

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

THE METHODIST CHURCH STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

Hanwell Methodist

Church

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31 August 2020

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	Mr Michael Pidoux
Mrs Rita MacMurray	Mr Chris Rawlings
Mrs Spiwe Chirume	Mrs Marion Garnett

Treasurer:

Mr David Street

SECTION A		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
		£	£	£	£
a1	RECEIPTS				
a2	Offerings and Tax recovered	18,547	773	19,320	30,191
a3	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income	793		793	1,221
a4	Lettings	57,302		57,302	75,040
a5	Other receipts	3,096		3,096	3,988
a6	TOTAL RECEIPTS	79,738	773	80,511 (a7)	110,440

SECTION B					
b1	PAYMENTS				
b2	Circuit Assessment or Share	26,078		26,078	25,617
b3	Donations		300	300	957
b4	Repairs and Maintenance	13,063		13,063	55,716
b5	Utilities (Insurances, water charges, heating & lighting)	16,712		16,712	17,564
b6					
b7	Other payments	8,385		8,385	5,208
b8	TOTAL PAYMENTS	64,238	300	64,538 (b9)	105,062

SECTION C					
c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	(a6-b8)	15,500	473	15,973
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					
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		814		255
d2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations		676		1,499
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations		1,330		940
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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 2020**

	OPENING BALANCES	CLOSING BALANCES
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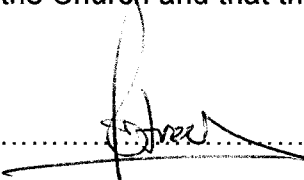
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Name of Church . **Hanwell Methodist Church**

No. **35/24**

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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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Signature of independent examiner: A.G. Antippa

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Date: 10 November 2020

THE METHODIST CHURCH STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

Hanwell Methodist

Church

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31 August 2020

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	Mr Michael Pidoux
Mrs Rita MacMurray	Mr Chris Rawlings
Mrs Spiwe Chirume	Mrs Marion Garnett

Treasurer:

Mr David Street

SECTION A		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
		£	£	£	£
a1	RECEIPTS	Note			
a2	Offerings and Tax recovered	18,547	773	19,320	30,191
a3	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income	793		793	1,221
a4	Lettings	57,302		57,302	75,040
a5	Other receipts	3,096		3,096	3,988
a6	TOTAL RECEIPTS	79,738	773	80,511 (a7)	110,440

SECTION B					
b1	PAYMENTS				
b2	Circuit Assessment or Share	26,078		26,078	25,617
b3	Donations		300	300	957
b4	Repairs and Maintenance	13,063		13,063	55,716
b5	Utilities (Insurances, water charges, heating & lighting)	16,712		16,712	17,564
b6					
b7	Other payments	8,385		8,385	5,208
b8	TOTAL PAYMENTS	64,238	300	64,538 (b9)	105,062

SECTION C					
c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	(a6-b8)	15,500	473	15,973
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c3	Sub total	(c1+c2)	166,872	3,669	170,541
c4	Transfers and adjustments				(c7)
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FOR INFORMATION ONLY: MONEY RECEIVED AND PASSED ON TO EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS					
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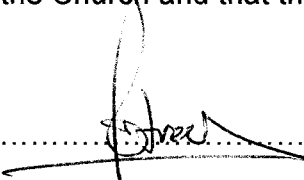
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