

HANWELL METHODIST CHURCH

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Activities

Objects: THE ADVANCEMENT OF - (A) THE CHRISTIAN FAITH IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE DOCTRINAL STANDARD AND THE DISCIPLINE OF THE METHODIST CHURCH;(B) ANY CHARITABLE PURPOSE FOR THE TIME BEING OF ANY CONNEXIONAL, DISTRICT, CIRCUIT,LOCAL OR OTHER ORGANISATION OF THE METHODIST CHURCH;(C) ANY CHARITABLE PURPOSE FOR THE TIME BEING OF ANY SOCIETY OR STI TUITION BEING A SOCIETY OR INSTITUTION SUBSIDIARY OR ANCILLARY TO THE METHODIST CHURCH(D) ANY PURPOSE FOR THE TIME BEING OF ANY CHARITY SUBSIDIARY OR ANCILLARY TO THE METHODIST CHURCH.

Activities: Religious Activities

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information, Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** Religious Activities
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Ealing

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-08-31	£106,349	£88,204	-	-
2023-08-31	£104,076	£67,705	-	-
2022-08-31	£118,115	£77,764	-	-
2021-08-31	£70,287	£70,883	-	-
2020-08-31	£80,511	£64,538	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Rev Ajay Singh	Chair	2021-09-01
BARBARA WILLIAMS		2016-07-24
CHRISTOPHER RAWLINGS		2016-07-24
CYNTHIA GRANT		2016-07-24
Carol Sears		2023-07-16
DAVID BLACKWELL		2016-07-24
Elisabetta Favaro		2023-07-16
Fleur Laura Hatherall		2020-02-06
Flora Todlana		2024-07-14
GILL STANDFIELD		2016-07-24
George Henry Lafford		2021-08-03
Jane Katherine Stanton		2023-06-29
MARION GARNETT		2016-07-24
MARY BLACKWELL		2016-07-24
MARY ELIZABETH LAVELLE		2016-07-24
MICHAEL PIDOUX		2016-07-24
Martin Kingsnorth		2022-06-12
PAUL WILLIAMS		2016-07-24
RITA MACMURRAY		2016-07-18
Rev Stephen John Day		2024-09-08
SUZANNE RAWLINGS		2016-07-24
Stephen Ashley Sears		2024-05-02
Wendy Camilla Lewis		2024-07-14

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Hanwell Methodist Church

Reports for
General Church Meeting
14th July 2024

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Minister's Report

It's my privilege and has been a great honour serving Hanwell Methodist Church as a part of my ministry at Ealing Trinity Circuit. After spending nearly three years since September 2021, I find all the Churches are very friendly, diverse, welcoming and nicely situated at the hub of the local community.

Church's Life: Church life is having a bit of a difficult time. But it's helpful having a team of Stewards who help me to make sure things run smoothly. They also helped me to prepare the worship service on the pattern based upon – 1st Sunday at Acton Hill, 2nd Sunday at Hanwell, afternoon services at King's Hall and the rest of the Sundays according to the need of the Circuit's Preaching Plan. Holy communion is usually served, almost regularly, on the second Sunday of the month. Having more than one church is good as it provides variety on each Sunday, but I miss out on connecting with Church people on a regular basis which would be beneficial.

It's time to give thanks and celebrate the generous service offered by you all, as Trustees (*Members of the Church Council*), Secretaries, Treasurer, Stewards, Pastoral Visitors, Property & Finance Stewards, Sunday School Leaders, Organists, and the people who use our premises for various purposes.

I want to give my special thanks to all of you who are volunteering with dedication on different roles and responsibilities in spiritual and social areas.

Church News: Evidently, Church life is running smoothly having all the activities in its own space and times. Life of the Church is thriving with a very successful coffee morning for the local community. Also, there is Coffee/Tea and Biscuits each Sunday after our Church service giving ample opportunity to engage in fellowship. People do have access without any hesitation. The Community runs the Soup kitchen to help the homeless on every Thursday morning.

Our Worship service runs every Sunday at 11 am and we have Baptism, Wedding and Funeral services on request. Pastorally, there are few members who are struggling with their ill health, but they do have proper pastoral support and are remembered regularly in our prayers. Members and the community are updated weekly by our HMC Newsletter edited and published by Ray who is a Worship Leader and a very committed member of our Church. We have Uniformed groups running regularly in the school terms time on Mondays and Thursdays in our premises.

The Church has dealt with a very big issue in the past re 'God in love unites us', and finally our Church is registered for the same sex marriages. Another big issue was removing the 'choir pews' creating space for coffee tables for the Wednesday coffee morning which happens on every Wednesday of the month. This was done successfully by external funding support. Thanks to all for their endeavour in this big project.

There are a few more major issues in the building which are being dealt with very well and are in the safe hands of Finance and Property committee (PS. See the Property report).

I'd like to apologise on behalf of the Church for any inconvenience you faced due to the failed heating system in the Church.

The Easter Egg hunt was a great event where we engaged with over 100 young children along with their parents/guardian from our local schools and the community.

Circuit: Looking at the bigger map; Hanwell Methodist Church is very much a part of the Ealing Trinity Circuit, London District. Rev'd Rachel Bending is our Superintendent and has pastoral oversight for Greenford Methodist Church and Northolt Methodist Church. Rev Rachel is moving this year to become Chair of Southampton District; Rev Stephen Day is joining our Circuit, commencing from September 2024. His Welcome service will take place on Sunday 8th September at 5pm at Ealing Green Church.

Rev'd Susan Male (Minister), has pastoral oversight of Ealing Green (*URC & Methodist LEP*) Church, Kingsdown Methodist Church and Pitshanger Methodist Church which is closed for worship. Rev Susan was granted a Sabbatical from 1st April – 30th June. I hope she had a fruitful time as God has led her.

I have pastoral oversight of Acton Hill (*Methodist -URC LEP*) Church, Hanwell Methodist Church, and King's Hall Methodist Church at Southall which moved to Greenford Methodist Church from October 2023. King's Hall has an Asian language (Hindi, Urdu and Punjabi) Service. To assist the work of the Circuit we had Gerald (p/t Circuit Office Administrator) who retired on 31st May 2024, Will (p/t Finance Administrator), Monty (p/t Property Administrator) who also left on 30th May 2024 and Marcia (p/t Pastoral Worker for Rev Rachel's Section). The Circuit has recruited Andy as Circuit Manager from 1st June 2024. The Circuit is struggling with a small number of Circuit Stewards, so, I urge, if any of you have a quality of leadership and have time and new ideas for active leadership and would be willing to join the Circuit Leadership then please speak to me. Consider its importance in the life of our circuit.

District News: We have two District Chairs; Rev'd Dr Jongikaya Zihle has a pastoral oversight of the Northern area and Rev'd Nigel Cowgill has a pastoral oversight of southern area of the London District. Rev Nigel is moving this year in August to be a connexional officer in "Equality, Diversity and Inclusion department". Rev Dr Jonathan Dean will be one of our District Chairs from Sep 2024. We had Representative Synods and a Ministerial Synod for this connexional year.

Methodist Conference: At the 2023 Conference, the Methodist Conference elected Rev Helen Cameron to serve as the President and Mrs. Carolyn Godfrey to serve as Vice President, commencing their year of office from 27th June 2024 for a year or until next conference 2025.

And last, but not least 'A Big Thank You' to all of you who are holding and supporting each other in prayers with Christian love. It is my third report in the third year of stationing. You all are always in my prayers. May you have blessed times as we all are journeying together in the mission of Christ.

Shalom!

Rev'd Ajay Singh (Presbyter)
Minister
Hanwell Methodist Church
Ealing Trinity Circuit.

Stewards' Report

A Stewarding Year at Hanwell Methodist Church up to 2024 AGM

My report has four sections 1) A good year 2) A difficult year 3) Highlights and Thanks

1) A good year for the Stewards

Services and meetings have been very well supported by all of us Stewards in the relevant period, and we in turn have been fully supported by our Minister, the Reverend Ajay. Services have run smoothly and where any swap of the rota has been required, substitution has quickly been implemented. Also, it is notable that each of us has contributed fully not only to the immediate area of stewarding services, but in addition to other areas of the church activities – namely to Property and Finance, to Pastoral Groups, to the Junior Church, and to Outreach Activities such as the Coffee Mornings. Each Steward must have worn at least two hats throughout the year, sometimes perhaps three. In passing, I must make mention of George's dedicated efforts on Sunday mornings, as he is always early, always active in preparing the church for services, and always ready to help whenever needed. I think I need not further identify which areas Chris, Marion, Rita and myself have constantly contributed to, but I am sure the Congregation are full of gratitude for all the work done.

2) A difficult year for the Stewards

This was a challenging year for two main reasons. Number one – divisions of opinion on the reorganisation of the church interior arose, and the Stewards themselves were not immune to these differences of opinion. I hope, trust and pray that no lasting effect of these is felt, and, as I write this, there are indeed some signs that the church as a body has been able to move on. The second point of concern is that, as I said in my recent Local Arrangement, a good management will ensure that worthy replacements are lined up to take over as the incumbents leave the stage. There is little sign of this happening and as some of our number move into their eighth decade, this is of serious concern. One view is that only by people stepping aside will others be encouraged to come forward. That view may have to be tested in the not-so-distant future.

3) Highlights and Thanks from the Stewards

There were plenty of highlights during the year – a slow but steady increase in numbers attending services, an increase in Junior Church numbers, some great Local Arrangements, a good Anniversary Service with our former Minister, Rev'd Shirlyn, and the very successful weekly event – the Coffee Mornings – as well as the annual Easter Egg Hunt and our Gift Day. I continue to ponder how we may do something for other groups in society. For all our established activities, I would like to thank Mary and David, Gill and Colin, Suzanne, Mary L., Martin, Paul and Barbara, Steve and Carol, Karen and Wing. Cynthia's help with Communion is invaluable, and Jane's work with the Juniors is terrific. Ray constantly liaises with us Stewards for his HMC News and Cathy has given our music a boost. Jean and John are always ready with a friendly word of advice. From the Stewards, a very big thank you to all, and to any I have omitted.

Michael (Senior Steward)

Pastoral Committee Report

Our church continues to have an effective pastoral care system, and for that I must once again thank its five dedicated Pastoral Leaders – Cynthia, Marion, Mary L., Rita and Suzanne. Our pastoral groups now have an average of ten people, all of whom are Church members or adherents (regular attenders who are not Church members) and all experience the care, friendship and prayer of their Pastoral Leaders. This has been especially the case this year, when a number of our church members and adherents have been ill either in hospital or at home. The Pastoral Groups are displayed on the Pastoral Notice board in the Centenary Room, and if anyone who is not a member of such a group but would like to be, and who is worshipping regularly at Hanwell Methodist, please do see me, Rev Ajay or any of the Pastoral Leaders.

The membership of Hanwell Methodist is unchanged for the period 1st September 2023 to 1st June 2024 – it remains at 46. There have thankfully been no deaths during this period, nor any baptisms, but Rev Ajay is at present running a membership class, and we hope in the near future to add at least two new members to Hanwell Methodist.

Flowers continue to be distributed to those who are ill or in need of support. Showing people they are being thought of, by receiving a bunch of flowers, is an important aspect of our pastoral work, and we are once again grateful to Carol for organizing the flower rota, and to everyone who is part of that rota, buying and arranging the flowers weekly. All do an amazing job, both sending our get well wishes to the sick, and also making our church a more beautiful and welcoming place.

The Wednesday Coffee Morning continues to operate weekly, and all who help run it offer friendship and good cheer to the people who attend, as well as care and support to those in need. Once again, pastoral work is taking place in Hanwell Methodist, and we give our thanks to everyone who volunteers their time to bake a cake, serve coffee or simply lend an ear to those who need to talk. This is not an event organized by our Pastoral team, but it is pastoral work nevertheless – a big thank you to everyone who helps make the morning such a success.

The Pastoral Committee continues to meet two to three times a year, chaired by Rev Ajay. There are additional meetings too, such as at Christmas, when a small group of Pastoral Leaders and our Minister met at the homes of the housebound to share carols and prayer. And of course, last October saw perhaps our most important pastoral event of the year - the Pastoral Breakfast - when all the Pastoral Groups ate a superb breakfast together, and hopefully got to know each other better. The breakfast rivalled that of any five-star hotel, and a great time was had by all. Special thanks must go to Chris and Suzanne for their skills in the kitchen, and to all the Pastoral Leaders too. We hope to organize another Pastoral event next year – watch this space!

Barbara (Pastoral Committee Secretary)

Lettings Report for 1 September 2023 to June 2024

The Church continues to receive the bulk of its income from Lettings, which include rent from the Church flat, One-Off bookings and regular bookings. These bookings are managed by myself and Mary B. , and as was the case last year, I would like to start this report by thanking Mary for the considerable amount of time and effort she spends in preparing the licenses and liaising generally with our hiring groups.

THE CHURCH FLAT: Our tenants are nearing the end of their third year of tenancy of the Church flat, and we hope they will continue into a fourth. There was a leak in the water supply pipe to the flat in January, but that was covered by insurance, apart from the first £500 which the Church paid. There has been no other major expenditure since last September, but we will almost certainly have to replace the front door, and there are damp problems on the outside wall, which will be addressed as part of the quinquennial works in coming months. The Property Committee decided not to increase the rent on the flat from September 2024, so it remains at £1500 per month, with utility charges at £100 a month. Bevell's in Uxbridge Road, Hanwell continue to be our letting agents, and take a percentage from the monthly rent.

ONE-OFF BOOKINGS: From the beginning of this financial year (1st September 2023 to the present) the Church has received £2467 from One-Off bookings. We also received an additional £500 from two funeral bookings for the same period. This income from funerals compares with £2655 for the previous year. The decline in the number of funerals is noticeable and is perhaps explained by the departure of the CfCM church last September (they held quite a lot of funerals at our Church), by our funeral charges of almost £700 per funeral which does not compare favorably with other churches (and which I feel we really must review), and also because we now don't allow funeral services to be taken by anyone other than Methodist Presbyters.

REGULAR LETTINGS: These provide most of the Church's income. It's good to report that bookings have remained stable in the last ten months with no group leaving, and we have added one more new group to our hirers – the Love to Sing choir which now meets weekly on a Wednesday afternoon. Last year I reported that groups had left due to “undesirable characters” loitering around our premises. Fortunately, we have not had such problems in recent months, possibly due to the temporary fencing now installed on the left-hand side of church.

I have attached a timetable of our weekly bookings (Appendix 1.) for you to see that for most of the week, our Church halls and rooms are very well used. The timetable does not include One-Off bookings. Bookings in red are the ones which are charged for, those in blue are not. Appendix 2 compiled by Mary shows the income received from regular bookings up to June 2024. This shows that they have brought in considerable income for the Church since last September, and there are another three months to go before the end of the financial year.

For our premises to be competitive in the rental market, we must ensure that they are kept in good decorative order and are cleaned to a high standard. For the latter, we are fortunate to have Anna as our daily cleaner, and for the field, Damian , who cuts the grass monthly. And it's been good in the last year to have both Steve and Chris B. to call for the inevitable handyman jobs. A big thank you to all our maintenance team for keeping our premises in such good order.

Barbara (Bookings Officer) June 2024

Property Report

This has been a particularly challenging year for those who oversee and manage our Church and its premises on a day-to-day basis.

A major issue has been the failure of the heating system, and deciding what is best for the short-term remedy as well as starting to consider long-term heating options. At the time of writing this report, quotations and advice are being considered.

The second major issue is the identification of dry rot in the attic area above the middle hall, organising its treatment, and subsequent redecorations and repairs. This too will be done once quotations and advice are received.

Both these issues have the support and advice from our insurers who will be making a contribution to the final costs.

The Quinquennial Review of the premises took place in March and at present the Property and Finance Committee are processing the issues that have arisen. There was a very thorough survey done and further investigations are taking place to address the issues identified. The report is 42 pages and has a list of over 100 issues, ranging from needing to be done very soon to being mindful of a possible repair in the future. This detailed information can be obtained from a committee member.

We are though in a fortunate position to have financial resources that should be able to make the cost of the major issues affordable, as well as considering the other recommendations from the report. These are probably over £100k.

Two major projects have been completed – the removal of the choir pews and the updating of the “old kitchen:”

The committee has a heavy and complex workload, which has entailed many hours each week on the phone, emailing and meeting a range of professionals, and keeping paperwork up to date. The Church Council should seriously consider extending its membership.

Paul (Secretary, Property and Finance Committee).

Finance Report

Financial Update for General Church Meeting – 14th July 2024

Hanwell Methodist Church (HMC) financials continue to be recorded in Microsoft excel. Bank statements and all financial related items are being tracked at the detailed level, based on bank statements, invoices, cheques, money paid in / out of the account and bills.

Unfortunately, the move to internet banking has not taken place yet, but I hope that this can happen soon. This will make bookkeeping simpler and more efficient – this provides another mechanism in which to pay vendors, simplifies tracking of transactions and reduces paper consumption.

Regarding the financials, the church continues to have healthy bank balances. Across the three accounts – current account, business manager account and the central finance board deposit account – there is just over £250k. HMC gets income from renting parts of the church property, the church flat and gets regular offerings from a number of church members.

Though the current financial position is good; the quarterly payment to the circuit is expected to rise, there are increasing costs associated with maintaining the church building and regular income from lettings have reduced, driven by the Pentecostal church now worshipping elsewhere.

We have managed to find an independent assessor for the church financials for the year 2021/2022. Those accounts are still being assessed but are expected to be signed off shortly. Subsequently, the accounts for 2022/2023 will then be assessed soon after.

Adelaide (11th July 2024)

See Appendix 3 for Church Accounts for year ending August 2023

Wednesday Coffee Morning Report

The Wednesday Coffee morning is now nearing the end of its third year. It has continued to go from strength to strength with numbers of guests in the nineties and a hundred on one occasion, bringing with them a wide variety of challenges and needs. This coffee morning has become the main focal point of the week for some of our guests, some of whom have very little other contact. They come from a wide range of backgrounds and needs, including food bank recipients, passers-by, a place to relax after medical appointments, church members, language groups, and generally a meeting place for groups of friends.

This time last year space was becoming an issue and it was decided that we needed to create more room and easier access for buggies and wheelchairs and, importantly, clear the aisles, which access the fire exits. After much careful thought, discussion and planning, it was decided that the remaining unused choir stalls should be removed to allow tables and chairs to be placed in that area. We are pleased to say that this work has now been completed and the resulting additional space works incredibly well. The children's area is now more accessible and has been able to expand to accommodate the growing number of babies and toddlers. The table area [previously the choir stalls] now allows for larger groups to meet together as there is more space and we consider the whole improvement to be of great benefit to all

There is a very dedicated team of bakers who give their time and effort on a weekly basis and without whom this event would be unable to function. They also turn up every week to serve the refreshments and it is wonderful to note that now, some of our volunteers are from the wider community. There is another group of supportive reservists who are on standby to assist when extra help is needed at holiday times. Cakes are also donated by some of our guests and we are extremely grateful for all contributions, we just couldn't manage without them.

Our thanks go to all who support this venture

Thank you everyone

Suzanne

Safeguarding Report

Of the 15 members who need to have periodic safeguarding training, 12 have done so since the last GCM. However, as there are 2 levels of training, it means that in all there are 5 folk who still need to participate in a further session.

Similarly, there are at the moment 5 members outstanding to have up-to-date DBS checks - there should be some progress by the GCM date.

This does mean that overall, the position is much better than a year ago, but no room for complacency as many will become due for renewed checks in 2025.

During the last year 2 incidents have been reported, and dealt with appropriately, and in addition there is a situation where better safeguarding principles might well be adopted - but meantime there is felt to be no cause for concern.

Martin

Junior Church Report

This has been a very positive year, as we have seen growth in our junior church in terms of numbers and growth in the teaching and learning of our young people.

Clearly those young people who join us Sunday by Sunday seem to have a good time. With excellent help from Michael and Marion, Chris, Suzanne and others, we have followed a path of learning from the excellent Roots research and enjoyed lots of games and activities. Paper planes, that were flying with the spirit of truth, pebble painting to share Gods love, seed planting to show hope, we have made and taken part in lots of interesting and engaging things.

The normal format of the session is a welcoming prayer, game, story and reflection on the story then sharing the word through an activity. We generally close with a prayer and are learning the Lord's prayer.

Our two main challenges are firstly, not knowing how long we have to complete everything we want to achieve in a session. Often, we have too long, sometimes too short. Also, our age group is really spread. From the youngest at 4 to the oldest at 14. If we continue to grow in numbers, we really need to see if we can split into two groups. In September when the two 11-year-olds we currently have regularly, then join the 12- and 14-year-old young people at secondary school, it will be vital to provide better for them.

I feel we are blessed to have so many people willing to step in and help run the sessions, we are blessed by our young people who are bringing young life and hope to the church, and we must be thankful to God, that he has placed us here to do his work and see the impact we are having.

To close, a verse from: Philippians 4:9

“Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me or seen in me—put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you.”

Let us all continue to teach, give, speak and demonstrate Gods love to all our young people week by week.

May 2024

Jane W.

JMA Report

JMA stands for Junior Mission for All and the JMA promise is to “Learn, pray and serve with the worldwide church of Jesus Christ”. It is part of the Methodist Church worldwide mission programme and funds raised support the Methodist Church World Mission Fund and Mission in Britain Fund. The JMA magazine “Rainbow” is handed out to children in the congregation and displayed on our notice board. The most recent magazine features the Street Ecclesial Community in Birmingham and vegetable gardens in the Cape Province, South Africa.

We held our annual JMA service on Sunday 26th November. At the moment most of our JMA collectors are adult members of the congregation. It should be our aim to encourage some younger people to join JMA. I would like to thank all the JMA collectors who together raised £449 in the last financial year.

Mary L.

Christian Aid Report

Hanwell Methodist continues to support Christian Aid by raising money and awareness of the charity during Christian Aid Week. On 19th May Rev'd Ajay incorporated the Christian Aid Week service into our Parade service and we learnt about Aline, a woman who lives in Burundi. She had a difficult start in life but found support through the work Christian Aid was doing in her community. She received training so that she could set up a small business selling peanuts and avocados, enabling her to buy a bike, build her own home, get better access to healthcare and educate her family. Aline is now the chairperson of a Village Savings and Loans scheme. Now, when crops fail, storms damage homes, and people fall ill, her community is able to work together to overcome these challenges.

Door to door collecting has become increasingly difficult so most of our Christian Aid volunteers use deliver only envelopes, relying on residents to return the envelope to a specified address or to donate online. This year we delivered envelopes in nine roads and had a retiring collection at the end of a Sunday service. The church raised £546.33 in Christian Aid Week. This included door to door and delivery only collections in local streets, donations from members of our congregation and a plant sale. I would like to thank everyone who helped in any way to achieve this total.

Mary L.

Flower Fund Report

The church flowers rota has continued to work well with many people involved, bringing their ideas, skills and imagination. The appearance of the church is also enhanced by Suzanne's beautiful displays in the centenary room which are linked to the worship calendar.

The prayer tree is well used by the Wednesday coffee morning 'congregation' and others, but we need to remember to ensure that the thoughts and prayers posted there are mentioned in the prayers of intercession at Sunday worship.

Following a training course that Suzanne and I attended we have started using the pedestal display to great effect. We have also invested in a selection of silk flowers to augment those available seasonally.

We have only dipped into the flower reserve fund (£762) on a few occasions (silk flowers, reference book, floristry scissors and mothers' day daffodils) with most of the flowers coming from ad hoc donations from the arrangers and from church members who wish to remember or celebrate a life event.

If anyone would like to donate to the general fund please see me and if anyone would like flowers on a particular day or has ideas about the flowers please don't hesitate to come and chat.

Carol

July 2024

3rd Hanwell Rainbows

The Rainbows have been to a fun county session to gain a badge among normal weekly activities.

Rose and Jeanette continue but we do have a waiting list and ideally, we need another leader.

Cerys

2nd Hanwell Brownies

The Brownies have been away for a weekend abseiling, zip wire, leap of faith and more! They have been busy earning badges and learning new games.

Cerys

2nd Hanwell Guides

The Guides vary in numbers due to the pressure of school. We are still running it using the Brownie leaders so we really need some new leaders to help with either Brownies or Guides. They've also been camping and have been up to activities such as litter picking with Lager can and using Northfields Guide Centre for practicing cooking over fires.

Cerys



5th Hanwell (Methodist) Scout Group

Report for General Church Meeting - 2024

Our group continues to go from strength to strength. We are one of the biggest groups in Ealing & Hanwell but are still growing, with over 80 young people enjoying regular scouting activities:

- 24 Beavers (aged 6 to 8 years)
- 30 Cubs (aged 8 to 10)
- 32 Scouts (aged 11 to 14)

All sections have been full all year, with a long waiting list! We have a team of ten fantastic Leaders and have been assisted during the year by a dedicated team of Young Leaders (who choose to stay on and help after they leave Scouts). We are grateful to our Board of Trustees who provide crucial support and governance – we would love to invite someone from the Church to join our Board!

Last summer we held a big camp for all sections at our County campsite in Chalfont. It was a weekend full of adventurous activities including: Archery, Climbing and Zip Wires. We also invited parents to join us for a family BBQ and our AGM.

In the Autumn we did another, even bigger, camp – this time at our District campsite in Stoke Poges.

Our group had the honour of carrying the flags at the Ealing & Hanwell Remembrance parade in November.

And in the new year we took part in a football tournament and a cross country running event, and our scouts braved Glastonbury-style mud in a winter camp known as the ‘February Freezer’!

In the Spring our Beavers did a sleepover and our Cubs and Scouts camped at a local site in Southall. You might be surprised to hear that we can do such adventurous activities on our doorstep: Climbing, Abseiling, Kayaking etc. Plus we added to the challenge with some significant Hiking!

Our Scouts took part in the annual ‘Totem’ camping competition again this year – we came second in both the main competition and in the training camp. Well done 5th Hanwell!

There have been lots of other trips and events across the year, from environmental sessions to musical extravaganzas. We recently topped the bill at a local Talent Show!

We have another big camp coming up at the end of June and exciting plans for more camps and activities in the Autumn.

As well as managing camps and events, our Leaders continue to work really hard to give our young people a broad and balanced programme week in, week out. Some of our Leaders also hold senior roles in the District team, so have additional responsibilities. Huge thanks to them all.

We are proud that 17 of our young people achieved Chief Scout awards over the last year (the highest awards for each age-group), which were presented at the St George's event in Elthorne Park (in the presence of the Mayor, the Deputy Lieutenant, and our local MPs):

- 7 Beavers were awarded Bronze
- 7 Cubs were awarded Silver
- 3 Scouts were awarded Gold

These are difficult awards to achieve, and it is the first time in many years that we have had Gold recipients in 5th Hanwell – Congratulations to all the young people (and their Leaders!). The Parade Marshal at the event was our very own Stuart.

As always, we are grateful for the Church's ongoing sponsorship and support. We aim to attend at least one parade service each term and enjoyed being part of Harvest Festival, the Christmas Gift Service and the recent Pentecost service.

Thank you very much.

Mandy

Group Lead Volunteer

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED
Saturday, 31 August 2024

Ealing Trinity	Circuit	Circuit no.	35/24
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Registered Charity - Charity Registration number

1169807

If not a registered charity **His Majesty's Revenue and Customs**

Gift Aid number

(The HMRC number is equivalent to a registered charity number in terms of evidence of charitable status and may be used to give to donors or grant funders wishing to see evidence of the organisation's charitable status. Methodist charities in England and Wales that are not registered charities are excepted from registration under Statutory Instrument 2014 No.242)

Minister:

Rev Ajay Singh

Church Stewards:

Marion Garnett

George Lafford

Rita MacMurray

Michael Pidoux

Chris Rawlings

Flo Todlana

Treasurer:

Stephen Sears

SECTION A		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year		Totals last year
		£	£	£		£
a1	RECEIPTS	Note				
a2	Offerings and Tax recovered		22,352	406	22,758	23,558
a3	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income		3,177		3,177	2,804
a4	Lettings		64,135		64,135	83,510
a5	Other receipts		16,280		16,280	3,331
a6	TOTAL RECEIPTS		105,943	406	106,349	(a7) 113,203

SECTION B						
b1	PAYMENTS					
b2	Circuit Assessment or Share		14,260		14,260	28,520
b3	Donations					
b4	Repairs and Maintenance		48,297		48,297	20,496
b5	Utilities (Insurances, water charges, heating & lighting)		22,134		22,134	18,850
b6						
b7	Other payments		3,513		3,513	3,267
b8	TOTAL PAYMENTS		88,204		88,204	(b9) 71,133

SECTION C						
c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	(a6-b8)	17,739	406	18,145	42,070
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year		249,958	4,017	253,976	(c6) 211,906
c3	Sub total	(c1+c2)	267,698	4,423	272,121	253,976
c4	Transfers and adjustments					(c7)
c5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR	(c3+c4)	267,698	4,423	272,121	(c8) 253,976 (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			756	578
d2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations			557	672
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations				494
d4	BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID (d1+d2-d3)			1,313	756

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 2024 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							
e2							
e3							
e4							
e5							
e6							
e7							
e8	Sub total of Internal Organisations funds					(e11)	(e12)
e9	Church accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)	106,349 (a7)	88,204 (b9)	18,145	(c7)	253,976 (c6)	272,121 (c8)
e10	TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	106,349	88,204	18,145		253,976 (x)	272,121 (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 2024**

	OPENING BALANCES	CLOSING BALANCES
f1		
f2	171,889	193,905
f3	50,448	58,665
f4	31,639	19,551
f5		
f6		
f7	253,976 (c6)	272,121 (c8)
f8	(e11)	(e12)
f9	253,976 (x)	272,121 (y)

SECTION G**OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES**

	At 1 September 2023	At 31 August 2024
g1		
g2		
g3		
g4		
g5		

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)

Name of Church ... **Hanwell Methodist Church**

Declarations and Scrutiny

I confirm that these Receipt and Payment based accounts for the year to 31 August 2024 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... 27/06/2025

Name and address of treasurer Stephen Sears

166 Studland Road, London W7 3QZ

Presentation to the Church trustees

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2024 will be presented to the meeting of the Church trustees held on Tuesday 7th October

Signature of the Chair of the meeting . p.p. M.E. Lavelle Mary Lavelle

Name of the Chair of the meeting Rev'd Ajay Singh 27/06/2025

Examiners / auditor's report

An auditor is working on the accounts of Hanwell Methodist Church but the audit has not been completed.

Therefore, we have answered "No" to the question "Does your independent examiners/auditors report identify any areas of concern where accounting rules were not followed, disclosures not fully made or accounting records incomplete?"

Accounts

Hanwell Methodist Church

Reports for
General Church Meeting
12th June 2022

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Minister's Report

It's my privilege and has been a great honour serving Hanwell Methodist Church as a part of ministry at Ealing Trinity Circuit. After spending some valuable times since September 2021, I find all the Churches are very friendly and welcoming and nicely situated at the hub of the local community. Due to pandemic our local churches together were inactive in Hanwell, but now it's re-building up gradually.

Church Life: It was helpful having Stewards meeting time to time which helps me to prepare the worship service on the pattern based upon – 1st Sunday at Acton Hill, 2nd Sunday at Hanwell and afternoon service at King's Hall and the rest of the Sundays according to the need of the Circuit's Preaching Plan. For me having more than one churches is good to have variety on each Sundays but, I miss out connecting with Church people on the regular basis.

It's time to celebrate the generous service offered by you all, as Trustees (*Members of the Church Council*), Secretaries, Treasurer, Stewards, Pastoral Visitors, Property & Finance Stewards, Sunday School Leaders, Organists and the people use our premises for various purposes. We have one Pentecostal Church running in our premises every Sunday in the afternoon. I want to give my special thanks to all of you who are volunteering with dedication on different roles and responsibilities in spiritual and social areas.

Church News: The Church life is running smoothly having all the activities in its own space and times. Life of the Church was affected a bit during the pandemic but we are holding few regular events like coffee morning for local community, however we have recently started coffee after the service where we need more volunteers to run it on the regular basis. It gives opportunity to engage in the fellowship. People do have access without any hesitation. Community runs the Soup kitchen to help the homeless on every Thursday morning. Worship service running every Sunday at 11 am and we are having Baptism, Wedding and Funeral service on request. Pastorally, there are few members who are struggling with their ill health, but they do have proper pastoral support and are remembered regularly in our prayers. Members and the community are weekly updated by our HMC News Letter edited and published by Mr Ray who is a Worship Leader and a very committed member of our Church.

Circuit: Looking at our Church on the bigger map; Hanwell Methodist Church is part of Ealing Trinity Circuit, London District. Rev Rachel is our Superintendent and having pastoral oversight for Greenford Methodist Church and Northolt Methodist Church. Rev Susan (Minister), having pastoral oversight of Ealing Green (*URC & Methodist LEP*) Church, Kingsdown Methodist Church and Pitshanger Methodist Church. Rev Theresa (Deacon) who serves the community in the whole area of our Circuit, and me having pastoral oversight of Acton Hill (*Methodist & URC LEP*) Church, Hanwell Methodist Church and King's Hall Church at Southall. To assist the work of the Circuit we have Mr Gerald (p/t Circuit Office Administrator), Mr Will (p/t Finance Administrator), Mr Monty (p/t Property Administrator) and Mrs Mercia (p/t Pastoral Worker for Rev Rachel's Section).

Circuit is struggling with a smaller number of Circuit Stewards, so, I urge you if any of you have quality of leadership and having new ideas of active leadership, could be willing to join the Circuit Leadership then please speak to me.

District News: Rev Nigel is our new District Chair from Sept 2021 after Rev Michela has moved and became the Assistant Conference Secretary. We had Representative Synods and Ministerial Synod for this connexional year.

The Methodist Conference 2021 has agreed for the same sex marriage in the Methodist Church. However, it's up to the Minister and the Church (Church Council) to decide whether they be registered for the same sex marriage or not. The conversation is in progress.

At last, but not the least 'A Big Thank You' to all of you who are holding and supporting each other in prayers with Christian love, it is my first report in the first year of stationing. You all are always in my prayers. May you have a blessed times as we all are journeying together in the mission of Christ.
Shalom!

Rev Ajay (Presbyter) Minister
Hanwell Methodist Church

Stewards' Report

It's been a busy year for the Stewards. We said goodbye to the Rev Shirlyn in early August and prepared to welcome the Rev Ajay later in the month. After he arrived, for the first 10 days or so, we co-ordinated a rota with the other Churches which Ajay is looking after to ensure that, initially, after his arrival someone from one of his Churches contacted him every day to see if help was needed. We formally welcomed Ajay to be our Minister at the Circuit service on August 29th 2021 at Acton Hill.

Weekly services have continued at Hanwell throughout the year with relevant precautions against Covid being taken. We'll come back to those later.

It has been wonderful that the Sunday School has started again in a regular consistent pattern. This is largely due to Jane volunteering to be the Sunday School leader. We are, of course, very grateful for all the work Mary L. has done with the Sunday School in the past. We hope that she will return at some point in the future.

Since Ajay arrived, the format of the Sunday School has changed with the children leaving the service after the first hymn and coming back at the end of the service to tell the congregation what they have done. This seems a successful format particularly because Jane always ensures the children always have a fantastic activity to take part in. Numbers in the Sunday School are small but variable and did go as high as twelve on Easter Sunday.

There have also been regular parade services with the uniformed organisations - a relationship which we definitely want to nurture.

Serving coffee after the Church service has restarted. Some weeks there is no-one to serve coffee. If that is the case, then often biscuits are still available.

There has been a change in the way the Benevolent collection has been taken. Instead of being taken monthly at the Communion service, the

plate is now put out weekly in the Centenary Room for people to give, as they wish.

Triggered by the war in Ukraine, there have also been collections during the past year for refugees. This money was given to All We Can – The Methodist Relief and Development Fund.

With regards to Covid, guided by the Covid Risk Assessment, precautions have, of course, been taken until Church Council decided they could be stopped. Precautions included specific Covid cleaning after each service, increased ventilation, mask wearing and social distancing. Because of Covid, we started routinely opening the gallery for services and it has been a popular place to sit for some people. Covid also meant that there has been an alteration in the format of some services such as the way in which the collection has been taken but these altered arrangements are virtually all back to normal now. Covid also meant that there were changes in the stewards' duties with, for example, the second steward being needed to take a register or collect the contact details of those attending for Test and Trace purposes. This has now been discontinued.

Covid has also meant that some Church meetings have taken place on Zoom rather than in person at the Church.

The start of Ajay's Ministry here at Hanwell also coincided with the restart of the hard copy publication of the weekly HMC News. Although the Editor, Ray had been circulating news electronically throughout the pandemic, production of the hard copies of HMC News stopped on March 22nd 2020. They restarted on September 19th 2021, although people are encouraged to view it electronically, if they can rather than take a hard copy. There are now over 50 people on the electronic HMC News circulation list.

The Church has celebrated the special occasions in our Christian calendar. For example, at Christmas there was a choir for the candlelight carol service and at Easter we had the wonderful Easter cross that was decorated with flowers that the congregation had brought. Our thanks are due to all those who facilitated these occasions by, for example, putting the candleholders up and the Easter Cross in position.

During the past year, after being involved for 76 years, in some way, with doing the Church flowers, Jean gave up doing the flowers. Jean always made sure the flowers looked magnificent. We are very grateful to Jean for her faithful service. There is now a rota for the flowers with Carol being the lead for the rota.

We are grateful to all those who help facilitate the worship in any way at all, Mary B. and Steve on the audio-visual desk and Gareth on the organ. As well as, of course, all those keeping the premises and property in order so that worship can be carried out.

The stewards have also been involved with facilitating the Circuit Day at Hanwell on April 9th. Although, unfortunately, attendance at this was adversely affected by Covid, including amongst the stewards.

We are also aware that Rev Ajay is running a membership class on June 11th

For the past year, there have been five stewards, Chris, Rita, Michael, and George. It was good news that George was welcomed as a new steward to Hanwell last June. As he is already an experienced Methodist Steward, he has settled in very quickly. Marion has been Senior Steward for the past year.

One of the challenges for the stewards is that during the year, there have been noticeably more local arrangements on the preaching plan. The stewards have tended to take these in turn with help from Jane and the Worship Leaders Ray and Cynthia. It sounds as though this number of Local Arrangements is likely to continue for the foreseeable future

I should like to take this opportunity to thank the Rev Ajay and the stewards for all their work during the year in ensuring that worship can take place at Hanwell Methodist Church. I should also like to thank all those who help with this in any way at all and also the congregation for being so supportive.

With regard to the future, there are many challenges - a key one of which, is the need to increase the size of our congregation. We ignore this at our peril. We need to do all we can to make sure that every single person who comes through the doors of our Church feels welcome, finds what they are spiritually looking for and wants to return.

(May 2022 Marion – Senior Steward)

Pastoral Committee Report

Members and Adherents of Hanwell Methodist Church have continued to be part of one of six Pastoral Groups, the Leaders of which have remained the same for the past year. I will begin my report by saying a huge Thank You to these Leaders – Rita, Suzanne, Cynthia, Mary and Marion – whose care, friendship, visits and prayer for those in their group have been so much appreciated. The pandemic has meant that attendance at Church has been difficult for some of the elderly and vulnerable, who have not felt confident to attend, and also for quite a few who actually contracted Covid, but throughout this period, our Pastoral Leaders have kept in touch with their members. I'm pleased to report that almost everyone is now back at Church. Covid restrictions also resulted in the Christmas visits to the housebound being cancelled, but we are really hoping these can be resumed this coming December.

Membership of the Methodist Church at Hanwell has remained much the same since my last report a year ago, but we were saddened to hear of the passing of Lucille in September, and Esme last month. Lucille had

been housebound for 6 years but before that she had attended regularly, and Esme had moved away 25 years ago, but came back every year when she visited her family in Hanwell. We will miss them both. We have had new members though – Ruby and George both transferred their membership to Hanwell, and are now part of a Pastoral Group, as is Jane – all three were former members of Kings Hall Morning congregation, and we are delighted to welcome them. We now have 41 members, and 14 adherents – people who attend Church regularly but are not actual members.

The next Pastoral Meeting will be held in June, the date as yet undecided. If anyone reading this has been attending Church for some time and is not part of a Pastoral Group but would like to be, please do come and see me or any of one of the Pastoral Leaders (if you're not sure who they are, just look at the Pastoral noticeboard in the Centenary Room (the Church foyer)). It is hoped that discussion at the next meeting will include another Pastoral event, where members of each group will have the opportunity to get together. It doesn't happen very often, so we'd really like to organize something for the near future.

Distribution of flowers to the sick has always been a big part of pastoral care at Hanwell, and for years was undertaken by Jean. Jean, however, has sadly had to give up her flower duties because of ill health, and I would like to say a huge thank you to her for all the years she has so faithfully carried out this task. Happily, her mantle has been picked up by a team of ladies in the Church, led by Carol, with the result that flowers continue to be given to those who are unwell, or those who simply need to know that they are being thought of during a difficult time.

I cannot conclude this report without mentioning quite a big change at Hanwell! In July we said Goodbye to our Minister, Rev Shirlyn, who had ably chaired our Pastoral Committee for five years, and we wished her well in her new Church at Royal Wootton Bassett. We then welcomed our present Minister, Rev Ajay, who has quickly become part of the Hanwell family, and we look forward to his continuing Pastoral leadership in the coming years. (Barbara – Pastoral Secretary)

Finance Report

HMC financial records are held in an accounts management system called Data Developments.

Data Developments was developed for use by churches and there is nothing fundamentally wrong with it.

The Circuit uses Data Developments to maintain its accounts, BUT although I am the circuit Treasurer, I do not manage the accounts system which is maintained by the finance administrator, Will.

However, I am getting to know the system and will eventually be able to maintain it, but it will take a considerable amount of time.

The records are not up to date for a variety of reasons including my holiday and so there is a backlog of entries required stretching back to mid-February - this is a great deal of work, several hours at least, which in terms of the time I have available may take several weeks.

We do have a real dilemma regarding the use of Data Developments. If we are to continue using it we need to ensure that we always have someone ready to take over. Although, for various reasons, there is a backlog of work the handover was cooperative. This might not always be the case.

I am seriously considering whether it might not be better to revert to an Excel spreadsheet system, but to make that switch at this stage would involve re-entering nearly 500 records. I'm not yet sure what to recommend, but if I can get on top of the Data Developments system it may be best to make the change at the end of the financial year.

The good news is that we have plenty of money, in excess of £200,000 at the end of April.

Our most immediate priority is to change the correspondence address for the HSBC bank and CFB to the church address.

We also need to change the signatories of the accounts, removing David S. and adding anyone else we think appropriate, particularly me.

This can only be done by the existing signatories.

Stephen

18/05/22

Lettings Report

Bookings officer: Mrs Barbara. Lettings Officer: One-off bookings: Mrs Barbara, Regular licenced groups: Mrs Mary B. (still temporary).

14 Regular Groups under contract at 14th May 2022:

- Badminton Players
- Chosen for Christ Ministries (CfCM) Pentecostal Church
- Ealing Taekwondo
- ELATT
- Gardening Club

- Georgiana Elite Dance Academy
- GLOC Musical Theatre
- Hanwell Bunnies Pre-School Playgroup
- Hanwell Table Tennis Club
- Hanwell Homeless (Charge waived)
- Hartbeeps
- ICHT
- Kids Yoga Flow
- St Mellitus Sunday School

Groups no longer running

- Keep Fit
- Little Hands Baby Signing
- Monkey Music

Our rates are:

- Main Hall, Memorial Hall: both £22.00 per hour (rising to £24 in Sept. 2022)
- Centenary Room: £20.00 per hour.
- Church: £80.00 per hour (cost includes use of AV system and Centenary Room)
- Middle Hall: £15.00 per hour
- Parlour: £15.00 per hour
- Small Office: £15.00 per hour
- Field: £20.00 per hour (Groups using the field as part of their contract are asked to contribute towards mowing costs.)

We do not offer standard reduced rates for charity or community lets, but our rates are very competitive within our area, and we offer a regular discount of 20% to groups regularly hiring one of our larger halls for 15 or more hours a week or hiring the whole of the premises for a whole day.

See separate Excel spreadsheet for Lettings Income up to the April statement.

(Compiled by Mary L. using data on Excel spreadsheet and Lettings report from 2021).

Property Report

The following are issues that have been undertaken during the past year. Covid has meant the premises have not been used as much, but there still have been regular maintenance issues to resolve and a commitment to plan to carry out longer term developments of the premises.

- New ceiling installed in the old kitchen
- Quotes for updating the Old Kitchen being obtained
- Heating timers – still being pursued
- Main hall - quotes for new ceiling, decoration and electrical works – additional sockets and screen being obtained
- Youth room – new lighting installed, was decorated, new flooring installed and storage shelving
- Stage clearance
- Updated amplification in Church
- Repair and replacement of flat roof, and major ceiling repairs in Main Hall
- Full fire survey – replace and update extinguishers
- PAT update
- Change in gardening contractor

Many thanks are due to the stalwarts of the committee, who deal with many unseen and minor but essential issues. Also, for their care, commitment and diligence in maintaining our Church and its premises to such a high standard.

(Paul – Secretary Property and Finance Committee)

Wednesday Coffee Morning Report

We opened our coffee morning in Hanwell last September, aware that there were some people who were on their own and hadn't been able to see anyone during the pandemic. We had no idea if anyone would venture

inside the church, but we took the plunge and made sure that everything was safe to go ahead.

We spread out six tables, which had plenty of room around each one, and obeyed all the rules that the government had issued. We were so glad that we did it, as every Wednesday it's such a joy seeing those who have been able to come out to have some coffee, a slice of cake and most importantly, a chat with a volunteer.

Gill is busy in the kitchen brewing up a selection of different flavours of tea and makes proper coffee. Suzanne cuts and serves a choice from three types of homemade cakes. Our other volunteers help by serving the tea and coffee and having conversations with the visitors.

I stand outside and encourage people to come in. Sometimes they can be more hesitant, but after some kind words and understanding of what we do here, they often come inside. Our coffee morning is free, but we have had many donations towards what we do.

I have some lovely chats with people who pass by and enquire. They have all said what a wonderful job we are doing here. It's so heartening when the visitors leave and tap me on the shoulder to say: "Thank you, I haven't seen anyone for ages to talk to." This means so much to them. So now we have regulars that come every week.

We have some people that ask if they can just come in to pray, which is also really nice, and as Ajay is here most Wednesdays, he is on hand if people need a prayer said for them.

We hand out cake for those in a hurry or have come by from the food bank across the road. I'm so saddened looking across the road and seeing how many people are waiting for it to open.

I now realise how many local people need a helping hand, and we hope that our coffee morning can be of help too. If you're passing by on a Wednesday morning, please pop in for refreshments as we will be happy to welcome those who haven't been. Better yet, have a think about volunteering, whether it's making cakes, helping to serve hot drinks or to just speak to those who may be lonely in these times.

(Rita)

Safeguarding Report

- There has been one issue this Methodist Church year.

- Plans are in the process for training for Foundation and Advanced training, for the Circuit - in the summer and autumn.
- A review of who has, who needs updating and who needs a DBS is being carried out this summer.
- There were no Safeguarding issues arising whilst the various rules and guidance were implemented during Covid.

(Paul)

Flower Report

Having recently taken overall co-ordination of the church flowers after all the wonderful years of service by Jean, Suzanne and I are trying to co-ordinate with a "light touch". We have 2 Peace Lilies that can be displayed when there are no fresh flowers and on communion Sundays or any special services, we have a rota of people who will bring their own ideas of an arrangement. This can be formal or informal. So far this is working well and I am hoping that more and more people will get involved and bring their creativity to this part of church life.

The flower fund has been added to the general church funds and I wanted to ask if we can have a cash float of £50 if this is needed?

Any ideas welcome

Many thanks

(Carol)

JMA Report

The Junior Mission for All (JMA) is part of the Methodist Church worldwide mission programme. It was created so that children would be able to learn about and support the mission of the Church in a fun, creative and engaging way. JMA collectors raise funds to support the Methodist Church's World Mission Fund and Mission in Britain.

We have a small number of collectors who raised just over £230 in the last financial year. We are hoping to hold the JMA Commissioning service and have a re-launch in the Autumn to try and involve more children.

(Mary)

Christian Aid Report

For many years we have supported Christian Aid by fund raising during Christian Aid week. In 2021 the Coronavirus pandemic affected our normal methods of fund raising. The Christian Aid sponsored walk "Circle the City" was cancelled and many people were not happy about doing door-to-door collections. Despite this Hanwell Methodist raised £392.40.

(Mary)

Sunday School Report

I am pleased to be leading our Junior Church here at Hanwell, as children are truly the foundation stones, of a church that wants to grow.

I was brought up in the Methodist faith and became a member when I was just 18 - nearly 50 years ago. Throughout that time, I worshiped at Kings Hall Southall and after marrying and moving away, continued worshipping at Wesley Methodist Church in High Wycombe. After the children were born, we both finally transferred our membership to Union Baptist Church High Wycombe, where I became a leader of one of the Junior Church groups there.

Looking after my mum in her later years brought me back to Southall and after the closure of our church building, here to Hanwell, where we have been made the most welcome. By being willing to lead the young people here, is a way of giving back.

The numbers of children I see on a Sunday can vary enormously. However, I don't think anyone could have prepared us for serving 12 young people on Easter Sunday. It was a joy and a blessing albeit a slightly scrambled affair. Thanks to everyone who joined in and supported the mornings activities.

On a "normal" Sunday we generally have three to four young people who vary in ages from 2 - 9. This makes delivery of the content often quite challenging, although the Roots subscription we have is very comprehensive. However, it always focusses on the New Testament lectionary reading, so I sometimes create something new so we can appreciate stories and Psalms from the Old Testament.

There will be some Sundays in the coming summer months when I won't be able to be in Hanwell. I am hoping other church members will be able to keep the continuity going, as I think that is what is important. I will prepare and print all the necessary resources for the weeks I know I can't be there and I am sure that, as a team, we will work together.

What the future holds I do not know. It's in God's plan where my husband and I finally decide to properly retire to, but until then I will do my best to serve God in this way if this is what the church wants.

(Jane)

Family & Fund-raising Group Report

It appears that the last F&FR report I gave was exactly two years ago (May 2020) which covered half of 2019 and half of 2020. We were then at the beginning of the first lockdown and we still had illusions of getting back to normal by the end of the year!

Our Church opened its doors permanently from Easter Sunday 2021, but the resumption of any social / fund-raising activities was much further delayed because of the close contact involved, especially with the big events. In short, no Easter Egg Hunts and no Barn Dances since 2019.

We did manage to squeeze in a Winter Craft Market in November 2021 with fewer tables spread over more rooms, a one-way system, lots of hand gel and more ventilation. We did not know how many people would want to come out to a potentially busy environment but in the end we had a good, steady turn-out - maybe because everybody wanted to make sure that they were ready for Christmas in case it was pulled again and/or maybe because there were very few other Christmas fairs around and/or maybe we are just becoming a must-do event... Organising the WCM starts before the summer holidays and demands many (wo)man hours - a big thank-you again to all those who helped it happen, in whatever way they could. Without diminishing anybody's input, I have to say a particularly big thank-you to Chris for again allowing me to volunteer him for organising the catering, and for all his input in helping decorate the Centenary Room, the Church, the main hall and this time the middle hall. A big thank-you also to George from the Southall congregation who donated the delicious curries. We made just under £1,000.

Covid and its lockdown put an abrupt end to all our activities but did give us a chance to re-evaluate what we have been doing and what is important to us both in our home lives and at Church. For well over a year we met for coffee via Zoom but these meetings came to an end in the summer of 2021 as we planned to open up the Church Centenary Room for coffee, not only for ourselves but also for our community. Because of the vagaries of Covid, the Wednesday coffee mornings at the Church did not start until 15th September but have been going from strength to strength ever since. We were open throughout Christmas and the New Year and the school holidays. We have regular regulars, irregular regulars, and one-off visitors. We have some of our own Church members attending and some of their friends, plus members of other Churches, hall users, food bank visitors, Health Centre visitors and general passers-by. We have been much appreciated especially by those who live alone or cannot afford to go out regularly for a coffee and chat with friends. We do not charge but the donations jar regularly has £20+ in it which covers our costs. We have a band of regular helpers and others who will help out now and again in an emergency but we welcome anybody else who would

like to 'learn the ropes' or bake a cake - luckily we have some keen bakers because we now get through 4-5 cakes per week!

There is no separate Wednesday Club report this year as this is one of the activities that seems to have fallen by the wayside over the last two years. Some of us feel it may have served its purpose and should now be retired but as we have not had a F&FR meeting for ages, I would be interested to know what other people think.

There is also no Grandparents & Toddlers report this year as this remains closed. There have been plans to start it up again but they have always been knocked back either by the imposition of new Covid restrictions or the lifting of them, as many Grandparents are clinically vulnerable while their grandchildren are a possible source of infection. We do miss the toddlers who used to come to us but they are no longer toddling so we will have to start from scratch when we do start up with a big advertising campaign.

I have heard some mutterings in Church about starting up our meetings again so it would be useful to know who would like to come along and what you would like to see happening over the next 12 months. Maybe it would be a good time to start up again after the GCM and maybe the enforced break has filled us with renewed energy!

(Gill - on behalf of Family & Fund-raising group)

3rd Hanwell Rainbows Report

From having 2 left following lockdown in Rainbows we are now back to being full with a waiting list. The Rainbows have been enjoying earning skills builders' badges and activities such as building dens, carrying out science experiments and trying to cook things over a tea light! (The marshmallows were the most popular). The girls have really built their confidence in their skills and making friends with each other. As sadly a fair few units have closed, we have girls from all around Ealing, but mostly local Hanwell schools (and a home schooled child).

Guiding has now changed and we now can take 4 year olds into the unit. We don't have the extra leaders for that at the moment so will have to wait and see.

(Cerys)

2nd Hanwell Brownies Report

We've had a busy term completing badges and 6 older Brownies are near to completing their Brownie Gold Award. We had a sleepover in February at Paxmead Guiding Riverside base and were very lucky with the weather allowing us to spend lots of time outside. The theme was 'I'm a Brownie

get me out of here'. There were bush tucker trials to win stars for gold coins to take home at the end of the weekend. We also had the very funny magician entertainer Jelly Kelly on Saturday evening following our 'banquet'. The Brownies all took turns in helping to prepare meals, lay tables and clean the holiday home. As well as fitting in baking, crafts, a walk along the river and games (with some sleep thrown in). We are hoping we can find more help to open the Guide unit again as there is limited space anywhere else for the older girls to go / or it is not in walking distance.

(Cerys)

5th Hanwell (Methodist) Scout Group Report

We continue to have a strong group, with over 70 young people enjoying regular scouting activities:

- 24 Beavers (aged 6 to 8 years)
- 26 Cubs (aged 8 to 10)
- 28 Scouts (aged 11 to 14)

All sections have been full all year, with a long waiting list!

We have a team of nine fantastically dedicated Leaders who are enjoying getting back to normal activities after the pandemic.

We re-started face-2-face sessions as soon as restrictions were lifted and have already done a good range of camps and adventurous activities.

Last summer, before we were allowed to do residential events, we did some outdoor-pursuits days and a variety of other visits and outings. Then, in September, 40 Scouts and Cubs did a two-night camp (our first for two years!), with the Scouts camping again later in the Autumn.

This spring we have already held a sleepover for our Beavers, as well as another two camps for our Scouts and Cubs (our April camp involved lots of challenging activities including kayaking on the Grand Union canal, archery and some significant hiking).

Our Scouts recently took part in a camping competition called Totem – they came 4th. And we have another camp coming up in June with over 50

of our young people signed up to take part in climbing, karting, caving and much much more!

As well as managing camps and events, our Leaders continue to work really hard to give our young people a broad and balanced programme week in, week out. Huge thanks to them all.

We are proud that eighteen of our young people achieved Chief Scout awards over the last year (the highest awards for each age-group), which were presented at our St George's event in Walpole Park (in the presence of the Mayor, the Deputy Lieutenant, and our local MPs):

- 12 Beavers were awarded Bronze
- 6 Cubs were awarded Silver

We are grateful for the Church's ongoing sponsorship and support and were pleased to meet the new Minister. It has been nice to reinstate parade services post-covid; we look forward to the next one!

Mandy - Group Scout Leader

THE METHODIST CHURCH

STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

Hanwell Methodist

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31 August 2022

Ealing Trinity	Circuit	Circuit no.	35
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Registered Charity - Charity Registration number

116

If not a registered charity **Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs Gift Aid number**

(The HMRC number is equivalent to a registered charity number in terms of evidence of charitable status and may be used to give to donors or grant funders wishing to see evidence of the organisation's charitable status. Methodist charities in England and Wales that are not registered charities are exempt from registration under Statutory Instrument 2014 No.242)

Minister:

Rev Ajay Singh

Church Stewards:

Martin Kingsnorth

Marion Garnett

Rita MacMurray

Michael Pidoux

Christopher Rawlings

Treasurer:

Adelaide Baah

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SECTION A		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year		Totals last year
		£	£	£		£
a1	RECEIPTS	Note				
a2	Offerings and Tax recovered		15,064		15,064	20,068
a3	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income		1,021		1,021	504
a4	Lettings		98,851		98,851	49,243
a5	Other receipts		2,913	265	3,178	472
a6	TOTAL RECEIPTS		117,850	265	118,115 (a7)	70,287

SECTION B						
b1	PAYMENTS					
b2	Circuit Assessment or Share		28,520		28,520	29,874
b3	Donations				0	
b4	Repairs and Maintenance		24,837		24,837	24,291
b5	Utilities (Insurances, water charges, heating & lighting)		15,819		15,819	15,178
b6	Cleaning		4,624		4,624	
b7	Other payments		3,964		3,964	1,540
b8	TOTAL PAYMENTS		77,764	0	77,764 (b9)	70,883

SECTION C						
c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	(a6-b8)	40,086	265	40,350	(596)
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year		166,276	3,669	169,945 (c6)	170,541
c3	Sub total	(c1+c2)	206,362	3,934	210,295	169,945
c4	Transfers and adjustments				0 (c7)	
c5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR	(c3+c4)	206,362	3,934	210,295 (c8)	169,945 (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			5		160
d2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations			494		320
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations			0		475
d4	BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID (d1+d2-d3)			499		5

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 2022 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	Flower Fund	0					0
e2	Wednesday Club	0					0
e3				0			0
e4				0			0
e5				0			0
e6				0			0
e7				0			0
e8	Sub total of Internal Organisations funds	0	0	0	0	0 (e11)	0 (e12)
e9	Church accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)	118,115 (a7)	77,764 (b9)	40,350	(c7)	169,945 (c6)	210,295 (c8)
e10	TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	118,115	77,764	40,350	0	169,945 (x)	210,295 (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 2022**

		OPENING BALANCES	CLOSING BALANCES
f1	Cash in hand		
f2	Bank Current Account	50,472	111,760
f3	Bank Deposit Account	35,981	43,044
f4	Central Finance Board	85,186	57,679
f5	Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes		
f6	Other funds		
f7	SUB TOTAL - Church accounts	171,639 (c6)	212,483 (c8)
f8	Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance total from above) (e12)	0 (e11)	0 (e12)
f9	TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	171,639 (x)	212,483 (y)

SECTION G**OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES**

		At 1 September 2021	At 31 August 2022
g1	Investments (include Endowments)		
g2	Land & Buildings (see notes re Insurance value)		
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)

Name of Church No.....

Declarations and Scrutiny

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

Signature of treasurer Date.....

Name and address of treasurer

..... Post Code.....

Presentation to the Church trustees

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2022 were presented to the meeting of the Church trustees held on

Signature of the Chair of the meeting

Name of the Chair of the meeting Date

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of

.....Church

Charity Number

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the for the year ended 31 August 2022 set out on pages ... to As the Church's trustee 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(5)(b) of the Act and, in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions issued by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

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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 for concern in that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Companies Act 2006
- 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 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 Trust or Church Purposes or held in other trusts, bank balances and funds at the Central Finance Committee of the Methodist Church which are individually in excess of £10,000 (ten thousand pounds) as at the date of the statement.

Signature of independent examiner

Name of independent examiner

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner

Name of firm (where appropriate)

Address

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For Hanwell methodist Church the auditor's report is still pending, therefore we are unable to answer the question around areas of concern at this time but hope to rectify as soon as possible.

In order to submit the annual return, I have answered 'no' but will revisit if any areas of concern are identified as part of the audit.

Many thanks,

Treasurer

Accounts

Hanwell Methodist Church **Reports for General Church Meeting 2021**

Stewards' Report

Marion, Rita, Spiwe, Chris, Michael and I have been able to carry on as Church Stewards for the past year – but, of course, in the circumstances arising from Coronavirus.

In conjunction with Rev. Shirlyn ours is a leadership role in the Church – in particular seeing that planned services are held, and trying to keep in touch with what our members want to happen. Consequently, our priority has been to keep ready to resume services as soon as permitted by the various guidelines and restrictions, while being mindful of when folk are willing and able to return.

Quite challenging – and, as you know, it was only possible to open on nine Sundays in late summer and autumn, but happily including our Harvest Festival and Gift services. At long last, and appropriately, Church reopened again on Easter Sunday, and this time, we trust, it's an irreversible decision!

As we've only had one opportunity to formally meet together, many other considerations are in abeyance. Obviously we all face a challenging time ahead, with many restrictions still in place for the time being, and maybe some hard decisions to be made.

(Martin K. – Acting Senior Steward)

Property Report

1. Works done since last meeting (May 2020)

- Meeting Covid requirements
- Kitchen door and hatch upgrade
- New fire doors in Memorial Hall
- Pest removal – squirrels above Memorial Hall
- Boiler repairs - pumps
- Toilet repairs – blockage and leak in ladies, seat replacement in gents.
- Electrical repairs, update and testing
- Methodist Insurance review
- Annual fire safety review
- Stage clearance
- Purchase of storage container for rock salt
- Installation of door bells – to flat and side entrance to Church

2. Works to be done update

- **It was agreed at the Property and Finance meeting in March to postpone major works until later this year when the financial position of the Church is clearer.**
- Remote heating controls - further two quotes are to be sought, but works to be done
- Old kitchen
- Corridor flooring
- Main hall – to consider suggestions made in past year
- Sand bags to be sold off
- Stage – back curtains replacement and main curtains operation repaired– two quotes to be sought; consider its use and subsequent repair/removal of when considering use of and upgrade of the Church Hall
- Ladies toilet blockages to be cleared as and when they occur

(Paul W. 26/04/2021)

Pastoral Committee Report

During the last year, our Pastoral Leaders have continued to keep in touch with members of their group, even though Covid restrictions have meant home visits are no longer possible. It is good to report that all Church members and adherents, at the time of writing, appear to be in good or reasonable health.

Of course, our Church family has had sad news in recent months – Inez's husband, Osborne, passed away at the end of last year, and Angela in January. Angela had attended Church regularly, and she will be much missed by our congregation. It was also sad to hear that David, husband of Dawn, our Church cleaner until last August, died just before Christmas.

The Pastoral Committee last met, on Zoom, on November 16th, and we will be meeting again in the next couple of months. We are hoping that it will be possible to hold another social gathering focusing on Pastoral Groups later in the year, but as with all Church events, so much depends on the relaxation of the present Covid restrictions.

Being now quite an elderly congregation, many of our members and adherents have been shielding in the last year, or have felt it safer to stay at home, so these two factors, in conjunction with Lockdown, have meant a normal Sunday congregation has not taken place for over a year. However, our spirits have been kept high with online services, bible studies, Zoom coffee mornings and everyone keeping in touch, one way or another. A big thank you to all for your pastoral care for each other.

Finally, our Membership now stands at 37 (with an additional 6 Members having ceased to attend Hanwell Methodist), and we have 16 Adherents, and a further 11 Friends. (Barbara W. - April 2021)

Finance Report

This report shows our financial position at the beginning of March, which being halfway through the financial year, gives a good indication of how our finances are running for the year.

Our church and Halls have been closed for a substantial period this year in response to the Coronavirus pandemic and most of our income ceased overnight, although unfortunately not all our expenditure. In the following Review the first column (in italics) shows our actual income and expenditure on the 10 March 2021, and the second column indicates my projections at Year End on 31 August 2021. Although our premises are now re-opening, and Lettings are starting to resume, it is unlikely that the projection will change significantly.

Several things have helped us during this period:

1. Thanks to our Lettings Team the Bunnies Nursery has been allowed to continue and our Church Flat is now re-let and producing a monthly income again,
2. And thanks to your generosity our income from Standing Orders has remained consistent even though worship ceased for a long time.

However, at the beginning of March our outgoings were nearly £14,000 more than our income and the projection is that this deficit will increase to over £19,000 by the end of August. We are very blessed that we have sufficient Available Funds in our Reserves to withstand this deficit, although these will further reduce at the end of August as a result. During a normal year we can fund most of our property and worship projects directly from our income, supplemented by the Available Funds only if necessary. A table explaining our Reserve Funds and their constituents is included at the bottom of the Review.

Mission

It is unlikely that our existing Mission models such as the Easter Egg Hunt and Beach Party will be able to restart and possibly the number of guests invited to the G&T Group would be constrained. These Mission activities have served our community well for many years and a major challenge next year would be investigating new models of Church Mission and how we fund them.

David S.
Treasurer

Review of Church Funds and Projection to Year End

Income	At 10/03/21	Projected at YEAR END
Offerings	2,598	3,598
Standing Orders	4,820	9,640
Lettings	13,814	17,930
Flat rental	8,673	13,746
Donations (Excluding Memorium)	272	272
Other	455	455
	<u>30,632</u>	<u>45,641</u>
Expenditure	At 10/03/21	Projected at YEAR END
Assessment	14,134	28,268
Insurance	10,530	10,530
Professional Services, Copyright, Organist	730	730
Gas	70	550
Electricity	2,141	4,282
Water	894	1,788
Waste collection	120	240
WiFi	481	962
Cleaning	171	342
Maintenance (incl Electrical Tests)	917	1,850
Garden	6,176	7,500
H&S Report works	589	1,256
	6,931	6,931
	326	326
	<u>44,210</u>	<u>65,555</u>
Funding Required from Reserves	19,914	
Church Funds at 10 March 2021	196,311	
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Investment Funds	38,355	
Restricted Funds	3,196	
Reserves Policy (General 35k, Organ 40k Building 20k)	95,000	
Resultant Available Funds	<u>59,760</u>	

Finance Review 10 March 2021
David S.

Lettings Report

Bookings officer: Mrs Barbara W. Lettings Officer: One-off bookings: Mrs Barbara W., Regular licenced groups: Mrs Mary B. (still temporary).

17 Regular Groups under contract at 14th May 2021:

- *Badminton Players* **
- *Canine School for Skills* **
- Chosen for Christ Ministries (CfCM) Pentecostal Church
- Ealing Taekwondo
- *Gardening Club* ** (returning September)
- Georgiana Elite Dance Academy
- Gemstones (Russian Drama Lessons)
- *GLOC Musical Theatre* ** (returning June)
- Hanwell Bunnies Pre-School Playgroup
- *Hanwell Table Tennis Club* **
- Hanwell Homeless (Charge waived)
- Hartbeeps (Temporary booking for summer term)
- *Keep Fit* ** (Returning 18th May experimentally on a different day for two weeks)
- Little Hands Baby Signing
- *Pulse Healthcare Ltd. (Sessions for pre-diabetics run under the auspices of NHS)* **
- St Mellitus Sunday School
- *Yoga (Caroline K.)* **

We also took a very lucrative booking for filming Motherland, and have been in demand for funeral bookings.

Groups in *italics* ** have yet to restart after the Covid lockdown. Hanwell Homeless take-away lunches have run throughout all lockdowns, and Hanwell Bunnies have run all through this financial year with the exception of two closures in January because of staff with Covid.

Our rates were reviewed in March and are to remain unchanged until September 2022 with the exception of the newly refurbished office, which is to increase to £15.00 an hour this September. Rates are usually reviewed annually at the January Finance and Property Committee meeting, which was delayed this year until March because of Covid lockdown.

- Main Hall, Memorial Hall: both £22.00 per hour
- Centenary Room: £20.00 per hour.
- Church: £80.00 per hour (cost includes use of AV system)
- Middle Hall: £15.00 per hour
- Parlour: £15.00 per hour
- Small Office: £12.00 per hour (increasing to £15.00 per hour)
- Field: £20.00 per hour (Groups using the field as part of their contract are asked to contribute towards mowing costs.)

We do not offer standard reduced rates for charity or community lets, but our rates are very competitive within our area, and we offer a regular discount of 20% to groups regularly hiring one of our larger halls for 15 or more hours a week or hiring the whole of the premises for a whole day, and in addition we allow free use of the Parlour, when it is available, to groups with contracts worth more than £1,500 per annum.

Please note that, although Mary B. is still acting as lettings officer for the regular licenced groups as no arrangements had been made to replace her as lettings officer before her trip to Australia in March 2020, it is still her intention to retire as soon as a replacement is found. Barbara W. has taken over all one-off bookings, and various related duties have been assumed by other members of the congregation. During this financial year we have experienced two lockdowns affecting most of our groups (November, and January to March) and much of the time booked by most groups during the year has yielded nothing as we have been working off credits held by the groups because of payments made in advance before the prolonged lockdown which started in March 2020. Invoices are now being sent in arrears to avoid building massive credits, which have to be worked off following any future lockdowns. Since the easing of lockdown many of our regular groups have returned and we have received further enquiries about possible new bookings for the future.

I'm unable to produce a lettings account this year as I only deal with the regular groups, not weddings and funerals or individual bookings. However, by the end of 2020 we had only taken £4,744.50 from our regular groups, whereas in previous years we had taken around £20,000.00 at the end of the calendar year, mostly from our regular groups.

(Mary B.)

Flower Report

There is not much to report on the Church flowers for the last year. During this time I have lost three of my main contributors so I would be grateful if anyone would like to give the flowers perhaps to celebrate a special birthday, anniversary, a thank you or in remembrance of a loved one. I am very grateful to everyone who has contributed in the past.

(Jean M. - Flower Secretary.)

5th Hanwell (Methodist) Scout Group Report

We have maintained numbers across the pandemic, and still have over 70 young people in our group:

- 24 Beavers (aged 6 to 8 years)
- 26 Cubs (aged 8 to 10)
- 28 Scouts (aged 11 to 14)

Our team of nine fantastic dedicated Leaders have kept running Thursday sessions all year in spite of Covid restrictions.

Obviously, we had to stop meeting at the Church halls when the pandemic struck, but we put zoom meetings in place for the young people and our Leaders were very creative in designing virtual sessions which allowed Beavers, Cubs and Scouts to keep working towards badges.

We were able to meet in the halls again for a few weeks in the Autumn, with protective measures in place, but the second wave quickly forced us back onto zoom.

Over the year we have run several virtual camp-at-home events and have set challenges for the young people in line with government restrictions.

We are proud that eleven of our young people achieved Chief Scout awards over the last year (the highest awards for each age-group), which were presented at our virtual St George's event recently:

- 8 Beavers were awarded Bronze
- 3 Cubs were awarded Silver

We are pleased to have just re-started face2face sessions, albeit with restricted numbers to allow appropriate social distancing. Beavers and Cubs are meeting in the halls, but limited group sizes mean that only half can meet at a time so each young person gets a session fortnightly. Scouts are having to meet in the field (to keep them separate from Beavers/Cubs), so fingers crossed for good weather!

We had an exciting camping season planned again this summer, but sadly we are not yet able to resume residential activities. We are aiming to run Outdoor Pursuits days for all Beavers, Cubs and Scouts in June and July, and are still hoping that we may be able to arrange at least one camp in the autumn.

Our Leaders have been working really hard to keep scouting going during lockdown, and against-the-odds our young people have worked on a record number of badges this year.

We are grateful for the Church's ongoing sponsorship and support, especially at this difficult time.

Mandy C. - Group Scout Leader

THE METHODIST CHURCH STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

HANWELL	Church
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**FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 August 2021**

EALING TRINITY	Circuit	Circuit no	35/24
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Registered Charity - Charity Registration number

1169807

If not a registered charity **Her Majesty's Revenue and
Customs Gift Aid number**

(The HMRC number is equivalent to a registered charity number in terms of evidence of charitable status and may be used to give to donors or grant funders wishing to see evidence of the organisation's charitable status. Methodist charities in England and Wales that are not registered charities are excepted from registration under Statutory Instrument 2014 No.242)

Minister:

Rev Shirlyn Toppin

Church Stewards:

Mr. Martin Kingsnorth	Mrs Marion Garnett
Mr. Christopher Rawlings	Mrs Rita MacMurray
Mrs Spiwe Chirume	Mr. Michael Pideaux

Treasurer:

Mr David Street

SECTION A		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
		£	£	£	£
a1	RECEIPTS	Note			
a2	Offerings and Tax recovered	20,068		20,068	19,321
a3	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income	504		504	793
a4	Lettings	49,243		49,243	57,301
a5	Other receipts	472		472	3,097
a6	TOTAL RECEIPTS	70,287		70,287 (a7)	80,512

SECTION B					
b1	PAYMENTS				
b2	Circuit Assessment or Share	29,874		29,874	26,079
b3	Donations				300
b4	Repairs and Maintenance	24,291		24,291	13,063
b5	Utilities (Insurances, water charges, heating & lighting)	15,178		15,178	16,713
b6					
b7	Other payments	1,540		1,540	8,384
b8	TOTAL PAYMENTS	70,883		70,883 (b9)	64,539

SECTION C					
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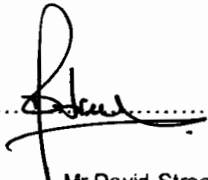
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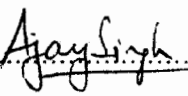
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Date 7/10/2021

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THE METHODIST CHURCH STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

HANWELL	Church
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**FOR THE YEAR ENDED
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Registered Charity - Charity Registration number

1169807

If not a registered charity **Her Majesty's Revenue and
Customs Gift Aid number**

(The HMRC number is equivalent to a registered charity number in terms of evidence of charitable status and may be used to give to donors or grant funders wishing to see evidence of the organisation's charitable status. Methodist charities in England and Wales that are not registered charities are excepted from registration under Statutory Instrument 2014 No.242)

Minister:

Rev Shirlyn Toppin

Church Stewards:

Mr. Martin Kingsnorth	Mrs Marion Garnett
Mr. Christopher Rawlings	Mrs Rita MacMurray
Mrs Spiwe Chirume	Mr. Michael Pideaux

Treasurer:

Mr David Street

SECTION A		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
		£	£	£	£
a1	RECEIPTS	Note			
a2	Offerings and Tax recovered	20,068		20,068	19,321
a3	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income	504		504	793
a4	Lettings	49,243		49,243	57,301
a5	Other receipts	472		472	3,097
a6	TOTAL RECEIPTS	70,287		70,287 (a7)	80,512

SECTION B					
b1	PAYMENTS				
b2	Circuit Assessment or Share	29,874		29,874	26,079
b3	Donations				300
b4	Repairs and Maintenance	24,291		24,291	13,063
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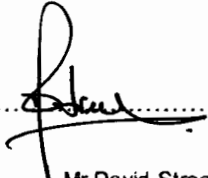
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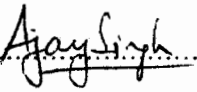
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Hanwell Methodist Church **Reports for General Church Meeting 2020**

Stewards' Report

Rita, Spiwe, Marion, Michael, Chris and I have been able to continue as the same team for another year.

I think it apt to reiterate what was said in our Report last year, i.e. we, with Rev. Shirlyn, have a leadership role in the Church, in particular arranging that Services take place as planned and being the "eyes and ears" of the Church. However, though individual Stewards – like many other Members – may have other responsibilities, as an elected group we aren't Property Stewards, Spiritual Leaders, Event Organisers or Mediators!

Following an "Open House" Meeting on 18 March last year, another was held on 4 November. This wasn't as well attended, but a few more issues were identified for us - and the Church as a whole to consider. A summary of the main points discussed at those Meetings follows on from this Report.

Meanwhile, in the extraordinary present situation, we're keeping in touch with a view to being ready for when restrictions are eased and the Church re-opened.

(Martin Kingsnorth - Senior Steward)

Summary of matters discussed at the HMC Stewards' Open House Meetings

It was perceived that our Church lacked vision, and consequently forward planning. When decisions made sometimes unclear why and by whom, and what action proposed. Better feedback from Church and Circuit Meetings desirable. Key responsibilities in the Church should be defined, and a strategy developed for covering post holders in the event of their having to stand down or be otherwise unavailable.

The outside of the Church needs to look more inviting, with a new comprehensive notice board. Also, notice boards in the Church tended to be inadequate and cluttered. Maybe a need for a board to publicise Church Meetings - details of these on the web site too?

Seating layout in the Church could be changed to facilitate e.g. Cafe or Drama Services, and to encourage folk not to spread out more than necessary.

Could we have more variety in the style of our Services? Coupled with this, is there scope for learning some of the newer hymns in STF ?
More use of "Songs of Fellowship?

Some "large print" copies of our adopted NRSV Bible would be desirable.

At Communion Services - for the benefit of visitors could it be explained that 2 collections are taken, the second being for the Benevolence Fund?

Attracting more young people and children should be a priority - various suggestions made including more relevant hymns/songs/choruses/prayers, more time during Services devoted to them, more suitable books and/or web site material. Provide orange squash after Service as well as tea/coffee! Maybe an occasional event for children baptised during last 5 years?

Should we be spending more on spiritual development than material needs?

More care needed when locking Church after Service that no one is overlooked and accidentally "locked in".

(Martin Kingsnorth Senior Steward)

Property Report

Since our last Annual Church Meeting the following has been undertaken or considered –

- Installation of wi-fi throughout the whole Church and meeting rooms and halls
- Major removal of overgrown areas at back of Church
- Full Health and Safety review
- As result of H/S review confirm maximum numbers attending Church services and activities
- Hearing loop repair
- New notice board
- Creation of a meeting room
- Create storage for Church documentation
- Ensuring day to day cleaning and maintenance of all the premises

The following are to be done before September

- Memorial Hall doors replacement
- Fire doors for kitchen and kitchen hatch
- Fire/exit signage
- Updated certification for gas, electricity and fire

The following continue to be discussed

- How to modernise the Old Kitchen
- Consider how to upgrade the Main Hall
- Covering for the passage floor coverings

(Paul Williams June 2020)

Safeguarding Report

- There have been no issues this past year
- The policy for the Church was reviewed and updated in September 2019
- All members and adherents have, or have had the opportunity to have a new DBS.
- Three Church members attended the Advanced Training sessions for the Circuit in February
- All users of the Premises complete the necessary proformas for Safeguarding
- I am standing down from my position, to take up a Circuit Safeguarding position, and Carol Sears will be the Church's Safeguarding Officer when approved by the next Church Council meeting

(Paul Williams June 2020)

Pastoral Committee Report

All attending members, and adherents of Hanwell Methodist Church continue to be under the care of a Pastoral Leader, but the past year has seen several changes in the way the church's pastoral groups are organised. The sad passing of Ruth last June prompted this reorganisation. Ruth had been an excellent Pastoral Leader, and she is greatly missed by both those in her group and all the Pastoral Committee members, and indeed the Church as a whole. As with Irene's group last year when Irene retired as Pastoral Leader, Ruth's group was transferred to one of the other remaining six pastoral groups. However, other alterations were made to the groups at the same time. Rev Shirlyn felt that all family members should be in the same Pastoral Group, and so changes were made to reflect this. Another modification was that Pastoral Leaders themselves were allocated to a group – the Minister had previously been their Pastoral Leader. The Pastoral noticeboard in the Centenary Room has now been updated to reflect all these changes.

Church membership now stands at 38, with an additional 7 attached members – those, for example, who live abroad, are homebound or have moved away from the area but still want to remain a member of Hanwell Methodist. There are 16 adherents (regular attenders of church but not actual members) and 11 Friends (people who are neither members nor attenders of Church, but feel an allegiance to it).

Pastoral breakfasts have been a popular and well-attended social event in the past couple of years, the only occasion specifically held to encourage pastoral groups to spend time together. But this year it was decided to try something different, and June 7th will see our first Pastoral lunch! However, there is every possibility that this may have to be postponed until later in the year as a result of the present Covid 19 restrictions

December saw Christmas pastoral visits by Rev Shirlyn and four Pastoral Leaders to three of our housebound members – Lucille, Margaret and Sylvia. Everyone very much enjoyed the shared time of Christmas carols, bible readings and prayer. There was to have been another pastoral visit in the week before Easter, but again measures to halt the spread of coronavirus unfortunately made this impossible.

And finally, a time for thanks. I know how seriously all the Pastoral Leaders take their responsibilities, and the General Church Meeting is the perfect time to thank them for their unwavering interest in and kindness to all the members of their group. Their work, whether visiting, making a phone call, sending a card, or simply praying for group members, is an incredibly important part of our Church's Christian witness and mission work, and huge thanks go to Cynthia, Marion, Mary, Rita and Suzanne for their constant care and support.

And thank you also goes to Jean who, despite having reached the grand age of 80 herself last year, continues to both give out flowers every Sunday after the service for those who are sick or in need, and also deliver some herself later in the week. Thank you so much Jean – this faithful pastoral work is much appreciated by us all.

If there are new members of the congregation who have not yet been placed into a pastoral group but would like to be a member of one, please do see Rev Shirlyn or any of the Pastoral Leaders.

(Barbara Williams - Pastoral Secretary)

Flower Fund Report

This past year I have lost a number of my regular contributors and was worried about the flower fund as I did not want to use the reserve money held by the Church but with the lockdown there have been no flowers to arrange so my funds have obviously not been touched so have built up again. I am very grateful to everyone who has contributed over the last year. Folks had requested flowers during the weeks of the Church being shut and I would like to assure them that as soon as the Church is holding services I will arrange their flowers on a week that would be acceptable to them. I have many Sundays free this year so it will be lovely to fill them. Thank you all for your support and I would be happy to arrange them for anyone who has a special occasion or a remembrance of loved one.

(Jean Matthews - Flower Secretary)

Lettings Report

Bookings officer: Mrs Barbara Williams. Lettings Officer: One-off bookings: Mrs Barbara Williams, Regular licenced groups: Mrs Mary Blackwell (temporary).

17 Regular Groups under contract at 19th May 2020:

- Badminton Players
- Canine School for Skills
- Chosen for Christ Ministries (CfCM) Pentecostal Church
- Ealing Taekwondo
- Elatt (Esol classes)
- Gardening Club
- Georgiana Elite Dance Academy
- GLOC Musical Theatre
- Hanwell Bunnies Pre-School Playgroup
- Hanwell Table Tennis Club
- Hanwell Homeless (Charge waived)
- Little Hands Baby Signing
- Pulse Healthcare Ltd. (Sessions for pre-diabetics run under the auspices of NHS)
- Runa Dance Studio
- Spanish Club
- St Mellitus Sunday School
- Yoga (Caroline Kelly)

We have also taken occasional individual bookings and the annual Animal Charities Fair booking. We have also hosted without charge the District Beavers' New Year Party for the fourth year running.

Our rates were reviewed at the beginning of the year and are to remain unchanged until September 2021. Rates are reviewed annually at the January Finance and Property Committee meeting.

- Main Hall, Memorial Hall both £22.00 per hour
- Centenary Room £20.00 per hour.
- Church £80.00 per hour (cost includes use of AV system)
- Middle Hall £15.00 per hour
- Parlour £15.00 per hour
- Field £20.00 per hour (Groups using the field as part of their contract are asked to contribute towards mowing costs.)

We do not offer standard reduced rates for charity or community lets, but our rates are very competitive within our area, and we offer a regular discount of 20% to groups regularly hiring one of our larger halls for 15 or more hours a week or hiring the whole of the premises for a whole day, and in addition we allow free use of the Parlour, when it is available, to groups with contracts worth more than £1,500 per annum.

Please note that Mary Blackwell is still acting lettings officer for the regular licenced groups as no arrangements had been made to replace her as lettings officer before her trip to Australia in March. Barbara Williams has taken over all one-off bookings and various related duties have been assumed by other members of the congregation. Following the Government's and Methodist Church's directives on coronavirus all lettings have ceased until further notice except that of Hanwell Homeless, who run from the Main Hall entrance in masks and rubber gloves with a serving table across the access alley. Numbers were initially low but have picked up considerably since VE day.

There is no lettings account this year because of the cessation of lettings after the issue of April invoices. Groups who are owed money will be recompensed in their next invoices and licences are suspended until notification that groups may meet again on our premises. Only one group – Ealing 135 play sessions – have reported that they will not be taking up their rental again. However, it is unlikely that many of the groups will be sustainable if social distancing continues to be mandatory.

(Mary Blackwell)

JMA Report

The Junior Mission for All (JMA) is part of the Methodist Church worldwide mission programme. As a church we support JMA by members collecting using JMA pots or by giving donations. We have about 6 young JMA collectors and about 10 adult collectors with others giving one off donations. In the last financial year we raised nearly £420. This year our JMA Commissioning service has been delayed due to the lockdown restrictions during the Coronavirus pandemic. But we hope to hold it later in the year.

(Mary Lavelle)

Homeless Showers Report

Responding to a need in the community, the Main Hall was open to homeless people in the area on Wednesday afternoons between 12.00pm and 2.00pm to allow them to use our shower facility. Numbers had varied between 4 and 14 showers per session, with an average of 8, although it was common for more to attend as they valued the opportunity to meet, shave, collect new clothes, shelter from the cold and bad weather and charge their phones and use wi-fi for the internet.

With a break in December when my husband had his knee operation homeless showers ran till the first week in March, after which I cancelled three weeks because of my trip to Australia because of staffing limitations, intending to start again the Wednesday after my return. However, while I was in Australia the government's lock-down on churches closed the premises and in any case the risk of using the showers after each other made the facility a health hazard while Covid 19 remained a danger.

Since my return I have liaised with Hanwell Homeless, who are still running, serving meals cooked at home from a table set up across the alleyway outside the Main Hall door. Initially they had had very few attendees but since VE day numbers have picked up, which suggests that the temporary accommodation found for them by the council may have come to an end. I have distributed the socks, boxers and t-shirts, which I had stocked up on before my trip ready for my return, throwing them over the table to maintain social distancing. Our stock of clothes are now exhausted and I am considering sourcing them through the internet, although delivery charges may be prohibitive.

I'm not sure at what point homeless showers would be able to resume because of the difficulty of cleaning the shower between each attendee.

(Mary Blackwell)

Junior Church Report

Sunday school meets in the Quiet room off the Centenary room at 11:00am on Sunday mornings. There are a small group of children who come to Sunday school with 2 to 3 children attending on most Sundays up until the lockdown.

Three to four people help run Sunday school and a variety of resources are used to plan the lessons including the magazine Roots. The children normally join the service during the penultimate hymn after which there is an opportunity to share with the congregation the topic that the children have been discussing and to show any drawings or models that they have created. One week the children read out 2 versions of The Lord's Prayer, which was well received by the congregation and re-printed in HMC News the following week.

The Sunday school room was decluttered in the New Year, which created more space for the children to meet in. It is hoped that further improvements will be made to the space when the church re-opens after the lockdown.

(Mary Lavelle)

5th Hanwell (Methodist) Scout Group Report

We have grown once again this year, and now have over 70 young people in our group:

- 24 Beavers
- 28 Cubs
- 24 Scouts

We have a team of 9 fantastic dedicated Leaders running Thursday sessions, and we are particularly pleased that two new Leaders have joined the team this year, given us three fully qualified Leaders in each of our three sections: Beavers (ages 6 to 7), Cubs (ages 8 to 10), Scouts (ages 11 to 14).



Last summer we ran an adventure camp for our Cubs and Scouts, and our Beavers did a sleepover. Plus our Scouts entered 'Totem', the annual competitive camp.

We then held a family camp for the whole group, where nearly 100 of us camped together and took part in a wide range of activities including: climbing, abseiling, kayaking, hiking and archery.

Our Scouts did yet another camp in the autumn, and throughout the year we took part in cross-district events and competitions.

We had an exciting camping season planned again this summer, but sadly we have had to cancel all activities because of the Pandemic. We are still hoping that we may be able to arrange at least one camp in the autumn, but obviously things are still very uncertain.

Our Leaders have been working hard to keep scouting going during lock-down. Our young people are working on a range of badges at home, and we are running virtual sessions and sending out video messages. Our cubs have even collaborated to make a film!

We are grateful for the Church's ongoing sponsorship and support, especially at this difficult time.

Mandy Combes - Group Scout Leader

5thHanwellScouts@gmail.com

Christian Aid Report

For many years we have supported Christian Aid by fund raising during Christian Aid week. In 2019 the church raised just over £1600 in a number of different ways. There were door-to-door collections in 6 residential roads near to the church, donations from church members and a collection at Northfields underground station. Also a group took part in the Christian Aid sponsored walk "Circle the City".

In addition Ealing Trinity Circuit, to which Hanwell Methodist Church belongs, is supporting a Christian Aid project working with young refugees in Lebanon and Iraq. Through education, psychosocial support, economic empowerment, advocacy and direct service provision, Christian Aid is working with partners to strengthen the social cohesion and resilience of these refugees.

The Circuit has been asked to contribute £5,000 to the project by 31st December 2020. This will be matched 6:1 by Bread for the World, a US charity aimed at ending hunger. We are hoping to raise £650 towards this total. A plant and cake sale in Spring 2019 raised about half of this figure and in September 2019 the Christian Aid £stretcher was launched. Pound coins are being collected and stuck on tape stretching across the front pew in the church. This fund-raiser is still on going.

(Mary Lavelle)

Wednesday Club Report

The Wednesday Club is held on a Wednesday (usually) but it is not a club and anybody who is reading this report would be warmly welcomed, as would any of the congregation, their family and friends, and anybody else connected with the Church. It meets once a month from October to July, on the second Wednesday of the month, at 8 o'clock in the Centenary Room. We ask for a very modest £1 donation at the end of each meeting which covers the cost of refreshments and allows us to pay for the odd honorarium to outside speakers.

When I was writing a report for the General Church Meeting this time last year we were looking forward to an evening of Maypole Dancing and Jig Dolls! A few arms were twisted but we managed to persuade sufficient people to 'Have A Go' - there were a perfect 24 for the maypole dancing plus a few very amused onlookers. Our expert, Jane Pfaff, managed to guide us through the winding and unwinding of our ribbons round the pole with much laughter. Needless to say, the feedback from the evening was overwhelmingly good and well worth all those £1 donations we had collected.

In October, to kick off the 2019/20 programme, Barbara invited friend Richard Clayton to talk to us about his job as a Shipping Journalist for Lloyds List - a most unusual and interesting job that very few people would ever know existed, let alone what it involved. One definite qualification for the job is a pair of good sea legs!

Thank you to Grace who persuaded us to host another Murder Mystery evening in November. We had tried one a few years back but we were all rather new to the concept and weren't sure how it worked. This time, though, we made sure we were properly prepared. We chose the Murder of Lord Michael Jagged back in the 1960s. Out came the flared trousers and velvet jackets, the flowery skirts and shirts, the boas and the black and white geometric dresses, which all sat down to a 1960s themed dinner of prawn cocktail, mushroom stroganoff, and black forest gateau! It was good fun and Brian Sewer almost got away with the crime!

Our annual 3 Churches Quiz is now a 4 Churches Quiz, with St. Mellitus, St. Joseph's and St. Christopher's joining HMC. There is always a good turn-out from HMC on the promise that the quiz would not test their academic credentials... so some of us moved to other tables to make sure all Churches had more or less the same number of brains! However, in the end Hanwell took the first prize again... extending their narrow lead on the town maps and British TV sitcom marathons.

In March Chris and Suzanne gave their long-awaited talk on their exotic trip to Cambodia and Vietnam which was much enjoyed and turned out to be our last gathering before complete lockdown due to the coronavirus. During lockdown we have had to miss a Puddings, Poems & Puzzles evening, repeated by popular request, and a chance to learn the ukulele. I am sure they will be re-scheduled in next year's programme.

The above is just a reflection on a few highlights of the year. In theory there are two more activities in the diary before the summer holidays - a barbeque in June and a planning meeting in July. It is possible that we might be able to postpone the barbeque to July or August, now that social distancing restrictions are gradually being lifted, and the planning meeting may go ahead in July, as we could probably stay 2m apart if still necessary, or again be postponed to August or September. We will let you know as the situation unfolds. In the meantime, do have a think about what you might like to do in the coming year.

A big thank-you to our Secretary, Grace O'Donohoe from St. Joseph's Church, and our Treasurer, Barbara Williams from our own Church, who take the lead in organising and printing the programme of events and keeping the accounts. A big thank-you also to all those who volunteer to run individual evenings and others who provide refreshments when asked.

We look forward to seeing you all again as soon as social distancing rules allow.

Gill Standfield
on behalf of the Wednesday Club

Grandparents & Toddlers Group Report

Our G&T group was 2 years old on 31st October 2019, which we celebrated on the Tuesday before with a birthday cake and 2 candles. At our very first session on 31st October 2017 three grandparents turned up with their charges; one, David, was soon to start nursery but the other two, Emmie and Thomas, were still with us two years on and we invited them to do the honours and blow the candles out!

We have had very few children leave since we started, except for when they have moved out of the area or they have started full-time school or their mothers have changed their working pattern. We thought originally that we would lose some when they were old enough to go to nursery but, no, they arrange their nursery times around us - either doing mornings only or avoiding the Tuesdays!

As a result we have invested in a few 'older' activities for the nursery-aged children. We also managed to find extra sets of points (without extra straight bits) for our Brio train set which gave Martin, as our resident train expert, much joy.

Obviously, at this time we are on lockdown - our sessions finished abruptly on Tuesday 17th March and we have no idea if or when we will be able to start up again. We are following the Government's announcements on the lifting of regulations and wait to see how nurseries manage the situation.

At our last summer session in July last year we organised a mini-beach party with sand, home-made sunglasses and ice creams and a bubble machine which were all thoroughly enjoyed by the 8 children. It now looks fairly unlikely that we will be able to do the same this year - we probably won't be back before September and we are particularly sorry that we will not be able to say goodbye to Jack who will be starting full-time school at Hobbayne.

In the meantime we have started a G&T WhatsApp group - still quite small but it keeps us in touch while the children are all growing apace in the sun and fresh air!

As we meet only once a week, on a Tuesday afternoon, we can support only those Grandparents who happen to look after their grandchildren on a Tuesday, which is a shame, as there are so many grandparent-carers out there and those who do attend are so grateful for the break and the companionship.

As soon as we are ready to go we will start advertising again but sometimes word of mouth is the best advert, so if anybody would like to take a flier or two to hand out to any likely suspects, do speak to Gill Standfield. The session costs just £2 per grandparent and that includes tea/coffee and cake, and the children's snacks.

We start at 1.30pm but Grandparents are welcome to arrive at any time to fit in with their grandchild's natural meal times and sleep pattern - we often have a couple of buggies with sleeping children in them to start with... this actually

gives the Grandparents a bit of a breather and we keep reminding ourselves that although all the preparation is aimed at the children, the *raison d'être* for the group has always been to support Grandparents.

We always offer tea or coffee to the Grandparents when they arrive and then we break half-way through for cake, when we all sit down together, the children at their own long table and the Grandparents in a circle behind. Grandparents really like to see the children eating together and often comment that they would never usually do this.

Our session now ends with The Clap Clap Song by The Klaxons. It involves hand movements and banging musical instruments and is **very** repetitive (you can find it on Google / YouTube)! Sometimes you wish it didn't happen but it does signal a finish to the playing and all the children are then happy to help us grown-ups carry everything to the store cupboard. In fact, many hands make light work - what usually takes four of us an hour and a half to put out, is tidied away in just 30 minutes!

A big thank-you to Suzanne R who produces the craft activities, shares the cake-making with me and introduced us to The Klaxons, to Rita M who encourages the children to do the craft activities and join in with The Klaxons, to Martin K who spends a lot of time on his knees working out new and challenging train tracks and definitely avoids The Klaxons, to Mary B who makes a Victoria Sandwich each week and mans the kitchen, and to anybody who has helped out when one or other of us have not been able to attend, in particular Shirlyn and Mary L who have both covered several sessions for us in the last year. Last but not least a very big thank-you to the Church for supporting us and enabling us to keep the cost down.

Thank you

Gill Standfield

on behalf of Suzanne Rawlings, Mary Blackwell, Rita Macmurray, Martin Kingsnorth and herself.

Family & Fund-raising Group Report

As presaged at the end of last year's Report, it was decided to drop one major event in 2019 to give everybody a bit of a breather in the September to December term which had stretched our volunteer resources in recent years. Therefore our major events since this time last year were the Barn Dance in the summer, replacing the previous Beach Parties, and the Winter Craft Market in November, interspersed with regular coffee mornings, Wednesday Club meetings (see separate report) and high days and holidays in the Church calendar.

We decided to continue with our monthly gatherings over coffee, but after a successful trip to The Cafe in the Sky, which gives a 360° view of London from the top floor of the Walkie Talkie building (off Fenchurch Street), we thought that every other month we could choose a 'cafe with a view'. Finding another cafe with views across London proved more difficult, as most 'cafes' in the tallest buildings in London were actually restaurants that did not open till lunchtime! We therefore expanded the idea to any cafe with a view and in November ended up in the Quince Tree Cafe at Clifton Nurseries in Little Venice, just a train ride to Paddington and a 10-15 minute walk. I would highly recommend both of these cafes if you have never been before.

The Barn Dance in July was, as usual, a great success. This is one way that we can raise funds for the Church without having to ask our own congregation to dig deep into their own pockets. I noted at the time that it was hard work but everything went well and everybody enjoyed themselves. It was interesting to note that in moving the dance to the summer we attracted a different bunch of people but, more importantly, that everybody got up and danced. We are very lucky to have a resident caller and band, and Church members who are prepared to spend the time and energy cooking a two course meal for up to 80 people!

Our second big fund-raising event of the year was our 3rd Winter Craft Market at the end of November. As in 2018, we 'sold' 26 tables for local crafts across the Centenary Room and the Main Hall and ran 2 cake stalls and cafe tables in the Church. Again, we tried to attract a mix of 'old' stallholders and new 'finds' to keep the public interested. However, as most stallholders seem to want to return each year, this has now given us a bit of a problem with numbers and unfortunately we had to turn some stallholders away. At some stage we would probably like to extend the Market into the Middle Hall but we would need some way of making sure that the stalls there got the same footfall as in the Main Hall. Any suggestions on how to achieve this would be most welcomed.

A big thank-you particularly to Chris Rawlings who I volunteered again to organise refreshments and lunches for the WCM. As we are open for seven hours, this is quite a big ask and a logistical challenge and I thank everybody who supported Chris. Many hands really do make light work! And it meant that those in the kitchen also had time to browse the stalls and, hopefully, do a bit of Christmas shopping themselves.

With a wide selection of good quality crafts, a warm and beautifully decorated Church, a welcoming array of food, and lots of advertising meant that we attracted a steady stream of visitors, which translated into takings of just over £1,000, before advertising and food expenses.

One new activity, which I would like to think will become a regular feature in Church life, is the Reverse Advent Calendar, where instead of taking something from an Advent calendar every day, Church members put a grocery item into a box each day for the Food Bank.

Our programme for 2020 looked very similar to 2019 as we found it difficult to drop any of the major events, which proved so popular with our different

audiences, and we even thought about reinstating our Beach Parties, but events overtook us... We were 'looking forward to' welcoming another 170+ children to our 8th Easter Egg Hunt on 28th March. We started planning but didn't do too much in advance as it was looking increasingly likely that we might have to cancel, given how crowded the Church becomes. Indeed we pulled the event about 10 days before lockdown started on 23rd March.

Lockdown has also affected the rest of our plans for this year. There certainly won't be a Beach Party in July and as the Scientists believe there will be some sort of social distancing measures in place for the rest of the year, it is difficult to see how we could hold a Barn Dance or a Winter Craft Market, which are both important fund-raisers for the Church but rely on having a large number of people to create the right atmosphere... However, we will continue to follow Government guidelines and hope that we might be able to have some small coffee mornings in the garden if the good weather continues. In the meantime, we have been holding virtual coffee mornings weekly via Zoom! A big thank-you to Ray Garnett for setting this up every week for us. It has been pleasing to see so many faces when we are socially distancing - even more than usual, but there again nobody can go anywhere else! We are also simultaneously attending virtual Church services but it has been very strange not to be in our own building at Easter.

A big thank-you to all those who have contributed in any way to any of our events. There are really too many people to mention here and I would not want to risk missing one single person out. However, this does not mean that we would not welcome more volunteers! We would also be very happy to see any of you at one of our planning meetings which are for a couple of hours every couple of months. And we would love to have your feedback or ideas on past, present or future activities.

Events are always advertised in HMC News but if anybody would like to have regular updates from the group via e-mail, please speak to Gill Standfield.

A break is as good as a rest so I do hope that one of the positives of lockdown is that we have all had a good rest and that we will be back with renewed energy as soon as possible!

Thank you

Gill Standfield
on behalf of Family & Fund-raising Group

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SECTION B					
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b3	Donations		300	300	957
b4	Repairs and Maintenance	13,063		13,063	55,716
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SECTION C					
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c2	Total funds brought forward from last year		151,372	3,196	154,568 (c6)
c3	Sub total	(c1+c2)	166,872	3,669	170,541
c4	Transfers and adjustments				(c7)
c5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR	(c3+c4)	166,872	3,669	170,541 (c8)

SECTION D					
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d	(these amounts are not to be included in total receipts/payments figures above)		£	£	
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SECTION F**STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES****CHURCH - CASH FUNDS HELD at 31 August 2020**

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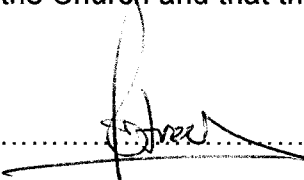
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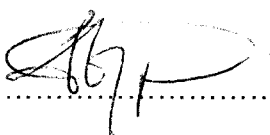
Signature of treasurer  Date **10/11/2020**

Name and address of treasurer Mr David F H Street

112 Mayfield Gardens, Hanwell, London W7 3RD

Presentation to the Church trustees

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2020 were presented to the meeting of the Church trustees held on 13 October 2020

Signature of the Chair of the meeting 

Name of the Chair of the meeting ... Rev. Shirlyn Toppin

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the Hanwell Methodist Church

Charity Number **1169807**

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Hanwell Methodist Church for the year ended 31 August 2020 set out on pages 2 to 3. 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.

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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 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.

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 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: A.G. Antippa

Name of independent examiner: Angelo Antippa, Director

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner: FCA, CTA

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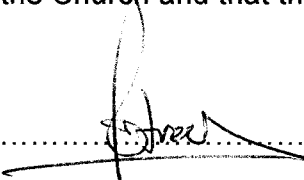
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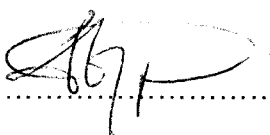
Signature of treasurer  Date **10/11/2020**

Name and address of treasurer Mr David F H Street

112 Mayfield Gardens, Hanwell, London W7 3RD

Presentation to the Church trustees

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2020 were presented to the meeting of the Church trustees held on 13 October 2020

Signature of the Chair of the meeting 

Name of the Chair of the meeting ... Rev. Shirlyn Toppin

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the Hanwell Methodist Church

Charity Number **1169807**

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Hanwell Methodist Church for the year ended 31 August 2020 set out on pages 2 to 3. 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.

Name of Church . Hanwell Methodist Church

No

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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 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.

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 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: A.G. Antippa

Name of independent examiner: Angelo Antippa, Director

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner: FCA, CTA

Name of firm (where appropriate): Antippa & Company Ltd, Chartered Accountants

Address: 17 Copthall Gardens, Twickenham, TW1 4HH

Date: 10 November 2020