



CLM Annual Update
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2021

Whole Church Responsibility

Church Leader & Leadership:

It is impossible for any report on 2020 to not be dominated by the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic on church life. Contrary to the conviction of some, churches function as part of a wider society and our Christian life together cannot be separated from all that goes on around us. Whilst not “of the world”, we are most certainly “in the world”, if we are where God wants us to be. The nation has suffered and experienced unanticipated restrictions; so have we. In this short look at 2020, I would like to focus on two aspects: my reflections as church leader on our church and our action over the last year; secondly and more briefly, my reflections on myself as church leader and what the impact of attempting to lead our response to the changing circumstances of 2020 has been on me.

Whilst we could not anticipate the events of 2020, our motto text for the year - *Above all, clothe yourselves with love* - defines how we are to behave and is appropriate for any circumstance. Living through a global pandemic is no exception. The external events of the last 12 months in no way take away our responsibility and calling to be people who are known by the love we demonstrate (not necessarily feel!) towards one another and our disinterested service of those we live amongst. We have had to explore creative ways to do this, but the words “And they’ll know we are Christians by our love, by our love” remained as true in 2020 as at any other time in history. How have we done? Each of us will have to ask ourselves that question and find our own answer, but all of us will have experienced significant challenges as we have tried to remain faithful to our identity as Christians and our calling to love.



We are not alone in the experience of walking into the unknown. God’s people as they came out of Egypt also found an uncertain future ahead of them and had to trust the one who promised to go with them. It has been no different for us - though I suspect that the relative certainties and security of the modern world that we were accustomed to, leave us much less well equipped for uncertainty and the journey of faith we have been invited into.

Along with governments around the world, we were also ill-prepared for the severity and wide-scale, long-term impact of the pandemic. Asian nations that had lived through the SARS epidemics seemed better prepared, both in terms of scenario planning and people’s readiness to work with authorities to limit the spread. Here, we seemed caught hopping - or hoping! Initial awareness and caution started to be felt very early on in the year, but I don’t think that any of us were prepared for what was to transpire over the course of the coming months.

This meant that our initial response was inevitably conditioned by a short-term focus and an attempt to “keep things running”, more than stopping to consider how to position ourselves for the long-term. This was necessary, but did have certain implications later.

We were immediately faced with two main factors that impacted what we could do: government restrictions, and concerns about safety, both as leaders responsible for our decisions and people’s individual responses to the risk of contagion. (Some people are naturally more risk averse than others, others less so, and this affects the willingness of individuals to engage with activities even when allowed.)

I was keen for us to maintain as much of our church life and activity as possible. Yet, as far as I am aware, with the exception of Linda as a public health consultant, none of us have the medical understanding to be able to begin to consider ourselves qualified to take decisions on what is, or is not, appropriate to manage a pandemic. From the beginning, then, we decided to do everything that we could legitimately do whilst staying within the bounds of government guidance. I am particularly

grateful to John Roberts in his role as Health and Safety Officer for his work in translating guidelines into action plans, producing legally required risk assessments needed for us to claim to be a "Covid-secure" location and overseeing their implementation.

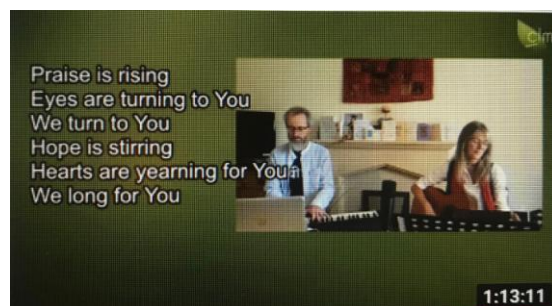
Navigating the restrictions has not been simple. To cover all that we do in church, I have had to keep up-to-date with four different sets of regulations - and no Readers' Digest version is published, nor is there a helpful "these are the most significant changes" leaflet. Regulations have been confusing and contradictory at times, some presented as legal obligations, some as strong advice. In addition, there has been disagreement amongst church members as to what extent we should even be abiding by government regulations - what right do they have to tell a church what to do? The need to balance safety and the welfare of individuals with the call to corporate worship and political convictions about the place of state intervention in church has been complex.

Initial lockdown meant a rapid transition to connecting with people in their homes, creating a structure for pastoral support and providing online resources. I am grateful to Marion for her work in putting together the "buddy" system that connected individuals with a couple of others and provided a first point of contact for everyone in church.

Sunday services became available as YouTube videos, and a month later additionally as DVDs which were distributed on a Sunday morning to those without internet access. There are definite pluses and minuses to all this. Videos kept a context of "our church" alive for members and provided continuity and personal content in the material that was produced. We were able to "see each other" (some more than others!) and in a sense "worship together". But...

At the same time, I think few people are conscious of the amount of time needed to create these resources. Whilst in theory all we needed to do was set up a camera and film a few of us leading singing or speaking, I was unwilling to do that. Putting things out on a public platform such as YouTube meant that we were effectively making ourselves viewable to the world, and content needed to be of a certain minimum standard. Given that we do not have many members experienced or wanting to learn the technical side of video production, that meant that a significant portion of my time was devoted to this. I am grateful to Luke and Michelle in particular for their support and involvement in putting our online services together.

Was this a wise use of time? Perhaps, perhaps not. We have to ask what this did to us, becoming accustomed to "watching" church (often from the sofa with a coffee), with little personal involvement. Is that what we needed? Church is not meant to be a spectator sport! It is also hard to measure the real engagement of church members with these - YouTube statistics suggest that levels of interest waned quite quickly and that many would not watch a full video. We chose this course wanting to retain and build our corporate identity and sense of being church together, hearing God together. But if we are not achieving that aim and members are not sensing "togetherness" through these resources, would the time have been better invested in other ways? For let's face it, if all people actually want is some spiritual input and the chance for corporate worship from home, "better" sermons and "worship" is available all over the internet!



For me, there is also the question of whether, in the desire to provide the best resource that we could for our church members, we missed the chance to approach online services in a more creative way that could have built connections into the wider community beyond church. Whilst aware of the fact that people outside church could view these resources, they were still designed primarily with the church in mind, and reproduced online something of what we would do in church. Hindsight would suggest that there are better ways to package online material.

Attempting to provide an immediate response also reduced our capacity to stand back, assess, learn from what others were doing and plan and prepare accordingly. I have benefited from fortnightly contact with other Salt & Light leaders and have attempted to learn from the way other churches across the UK have responded to the pandemic. Some of this has been helpful, though in other aspects the age profile of our congregation made other ideas unworkable.

You will be aware that in my understanding of church, involvement in some small group or other is simply irreplaceable. I cannot envision Christian discipleship without the depth of relationship that is found in the setting of a small group. So, we quickly transitioned from the existing Life Groups to a couple of weekly Zoom groups - with the purpose of maintaining contact between people as well as providing a forum for spiritual growth, input and expression. There were some real positives to this, in particular enabling some people who had not been part of one of the Life Groups to participate. I am also grateful to all those who prepared and led sessions, choosing worship songs and planning meditation on Psalms. However, after a first flurry of interest — there were regularly 30+ participants between the two groups, and more than 40 in an online communion — engagement dropped significantly. By the end of the year, there were half that number of participants at most. Is this simply “Zoom fatigue”? After the initial novelty, did people just not consider it worth their while? In what other ways could we create a dynamic for small groups that would actually work? These are questions that remain unanswered.

It is clear from the previous paragraphs that “going online” demands a certain level of digital literacy. Whilst we were able to “fast-track” some people to the place where they could participate on Zoom, it was not possible for all, nor comfortable for others. Phone calls were able to plug a gap for a time, but these became harder to maintain with the passing of time. Doorstep visits helped greatly, though remained inevitably limited. Physical expressions of care and love were appreciated. Despite these efforts, though, it is clear that we have suffered a degree of disconnect and loss of corporate identity over the year.

We attempted to keep the church open within what was allowed by the government. So, the building was open Sunday mornings and for an hour in the afternoon for private prayer. It soon became clear though that what people want from church is not a place to pray by themselves, but a place to worship with others. So after a month with no one taking up the offer, we stopped. The Pentecost drive-in service in Morrisons car park pushed the boundaries of what was permitted but provided a meaningful forum for sung corporate worship and was a great afternoon - for our own church members who attended, as well as a good number of passers-by.

We resumed regular in-person services as soon as we practically were able to do so after lockdown restrictions were lifted. And we remained open for the rest of the year, with the exception of the period of the second lockdown when we were required to close. Even this, though, was somewhat unsatisfactory, with the limitation on singing, the prohibition of any social contact whilst on the premises, and the cold building due to keeping doors and windows open for ventilation. But still, it was God’s people meeting together to honour him and an important step. The number of those attending remained small but gradually grew over the last months of the year.

This was also when we transitioned from prepared DVDs or pre-recorded videos to a live-stream of the service being held at CLM. I do not feel that we always struck the right balance between addressing those present and those attending via the internet and always experience tension in how to do this well. Understanding and complying with different copyright regulations for streamed services present another challenge — and potential frustration for service leaders! But my thanks go to all who have been willing to lead services and have used their gifts to bless others. Choosing to stream services again required growth in our technical capacity and my thanks go to all who learned new skills and operated the audio-visual system and live-stream software. It has, however, cut down on the amount of work that had previously been needed to produce online resources - those recordings can be made, re-made and edited until satisfied with the result whereas a live-stream goes out “as is”, warts and all!

We also ran the Sunday afternoon informal service for some of this time. The aim with this was to create a more informal environment that would allow for better engagement with families, an experiment in opening the church more to people with little or no church background. The government restrictions on worship services presuppose a “top-down” model with people who stand at the front and address a seated, silent audience. This was not how the Sunday afternoon service was designed to function so, with the additional restrictions on what could be done with children, it was discontinued.

Children’s work has been hugely affected by the pandemic. Over the course of the year, regulations as to what can be done with children outside a school context changed repeatedly. During the initial stages of the pandemic, Kylie was furloughed as no work with children was possible. Later, when Kylie started her course and restrictions were reduced, Jon from Manchester joined us to take on the work with families, but this work was again impacted by the second lockdown and the tightened restrictions

that remained in place for the rest of the year. I am grateful to Jon for his initiative and willingness to explore new avenues and for the work he has done with the children through online activities and videos.

Another casualty of the pandemic was the planned final session in our series of dialogues on sexuality and inclusion. Whilst we had concluded the four content-based sessions, we had one final session scheduled to allow for more personal reflection and the chance to process together the implications for us as a church of what we had been considering. Inevitably, not being able to do this meant lost momentum and it will be easy when we return to “normal” for us also to return to a “default position” that does not benefit from the work done here. This would be a loss.

Our outreach into the wider community has also naturally been impacted through the upheaval of 2020. Some work has been continued by Community Lives Matter activities but the natural opportunities to relate to our neighbourhood have been curtailed. Understanding people’s nervousness, we decided not to distribute the magazine other than a Christmas special inviting people to attend car park carols and enjoy a mince pie outside. At Christmas we also hosted Simon and Rob for an evening of readings and carols, also available via YouTube.



Churches Together was pretty much mothballed for the year too. Easter events had to be cancelled. We had hoped to be able to run a couple of Christmas events but in the end it was decided that these should not go ahead.

Through all this year, I have continued to work with Geoff, Jackie, Kylie and Pam in our leadership team. I am very grateful for their input, advice, time and willingness to serve. Kylie left the team when starting her course and we do miss the younger person’s insight that she brought. With all that was going on in her family, Pam also stepped out of the leadership team at the end of the year and we will miss her encouragement, pragmatism and faith in addressing leadership questions. We have been glad of Andy Barclay-Watt’s involvement with us; it is very beneficial to us to have an outsider’s perspective and his experience in church leadership is invaluable.

I must also mention finance. Geoff’s financial report gives details, and my thanks go to him for his work in keeping the books in order. At the beginning of the pandemic, we could not predict either how long this would last or the potential impact on church finances. We took some immediate decisions to reduce expenditure but are glad that in the end we were a long way from a worst-case scenario. Thank you too to all who have continued to give to church over this year and, although our cash income from Sunday offerings has disappeared, regular giving through standing orders has remained constant. Being able to furlough staff other than myself and the reduction in other expenditure leaves us in a better position than we feared might be the case.

One further reflection on the impact of the pandemic on church this year. Already towards the end of 2019 I was growing in the conviction that it was time for someone else to take on leadership of the church. In hindsight, I should have initiated a process then. I have brought what I can to CLM but I do not have the skill set required for where the church needs to go. Someone else is needed, better able to take the church on the next stage of its journey and it is my responsibility to make this happen. With the beginnings of the pandemic, it was not the time to move that forward and the needs of the moment had to take priority. But towards the end of the year we were able to give time to this and set in motion a process to advertise the post and seek the appropriate person to take on the role in 2021. That process is underway and we look forward to God’s provision.

Finally, I said at the beginning of this report that I wanted to also share reflections of the impact of this year on myself as church leader. I was strangely encouraged by the following verse from Proverbs 24:10: *“If you falter in a time of trouble, how small is your strength!”* God does give resources for unusual times, and this last year has certainly been one of those.

At the same time, together with everyone else I have lost the security of the familiar and been forced to explore new avenues, but without the luxury of time to prepare properly. Alongside many church leaders I have found myself doing things I am not really prepared for; having to learn new skills whilst trying to keep church functioning; responding to more varied and numerous needs and requests for

support; working in the artificial environment created by social distancing and lockdowns. And all of this, whilst to a large extent deprived of the feedback and stimulus that comes from working with people. (Yes, working with people can be draining, but the ongoing natural people contact that is part of ministry also provides significant energy and emotional reward for someone such as myself. That sense of connection with people and what God is doing in their lives provides motivation for many church leaders in our roles.)

Those are the external circumstances, to which must be added my own irrepressible (it seems) desire to explore new avenues for ministry, in particular into the wider community. The birth of the Community Lives Matter charity reflects this and has certainly added to the pressure on me during an already very demanding year.

All in all, it has not always been easy, and additionally it has been long; hopes for an end were quickly squashed and the relative lightness of the Spring lockdown gave way to a grey autumn and winter with no foreseeable end in sight. The cumulative impact of leading the church over this year has been significant.

I have carried that willingly, and ministry is a privilege that I cherish, so there is no regret or complaint in this. Rather, in an honest report I think it is important that this too is said. I am grateful for the support of those who I am closest to, the understanding of many, and the prayers of all.

Neil Rees



Salt & Light:

We continue to build relationship with the Salt & Light churches that we relate to. (Salt & Light operates most of its activities regionally, in what are referred to as “spheres”, We relate to the North West and North Wales sphere, led by Andy who is based in Sale, Manchester.) Most of our opportunities for meaningful connection have been put on hold - our planned visit to LifeChurch Manchester, the summer camp, weekend and other get-togethers were all cancelled.

I have been meeting fortnightly for an hour with the other church leaders. (This replaced the bimonthly in person meetings that had been held previously.) This has been very helpful, both on a personal level, and to strengthen the sense of belonging with others.

The sphere has worked to establish a clearer identity under the name “Maximise”. Andy has also been involved with our leadership team, helping us to think through decisions and our leadership strategy. We look forward to building stronger links across the sphere once out of the current pandemic.

Neil Rees



Trustees:

As trustees responsible for providing an annual report to the Charity Commission, we thank everyone for their contribution to this booklet. We commend it to you as a demonstration of how Cottage Lane Mission has responded to the impact of the coronavirus pandemic and plans for the coming times, as well as the ‘usual’ activities that occurred pre-Covid.

Since the Annual Update in July 2020 the trustees have met on four occasions with one extraordinary meeting for the annual review of the Principal Church Leader, as trustees are the collective employer for Neil. As with so many activities we have held most of these meetings over Zoom, but managed to have one in the church building, when we also had time with Andy Barclay-Watt from Salt and Light. We appreciated learning more about Salt and Light and the reciprocal relationship from our joining of this ‘family’. We thank those who took advantage of the opportunity to meet Andy on the same day, whether in person or over Zoom.

It was with sadness that we accepted the resignation of Arthur Welch as trustee. We appreciated his prayerful and deliberate approach to issues, his heart for the vulnerable and his insight and comments during our discussions on various topics. We have welcomed Ted Whitfield as trustee, so he now has a dual role as our minute secretary and trustee!

In our role of strategic oversight, we have regular updates from Neil and the Leadership Team, and we discuss the vision for CLM and its outreach to the local community. This past year there has been a greater focus on the shorter-term and how CLM responds to and the impact of Covid-19. We echo Neil's concern that participation and engagement within the fellowship of CLM has changed over the past year, and how that can be addressed in 2021 as we come out of restrictions. How should CLM change both for our existing congregation and to draw more people to Christ in a time when there are more searching for 'meaning' in life?

We continue to receive financial updates and were encouraged that Covid-19 did not realise our worst-case scenario. You will see from the financial report, that although the healthy income versus expenditure of 2020 deferred by one year the risk of falling below recommended levels of reserves, all members of our church should continue to pray about church finances and their personal giving.

Our role as trustees also include fulfilling legal obligations such as risk. This has obviously been an area of greater importance in this past year! We have worked with the leadership team on decisions about how church responds to government guidelines during Covid-19, and particularly thank John Roberts for his diligence in the operational aspects of health and safety.

Finally, as our 2021 text states 'The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases'. We know this to have been true in 2020 for Cottage Lane Mission and trust in this promise for the future. We have permission to lament for what has been lost during this coronavirus pandemic and the loss of lives, yet we can see God moving in these times and are hopeful of spiritual growth amongst our membership and our local community.

Linda Heaton on behalf of all trustees



Sundays @ CLM

Preaching & Teaching:

Regular exploration of God's word together is a hallmark of God's people in his church. Sunday sermons by themselves aren't enough — our experience as Christians must be rooted in the discipline of personal devotion and study, and developed in small group discussion — growing in knowledge and finding practical application as a community. But in the church there are also "prophets and teachers", given by God to help his people understand and live out his Word. It's my privilege to work with a great team of others to do this together. Our speakers have worked hard to hear from God and think about how to pass on to the church what God has given them and I am grateful to each of them for what they bring to our church.



We started 2020 in Colossians, exploring our verse for the year, then setting that in the context of this marvellous letter to the church in Colossae. Little did we know that before we finished Colossians, our Sunday services would have been forced to move online and the building closed.

In this unfamiliar context, we worked hard to maintain life-giving input from God's word, even as we had to adapt and "armchair theology" became a reality, filming messages on mobile phones in the comfort of our own homes! Easter and Pentecost, key dates for our faith, were celebrated online. At the same

time, we tried to engage with the unexpected situation we found ourselves in, giving reflection to help us all navigate and keep our hearts and minds rooted in God. We also looked at racism in the wake of George Floyd's murder on May 25th and the demonstrations this sparked around the world.

When we began meeting in person again in the autumn, our series focused on building faith and bringing hope, calling us as believers to lift our eyes up to God rather than allow our hearts and minds to be consumed by the negativity and gloom that could so easily settle over us.

Finally, I would like to thank those who have led and participated in the Zoom group studies that have focused on the practical application of teaching received through Sunday talks. Personally, I have appreciated the chance together with others to "teach and admonish one another with all wisdom" (Colossians 3:16). The flipside of "teaching" is "learning", and there is no better context for this than small group dialogue and discussion.

Neil Rees

FlexiChurch:

I was disappointed that the pandemic prevented FlexiChurch from continuing in its original format. Even when meeting together in the church building was allowed, regulations were based on a top-down, led-from-the-front model that was incompatible with how FlexiChurch had been designed.

Other planned "non-traditional" activities that aimed to build additional contact with people not from a church background also had to be put on hold. It is my hope that effective activities such as these could be resumed in the future but the momentum lost has been significant and we may not find the capacity to run FlexiChurch in the same way in future.

Neil Rees



Worship:

2020 – sung worship like never before. The year started normally with plenty of input from the worship team but as lock-down started things changed and worship was done on zoom.

Throughout a year of changes we honoured God with the best we could do. We continued with zoom for the services on a Sunday and then when allowed live again in church, however, never getting back to 'normal'.

In this year we have lost several people who had previously been in playing or singing but are no longer available. We will survive, worship will continue in our hearts, in our lives and in our church.

We look forward to 2021 when we can return to normal, or the new normal. Please pray for all the worship team.



Let everything that has breath praise the Lord. Psalm 150

Roger Currie

Junior Church:

Junior church restarted on January 5th 2020 with Jane Durban, Laura Hall, Elaine Maitland and Alison Hughes as leaders. Lin Vaughan, Emily Pearson, June Jones and Ginny Salkeld were the invaluable helpers. The sessions began with an exploration into the Old Testament starting with Genesis. The work carried on into February when we looked into Exodus.

During the year, Jane and Mike Durban moved from the Mission. We were very sorry to lose Jane as she was always a very good leader with the children and we shall miss her. We do wish her and Mike all the best in their new church.

Then the first lockdown came along closing the church for worship.

After a time of not meeting each other because of Covid, plans were put into place to arrange alternative sessions for the children. The church was very pleased to accept the services of Jon Anelli from 'Salt and Light' church in Manchester for six months, to provide work with the children from 1st October 2020.

Neil and Jon did a grand work with the children at the 4 o'clock sessions, plus time in the week doing craft work which was then videoed for the church to see the following Sunday morning. Then lockdown came again, closing the church for a second time.

We wish to thank Jon and Neil for their commitment and work they put into Junior Church.

Jenny Whitfield



Crèche:

Only a few sessions took place at the beginning of 2020. Unfortunately, due to the Covid virus and lockdown, the crèche sessions have been terminated until church can function again as normal.

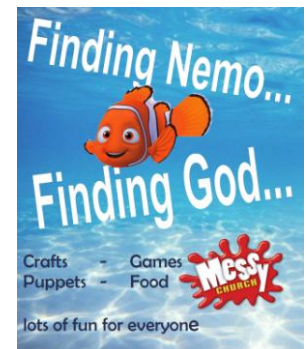
Jenny Whitfield

Messy Church:

We managed to meet monthly for January February and March with themes such as Toy Story and finding Nemo/God with a healthy number of children/parents.

However, it was not possible to meet beyond that due to COVID restrictions.

Messy Church Team



Prayer:

At the beginning of 2020, the Early Morning Prayer meetings continued on Tuesdays and Fridays at the Mission.

When lockdown arrived at the beginning of March, church was closed to all gatherings, and so we carried on individually within our own homes. A list of prayers was emailed to participants each Thursday evening.

When the church reopened the Prayer Meetings also restarted. We reduced the Early Morning Prayer time to Fridays only, from 8 to 8.30 a.m.

Then the second lockdown was imposed and we returned to home prayer once again.

In addition, the Missions' Prayer Meetings on the first Saturday of each month were only able to take place in January and February. Lockdown also stopped the Sunday evening prayer meetings.

But prayer continues: personally, with the aid of weekly prayer updates, in small groups on-line, and during weekly Zoom meetings.

Jenny Whitfield



Pastoral:

- *Alexander Graham Bell won the patent rights for the telephone in 1876.*
- *The DVD player was sold by Toshiba in 1996.*
- *Mark Zuckerberg considered WhatsApp was worth paying 19 billion dollars in 2014.*

I think it's fair to say we have really appreciated these during the last year. The phone has been an invaluable means of communication as people have cared and supported each other and alerted others if there has been a point of need. It has been a lifeline for those who have given generously of their time supporting each other.

Practical help with shopping, taking the initiative to show care and concern has been a hallmark of this time particularly at the beginning of the year.

Opportunities to meet together have fluctuated frustratingly as requirements have changed but there has been a greater understanding of fellowship and responding to the challenges has been a hallmark of this time.

Marion Walker



Life Groups

For January, February and the first part of March we met as Life Groups in person but due to COVID things changed from mid March.

We started meeting over Zoom on 2 occasions per week, one afternoon group and one evening group, studying the Psalms. This was good, although numbers did start to dwindle. September brought another change when we could meet up in person again at church. We ran three Small Groups, each having a different focus, Prayer/Worship, Word and Social.

This changed again towards the end of the year when we had to go back to Zoom meetings. There were some benefits however as we could attend more than one meeting without travelling.

Carolyn Hastings

Rog's Group:

Regular Life Study Meetings studying God's word changed in March to regular zoom meetings due to COVID restrictions, however, we did study Psalms in depth on a weekly basis before changing back to meeting in person in church in our small group following COVID guidelines. Then back again to zoom meetings. What a year!



Finally, *whatever is true, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, fix your thoughts on these things.* And as a group we did.

Martin's Group:

We started the year, as everyone else, totally unaware of what lay before us. Our small, but perfectly formed group, worked our way through sermon topics and other subjects as they arose. Still meeting together, enjoying Ted's cakes on occasions and other delights, as we continued with our prayer and bible studies.

Until it suddenly hit us (I think you know what I mean) but we kept on meeting in our homes apart but together via zoom.

Nobody had ever heard of zoom before late March last year, now it is almost second nature. We can see one another, we can communicate with one another, and that has been a life line. To be able to communicate has been a great source of blessing to many who otherwise might see nobody for days

at a time. We have been able to comfort one another, encourage one another and even at a distance give support to one another. Such encouragement can be vital to our wellbeing.

Our group is different, different people, different time, different topics but we remain united by one God who is in all and through all and keeping us together by the love which flows from Him through us.

We don't know what the future holds in the short or long term, but we DO know who holds the future and we can rest assured that he has the best in store for us.,



Adrian's Group:

Despite the limitations imposed upon us by lockdown we have continued to enjoy good fellowship as a home group. The New Year started with a meal at The Fat Italian in Burscough. We met weekly after that until prevented from doing so by government restrictions. Ruth especially, has enjoyed keeping in touch with Home Group members by telephone.

In the summer we met at church on Fridays for a weekly Bible Study which was open to all. After spending a few weeks on Romans chapter 5 we spent several weeks discussing the Ten Commandments. I was especially grateful for the support and input of John Packer during this time and to the many who contributed to the lively discussions.

The return of lockdown brought an end to us meeting in person. But new friendships had been made and existing ones strengthened. We look forward to meeting again in some form soon

Life Style Groups:

Walking Group:

This year we have not been able to do as many walks as usual! However we did get two walks in before lockdown in March. One was at Astley Hall where we had 20 people turn up for the walk. In February we went to Parkgate, which was a very cold and windy day, but enjoyable.

Our walks started up again on the 12 September when we were able to meet up to six people outdoors. We walked up Devil's Wall, which was lovely, not just for the views but the fact we were able to meet up with friends again.

In October I did two walks to Yarrow valley with two different groups and on the 31st of October we had a group of six who walked around Croston and got very wet indeed! Considering it was supposed to be dry!. The last walk before Christmas was again up Devil's Wall, with only four in the group. So we have managed to meet up and share each others company while walking which has been really good under the circumstances we have had to endure this year.



I am looking forward to when we are able to meet up again with all the group and explore more of the area around us. I have some nice walks ready to get us going.

Ginny Salkeld

Knit & Natter:

We found ourselves being called upon to help out various organisations with projects that they were doing. We did poppies for a Care Home for their Remembrance Day celebrations and daisies for the Alzheimer's Society to help decorate a venue for an exhibition to promote their work. Next came beanie hats for prem babies in South Africa that Carolyn took with her in January. This is continuing along with baby cardigans as and when we can.

Perhaps the most curious request was knitted food to accompany a petition being sent to Parliament to highlight food poverty. The sponsors wanted to give each MP a piece of food.

Doreen Williams was the only one who managed this in the time allowed. We trust you like her offering of egg on toast and a full English breakfast.

Maureen Venables



Ladies' Craft Meeting:

There had been two meetings before we had to stop, but I can't remember what we did! Hopefully we will start up again when we are able, as the ladies who came really enjoyed it.

Ginny Salkeld

Wednesdays @ CLM

Luncheon Club:

Fun, food, fellowship and friends were all there to enjoy in abundance on 8 January 2020 when over 60 members returned after the Christmas break. Always keen to resume Luncheon Club after a holiday period, little did they know then how short 2020 would be for their much-loved Wednesday get-togethers. Due to the lockdown we had to close from 18 March for the rest of the year. Not only did the Wednesday lunches stop, but so did the Luncheon Club holiday to Llandudno, the August afternoon tea and the Christmas festive meal plus the carol service.

So what happened instead?

Each Luncheon Club member was linked to someone from the Luncheon Club team, who would keep in regular telephone contact with them. The team members have been kept busy chatting to the members on their list, ensuring that their needs are being met. Letters and cards (birthday, Easter and Christmas) have been posted or delivered. On Saturday 16 December eighty Christmas afternoon teas were prepared and delivered to all the members. There was much appreciation expressed for this.

They are looking forward to the day we re-open but that joyful occasion will be tinged with sadness, as we have lost eight members while we have been closed. We treasure our memories of each one of them and thank God for the opportunities we had to minister to them.

Beryl Mackenzie



Luncheon Club Bible Study:

Last year we were only able to meet January, February and part of March. The few weeks when we were allowed to meet were enjoyed by all.

We still managed to keep the same format of coffee, tea and biscuits social time first. This was then followed by the Bible study.

As we cannot meet and have not been able to, we are continuing to keep in touch with the group every week to 10 days by telephone. As the pandemic continues we felt something more was called for so we now try to visit as many as possible as well.

John & Enid Roberts

Band of Cheer:

We were just getting back into the swing of things after the winter break, and once again enjoying each others company, singing our choruses, progressing through Mark's gospel when we were closed down by COVID19.

Those I have spoken to are missing the group very much and are compensating by still singing the choruses and saying the Band of Cheer prayer. They are really looking forward to the time when we can meet again. Sadly when this does happen we will be at least one member down as Audrey Howard passed away soon after lockdown.

Maureen Venables



Community

Community Lives Matter:

2020 saw the establishment of the charity Community Lives Matter which is now a separate legal entity, being registered as a CIO (charitable incorporated organisation) on 7 May. It is a non-religious charity, but linked to the church. It is funded through voluntary donations but also through grant applications and its status as a non-religious organisation facilitates applications for some grants. Building usage and some of my time is included in costings for activities which also contributes to the church's annual budget target. A separate financial and annual report is available for anyone interested.



The basic aim of the charity is to increase our impact and profile in the community, addressing and meeting some of the real needs that exist around us. It has taken on the running of some existing activities whilst also planning and running others. Like everything else, its work has been hugely affected by the pandemic. Some planned activities have not been able to be carried out, some only in limited ways and others have needed creative adaptation to continue. But right through the year, in many ways the pandemic has served to highlight the real needs of members of our community and we have done what we can to address these.

The main areas of our activity have been:

- Lonely and vulnerable older people: providing support, social contact and activities to older or otherwise vulnerable lonely people. Distributing meals has enabled contact and an expression of care and so begun to address issues arising from the Coronavirus pandemic, helping people

remain healthy mentally and emotionally. Our befriending scheme connects lonely people with volunteers.

- Asylum seekers and refugees: the pandemic was particularly hard for them, with no work, no social relationships and told to “stay at home” in a house with people they had not met. We provide support on the level of friendship, opportunities for social contact and meaningful interaction, support with paperwork (doctor’s registration, registration procedures...) as well as the chance to speak and practise English.
- Dementia support: people with dementia are told to “stay active, and social”. Clearly, the pandemic would only have a detrimental impact on those now having to stay at home. We have been able to run activities for a small group, providing opportunities to get out for people with dementia, also giving support to carers or opportunities for social contact with others or time for themselves, knowing that those they care for are in good hands.
- Educational support: the pandemic has left many children from disadvantaged backgrounds adrift educationally. Whilst the government has allocated finance to schools for additional tuition, this only covers about a third of the real needs. We planned work with Asmall CP school to provide individual tuition for those most in need, but the changing nature of the pandemic meant that this had to be postponed until 2021.
- Other vulnerable groups: we work with a couple of homeless people and others who, whilst not homeless, are in need of support for issues of addiction, bereavement or mental health. This is very varied but includes the provision of meals and administrative support.

We work with a fantastic team of trustees and volunteers who plan, oversee and carry out its activities. When you get the chance, do have a chat with any of us — you will get a much better picture of what we do through personal conversation than through a few written paragraphs.

Neil Rees

Street Pastors/Ormskirk Ambassadors:

The Street Pastors have only been out a couple of times this year because of the COVID restrictions. They don’t go out in the month of January because there is not too much activity on the streets of Ormskirk in the evenings after the Christmas & New Year celebrations have ended. Due to dwindling volunteer numbers they can only go out the first & last weekends in the month. Between the first & second lockdown when the bars & restaurants were only allowed to open until 10pm, they managed to get out early evening (7pm-10pm), and they met some people who they wouldn’t normally meet like families out for an evening meal who would usually be back home before the Pastors were out on the street. When the 2nd lockdown came this closed the bars & restaurants again, so no more Street Pastors because the streets were deserted.



After the first lockdown ended, when the market & non-essential shops started trading again Street & School Pastors were asked by WLBC to volunteer as Ormskirk Ambassadors. They were given a high viz jacket & asked to welcome people back into Ormskirk & help keep people safe by making sure that people in queues for shops or stalls were adhering to and keeping the safe distance apart. Also help to ensure that no-one was feeling anxious or afraid being around other people again after the lockdown. Most people they met were appreciative and happy to see the Ambassadors. Some people wanted prayers for loved ones who had either passed away or were ill with the virus, and felt the Pastors gave them some inner peace.

Sheila Gill

School Pastors:

During 2020 School Pastors have been on patrol two or three times a week at both St Bede's and Ormskirk Schools when they have been open.

We have continued to build good relationships with headteachers, staff, parents and children of both schools.

We gave Christmas Cards to all staff and pupils, 2500 in total.

Volunteers are still needed. Could you spare a couple of hours to reach the next generation for Christ? Free training and uniform provided.

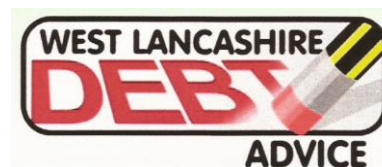
Elaine Maitland



West Lancashire Debt Advice Service

West Lancashire Debt Advice service is one which offers free, confidential and (ordinarily) face to face debt advice to enable people to manage their debts and work towards becoming debt free.

The service is staffed by a team of trained, unpaid volunteers drawn mainly from churches in the local area. Recent access to grant funding will enable us to continue operations in the medium term. Running costs relate to stationery, postage, phone, room hire and fees payable to Community Money Advice, the national umbrella organisation which offers support, advice and necessary training.



Over the past year, face to face advice sessions have had to be curtailed on occasions due to Covid restrictions where we have not been able to use our base at Emmanuel Church, as is the case presently. However, we do maintain regular contact with clients and their creditors via phone, text, letters and email.

It is anticipated that demands on the service may increase significantly once the present crisis is over.

Roy Wynne

Food Bank:

How the foodbank operated changed in response to the coronavirus pandemic – switching to a delivery only system from March – September 2020 and then a restricted opening at New Church House for collection by clients.



We felt privileged to be able to continue this valuable service throughout the year, being classified as 'essential'. The number of people issued with emergency food in 2020 increased by 33% compared to the previous year (approximately 1500 people in total).

We were blessed with some new volunteers coming forward, but other volunteers stepped down. The generosity of local people and businesses has been overwhelming and greatly appreciated.

We pray that opportunities arise to share with individuals and organisations the reason why churches in Ormskirk provide the foodbank (Matthew 25:35 'For I was hungry and you fed me, thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in...'). We support Trussell Trust's campaigning and advocacy to stop hunger in the UK, eventually taking away the need for foodbanks.

Linda Heaton

Asylum Seekers & Refugees:

Due to the lockdown the library in Skelmersdale was closed down and weekly contact suspended. Lawrence has kept contact with the asylum seekers. Hopefully the coming year will give some possibility of contact.

Alan & Hannah Mapstone

Well Skelmersdale

Children, Youth & Family

Toddler Group:

The Toddler Group managed to meet a couple of times in 2020 before going into lock-down due to COVID. However, the mums, toddlers and helpers alike were continuing to enjoy Friday mornings and were very disappointed having to close. Toddlers had been running for over 30 years, and never had to stop providing this very special activity.

We are all looking forward to being able to meet again in 2021 and still believe our God is in control and we know our future is secure in his hands.

Dorothy Rawsthorne



Families & Young People:

My name's Jon. Frustratingly, I won't have met the majority of you reading this. I started working for CLM as a family worker in October, when things were looking a little more optimistic. I started to get to know a few of the kids and families in the church and began putting together some activities and plans for them.

Then Lockdown number two hit us but we decided that it wouldn't be too much of a stretch to take some of our activities online. Over the Christmas period we hosted a weekly Zoom craft session which included baking, bauble making, puppet making and a Christmas puzzle zoom room. Since Christmas I've been producing content for the kids in the form of a weekly video and resource pack as well as hosting a zoom session so that I can still connect with the kids in some form. This is something that isn't so far away from my skill-set outside of a church setting and I really feel that this may be why God brought me to CLM for this period.



Also during this time the young people (teenagers) only managed to get together a few times, before lockdown prevented any further activities.

I'd really appreciate your prayers over the coming months as we assess what the new year is going to look like once restrictions begin to be lifted. It's been fun spending time with these kids virtually over the last few months, but it would be really great to get back out there into the community and find ways to engage with non-churched families.

Jon Anelli

Mission

It's good that we are mindful of the missions we support financially and pray for regularly and understand the new challenges they face in our ever changing world.



KENYA

Our much loved friend Bishop Simwa passed away in July 2020. He had visited the mission on two occasions and many of us were blessed by his preaching and his engaging personality. The education sponsorship programme continues and we support on a monthly basis the running of a local nursery class. Our friends at the Holy Spirit Church in Bukoyani struggle with failing crops and poor healthcare but they remain steadfast in the love of God and deeply value the support of their friends here.

OPEN DOORS

Please pray that the work of Open Doors continues to help those who are suffering unimaginably for their faith.

TURKEY

Anna and Nathan Tait and their two children have moved to Canakkale from Ankara where they had been living and working in the community for seven years. Please continue to pray that they will settle well in their new home and that their practical needs are met so that they can continue working in their local community and sharing the love of God with their neighbours and new friends.

INTERNATIONAL CHINA CONCERN

A recent update sent via Sandra and Ken brings to us a real insight into the inspiring work of ICC

TEARFUND AND TRADCRAFT

CLM continues to support Tearfund and have contributed to their global Coronavirus response reaching 1.5 million people, installing 1,788 handwashing stations and distributing 83,476 hygiene kits to the most vulnerable parts of the world. Lockdown fundraising event The Climb raised £326,000 and the Big Quiz Night raised £247,000. We can all contribute in supporting Traidcraft by buying products sold in our local supermarkets which helps those farming in the poorest countries to receive better working conditions and fairer prices for their produce. Please contact Linda and Allan Heaton if you wish to purchase goods from the Traidcraft catalogue.

ETHIOPIA

We continue to support the ministry that Dereje and the youth movement that he supervises are engaged in in Ethiopia. In 2020 this has involved:



- Dereje works mainly in the discipleship and training of Muslim followers of Jesus. (If anyone wants to know more about that term, and why they do not call themselves Christians or "ex-Muslims", speak to Neil.) He works with leaders and groups in different regions, particularly in the south and west of the country, also providing basic business training and community development
- during the restrictions imposed by the pandemic, he was supporting churches in the capital in local evangelism and social investment projects
- the Ethiopian Youth Mission Movement, run by young Ethiopian students, including Dereje's eldest son. They have mission discipleship groups in universities across the country. Neil and Lynn were with around 30 regional leaders in March for a week of leadership input
- we have facilitated access to further leadership training (in Kenya and Thailand respectively) and mission mobilization training for 4 of the leaders of EYMM and will continue to invest in their growth
- Dereje and the EYMM team very much appreciate the love, prayer and support of our church, without which their ministries would be more limited.

Liz and Jenny

General

Administration:

In the early part of 2020, the administration team met in January and March. No team meetings have taken place since then due to the restrictions of the pandemic. We organised a meal for Valentine's Day, which was well received. Those involved in the planning and the running of it worked hard and all the couples attending had an enjoyable evening with a delicious meal, live music and going home with a framed poem and red roses. Unfortunately, due to some last minute cancellations, we ran it at a loss. In future payment will have to be made when booking.



At the beginning of the year we started to have a dinner on the first Sunday of the month after the Sunday service for people who were on their own and going home to an empty house. It was very popular with around 30 people attending. Unfortunately, we were only able to fit two in before lockdown happened.

Another event we can't run at present is the monthly breakfast meeting for local church leaders. This was always very much appreciated with usually about 10 – 15 attending for their full English!

Through the help of CVS (Council for Voluntary Service), we have several ladies who have offered their services as befrienders. Two have been appointed and one is now working as a telephone befriender. Others are waiting for interviews, DBS checks and training. This is run as part of our charity, Community Lives Matter. We need someone to take responsibility for this important work of ministering to lonely, depressed or needy people.

Most of the church activities have been suspended since the first lockdown in March. Sadly, the Quinta church weekend planned for October had to be cancelled. Services on Zoom or on a DVD have been much appreciated. We have been able to keep in touch with one another through telephone calls and delivering gifts. All ladies in the fellowship received a pretty little potted pansy for Mothers' Day and then everyone in the church was given a flowering succulent plant at Christmas.

Beryl Mackenzie

Health & Safety Report:

Last year's report was the first one in the history of CLM. (as far as I know)

January, February and part of March were just "*normal old style run of the mill activities*" within the church. All I had to do was keep an eye on things to make sure we were staying safe. **Then we had the Covid-19 pandemic.**

Suddenly we realised that this was not covered in our H & S documents!! The church had to be shut etc etc.



As the leadership met to see what we could & couldn't do, we realised that a lot of thought and work had to be done to comply with government guidelines if we were to carry on having our church witness in the area during the pandemic.

Over the next few weeks several H & S documents were produced to allow us to stay open for services on a Sunday, also for other groups to be able to meet midweek.

After the documents were done the mission had to be transformed to physically comply with all the government & our H & S paperwork.

Throughout the year there have been many changes. Over the last year 16 documents have been produced, changed or updated. We have a one way system for different areas and hand sanitising stations situated around the building. Lots of signs on the walls & doors, marker tape on the floor to give social distance, seats spaced apart. We have Perspex screens behind which the singers sing and the speaker who is bringing God's Word talks.

I feel it is important that we as a church are seen to obey the rules laid down for religious organisations, to keep its members and any visitors to its church premises safe. We need to be seen to take all necessary precautions to keep us as safe as possible when on church premises.

All this H & S ensures is that the building is safe and that all who enter are safe whilst on the premises.
John Roberts

Building & maintenance:

We have not had anyone responsible for building maintenance in 2020. Thankfully, there have not been any major maintenance needs and no emergencies. Different people have picked up on issues that have been noticed and I have either asked someone in church to fix the problem noted or arranged for an outside person to do the work if needed

Ray stepped down as caretaker after many years of service and we are very grateful to him for the time, effort and care he has put into the role. Roger has taken on the responsibility of caretaker for now in a voluntary capacity and our thanks to him too. Clearly, during the pandemic the building was unused for much of the year and even when services were started, many of our other activities were still suspended and outside groups were not using the building. Faye was furloughed through much of the year but our thanks to her too for keeping the building spotless.

Finally, in order to use the building at all we have had to operate a "Covid-secure" environment, including managing attendance, entry and exit and usage arrangements. I would like to thank John for his thought in designing appropriate systems and then everyone who has used the building for your efforts to follow guidelines, observing social distancing and sticking to government regulations and advice.

Neil Rees



Cottage Lane Mission 2020 Financial Statements 1

Financial Report 2020

The Funds Statement shows that total funds have increased year on year by £15K, from £54K to £69K. The Income & Expenditure Account shows a breakdown of our sources of unrestricted income and the analysis of our areas of expenditure, both compared with the budget for 2020. The actual figures for 2019 are also presented, usually so that you can see year on year trends. However, 2020 was exceptional in that the restrictions to our normal activities caused by Covid-19 mean that the financial profile for 2020 is unique (so far!).

Income for the year at £83K was £4K better than budget. Rent and advertising income was £845 worse than budget, not surprising since we were unable to rent our premises for 9 months. Income received from Community Lives Matter for the use of our building and for Neil's time invested in charity activities was £3,315 compared with a budget of £9,000. Again, the closure of our building impacted this income stream. Claims for support under the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme amounted to £4,601.50 subsidising the salaries of the family worker and the cleaner who were inevitably furloughed/ part-furloughed for most of the year. General giving at £46.4K was £7.6K worse than budget. The closure of our premises resulted in the loss of the majority of donations from those who give via the weekly offering. Those folk giving via standing order remained faithful, thereby ensuring our continued liquidity. Overall though, general giving fell for the fourth consecutive year. A key feature of 2020 income was the receipt of one off donations of £8,000 and legacies of £5,450. God certainly provided when most needed.

Total expenditure in 2020 was £67K, £21K less than budget. Expenditure on most activities were curtailed due to the pandemic.

1. Salaries and expenses of PCL and Family Worker were £5K less than budget. We continue to benefit from the government NI allowance of up to £4K.
2. Maintenance costs were £5K lower than budget with no major repairs required.
3. Calls on our Care Fund were covered by donations specifically for the purpose saving £1,000 versus budget.
4. Missions giving was severely cut during 2020 while our financial position was unclear. We have recommenced giving in 2021, catching up where appropriate.

Overall, in 2020, income exceeded expenditure by £16K compared with a budget overspend of £9K. Remember, though, that £13.5K of this came from one off gifts and legacies. Therefore our finances remain healthy for the time being. Compared with the profile I presented at the 2020 annual update, the risk of falling below the level of recommended reserves has receded from 2022 to 2023.

I make no apology for repeating my plea of last year and the year before for folk to consider legacies to CLM in their wills. If you do decide to leave CLM a legacy, it is important that you let me know. Legacies to CLM are something we should prayerfully consider; they make a real difference as we have seen in the past year. Of course, anyone can leave a legacy to CLM.

Cottage Lane Mission June 2020 Financial Statements 2

Financial Report Budget 2021

The budget schedule compares our 2021 budget with our actual income & expenditure for 2020. The 2021 budget is predicated upon a removal of all restrictions by 1 April 2021.

Total income is budgetted at £67.3K.

1. General giving at £48K reflects recent trends. Of course, no one off donations or legacies are assumed.
2. Rents/ Advertising income is budgetted at £2.2K plus £5K from Community Lives Matter.
3. Gift Aid is expected to generate £12K.

Total Expenditure is budgetted at £90.5K.

4. Maintenance budget at £15K provides for routine maintenance and for the replacement of windows at the front of the building but assumes no major roof repairs.
5. All salaries are assumed to equate to 2020 levels with no change to costs as a result of any changes in personnel.
6. Missions expenditure at £21.6K is budgetted to cover the 2020 shortfall. Expenditure in this area will be closely monitored to ensure that income levels can sustain our giving to missions.
7. We paid Salt & Light £3,050 in 2020, being £1,400 in respect of the second half of 2019 and £1,650 for 2020, a full year's subscription at only half rate, given the impact of Covid-19. We have budgetted £3,000 for 2021.

The total deficit assumed in the 2021 budget of £23.2K, although huge, is sustainable in the context of a surplus of £16.2K in 2020, although of course both income and expenditure will be closely monitored in order to ensure that our planned expenditure remains affordable.

GE Maitland, Treasurer.



Cottage Lane Mission
Financial Summary
2020

	Actual	Actual
Bank Balances	2019	2020
Deposit A/C 1 (Kenya Education)	1,281.58	1,282.88
Deposit Account 3	33,560.89	33,594.99
Total Deposit Accounts	34,842.47	34,877.87
Current Account	19,159.96	34,416.84
Total	54,002.43	69,294.71
Increase in Funds		15,292.28

Cottage Lane Mission

Income & Expenditure

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	Full Year Actual 2019	Full Year Budget 2020	Full Year Actual 2020	Actual B/(W) than Budget
Admin/ Audit	417.48	500.00	520.92	-20.92
Audiovisual	110.22		0.00	0.00
Catering	-3,069.87	-500.00	279.46	-779.46
Family Care Fund	168.00	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00
Insurance	1,797.56	2,000.00	1,912.98	87.02
Maintenance	8,004.72	12,000.00	6,622.20	5,377.80
Ministry Resources	1,669.68	1,000.00	1,766.23	-766.23
Photocopier/ Printing	3,004.14	2,000.00	1,465.05	534.95
Stationery	43.95	500.00	181.48	318.52
Salaries	23,764.79	27,000.00	23,527.36	3,472.64
Training	493.20	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00
Utilities	4,588.08	4,500.00	3,304.97	1,195.03
Visitors' expenses	90.00		150.00	-150.00
Youth Work	-532.09		-320.87	320.87
Family Worker	8,953.81	10,500.00	8,306.48	2,193.52
MCYC Child Sponsorship	150.00	200.00	0.00	200.00
Messy Church	1,494.26	1,200.00	76.48	1,123.52
Pastoral Assistant	0.00		0.00	0.00
Contact with community events	685.30	1,500.00	357.11	1,142.89
Weekend	153.00		164.00	-164.00
Junior Church	0.00	300.00	0.00	300.00
Purchase of Property	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	0.00
Salt & Light		3,400.00	3,050.00	350.00
Toilets Refurb	-204.34		-27.00	27.00
Legal & Professional	609.39	500.00	630.57	-130.57
Sundry	55.92	1,000.00	-19.39	1,019.39
General Expenditure	57,447.20	74,600.00	56,948.03	17,651.97
Missions	14,571.48	14,000.00	10,280.46	3,719.54
	72,018.68	88,600.00	67,228.49	21,371.51
Income Full Year				
Rent & Advertising	3,822.00	2,500.00	1,655.00	-845.00
General (incl. Leadership)	50,519.45	54,000.00	46,356.26	-7,643.74
Legacies			5,450.00	5,450.00
Donations			8,000.00	8,000.00
Coffee Machine	464.49		138.08	138.08
Community Lives Matter		9,000.00	3,315.40	-5,684.60
Gift Aid received	14,083.17	14,000.00	13,864.22	-135.78
Interest	78.18	50.00	35.40	-14.60
Grants incl CJRS	500.00		4,601.50	4,601.50
Total	69,467.29	79,550.00	83,415.86	3,865.86
Excess income over expenditure			16,187.37	25,237.37
Excess expenditure over income	2,551.39	9,050.00		

Cottage Lane Mission

Income & Expenditure

Full Year

Full Year

Budget 2021

4 Feb 21

Actual

Budget

better/ worse

2020

2021

Actual 2020

Admin/ Audit	520.92	500.00	20.92
Audiovisual	0.00	100.00	-100.00
Catering	279.46	-375.00	654.46
Family Care Fund	0.00	750.00	-750.00
Insurance	1,912.98	2,100.00	-187.02
Maintenance	6,622.20	15,000.00	-8,377.80
Ministry Resources	1,766.23	750.00	1,016.23
Photocopier/ Printing	1,465.05	2,250.00	-784.95
Stationery	181.48	200.00	-18.52
Salaries	23,527.36	24,000.00	-472.64
Training	0.00	400.00	-400.00
Utilities	3,304.97	3,800.00	-495.03
Visitors' expenses	150.00	150.00	0.00
Youth Work	-320.87		-320.87
Family Worker	8,306.48	9,000.00	-693.52
MCYC Child Sponsorship	0.00	200.00	-200.00
Messy Church	76.48	450.00	-373.52
Pastoral Assistant	0.00		0.00
Contact with community events	357.11	750.00	-392.89
Weekend	164.00		164.00
Junior Church	0.00	150.00	-150.00
Purchase of Property	5,000.00	5,000.00	0.00
Salt & Light	3,050.00	3,000.00	50.00
Toilets Refurb	-27.00		-27.00
Legal & Professional	630.57	500.00	130.57
Sundry	-19.39	200.00	-219.39
General Expenditure	56,948.03	68,875.00	-11,926.97

Missions	10,280.46	21,630.00	-11,349.54
	67,228.49	90,505.00	-23,276.51

Income Full Year

Rent & Advertising	1,655.00	2,250.00	595.00
General (incl. Leadership)	46,356.26	48,000.00	1,643.74
Legacies	5,450.00		-5,450.00
Donations	8,000.00		-8,000.00
Coffee Machine	138.08		-138.08
Community Lives Matter	3,315.40	5,000.00	1,684.60
Gift Aid received	13,864.22	12,000.00	-1,864.22
Interest	35.40	70.00	34.60
Grants incl CJRS	4,601.50		-4,601.50
Total	83,415.86	67,320.00	-16,095.86

Excess income over expenditure 16,187.37

Excess expenditure over income 23,185.00 39,372.37



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name

COTTAGE LANE MISSION

On accounts for the year
ended

31-12-2020

Charity no
(if any)

1136311

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/12/2020.

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

~~[The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of applicable listed body]]. Delete [] if not applicable.~~

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 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
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- 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.

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.

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

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Section B

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Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.