

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

THE METHODIST CHURCH STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

Hanwell Methodist

Church

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?"