's family and friends with our love and prayers.

The last few years have not been without joy – the birth of children, the gift of marriage, the treasure of friendship, the presence of God in our worship - but the shadow, if not the darkness, has weighed upon us. To adapt a phrase that my grandfather often used - we are longing for God to “pull us up by our bootstraps”.

I am conscious that, in the very near future, my role in Rustington will change. I retire in the summer and from September 1st the Rev Rosemarie Clarke will be your minister and the Circuit Superintendent. Be assured that you will continue to be held in my love and prayers.

On retirement I will have had the privilege and responsibility of being the minister here for nine years including the unprecedented times resulting from COVID. Inevitably my heart and mind are full of what has been and my future lies down a different road. By way of a farewell suggestion however may I remind you of a question that was asked at the Church Review in July 2019? The Review asked everyone attending to rate how well we were doing in seven areas of church life on a scale from 1 to 6 where 1 is low and 6 is high. The scores of the 42 who attended were added together and the totals ranged from a high of 193 (average of 4.5) to a low of 127 (average of 3). The lowest score, so possibly the area needing most attention, was to the question “Does the church seek to find what God wants”. As much as possible I have sought to respond to the challenge of that question as we have lived through the years since. If I can offer you anything by way of a legacy it would be make this question central in discerning the way that lies ahead.

In conclusion I would like to say how much I have relished my time as Minister here in Rustington and living in this community. It has been a privilege to lead worship so regularly in one place and to share the wider life of the church and village. In particular, I would like to express my very great appreciation of the care, kindness, courage and support of so many as we have sought to live together as a community of Christians

Bob Sneddon

STEWARD'S REPORT

The role of a Church Steward is many and varied. On Sundays they supervise each service and support the preachers, aware of the congregational needs. They have an oversight of the spiritual life of the church and an awareness of the social and pastoral aspects of the Church Family. Stewards have a place on the Church Council, so have a very broad view of the church as a whole and its role in the wider community.

Unfortunately, owing to social distancing and lockdowns the regular meetings with the Minister have not taken place.

We have managed to maintain weekly worship slowly changing the way we do things as Government and Methodist regulations relaxed. We are still working to keep everyone as safe as possible, aware of the varied needs of the congregation.

We currently have a small, loyal team of people who have been preparing the church and welcoming people for worship on a Sunday. They have been especially trained to the different regulations and way of doing things to keep the congregation safe. I think the church should say a very big thank you to them all for stepping forward.

I am, however, aware that this team will be changing and we will need more support to continue as we have

I would like to thank all the Stewarding team. They are very supportive and willing to work together, being flexible within the various roles. Their support is essential for smooth running of the church on Sundays.

Appointments

Sue Bingham has completed eight years of service and has agreed to continue as a steward.

Sue Cooper, Pam Warren and myself have each served seven years and are all willing to continue in this role. Both Pam and Sue have challenges at present and may not be able to serve as regularly as they did in the past.

I bring the following names to you as stewards for the coming year:

Sue Bingham,	Sue Cooper
Patrick Khoo	Pam Warren

Chris Clarke – appointed at the November 2021 General Church Meeting

Elizabeth Slatter willing to serve as Senior

I have no names of prospective new stewards, so, I request that, should a suitable person offer to serve within the year, the Church Council can agree the appointment and it be ratified at the next General Church Meeting.

If you would like to offer your assistance on a Sunday, or would like more information about how you could help, please do not hesitate to speak to Rev Bob Sneddon or myself to find out more.

Elizabeth Slatter – Senior Steward

FINANCE REPORT

Annual Accounts for the year Sept 2020 to August 2021 are available on request: they are abbreviated below.

INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
Church Giving	64,394	Assessment	77,714
Income Tax Recovered	13,109	Church Donations	4,350
Gift Aided Giving			
Special Collections	1,331	Special Collections	1,331
Fund Raising Activities		Fund Raising Activities	
Lettings		Worship Expenses	2,252
External Bodies	690	Organists/music	
Church Based Bodies	4,165	Youth + Junior Church	528
Interest	303	Church Administrator	4,585
Weddings/Funerals		Salaries/Office Costs	
Coffee mornings etc		Property – maintenance	3,978
		Utilities (Gas & Electricity and Insurance)	4,195
Legacies & Living Gifts	500	Cleaning	3,197
Self- funded activities	350	Self- funded activities	350
Recovered costs Insurance	1,404	Recovered costs Insurance	1,404
Recovered Costs	463	Church Projects	2,280
Circuit Grant re Lay Worker	7,040	Church Family Worker	20,117
Circuit Grant and Rebate	8,554	Paid by Church <u>but</u> funded from Reserves	
Sundries		Sundries	462
Total Income	<u>102,303</u>	Total Expenditure	<u>126,743</u>

Adjusted Income

Interest on Parry Legacy	256
Circuit Grant re Family Worker	7,040
Circuit Assessment Rebate	<u>8,554</u>
	£86,453

Adjusted Expenditure

Church Projects	2.280
Church Family Worker	<u>20,117</u>
	£104,346

This shows that our adjusted expenditure exceeded our adjusted income by **£17,893**. I have previously reported that our church needs personal giving of £75,000 per year, so regrettably this year we were £10,000 below this level.

We have been fortunate that again this year the Circuit has found that their actual overall costs for the previous year, were not as high as budgeted, so they were able to rebate part of the original Assessment to all the churches, which has been of great assistance in this difficult year - without this our shortfall would have been even worse.

During this Pandemic, many people have been letting us have their collection envelopes and donations by several means and many others have changed their method of giving to Standing Order which has been very beneficial. Thank you very much.

Bob Slatter, Church Treasurer

SECTION A			Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
			£	£	£	£
a1	RECEIPTS	Note				
a2	Offerings and Tax recovered		77,504		77,504	77,934
a3	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income		303		303	1,691
a4	Lettings		690		690	7,169
a5	Other receipts		22,475		22,475	24,303
a6	TOTAL RECEIPTS		100,972		100,972 (a7)	111,097

SECTION B						
b1	PAYMENTS					
b2	Circuit Assessment or Share		77,714		77,714	78,892
b3	Donations		4,350		4,350	4,440
b4	Repairs and Maintenance		9,455		9,455	17,978
b5	Utilities (Insurances, water charges, heating & lighting)		4,196		4,196	6,273
b6						
b7	Other payments		29,697		29,697	31,526
b8	TOTAL PAYMENTS		125,412		125,412 (b9)	139,109

SECTION C						
c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	(a6-b8)	(24,440)		(24,440)	(28,012)
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year		253,814		253,814 (c6)	281,826
c3	Sub total	(c1+c2)	229,374		229,374	253,814
c4	Transfers and adjustments					
c5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR	(c3+c4)	229,374		229,374 (c8)	253,814 (c6)

SECTION D						
d	FOR INFORMATION ONLY: MONEY RECEIVED AND PASSED ON TO EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS					
	(these amounts are not to be included in total receipts/payments figures above)					
				£		£
d1	Balance brought forward from last year					
d2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations			1,331		1,071
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations			1,331		1,071
d4	BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID	(d1+d2-d3)				

RESOURCES COMMITTEE - PROPERTY REPORT

Our role is to upkeep the premises in a safe way, sensitive to all its users and uses.

This year has been more challenging than most due to the National Government Lockdowns caused by the Covid19 virus pandemic. We had to find a way to keep the Rascals Pre-school Playgroup open and safe, and, after September 2021, find a way for others to use the premises safely as other groups re-commenced their activities.

In autumn 2020 we had problems with broken windows in the church which were replaced as necessary. We have subsequently also had issues with vandalism to the church roof and breakage of skylights – all of which have been dealt with. Police and local officers have been informed.

We have also been challenged by the new regulations to the Tesco Car Park opposite our entrance and subsequent increase in the general public using our car park.

The Resources Committee have not met until very recently, but people within the maintenance team have been doing all sorts of general maintenance to keep the premises in good order.

The Annual Risk Assessment was carried out in January though the group are regularly checking and re-assessing the building and reviewing health and safety, as well as fire risks in all areas of the premises.

The Church has continued to remain open for worship, with amendments being made on a regular basis to both relax things, yet endeavour to keep people safe. Our Risk Assessments and instructions have been regularly updated to keep up with the change in regulations and ways of doing things.

As we were able to work outside we have been able to maintain our gardens which have been much appreciated by our own folk and the people in the village. Kathleen Tidbury has been in charge of the main gardens, very ably assisted by Ann Waters and Marlon, as well as the general team who have mowed the grass. Norman and Pam Peck also have a team of people who maintain the car park area and have improved that greatly. They are assisted by others who have kept the hedges and taller plants under control.

Many thanks to all who assist in any way in keeping our premises in good shape.

Bob Slatter

Chairman of Resources – formerly known as Property and Finance Committee

LAY WORKERS REPORT

We had been in lockdown since March 2020, fortunately the lockdown restrictions started easing in August. So we were now allowed to start opening the church for private prayer, which we started from 16th August. It was a very nervous time for us all, but things progressed well and we were all delighted to be able to open the doors for weekly Sunday services on 6th September, with two services, one at 9.30am and the other at 10.45. There were still a lot of rules and regulations from the government we had to follow but it was wonderful to be back worshipping God together. We had our first communion service on 4th October, a very moving service. Sadly we went back into lockdown from 5th November for another 4 weeks and there was a lot of uncertainty as to what we would or wouldn't be allowed to do over the Christmas period. We again went back into lockdown from 6th January, however we reopened for two Sunday services from 18th April and this has continued to evolve and progress as restrictions have lifted.

During this year we worked on starting a Youth Alpha course for the older members of Junior Church and had our first meeting on 4th July for the young adults. The sessions consist of a short Christian film with questions and discussions and of course food!

In November the team and Simon did a video recording of the story of Ruth using 'Open the Book'. This was used as part of a school assembly and it was linked to the food bank. Due to national restrictions we have not been able to do any live performances for Rascals but hope to get back to doing them on a regular basis again soon.

Pastoral care has, as usual, been very busy this year. We found different ways of offering ongoing support to those in need. Sadly visiting people in their homes, in hospitals or nursing homes continued to be very difficult. The telephone has proved to be a lifeline for a lot of people. Other ways of keeping in touch have been explored and implemented such as emails, regular letters and zoom.

The Zoom group meetings, which were set up soon after lockdown, have continued and have been enjoyed and of great benefit to those who attend. These quickly

turned into regular Wednesday meetings with a large variety of topics. We also ran short Bible studies and a Lent course and we even managed a zoom Christmas party on 23rd December.

We have not been in a position to resume Food for Thought due to continuing government restrictions. We hope to be able to carry on with these popular events again soon.

The Church Prayer Chain was set up in April 2020 and is still going strong. Some of the group receive the prayers via the phone and others via a confidential WhatsApp group. Everyone prays in their own way daily for those who have requested prayers. It has been much appreciated by both those who are prayed for and by those who are praying.

Several of our wonderful knitters had been very busy knitting gorgeous Easter chicks which we were planning on using the year before. Fortunately the chicks were very patient and waited quietly in a drawer. This year we were able to stuff each knitted chick with a small Easter egg and then a wonderful team delivered them out to everyone with their copy of the Easter Link, they looked and tasted delicious!

During this year we have been unable to collect and deliver food to the Littlehampton Food Bank but are working towards restating this very soon.

As always I am available and happy to have a conversation with you to talk about what else I'm doing and what is in the pipeline.

Brigette Alexander

SAFEGUARDING

During the period of Sept 20 – August 21, the main focus of safeguarding, not only in our church but around the whole Connexion was, of course, the pandemic. Constant updates from the Government and the Methodist Church kept us busy and sometimes extremely frustrated! With every easing came pages and pages to read and interpret and also a new look at the required Risk Assessments.

Many thanks to Elizabeth Slatter who helped so much with not only writing Risk Assessments but also liaising with groups as we began to “open” up again. Without Bob Slatter, the church building would not have been kept safe during the periods when the church had to be closed. Rev Bob and also Brigitte have been instrumental in implementing all the necessary procedures to keep Rustington Methodist Church functioning during this worrying time.

In the background, there have been many changes to Safeguarding regulations and procedures over the past few years. Covid has slowed the implementation of these in practical terms, in the Church Community.

Safe Recruitment guidance now brings churches into line with the “outside world” and means that everyone who takes on a role with children/young people and vulnerable adults must not only have a DBS check (as they always have done) but will require further paperwork to be completed. There is a much greater need for record keeping. If you do take on a role, please don’t be daunted by this process, we are organised and ready to make it as simple as possible!!

Could I ask please that if your group falls into this category (check if you need to) that you inform the Safeguarding Officer if you wish to take on a new recruit. **No one must start volunteering with children/young people or vulnerable adults without a DBS first being obtained.** The need to attend initial Safeguarding training and updates remains the same.

If you are organising any event for the church then please do check if a Risk Assessment is necessary because in most cases the answer to this question is “Yes.”

From my own point of view, after being involved in Safeguarding in one way or another for many years, I have taken a step back from some of the role. Please support Karen Scrivens as she takes on the position of Safeguarding Officer. I will still be involved in Risk Assessment and Safe Recruitment but would be delighted to hear from anyone who feels they have a heart for Safeguarding and would like to be part of the team. If I had not fervently believed that the Church must live in the modern world and improve its practices to keep people safe, I would have not been involved for so long. If you have any doubts about safeguarding practice, I would refer you to read the “Past cases review” on the Methodist website (where you can also find details of new and existing requirements.)

I do thank all those who have patiently listened, attended training and put into practice what they have heard.

Lindsey Tilbrook

PASTORAL REPORT

In a Church where my husband once served as Minister, all those involved in Pastoral care wore a small silver shepherd's crook in their lapel. This indicated to the congregation that they were "Shepherds to the flock" and could be called upon for pastoral care. Here, at Rustington Methodist Church, 28 people are appointed, by the Church, to be Shepherds, or as we call them, Pastoral Visitors to the 151 members.

The work of the Pastoral Visitor has been challenging during covid restrictions and we have all needed to adapt in our caring roles. Now we can meet freely again in homes, coffee shops, or parks as we visit our flock. Only Care facilities and Hospitals still have restrictions in place for visiting.

As Pastoral Visitors we seek to rejoice with those who rejoice and walk happily by green pastures and still waters and we weep with those in the Church family who walk through a dark valley and face the many challenges of life. I express boundless gratitude to all those who work alongside the Minister and lay Worker in offering Pastoral Care to the flock at Rustington.

Mollie Priest

BRING AND SHARE LUNCH.

This group, for people who live alone and find Sunday a lonely day after Church worship is over, has not yet reconvened. Normally we meet on the first Sunday of each month for a bring and share meal in the Coffee lounge. We have had a group of 20 +people, but because of Covid restrictions involving sharing food and the limited way we can use the Church kitchen it has been too complicated to start again. We will see what restrictions are eased in the future for this group to meet.

Mollie Priest.

CHURCH FAMILY COMMITTEE

During the period in question, we were unable to hold any events or meet as a committee, so perhaps the best way to update you all is to repeat the article I submitted to the Link for April this year.

"Over the past ten years, representatives of groups from the Church Family have

met as a committee to provide support for each other, fundraise and organise social occasions for the whole church.

I have so enjoyed my involvement in all the activities – Quiz and Pud evenings and musical mornings, Christmas parties, games on the lawn and so much more. Most of all, working with such an enthusiastic team.

However, all things must evolve and grow if they are to survive. When we started out in 2012, as a result of consultation at the General Church Meeting that year, we had 16 members and 12 groups represented. Ten years and Covid have taken their toll and in 2022, we have found ourselves with 4 groups and only 6 people in total.

We met recently and after some honest discussion decided that it was time for the Committee to hang up its hat and stand down.

We do this in the fervent hope that the space left by Church Family Committee leaves room and possibility for something else to begin.

Can we please ask you to pray for new beginnings and God's guidance for new and beneficial ventures as we learn to move forward in His name? Let's hope that the piano we fundraised for in the church hall is played by many musicians over the coming years.

Thank you so much for supporting all our efforts."

Lindsey Tilbrook

COMMUNION STEWARDS

Members of the team: Sheena Baker, Anne Bound, Christine Carr, Joy and Terry Smith, Verena Thrift, Joan Welham-Jones, Margaret White and Wilma Walton. Rev Norman Peck is also part of the team, assisting our minister at the 10.45 Services.

Due to the ongoing restrictions of Covid, we are not able to work as a complete team assisting Rev Bob Sneddon with preparing and serving Holy Communion.

For a while Rev Bob Sneddon has been carrying out these services on his own.

It was then agreed, that I could prepare the Elements and the Communion table and assist Rev Bob Sneddon with serving the wine to the Communicants.

It was also decided, that for the time being the Communion Rails would not be used due to social distancing.

The use of plastic glasses and wafers will continue for the foreseeable future.

It is hoped, that when restrictions are eased, the whole team will once more be able to be involved in preparing and assisting with Holy Communion.

My very special Thanks to the whole team, for their patience and understanding in these difficult and ever changing times.

Verena Thrift

THE LUNCH BUNCH REPORT

The Lunch Bunch is a group of people, around 14-18, who have experienced bereavement. We meet once a month for lunch in various homes and at the present time we take our own packed lunch and the host provides drinks and dessert. We offer support and encouragement to each other and remember anniversaries of loved ones. It is a group who can freely cry over loss but also knows how to laugh and share good news. People join the group whenever they feel ready after bereavement.

Mollie Priest

CONSULTATION ON WORSHIP

We anticipate a Worship Consultation meeting with our new Minister early in the new Church Year.

FRIDAY SHOPPERS SERVICE

We have recently had some services on a Friday morning for Rascals Playgroup and we hope we may be able to resume some sort of activity on a Friday morning in the future.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Food for thought was started 4 years ago. It took place on the 3rd Tuesday of every other month. Sadly since lockdown we have not been able to hold any meetings.

The evening is based around food, fellowship and a topic. There is no definitive format and it has taken on different guises depending on who is involved in organising the evening and on what the topic is. We have had speakers, film clips, quizzes, prayers, music, debates, bible readings, poetry, silences, hymns, personal reflections, a labyrinth and much, much more.

From the feedback I have received Food for Thought evenings have been greatly missed and although we started an evening zoom group it is not possible to include us eating a meal together.

We are always open to consider new topics that anyone might suggest. It is an excellent way to meet, get to know and form lasting friendships with like-minded Christians in a relaxed, informal and friendly environment. It is not a club and there is nothing to join. We only ask that you let us know you are coming and about your dietary requirements, we don't want you to go hungry! If you haven't been before please come along as soon as we are back up and running again.

Brigette Alexander

MONDAY EVENING HOUSE GROUP (...FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART)

We have not met in the preceding year due to COVID-19, but keep in touch. We will consider restarting in the near future.

Simon Richards

FRIDAY BIBLE STUDY GROUP.

During this time of the Corona Virus Pandemic, the Friday morning Bible study group has ceased to meet on the church premises. We had months of reading our Daily Bread Bible Notes on our own and really missed getting together each Friday to discuss them and how they have spoken to us as individuals. We also find this very helpful when we come across something we don't understand.

There were just six of us who met each Friday, and when that meeting couldn't get together three of our group felt unable to carry on with the Daily Bread notes. One joined in with a Bible group on line and two were feeling very unwell and could not concentrate enough to do them each day on their own, so gave up having the Bible Notes.

When the church felt it was O K to get together on the church premises there were so many restrictions that we decided to take up the invitation of Maureen Robinson to use her apartment instead. At the moment we are only three, a new member who is a neighbour of Maureen now meets with us, with another past member intending to rejoin us again once her commitment of meeting with an elderly friend each Friday morning stops. We look forward to having her back with us again when she is ready.

Even though there are three of us at present, the hour we spend together is most helpful to us all and also keeps us continuing with the Bible readings and commentaries each day, which is why the group began so many years ago. We have great fellowship and are a grand group together.

There is space for a few more ladies and if you would like to know more, please contact me and I will make arrangements with Maureen. Our group is not a deep Bible Study Group by any means, but a support to encourage each other to read our Bibles each day and then discuss the weeks readings when we meet together. Maureen uses audio Bible notes and we always finish with listening to the Friday reading together.

We start at 10 am and aim to finish by 11.15. Please get in touch if you feel this group is for you. The apartment is very central to the village shops and has a lift but no parking for visitors. Our church car park or the village car park behind Iceland store is very near.

Doreen Straw

Coffee Time is Here Again!



Thanks to a great band of helpers we are now serving hot drinks after the 10.45 morning service again.

There's also a great selection of snacks to go with your drink too!

We'd like to welcome you to stop and join us for a chat, to share the news and reconnect with people you may not have had a chance to see lately.

If you had some time to help we might even be able to extend our 'drinking hours' to another day in the week!!!!

Chris Clarke
Catering Co-ordinator

This is Christian Aid

- A global movement of people, churches and local organisations. We are the changemakers, the peacemakers, the mighty of heart.
- We stand together. For dignity. For equality. For justice.
- Together we have the power to transform lives.
- Together we can create a world where everyone can live a full life, free from poverty.
- For over 70 years, we've been standing with the poorest of our neighbours working in 37 countries, with people of all faiths and none, to stand up for dignity, equality and justice.

So where is Rustington Methodist?

Where do we stand? What are we doing?

During the year we raised **£2002**



Thank you for trying to make a difference, in a difficult time.

Chris Clarke Area co-ordinator

CHURCH FLOWERS

Each week we are grateful to those who kindly give the money for the church flowers. The arrangements are enjoyed on Sundays by the congregations; then on Mondays they are taken to those who the church feels are in need of being remembered or thanked. A team of ladies enjoy arranging the flowers for those who prefer someone else to arrange them. The team is Margaret Cocker and Doreen Straw, joint coordinators, Ina Eleveld, Ann Waters. Sadly, this year both Margaret Barker and Marion Davis are unable to continue with the team. We thank them for the years they have produced beautiful arrangements for us. We know they have enjoyed their time and are sorry to have to give up. We welcome to the team Pam Chapple who is worshipping with us. We are delighted that she is keen to help arrange the flowers.

If anyone would like to donate the money for flowers, please contact Doreen or Margaret. We suggest at least £20 for the pedestal and a small arrangement on the organ. If specific flowers or colours are wished then the cost may be higher. We try to accommodate a request for a specific date. The team enjoys decorating the church for Easter and harvest and providing arrangements for weddings. If anyone else would like to join the arrangers we would be very happy to have extra help.

At Christmas we appreciate the help from various groups within the church family with the window decorations. Although we have a theme the varying interpretations are always a delight and add greatly to the Christmas worship.

Margaret Cocker, Doreen Straw

FLOWER DISTRIBUTION

The ministry of taking flowers to members has now restarted. It is a lovely ministry, taking just a couple of hours on a Monday morning and is enjoyed by both the small team who deliver the flowers and those receiving the flowers. New helpers are welcome – all you need is a ready smile and the ability to drive.

Brigette Alexander

HANDBELL MINISTRY

With relaxation of some of the Covid 19 rules I decided to contact the Bell Ringers' Team in November 2021 to see if there was an interest to re-commence practice and maybe play at Christmas. I also needed to ascertain whether members were still interested in playing.

We have lost some members and were mindful we should recruit others. The general consensus was that it was too early to resume and we would reconsider when the situation re Covid became clearer.

Margaret White

HEALTHY AGEING.

We restarted classes on the 7th. May 2021 because of the Pandemic with limited numbers.

Classes were held on a weekly basis instead of fortnightly to accommodate those who wished to attend.

It was good for the class to meet up socially and also do some exercise after a long time away.

Carole Pickworth.

JUNIOR CHURCH

Junior Church was unable to meet during the various 2020/2021 lockdowns and COVID precautions but we made positive use of technology to help us stay connected. After starting a WhatsApp group for Junior Church families in March 2020, we continued to share a daily Christian song until the summer of 2020 and in total shared over 300 songs reminding us of God's love. We also began to add craft videos for families to our recorded services on YouTube and in December 2020 we created a stop-frame animation Nativity, with voice-over provided by our children and young people. Over the months, we delivered a variety of goody bags to our thirteen families, reaching out to our twenty-six children and young people. Goodies ranged from Advent calendars and Christingles, to Lent-in-a-bag and Easter crafts, with a chick and Easter egg.

We were delighted to be able to meet together again on three Sundays in June/July 2021. We enjoyed spending time together under a gazebo in the church garden where we sang, shared craft activities and played games in the sunshine. Do look for the bug hotel we made in the garden! Quite a few of us also met at Mewsbrook Park in August for a family picnic, to catch up with news and see how much everyone had grown! We enjoyed playing football, games and climbing trees, as well as picnic food and ice-cream.

Since September 2021, Junior Church has started meeting again in the hall on Sunday mornings. We have been meeting from 10.30am until 11.30am, whilst some of our parents join the 10.45am service. Our attendance varies from just a few to twelve children/young people, with two leaders and one helper for each session. We have restarted using Roots as a resource and share time together playing games, singing,

being creative with craft, hearing stories and thinking about what it means to know and follow Jesus. In the Autumn, our teens had several taster sessions of Youth Alpha with Brigitte but for now have decided that the group is a little too small for this. For a while, we have been meeting in a pattern of 3 weeks on, 3 weeks off, so that families and helpers could ease back in gradually. We are excited to be trying weekly meetings after Easter 2022 and hope to be joining you all back in church too!

Thank you to everyone who has helped Junior Church over the last few years. To all those who reflected during lockdown and for various reasons decided not to re-join us - a truly heartfelt “thanks for everything!” To those still helping – “thank you so much for all your support and help!” To those who haven’t yet tried Junior Church – we would very much welcome more helpers or even just occasional visits from church members to come and share with us – do contact me if you would be interested!

Bec Richards

LINKTOHOPE SHOEBOX APPEAL

In the Autumn of 2021, RMC members and friends supported the Shoebox Appeal for the tenth year in a row. Happily, we were able to collect items more easily this year as lockdown had eased and we were also able to meet for The Big Wrap, although on a slightly smaller scale and with face masks hiding our smiles!

We filled 90 boxes with a wide range of items for the whole family. In total we collected just over £750.00 which went towards transportation costs (£3 per box) and buying extra items so that the boxes were filled to the brim.

Every year I have been delighted and humbled by the generosity of our church folk and friends and by God’s grace in helping it all come together. In 2021 this sense was even stronger, considering what a difficult year everyone had experienced. Huge thanks to everyone who knitted, crocheted, collected, shopped, donated, packed, wrapped, made refreshments and prayed.

I think some of you are already knitting again for this year!!

God bless

Bec Richards

MOD MUMS

Mod Mums has had a very quiet year due to not meeting in the church since March 2020. We have met up during the summer month in local parks, to comply with legal guidelines and we have continued to hold Zoom meetings to discuss the future of Mod Mums. We also continued to use our Facebook page as a community hub. Since we have been more engaging on social media, we have had a number of new followers and people reach out to enquire about the group. We are hoping with the right promotion, we can enjoy a larger number of attendees again in the very near future.

Our aim is to restart meeting in the church hall and we would really like to get the crèches going again, as the babies and children really enjoyed playing in the crèches, making new friends whilst their parent or carer had a good chat with the other adults in a separate room. We would like to extend a sincere thanks to the wonderful crèche ladies – we have missed you all!

Brigette Alexander

ORGANISTS

With lockdown in place for most of the year there were no baptisms, weddings or funerals. Currently Ann and myself are covering regular shortened morning services under present Covid restrictions.

The new church hymnal is proving successful on the rare occasions that it has been needed. Thank you, Simon.

My thanks also to those of you who acknowledge and thank the organists as you leave, even though at times we are not able to look up from the music

Colin Fraser

RASCALS PRESCHOOL PLAYGROUP

This period has continued to present us with challenges at Rascals Playgroup.

We reopened after the summer holidays in September 2020 to all children.

However, as the new year approached there was another major lockdown but we were asked to remain open for all children. At this point in time approximately half of our families had older children attending school, but as most school children were being asked to stay at home, several of our families chose to keep their pre-school children at home also. This meant we were still operating at much lower numbers than usual for this time of year.

We were unable to do a Nativity performance in the church so instead we recorded the children singing some Christmas songs and sent this to all of our families via email. This was very well received.

We continued to receive funding from WSCC throughout this period for all eligible children so financially our position wasn't too severe although it meant we did lose some income from our fee paying families who chose to keep their children at home.

On 8th March we welcomed back all of our children and staff. Transitions to school were supported by phone calls rather than visits but we felt we were able to discuss all of the children and we were able to provide extra information to the schools for those children who required additional support.

Our end of academic year celebrations were held outside in the car park rather than in the hall and the staff decorated the 'podium' with banners and made it feel very special for the children and their families.

Unfortunately, I was in isolation as my son had caught Covid and so I missed the last day of term. I was extremely sad but the staff and children video called me during the morning to wave goodbye which was lovely and very emotional.

As always Bob Sneddon and other members of the church team fully supported us through this challenging year for which we are grateful and we would like to extend our thanks to them all.

Tracey Hubbard

Manager Rascals Preschool Playgroup

SERVICE RECORDING AND PROJECTION

In the last year services have been streamed onto YouTube so that those at home have the opportunity to feel part of worship. These services are also then available, having been uploaded to YouTube, to watch at a convenient time to viewers. The church YouTube Channel is here: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC6jTCVUj-Zo7SPu9kAUIoUA> or search 'Rustington Methodist Church' in YouTube.

We have not been sending out audio recordings of services, although this could be possible if there was a need. Please do let me or one of the leadership team know if this is the case.

Each service has projection of media, ranging from hymn words to videos. This is done at each service by either the minister or one of the team.

Simon Richards

STEPPING STONES

Stepping Stones shut down due to covid on March 24th 2020.

We were unable to reopen until September 16th 2021.

The committee tried to keep members informed by email and telephone, but it wasn't until the summer of 2021 that it was hoped lockdown could be eased.

In the preceding months members had expressed a preference for meeting during the day as many disliked venturing out in the evening, especially during the winter months.

The committee started meeting in people's gardens when allowed, to discuss what could be done about continuing the club or closing down completely.

We were eventually given the green light for a free Thursday afternoon and decided that we would try for September 16th with a social evening.

The Women's Fellowship group had folded during lockdown and many of the members came to join Stepping Stones.

The club is now viable with an interesting future programme.

Jill Corby

STITCHERS

In 2020 we were still dreaming of an end to restrictions and looking forward to meeting again. In the meantime we kept in touch by email and phone and were able to keep up to date with whatever people were stitching. Unfortunately many

of us lost some motivation during all the restrictions and it was not until the summer, when garden meetings became feasible, that we could meet face to face, chat and share experiences.

By October it looked as though we could once again meet at RMC but after only one meeting that was no longer possible. Frustrations all round!

However we are now back and functioning at full strength so everything is much more interesting. Long may it last this time round.

Although this sounds like all doom and gloom, the truth is that the group is more than stitching and our friendships and ongoing support in difficult times have kept us all cheerful and positive. We believe that stitching in its various forms keeps us sane. So, keep stitching everyone.

Tessa Greig

TABLE TENNIS CLUB

I find it difficult to write a report about the Table Tennis Club as we haven't met for over 2 years.

All I can say that we intend to re-open on Friday April 22nd.

Our numbers are likely to be very reduced due to ill health and the ageing of our members.

We are also unsure how covid restrictions will impact upon us, but we face the future hoping that the club will attract new people who want to play Table tennis.

Norman Peck

THE LINK (RMC Church Magazine)

The Link is produced in the Church Office and informs on the life of our Church. When the usual activities of the church ceased in March 2020, owing to the restrictions necessitated by the Covid pandemic, it was important for The Link to continue to be produced. Along with the Minister's message, various church members continued to contribute poems, occasional articles and other items, and these are always most welcome. We have continued to distribute copies of The Link to members and anyone who is interested in receiving a copy.

I am very grateful to everyone who has contributed in any way to the production of The Link or made contributions of items for inclusion.

Please continue to send any items you would like to be incorporated into the Link, by email, to the Church Office so that they can be processed.

Brigette Alexander

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Wednesday afternoons just won't be the same at Rustington Meth . . .

After many decades of women gathering in this place, through good times and bad, to support each other and the church, Women's Fellowship is coming to an end. With committee members all feeling their age and no younger members to take over their role, it was decided, initially, that we would reduce activities to a simple weekly tea and chat. In the end, however, especially with all the additional precautions necessary to help keep us Covid secure, we had to face the fact that we just did not have enough fit and willing members to make it viable.

We had initially set the beginning of September as our re-start date after lockdown but that will not now happen and we shall not meet again as a group. However, we have kept in touch with members by telephone during lockdown and we hope to continue those friendships in some way.

So, farewell Women's Fellowship. We have thoroughly enjoyed the work over quite a few years with many happy memories of dear friends and the joy of spending time together on a regular basis. The sound of 30 or 40 women (it was double that number in the old days!) excitedly meeting and greeting each other as I walked into the hall always lifted the spirits. The memory of that will remain with me.

Our hope and prayer is that WF's departure, though sad, will inspire other younger church folk to fill that gaping Wednesday afternoon space with something fresh and new to encourage each other and draw others closer to God.

Thanks to all the church folk who have helped us in so many ways over the years. It has been so, so appreciated.

God bless.

Jenny Ludwig (for the Women's Fellowship committee)

Regular Activities

Mondays

- 2.00pm Healthy Ageing (fortnightly) contact Carole Pickworth: 770313
Please confirm dates with Carole
- 7.45pm Ageless House Group (recommencing soon) at Simon & Bec's,
47 Mallon Dene, Rustington, 772214

Tuesdays

Wednesdays

- 9.55-11.30am Mod Mums' Coffee Club (weekly/term-time)
contact Church Office

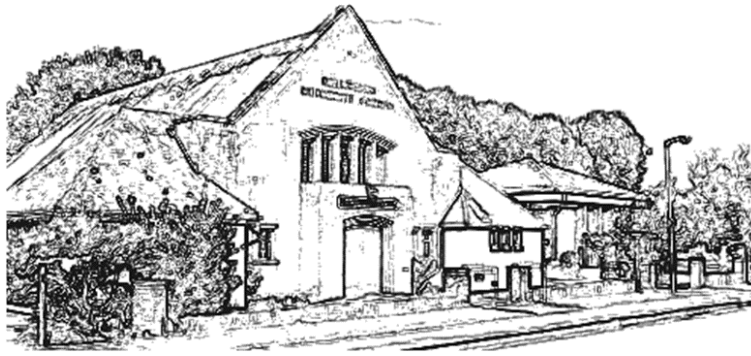
Thursdays

- 1.30-4.00pm Stitchers (2nd & 4th Thursday)
contact Tessa Greig: 786896
- 2.15-4.00pm Stepping Stones (1st & 3rd Thursday)
contact Verena Thrift: 776178

Fridays

- 9.45am Bible Study (weekly)
contact Doreen Straw: 770372
- 2.00pm Table Tennis Club (weekly)
contact Norman Peck: 731356

Rascals Play Group meets on 4 days (term-time): Monday & Tuesday
(9.30am – 3.30pm) and Thursday & Friday (9.30am – 12.30pm)
contact Tracey Hubbard: 07546 584314



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SECTION A		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
	Note	£	£	£	£
a1	RECEIPTS				
a2	Offerings and Tax recovered	77,504		77,504	77,934
a3	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income	303		303	1,691
a4	Lettings	690		690	7,169
a5	Other receipts	22,475		22,475	24,303
a6	TOTAL RECEIPTS	100,972		100,972 (a7)	111,097

SECTION B		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
b1	PAYMENTS				
b2	Circuit Assessment or Share	77,714		77,714	78,892
b3	Donations	4,350		4,350	4,440
b4	Repairs and Maintenance	9,455		9,455	17,978
b5	Utilities (Insurances, water charges, heating & lighting)	4,196		4,196	6,273
b6					
b7	Other payments	29,697		29,697	31,526
b8	TOTAL PAYMENTS	125,412		125,412 (b9)	139,109

SECTION C		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	(a6-b8)	(24,440)	(24,440)	(28,012)
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year	253,814		253,814 (c6)	281,826
c3	Sub total	(c1+c2)	229,374	229,374	253,814
c4	Transfers and adjustments			(c7)	
c5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR	(c3+c4)	229,374	229,374 (c8)	253,814 (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		
d2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations	1,331	1,071
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations	1,331	1,071
d4	BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID		
	(d1+d2-d3)		

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SUMMARY OF CHURCH ACCOUNTS AND INTERNAL ORGANISATIONS REPORTING TO THE CHURCH COUNCIL**SECTION E**

Please follow the Guidance Notes to complete this page

Summary of the Church accounts for the year ended 31 August 2021 and Internal Organisations reporting to the Church Council/Church Meeting. Note that the funds of an Internal Organisation would normally be Restricted funds unless it could be clearly shown that they could be used for any Methodist purpose. This section must be completed to arrive at the gross income and expenditure totals of the Church. If gross income exceeds the Accruals threshold, then the Accruals method of accounting AND A DIFFERENT FORM must be used to report the accounts (see Methodist website). Please refer to the guidance notes regarding transfers between the District and connected District Organisations.

INTERNAL ORGANISATIONS	Receipts	Payments	Net Receipts/ Payments	Adjustments	Opening balances	Closing balances
e1 Rascals Pre-School Group	81,275	73,824	7,451		91,528	98,979
e2 Womens Fellowship					394	394
e3 Mod Mums					1,573	1,573
e4 Stepping Stones					2,230	2,230
e5						
e6						
e7						
e8 Sub total of Internal Organisations funds	81,275	73,824	7,451		95,725 (e11)	103,176 (e12)
e9 Church accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)	100,972 (a7)	125,412 (b9)	(24,440)	(c7)	253,814 (c6)	229,374 (c8)
e10 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	182,247	199,236	(16,989)		349,539 (x)	332,550 (y)
Continue on a separate sheet if necessary and bring the totals forward	TOTAL RECEIPTS	TOTAL PAYMENTS				

SECTION F**STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES**

CHURCH - CASH FUNDS HELD AT 31 August 2021	OPENING BALANCES	CLOSING BALANCES
f1 Cash in hand	50	50
f2 Bank Current Account	22,550	7,012
f3 Bank Deposit Account	1,040	16,331
f4 Central Finance Board	1,071	1,398
f5 Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes	229,103	204,583
f6 Other funds		
f7 SUB TOTAL - Church accounts	253,814 (c6)	229,374 (c8)
f8 Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance total from above) (e12)	95,725 (e11)	103,176 (e12)
f9 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	349,539 (x)	332,550 (y)

SECTION G**OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES**

	At 1 September 2020	At 31 August 2021
g1 Investments (include Endowments)		
g2 Land & Buildings (see notes re Insurance value)	2,381,711	2,429,345
g3 Other Assets		
g4 Loan(s) - show amount outstanding at year end		
g5 Other Liabilities		

f4 Include only Funds held at the Central Finance Board

f5 Include only Funds held at Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes

g1 Include any other investments (not the cash element of TMCP trusts accounts this is included in line f5)

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Name of Church .. Rustington Methodist Church

Declarations and Scrutiny

I confirm that these Receipt and Payment based accounts for the year to 31 August 2021 have been prepared from the records of the Church and that they include all funds under the control of the Church trustees.

Signature of treasurer  Date 8/11/21

Name and address of treasurer Mr Robert H Slatter

..... 14 Jervis Avenue Rustington Littlehampton Sussex

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Presentation to the Church trustees

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2021 were/will be* presented to the meeting of the Church trustees held on

Signature of the Chair of the meeting 

Name of the Chair of the meeting ROBERT SNOWDEN Date 8/11/21

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

..... Rustington Methodist

Charity Number 11348885

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Church for the year ended 31 August 2021 set out on pages ... to As the Church'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 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.

* delete or amend as appropriate

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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 (other than that disclosed below*) which give me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act; or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records.

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I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

I ~~have~~/have not* obtained independent verification of all investments with the Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes or held in other trusts, bank balances and funds at the Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church which are individually in excess of £10,000 (ten thousand pounds) at the balance sheet date.

Signature of independent examiner 

Name of independent examiner Mr Leslie Allen Drew

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner City & Guild Book-Keeping & Accountancy
(equivalent to ICB Level 3)

Name of firm (where appropriate) Arun Book-Keeping & Computing

Address 28 Linnet Close ,Littlehampton ,West Sussex

..... Post Code BN177GW

Date 5/11/2021

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SUMMARY OF CHURCH ACCOUNTS AND INTERNAL ORGANISATIONS REPORTING TO THE CHURCH COUNCIL**SECTION E**

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Summary of the Church accounts for the year ended 31 August 2021 and Internal Organisations reporting to the Church Council/Church Meeting. Note that the funds of an Internal Organisation would normally be Restricted funds unless it could be clearly shown that they could be used for any Methodist purpose. This section must be completed to arrive at the gross income and expenditure totals of the Church. If gross income exceeds the Accruals threshold, then the Accruals method of accounting AND A DIFFERENT FORM must be used to report the accounts (see Methodist website). Please refer to the guidance notes regarding transfers between the District and connected District Organisations.

INTERNAL ORGANISATIONS	Receipts	Payments	Net Receipts/ Payments	Adjustments	Opening balances	Closing balances
e1 Rascals Pre-School Group	81,275	73,824	7,451		91,528	98,979
e2 Womens Fellowship					394	394
e3 Mod Mums					1,573	1,573
e4 Stepping Stones					2,230	2,230
e5						
e6						
e7						
e8 Sub total of Internal Organisations funds	81,275	73,824	7,451		95,725 (e11)	103,176 (e12)
e9 Church accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)	100,972 (a7)	125,412 (b9)	(24,440)	(c7)	253,814 (c6)	229,374 (c8)
e10 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	182,247	199,236	(16,989)		349,539 (x)	332,550 (y)
Continue on a separate sheet if necessary and bring the totals forward	TOTAL RECEIPTS	TOTAL PAYMENTS				

SECTION F**STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES**

CHURCH - CASH FUNDS HELD AT 31 August 2021	OPENING BALANCES	CLOSING BALANCES
f1 Cash in hand	50	50
f2 Bank Current Account	22,550	7,012
f3 Bank Deposit Account	1,040	16,331
f4 Central Finance Board	1,071	1,398
f5 Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes	229,103	204,583
f6 Other funds		
f7 SUB TOTAL - Church accounts	253,814 (c6)	229,374 (c8)
f8 Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance total from above) (e12)	95,725 (e11)	103,176 (e12)
f9 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	349,539 (x)	332,550 (y)

SECTION G**OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES**

	At 1 September 2020	At 31 August 2021
g1 Investments (include Endowments)		
g2 Land & Buildings (see notes re Insurance value)	2,381,711	2,429,345
g3 Other Assets		
g4 Loan(s) - show amount outstanding at year end		
g5 Other Liabilities		

f4 Include only Funds held at the Central Finance Board

f5 Include only Funds held at Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes

g1 Include any other investments (not the cash element of TMCP trusts accounts this is included in line f5)

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Declarations and Scrutiny

I confirm that these Receipt and Payment based accounts for the year to 31 August 2021 have been prepared from the records of the Church and that they include all funds under the control of the Church trustees.

Signature of treasurer  Date 8/11/21

Name and address of treasurer Mr Robert H Slatter

..... 14 Jervis Avenue Rustington Littlehampton Sussex

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Presentation to the Church trustees

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2021 were/will be* presented to the meeting of the Church trustees held on

Signature of the Chair of the meeting 

Name of the Chair of the meeting ROBERT SNOWDEN Date 8/11/21

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

..... Rustington Methodist

Charity Number 11348885

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Church for the year ended 31 August 2021 set out on pages ... to As the Church'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 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.

* delete or amend as appropriate

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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 (other than that disclosed below*) which give me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act; or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records.

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I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

I ~~have~~/have not* obtained independent verification of all investments with the Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes or held in other trusts, bank balances and funds at the Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church which are individually in excess of £10,000 (ten thousand pounds) at the balance sheet date.

Signature of independent examiner 

Name of independent examiner Mr Leslie Allen Drew

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner City & Guild Book-Keeping & Accountancy
(equivalent to ICB Level 3)

Name of firm (where appropriate) Arun Book-Keeping & Computing

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Date 5/11/2021

* delete or circle as appropriate

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