

RUXLEY CHURCH

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Details

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Activities

Objects: THE PURPOSE OF THE CHARITY IS TO ADVANCE THE CHRISTIAN FAITH IN THE AREA OF BENEFIT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PRINCIPLES AND PRACTICES OF THE PARTICIPATING CHURCHES. IN ACHIEVING ITS PURPOSES, THE CHARITY WILL ENGAGE IN A RANGE OF ACTIVITIES, EITHER ON ITS OWN OR WITH OTHERS, INCLUDING (BUT NOT RESTRICTED TO): A) THE CELEBRATION OF PUBLIC WORSHIP B) THE TEACHING OF THE CHRISTIAN FAITH C) MISSION AND EVANGELISM D) PASTORAL WORK, INCLUDING VISITING THE SICK AND THE BEREAVED E) THE PROVISION OF FACILITIES WITH A CHRISTIAN ETHOS FOR THE LOCAL COMMUNITY, INCLUDING (BUT NOT RESTRICTED TO) THE ELDERLY, THE YOUNG AND OTHER GROUPS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS; AND F) THE SUPPORT OF OTHER CHARITIES IN THE UK AND OVERSEAS

Activities: a) the celebration of public worship b) the teaching of the Christian faith c) mission and evangelism d) pastoral work, including visiting the sick and the bereaved e) the provision of facilities with a Christian ethos for the local community, including (but not restricted to) the elderly, the young and other groups with special needs f) the support of other charities in the UK and overseas

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Individuals, Makes Grants To Organisations, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Education/training, Disability, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Religious Activities, Human Rights/religious Or Racial Harmony/equality Or Diversity, Recreation, Other Charitable Purposes
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, People Of A Particular Ethnic Or Racial Origin, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Surrey

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-08-31	£151,497	£169,552	-	-
2024-08-31	£172,148	£140,481	-	-
2023-08-31	£232,515	£125,749	-	-
2022-08-31	£134,606	£108,709	-	-
2021-08-31	£101,080	£98,136	-	-
2020-08-31	£115,846	£113,053	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Christopher John Meineck		2022-05-15
DIANA PINCHIN DIP ED, MA		2005-07-13
Hugh Proctor		2020-09-28
JACQUELINE PANTER		2017-05-10
Jenny Meineck		2017-09-27
Judy Quaife		2024-05-19
Lesley Batty		2023-05-21
Louise Ellen Quaife		2022-05-15
Marion Parsons		2019-04-07
Martin David Bridger		2024-05-19
Nicholas John Purdue		2023-05-21
PAULETTE WITHYCOMBE		2012-04-14
Paula Bridger		2012-04-14
Philippa Janet Charlton		2026-05-17
REVEREND EMMA CUSACK		2016-09-01
Rev Alexandra Louise Stevens		2025-06-25
Rev Paul Timmis		2018-09-09
Rowena Warth		2022-05-15
Susan Grasby		2019-04-24
VALERIE BRADFIELD MCIPD		2009-04-20
Yidong Zhang		2026-05-17

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Annual Report for AGM May 2026

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OVERALL GOVERNANCE

Ministers' Report

We are excited to be working together as colleagues and with everyone in this church and within our local community. As a church family, we want to ascribe to the Lord, our humble thanks and praise and to express our appreciation for the support from you all.

As colleagues, we have valued how we work with the Leadership Team, the ECC, Premises, those involved in catering for services/events. There are some who work behind the scenes and for that we are thankful.

Since the last Annual General Meeting, God called to eternal home from our membership, Margaret Willes and Cathy Scott from the Ruxley Community Choir. May they rest in peace.

The weekly Thursday Morning Prayers continue to be on zoom with consistent number of participants both from Ruxley and Stoneleigh Church. In addition to Revds Emma and Alex, Judy, Barbara and Sue also assist in leading.

We want to express our sincere thanks our young people's leaders and thank the Lord for our young people's ministry and as we celebrate the vibrancy of our young people, we cherish their ability to take a few leading roles for activities/events.

This year, we will to be going to Walton Firs for the third time and we pray that impact that is having on our young people will stand them in good stead.

Last but not the least, we want to thank Maria, for keeping the premises clean, to Jenny for running the office, administratively for the church until now as she hands over the baton to the newly appointed administrator. We specially want to thank Anne, who has for many years, compiled and printed the AGM reports for us.

All the reports are signs of growth and wellbeing of this church and as we continue to pray and be watchful, we would want to believe that more fruitfulness in the ministry of this church will be harvested.

We sign off this report with these words from STF 547 verse 3, "Beyond these walls of worship, may your Spirit strengthen us to make the whole of life our worship, as we witness to your love. From this hour in your presence, send us out now to proclaim that we'll live our life as a sacrifice to the glory of your name".



Every blessing,
Emma and Alex



Leadership Team

'An inclusive worshipping community, united in Christ, serving others'

The Team is comprised of Ministers, Churchwarden(s), Stewards and Treasurer and any co-opted members joining the Team for a specific project. We were delighted to welcome Rev. Alex Stevens to the Team and equally delighted that Emma will be staying with us for the maximum term, until July 2029. We would like to thank them both for their love and tireless care and oversight of our church and wider community.

We meet every month to discuss matters relating to our vision, core priority areas and governance, as well as to update the core priorities of our Mission Action Plan (MAP). We will be reporting back about our MAP and Priorities at the AGM Meeting.

Core Priority: Developing the spiritual life of the church family

We give thanks for

- The variety of our worship and those who use their talents to resource it in so many ways
- The growth in numbers continuing
- The number of members meeting in Small Groups, and the celebration of this ministry at a special *Small Group Sunday* service
- Good continuing relationships with 1st Ruxley Scouts
- A joyful Church Anniversary Service with Chair of District Rev Dr Jonathan Dean. Bishop Paul has accepted our invitation to come for our 2027 Church Anniversary
- *Church Growth Day* in the Autumn at Howell Hill

Work in progress

- Ministers from Churches Together in Ewell churches are starting to meet together again; an CTE World Day of Prayer Service was hosted by Ruxley in March
- Growing in faith, including Confirmation
- Stewardship

Members liaise closely with the Worship and Spiritual Development Group

Core Priority: Engaging with children 0-11 and their families

We give thanks for

- Louise Quaife and the team for their outstanding ministry and care
- The second of our Young People's Weekend Away
- Improving links with Riverview School, including Alex taking up the role of Community Link Governor as well as holding responsibilities for SEND and LAC
- Hugh Proctor and his professionalism and enthusiasm he brought to the role in his term as School Governor, and for Martin Bridger who has taken this on
- Young people's BBQ and Bingo Night Fundraiser

Work in progress

- Growing our young people in faith
- Toddler Group

Core Priority: Building relationships with the local community

We give thanks for

- Our diverse community
- Signing the *End Poverty Pledge*
- The best Christmas Fair we have had in years
- Another wonderful International Weekend
- The formation of an EcoChurch Planning Group and the gaining of an EcoChurch Bronze Award in February
- The start of Friday Games Night
- Ongoing relations with Appleby House
- Charity concerts

Work in progress

- Silver EcoChurch Award
- Communications in general

In other news

- The Archdeacon's Visitation was postponed by the Diocese until the next cycle
- Leadership Team members participated in the Parish Share Consultation
- Grateful thanks are extended to Jenny Meineck, who is stepping down from her duties as Parish Administrator at the end of April
- A good number of Ruxley members attend the *Christian Resources* Exhibition, following which a special meeting was held to pool resources and information
- A programme of monthly Fire Alarm testing has been initiated
- Chris Meineck is heading up a project to extend the solar panel array on the roof
- We continue to be so grateful to the Premises Team, who work tirelessly to keep our building safe and maintained

Please continue to uphold us in your prayers. We are always happy to hear your ideas and suggestions and thank you for your support this year.

There is still a vacancy for another Churchwarden; either of the Ministers or Paulette would be happy to chat with anyone who might be interested in taking up this post.

**Rev. Emma Cusack and Rev. Alex Stevens,
Sue Grasby (Senior Steward), Chris Meineck (Treasurer),
Julia Searle (Steward), Paulette Withycombe (Churchwarden)**

Ecumenical Church Council

Scheduled meetings since the last AGM were held in June, September and November last year and January and March this year.

At the June meeting we were delighted to welcome Rev. Alex and she and Rev. Emma alternate in chairing the meeting. We are most grateful to Paulette Withycombe who has served as the sole churchwarden and Chris Meineck who has served as Treasurer this year.

At each meeting certain key areas appear as agenda items:

Chris presents a **Finance** report – his annual report appears elsewhere.

Safeguarding is of paramount importance, and we take very seriously our aim to be *an inclusive worshipping community united in Christ, serving others*. We would like to thank Judy Quaife who continues as our Parish Safeguarding Officer and who, along with others, has ensured that our church is a safe place for all who attend. Judy sends a report on safeguarding to every meeting.

We are grateful too to Jenny Meineck who always sends a very detailed report on **Premises and Health and Safety**.

We continue to explore **Eco** issues with a focus on Ruxley aiming to be a Net Zero Pioneer church.

Other reports we receive include those concerning Children and Young People, Worship and Spiritual Development, Riverview Governors, Pastoral Groups, Leadership Team, Deanery Synod and Circuit matters.

A number of risk assessments and role descriptions have been considered by ECC and have been approved, often after alterations.

Along with the Leadership Team, the ECC ensures that our Mission Action Plan priorities continue to be met.

At our January meeting, we spent time giving thanks for our blessings at Ruxley among which were the wonderful work done by Louise Quaife and others with the children and young people, the increase in numbers worshipping, the progress made to becoming an ECO church and the number of community activities.

A reminder that any church member is entitled to come to ECC meetings (apart from the occasional 'closed' meeting) and is encouraged so to do. He or she can also contribute to conversation but is not entitled to vote.

We remain hugely grateful to all members of the ECC who give up their time freely whilst accepting that none of this is possible without God's gracious provision. Please continue to pray for the work of the ECC and all its members as we seek to be true to our calling to serve Christ in this community.

Hugh Proctor
ECC Secretary

Deanery Synod

Epsom Deanery Synod meets three times a year, with clergy and laity representing each parish. Meetings are an opportunity to share things of mutual interest or need. They are generally held at different churches, and include: an introduction to that church, perhaps with their current plans or hopes; news passed down from Diocesan Synod; plus a main topic, usually with a guest speaker and/or discussion groups.

A short meeting in May '25 was held online. Individuals shared something for thanksgiving, and for prayer, from their parish. At the October meeting the new Area Dean was introduced, Rev. John Marrow, the vicar of All Saints West Ewell. The main item was Discipling the Middle Aged. In January this year, there was a presentation and discussion on Communications in a Digital Age.

The next meeting will be on 19th May, and the main topic will be Lay Vocations.

Valerie Bradfield

Safeguarding

During the last year there have, fortunately, not been any serious safeguarding incidents and any concerns where support and advice have been needed have been dealt with promptly. Where an issue had to be dealt with, our processes have worked satisfactorily to-date and this reinforces that as a church we have generally followed safe and correct practice and procedures here at Ruxley.

The Church Safeguarding Dashboard is a dynamic document so there will always be work to do to ensure our safeguarding policies and procedures are up to date. I would like to express my thanks to all those who complete tasks related to this, particularly Louise in relation to the young people's groups.

Valerie Bradfield continues with the task of overseeing the training and updating the log, which is kept centrally and securely on the church's cloud-based system.

Marion Parsons continues to do sterling work, ensuring all the appropriate members who work in any way for our church have the correct and up-to-date Disclosure & Barring Services (DBS) check in place. This has been particularly challenging this year due to a change of DBS check provider following a data breach on their part, requiring Marion to do extra training.

I am most grateful for the work they do; I could not do the job without them.

Sadly we still hear of issues with Safeguarding failures in institutions, churches and wider society reported in the media. This means it continues to be important that we ensure our own procedures are as robust as possible.

We continue with our commitment to being a safe environment for all who belong to our church or use our building. We strive to be a place where all members of the church community are able to feel safe and are aware that there are structures in place should an issue arise.

This year we held a Safeguarding Sunday Service as a way to demonstrate our commitment and emphasise the need for our whole community to play their part in living this out, so please do take the opportunities offered by safeguarding training to understand the needs of those who are vulnerable or at risk. We have run group training sessions to facilitate this and I am grateful to Paulette for all her work on this.

And if you have, or hear of, anything that concerns you, please speak to or contact myself, Emma, Alex, our Churchwarden or Church stewards. The church officers are well-trained to support those in need or have appropriate contacts to which they can signpost people, so that they can receive more specialist guidance.

Remember your concern might be the piece of the jigsaw that brings to light something that needs to be addressed.

Judy Quaife

GDPR

We continue to store your personal data securely in *iKnowChurch*. Every year we complete the Data Protection Checklist sent by the Methodist Church. We operate under the rules for Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes and use their Managing Trustees Privacy Notice (which is available on the website and Church Notice board).

Dave Searle

Gift Aid

Thank you to all of you who donate to the church using Gift Aid. It means that we can claim an additional 25% of the value of your donation from HMRC. If you are a UK taxpayer and you would like to start donating through Gift Aid please ask Lesley or Chris for a declaration form. You can find out more at www.gov.uk/donating-to-charity/gift-aid.

Lesley Batty

PREMISES

Safety Officer

I am again pleased to report that there have been no incidents on site requiring official report.

Please continue to act in a safe manner when at the church premises and report any potential hazards.

Robin Willes

Premises Team

Since the last AGM, the following has been done:

- Lighting in the Main Hall and externally has been changed to LED lights by SimTech.
- Hire charges were increased to start from September 2025.
- Hallmaster software was purchased.
- Two new BBQs were bought and constructed.
- Lightning conductor checks done.
- Emergency lighting checked by us.
- Gas safety and boiler checks done in summer.
- Blinds put up in Main Hall, tall windows, to keep our badminton players happy.
- Fire extinguishers checked.
- Gas meter changes made by the supplier.
- All smoke head detectors replaced for fire safety by Designer Electrical.
- Problems with our heating not working were resolved: in October, November, December, Chris had to keep topping up a tank in the Plant Room (accessed via the roof). Two items needed to be replaced, and finally all was sorted mid-December by Upsher Heating.
- Chris checked all manifolds in case there were water leaks, linked to the above. None found.
- ZIP Hydroboil (hot water machine in the kitchen) was serviced, and a contract arranged so now we will have a yearly service.
- Main Hall floor was fully cleaned, seam welds and white court markings re-done.
- Regular lift maintenance.
- Regular piano tuning before music exams.
- Draught proofing added to front door and Meeting Room doors.
- New Emergency Light panels fitted.
- Holes and dips in Preschool garden filled and re-seeded.
- Visits by companies to progress plans for increased solar panels and the addition of batteries to store excess energy.

The team took care of many small jobs, such as; cracks in the wall by the lift filled, painting walls, new door handles, repairs to door handles, signage renewed, hand rails tightened up, black feet on chairs replaced. Thanks to others who have helped on Working Party days to paint, wash walls and paint the cement bollards in the car park.

There have been some 'not so nice things' dealt with; first occurrence of graffiti on the tower walls, a blocked downpipe/hopper from 2 CDs being thrown up to the roof, items being taken from the kitchen and Foodbank collection box, the fallout after a few events, and some others we won't mention!

Community Users

- New regular groups have started: Forever Fitness on Fridays, and then more classes added on Mondays; Korean Church having Prayer Meetings on Friday evenings in the Chapel; Winter Boot Camp on Saturdays.
- Understand Us (linked to Sunnybank Trust) held a meeting here and may come again.
- A new Yoga Day has been run by a previous regular, with more dates added.

Our weekend users continue to enjoy being here. Many are repeat bookers, and they appreciate the cleanliness of our facilities.

Unlocking and Locking

We urgently need more volunteers to help with this.

All our ad hoc hirers at the weekend need someone to come and unlock and greet them, and to show them around; and then the same person/pair to come back at the end to check the premises and lock up. Now this is mostly Chris and I every weekend. There is more to it, than just unlocking/locking doors. The facilities need to be ready for the next group in, which would normally be us on a Sunday. Come and have a chat!

Thank you

I would like to give many thanks to the wonderful team who help in so many ways: Robin W, Chris M, Brian C, Steve K and Derek E. This year we have been greatly enhanced by the efforts of Malcolm W with LED lighting and emergency lighting. It's great we now have Paulette doing monthly fire alarm checks with Chris. Our Premises Team gives thanks to Maria for doing such a good job, and for Julie B and Jessica who have done cleaning cover when Maria is on leave. We also thank the Gardening Party team for looking after the outside spaces.

The Premises Team is always open to new members and anyone who has DIY skills. Your help in any way would be appreciated.

Jenny Meineck

SPIRITUALITY

Worship and Spiritual Development Group

The Worship and Spiritual Development Group meets roughly every other month, comprised of Revs Alex and Emma, as well as accredited Leaders of Worship Gill Edwards, Barbara Meineck, Diana Pinchin, Judy Quaife and Paulette Withycombe, three of whom are Occasional Preachers. Over the course of our meetings this year we have continued to prayerfully consider how best to resource the spiritual needs of our worshipping community as enshrined in the Mission Action Plan and Vision Statement. Our Core Priority was updated in March 2026.

This time last year we were making preparations for welcoming Alex to come and join us and we are very grateful indeed to her and Emma, and also our good friend Rev. Chris Morley, for all they do to encourage, inspire and nurture us in the faith.

It has been a busy year with many uplifting services:

June - August

- Rev. Alex Stevens was licensed on 10th June at a joyful service shared with colleagues and friends from around the Diocese and Circuit
- The International Weekend over 14th – 15th June celebrated our wonderful diversity
- We celebrated our relationship with Sudbury School in Ghana with Stoneleigh Methodist Church at a shared service on 22nd June
- We observed *Methodist Homes for the Aged Sunday* on 6th July

September - November

- The young people and leaders had a wonderful weekend away in early September, moved slightly earlier from last year to enable our university-aged students to attend
- We thought about our giving and stewardship on 5th October
- We began Harvest Weekend on the Saturday with a Barn Dance in aid of Riverview School. Gifts of food and produce received at our Harvest Sunday service went to Foodbank and the collection to *All We Can*
- The season of Remembrance was marked with an evening Memorial Service on Sunday 2nd November to remember our dear departed ones and those who have given their lives in the armed forces at a Remembrance Parade with 1st Ruxley Scouts on 9th November
- The Ukulele Group celebrated their 10th anniversary by accompanying the main morning service on 16th November

December - February

- Christmas Fair on 6th December – the best one yet!
- We all enjoyed the School and Community Choirs' attendance at the Christingle Service and it was lovely to see the Christingles held round the church. Our community Carols Round the Tree service was held outside on 16th December. The atmosphere at Carols by Candlelight on the evening of 21st December was enhanced by the beautifully decorated candleholders courtesy of the Coffee and Craft Group, starting our services for the week of Christmas
- We renewed our Covenant with God on 4th January 2026
- We celebrated the ministry of our Small Groups on 18th January
- Diana Pinchin facilitated a much-appreciated Reflective Morning on 24th January
- We marked our Church Anniversary with a joyful service and shared lunch with Methodist London District Chair Rev Dr Jonathan Dean on 1st February
- We followed up our EcoChurch Bronze Award with guest preacher Alison Moulden on 8th February, and an EcoChurch Prayer Evening Service on Sunday 22nd February. The Ruxley Church Eco Group meets regularly to identify opportunities to raise awareness of our need to care for God's creation

March – May:

- Small Groups studied material using *Mark: Suffering Servant* during Lent
- Guest Laura Cole shared her experience of working with *End Poverty* following which we signed the pledge as a church community
- We hosted a World Day of Prayer Service with our ecumenical brothers and sisters from Churches Together in Ewell and Stoneleigh on 6th March
- Rev. Chris Morley once again held a moving Maundy Thursday Tenebrae and Holy Communion
- Good Friday Reflection was led by the Leaders of Worship Team, followed by an amazingly well-attended Easter Day service
- We were very sorry to hear of the death of Bishop Andrew, whose funeral was held on 23rd March, attended on behalf of Ruxley by Alex and Paulette
- Alex and Judy led Safeguarding Sunday on 19th April
- We welcomed the 1st Ruxley Scouts back on 26th April to mark St George's Day and for their Renewal of Promises. We are investigating the possibility of a less formal Scouts service on 12th July with a BBQ, which as it is Sea Sunday is most appropriate for a Sea Scout troop

Coming up:

- Vocations Sunday will be marked on Sunday 3rd May
- Rev. Laura Cockram will be leading our Pentecost Service on Sunday 24th May followed at 6.30pm by Emma and Barbara marking Aldersgate Sunday
- Young People's Weekend Away has been fixed for 4th – 6th September
- The W&SD and Leadership Teams are looking at ways to nurture and grow our new and long-standing members in their faith, including running *The Bible Course* in September
- It was good to acknowledge the 60th Anniversary of Ruxley Methodist Church with a special history and display, courtesy of Barbara. Next year Bishop Paul will be celebrating our 25th Anniversary Service with us in January and we are looking at ways to mark this important milestone

Special thanks are extended to:

- Judy and Alex for leading and resourcing our Together @ 10 services, which on 10th May will incorporate material for Christian Aid Week
- Our Small Group convenors
- Diana and Miriam who are promoting our Christian book collection
- Coffee and Craft for resourcing our worship with beautiful offerings
- Hugh and the Community Choir for their wonderful musical contributions at Easter and Christmas

We continue to benefit hugely from those who regularly resource our worship, especially Louise Quaife and our brilliant team of Young People's Leaders, as well as Worship Co-ordinators, Welcomers, Communion Assistants, Sacristans, Readers, Intercessors, Musicians, Flower Arrangers, Publicity Producers, Audio-Visual and PowerPoint wizards and those who provide our vital hospitality. 'There are different kinds of spiritual gifts, but the same Spirit gives them.' *1 Cor 12:4*

**Paulette Withycombe
Convenor**

Baptisms

There was one baptism in the past year. Baptisms normally take place in Sunday morning services and we ask the person or the child's parents to attend church services for several weeks leading up to the baptism.

Beverley Rowlands

Prayer Chain

As always the Prayer Chain has been busy over the last year. There are 16 members who regularly pray for those in need of healing or help. Prayer requests can be sent direct to me by email or phone. Alternatively you can use the email address prayerchain@ruxley-church.org.uk which is now given on the church website.

Beverley Rowlands

Small Groups

Five Small Groups continue to meet regularly for fellowship, prayer and bible study. A variety of resources have been used and groups are always happy to welcome new members. Earlier this year we celebrated our Small Groups at a special service and heard more from members about the flavour of their groups and material they have been using. If you've never been along to a group and would like to join one do have a word with me, Alex or Emma.

Val Proctor

Pastoral Groups

There are 13 Pastoral Leaders at Ruxley and each one has a list of church members for whom they have pastoral care. At the present time there are 85 members in total who are shared between the groups. The children and young people are cared for by their leaders and are not included in the numbers.

The Pastoral leaders meet twice during the year which gives us the opportunity to share concerns and to pray collectively for all our members. The Revs Emma Cussack and Alex Stevens are very supportive of this work and any specific concerns are passed to them.

We thank God for all the work behind the scenes that our Pastoral Leaders do and for their care for each member of our congregation.

Sue Grasby
Pastoral Secretary

Together@10

We have moved to a looser timetable for our all age, Messy Church inspired service with other all age services in the schedule that include e.g. the Scouts' St George's Day Parade Service. We have, once again, explored a number of themes over the past year, including Pentecost, the cost of Christmas, Epiphany, and the Good Samaritan, which included filmed witness statements of the incident, thanks to Malcolm.

As well as our act of worship, we offer a range of activities to stretch and challenge our creativity and worshipful responses, including craft projects, prayers in the chapel, games of varying boisterousness and rather calmer digging deeper discussions. My thanks go to all those who have led these discussions each month, your help is invaluable.

The congregation's creativity is celebrated each week in the display on our T@10 notice board. Recently we explored the theme of Living Water in Jesus' encounter with the Samaritan woman at the well and created an interesting display of work.

We always welcome your comments and suggestions and have made a number of changes to the format over time as a result of thoughtful recommendations. Any ideas for activities or offers of help would be greatly appreciated.

These services would not happen without the help and support of many and I would like to particularly thank Louise, for her unstinting help; Jenny, for printing the Canva signs; Alex for organising the Digging Deeper team; Paulette and Emmaus for the music; and Sue for all the yummy baking - but most of all, our lovely congregation for your enthusiasm and willingness to take part. We couldn't do it without you.

Judy Quaife

Emmaus and Music

Another wonderful year of accompanying our uplifting worship here at Ruxley. We continue to draw on a wide variety of repertoire – some weeks we have been known to use material from six separate books, which means we can draw on familiar and much-loved hymns and songs as well as newer soon-to-be favourites.

We continue to be very grateful for the ongoing commitment and musicality provided by Gill, Lesley, Robin, Hugh, Dave, Malcolm and Paulette, as well as Judy and Val who support us in other ways too. But we are especially grateful to Alex, Emma and Chris, and to you, our wider congregation for all your encouragement and wonderful singing. We were particularly privileged to support Alex at her welcome service last June.

We'd also like to extend an enormous thank you to the Tech Team, especially Dave S, Malcolm, Brian, Chris, Jenny, Derek, Dave B and Josh, for keeping the audio-visual aspects of the service in order. We've been delighted with the new projectors, as this has greatly increased the visibility of projected service materials.

Paulette Withycombe

EEL'S (Ewell Ecumenical Ladies)

EEL's membership has stayed stable over the year. We have six ladies from five different churches who still try to meet together once a month, one now on Zoom as she has moved away. We continue to value our prayer times together and the support we give each other but, due to ill health, sadly it is sometimes not possible to meet as regularly.

Pam Eade

Tuesday Evening Prayers

We meet in the chapel most Tuesdays from 7.45 pm for about an hour. We pray informally – either silently or aloud – and sometimes we even sing! Whatever God puts on our hearts.

We are thrilled that this year Miriam has joined us – so we are usually six! But would welcome and love others to join us, even occasionally, as we believe in both the importance of prayer and its power. A prayer by Jen is included below.

Pam Eade

Prayer Is Such An Important Thing

Prayer is such an important thing,
Hope and encouragement it can bring.
And when two or three are gathered together,
You are there, whatever the weather.

And we may be small in number, but we are big on prayer,
And we thank you, you're amongst us, you are really there.
And although it can be a struggle to come out in the night sky,
I think it's important to remember to lift your name on high.

So, we meet together, in this little chapel room,
Get us in the right mood, get us, with you, in tune.
And if we are to pray out loud, give us the words to say,
Or for some of us, we may prefer to silently come to you and pray.

But it doesn't matter, words or not, just open up your heart,
Or maybe just pray in tongues, don't worry – just start!
And God doesn't mind what you say, or the words you use,
He just wants you to make that choice, and Him - choose.

So come before God, however you're dressed,
Come before God even if you're not at your best.
Come before God and off load onto Him,
Come before God, say sorry, and He'll take away your sin.

And as I said, we may be small in number,
But we can still pray and start a prayerful rumba!
We can still be powerful, when we pray in Jesus name,
And after prayer, sometimes some things are never quite the same.

So we will continue to pray, even though we are only a few,
And we bring our hopes, our asks, our whys? And everything else as well, to you.
And we know that you do hear us, but Lord a sign would be nice!
For sometimes Lord, we ask the same thing many more times than twice!

So Lord, please answer our heartfelt prayers, and share our burdens so weighty,
As we come to you and praise and honour you so very greatly.
And lastly Lord, we thank you, that where two or three come to you to pray,
You meet there with them, always, whatever time, whatever day.

Jen Eade

Church Flowers

We arrange flowers for the Church service every week. Thank you to everyone who has contributed this year they really are appreciated. Flowers are sponsored by members of the congregation for a special memory or celebration, or you can just pick a date to contribute towards them. We now arrange in a vase of water, so anyone can have a go at arranging them. I am always looking for sponsors so if you are interested in doing them, please have a word with me.

Sheila Stracy

ENGAGING WITH 0-11 YEAR OLDS AND THEIR PARENTS

Children and Young People

I want to start by recognising and thanking all of our dedicated youth leaders and helpers for their commitment to growing Ruxley Church through our youth work. The life that our young people bring to Ruxley Church is unique and without it, our Church would be a very different place.

Running sessions for youth aged 3 to 23 does not come easy and without the dedicated team that we have it simply wouldn't be possible.

Thank you to Pauline Heycock, Abi Spicer, Beverley Rolands, Kavya Madigani, Sandi Kendall, Diana Pinchin, Julia Searle, Paula Bridger, Brian Cockram, and Steve Kendall.

And special thank you to our Catalyst members who have taken on roles as leaders:
Josh Domino, Chanelle Crampton, Cara-May Mamvura, and Janine Domingo.

Away Weekend 2026

This year marks our third annual Weekend Away. We are taking the youth (from Year 5 and up) to Walton Firs (4th to 6th September 2026) with support from a number of our leaders. We will continue to engage in activities and team-building processes whilst also striving to act on the feedback from previous years which requested more space for prayer, Bible study, and reflection.

During the discussions held at last year's Weekend Away, one of our young people spoke about being "on fire" for the Lord. This has now become the theme of the 2026 Weekend Away.

Youth Church 2026 Development

We have many plans for the rest of 2026 which will carry us into 2027:

- *Fundraising*

Hopefully, it will come as no surprise to people that Catalyst members are developing a bigger focus on fundraising this year. They have identified a number of charities for which they want to raise funds (e.g. Amnesty International, Mind Matters, Poverty Pledge). Once we have met our monetary target for each, we will move on to the next to ensure that we can honour all of the causes that we are passionate about.

Where possible, Fish Club will be involved in the fundraising missions of the youth church. Importantly, in one of our sessions on social change, the Fish Club made the money box that we have been collecting all of our funds in.

- *Youth Services*

With support from Rev. Emma and Rev. Alex, we are looking to plan youth-led services at Ruxley with an aim of encouraging the faith of our young people and understanding what they want from regular worship. We can only develop them if we are willing to develop with them. Our first Youth Service will be planned on our away weekend at Walton Firs (4th-6th September) and will be run Sunday 13th September.

Whilst Catalyst will take a primary lead in planning the Youth Services, Fish Club members will be given roles and asked for their creative inputs throughout. This involvement is incredibly important as it ensures that they are aware of what roles and responsibilities they will grow into as they move up through the Church.

- *Youth Socials*

We have scheduled regular dates for youth socials throughout the year to give us structure in planning these events. The first one we looked to host (in March) received very few sign-ups which led to its cancellation. In the future events, we will consider extending the invites out to the older members of Fish Club as this will start to integrate these two groups.

- *Youth Instagram*

Thanks to the ECC, we have now been approved to have an Instagram account dedicated to and run by the Ruxley Church Youth. This account will provide us with a place to share updates with the local community about the events that we are running (e.g. socials, weekends away, fundraising events). We are waiting on some further discussions with Leadership before we can set up the account, but we have already had volunteers of those young adults who would like to be involved in running the account.

- *Youth Facilitation of Catalyst Sessions*

In the past, some of our young people have asked to run youth sessions on their chosen topics. I have been through to identify Sundays in their Uni and School holidays to provide them with an opportunity to do so. If enthusiasm for this continues, we will look to consider setting up a young people's Bible Study, outside of their regularly scheduled Sunday sessions. This would be an action for 2027, depending on the progress we make this year.

Catalyst (13yrs and up)

Our numbers in Catalyst this past year have fluctuated and sometimes appeared lower than we would have liked. While this can feel disappointing and appear demoralising on the surface, we must remember that our Catalyst group are at a point where they have jobs, education, and other relationships to balance. Additionally, it is worth pointing out that within all of this, we have many conversations with our young people that demonstrate the passion for growing in faith. They may not be with us every week but they maintain their faith.

This year we have used a combination of Youth for Christ materials and sessions from the Roots magazine. This was decided after a discussion with our Catalyst leaders indicated that the Youth for Christ material alone can become repetitive.

Fish Club (8-11 yrs)

Last year, I wrote that our Fish Club was the group with the fewest members, but in the past four months this is the group where we have seen the most new faces and visitors. This has been such a blessing and brings life and fun to the group.

In Fish Club we continue to use resources from the *Roots* magazine which follows the liturgy and allows us to tackle complex topics and stories in an accessible way. We have also looked to increase this group's use of the Bible as a source of learning. The resources we have in our Church (donated by our loving congregation) have meant that we are able to teach in ways which excite the young people and hopefully make them feel valued.

This group is currently at an important point which needs prayerful focus and decision making from us as leaders within the Church. The group caters to children aged 7 to 11 and with some of our young people coming up to high school age, we must start

thinking about how we can keep our teaching to this group relevant, whilst also progressing them appropriately through the Church. We do not want to push these young people up into Catalyst too early, but we are keen to ensure that their faith is cultivated.

Tiddlers (3-7 yrs)

In Fish Club and Tiddlers every year we have a theme. Last year we had the theme: “Prayer Changes Things”, which we used to encourage the youth towards prayer and developing connections with God. This year, our theme is “Always Give Thanks”. We always start our sessions with prayers and songs in the Chapel, and we have been using this as an opportunity to be grateful and talk about all of the things that we can praise God for.

The numbers we see in Tiddlers are incredibly encouraging and the energy that the youngest of our Church family bring is always motivating. Throughout the last year, we have used a range of materials with the Tiddlers to encourage their learning in different ways. Over the summer they looked at a series of books based around Teddy Brown so that they could learn about the benefits of having a relationship with God. Most recently, they have been looking at the life of Jesus and learning about how he grew up.

We continue to review the age constraints of this group to consider when we move our older Tiddlers into the Fish Club so that they can continue to learn in an age-appropriate way.

Louise Quaife

Riverview School

I have been a School Governor now for two years and have enjoyed it very much, I find it challenging but worthwhile. I attend full Governor Meetings and Committee Meetings (I am on the Resource Committee). You have to do different training modules each year, Safeguarding being the most important.

I recently had a meeting with another School Governor with the Site Manager for a review of Health and Safety compliance, which was very interesting.

Every Thursday morning, I go to the school to read with the children for an hour. This is great – some of them are very good readers, it is amazing how some of the classics are still very popular and I get quite engrossed with the story (I am still waiting to hear what happened to Roald Dahl’s Fantastic Mr Fox!).

As you know the Church is still waiting to fill two more Governor posts. I will gladly help with any prospective candidate. I hope this gives an insight into what I do as a School Governor.

Martin Bridger

It has been a great privilege to join Hugh and Martin on the Governing Body at Riverview School, where I currently enjoy responsibility for community links as well as monitoring provision for SEND and 'looked after' children. On 1st April, Riverview joined with St. Giles in Ashted to form 'Hope Federation' and it will be exciting to see how the two schools continue to evolve together. In January, we said goodbye to Hugh, who stood down from being Governor after four faithful years in the role. During this time, he was Vice-chair, Chair of the Learning & Progress Committee, Overseer of training and treasurer. His work was really appreciated at Riverview and he will be greatly missed.

As well as being Governor, I have loved building on our other links with Riverview, carrying out assemblies fortnightly, alternating with Vivienne Aitchison, attending prayer activity days, helping with parents evening and working with the school to find other opportunities where church and school can link together. One way of helping the school has been fundraising in support of children going on school trips. Funds from the Barn Dance and one of our coffee mornings have been allocated to Riverview, with more ideas in the pipeline.

We continue to enjoy hosting visits to the church from classes, either to support the Friendship Club or to find out about faith and church life. We also love having the school over for their Harvest, Christmas and Easter services - ably supported by Brian, Malcolm or Dave on tech - and others who assist by coming along or helping set up the church and tidying it afterwards. Hot-off-the-press is the exciting news that, after quite a few discussions, we have been able to agree for Riverview and Ruxley to do a joint Christmas fair in 2026, with the funds going to the school. Jacky and Steve are in the process of planning already, with members of the parent/carer & teacher association.

Watch this space!

Alex Stevens

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Publicity

Over the last year, I have done the following:

- Tried to increase the frequency of Facebook posts. Additional material from others would help greatly. To build up a regular audience this needs to be done weekly.
- Used Canva to make flyers and signs e.g. for various church events/services/activities.
- Updated all noticeboards, along with the Café table signs.
- Provided news for the Weekly Sheet
- Updated several pages on the Ruxley Church website
- Have sent suitable items to the local 'Ewell and Stoneleigh Connection' magazine: Community Corner. Info for it needs to be given 2 months ahead.

Although many church members may not engage with some of these channels or social media, we have to consider what we present to the outside world and how we engage with the local community.

Thanks to those who are producing posters from time to time, Anne for doing the weekly copying/printing of Service Sheet and Weekly News, and for Matthew producing the Weekly Sheet.

Jenny Meineck

EcoChurch

Building on the work of previous years, we have formalised our focus on Eco Church by creating a planning group. Members are Paulette Withycombe, Chris Meineck, Jenny Meineck, Diana Pinchin, Scarlett Crampton, Emma Cusack and Alex Stevens. We were delighted to receive our A'Rocha Bronze award in October and are working towards Silver. The process is helping us all at Ruxley to take care of the wonderful world God has made for us as thoughtfully as we can.

For each award, we have to work towards targets under five different headings, and these are used to report on our progress as follows:

Worship & Teaching

We are already at silver level. As a church we recognise the importance of creation care and this is included in our mission action plan, our worship (including children and young people) and our prayers. We held another Eco Service in February and greatly appreciated having Alison Moulden come to preach for us. We have held two Eco Church Prayer events recently.

Buildings & Energy

We are already at silver level. Led by Chris & Jenny Meineck and the premises team, we are working hard (and successfully) to reduce our carbon footprint and we have a Net Zero Action plan for our church. We are one of the Guildford Diocese Net Zero Pioneer churches. Chris and others are working very hard on our Solar Panel project.

Land & Nature

We are currently at bronze level. We are thinking intentionally about how to make our grounds a place where wildlife can flourish and have engaged with A'Rocha UK's 'Target 25' resources in prayer. This is a project which helps declining species, taxonomic groups and habitats. Our next steps will be to formalise in writing our plan to manage our land for nature and to engage in more litter picking.

Community & Global Engagement

We are currently at bronze level. As a church we recognise the impact of the climate and nature crises locally, nationally and globally. Our next steps include formalising in writing our plans to further reduce our waste which goes to landfill and to offer opportunities for our church family to engage with and enjoy nature.

Lifestyle

We are currently at bronze level. We share Eco Church tips in our newsletter and have set up a freecycle board. Our next steps include further sharing of information on how individuals and households can (if wished) respond to the climate and nature crises.

Alex Stevens

Website

The website continues to be regularly updated with service details and other events, and the latest newsletters. If you would like an event publicised on it then please let me know.

Dave Searle

Coffee Morning

In May this year we will be entering our 15th year of coffee mornings – imagine! When we were tasked by Stuart Thomas to start a coffee morning each week at the old church, we weren't even sure anyone would come and the first morning we only had one cake! Since then we have gone on to greater things, and we are happy to welcome members of the church family as well as members of the local community to a busy and vibrant morning.

Coffee mornings were never intended to be fund-raising but thanks to our popularity (and our home-made cakes) we are able to contribute to the running costs of the church including funding a solar panel. We have collected £378 for MacMillan and given £180 to Methodist Homes as well as sending donations to the following:

- Sunnybank Trust
- Red Cross
- Children's Society
- Princess Alice Hospice
- Riverview School

Thanks must of course go to our willing band of volunteers who serve the drinks and provide the cakes, and to all of you who support each week. Long may we continue.

Marion Parsons

Ewell Floral Art

We meet on the second Tuesday of the month at 2pm-4pm in the Church Hall. We are a very friendly group of ladies, who enjoy arranging flowers. We have members of all abilities who arrange flowers, or you can just watch and join in the chat. Our programme includes workshops and demonstrations by our members and special events by Area Demonstrators. We have tea, coffee and a raffle.

Visitors are always welcome – Club Days £4 and Area Demonstrators £5. There is a poster on the notice board about what is on each month or have a word with me.

Sheila Stracy

Men's Group

A loyal group of men continue to meet every month on the second Wednesday at the Hogsmill Tavern in Worcester Park. It is always an enjoyable, convivial and relatively cheap evening with plenty of anecdotes, some of which are possibly true. New members are always welcome and are urged to speak to Robin who is taking over as secretary to advance his career development.

Hugh Proctor

Tuesday Friendship Club

2025-2026 has been another year of enjoyment spent laughing and educating ourselves (ha ha!).

The year consisted of talks on: Ancient London Bridge, a holiday to Lourdes, an amazing talk on Route 66, an informative talk from Age UK, 'Just one Cornetto (the History of Ice cream)', a talk from Rev Emma on one of the places of interest she visited in Ghana, Bill Cusack's memories of his past and Anne Cockram's talk about women who should be better known. We also had Film Afternoons preceded by lunch, visits from Riverview School, flower arranging demonstrations and wonderful musical entertainment from Hugh and Friends.

Outings included a visit to the RHS Gardens at Wisley and a Christmas Lunch at the Star in Chessington.

We now look forward to our 60th Anniversary when we will be going out for the day to Eastbourne and having lunch looking out over the sea.

Always the emphasis is on support and care for one another.

We give thanks to all the members over the 60 years who have brought us to where we are today.

Jacky Panter

The Tuesday Friendship Club Finance Report can be found under 'Finance'

Badminton Group

The badminton group has continued to meet on Tuesday evenings 6.30pm - 9pm and occasionally on Fridays. We get between six and ten players each week and apart from being good exercise, it's also fun!

Last year we had a summer BBQ and a Christmas meal out. New members welcome.

Julia Searle

Ukulele Group

A landmark year! 10 years of strumming and singing through a variety of light rock and pop numbers as well as hymns (if they are in a good key!) on a Thursday evening for our mixed ability group. We've once again entertained the good folk of Sutton at Christmas with carols and cracker jokes, and we've also provided musical accompaniment for a special Ruxley service, at which this auspicious 10-year milestone was celebrated.

We've recently welcomed Ailsa and Yidong to our number, so if you are interested in joining them and us, we meet on a Thursday evening at Ruxley Church at about 8.15pm after the regular Emmaus practice. Speak to Paulette or Robin if you are interested or just come along! No previous experience needed.

Paulette Withycombe

Coffee and Craft

The craft group run by Jacky Panter and Gill Edwards is now into its 3rd year. We aim to run craft sessions on Wednesday mornings, 3 times a year. We usually meet for 3 weeks leading up to Harvest, Christmas and Easter. We have run a summer session as well, dates permitting.

The group at present consists of about 10 people with a good mix of ages. No experience is needed and all craft materials are provided. There is always coffee, tea, biscuits (sometimes cake) and plenty of chat as we enjoy our crafting together.

This year we have completed: Corn Craft, Glass Painting and String Craft. We usually display our finished work upstairs on the back window ledge of the outer worship area. As I write, the string craft Easter baskets are now on display.



Gill Edwards and Jacky Panter

Food Bank

Here we are again and after all the difficulties that have contributed to our cost-of-living crises, I have to add the increase in the cost of petrol and other things caused by the war in Iran. It reminds me of a famous lyric from the 1955 hit song recorded by Tennessee Ernie Ford "Sixteen Tons" we are "Another day older and deeper in debt".

Many of you have, through thick and thin, continued supporting Food Bank for which we are deeply grateful.

In our Store we currently have 127 fewer crates of food than at this same time last year. Our stocks are low, with many essential items now urgently needed. If you are wondering what to donate there is a list in our weekly news sheet and on the screen before the morning service. If you are still able to please help us continue supporting people facing financial hardship in our community.

On the other hand, should the continued cuts to our standard of living have put you in a situation where you are struggling, please come to see me so that Food Bank can assist you. Your request will be confidential.

Thank you especially to Ruxley Church for housing one of the five Distribution Centres since Epsom and Ewell Food Bank started 14 years ago.

Anne Cockram

Ruxley Community Choir

Numbers in the choir have dwindled slightly during the year although we are very grateful to Pauline, Alex and Steve who join us when other commitments allow. We perform for the major festivals and at Easter tried a new venture, singing a Gospel type piece without accompaniment. This was great fun, although demanding, and revealed a new side to our capabilities. As well as the full choir a smaller group join together occasionally to perform slightly more challenging pieces, notably John Rutter's Candlelight Carol which we did last Christmas with organ accompaniment. If anyone would care to give the choir a try simply have a chat with me. Rehearsals are most Wednesdays at 7.30, in the chapel, and enjoyment of singing is far more important than musicianship.



Hugh Proctor

Emma's Sudbury School Report – Apremdo, Ghana

On behalf of the school and their PTA I want to thank you all for the continued support you give to the School. At the last Annual General Meeting (2025), I reported that the first ICT classroom had been completed, furnished, installed with laptops etc and also the school purchased a router, so they have Wi-Fi Connection and pupils have full use. I also reported that the second ICT classroom had been roofed, a third of the floor screeding was done and the building structure was almost complete using money that was raised.

Since then, two transfers were made to the school on 14th July 2025 as per the receipts:

Transfer Date and £	Description	Ghana Currency Eqv.
14.7.2025 £886.00	<i>From Stoneleigh Methodist Church Account</i> This fund comprises of £181.01 SMC Christmas Charitable Offering. £646.00 Sudbury School Sunday Offering 22/6/25 £58.74 Gift Aid	11,765.53 Ghana Cedis
14.7.2025 £220	<i>From Ruxley Church Account</i> This fund comprises personal donations from two members; one was £200 and the other was £20	2,921.49 Ghana Cedis
TOTAL £1,106		14,687.02 Ghana Cedis

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Expenditure:

- 1,800Ghc - Sand (one truck)
- 3,200Ghc - Quarry Stones
- 2,150Ghc - Electrical Fittings
- 1,000Ghc - Workmanship (Electrical fittings)
- 2,500Ghc - Workmanship (plastering & Screeding)
- 2,200Ghc - Burglar proof materials
- 1,000Ghc - Workmanship on fitting burglar proof
- 250Ghc - Transportation of materials to site

Total Expenditure = 14,100Ghc

Balance carried forward = 587.02Ghc

As at the time of this report, the screeding of the second ICT classroom has been completed. Windows and door have been fitted with burglar proof, electrical fittings done, some plastering work also done.

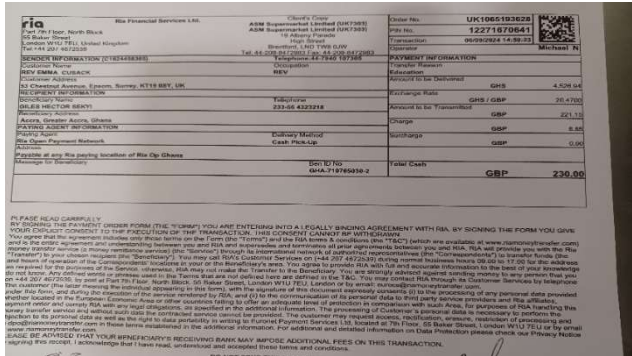
In conclusion, I want to share the following scripture as an encouragement to us all. “You know that the Lord your God is the only true God. So, love him and obey his commands, and he will faithfully keep his agreement with you and your descendants for a thousand generations”. Deuteronomy 7:9 (Contemporary English Version)
Shalom!!

Rev. Emma Cusack

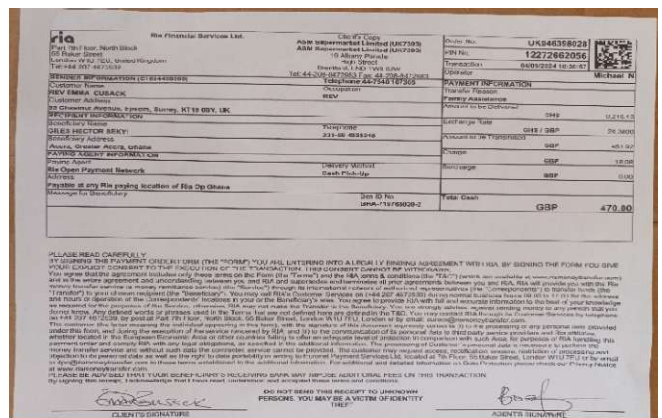


The following two transfers had also been sent to Sudbury for the ICT 2 Building Project:

Transfer Date & in Pounds	Description	Ghana Currency Eqv.
4/9/2024 £470	From Stoneleigh Methodist Church	9,210.13 Ghana Cedis
6/9/2024 £230	From Ruxley Church	4,526.94 Ghana Cedis



These two transfers were sent after the Sudbury Sunday Service in 2024, but it's important to draw your attention that the dates of the transfers reflect in the 2024/2025 financial year.



In an e-mail on 2.9.2024 sent to both treasurers; the headteacher had expressed concern that there were some left over materials (cement, timber etc as shown in photograph below) which may go off or rot by the following year which is the usual time funds raised would normally be transferred to the school. So, when I contacted both treasurers of SMC and Ruxley with the plea from the school, the above money was to be transferred to purchase some iron rods, more cement, sand, quarry stones to complete the structure of the second ICT classroom and roof it.



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Ruxley Church Reports for financial year 1 Sept 2024 to 31 Aug 2025

General Fund - Receipts and Payments

Total Income was £138,206; up £11,459 on previous year.

Total Expenditure was £145,934.

We had a deficit of £7,727 at the end of the year.

Income:

We received a grant of £3,000 from Guildford Diocese towards our LED project and a grant from Benefact Trust for £1,750 towards our Solar & Battery Project.

£1,300 was received towards our LED project from the congregation.

Voluntary giving was down slightly on the previous year, thanks to all that have given this year. The cash plate collections have gone up by £900.

We received £1,180 from our current solar panels it is up £656 from last year due to more sunshine and inverter issues sorted.

Donations received via the Contactless Giving Station amount to £700.

Gift Aid recovered was about the same as last year.

We received £2,388 from the Methodist Pension Fund, we gave them some money a few years ago to cover their losses and it has been repaid plus interest.

Hall hire was up by £2,451 to £76,634 which again is the highest it has been since records began!

Expenditure:

Parish Share and Circuit assessment has gone up by £1,000 with further increases planned.

Gas and electricity prices have decreased by £1,250 with our electricity spending going down and gas going up.

£4,644 was spent on our LED Lighting project replacing most of our lights.

Malcolm and I replaced the easier lights, and the rest was done by a contractor. As of March 2026 we are seeing a saving of £1,100 per year.

Maintenance was £31,394; up £6,600 from last year.

5-year electrical check £3,500.

Replacement Fire Panel £3,900.

White line painting in car park £750.

Car park and nursery paving repair £4,832.

Main hall partition repair £3,200, 50% was paid last year.

New Financial Year - major income & expenditures

- Received £5,000 from The Garfield Weston Foundation towards our Solar and Battery Project 29 Solar Panels have been sponsored so far, originally, we were going to have 30 panels on the church roof. This has been increased to 60 panels. This is the maximum that can fitted, most of the cost is the installation of the panels so it makes sense to do it once.
- Fire Heads replacement £3,600
- Main Hall deep clean and reseal joints £1,890
- Replacement UFH Pressurisation Pump and Valve £1,272

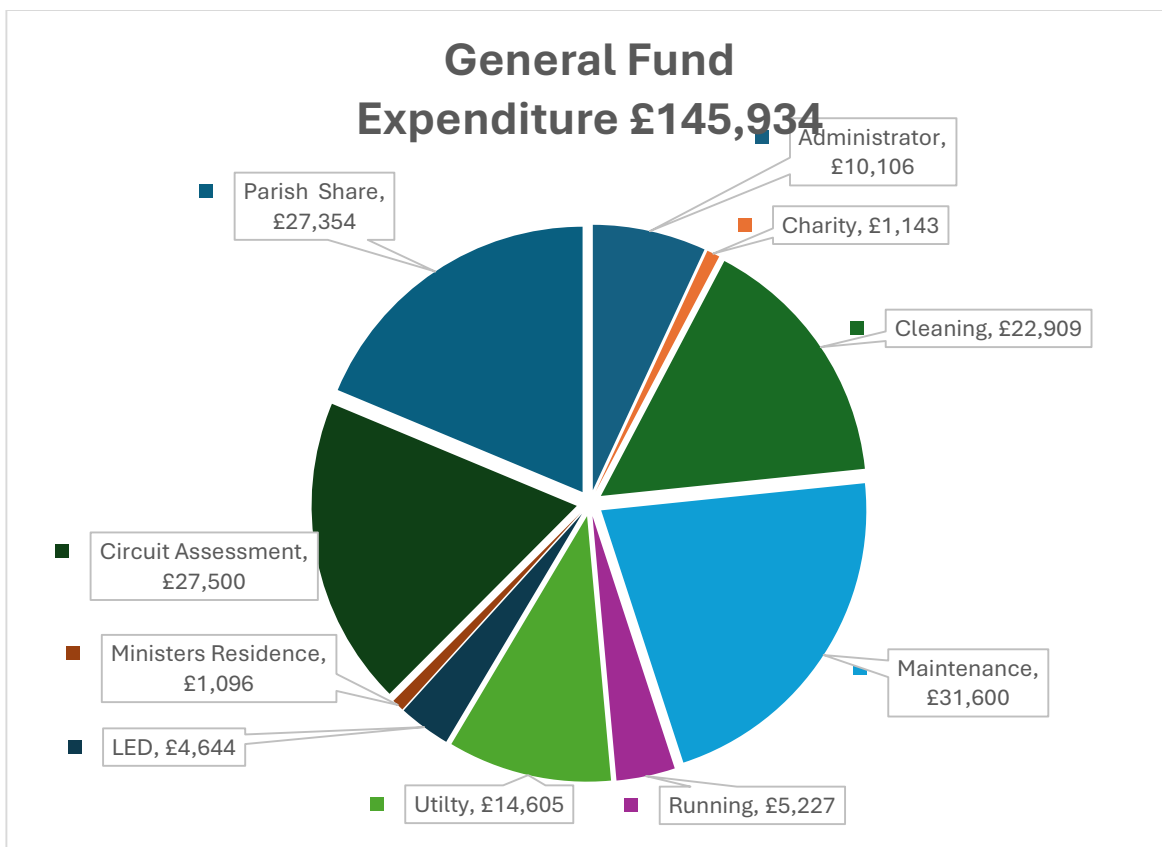
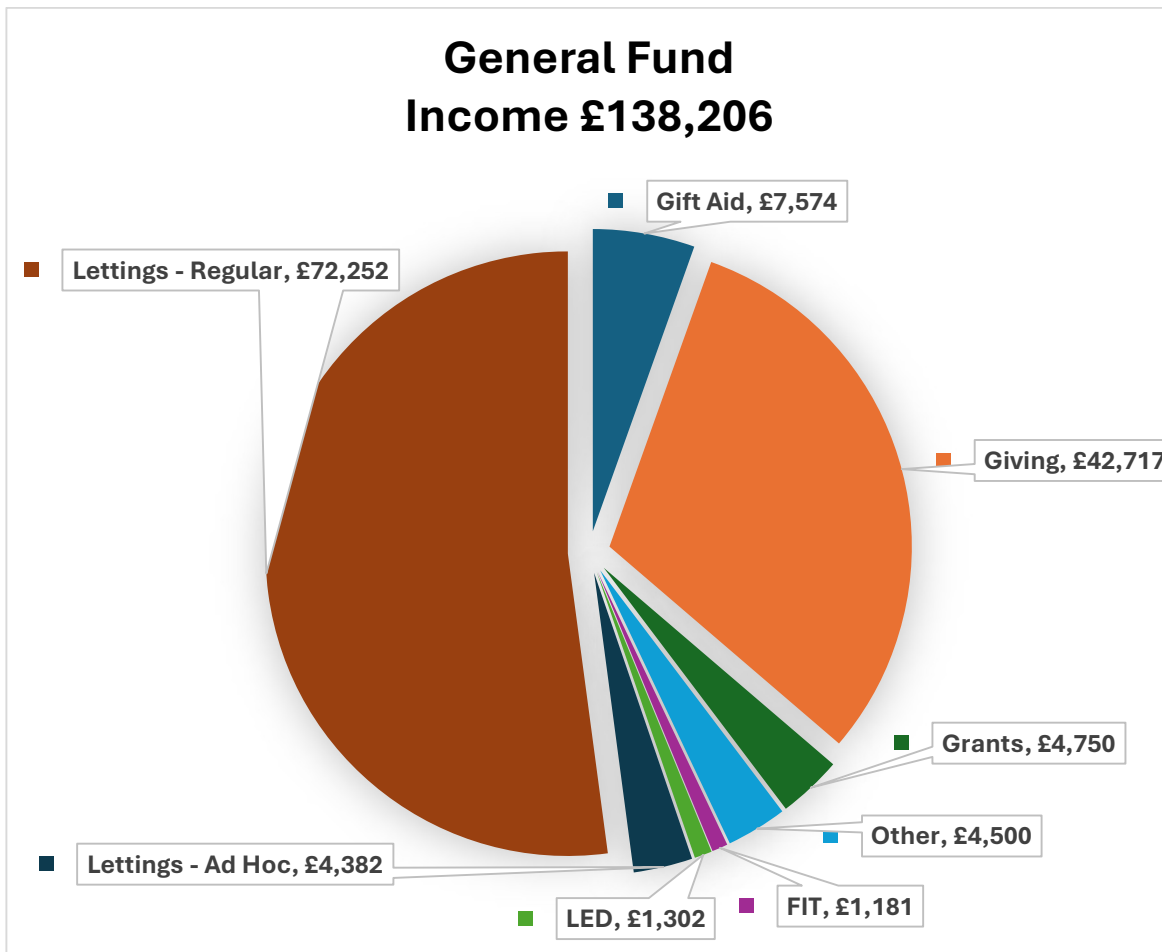
Charitable Giving

Thursday Coffee	
Epsom & Ewell Refugee Network	£100.00
Macmillan Cancer Support	£480.00
Maggie's	£100.00
Crisis	£100.00
Royal Marsden	£140.00
Sheila Stracy - Flowers	£100.00
Methodist Homes	£180.00
Thursday Coffee Total	£1,200.00

Christian Aid - Bucket Collection & Top up	£100.00
Methodist World Mission	£150.00
Methodist Property Fund	£150.00
Methodist Mission in Britain	£150.00
Methodist Homes	£150.00
Bishops Charity – Bishops Lent call + Alex Welcome	£315.00
Food Bank	£117.60
New Venture - Marsden	£702.58
Children’s Society – Christingle	£427.03
Action for Children – Christmas Collections	£475.38
All we can (Harvest)	£170.00
Easter Offering Collection	£70.00
Methodist Homes Collection	£215.50
Sudbury School £	£455.00
Total (excluding Thursday Coffee)	£3,648.09

Grand Total	£4,848.09
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General Fund Pie Charts



General Fund Receipts and Payments

Ruxley Church
Receipts and payments
Selected period: 01 September 2024 to 31 August 2025

Note	From To	01 September 2024 31 August 2025	01 September 2023 31 August 2024
General - General fund (Unrestricted) Fund			
Incoming resources			
Incoming resources from charitable activities			
		£462.00	£817.00
		£72,252.77	£74,183.74
		£4,382.25	-
	Total Incoming resources from charitable activities	£77,097.02	£75,000.74
Other incoming resources			
		£1,180.88	£524.51
	Total Other incoming resources	£1,180.88	£524.51
Voluntary income			
		£36,305.00	£38,555.00
		£520.00	£400.00
		£414.50	£447.50
		£2,967.58	£2,061.63
		£712.66	£194.91
		£23.46	-
		£60.00	£1,570.00
		£1,302.00	-
		£7,573.89	£7,342.34
		£4,750.00	-
		£40.00	-
		£260.23	£400.75
		-	£3.00
		£2,791.36	£6.00
	Total Voluntary income	£57,720.68	£50,981.13
Activities for generating funds			
		£559.20	£240.71
	Total Activities for generating funds	£559.20	£240.71
Investment income			
		£1,649.17	-
	Total Investment income	£1,649.17	-
Total Incoming resources		£138,206.95	£126,747.09
Resources used			
Cost of generating funds			
		-	-
	Total Cost of generating funds	-	-
Charitable activities			
		£48.00	£3,710.00
		£600.00	£1,123.00
		£245.00	£300.56
		£27,354.00	£27,142.28
		£27,500.00	£26,624.00
		£10,106.08	£8,089.96
		£909.39	£1,120.82
		£187.08	£278.80
		-	£966.60
		-	£50.00
		£3,291.75	£3,423.74
		£351.08	£568.04
		£205.00	£65.00
		£4,644.36	-
		£31,394.83	£24,748.83
		£14,871.96	£13,798.24
		£1,985.46	£2,204.37
		£6,051.13	£4,150.96
		£1,992.32	£1,375.68
		-	£1,050.00
		-	£310.00
		£421.42	£370.11
		£47.20	£114.20
		£4,213.37	£7,179.00
		£6,286.91	£4,572.87
		£812.68	£810.30
		£1,742.82	£1,468.80
	Total Charitable activities	£145,261.84	£135,616.16
Governance costs			
		£360.00	£360.00
	Total Governance costs	£360.00	£360.00
Cost of generating voluntary income			
		£132.35	£182.53
		£180.00	£72.70
	Total Cost of generating voluntary income	£312.35	£255.23
Total Resources used		£145,934.19	£136,231.39
		(£7,727.24)	(£9,484.30)
		£30,964.97	£40,449.27
Total carried forward balance		£23,237.73	£30,964.97

Other Funds Receipts and Payments

Ruxley Church
Receipts and payments
Selected period: 01 September 2024 to 31 August 2025

Note	From To	01 September 2024 31 August 2025	01 September 2023 31 August 2024
MP - Memorial Project (Designated) Fund			
Incoming resources			
Voluntary income			
Loose plate collections		-	£95.00
Other funds generated		-	£100.00
	Total Voluntary income	-	£195.00
Total Incoming resources			
Resources used			
Charitable activities			
Church maintenance		£14.40	-
Upkeep of church grounds, grass cutting		£369.58	-
Memorial Project		£176.82	£706.07
	Total Charitable activities	£560.80	£706.07
Total Resources used			
Excess of Income and endowments over Expenditure			
		(£560.80)	(£511.07)
Brought forward balance		£3,066.86	£3,577.93
Total carried forward balance			
		£2,506.06	£3,066.86
Sud - Sudbury School (Designated) Fund			
Incoming resources			
Voluntary income			
Gifts - Not Gift Aided		-	£30.00
Gifts - Gift Aided		£200.00	£1,330.00
Donations appeals etc		£25.00	£110.00
Social Events		-	£641.83
	Total Voluntary income	£225.00	£2,111.83
Activities for generating funds			
Rummage sales etc		-	£182.15
	Total Activities for generating funds	-	£182.15
Total Incoming resources			
Resources used			
Charitable activities			
Secular charities		£230.00	£2,029.32
	Total Charitable activities	£230.00	£2,029.32
Total Resources used			
Excess of Income and endowments over Expenditure			
		(£5.00)	£264.66
Brought forward balance		£264.66	-
Total carried forward balance			
		£259.66	£264.66
Tech - Tech Equipment (Restricted) Fund			
Incoming resources			
Voluntary income			
Gifts - Gift Aided		-	£1,000.00
	Total Voluntary income	-	£1,000.00
Investment income			
Bank and building society interest		-	£4,603.76
	Total Investment income	-	£4,603.76
Total Incoming resources			
Excess of Income and endowments over Expenditure			
		-	£5,603.76
Brought forward balance		£10,710.76	£5,107.00
Total carried forward balance			
		£10,710.76	£10,710.76
RW - Richard Watson (Designated) Fund			
Incoming resources			
Investment income			
Bank and building society interest		£1,430.67	£4,311.96
	Total Investment income	£1,430.67	£4,311.96

Note	From To	01 September 2024 31 August 2025	01 September 2023 31 August 2024
Total Incoming resources		£1,430.67	£4,311.96
Excess of Income and endowments over Expenditure		£1,430.67	£4,311.96
Brought forward balance		£90,816.99	£86,505.03
Total carried forward balance		£92,247.66	£90,816.99
VM - Vision & Mission (Designated) Fund			
Incoming resources			
Investment income			
Bank and building society interest		£4,870.05	£251.72
Total Investment income		£4,870.05	£251.72
Total Incoming resources		£4,870.05	£251.72
Resources used			
Charitable activities			
Church maintenance		£20,475.81	-
Total Charitable activities		£20,475.81	-
Governance costs			
Governance costs examination/audit fee		£15.92	£13.28
Total Governance costs		£15.92	£13.28
Total Resources used		£20,491.73	£13.28
Excess of Income and endowments over Expenditure		(£15,621.68)	£238.44
Brought forward balance		£36,142.67	£35,904.23
Total carried forward balance		£20,520.99	£36,142.67
BB - Youth Work (Restricted) Fund			
Incoming resources			
Incoming resources from charitable activities			
Bookstall sales to promote objectives		£6.00	-
Total Incoming resources from charitable activities		£6.00	-
Voluntary income			
Gifts - Not Gift Aided		£1,000.00	£250.00
Donations appeals etc		£65.00	-
Other funds generated		£2,965.78	£260.00
Social Events		£549.40	-
Total Voluntary income		£4,580.18	£510.00
Activities for generating funds			
Rummage sales etc		£720.20	£709.98
Total Activities for generating funds		£720.20	£709.98
Total Incoming resources		£5,306.38	£1,219.98
Resources used			
Charitable activities			
Young People		£2,113.20	£404.20
Total Charitable activities		£2,113.20	£404.20
Cost of generating voluntary income			
Costs of fetes & other events		-	£357.50
Total Cost of generating voluntary income		-	£357.50
Total Resources used		£2,113.20	£761.70
Excess of Income and endowments over Expenditure		£3,193.18	£458.28
Brought forward balance		£1,675.00	£1,216.72
Total carried forward balance		£4,868.18	£1,675.00

Balance Sheet (Separate Funds)

Ruxley Church

Balance Sheet (Separate funds)

	General	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	At 31/08/2025 £	At 31/08/2024 £
Fixed assets	-	-	-	-	-	-
Current assets						
Cash At Bank And In Hand	£23,237.73	£144,981.58	£47,929.71	-	£216,149.02	£234,178.74
	£23,237.73	£144,981.58	£47,929.71	-	£216,149.02	£234,178.74
Liabilities						
Creditors: Amounts Falling Due In One Year	-	-	£3.35	-	£3.35	(£22.20)
	-	-	£3.35	-	£3.35	(£22.20)
Net current assets less current liabilities	£23,237.73	£144,981.58	£47,926.36	-	£216,145.67	£234,200.94
Total assets less current liabilities	£23,237.73	£144,981.58	£47,926.36	-	£216,145.67	£234,200.94
Liabilities	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total net assets less liabilities	£23,237.73	£144,981.58	£47,926.36	-	£216,145.67	£234,200.94
Represented by						
Unrestricted						
Unrestricted - General Fund	£23,237.73	-	-	-	£23,237.73	£30,964.97
Designated						
Designated - International Social	-	£488.19	-	-	£488.19	£390.69
Designated - Memorial Project	-	£2,506.06	-	-	£2,506.06	£3,066.86
Designated - Sudbury School	-	£259.66	-	-	£259.66	£264.66
Designated - Richard Watson	-	£92,247.66	-	-	£92,247.66	£90,816.99
Designated - Warm Space	-	£1,212.60	-	-	£1,212.60	£1,434.85
Designated - Ruxley Community Choir	-	£0.37	-	-	£0.37	£0.37
Designated - Reserve Fund - Church Maintenance	-	£26,997.17	-	-	£26,997.17	£26,997.17
Designated - Social Fund	-	£423.78	-	-	£423.78	£423.78
Designated - Vision & Mission	-	£20,520.99	-	-	£20,520.99	£36,142.67
Designated - Vicars Discretionary Fund	-	£325.10	-	-	£325.10	£325.10
Restricted						
Restricted - Building Rectification	-	-	£32,072.66	-	£32,072.66	£30,712.31
Restricted - Decorating	-	-	£224.76	-	£224.76	£224.76
Restricted - Tech Equipment	-	-	£10,710.76	-	£10,710.76	£10,710.76
Restricted - Discipleship	-	-	£50.00	-	£50.00	£50.00
Restricted - Youth Work	-	-	£4,868.18	-	£4,868.18	£1,675.00
Fund Totals	£23,237.73	£144,981.58	£47,926.36	-	£216,145.67	£234,200.94

Balance Sheet Detailed

Ruxley Church

Balance Sheet detailed

	As at 31/08/2025	As at 31/08/2024
Current assets		
6501: HSBC	£7,870.02	£20,397.26
6502: HSBC - Appeal	-	-
6505: HSBC - Business Money Manager	£3,572.98	-
6506: HSBC - Appeal - BM	-	-
6507: HSBC Tuesday Fellowship	-	-
6510: CFB deposit account	£204,706.02	£208,884.16
6511: Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes	-	£4,897.32
6512: CCLA - Ruxley Appeal	-	-
6520: HSBC - RMC	-	-
6590: Cash in hand	-	-
Total Current assets	£216,149.02	£234,178.74
Liabilities		
6605: Parish Share Unpaid	-	-
6699: Agency collections	£3.35	(£22.20)
Total Liabilities	£3.35	(£22.20)
Net Asset surplus (deficit)	£216,145.67	£234,200.94
Reserves		
Excess/(deficit) to date	(£18,055.27)	£31,667.47
Z01: Starting balances	£234,200.94	£202,533.47
Z03: Gains and losses own use	-	-
Total Reserves	£216,145.67	£234,200.94

Represented by Funds

General (Unrestricted)	£23,237.73	£30,964.97
Designated	£144,981.58	£159,863.14
Restricted	£47,926.36	£43,372.83
Total	£216,145.67	£234,200.94

Standard Form of Accounts (SFOA) - signed

RUXLEY CHURCH
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS
ACCOUNTS

THE METHODIST CHURCH STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

Ruxley Church

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31 August 2025

Wimbledon	Circuit	Circuit no.	35/26
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Ruxley Church

SECTION A		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
		£	£	£	£
a1	RECEIPTS	Note			
a2	Offerings and Tax recovered	50,143	1,065	51,208	53,766
a3	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income	7,950	1,360	9,310	9,166
a4	Lettings	76,635		76,635	74,303
a5	Grants	4,750		4,750	
a6	Other receipts	5,353	4,241	9,594	34,913
a6	TOTAL RECEIPTS	144,831	6,666	151,497 (a7)	172,148

SECTION B					
b1	PAYMENTS				
b2	Circuit Assessment or Share	54,854		54,854	53,766
b3	Donations	1,123		1,123	
b4	Repairs and Maintenance	51,885		51,885	41,060
b5	Utilities (Insurances, water charges, heating & lighting)	14,605		14,605	15,986
b6	Grants				
b7	Other payments	44,972	2,113	47,085	29,669
b8	TOTAL PAYMENTS	167,439	2,113	169,552 (b9)	140,481

SECTION C						
c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	(a6-b8)	(22,608)	4,553	(18,055)	31,667
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year		197,425	36,775	234,200 (c6)	202,533
c3	Sub total	(c1+c2)	174,817	41,328	216,145	234,200
c4	Transfers and adjustments				(c7)	
c5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR	(c3+c4)	174,817	41,328	216,145 (c8)	234,200 (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)		£	£
d1	Balance brought forward from last year		(22)	39
d2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations		3,700	3,499
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations		3,675	3,560
d4	BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID	(d1+d2-d3)	3	(22)

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)					
	151,497 (a7)	169,552 (b9)	(18,055)	(c7)	234,200 (c6)	216,145 (c8)
e10	TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	151,497	169,552	(18,055)	234,200 (x)	216,145 (y)
	TOTAL RECEIPTS	TOTAL PAYMENTS				

Continue on a separate sheet if necessary and bring the totals forward

SECTION F

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

CHURCH - CASH FUNDS HELD at 31 August 2024	OPENING BALANCES	CLOSING BALANCES	
f1	Cash in hand	22	(3)
f2	Bank Current Account	20,397	7,870
f3	Bank Deposit Account		3,573
f4	Central Finance Board	208,884	204,706
f5	Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes	4,897	
f6	Other funds		
f7	SUB TOTAL - Church accounts	234,200 (c6)	216,146 (c8)
f8	Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance total from above) (e12)	(e11)	(e12)
f9	TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	234,200 (x)	216,146 (y)

SECTION G

OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES

	At 1 September 2024	At 31 August 2025	
g1	Investments (include Endowments)		
g2	Land & Buildings (see notes re Insurance value)	6,650,000	7,320,000
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 .. Ruxley Church

Declarations and Scrutiny

I confirm that these Receipt and Payment based accounts for the year to 31 August 2025 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 *C Meineck* Date... *25th Nov 2025*

Name and address of treasurer Christopher Meineck

37 Amberley Gardens , Stoneleigh Epsom

KT19 0NQ

Presentation to the Church trustees

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2025 were/will be* presented to the meeting of the Church trustees held on

Signature of the Chair of the meeting *Emma Cusack*

Name of the Chair of the meeting *EMMA CUSACK* Date *26th Nov, 2025*

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

..... *RUXLEY* Church

Charity Number *1174006*

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the *RUXLEY* Church for the year ended 31 August 202~~4~~⁵ set out on pages ... to As the Church's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Church's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and, in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

* delete or circle as appropriate

Independent Examiner's Statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below*) which give me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

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

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

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

Signature of independent examiner *KA Mallett*

Name of independent examiner *KEVIN A. MALLETT*

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner *FCA - ICDEW*

Name of firm (where appropriate) *L C F ACCOUNTING LTD*

Address *18 THE BROADWAY, STONELEIGH*

EPSOM, SURREY Post Code *KT17 2HU*

Date *25 NOVEMBER 2025*

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Chris Meineck
Treasurer

Tuesday Friendship Club Finance Report

TUESDAY FRIENDSHIP CLUB - Finance Report April 2025 - March 2026

INCOME		Sub Totals
Opening Balance April 2025		
Long term account	£26,728.16	
Current Account	618.74	
Petty Cash	-7.39	
Balance at beginning of April 2025		£27,339.51
Christmas lunch & coach trip deposit	515	
Members contributions	878.03	
Interest	970.13	
Total Income		£2,363.16
EXPENDITURE		
Donation to Speakers	301.37	
Donations to Charities	190	
Donation to Ruxley Church	230	
Meeting costs (food, flowers etc)	124.39	
Christmas Lunch	774.78	
Outings / Trips	1,523.24	
Birthday / Anniversary Gifts	164	
Bank charges	22	
Total Expenditure		£3,329.78
BALANCE AS AT March 2026		
Long term account	23,698.29	
Current Account	2,476.34	
Petty Cash	198.26	
Balance C/F		£26,372.89

(Friendship Club Treasurer) *Anne M Cockram*
Anne Cockram

(Ruxley Church Treasurer) *C Meineck*
Chris Meineck

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Ruxley Church

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)	151,497 (a7)	169,552 (b9)	(18,055)	234,200 (c6)	216,145 (c8)
e10	TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	151,497	169,552	(18,055)	234,200 (x)	216,145 (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	22	(3)
f2	20,397	7,870
f3		3,573
f4	208,884	204,706
f5	4,897	
f6		
f7	234,200 (c6)	216,146 (c8)
f8	(e11)	(e12)
f9	234,200 (x)	216,146 (y)

SECTION G

OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES

	At 1 September 2024	At 31 August 2025
g1		
g2	6,650,000	7,320,000
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 .. Ruxley Church

Declarations and Scrutiny

I confirm that these Receipt and Payment based accounts for the year to 31 August 2025 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 *C Meineck* Date *25th Nov 2025*

Name and address of treasurer Christopher Meineck

37 Amberley Gardens , Stoneleigh Epsom

KT19 0NQ

Presentation to the Church trustees

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2025 were/will be* presented to the meeting of the Church trustees held on

Signature of the Chair of the meeting *Emma Cusack*

Name of the Chair of the meeting *EMMA CUSACK* Date *26th Nov, 2025*

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

..... *RUXLEY* Church

Charity Number *1174096*

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the *RUXLEY* Church for the year ended 31 August 2024⁵ set out on pages ... to As the Church's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Church's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and, in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

* delete or circle as appropriate

Name of Church .. Ruxley Church

No 1174096

Independent Examiner's Statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below*) which give me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

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

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

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

Signature of independent examiner *KA Mallett*

Name of independent examiner *KEVIN A. MALLETT*

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner *FCA - ICDEW*

Name of firm (where appropriate) *KCF ACCOUNTING LTD*

Address *18 THE BROADWAY, STONELEIGH*

EPSOM, SURREY Post Code *KT17 2HU*

Date *25 NOVEMBER 2025*

* delete or circle as appropriate

RUXLEY CHURCH

England & Wales - Charity number 1174096

Accounts

Ruxley Church



Annual Report

May 2025

OVERALL GOVERNANCE

Minister's Report

Huge thanks to each and every one of the church family, those who are new and still searching in their hearts whether it is the right place for them and to all who have been around for years.

I want to thank all who serve in various committees/groups of the church, whether in leadership role or part of the group to make it work. Your contribution to the direction of travel for this church is vital.

Last but not the least, I want to thank Maria, for keeping the premises clean, to Jenny for running the office, administratively for the church, to the leadership team who are so supportive and have never made me feel as though I am on my own and to the church trustees – the ECC, thank you.

We have an incredible God who continue to work among us, such that each year we have so much to share and celebrate. This is truly a sign of growth and productivity.

We give God thanks for taking us out of vacancy and to have Rev Alex Stevens appointed to this church. We look forward to her licensing service on the 10th of June and I look forward to her collegueship.

Since the last annual general meeting, God called to eternal home, Judith Roberts on 19th September 2024. Sadly, also, Keith, who had been coming to visit recently with his wife in the last couple of months passed away on Saturday 22nd March. May they Rest in Peace.

Once again, Thursday Morning Prayers continue to be on zoom and proven to be one of the best decisions made. Some members of Stoneleigh Methodist Church continue to join in and it's so encouraging to have a good consistent number of participants weekly.

I want to exceptionally praise our young peoples' leaders and thank the Lord for increase in our young people's ministry. Please speak to Louise, Pauline or me if you want to explore on becoming a leader.

We remain confident and hopeful that the Spirit of God will continue to guide and bless us as individuals and as a church.

I want to finish with the words of Charles Wesley's hymn (MHB 80 verse 1), "Thee will I praise with all my heart. And tell mankind how good thou art. How marvellous thy works of grace. Thy name, I will in songs record. And joy and glory in my Lord. Extolled above all thanks and praise".

Every blessing,

Rev Emma Cusack

Leadership Team Report

'An inclusive worshipping community, united in Christ, serving others'

Another busy year for the Leadership Team, whose members meet every month or so to discuss matters relating to our vision, core priority areas and governance. We also held one-item-agenda meetings in September and March to update the core priorities of our Mission Action Plan (MAP). We are grateful for the sterling contributions made by Jacky Panter, Val Proctor and Sheron Msiska who stood down at the last AGM, and also to Julia Searle who has served as steward this year along with Rev. Emma Cusack, Sue Grasby (Senior Steward), Treasurer Chris Meineck and Paulette Withycombe (Churchwarden). There is still a further vacancy for Churchwarden. We look forward to welcoming Revd Alex Stevens onto Leadership when she takes up her ministry here on 10th June.

Core Priority: Developing the spiritual life of the church family

Highlights

- Growth in numbers even during our vacancy
- Updating of our Parish Profile and a conclusion to the vacancy
- A good response to the Circuit Review
- Having the Scouts back at Remembrance and St George's Day services
- A joyful Church Anniversary Service with erstwhile vicar Canon Stuart Thomas and Heather Thomas. New Chair of District Rev Dr Jonathan Dean will be our guest in 2026
- Small Group Lent studies using the course *Let Justice Flow* based on the book of Amos

Work in progress

- Continuing quarterly *Church Conversations*
- Stewardship
- Confirmation Course

We give thanks for

- The variety of our worship and music
- The support of those who resource our worship in a variety of ways
- The wonderful support given to us by Rev. Chris Morley and clergy brothers and sisters from the Circuit and Diocese

The Leadership Team continues to liaise closely with the Worship and Spiritual Development Group

Core Priority: Engaging with children 0-11 and their families

Highlights

- Young people's BBQ

- Youth leaders training morning
- The weekend away for our young people in November with a good range of ages involved, to be run again in September 2025 to accommodate those studying at university
- Having the Riverview Choir back for our Christingle Service
- Quiz Night Fundraiser (arranged for Saturday 12th April)

Work in progress

- Toddler Group links
- Relationship with Riverview School

We give thanks for

- Louise Quaife, Pauline Heycock and the team for their outstanding ministry and care

Core Priority: Building relationships with the local community

Highlights

- Ongoing relations with Appleby House
- Launching of EcoChurch in February. Jenny, Chris and Paulette have met with Diocesan Net Zero Project and Engagement Lead Martin Carr
- Arrangements to support a member of the community to recommence attendance
- Three charity concerts
- A wonderful International Weekend to be repeated in 2025 over 14th - 15th June

Work in progress

- Communications in general
- Identifying new opportunities for engagement with our hirers
- Links with the Korean Church

We give thanks for

- Our diverse community

In other news

- A contactless payment device has been introduced
- Epsom Deanery Parish Needs Process (PNP) has begun and the date of 18th June has been set for the Archdeacon's Visitation
- We are so grateful to the Premises Team, who work tirelessly to keep our building safe and maintained
- Grateful thanks are also due to Malcolm Withycombe, who has updated our wifi arrangements and is migrating our IT systems across to Microsoft Office 365

- Thanks are due to Dave Searle, who has updated the Ruxley website

Members of the Leadership Team are always happy to hear your ideas and suggestions. Please continue to uphold us in your prayers.

Rev. Emma Cusack
Paulette Withycombe (Churchwarden)
Sue Grasby (Senior Steward)
Julia Searle (Steward)
Chris Meineck (Treasurer)

Ecumenical Church Council

Scheduled meetings were held in September, January and March.

The ECC consists of 20 lay members plus Rev Emma Cusack, as well as Superintendent Rev Paul Timmis. We are most grateful to Paulette Withycombe who has served as churchwarden and Chris Meineck who has served as Treasurer this year.

At each meeting Chris presents a Finance report – his annual report appears elsewhere as do the many other reports we receive at each meeting.

Safeguarding is of paramount importance and we take very seriously our aim to be *an inclusive worshipping community united in Christ, serving others*. We would like to thank Judy Quaife who continues as our Parish Safeguarding Officer and who, along with Marion Parsons and Valerie Bradfield, has ensured that our church is a safe place for all who attend. Judy sends a report on safeguarding to every meeting.

A number of risk assessments and role descriptions have been considered by EEC and have been approved, often after alterations. These include approval for the Walton Firs Trip, continued use of the premises for the Korean Church and various matters to do with premises and safety.

We have had a report on the vacancy at every meeting.

The ECC retains its links with Riverview School and a full report can be found elsewhere.

Along with the Leadership Team, the ECC ensures that our Mission Action Plan priorities continue to be met. They are worship and spirituality, work with children aged 0 to 11 and their families and links with the community.

None of this of course is possible without God's gracious provision. Please continue to pray for the work of the ECC and all its members as we seek to be true to our calling to serve Christ in this community.

Hugh Proctor, ECC Secretary

Deanery Synod

Epsom Deanery Synod meets three times a year and consists of clergy and laity representing each parish. Ruxley is entitled to two lay representatives, currently Valerie Bradfield and Diana Pinchin. Meetings are held at different churches. Each meeting includes: an introduction to that church, perhaps with details of their current plans or hopes; updates on clergy moves, vacancies etc; news passed down from Diocesan Synod; plus a main topic, usually with a speaker and/or discussion groups.

5th June 2024 at St Mary's Ewell. The main item of business was looking at Children and Youth work. This included a presentation from Alastair Etheridge, Mission Enabler - Youth, who introduced the new diocesan strategy on children and youth, which is currently being rolled out. It was interesting to note that there is outreach work happening in the Diocesan secondary schools and also one state school within the Diocese. Two paid youth workers were interviewed about their work and mentioned both the challenges and rewards which came from this.

10th October 2024 at St. Mark's Tattenham Corner. Guest speakers were Keith Malcouronne, Chair of the House of Laity at Diocesan Synod and Matt Ineson, the new Mission Enabler Team Lead. The main item of the evening was Taking Forward Issues Raised at Church Growth Conference.

Parish Needs Process. (PNP) - Epsom Deanery began its second cycle in 2025. The strategy day was in January at St Martin's, Epsom, where the key focus was Discipleship, the first priority of 'Transforming Church, Transforming Lives'.

14th January 2025 at St Pauls Howell Hill. This was an open meeting, with various speakers from across the diocese, focusing on Finance. Over 60 people attended, including several from Ruxley Church, and about 40 others from across the Diocese watched the live stream. Topics included were:

Funding your parish in 2025 – Revd. David Senior, Diocesan Mission Enabler for Stewardship and Evangelism

Revenue for Capital appeals - Emma Broker

Net Carbon Zero Fundraising – Alison Moulden, Diocesan Environment Officer

Top Tips for writing bids - Geoff Andrews, Diocesan Strategic Programs Advisor

Cornerstone - Will Porter, The Kindness of Strangers (the contractors building Cornerstone)

This is a free online funding resource for parishes, commissioned and funded by the national church. The evening included a sneak preview since it is still under development. Guildford Diocese is to be one of the first dioceses in the country to receive free access to Cornerstone.

The next Epsom Deanery Synod meeting will be on 21st May at All Saints Banstead, looking at How we reach the middle-aged.

Valerie Bradfield

Ruxley Church Safeguarding

Fortunately, during the last year there have not been any serious safeguarding incidents and any concerns where support and advice have been needed have been dealt with promptly.

Where an issue had to be dealt with, our processes worked satisfactorily and as a church it reinforced that we are generally following safe and correct practice and procedures here at Ruxley.

Work on outstanding items relating to the Church Safeguarding Dashboard is ongoing and I would like to express my thanks to all those who have completed tasks related to this, particularly Louise in relation to the young people's groups.

I would also like to thank our Church Warden, Paulette, for her help and support.

Valerie Bradfield continues with the challenging task of overseeing the training and updating the log, which is kept centrally and securely on the church's cloud-based system. Marion Parsons continues to do sterling work, ensuring all the appropriate members who work in any way for our church have the correct and up-to-date Disclosure & Barring Services (DBS) check in place.

I am most grateful for the work they do; I could not do the job without them.

Sadly, the Church of England, along with other established churches, has had a number of issues recently with historic Safeguarding failures widely reported in the media. This means it is even more important that we ensure our own procedures are as robust as possible.

Therefore, we continue with our commitment to being a safe environment for all who belong to our church or use our building. We strive to be a place where the church community are able to feel safe and are aware that there are structures in place should an issue arise.

The whole community has a part to play in living out this commitment so please do take the opportunities offered by safeguarding training to understand the needs of those who are vulnerable or at risk. And if you have, or hear of, anything that concerns you, please speak to or contact myself, Emma, our Churchwarden or Church stewards. The church officers are well-trained to support those in need or have appropriate contacts to which they can signpost people, so that they can receive more specialist guidance.

Remember your concern might be the piece of the jigsaw that brings to light something that needs to be addressed.

Judy Quaife

Premises Team

Since the last AGM, the following has been done, in no particular order:

- The Main Hall ceiling was treated and repainted following water damage.
- The 2nd solar inverter was replaced.
- Upsher Heating have carried out various jobs on the heating system through the year.
- In June/July/August three companies came in to advise and quote on replacing our two broken projectors, and now in March we have new projectors, camera, and stream deck to operate the camera with ease. A great deal of work went on in the background to work out what we needed and would operate well with our existing audio visual equipment.
- Our Gardening Party group had several big clear up sessions at the Minister's House garden, in addition to maintaining the church gardens.
- Summer maintenance was carried out as usual (external companies).
- A small team painted the Main Hall, Small Hall and Meeting Room walls and woodwork through summer, and we held several working parties doing a variety of jobs.
- The Dishwasher was serviced.
- In November, December and February lots of existing lights (bulbs and panels) were changed over to LED bulbs and panels. A Quick Wins grant was achieved to help with the more difficult jobs of changing the Main Hall and external lighting to LED. Quotes have been obtained. Work still to do.
- In November we were able to use the Front Door automatic opening system again. For the moment this is just used for Sunday mornings and Friendship Club sessions.
- The Preschool paved area and rear part of the car park have had large areas of paving re-laid.
- The Hearing Loop in the Main Hall has been sorted out with a temporary solution – more work is needed.
- The Fire Alarm panel needed to be completely replaced.
- The downstairs Disabled toilet alarm is about to be replaced.

Help with smaller tasks would always be appreciated. Our own team carries out many of the regular maintenance tasks. Major repairs/maintenance are carried out by outside companies.

ECO initiatives

- Lighting is being changed to LED lighting – as mentioned above.
- An LED Project was launched to encourage people to 'buy an Led bulb or panel'. The hope was to offset the costs already incurred and to raise awareness of ways the church can reduce carbon emissions.
- More work has been going on behind the scenes towards increasing the number of solar panels we have on the roof.

- We signed up for Rocha Eco Church Awards. A small team of people needs to be established to continue this.

Quinquennial inspection 2023: *Further info needs to be written up.*

It has been highlighted from the 2018 and 2023 quinquennial that we need to sort out cracks in the road surface of Merchant Close. Advice is being sought. We have also had an initial meeting with the management company of Swallow and Dove flats, because we need to get a sensible arrangement in writing, with them, to share costs of such maintenance.

Community Users

- The Preschool had their Ofsted inspection and received Outstanding again.
- The 1st Ruxley Sea Scouts have still been with us whilst they wait for work on their hut to be completed.
- We were a Polling Station.
- A new exercise group has started, and a further one is due to start soon.

Our weekend users continue to enjoy being here, many are repeat bookers, and they appreciate the cleanliness of our facilities.

Unlocking and Locking

We urgently need more volunteers to help with this.

All our adhoc hirers at the weekend need someone to come and unlock and greet them, and to show them around; and then the same person/pair to come back at the end to check the premises and lock up. At the moment this is mostly Chris and I every weekend.

Ultimately, if we can't get more volunteers for the weekend hires, they will cease and there will be a significant drop in income to the church.

I would like to give many thanks to the wonderful team who help in so many ways: Robin W, Chris M, Brian C, Steve K and Derek E. This year we have been greatly enhanced by the efforts of Malcolm and Dave with regard to the new Projectors and Camera, and the Hearing Loop.

Jenny Meineck

Communications

Publicity

I do the following:

- Occasional Facebook posts. Additional material from others would help greatly. To build up a regular audience this needs to be done weekly.
- Use Canva to make flyers and signs e.g. for various church events/services/activities.
- Update all noticeboards internal and external, along with the Café table signs.

- Provide news for the Weekly Sheet
- Update several pages on the Ruxley Church website
- Will send items to the local 'Ewell and Stoneleigh Connection' magazine: Community Corner if given the information at the right time e.g. 2 months ahead.

Although many church members may not engage with some of these channels or social media, we have to consider what we present to the outside world and how we engage with the local community.

Thanks to those who are producing posters from time to time, Anne for doing the weekly copying/printing of Service Sheet and Weekly News, and for Matthew producing the Weekly Sheet.

Jenny Meineck

Website

During the year, the website has had a major makeover with new styling and more logical arrangement of its contents.

It continues to be regularly updated with service details and other events, and the latest newsletters. If you would like an event publicised on it then please let me know.

Dave Searle

SPIRITUALITY

Worship and Spiritual Development Group

The Worship and Spiritual Development Group consists of Rev. Emma Cusack as well as Gill Edwards, Barbara Meineck, Diana Pinchin, Judy Quaife and Paulette Withycombe, all of whom are accredited Leaders of Worship and contribute much to the worshipping life of our church. Over the course of our meetings this year we have continued to prayerfully consider how best to resource the spiritual needs of our worshipping community, as enshrined in the Mission Action Plan and Vision Statement. Our Core Priority for Worship was updated in March 2025.

The majority of the group's remit continues to be the planning and reviewing of services throughout the year, although much time has also been expended on the refresh of the Parish Profile and the Circuit Review. We are very grateful indeed to our ministerial friends and colleagues, and at this point when we are about to welcome Revd. Alex Stevens as our new vicar, we pass them our best wishes and many thanks for their wonderful support: Revs Paul Timmis, Ken Hobbs, Jon Prior, Laura Cockram, Sue Ayling, Judith Mitchell, Esther Hunt, as well as Area Dean Canon Rosemary Donovan and

Archdeacon Ven. Martin Breadmore, as well as Circuit Local Preachers. Special mention of course goes to our friend Rev. Chris Morley, who celebrated the 50th anniversary his ordination at Petertide. We would also like to give a special mention to Judy Quaife, who organises our Together@10 services so well.

We have authorised reintroduction of the chalice at communion, as well as offering bags and a contactless machine to promote good stewardship. An extra rail at the side of the dais has been installed.

We marked the seasons throughout the year with some uplifting services. It has been good to welcome the 1st Ruxley Scouts back for Remembrance and St George's Day, and the Riverview Choir for Christingle Service. We shared memories of loved ones with members of the community at the Memorial Service. We celebrated our relationship with Sudbury School in Ghana with Stoneleigh Methodist Church at a shared service. We are grateful to Hugh and the Community Choir for their contributions at Easter and Christmas. We celebrated our Church Anniversary this year with a wonderful service led by Canon Stuart Thomas, who for many years was our Anglican incumbent. We also launched EcoChurch at Ruxley on 9th February we will be looking at ways to promote this initiative in our worship.

We were delighted that a group of our young people were admitted to communion having completed their preparation. We wish them well for their next weekend away, planned for September.

As I write this we are journeying through Lent using *Let Justice Flow* and have planned services for Lent, Holy Week and Easter. In May we celebrate the 60th Anniversary of the founding of Ruxley Methodist Church. We are greatly looking forward to a busy week in June when Rev. Alex Stevens will be licensed on 10th and the International Weekend follows on 14th - 15th June.

We continue to benefit hugely from those who resource our worship, especially Louise Quaife and our brilliant team of Young People's Leaders, as well as Worship Co-ordinators, Welcomers, Communion Assistants, Sacristans, Readers, Intercessors, Musicians, Flower Arrangers, Publicity Producers, Audio-Visual and PowerPoint wizards and those who provide that vital hospitality. However we reserve our most grateful thanks for our wonderful and tireless minister Emma, who continues to inspire and encourage us. Thanks be to God.

Paulette Withycombe, Convenor

Baptisms

Over the last year 4 children were baptised at Ruxley Church. Baptisms take place during morning services and we ask the person or the child's parents to attend church for several weeks before the baptism.

Beverley Rowlands

Prayer Chain

As always the prayer chain has been busy over the last year. There are 16 members who regularly pray for those in need of healing or help. Prayer requests can be sent direct to me by email or phone. Alternatively you can use the email address prayerchain@ruxley-church.org.uk which is now given on the church website.

Beverley Rowlands

Small Groups

More than 30 people have continued to meet in small groups throughout the year, exploring a variety of material and enjoying getting to know each other better. During Lent all the groups explored the book of Amos, following material on the theme of Justice. Groups are always happy to welcome new members and if you're interested in joining a group or would just like to know a bit more do have a word with Val or Emma.

Valerie Proctor

Ruxley and Stoneleigh Fusion Group

Our second year has been a time of real enjoyment, we have grown in our knowledge of one another and this has helped us in all our studies, to be open in our discussion and free to enquire and learn together.

Some of the content we have studied are, Romans 8, Advent reflections by Jennifer Rees Larcombe, Lent study on the book of Amos.

Jacky Panter

Pastoral Groups

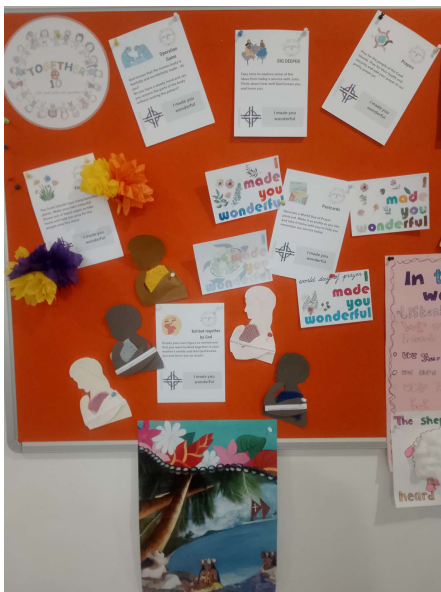
We are delighted that there are now thirteen Pastoral Leaders at Ruxley, with the latest starting last June. At present we have seventy seven people spread over the groups. Each Pastoral Leader promises to pray regularly for the members in their group and notices when someone has been missing for two or three weeks. When that happens the leader will aim to make contact through email, a phone call, text message or, in some cases, a visit, aiming to be a supportive friend who can be approached about any concerns and generally share in the joys, sorrows and difficulties that people experience throughout life. The other aspect of their role is in support of the minister/ vicar in the pastoral life of the church passing on any worries or concerns when they feel that someone would benefit from a visit. As Pastoral Leaders we all feel that this is a privilege to undertake the role and see it as playing our part in the ministry of the church.

Sue Grasby - Pastoral Secretary

Together@10

We have continued to offer our all age, messy church inspired, service on the second Sunday of most months; with a break for August and November/Remembrance. We have explored a number of themes over the last year, including Harvest, New Beginnings and The BBQ on the Beach, which did indeed include a barbecue, organised by Paula and our young people. We were also treated to a service created and led by our Fish Club members, Belonging to God in Bread and Wine.

As well as our act of worship, we offer a range of activities to stretch and challenge our creativity and worshipful responses, including craft, prayer, games and digging deeper discussions. My thanks go to all those who have led these discussions each month, your help is invaluable.



The congregation's creativity is celebrated each week in the display on our T@10 notice board. Recently we used the material from the 2025 World Day of Prayer by the women of the Cook Islands which was much appreciated by many and resulted in a splendid display.

We always welcome your comments and suggestions and have made a number of changes to the format over time as a result of thoughtful recommendations.

These services would not happen without the help and support of many and I would like to particularly thank Louise, for her unstinting help, Jennie for all the Canva signs, Paulette and Emmaus for the music and Sue for all the yummy baking but most of all our lovely congregation for your enthusiasm and willingness to take part. I couldn't do it without you.

Judy Quaife

Emmaus and Music Report



The combined talents of Gill, Val, Lesley, Judy, Robin, Hugh, Dave, Malcolm and Paulette have continued to provide musical accompaniment for worship for almost every Sunday in the year, and we are very grateful for their ongoing commitment. A special thank you must go to Val for her

wonderful support over many years, which is ongoing currently from the congregation side.

We draw on an enormous range of repertoire in various styles from Abba (Father) to Zacchaeus, drawing on material from at least 10 hymn books. We continue as always to be most thankful for Emma and Chris and for our visitors who lead worship on an occasional basis, as well as to the wider congregation for their support and wonderful singing.

Grateful thanks must also go to the Tech Team, especially Dave S, Malcolm, Brian, Chris, Jenny, Derek, Josh and Dave B, for looking after (and occasionally wrestling with!) the audio-visual aspects of the service. We look forward to the installation of the new projectors at the end of March.

Paulette Withycombe

Children and Young People

Catalyst

Fish Club

Louise Quaife

EEL'S (Ewell Ecumenical Ladies)

Although now small in numbers, EEL's still has six ladies from five different churches who meet approx.. once a month to pray for our churches, our community and other issues on our hearts. We still greatly value the times we share and the support we give one another. For more information, with details of dates and venues, please see myself or Yvonne Feast.

Pam Eade

Tuesday Evening Prayers

We are a group who meet in the chapel most Tuesday evenings at 7.45 for approx 1 hour of informal prayer. There are usually only five of us now, but we are always thrilled when extra people join us, even if it's just occasionally. We pray for anything that God puts on our hearts - our friends and family, our church family and hirers, our local community and world issues. Anyone is always most welcome – maybe you might just like to come and sit and be.

For more information see Pam, Jacky, Pauline, Yvonne or Jen.

Pam Eade

Church Flowers

Church flowers are arranged every week of the year, and I would like to thank everyone who has contributed to the fund to make this possible. As well as the usual celebrations throughout the year, you may like to remember a special person or anniversary and where possible we can fit this in. Many thanks for all your generosity, for without your help we would not be able to enjoy the beauty of the flowers that brighten up the church.

Sheila Stracy

ENGAGING WITH 0-11 YEAR OLDS AND THEIR PARENTS

Riverview School

Riverview has two governors appointed by ECC who are myself and Martin Bridger. Martin's role is to act as liaison between the church and the school. Various school events have been held at Ruxley, including a well-received visit to the Christingle by their choir. These events have been much enjoyed as have informal visits. Riverview is very grateful to members who actively support and, in particular, Emma for her input, perforce limited by her duties elsewhere; they are delighted to hear about Alex's imminent arrival. My role is more to do with supporting the school in fulfilling its statutory requirements and ensuring that learning and consequent progress remain at the core of their thinking. Discussions are ongoing about federating with St. Giles' C of E School in Ashted. If this goes ahead it will be of equal benefit to both schools but will have no effect on Riverview's relationship with Ruxley.

Hugh Proctor

Baby & Toddlers

Donna Jones

International Weekend 2024

At last! We were able to celebrate all the members of our congregation in a special weekend in June 2024. This was something we had dreamed of doing especially as we recognised that we had members representing 19 different nationalities.

We had planned for a big social evening on the Saturday with a focus on food of course! The hall was decorated, and food was set out in one of the small halls. We were able to sample dishes from many parts of the world, all generously provided by the church members. We hoped for around a 100 people to come but, including children and young people, we had approximately 120. The atmosphere was amazing, and we had

entertainment of steel drums plus 'in-house' entertainment representing different cultures from our diverse members, many dressed in national costumes.



The church was festooned with national flags from the 19 countries, these having been paraded to the front by members who presented them to Rev Emma. There were also flags around the whole worship area. The celebratory service was very well

attended, and the church and part of the outer worship area were full.

The whole weekend was such a joyful time of celebration and thanks must go to those volunteers who were on the planning group, ensuring that everything had been thought of to make the event a success.

Already the original planning group has been meeting to plan this year's event and, once again, the enthusiasm is contagious.

It is hoped that this will become a regular event on the Ruxley calendar as we have so much to celebrate when we come together and share stories and talents.

If you weren't able to join in last year, then please do your best to come this time on the weekend of the 14th and 15th June - you won't be disappointed.

Sue Grasby

.Community engagement

Badminton Club

The badminton club has continued to do well this year. We have around 15 members, but not all are available to play every week. Recently we decided to start at 6.30 instead of 7.00 to give extra time for everyone to have enough games. Our aim as always is to get some exercise whilst having fun. Towards the end of the evening, we often play a three a side version with home made rules!

Julia Searle

Coffee Morning

Another successful year for our coffee mornings. We continue to welcome church members and friends from the wider community to our coffee area each week.

From our profits we have been able to contribute to church funds, and have supported the following:

Epsom Refugee network

Our church youth group

Maggies Cancer Care

Crisis

Faithful Child Protection Foundation

Church flowers

In September we held a coffee morning on behalf of MacMillan and raised £480, and we held a Christmas raffle for them too.

Once again I must thank our volunteers who give up their time, but the atmosphere and buzz of conversation in the coffee area each week makes the work worthwhile.

I feel our team is making a wonderful contribution to the church outreach and hope we can continue to do so.

Marion Parsons

Ewell Floral Art

We are a friendly group who meet on the 2nd Tuesday afternoon of the month from 2pm - 4pm. Our meetings consist of a mixture of workshops, to teach different styles of arrangements and demonstrations by members and Area demonstrators. We enjoy arranging flowers as well as a cup of tea and a chat.

Sheila Stracy

Men's Group

The Men's Group continues to meet on the second Wednesday of the month at the Hogsmill Tavern. Numbers vary around the fifteen mark and we have a very enjoyable evening engaging in conversation and listening to anecdotes or at least pretending to. The meal is more than acceptable and very inexpensive thanks to those who pluck vouchers out of the air and the patient co-operation of the waitresses. New members will always be made welcome.

Hugh Proctor

Tuesday Friendship Club

We have been blessed with another year of being able to come together and enjoy visits to:

Garson's Farm for lunch and to enjoy the colourful plants and flowers;
The Christmas Meal at Squires Nursery, a full Christmas meal with all the trimmings, they did us proud;
Stoneleigh Methodist to celebrate their Anniversary;
A summer garden party at Anne and Brian's;
also talks and entertainment from Riverview School, Dogs for the Blind, Conquest Art, and Chair Yoga,
In house talks on a trip to Lourdes, Polesden Lacey and music, quizzes and film and lunch days.

All in all a good time for all.

We sadly said goodbye to Margaret Scaff.

The numbers are still 35. During the year 3 moved away, 3 unable to attend, 1 passed away.

It's wonderful that 7 new people have joined us, keeping the number at 35, and we now look forward to another season of laughter together and a Grand Celebration next year for our 60th Anniversary.

Jacky Panter

Ukulele Group

Another splendid year of strumming and singing through a variety of light rock and pop numbers on a Thursday evening for our music group of about 15 members. Following the success of our first 'away' gig in Sutton, we've been asked back again which is always gratifying. We're also providing musical accompaniment for a Ruxley service later this year.

We bid farewell to Val L and Emma this year who have moved away to Devon, and we wish them well in their new setting. We've welcomed Elena, Rosanna and Philippa, so if you are interested in joining them and us, we meet on a Thursday evening at Ruxley Church at about 8.15pm after the regular Emmaus practice. Speak to Paulette or Robin if you are interested or just come along!



Paulette Withycombe

Coffee and Craft

Coffee and craft sessions have proved to be a very successful venture. Numbers range between 10-16. A mixture of Ruxley. Young Mums and friends, have come and enjoyed crafts such as Autumn Leaves, Decorating Christmas Baubles and Mosaics.

Why not come and join us or recommend to your friends. .

Jacky Panter

Food Bank

When Food Bank started some 12 years ago, we hoped that in a few years things would improve, how naïve of us! First came Covid and lockdown, then the financial crisis in 2022, the war in Ukraine and now all our bills are going up all at once and the USA is imposing import tariffs on what we buy from them, things are worse than ever for the poorest people in our country. Every month Food Bank's stocks are lower than the previous month and we are often out of every day products. I'd like to thank Ruxley for allowing us the use of the premises and for the increased donations over Lent (possibly in response to the request in the News Sheet). We are very grateful and hope you keep up your generosity.

Anne Cockram

Ruxley Community Choir

The choir has continued to perform for major events in the Christian calendar as well as at the International Evening. The choir is grateful to the church for funding new music as the need arises. We meet most Wednesdays in the Chapel starting at 7.30. Abilities range from those who can read music and sing in parts to considerably less than that. It is huge fun and we always welcome new people.

Hugh Proctor

THE METHODIST CHURCH
STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS
(SHORT FORM)

Ruxley Church

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31 August 2023

Wimbledon Circuit

Circuit no

35/26

Registered Charity - Charity Registration number

1174096

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

XR76413

(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)

Ministers:

Rev. Emma Cussack Rev. Fiona Ellingham

Church Stewards:

Jacky Panter

Valerie Proctor

Robin Ellingham

Treasurer:

Christopher Meineck

Ruxley Church

Church - Short Form

ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

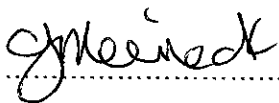
SECTION A		This year's amount to the nearest £	Last year's amount to the nearest £
	Note	£	£
a1	RECEIPTS		
a2	Offerings and Tax recovered	62,584	49,790
a3	Bank and CFB interest & investment income	5,175	96
a4	Lettings	71,626	66,174
a5	Other receipts includes Legacy	93,130	18,546
a6	TOTAL RECEIPTS	232,515	134,606
SECTION B			
b1	PAYMENTS		
b2	Circuit Assessment or Share	50,755	49,133
b3	Donations	1,953	4,138
b4	Repairs and Maintena includes cleaning	34,107	11,884
b5	Utilities (Insurances, water charges, heating & lighting)	12,832	10,783
b6	Other payments	26,102	32,771
b7	TOTAL PAYMENTS	125,749	108,709
SECTION C			
c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR (a6 - b7)	106,766	25,897
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year	95,767 (c7)	70,163
c3	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR (c1 + c2)	202,533	95,767 (c7)
c4	State here the total of any other assets of the Church		
c5	State here the total of any liabilities of the Church		
c6	State here the insured value of the Church premises and contents	6,650,000	5,910,000
SECTION D ANALYSIS OF FUNDS			
d1	Balances held at TMCP at 31 August	4,659	4,526
d2	Balances held at CFB at 31 August	154,256	22,721
d3	Bank and cash balances at 31 August	43,657	69,016
d4	TOTAL (= Box c3)	202,572	96,263
SECTION E			
FOR INFORMATION ONLY: MONEY RECEIVED AND PASSED ON TO EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS			
<i>(these amounts are not to be included in total receipts/payments figures above)</i>			
e1	Balance brought forward from last year	(3)	395
e2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations	5,229	1,279
e3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations	5,187	1,677
e4	BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID (e1+e2-e3)	39	(3)

Name of Church Ruxley Church

Circuit number 35/26

Declarations and Scrutiny

I confirm that these Receipt and Payment based accounts for the year to 31 August 2023 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 25/9/23

Name and address of treasurer Chris Meineck

37 Amberley Gardens, Stoneleigh, Epsom, KT190NQ

Presentation to the Church trustees

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2023 were/will be* presented to the meeting of the Church trustees held on 25/9/2023

Signature of the Chair of the meeting 

Name of the Chair of the meeting Rev. Emma Cusack Date 25/9/2023

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

..... RUXLEY Church

Charity Number 1174096

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the RUXLEY Church for the year ended 31 August 2023 set out on pages 1 to 4. As the Church's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Church's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and, in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

* delete or circle as appropriate

Name of Church ROYLEY CHURCH No 35/26

Independent Examiner's Statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below*) which give me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

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

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

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

Signature of independent examiner KA Mallett

Name of independent examiner KEVIN A. MALLETT

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner FCA

Name of firm (where appropriate) L & F ACCOUNTING LTD

Address 18 THE SROADWAY STONELEIGH

EPSSM SURREY Post Code KT17 2HU

Date 08 / 01 / 2024

* delete or circle as appropriate

Sep-21

Financial Report for 2024 AGM
(1st Sep 2022 to 31st August 2023)

Please see attached reports.

SOFA 2023

Balance Sheet Separate Funds

Balance Sheet Detailed

General Fund Receipts Payments

Other Funds Receipts Payments

Summary

General Fund Receipts Payments

Profit of £9,217, we are still awaiting an invoice of £6,000 + for repairs to the main hall roof. Also, the Heating maintenance was partially paid and repairs to one of the boilers of £2,500.

Comparing to last year. Overall Voluntary Giving was the same, tax recovered on Gift had has doubled, claim for last tax year and this up to July. Hall hire has increased by £5,000.

Thanks to all who donate to the church.

I have put a notice in the news sheet with bank details.

Expenses have increased by about £20,000 mainly due to increased maintenance costs and the way invoices were received at the end of last year. Electricity has doubled in price.

I have also transferred £10,000 which was some old legacies from General Fund to Mission and Vision Fund.

Parish Share has gone up between 4%

Circuit Assessment has gone up 11%

Other Funds Receipts Payments

We received £86,505 from Richard Watson Legacy at the beginning of the year and it is showing in this year's reports in the **Ricard Watson fund**.

The **Vision & Mission fund** has received all the interest from the CFB account of £5,175, as you aware bank saving interest rates have increased , I have transferred money from HSBC (0% interest) to our CFB account.

There is a new **Tech Equipment Fund** someone kindly gave us a donation which we also got Gift Aid back on it and we purchased a replacement display in the entrance.

Charity Donations

Thursday Coffee

Riding for the disabled	£100
MacMillan Cancer	£260
RNIB	£100
Epsom Riding for the disabled	£100
BHF	£100
Shooting Stars	£100
Riding for the disabled	£100
Flowers	£100
Total	£960

Various Charities and Mission	£1,952
Action for Children	£504.32
All we can (Harvest)	£130
Bishops Community Fund	£212.90
Childrens Society	£122.73
Christian Aid	£1,363
Easter Offering	£172
Methodist Homes	£198
Grand Total	£5,614

This financial year.

Our gas prices have tripled, we were on a low rate prior to energy crisis, they are now about £7,500 year, our electricity contract is about to be renewed and it is about £2,000 less at £5,000 a year.

We are doing/expecting to do quite a lot of additional work on the premises this year. Front door paving, doors and windows maintenance, block paving in the rear car park, electrical check etc.

We are in the process of getting a contactless card reader with a display, this will allow people to make donations on Sunday to the church instead of using cash. It will also allow us to recover gift aid on these donations if requested.

Chris Meineck
Ruxley Church Treasurer

Ruxley Church
Receipts and payments
Selected period: 01 September 2022 to 31 August 2023

Note	From To	01 September 2022 31 August 2023	01 September 2021 31 August 2022
General - General fund (Unrestricted) Fund			
Incoming resources			
Incoming resources from charitable activities			
		£1,500.39	£899.00
		-	£113.00
		£71,626.18	£66,174.35
	Total Incoming resources from charitable activities	£73,126.57	£67,186.35
Other incoming resources			
		-	£6,266.00
		£1,054.58	£673.47
	Total Other incoming resources	£1,054.58	£6,939.47
Voluntary income			
		£40,906.00	£35,764.50
		-	£210.00
		£447.50	£596.50
		£1,708.88	£1,615.14
		£143.21	£1,150.00
		£500.00	£4,251.50
		£12.00	£1,884.04
		£12,255.33	£6,144.72
		-	£5,000.00
		£1,843.75	-
		£75.00	£287.00
		-	£416.15
		£1.50	£19.35
		-	£154.51
	Total Voluntary income	£57,893.17	£57,493.41
Activities for generating funds			
		-	£47.79
	Total Activities for generating funds	-	£47.79
Investment income			
		-	£95.74
	Total Investment income	-	£95.74
		£132,074.32	£131,762.76
Total Incoming resources			
Resources used			
Cost of generating funds			
		£1,243.00	£1,145.00
	Total Cost of generating funds	£1,243.00	£1,145.00
Charitable activities			
		£770.00	£325.00
		£912.77	£1,040.00
		-	£2,140.16
		£50,755.36	£49,133.00
		£6,539.69	£6,142.55
		-	£76.05
		-	£686.00
		-	£41.06
		£101.09	£15.03
		-	£689.57
		£14.93	£175.83
		£3,199.76	£3,261.06
		£297.06	£832.23
		£195.00	£125.00
		£27,143.53	£10,665.53
		£13,112.18	£13,343.71
		£2,170.73	£1,218.95
		£2,888.16	£2,308.60
		£970.99	£416.24
		£75.60	£746.80
		£1,017.41	£723.41
		£200.50	£30.00
		£6,135.90	£3,359.62
		£2,567.28	£2,950.83

Note	From To	01 September 2022 31 August 2023	01 September 2021 31 August 2022
Church running - water		£928.80	£1,211.85
Photocopy - expenses		£1,237.19	£305.42
	Total Charitable activities	£121,233.93	£101,963.50
Governance costs			
Governance costs examination/audit fee		£360.00	-
	Total Governance costs	£360.00	-
Cost of generating voluntary income			
Costs of fetes & other events		£20.20	£529.69
	Total Cost of generating voluntary income	£20.20	£529.69
Total Resources used		£122,857.13	£103,638.19
Excess of Income and endowments over Expenditure		£9,217.19	£28,124.57
Brought forward balance		£41,232.08	(£14,309.97)
Transfers to/(from)		(£10,000.00)	-
Adjustments		-	£27,417.48
Total carried forward balance		£40,449.27	£41,232.08

Ruxley Church
Receipts and payments
Selected period: 01 September 2022 to 31 August 2023

Note	From To	01 September 2022 31 August 2023	01 September 2021 31 August 2022
MP - Memorial Project (Designated) Fund			
Incoming resources			
Voluntary income			
Loose plate collections		£40.00	£66.00
Gifts - Not Gift Aided		-	£10.00
Donations appeals etc		£20.00	£100.00
Other funds generated		£100.00	£900.00
	Total Voluntary income	£160.00	£1,076.00
	Total Incoming resources	£160.00	£1,076.00
Resources used			
Charitable activities			
Church maintenance		£33.53	-
Memorial Project		£632.54	£572.04
	Total Charitable activities	£666.07	£572.04
	Total Resources used	£666.07	£572.04
	Excess of Income and endowments over Expenditure	(£506.07)	£503.96
	Brought forward balance	£4,084.00	£3,580.04
	Total carried forward balance	£3,577.93	£4,084.00
Dec - Decorating (Restricted) Fund			
	Brought forward balance	£224.76	£224.76
	Total carried forward balance	£224.76	£224.76
Tech - Tech Equipment (Restricted) Fund			
Incoming resources			
Voluntary income			
Gifts - Gift Aided		£4,500.00	-
Tax recoverable on Gift Aid		£1,125.00	-
	Total Voluntary income	£5,625.00	-
	Total Incoming resources	£5,625.00	-
Resources used			
Charitable activities			
Church maintenance		£559.93	-
	Total Charitable activities	£559.93	-
	Total Resources used	£559.93	-
	Excess of Income and endowments over Expenditure	£5,065.07	-
	Brought forward balance	£41.93	£41.93
	Total carried forward balance	£5,107.00	£41.93
Disc - Discipleship (Restricted) Fund			
	Brought forward balance	£50.00	£50.00
	Total carried forward balance	£50.00	£50.00
MGRWB - Men's group RW bequest (Restricted) Fund			
Incoming resources			
Voluntary income			
Legacies		-	£500.00
	Total Voluntary income	-	£500.00
	Total Incoming resources	-	£500.00
Resources used			
Cost of generating voluntary income			
Costs of fetes & other events		£110.24	£389.76
	Total Cost of generating voluntary income	£110.24	£389.76
	Total Resources used	£110.24	£389.76
	Excess of Income and endowments over Expenditure	(£110.24)	£110.24
	Brought forward balance	£110.24	-

Note	From To	01 September 2022 31 August 2023	01 September 2021 31 August 2022
Total carried forward balance		-	£110.24
RW - Richard Watson (Designated) Fund			
Incoming resources			
Voluntary income			
Legacies		£86,505.03	-
	Total Voluntary income	£86,505.03	-
Total Incoming resources		£86,505.03	-
Excess of Income and endowments over Expenditure		£86,505.03	-
Total carried forward balance		£86,505.03	-
WS - Warm Space (Designated) Fund			
Incoming resources			
Voluntary income			
Planned Giving - Bank		£20.00	-
Gifts - Not Gift Aided		£130.00	-
Gifts - Gift Aided		£150.00	-
Donations appeals etc		£9.20	-
Non-recurring one-off grants		£1,500.00	-
	Total Voluntary income	£1,809.20	-
Total Incoming resources		£1,809.20	-
Resources used			
Charitable activities			
Publicity & Adverts		£61.00	-
	Total Charitable activities	£61.00	-
Cost of generating voluntary income			
Costs of fetes & other events		£57.51	-
	Total Cost of generating voluntary income	£57.51	-
Total Resources used		£118.51	-
Excess of Income and endowments over Expenditure		£1,690.69	-
Total carried forward balance		£1,690.69	-
RCC - Ruxley Community Choir (Designated) Fund			
Incoming resources			
Voluntary income			
Non-recurring one-off grants		£450.00	-
	Total Voluntary income	£450.00	-
Total Incoming resources		£450.00	-
Resources used			
Charitable activities			
Education		£388.21	-
	Total Charitable activities	£388.21	-
Total Resources used		£388.21	-
Excess of Income and endowments over Expenditure		£61.79	-
Total carried forward balance		£61.79	-
VM - Vision & Mission (Designated) Fund			
Incoming resources			
Investment income			
Bank and building society interest		£5,175.15	£21.20
	Total Investment income	£5,175.15	£21.20
Total Incoming resources		£5,175.15	£21.20
Resources used			
Governance costs			
Governance costs examination/audit fee		£12.90	£12.88
	Total Governance costs	£12.90	£12.88
Total Resources used		£12.90	£12.88
Excess of Income and endowments over Expenditure		£5,162.25	£8.32
Brought forward balance		£20,741.98	£20,733.66
Transfers to/(from)		£10,000.00	-
Total carried forward balance		£35,904.23	£20,741.98

BB - Youth Work (Restricted) Fund**Incoming resources**

Incoming resources from charitable activities

Bookstall sales to promote objectives

- £120.00

Total Incoming resources from charitable activities

- £120.00

Voluntary income

Loose plate collections

£7.00 -

Gifts - Not Gift Aided

£100.00 -

Donations appeals etc

£240.00 -

Total Voluntary income

£347.00 -

Activities for generating funds

Rummage sales etc

£100.00 £200.00

Total Activities for generating funds

£100.00 £200.00

Total Incoming resources**£447.00 £320.00****Resources used**

Charitable activities

Education

£51.00 -

Young People

£455.25 £418.08

Total Charitable activities

£506.25 £418.08

Cost of generating voluntary income

Costs of fetes & other events

£260.00 -

Total Cost of generating voluntary income

£260.00 -

Total Resources used**£766.25 £418.08**

Excess of Income and endowments over Expenditure

(£319.25) (£98.08)

Brought forward balance

£1,535.97 £1,634.05

Total carried forward balance**£1,216.72 £1,535.97**

Ruxley Church
Balance Sheet detailed

	As at 31/08/2023	As at 31/08/2022
Current assets		
6501: HSBC	£43,657.26	£68,516.05
6502: HSBC - Appeal	-	-
6505: HSBC - Business Money Manager	-	-
6506: HSBC - Appeal - BM	-	-
6507: HSBC Tuesday Fellowship	-	-
6510: CBF deposit account	£154,256.13	£22,721.25
6511: Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes	£4,658.88	£4,526.48
6512: CCLA - Ruxley Appeal	-	-
6520: HSBC - RMC	-	-
6590: Cash in hand	-	-
Total Current assets	£202,572.27	£95,763.78
Liabilities		
6605: Parish Share Unpaid	-	-
6699: Agency collections	£38.80	(£3.23)
Total Liabilities	£38.80	(£3.23)
Net Asset surplus (deficit)	£202,533.47	£95,767.01
Reserves		
Excess/(deficit) to date	£106,766.46	£28,649.01
Z01: Starting balances	£95,767.01	£39,700.52
Z03: Gains and losses own use	-	£27,417.48
Total Reserves	£202,533.47	£95,767.01

Represented by Funds		
General (Unrestricted)	£40,449.27	£41,232.08
Designated	£155,485.72	£52,572.03
Restricted	£6,598.48	£1,962.90
Total	£202,533.47	£95,767.01

Ruxley Church

Balance Sheet (Separate funds)

	General	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	At 31/08/2023 £	At 31/08/2022 £
Fixed assets	-	-	-	-	-	-
Current assets						
Cash At Bank And In Hand	£40,449.27	£155,485.72	£6,637.28	-	£202,572.27	£95,763.78
	£40,449.27	£155,485.72	£6,637.28	-	£202,572.27	£95,763.78
Liabilities						
Creditors: Amounts Falling Due In One Year	-	-	£38.80	-	£38.80	(£3.23)
	-	-	£38.80	-	£38.80	(£3.23)
Net current assets less current liabilities	£40,449.27	£155,485.72	£6,598.48	-	£202,533.47	£95,767.01
Total assets less current liabilities	£40,449.27	£155,485.72	£6,598.48	-	£202,533.47	£95,767.01
Liabilities						
	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total net assets less liabilities	£40,449.27	£155,485.72	£6,598.48	-	£202,533.47	£95,767.01
Represented by						
Unrestricted						
Unrestricted - General Fund	£40,449.27	-	-	-	£40,449.27	£41,232.08
Designated						
Designated - Memorial Project	-	£3,577.93	-	-	£3,577.93	£4,084.00
Designated - Richard Watson	-	£86,505.03	-	-	£86,505.03	-
Designated - Warm Space	-	£1,690.69	-	-	£1,690.69	-
Designated - Ruxley Community Choir	-	£61.79	-	-	£61.79	-
Designated - Reserve Fund - Church Maintenance	-	£26,997.17	-	-	£26,997.17	£26,997.17
Designated - Social Fund	-	£423.78	-	-	£423.78	£423.78
Designated - Vision & Mission	-	£35,904.23	-	-	£35,904.23	£20,741.98
Designated - Vicars Discretionary Fund	-	£325.10	-	-	£325.10	£325.10
Restricted						
Restricted - Decorating	-	-	£224.76	-	£224.76	£224.76
Restricted - Tech Equipment	-	-	£5,107.00	-	£5,107.00	£41.93
Restricted - Discipleship	-	-	£50.00	-	£50.00	£50.00
Restricted - Men's group RW bequest	-	-	-	-	-	£110.24
Restricted - Youth Work	-	-	£1,216.72	-	£1,216.72	£1,535.97
Fund Totals	£40,449.27	£155,485.72	£6,598.48	-	£202,533.47	£95,767.01

**RUXLEY CHURCH
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS
ACCOUNTS**

**THE METHODIST CHURCH
STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS**

Ruxley Church

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 August 2024**

Wimbledon	Circuit	Circuit no.	35/26
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Registered Charity - Charity Registration number

1174096

**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. Emma Cussack

Church Stewards:

Jacky Panter

Valerie Proctor

Paulette Withycombe

Sue Grashby

Treasurer:

Christopher Meineck

Ruxley Church

		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this Year	Totals last Year
SECTION A					
		£	£	£	£
a1	RECEIPTS		Note		
a2	Offerings and Tax recovered	52,516	1,250	53,766	62,584
a3	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income	4,563	4,603	9,166	5,175
a4	Lettings	74,303		74,303	71,626
a5	Other receipts	3,230	31,683	34,913	93,130
a6	TOTAL RECEIPTS	134,612	37,536	172,148 (a7)	232,515

		SECTION B		SECTION C	
		PAYMENTS		NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	
b1	Circuit Assessment or Share	53,766		(a6-b8)	(a6-b8)
b2	Donations				(5,108)
b3	Repairs and Maintenance	41,060			36,775
b4	Utilities (Insurances, water charges, heating & lighting)	15,986			
b5	Other payments	28,908	761		
b6	TOTAL PAYMENTS	139,720	761		
b7	Total funds brought forward from last year	202,533			
b8	Sub total	197,425	36,775		
	Transfers and adjustments				
	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR	197,425	36,775	234,200 (c8)	202,533 (c6)

		SECTION D		FOR INFORMATION ONLY: MONEY RECEIVED AND PASSED ON TO EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS	
		FOR THE YEAR		(these amounts are not to be included in total receipts/payments figures)	
c1	Balance brought forward from last year			£	£
c2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations				
c3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations				
c4	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR	197,425	36,775	234,200 (c8)	202,533 (c6)
c5	BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID			(22)	39

		SECTION D		FOR INFORMATION ONLY: MONEY RECEIVED AND PASSED ON TO EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS	
		FOR THE YEAR		(these amounts are not to be included in total receipts/payments figures)	
d1	Balance brought forward from last year			£	£
d2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations				
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations				
d4	BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID			(22)	39

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						
e9	172,148 (a7)	140,481 (b9)	31,667		202,533 (c5)	234,200 (c8)
e10	172,148	140,481	31,667		202,533 (x)	234,200 (y)
	TOTAL RECEIPTS	TOTAL PAYMENTS				

Continue on a separate sheet if necessary and bring the totals forward

SECTION F

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

CHURCH - CASH FUNDS HELD at 31 August 2024

f1	Cash in hand
f2	Bank Current Account
f3	Bank Deposit Account
f4	Central Finance Board
f5	Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes
f6	Other funds
f7	SUB TOTAL - Church accounts
f8	Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance total from above) (e12)
f9	TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH

OPENING BALANCES	CLOSING BALANCES
(39)	22
43,657	20,397
	208,884
4,659	4,897
202,533 (c6)	234,200 (c8)
(e11)	(e12)
202,533 (x)	234,200 (y)

SECTION G

OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES

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

At 1 September 2023	At 31 August 2024
	£6,650,000

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 .. Ruxley 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 *Christopher Meineck* Date: *23 Sep 2024*

Name and address of treasurer Christopher Meineck

37 Amberley Gardens , Stoneleigh Epsom

KT19 0NQ

Presentation to the Church trustees

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2024 were/will be* presented to the meeting of the Church trustees held on *23-9-2024*

Signature of the Chair of the meeting *Rev Emma Cusack*

Name of the Chair of the meeting *REV. EMMA CUSACK* Date: *23-9-2024*

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

.....Church

Charity Number

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the *Ruxley* Church for the year ended 31 August 2024 set out on pages 1. to 5. As the Church's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Church's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and, in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

* delete or circle as appropriate

Name of Church .. Ruxley Church

No 1174096

Independent Examiner's Statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below*) which give me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

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

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

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

Signature of independent examiner *KA Madgett*

Name of independent examiner *KEVIN A. MADGETT*

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner *FCA*

Name of firm (where appropriate) *LEG ACCOUNTING LTD*

Address *18, THE GODDARDY + STONLEIGH*

..... *COSSM SURREY* Post Code *KT17 2HU*

Date *21 November 2014*

* delete or circle as appropriate

RUXLEY CHURCH

England & Wales - Charity number 1174096

Accounts

Ruxley Church



Annual Report

May 2024

OVERALL GOVERNANCE

Minister's Report

I want to begin this report by offering a huge thanks to all who serve in various areas of ministries here at Ruxley church and especially to thank the leadership team who work closely with me. There are some who always work behind the scenes including Maria who ensures that the building is clean and Jenny, our administrator - my gratitude extends to all.

Year on year, the reports we all contribute, shows that we are a living Church and all glory be to the Lord. My prayer for all is the words of a hymn written by Brian A Wren "May his Spirit fill our praise. Guide our thoughts and change our ways. God in Christ has come to stay. We can see his power today" – © H&P 326v6.

I am sure we will be reading in detail, the reports from individual groups so, I am just highlighting a few.

We continue to focus on our three Core Priorities and a special acknowledgement to the Craft Team for their talented contribution of display at Christmas and Easter. We look forward to more display of their talents in correlation to themed crafts.

New Worshippers - we are thankful to God that every month of the calendar year, we welcome new worshippers who have either moved into the area, visiting family, friends or may have found us online and have come to worship with us. May the Lord bless you and we hope you find Ruxley to be your spiritual home and a place where all are welcome.

Since the last annual general meeting, God has called to eternal home, Peter Stracy, Pat Trodd, Mike Nunn and Rev. Martine Stemerick. May they Rest in Peace.

Thursday Morning Prayers –To continue morning prayer on zoom even after the pandemic has proven to be one of the best decisions made. Some members of Stoneleigh Methodist Church continue to join in for the Thursday Morning Prayers and it's so encouraging to have a good consistent number of participants weekly.

Church Anniversary - It was great to celebrate our 22nd Church Anniversary service, led by Mr John Logan, a local preacher, Methodist London District

Representative Synod Secretary, a retired headteacher and husband to Margaret who accompanied him to the service. We enjoyed the full service and sharing stories. Thanks to the team of organisers of the shared lunch. We remain confident and hopeful that the Spirit of God will continue to guide and bless us as individuals and as a church. Every blessing,

Rev Emma Cusack

Leadership Team Report

An inclusive worshipping community, united in Christ, serving others

The Leadership Team at Ruxley is comprised of the clergy, two Churchwardens, two Church Stewards, others who have been co-opted on to support the Mission Action Plan and, for relevant items of business, the Treasurer.

Throughout the year our monthly meetings have concentrated primarily on our vision, core priority areas and governance. Although we have been in vacancy since September, with the sterling support of our Methodist minister Emma and the wider church family, we have continued to grow and develop in all areas and for this we thank God most heartily.

Engaging with children 0-11 and their families

- We are extremely blessed at Ruxley to have a group of enthusiastic children and young people who, as well as meeting each week in their various groups, take an active part in our Together @10 services.
- We continue to have a good relationship with Riverview School, with the children having their end of term Harvest and Christmas services with us and enjoying their occasional visits to the Tuesday Friendship Group. We were delighted that Martin Bridger has recently been appointed as a Foundation Governor.
- We were pleased to be able to offer support when approached by the Toddler Group leader for assistance for when she would not be available, and were able to keep the group open during those weeks.

Building relationships with the local community

- We acknowledge gratefully how much our established activities, including Tuesday Friendship Club, Community Choir, and Thursday Coffee, all richly contribute to the growth of relationships with our community.
- The Coffee and Craft sessions in the lead-up to Christmas and Easter were well attended and enjoyed by people from both the church family

and the wider community. The Christmas and Easter displays were much admired by all.

- We have had initial conversations with Appleby House Care Home in Epsom with the aim of growing this budding relationship. Hymn singing, entertainment from the ukulele band as well as opportunities for residents to join us at the Tuesday Friendship group, Thursday coffee and Sunday services have all been mooted.

Developing the spiritual life of the church family

- We continue to enjoy a variety of worship styles at Ruxley and are grateful to all our visiting preachers and clergy, particularly those supporting us during the vacancy.
- We celebrated along with the 14 new members who were admitted to membership at an uplifting Confirmation Service in June.
- Over 30 people explored the 'Grace of God' material during Lent.

Governance

- We continue to ensure we comply with legislation and practice drawn from both our parent denominations.
- We continue to work closely with our Safeguarding Lead and have provided in-person and online training opportunities to ensure everyone is able to complete the relevant Safeguarding training, including Equality, Diversity and Inclusion and Unconscious Bias training.

Vacancy

- Unfortunately two rounds of advertising were unable to produce a candidate, but we rely on God's timing to call the right person to ministry here at Ruxley. We will shortly be starting to advertise for a third round as advised by the Archdeacon.

Emma, Val, Jacky, Sue, Paulette and Chris continue to be grateful for the support and prayers of the wider congregation and wish Sheron every blessing in her new setting as she moves on.

Leadership Team

Ecumenical Church Council

Scheduled meetings were held in September, January and March, as well as a Section 11 meeting in October and an extraordinary meeting in November. The former was to approve the process of advertising for, and appointing, a new

Anglican vicar and the latter was to discuss rectification and expenses relating to the minister's house.

The ECC consists of 19 lay members plus Rev Emma Cusack, as well as Superintendent Rev Paul Timmis. We are most grateful to Paulette Withycombe and Sheron Msiska who have served as churchwardens and Chris Meineck who has served as Treasurer this year.

At each meeting Chris presents a Finance report – his annual report appears elsewhere as do the many other reports we receive at each meeting.

Under finance the ECC has undertaken pay reviews.

Safeguarding is of paramount importance and we take very seriously our aim to be *an inclusive worshipping community united in Christ, serving others*. We would like to thank Judy Quaife who has taken over as Parish Safeguarding Officer and who, along with Marion Parsons and Valerie Bradfield, has ensured that our church is a safe place for all who attend. Judy sends a report on safeguarding to every meeting.

A number of risk assessments and role descriptions have been considered by EEC and have been approved, normally after alterations.

We have a report on the vacancy at every meeting.

The ECC retains its links with Riverview School and a full report can be found elsewhere.

Along with the Leadership Team, the ECC has continued to ensure that our Mission Action Plan priorities continue to be met, and they work closely in conjunction with the Worship & Spiritual Development, Children and Young People, Pastoral and Rectification Teams, as well as our governance representatives from Deanery and Diocesan Synod and from the Circuit.

None of this of course is possible without God's gracious provision. Please continue to pray for the work of the ECC and all its members as we seek to be true to our calling to serve Christ in this community.

Hugh Proctor, ECC Secretary

Deanery Synod

Ruxley Church is part of Epsom Deanery, within Guildford Diocese. The deanery includes 16 Church of England churches plus two LEP's (Local Ecumenical Partnerships) i.e. Ruxley and St Mark's Tattenham Corner. They cover an area from Chessington to Box Hill and Headley. Some of the churches are paired to make a parish.

The Deanery Synod meets three times a year and consists of clergy and laity representing each parish. Ruxley is entitled to two representatives. Meetings are held at different churches. Each meeting includes: an introduction to that church, perhaps with details of their current plans or hopes; updates on clergy moves, vacancies etc; news passed down from Diocesan Synod; plus a main topic, usually with a speaker and/or discussion groups.

In June 2023 Synod was at St Paul's Nork and the main topic was Faith Stories – how to share our own faith story. A few people were interviewed.

October 2023 was at St John's Stoneleigh and included an update on CAP (Christians Against Poverty) and feedback on the Parish Needs Process.

Discussion groups considered future priorities for our deanery, such as Stewardship, Children and Youth, and How to increase footfall.

February 2024 was at All Saints West Ewell and the main topic was Community Engagement. Discussion groups considered what might be best for their parish.

Deanery Synod is an opportunity to share best practice and give mutual support.

Valerie Bradfield

Diocesan Synod

During the year three meetings have been held. Topics discussed included receiving the Annual report from the Diocesan Board of Education, updates given in connection with Living in Love and Faith also Net Zero and Carbon development. The Diocesan Board of Finance Budget for 2024 was approved as well as accepting the formula for the upcoming election to Diocesan Synod. The new Bishop of Dorking the Rt. Revd. Paul Davies was welcomed to Synod. Finally the Diocesan Young Leader group gave an address on 'What makes Church Young'.

Diana Pinchin

Ruxley Church Safeguarding

Since I took over as Parish Safeguarding Officer (PSO) last year there have, fortunately, not been any serious safeguarding incidents and any concerns where support and advice have been needed have been dealt with promptly. Where an issue had to be dealt with, our processes worked satisfactorily and as a church it reinforced that we are generally following safe and correct practice and procedures here at Ruxley.

I have completed all the required training modules needed for my role, as well as PSO induction.

We have been continuing to work on outstanding items on the Church Safeguarding Dashboard and I would like to express my thanks to all those who have compiled risk assessments, provided job descriptions and completed online training, as well as to our Church Warden for her help and support. The good news is that all our work has meant that we have now moved up to level three on the Parish Dashboard. This does mean we have further questions and tasks to complete but these are in hand and will be tackled in due course.

Valerie Bradfield continues with the challenging task of overseeing the training and updating the log, which is kept centrally and securely on the church's cloud-based system.

Marion Parsons continues to do sterling work, ensuring all the appropriate members who work in any way for our church have the correct and up-to-date Disclosure & Barring Services (DBS) check in place. I am most grateful for the work they do; I could not do the job without them.

We continue with our commitment to being a safe environment for all who belong to our church or use our building. We strive to be a place where the church community are able to feel safe and are aware that there are structures in place should an issue arise.

The whole community has a part to play in living out this commitment so please do take the opportunities offered by safeguarding training to understand the needs of those who are vulnerable or at risk. And if you have, or hear of, anything that concerns you, please speak to or contact myself, Emma, our Churchwarden or Church stewards. The church officers are well-trained to support those in need or have appropriate contacts to which they can signpost people, so that they can receive more specialist guidance. Remember your concern might be the piece of the jigsaw that brings to light something that needs to be addressed.

Judy Quaife

Premises Team

Since the last AGM, the following has been done, in no particular order:

- The 5 large windows were replaced last April, with the help of a very large cherry picker.

- The water leaks have been rectified in the Main Hall roof. In the May half term, the stained ceiling is being treated and painted.
- Major work was completed on the lightning conductors on the tower and zig zag roof, again with a large cherry picker.
- The bulbs and filters have been changed in the projectors in the Worship Arena.
- Two new vacuums have been purchased to help Maria with the cleaning. One had broken.
- New fridge freezer purchased to replace the old broken one.
- The doorbell was fitted at the church entrance and has been a great success.
- Summer maintenance was carried out as usual, now need to book for this year.
- Changes were made to ventilation in the WCs.
- Shed roofs were replaced.
- Paving was re-done by the front doors.

Other repairs have been done by outside companies, and frequent smaller tasks carried out by our own team. Help would be appreciated for some of the smaller tasks.

ECO initiatives

- Several light fittings have been changed to LED lights, and we will continue to do this when any lights fail.
- We are now using a Recycle bin which is emptied every week. We would like to encourage all users to leave clean and dry, recyclable material in the box provided in the corridor.
- Had an expert in to advise on increasing the number of solar panels we have on the roof.
- Two water butts were installed in the shed area, along with guttering along the sheds.
- We have had an Energy Audit: *Further info needs to be written up.*

Quinquennial inspection 2023: *Further info needs to be written up.*

Community Users

- We will have had Polling Day – May 2nd.
- Have been able to give a temporary home to 1st Ruxley Sea Scouts.
- Said goodbye to Slimming World but hello to Spanish Brilliant Bilinguals. Line Dancing is still going strong and is good fun.

Our weekend users continue to enjoy being here, many are repeat bookers, and they appreciate the cleanliness of our facilities. We are trying to enforce hires ending at 10.30pm on Saturdays.

Minister's Residence

Paulette and Chris keep a regular eye on the house. A new security alarm has been fitted, and a group of people trained in dealing with it. The garden had an initial big cut down and tidy, followed by the hedge being trimmed to a sensible height that we would like to have maintained. A big weeding session is still needed.

Unlocking and Locking

We really would appreciate more volunteers to help with this. All our ad hoc hirers at the weekend need someone to come and unlock and greet them, and to show them around; and then the same person/pair to come back at the end to check the premises and lock up. At the moment this is mostly Chris and I every weekend. When we are away I cannot take bookings, which means we lose money that could be going towards the upkeep of the building.

I would like to give many thanks to the wonderful team who help in so many ways: Robin W, Chris M, Brian C, Steve K and Derek E. We are also grateful to the contributions made by Malcolm.

Jenny Meineck

Catering

During the year the team has catered for a number of ad hoc events. We helped provide refreshments for three funeral wakes for members of the church family.

We gave out hot cross buns and coffee before the Good Friday service and arranged the celebratory tea when Fiona and Robin left Ruxley.

We were also happy to assist Robin E when he returned for one last time to prepare the Christmas Lunch for the Friendship Club, who were joined by members of the Floral Art Group on that occasion. It was great to work with a professional and we are all going to miss his expertise.

Christmas was very busy this year for the catering team as we provided coffee and biscuits after the Christingle service, and mulled wine and mince pies after the Carol Service in church and also the Carols Round the Tree event.

In January we helped with the bring and share lunch we enjoyed on our Church Anniversary.

Whilst we have enjoyed all of the above, it is time for Yvonne and I to hang up our aprons, and we wish those catering in the future the best of luck; we are happy to give advice as and when required.

Marion Parsons

Communications

Ruxley Star

The Star has recently been published every other month on the website and highlights forthcoming services and significant events. This has become less valuable since they also appear in the more detailed notice sheet which we receive weekly. Whilst being grateful to those who contribute to the magazine there are now very few who do so and thus the Star includes general articles which it is hoped are of interest.

Hugh Proctor

Publicity

I do the following:

- Occasional Facebook posts, trying to do some weekly or every 2 weeks. Additional material from others would help greatly.
- Have sent items to the local 'Ewell and Stoneleigh Connection' magazine: Community Corner e.g Christmas services.
- Use Canva to make flyers and signs e.g. for Gardening Party.
- Update all noticeboards internal and external, along with the Café table signs.
- Provide news for the Weekly Sheet
- Write occasional items for the Star
- Update several pages on the Ruxley Church website

Although many church members may not engage with some of these channels or social media, we have to consider what we present to the outside world and how we engage with the local community.

It has been great for others to start producing posters, for Anne to do the weekly copying/printing of Service Sheet and Weekly News, and for Matthew to produce the Weekly Sheet.

Jenny Meineck

Website

The website is regularly updated with service and event details and the latest copy of the Star.

Dave Searle

SPIRITUALITY

Worship and Spiritual Development Group

The Worship and Spiritual Development Group consists of Rev. Emma Cusack as well as Gill Edwards, Barbara Meineck, Diana Pinchin, Judy Quaife and Paulette Withycombe, all of whom are accredited Leaders of Worship and contribute a great deal to the worshipping life of our church. Over the course of our six meetings this year we have continued to prayerfully consider how best to resource the spiritual needs of our community, as enshrined in the Mission Action Plan and Vision Statement.

We have reviewed and discussed hymn feedback and communion arrangements and looked at material for Small Groups and Together@10 services, however the majority of the group remit continues to be the planning and reviewing of services throughout the year. There have been some stand-out events, not the least of which was the uplifting Confirmation Service on 18th June with Rt. Revd Andrew Watson, Bishop of Guildford, at which an amazing 14 of our congregation were admitted. And of course we bid a fond farewell to Revd Fiona Ellingham and Robin at a special service on 23rd July.

We explored a range of themes relating to Creationtide during September; we enjoyed a Harvest service and exhibition of crafts and work from our community in October; we walked alongside the bereaved at our Memorial Service and marked Remembrance Sunday in November. We celebrated Advent and Christmas with a well-attended set of services, including Carols on the Green. We marked the New Year with our Covenant Service and our Church Anniversary with a wonderful service with special guest Mr John Logan and a valedictory barn dance with *Ouch!*. We journeyed through Lent, Holy Week and Easter and are looking forward to the International Service Weekend on 15th - 16th June.

The Anglican vacancy has necessitated us relying a little more on our visiting colleagues to assist in leading worship, and we have been indebted to those who have stepped up ; Anglican colleagues Revd Laura Cockram, Revd Jon Prior, Revd Mark Rudall, Revd Danny Wignall, Canon Steve Summers and Revd Ken Hobbs, as well as Methodist local preachers Valerie Ashcroft, Viv Newitt,

Tony Loft, Richard Graham and also Viv Aitcheson. But no list would be complete without a special mention of our good friend Rev. Chris Morley, who is celebrating 50 years in ordained ministry in July - and very blessed we are indeed that he shares this with us!

We continue to benefit hugely from those who resource our worship, especially Louise Quaife and our brilliant team of Young People's Leaders, as well as Worship Co-ordinators, Welcomers, Communion Assistants, Sacristans, Readers, Intercessors, Musicians, Together@10 Team, Flower Arrangers, Publicity Producers, Audio-Visual and PowerPoint wizards and those who provide that all-important hospitality. However, we reserve our most grateful thanks to God for our wonderful and tireless minister Emma, who continues to teach us and encourage us. Thank you for all you do.

Paulette Withycombe, Convenor

Baptisms

Over the last year 2 adults and 5 children were baptised at Ruxley Church. Baptisms take place during morning services and we ask the person or the child's parents to attend church for several weeks before the baptism.

Beverley Rowlands

Prayer Chain

As always the prayer chain has been busy over the last year. There are 16 members who regularly pray for those in need of healing or help. Prayer requests can be sent direct to me by email or phone. Alternatively, you can use the email address prayerchain@ruxley-church.org.uk which is now given on the church website.

Beverley Rowlands

Small groups

More than 30 people have continued to meet in small groups throughout the year, exploring a variety of material and enjoying getting to know each other better. During Lent all the groups explored material about the 'Grace of God' and it was good that some new people joined groups during this time. If you're interested in joining a group or would just like to know a bit more do have a word with Val or Emma.

Valerie Proctor

Ruxley and Stoneleigh Fusion Group

R&S Fusion has had a year of growth in many ways, growing in numbers, with additions from both churches we number 13, the materials used have been informative and encouraging and have enabled the group to relax feel free to share and enquire both in the studies and in a personal way, all in a warm and friendly atmosphere, knowing that anything said is confidential.

Some of the materials used were The Beatitudes, Advent meditation on the book The Christmas you didn't Expect and a Lent study on Grace .

Hosted each time by Stoneleigh, and started with tea coffee, cake and biscuits, yummy.

We look forward to what the coming year will bring to us as we grow together.

Jacky Panter

Pastoral Groups

The Pastoral Group team have not met for some time whilst we devise a way of ensuring all who wish for it are allocated to a leader. The loyal group of pastoral leaders do a wonderful job of keeping in touch with their group members who are universally appreciative of this support. If you are not in a group and would like to find out more please speak to Emma or Sue who would happily explain the different ways in which we approach the role. The leaders are: Paula Bridger, Pam Eade, Yvonne Feast, Sue Grasby, Barbara Meineck, Jacky Panter, Hugh Proctor, Beverley Rowlands, Julia Searle, Rowena Warth, Robin Willes, Paulette Withycombe.

Hugh Proctor

Together@10

The monthly Together@10 service has had some tweaks to its format over the year to help with its smooth running. It aims to provide a fun pattern of relaxed worship and fellowship through a variety of activities, including termly communion shared in an informal way.

Much thought has gone into the themes and activities to make them relevant to the church calendar and provide thought provoking worship in a variety of ways, using the whole building: craft, games, prayer and discussion



activities cater to a range of worship styles and engage the whole congregation, creating a lovely atmosphere.

It continues to see consistent attendance from across the church family age range with particularly high attendance at Harvest and Mother's Day.



The Harvest service included an exhibition celebrating creative work from the congregation and it is hoped this can be done again perhaps with the craft club.

It does take a fair amount of planning and organisation with welcome contributions from our young folk and many others in the congregation.

Anyone willing to plan and contribute new ideas would always be welcome.

Judy Quaife

Emmaus and Music Report



Another busy year for the Emmaus Music Group, whose members continue to provide accompaniment for worship for almost every Sunday in the year, as well as the occasional function and fete. We are very grateful for the commitment and combined talents of Gill, Val, Lesley, Judy, Robin, Hugh, Dave, Malcolm and Paulette who continue to make this possible. We are able to draw on an enormous range of repertoire in various styles from Abba (Father) to Zacchaeus, drawing on material from at least 10 hymn books at last count.

We continue as always to be most thankful for Emma and for our visitors who lead worship on an occasional basis, as well as to the wider congregation for their support.

Grateful thanks must also go to the Tech Team, especially Dave S, Malcolm, Brian, Chris, Jenny, Derek, Josh and new member Dave B, for looking after (and occasionally wrestling with!) the audio-visual aspects of the service.

And finally, we could not let this occasion go without acknowledging that this year saw the last outing for our barn dance band *Ouch!*, who have called time on nearly 24 years of services, weddings, birthday parties and ceilidhs. We say thank you for the music to Richard, Steve, Malcolm, Stan, Paulette, Fred, Robin and Dave, and not least to our caller Brian, it's all been wonderful!

Paulette Withycombe

Children and Young People

The young people have had another exciting year meeting in their Sunday sessions and as part of the gathered congregation. We have developed into having three age groups again with 3-5 year olds attending Tiddlers, 6-11 year olds attending Fish Club, and 11+ attending Catalyst.

Catalyst

In the past year, Catalyst has maintained numbers and have even seen the return of a number of young people whom we have not seen in many years. We have also explored a variety of topics using a number of resources, allowing our young people to dig deeper into their faith. During the year, the young people engaged in Confirmation Course sessions with a number of them going on to be Confirmed in a service in the Church. Throughout October and November, Catalyst were encouraged to explore the life and miracles of Jesus through the Gospel of Luke. The group is currently exploring their faith by engaging with sessions from the Youth For Christ resources.

Similarly to last year, we have seen some of our young people move away to University and come back to visit, most recently being welcomed back over Easter.

Catalyst have also been supporting the Together @ Ten services contributing to craft activities, tech support, and games. At the Barbecue on the Beach Together @ Ten service, we were so grateful that Catalyst had a chance to cook for and serve the congregation. Moving forward, Catalyst will be completing a programme of sessions focusing on meals that Jesus share with those around him, adapted from a Hosannah Revival email series called Come to the Table.

In November of 2023, we also started holding social events for Catalyst group members outside of the Sunday sessions. We have gone ice skating, gone to a trampoline park, and held movie nights. This has given Catalyst an important chance to form connections and come together as a youth group, connected by God and their faith.

Fish Club

We are thankful to God for the maintained numbers of children who attend Fish Club. The children continued to enjoy stories from the Old Testament which Jesus would have been told as a child and completed a series exploring Jesus' authority (to feed, to cast out demons, and to cure disease). In 2024 we kicked off the Year with a new theme, to focus Fish Club sessions on WWJD (What Would Jesus Do) to work to model our lives on Jesus Christ's actions.

Louise Quaife

Churches Together in Ewell

Ruxley Church no longer has any involvement with Churches Together in Ewell, since it does not send a rep to any meetings, should there be any.

The website is still being kept up to date by Barrie Barnes (SMC connection) and so any items can still be published there, and Emma is still be a contact person. The link is here: <https://www.ctewell.org.uk/>

Jenny Meineck

EEL'S (Ewell Ecumenical Ladies)

Our numbers have stayed stable over the past year and still consist of six ladies from five different churches, two of us from Ruxley. Due to health and practical reasons, we now only meet once a month with two members usually joining on Zoom. However, we are still strong in our faith and value the times of fellowship we share together, and the support we give each other. Please see myself or Yvonne Feast for more information.

Pam Eade

Tuesday Evening Prayers

We are a small group who meet in the chapel most Tuesday evenings at 7.45 for approx 1 hour of informal prayer. We pray for anything that God puts on our hearts - our friends and family, our church family and hirers, our local community and world issues. Over the years our numbers have gradually

diminished, but we are not a closed group and we would heartily welcome anyone who would care to join us at any time - you wouldn't need to be committed every week. (The evening after drafting this report we were thrilled to have three more of our congregation join us that very evening – God moves in mysterious ways!) For more information see Pam, Jacky, Pauline, Yvonne or Jen.

Pam Eade

Church Flowers

I would like to thank everyone who has paid for church flowers over the last year. We arrange flowers each week and always welcome donations towards the cost of the flowers and materials. Your donation can be for a special occasion or in memory of someone dear to you, so if you would like a special date to be remembered in flowers, please write it on the list which you will find on the notice board. Thank you also to my team of ladies who help me on special days like Mother's Day and Christmas. Many thanks.

Sheila Stracy

ENGAGING WITH 0-11 YEAR OLDS AND THEIR PARENTS

Riverview School

In October Martin Bridger was appointed a Foundation Governor at Riverview School to replace Valerie Bradfield who has served so loyally and effectively for more than four years. The main news from the school is that they received a 'good' rating from OFSTED, an improvement from the previous judgement and a 'good' rating from its SIAMS inspection (Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools) which looks at the school's Christian ethos and whether or not it is carried out in practice. Riverview continues to try to join an academy chain of other C of E schools although there are a number of hurdles to overcome. Links with Ruxley continue to be strong. The school visits at special times such as for the Leavers' service in July and celebrations at Christmas and Easter although, sadly, they were not able to join us for the Christingle this year. Members of Ruxley assist the school in a number of ways such as helping with reading and at the school fete and Emma is always happy to lead assemblies or visit the school as far as her very busy schedule allows.

Hugh Proctor

Baby & Toddlers

We have had a great year at Ruxley Baby and Toddler group. The group of attendees has grown over the year. Children attend with their parents,

grandparents or child minders. We are open on Wednesday mornings 9:15am-11:15am term time. We run a free play session where the children can choose what activities they would like to participate in and enjoy a snack at the end of the session and before they leave, we have music. Adults receive a hot drink during the play session and biscuits are also on offer. In the last year we held two parties. One at the end of the school year for summer break and a Christmas party where we were lucky enough to welcome Father Christmas paying a visit too. I look forward to continuing to grow the group further

Donna Jones

.Community engagement

Badminton Club

The badminton group continues to meet every Tuesday evening, and over the past year we have been delighted to welcome five new members, two women and three men. This brings our membership up to a very healthy twelve. As we only have use of one court, we have decided that we are now full and will start a waiting list if we have any further enquiries about joining.

Julia Searle

Coffee Morning

As we celebrate 11 years of Thursday Coffee Mornings we continue to be amazed and delighted at the success of this outreach activity. Our aim is to welcome members of the congregation and people from our neighbourhood to come and enjoy tea and coffee and homemade cakes, and we seem to be succeeding.

From our profits we are able to make donations to mostly local charities as well as contributing to church funds. We have donated to the following in the past year: Riding for the Disabled, Royal Marsden Cancer Care, Spinal Muscular Atrophy UK, Child Cancer, and British Heart Foundation. We also gave funds towards the church flowers. In September we held a coffee morning for MacMillan and raised £415 thanks to a bumper raffle!

Grateful thanks must go to the members of the team who give up their time so willingly to serve and make cakes each week.

Marion Parsons

Flower Art Club

Ewell Floral Art flower club meet on the 2nd Tuesday of the month from 2pm – 4pm at Ruxley Church. We are a friendly group of ladies who practice and

learn about arranging flowers whilst enjoying a cup of tea and a chat. Throughout the year we have workshops as well as demonstrations, which are always popular. Our aim is to have fun and fellowship arranging flowers together.

Sheila Stracy

Men's Group

The Men's Group continues to meet on the second Wednesday of the month at the Hogsmill Tavern. Numbers vary around the fifteen mark and we have a very enjoyable evening engaging in conversation and pretending to listen to anecdotes. An unwritten law, not always observed, is that we don't talk about church matters! The meal is more than acceptable and relatively inexpensive thanks to the discounts that some members of the group seem to pluck out of thin air. I'm always happy to hear from other men who would like to join us.

Hugh Proctor

Tuesday Friendship Club

Our 58th Anniversary is almost upon us, and as we look back on the past year we give thanks for the many meetings we have had, blessed by warmth, laughter and fun.

The year has been a very varied mix of in house entertainment and visiting speakers, and demonstrations, such as visits from Riverview, always a delight: The Orpheus Society, a wonderful organisation, that we would recommend to everyone, a talk on a trip of a life time to Peru; some of the experiences of traveller extraordinaire Derek; Stoneleigh Methodist Fellowship Anniversary; Lunch and Film afternoons,; an outing to Canterbury and Mayfield Lavender tea room; a Garden Party at Anne and Brian's; Members music, Quizzes, and Rev. Emma's talk on Church and Holy Week.

We have 35 people registered, with an average attendance of 23.

We said a sad farewell to Peter Stracy and Pat Trodd who died this year, and have two members no longer able to come due to health.

We are so pleased that this year has brought us so many new members, where there is always a warm welcome.

Our quote on this quarter's programme is. FRIENDS ARE THE SUNSHINE OF LIFE.

Jacky Panter

Ukulele Group



Another splendid year for our music group of about 15 members who continue to get together on a Thursday evening to strum and sing through a variety of repertoire, mostly comprised of light rock and pop numbers. We've recently enjoyed our first 'away' gig in Sutton, which must have gone well as we've been asked back! We've welcomed new members and occasional guests, and you are welcome too, even if you have never tried anything like this before.

We meet on a Thursday evening at Ruxley Church at about 8.15pm after the regular Emmaus practice, just come along! Speak to Paulette or Robin if you are interested.

Paulette Withycombe

Coffee and Chat

Coffee and Chat has continued throughout the year and although people who have attended have said very positive things about it, numbers have remained low and a decision was made not to continue with it after the Easter break. Many thanks are due to the very loyal band of volunteers who turned up each week.

Val Proctor

Coffee and Craft

A new venture, which has really taken off. At the moment the sessions are three weeks long, the first just before Christmas, the event was advertised, and an average of 10/13 people a mix of church and community came and a Christmas display of the word Emmanuel was made and put in church. The second session during Lent we met again and were joined by a few more from the community, each person made a cross and made figures and decorations as to what Easter meant to them. The result was wonderful. It is hoped that this group will grow in friendship and evolve into a place and time that anyone can come, take part or just meet together. So, join in and spread the word.

Jacky Panter

Food Bank

In March the Epsom and Ewell Food Bank's five distribution centres supported **710 people, of these, 295 were children.**

We don't just give them food and toiletries though. We listen to understand their situation and to ask if they need any further support, advice or information - and then we seek to meet these other needs or signpost them to other local support services.

We offer holistic support to ensure that people who need to access the foodbank are given the respect and dignity they deserve, and that we are helping to meet their underlying needs so that hopefully they won't need to keep coming back to the foodbank.

However, because of the greatly added pressures of Covid, refugees and the sudden increase in the cost of living our stored supplies have now been seriously depleted, and we often find that we have completely run out of some items and people have to go without. Your help is greatly needed and if you are wondering what to buy there is a list in the news sheet each week so hopefully you will pop an extra item or two into your shopping trolley and put them in the green box under the pigeonholes in church.

Other ways of donating are to pledge a regular amount of money which can be done on the Epsom and Ewell Foodbank website or give one off donations.

If you want any further information have a chat with me at church or coffee morning.

Anne Cockram

Ruxley Community Choir

The choir continues to thrive and, although we have lost a few members, others have joined us. We meet most Wednesdays throughout the year and perform at significant events whilst preparing items for our own enjoyment. A particular highlight was a performance of the challenging 'Redeemer' on Easter Sunday when, because of the advent of two men, we were able to attempt something in three parts. Abilities range from those who can read music and sing in parts to considerably less than that. It is huge fun and we always welcome new people. I would like to thank the church for subsidising the purchase of music which of course is a major expense.

Hugh Proctor

Sudbury School – Aprembo, Ghana



Dear friends,
Once again, during my annual leave and family holiday in Ghana, July 2023, Sudbury School was on the list of places to visit, and it gives me the privilege to update both the Stoneleigh Methodist and Ruxley Church, following funds raised for the continuing project on building works of the ICT and Library Center. The Headteacher (photograph), teaching and non-teaching Staff, Parents and Pupils of the

School were so pleased to welcome me once again. Videos and more photographs will be shared during the Sudbury Sunday Service at SMC on July the 7th.

All donations received in the year from appeals and funds raised from both churches including the offering received on Sudbury Sunday, as well as other personal donations towards the school's Library and ICT building project, amounted to a total of £1,688. This amount in the Ghanaian currency is a total of 23,195.89 cedis. (Twenty-three thousand, one hundred and ninety-five cedis, 89p) and all transferred to the school. Receipts of UK transfers and receipts of payment into the school's account have been passed on to the church treasurers. Details of the funds are stated below.

In Pounds	Description	Ghana Currency
£270	from Ruxley Church, this amount includes a personal donation of £150 from a member, £30 from Tuesday friendship club and the rest were funds raised.	3,741 Ghc
£400	personal donation from another Ruxley member	5,318.39 Ghc
£50	from SMC Tuesday Fellowship	681.50 Ghc
£968	SMC cheque. This amount of £968 are a makeup as below: £250 - SMC Annual Grant £247.50 - Sudbury Sunday Offering £158 - SMC Christmas Offering £312.50 - Personal donation from a Ruxley member plus gift aid	13,455 Ghc
£1,688		
	TOTAL AS STATED ABOVE	23,195,89 Ghc

HOW THE ABOVE FUNDS WERE USED:

The previous year's fundraising paid for roofing the ICT building as was shown in last year's report.

The above amount of £1,688 paid for the wiring of the first of the three rooms of the building project. (The plan is for ICT – 2 rooms and Library 1 room).

The one room was plastered, marble stoned, windows and fitted with a new door as shown below.



To the left is the new ICT building within the school complex.

When completed, the ground floor

will comprise of two ICT rooms and one Library.

Above this will be a big hall for their school assemblies, can be used as their exams hall and can be partitioned as and when needed for other purposes.

I am prayerfully hopeful that at least the ground floor will be completed before I move to my next appointment in 2026.



I also want to say a big thank you, once again, to a member of Ruxley Church who gave a £40 donation, specifically to buy something for the school children as a treat.

As you can see from the photographs, with an additional top up of £35 from myself, it paid for each of the three hundred and ten school children to enjoy a pie for their lunch that day, and they were so grateful.

Even the staff and some parents were lucky to have the “crumbs under the table”.

Additional Thank you



On top of the table and in front of it are donations from some individuals who do not wish to be names. A lady left ten big black bags with clothes, footwear, etc for the children. Two individual people from Ruxley donated a refurbished laptop each.

Advance Notice - Sunday 7th July 2024, will be our next joint Sudbury Sunday Service at Stoneleigh Methodist Church. During the service there will be videos and other photographs to show how these gifts were distributed to the children. As we continue to celebrate how far we have come, God’s grace and providence upon our lives to enable us to demonstrate our response in the act of giving, there will be a special offering for the continuing work of the school project during the service and if you want to gift aid your donation, there will be forms available during the service. We also want to say thank you to Sudbury School for their prayers.



Finally, it is always important for me, as a reminder, to share how the school was and what it looks now. All developments and restructuring have happened because of all your efforts and dedication to this project, so thank you to everyone for your



continued support of Sudbury School in Ghana.

SUDBURY PREPARATORY SCHOOL



Sudbury Preparatory School
 P.O.Box 0752mc, Takoradi
 Behind the Roman Catholic Church Apremdu
 31th August, 2023.

Contact:+233554323218
 E-mail:sudburyprepsch@gmail.com

TOTAL EXPENSES FOR THE ICT 2023

Items	Amount
1. Cement-	GhC 2,500.00
2. Sand-	GhC 1,600.00
3. Marble stone.	GhC 3,200.00
4. Electrical materials-	GhC 4,500.00
5. Door & key	GhC1,000.00
6. Window metal	GhC 1,100.00
7. Glass window	GhC 4,500.00

Workmanship

1. Plastering & dressing.	GhC 1,500.00
2. Electrician	GhC 900.00
3. Marble work	GhC 1,500.00
Tnt.	GhC 400.00
Total.	GhC 22, 700.00

Summary

Amount sent.	GhC 23,195.85
Expenses.	GhC 22700.00
Amount left .	GhC 495.85



Mr Giles Hector Sekyi
 Headmaster
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SUDBURY PREP SCHOOL
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 ANY BRANCH ACCRA Ghana

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Fee
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Total
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 53 CHESTNUT AVENUE

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Ruxley Church
Balance Sheet detailed

	As at 31/08/2023	As at 31/08/2022
Current assets		
6501: HSBC	£43,657.26	£68,516.05
6502: HSBC - Appeal	-	-
6505: HSBC - Business Money Manager	-	-
6506: HSBC - Appeal - BM	-	-
6507: HSBC Tuesday Fellowship	-	-
6510: CBF deposit account	£154,256.13	£22,721.25
6511: Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes	£4,658.88	£4,526.48
6512: CCLA - Ruxley Appeal	-	-
6520: HSBC - RMC	-	-
6590: Cash in hand	-	-
Total Current assets	£202,572.27	£95,763.78
Liabilities		
6605: Parish Share Unpaid	-	-
6699: Agency collections	£38.80	(£3.23)
Total Liabilities	£38.80	(£3.23)
Net Asset surplus (deficit)	£202,533.47	£95,767.01
Reserves		
Excess/(deficit) to date	£106,766.46	£28,649.01
Z01: Starting balances	£95,767.01	£39,700.52
Z03: Gains and losses own use	-	£27,417.48
Total Reserves	£202,533.47	£95,767.01

Represented by Funds		
General (Unrestricted)	£40,449.27	£41,232.08
Designated	£155,485.72	£52,572.03
Restricted	£6,598.48	£1,962.90
Total	£202,533.47	£95,767.01

Ruxley Church

Balance Sheet (Separate funds)

	General	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	At 31/08/2023 £	At 31/08/2022 £
Fixed assets	-	-	-	-	-	-
Current assets						
Cash At Bank And In Hand	£40,449.27	£155,485.72	£6,637.28	-	£202,572.27	£95,763.78
	£40,449.27	£155,485.72	£6,637.28	-	£202,572.27	£95,763.78
Liabilities						
Creditors: Amounts Falling Due In One Year	-	-	£38.80	-	£38.80	(£3.23)
	-	-	£38.80	-	£38.80	(£3.23)
Net current assets less current liabilities	£40,449.27	£155,485.72	£6,598.48	-	£202,533.47	£95,767.01
Total assets less current liabilities	£40,449.27	£155,485.72	£6,598.48	-	£202,533.47	£95,767.01
Liabilities						
	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total net assets less liabilities	£40,449.27	£155,485.72	£6,598.48	-	£202,533.47	£95,767.01
Represented by						
Unrestricted						
Unrestricted - General Fund	£40,449.27	-	-	-	£40,449.27	£41,232.08
Designated						
Designated - Memorial Project	-	£3,577.93	-	-	£3,577.93	£4,084.00
Designated - Richard Watson	-	£86,505.03	-	-	£86,505.03	-
Designated - Warm Space	-	£1,690.69	-	-	£1,690.69	-
Designated - Ruxley Community Choir	-	£61.79	-	-	£61.79	-
Designated - Reserve Fund - Church Maintenance	-	£26,997.17	-	-	£26,997.17	£26,997.17
Designated - Social Fund	-	£423.78	-	-	£423.78	£423.78
Designated - Vision & Mission	-	£35,904.23	-	-	£35,904.23	£20,741.98
Designated - Vicars Discretionary Fund	-	£325.10	-	-	£325.10	£325.10
Restricted						
Restricted - Decorating	-	-	£224.76	-	£224.76	£224.76
Restricted - Tech Equipment	-	-	£5,107.00	-	£5,107.00	£41.93
Restricted - Discipleship	-	-	£50.00	-	£50.00	£50.00
Restricted - Men's group RW bequest	-	-	-	-	-	£110.24
Restricted - Youth Work	-	-	£1,216.72	-	£1,216.72	£1,535.97
Fund Totals	£40,449.27	£155,485.72	£6,598.48	-	£202,533.47	£95,767.01

Ruxley Church
Receipts and payments
Selected period: 01 September 2022 to 31 August 2023

Note	From To	01 September 2022 31 August 2023	01 September 2021 31 August 2022
General - General fund (Unrestricted) Fund			
Incoming resources			
Incoming resources from charitable activities			
		£1,500.39	£899.00
		-	£113.00
		£71,626.18	£66,174.35
	Total Incoming resources from charitable activities	£73,126.57	£67,186.35
Other incoming resources			
		-	£6,266.00
		£1,054.58	£673.47
	Total Other incoming resources	£1,054.58	£6,939.47
Voluntary income			
		£40,906.00	£35,764.50
		-	£210.00
		£447.50	£596.50
		£1,708.88	£1,615.14
		£143.21	£1,150.00
		£500.00	£4,251.50
		£12.00	£1,884.04
		£12,255.33	£6,144.72
		-	£5,000.00
		£1,843.75	-
		£75.00	£287.00
		-	£416.15
		£1.50	£19.35
		-	£154.51
	Total Voluntary income	£57,893.17	£57,493.41
Activities for generating funds			
		-	£47.79
	Total Activities for generating funds	-	£47.79
Investment income			
		-	£95.74
	Total Investment income	-	£95.74
		£132,074.32	£131,762.76
Total Incoming resources			
Resources used			
Cost of generating funds			
		£1,243.00	£1,145.00
	Total Cost of generating funds	£1,243.00	£1,145.00
Charitable activities			
		£770.00	£325.00
		£912.77	£1,040.00
		-	£2,140.16
		£50,755.36	£49,133.00
		£6,539.69	£6,142.55
		-	£76.05
		-	£686.00
		-	£41.06
		£101.09	£15.03
		-	£689.57
		£14.93	£175.83
		£3,199.76	£3,261.06
		£297.06	£832.23
		£195.00	£125.00
		£27,143.53	£10,665.53
		£13,112.18	£13,343.71
		£2,170.73	£1,218.95
		£2,888.16	£2,308.60
		£970.99	£416.24
		£75.60	£746.80
		£1,017.41	£723.41
		£200.50	£30.00
		£6,135.90	£3,359.62
		£2,567.28	£2,950.83

Note	From To	01 September 2022 31 August 2023	01 September 2021 31 August 2022
Church running - water		£928.80	£1,211.85
Photocopy - expenses		£1,237.19	£305.42
	Total Charitable activities	£121,233.93	£101,963.50
Governance costs			
Governance costs examination/audit fee		£360.00	-
	Total Governance costs	£360.00	-
Cost of generating voluntary income			
Costs of fetes & other events		£20.20	£529.69
	Total Cost of generating voluntary income	£20.20	£529.69
Total Resources used		£122,857.13	£103,638.19
Excess of Income and endowments over Expenditure		£9,217.19	£28,124.57
Brought forward balance		£41,232.08	(£14,309.97)
Transfers to/(from)		(£10,000.00)	-
Adjustments		-	£27,417.48
Total carried forward balance		£40,449.27	£41,232.08

Ruxley Church
Receipts and payments
Selected period: 01 September 2022 to 31 August 2023

Note	From To	01 September 2022 31 August 2023	01 September 2021 31 August 2022
MP - Memorial Project (Designated) Fund			
Incoming resources			
Voluntary income			
		£40.00	£66.00
		-	£10.00
		£20.00	£100.00
		£100.00	£900.00
	Total Voluntary income	£160.00	£1,076.00
		£160.00	£1,076.00
Total Incoming resources			
Resources used			
Charitable activities			
		£33.53	-
		£632.54	£572.04
		£666.07	£572.04
	Total Charitable activities	£666.07	£572.04
		£666.07	£572.04
Total Resources used			
		(£506.07)	£503.96
		£4,084.00	£3,580.04
	Total carried forward balance	£3,577.93	£4,084.00
Dec - Decorating (Restricted) Fund			
		£224.76	£224.76
	Total carried forward balance	£224.76	£224.76
Tech - Tech Equipment (Restricted) Fund			
Incoming resources			
Voluntary income			
		£4,500.00	-
		£1,125.00	-
		£5,625.00	-
	Total Voluntary income	£5,625.00	-
		£5,625.00	-
Total Incoming resources			
Resources used			
Charitable activities			
		£559.93	-
		£559.93	-
	Total Charitable activities	£559.93	-
		£559.93	-
Total Resources used			
		£5,065.07	-
		£41.93	£41.93
	Total carried forward balance	£5,107.00	£41.93
Disc - Discipleship (Restricted) Fund			
		£50.00	£50.00
	Total carried forward balance	£50.00	£50.00
MGRWB - Men's group RW bequest (Restricted) Fund			
Incoming resources			
Voluntary income			
		-	£500.00
		-	£500.00
	Total Voluntary income	-	£500.00
		-	£500.00
Total Incoming resources			
Resources used			
Cost of generating voluntary income			
		£110.24	£389.76
		£110.24	£389.76
	Total Cost of generating voluntary income	£110.24	£389.76
		£110.24	£389.76
Total Resources used			
		(£110.24)	£110.24
		£110.24	-

Note	From To	01 September 2022 31 August 2023	01 September 2021 31 August 2022
Total carried forward balance		-	£110.24
RW - Richard Watson (Designated) Fund			
Incoming resources			
Voluntary income			
Legacies		£86,505.03	-
	Total Voluntary income	£86,505.03	-
Total Incoming resources		£86,505.03	-
Excess of Income and endowments over Expenditure		£86,505.03	-
Total carried forward balance		£86,505.03	-
WS - Warm Space (Designated) Fund			
Incoming resources			
Voluntary income			
Planned Giving - Bank		£20.00	-
Gifts - Not Gift Aided		£130.00	-
Gifts - Gift Aided		£150.00	-
Donations appeals etc		£9.20	-
Non-recurring one-off grants		£1,500.00	-
	Total Voluntary income	£1,809.20	-
Total Incoming resources		£1,809.20	-
Resources used			
Charitable activities			
Publicity & Adverts		£61.00	-
	Total Charitable activities	£61.00	-
Cost of generating voluntary income			
Costs of fetes & other events		£57.51	-
	Total Cost of generating voluntary income	£57.51	-
Total Resources used		£118.51	-
Excess of Income and endowments over Expenditure		£1,690.69	-
Total carried forward balance		£1,690.69	-
RCC - Ruxley Community Choir (Designated) Fund			
Incoming resources			
Voluntary income			
Non-recurring one-off grants		£450.00	-
	Total Voluntary income	£450.00	-
Total Incoming resources		£450.00	-
Resources used			
Charitable activities			
Education		£388.21	-
	Total Charitable activities	£388.21	-
Total Resources used		£388.21	-
Excess of Income and endowments over Expenditure		£61.79	-
Total carried forward balance		£61.79	-
VM - Vision & Mission (Designated) Fund			
Incoming resources			
Investment income			
Bank and building society interest		£5,175.15	£21.20
	Total Investment income	£5,175.15	£21.20
Total Incoming resources		£5,175.15	£21.20
Resources used			
Governance costs			
Governance costs examination/audit fee		£12.90	£12.88
	Total Governance costs	£12.90	£12.88
Total Resources used		£12.90	£12.88
Excess of Income and endowments over Expenditure		£5,162.25	£8.32
Brought forward balance		£20,741.98	£20,733.66
Transfers to/(from)		£10,000.00	-
Total carried forward balance		£35,904.23	£20,741.98

BB - Youth Work (Restricted) Fund**Incoming resources**

Incoming resources from charitable activities

Bookstall sales to promote objectives

- £120.00

Total Incoming resources from charitable activities

- £120.00

Voluntary income

Loose plate collections

£7.00 -

Gifts - Not Gift Aided

£100.00 -

Donations appeals etc

£240.00 -

Total Voluntary income

£347.00 -

Activities for generating funds

Rummage sales etc

£100.00 £200.00

Total Activities for generating funds

£100.00 £200.00

Total Incoming resources**£447.00 £320.00****Resources used**

Charitable activities

Education

£51.00 -

Young People

£455.25 £418.08

Total Charitable activities

£506.25 £418.08

Cost of generating voluntary income

Costs of fetes & other events

£260.00 -

Total Cost of generating voluntary income

£260.00 -

Total Resources used**£766.25 £418.08**

Excess of Income and endowments over Expenditure

(£319.25) (£98.08)

Brought forward balance

£1,535.97 £1,634.05

Total carried forward balance**£1,216.72 £1,535.97**

Ruxley Church
Agencies (Postboxes) - Details
Selected period: 01 September 2022 to 31 August 2023

Description	Cheque	Audit Number	Date	Debit	Credit	Balance
Action for Children						
						Opening balance 01/09/2022
				-	-	(£3.97)
Action for Children - Service	CS28	1011788	16/12/2022	-	£171.60	
Chris Meineck - Action for Children		1011790	29/12/2022	-	£20.00	
Tom's Money Tin		1011888	10/01/2023	-	£53.00	
Gift Day AfC	CS29	1011881	22/01/2023	-	£55.00	
Tom's Money Tin	CS29	1011881	22/01/2023	-	£9.25	
Circuit New Years Day AfC	CS29	1011881	22/01/2023	-	£191.50	
Action for Children	BACS 136	1011967	08/02/2023	£504.32	-	
			Total for this range	£504.32	£500.35	£3.97
				£504.32	£500.35	-
Closing balance 31/08/2023						
All We Can						
Harvest Appeal	CS26	1011597	23/10/2022	-	£80.00	
Harvest Appeal	CS26	1011597	23/10/2022	-	£50.00	
All We Can	BACS 137	1012642	09/02/2023	£130.00	-	
			Total for this range	£130.00	£130.00	-
				£130.00	£130.00	-
Closing balance 31/08/2023						
Bishops Community Fund						
Confirmation Service - Bishop	CS35	1012430	04/07/2023	-	£212.90	
Bishop Guildford Community - Confirmation Service	BACs 234	1012448	19/07/2023	£212.90	-	
			Total for this range	£212.90	£212.90	-
				£212.90	£212.90	-
Closing balance 31/08/2023						
Childrens Society						
Christingle Service	CS28	1011788	16/12/2022	-	£122.73	
The Children's Society - Christingle	BACS 139	1011970	14/02/2023	£122.73	-	
			Total for this range	£122.73	£122.73	-
				£122.73	£122.73	-
Closing balance 31/08/2023						
Christian Aid						
Chris Meineck - Christian Aid		1011975	13/02/2023	-	£50.00	
Earth Quake Turkey - Christian Aid	CS30	1011977	15/02/2023	-	£649.00	
Margret's Funeral	CS30	1011977	15/02/2023	-	£228.02	
Christian Aid - Margret McCarthy	BACS 144	1011978	24/02/2023	£228.02	-	

Description	Cheque	Audit Number	Date	Debit	Credit	Balance
Christian Aid - Earth Quake	BACS 145	1011979	24/02/2023	£770.00	-	
Earthquake Appeal	CS31	1012069	15/03/2023	-	£71.00	
Chris Meineck -		1012337	20/05/2023	-	£20.00	
Christian Aid Day	CS34	1012338	07/06/2023	-	£345.00	
Christian Aid Day - Collection	BACS 211	1012350	18/06/2023	£365.00	-	
Total for this range				£1,363.02	£1,363.02	-
Closing balance 31/08/2023				£1,363.02	£1,363.02	-

Easter Offering

Easter Offering	CS33	1012240	05/05/2023	-	£132.00	
Chris Meineck -		1012337	20/05/2023	-	£20.00	
Easter Offering	CS34	1012338	07/06/2023	-	£20.00	
All We Can - Easter Offering	BACs 238	1012457	24/07/2023	£172.00	-	
Total for this range				£172.00	£172.00	-
Closing balance 31/08/2023				£172.00	£172.00	-

GDBF - Funerals

Opening balance 01/09/2022				-	-	(£15.00)
Funeral - Roy Leonard	CS26	1011597	23/10/2022	-	£112.00	
Funeral - Betty Lawrence	CS26	1011597	23/10/2022	-	£112.00	
GDBF - Parochial Fees	BACS 91	1011691	20/11/2022	£224.00	-	
Funeral - Clifford Manley	CS28	1011788	16/12/2022	-	£112.00	
Funeral - Elson	CS28	1011788	16/12/2022	-	£236.00	
Funeral - Affleck		1011882	09/01/2023	-	£227.00	
GDBF - Parochial Fees	BACS 124	1011874	11/01/2023	£348.00	-	
Funeral Joan Quirke	CS32	1012159	30/03/2023	-	£227.00	
GDBF - Parochial Fees	BACS 184	1012241	02/05/2023	£227.00	-	
GDBF - Parochial Fees	BACs 239	1012455	24/07/2023	£242.00	-	
Helen Quaife Interment		1012534	07/08/2023	-	£61.00	
Total for this range				£1,041.00	£1,087.00	(£46.00)
Closing balance 31/08/2023				£1,041.00	£1,087.00	(£61.00)

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MHA Collection envelopes	CS35	1012430	04/07/2023	-	£198.00	
MHA Collection envelopes	BACs 240	1012456	24/07/2023	£198.00	-	
Total for this range				£198.00	£198.00	-
Closing balance 31/08/2023				£198.00	£198.00	-

Ministers Leaving

Communion set present Fiona	BACS 208	1012347	16/06/2023	£184.80	-	
Robin E - Gifts	BACS 215	1012354	26/06/2023	£76.03	-	
Fiona & Robins Leaving	CS36	1012432	12/07/2023	-	£483.00	
Fiona - John Lewis Gift Voucher	BACs 235	1012451	21/07/2023	£222.17	-	
Total for this range				£483.00	£483.00	-
Closing balance 31/08/2023				£483.00	£483.00	-

Thursday Coffee

Description	Cheque	Audit Number	Date	Debit	Credit	Balance
			Opening balance 01/09/2022	-	-	£99.50
Coffee Thursday - Riding for the disabled	2870	1011516	18/09/2022	£100.00	-	
Coffee Thursday - Riding for the disabled	CS25	1011593	30/09/2022	-	£100.00	
MacMillan Cancer - Coffee Thursday	2871	1011602	11/10/2022	£260.00	-	
Coffee Thursday - MacMillan Cancer	CS26	1011597	23/10/2022	-	£260.00	
RNIB - Thurs Coffee	102902	1011791	18/12/2022	£100.00	-	
Epsom Riding for the disabled	102903	1011875	14/01/2023	£100.00	-	
RNIB - Thurs Coffee	CS29	1011881	22/01/2023	-	£100.00	
Epsom Riding for the disabled	CS29	1011881	22/01/2023	-	£100.00	
British Heart Foundation	102904	1012064	05/03/2023	£100.00	-	
Coffee Thursday BHF	CS32	1012159	30/03/2023	-	£100.00	
Shooting Stars	102905	1012339	16/04/2023	£100.00	-	
Shooting Stars	CS33	1012240	05/05/2023	-	£100.00	
Riding for the disabled	102907	1012342	02/06/2023	£100.00	-	
Riding for the disabled	CS35	1012430	04/07/2023	-	£100.00	
Shelia Stacy - Church Flowers	BACs 224	1012449	09/07/2023	£100.00	-	
Coffee Thursday - Flowers	CS36	1012432	12/07/2023	-	£100.00	
Total for this range				£960.00	£960.00	-
Closing balance 31/08/2023				£960.00	£960.00	£99.50

Ruxley Church

Analysis of Receipts and Payments Selected period: 01 September 2022 to 31 August 2023

					Total	
	General	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	This year	Last year
Receipts						
Incoming resources from generated funds						
0101 - Planned Giving - Bank	£40,906.00	£20.00	-	-	£40,926.00	£35,764.50
0110 - Gift Aid - Envelopes	-	-	-	-	-	-
0201 - Planned Giving - Other	-	-	-	-	-	£210.00
0202 - Planned Giving - Envelopes	£447.50	-	-	-	£447.50	£596.50
0301 - Loose plate collections	£1,708.88	£40.00	£7.00	-	£1,755.88	£1,681.14
0401 - Regular gift days	-	-	-	-	-	-
0410 - Gifts - Not Gift Aided	£143.21	£160.00	£100.00	-	£403.21	£1,160.00
0501 - Gifts - Gift Aided	£500.00	£300.00	£4,500.00	-	£5,300.00	£4,251.50
0550 - Donations appeals etc	£12.00	£119.20	£240.00	-	£371.20	£2,234.04
0560 - Parish Share Deficit	-	-	-	-	-	-
0601 - Tax recoverable on Gift Aid	£12,255.33	-	£1,125.00	-	£13,380.33	£6,144.72
0701 - Legacies	-	£86,505.03	-	-	£86,505.03	£5,500.00
08A1 - Non-recurring one-off grants	£1,843.75	£1,950.00	-	-	£3,793.75	-
0901 - Other funds generated	£75.00	£100.00	-	-	£175.00	£1,187.00
0915 - Social Events	-	-	-	-	-	£799.14
1270 - Photocopy- Income	£1.50	-	-	-	£1.50	£19.35
1330 - Refunds - Energy etc	-	-	-	-	-	£154.51
0910 - Rummage sales etc	-	-	£100.00	-	£100.00	£247.79
1240 - Church hall lettings - fund raising	-	-	-	-	-	-
1250 - Magazine income - advertising	-	-	-	-	-	-
1260 - Parish magazine sales	-	-	-	-	-	-
1020 - Bank and building society interest	-	£5,175.15	-	-	£5,175.15	£116.94
Incoming resources from generated funds Totals	£57,893.17	£94,369.38	£6,072.00	-	£158,334.55	£60,067.13
Incoming resources from charitable activities						
1101 - Fees for weddings and funerals	£1,500.39	-	-	-	£1,500.39	£899.00
1210 - Bookstall sales to promote objectives	-	-	-	-	-	£233.00
1230 - Church hall lettings - objectives	£71,626.18	-	-	-	£71,626.18	£66,174.35
1340 - New Church Building	-	-	-	-	-	-
Incoming resources from charitable activities Totals	£73,126.57	-	-	-	£73,126.57	£67,306.35
Other incoming resources						
1310 - Insurance claims	-	-	-	-	-	£6,266.00
1325 - Feed in Tariffs	£1,054.58	-	-	-	£1,054.58	£673.47
Other incoming resources Totals	£1,054.58	-	-	-	£1,054.58	£6,939.47
Receipts Grand Totals	£132,074.32	£94,369.38	£6,072.00	-	£232,515.70	£134,312.95
Payments						
Cost of generating funds						
1701 - Fees paid to fund raisers	-	-	-	-	-	-

					Total	
	General	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	This year	Last year
1710 - Costs of applying for grants	-	-	-	-	-	-
1720 - Costs of stewardship campaign	-	-	-	-	-	-
1730 - Costs of fetes & other events	£20.20	£57.51	£370.24	-	£447.95	£919.45
1740 - Investment management costs	-	-	-	-	-	-
2931 - Methodist Ministers' Pension	£1,243.00	-	-	-	£1,243.00	£1,145.00
Cost of generating funds Totals	£1,263.20	£57.51	£370.24	-	£1,690.95	£2,064.45
Charitable activities						
1801 - Giving to missionary societies	-	-	-	-	-	-
1830 - Giving - relief and development agencies	£770.00	-	-	-	£770.00	£325.00
1850 - Home mission	£912.77	-	-	-	£912.77	£1,040.00
1870 - Secular charities	-	£270.00	-	-	£270.00	£2,773.15
1910 - Parish share & Circuit Assessment	£50,755.36	-	-	-	£50,755.36	£49,133.00
2001 - Assistant staff costs	-	-	-	-	-	-
2050 - Salary of Church Administrator	£6,539.69	-	-	-	£6,539.69	£6,142.55
2101 - Working expenses of incumbent	-	-	-	-	-	£76.05
2102 - GDBF - Inc Fees -Funerals,Bands,Wedding	-	-	-	-	-	£686.00
2105 - Vicars Expenses	-	-	-	-	-	-
2106 - Ministers Expenses	-	-	-	-	-	-
2107 - Ministers - Leaving	-	-	-	-	-	-
2130 - Ministers Residence expenses	-	-	-	-	-	£41.06
2140 - Water vicarage	£101.09	-	-	-	£101.09	£15.03
2150 - Vicar's telephone	-	-	-	-	-	-
2170 - Education	-	£388.21	£51.00	-	£439.21	£689.57
2201 - Parish training and mission	£14.93	-	-	-	£14.93	£175.83
2301 - Church running - insurance	£3,199.76	-	-	-	£3,199.76	£3,261.06
2310 - Church office - telephone, stationary	£297.06	-	-	-	£297.06	£832.23
2320 - Organ / piano tuning	£195.00	-	-	-	£195.00	£125.00
2330 - Church maintenance	£27,143.53	£33.53	£559.93	-	£27,736.99	£10,665.53
2331 - Cleaning - Wages	£13,112.18	-	-	-	£13,112.18	£13,343.71
2332 - Cleaning - Materials	£2,170.73	-	-	-	£2,170.73	£1,218.95
2333 - HMRC Tax & NI	£2,888.16	-	-	-	£2,888.16	£2,308.60
2339 - Young People	-	-	£455.25	-	£455.25	£418.08
2340 - Running of services	£970.99	-	-	-	£970.99	£416.24
2341 - Publicity & Adverts	£75.60	£61.00	-	-	£136.60	£746.80
2350 - Upkeep of churchyard	-	-	-	-	-	-
2360 - Administration	£1,017.41	-	-	-	£1,017.41	£723.41
2370 - Visiting speakers / locums	£200.50	-	-	-	£200.50	£30.00
2401 - Church running - electric	£6,135.90	-	-	-	£6,135.90	£3,359.62
2410 - Church running - gas	£2,567.28	-	-	-	£2,567.28	£2,950.83
2420 - Church running - water	£928.80	-	-	-	£928.80	£1,211.85
2501 - Magazine expenses	-	-	-	-	-	-
2502 - Photocopy - expenses	£1,237.19	-	-	-	£1,237.19	£305.42
2530 - Hall running - electricity	-	-	-	-	-	-
2540 - Hall running - gas	-	-	-	-	-	-
2550 - Hall running - insurance	-	-	-	-	-	-
2560 - Hall running - maintenance	-	-	-	-	-	-
2570 - Hall running - telephone	-	-	-	-	-	-
2580 - Hall running - water	-	-	-	-	-	-
2590 - Hall running - heating and lighting	-	-	-	-	-	-
2720 - Church interior and exterior decorating	-	-	-	-	-	-
2830 - Hall + interior and exterior decorating	-	-	-	-	-	-

	General Designated Restricted Endowment				Total	
					This year	Last year
2920 - New building Church	-	-	-	-	-	-
2930 - Memorial Project	-	£632.54	-	-	£632.54	£572.04
Charitable activities Totals	£121,233.93	£1,385.28	£1,066.18	-	£123,685.39	£103,586.61
Governance costs						
2601 - Governance costs examination/audit fee	£360.00	£12.90	-	-	£372.90	£12.88
Governance costs Totals	£360.00	£12.90	-	-	£372.90	£12.88
Other resources used						
1911 - Unpaid Parish Share	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other resources used Totals	-	-	-	-	-	-
Payments Grand Totals	£122,857.13	£1,455.69	£1,436.42	-	£125,749.24	£105,663.94

THE METHODIST CHURCH
STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS
(SHORT FORM)

Ruxley Church

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31 August 2023

Wimbledon Circuit

Circuit no

35/26

Registered Charity - Charity Registration number

1174096

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

XR76413

(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)

Ministers:

Rev. Emma Cussack Rev. Fiona Ellingham

Church Stewards:

Jacky Panter

Valerie Proctor

Robin Ellingham

Treasurer:

Christopher Meineck

Ruxley Church

Church - Short Form

ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

SECTION A		This year's amount to the nearest £	Last year's amount to the nearest £
	Note	£	£
a1	RECEIPTS		
a2	Offerings and Tax recovered	62,584	49,790
a3	Bank and CFB interest & investment income	5,175	96
a4	Lettings	71,626	66,174
a5	Other receipts includes Legacy	93,130	18,546
a6	TOTAL RECEIPTS	232,515	134,606
SECTION B			
b1	PAYMENTS		
b2	Circuit Assessment or Share	50,755	49,133
b3	Donations	1,953	4,138
b4	Repairs and Maintena includes cleaning	34,107	11,884
b5	Utilities (Insurances, water charges, heating & lighting)	12,832	10,783
b6	Other payments	26,102	32,771
b7	TOTAL PAYMENTS	125,749	108,709
SECTION C			
c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR (a6 - b7)	106,766	25,897
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year	95,767 (c7)	70,163
c3	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR (c1 + c2)	202,533	95,767 (c7)
c4	State here the total of any other assets of the Church		
c5	State here the total of any liabilities of the Church		
c6	State here the insured value of the Church premises and contents	6,650,000	5,910,000
SECTION D ANALYSIS OF FUNDS			
d1	Balances held at TMCP at 31 August	4,659	4,526
d2	Balances held at CFB at 31 August	154,256	22,721
d3	Bank and cash balances at 31 August	43,657	69,016
d4	TOTAL (= Box c3)	202,572	96,263
SECTION E			
FOR INFORMATION ONLY: MONEY RECEIVED AND PASSED ON TO EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS			
<i>(these amounts are not to be included in total receipts/payments figures above)</i>			
e1	Balance brought forward from last year	(3)	395
e2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations	5,229	1,279
e3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations	5,187	1,677
e4	BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID (e1+e2-e3)	39	(3)

Name of Church Ruxley Church

Circuit number 35/26

Declarations and Scrutiny

I confirm that these Receipt and Payment based accounts for the year to 31 August 2023 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 *Chris Meineck* Date *25/9/23*

Name and address of treasurer Chris Meineck

37 Amberley Gardens, Stoneleigh, Epsom, KT190NQ

Presentation to the Church trustees

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2023 were/will be* presented to the meeting of the Church trustees held on *25/9/2023*

Signature of the Chair of the meeting *Emma Cusack*

Name of the Chair of the meeting *Rev. Emma Cusack* Date *25/9/2023*

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

..... *RUXLEY* Church

Charity Number *1174096*

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the *RUXLEY* Church for the year ended 31 August 2023 set out on pages *1* to *4*. As the Church's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Church's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and, in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

* delete or circle as appropriate

Name of Church ROYLEY CHURCH No 35/26

Independent Examiner's Statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below*) which give me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

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

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

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

Signature of independent examiner KA Mallett

Name of independent examiner KEVIN A. MALLETT

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner FCA

Name of firm (where appropriate) L & F ACCOUNTING LTD

Address 18 THE SROADWAY STONELEIGH

EPSSM SURREY Post Code KT17 2HU

Date 08 / 01 / 2024

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RUXLEY CHURCH

England & Wales - Charity number 1174096

Accounts

Ruxley Church

Reports for Annual General Meeting 15th May 2022



MINISTERS' REPORT

We are pleased once again to have the opportunity to reflect on what and how the Lord's been on a journey with us in the last year. God's grace has enabled us (from the youngest in FISH CLUB and Catalyst to all the adults) to slowly come out of lockdown and now, beginning to find our feet again in ministry, we want to say thank you to Jesus. The pandemic has created different challenging circumstances both as a church and as individuals however, we are finding ways forward in being church and working through the Church's Mission Action Plan which will become our focus from now. To live out our vision and mission we will have to work with our core values and prioritise our Mission Action Plan.

Some members of Stoneleigh Methodist Church continue to join in the Thursday Morning Prayers on zoom (started in lockdown) and it's so encouraging to have between 12 and 16 participants weekly to come together to pray.

On a Pastoral Note – it was an emotional service in July last year, saying goodbye to Sheila and Brian Fisher, when they made the decision to move closer to their daughter Joanna.

In sympathy, we give God thanks for the lives of Mrs Ruth Butcher and Dr Neville Barley. May they Rest in Peace. We celebrate the fact that a number of people have been drawn to Ruxley Church and found it a place of welcome and worship. With wedding celebrations once again being permitted, it has been a joy to welcome every one of the 6 couples, and their families, to services where their banns were published. My thanks (from Fiona) to Sophie for designing a beautiful motif for a prayer card given to each couple. Each of them has noted how touched they have felt by this gesture. A number have returned to attend some of the seasonal services.

Recalling the theme of our twentieth church anniversary celebration – “we are one in Christ”, may the bond of unity reflect in all that we share in the work of the Lord. We wish to offer a huge thanks to all who serve in the various areas of ministry here at Ruxley Church and we want to especially thank the leadership team who work closely with us.

On a personal note (from Emma) I want to thank Robin Ellingham for freely offering his talents as a trained chef, whenever needed.

Every blessing,

Revs Emma Cusack & Fiona Ellingham

LEADERSHIP TEAM

The group met monthly and also had two “away” mornings for some strategic thinking. The focus is on how our activities implement our Mission Action Plan. Most day-to-day tasks are now with sub-groups which report back, releasing the Leadership team to look at strategic thinking. Topics covered during the year included:

- New Together@10 service and Church Anniversary
- Regular Services and live streaming
- Lent and Advent courses and small group activities
- Risk assessments and Covid protocols
- Stewardship, gifts & talents and legacies
- Links with Riverview School
- Web-site and communications
- New software for administration and bookings
- Regular reports on Safeguarding; Finance; Building Rectification; Worship & Spirituality
- HR management and salary reviews
- Future of ECC sub-groups
- Possible intern to work with young people

The focus of the group is now on how to relate our activities and initiatives to our Mission Action Plan. The two away mornings in particular helped clarify ways forward. As a result, we are focusing on three priorities: Work with Children (0 -11); Building relationships in the local community; Developing the life of the church family.

We experienced a warm glow of satisfaction of keeping the ship afloat as we tried to discern and follow God’s guidance.

Dave Searle

ECUMENICAL CHURCH COUNCIL

A busy 20th Anniversary year for the members of ECC, who met for six scheduled meetings in May, July, September, November, January and March, as well as two additional extraordinary meetings. The majority of these were held via Zoom due to the continuing Covid restrictions. Members also attended an online Diocesan Big PCC Awayday, which proved very useful in shaping our Mission Action Plan priorities.

People and Posts

We are grateful to those who took on additional duties this year: Dave Searle (Electoral Roll Officer), Val Proctor (Circuit Representative), Jenny Meineck (Church Administrator), Valerie Bradfield (Safeguarding Team), and Hugh Proctor (Riverview Governor). The ECC were pleased to endorse Judy Quaife's Occasional Preacher's training, and we're delighted to hear that Emma has accepted the re-invitation to serve for a further 5 years with effect from September 2021. We were unsuccessful in our application for a New Wine Discipleship Year Placement Student (the subject of June's extraordinary meeting) but we hope this year to be able to welcome a student.

Compliance

Safeguarding features prominently on every agenda. We are grateful to Phil James, Marion Parsons and Valerie Bradfield for all they do to ensure our church is a safe place for all who attend, and also to Dave Searle for ensuring that we are GDPR compliant. A variety of risk assessments were examined and agreed, including buildings and activities, Beating the Bounds, Young People's events, Coffee Morning restart, Tuesday Fellowship (now Tuesday Friendship Club) and 20th Anniversary events. Following the signing of Schedule 14a we were able to welcome back the Korean congregation. An LEP Review is planned and the memorandum relating to clause 6 of our Sharing Agreement indicating the resulting percentages of contribution by the Church of England and Methodist Church was ratified.

Riverview

The Instrument of Governorship of Riverview School was approved, as was the funding of holding crosses and an information pack for Riverview School leavers. We hope to make an official visit to view the new premises soon, Covid restrictions permitting.

Finance

New mandate and banking arrangements and a Reserves Policy were agreed. Charitable Giving was discussed along with its impact on our lettings and hirers. Most recently the ECC agreed to match donations in aid of Ukraine in response to the distressing news of the war. It is good that the memory of those of our community we have loved in our own community live on, most notably with a bequest from our brother Richard Watson.

Our response to the request to assist in the rectification of the Methodist Pension Fund deficit was agreed. Steve Kendall has continued the process, started pre-pandemic requesting the diocese to consider removal of our parish share deficit.

ECC declined the diocesan offer to parishes of £1,000 to offset unplanned pandemic impact costs.

The ECC are indebted to Steve Kendall and his team for their tireless efforts from which the ECC has repeatedly benefited.

Building Rectification and Premises

The sterling efforts of Brian Cockram and Derek Eade and their Building Rectification Team colleagues were given fresh impetus by the addition of Geoff Quaife, whose expertise has proved invaluable. His Rectification Update was the main topic at the January extraordinary meeting, and members of the Rectification Team are working together on priority planning.

Another huge body of work to be acknowledged is that of Steve and the Hall Hire Team - Chris Meineck, Jenny Meineck, Brian Cockram, Robin Willes and Derek Eade - for all the work they are doing to refine our processes and engagement with those who use our building.

Some of our ECC members are due to complete their term of office by the May 2022 AGM. In recognition of these extraordinary times, it was agreed that ECC members would be offered the opportunity to extend this, to be ratified at the May AGM.

ECC members would be enormously grateful for the continuing prayers of the wider congregation as we seek to be true to our new Vision Statement:

An inclusive worshipping community united in Christ, serving others.

*Paulette Withycombe
ECC Secretary*

SAFEGUARDING

As last year, thankfully this area has been very quiet. Training has now started to return to face to face, rather than via Zoom, which is much better; seeing and interacting with others really is the best way to do things.

I have attended a couple of refresher safeguarding lead training sessions organised through the diocese which were extremely interesting, particularly the new 'Safeguarding Dashboard' which was introduced. This allows a church to work towards overall improvements of their safeguarding and by working through its simple-to-use questionnaires, it generates guidance for next steps. We are currently at the bronze stage.

Valerie Bradfield has now taken on the sub-area of overseeing the training and updating the log, which is kept centrally and securely on the church's cloud-based

system. Marion continues to do sterling work, ensuring all the appropriate members who work in any way for our church have the correct and up-to-date Disclosure & Barring Services (DBS) check in place.

In my role as Safeguarding Officer, I have ensured the newly-written risk assessments for church events have followed guidance.

As mentioned above, thankfully there have been very few safeguarding issues that have had to be dealt with over the year. Where an issue had to be dealt with, our processes worked well and as a church it reinforced that we are identifying promptly and following safe and correct practice and procedures at Ruxley.

We continue to run as a safe community, where the church community are able to feel safe and are aware that there are structures in place should an issue arise. The church officers are well-trained to support those in need or have appropriate contacts to signpost people to, so they can avail of any more specialist guidance.

Philip James

SAFETY

I am pleased to report that during the past year there have been no reportable accidents or potentially loss-making incidents on the Ruxley site.

Please continue to be vigilant and comply with regulations and safe practices.

*Robin Willes
Safety Officer*

WORSHIP AND SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT GROUP

The W&SD Group continues to prayerfully consider and resource the spiritual needs of Ruxley Church, and how best to meet those needs not only for the existing membership, but also for the benefit of those in our local community, as enshrined in the Mission Action Plan (MAP) and Vision Statement. During the May 2021 meeting it was noted that church should in some part allow:

- all ages to come together
- the utilisation of talents
- the building of community
- development of the art of celebration

The current membership has been stable for some time and comprises Rev. Emma Cusack, Revd Fiona Ellingham, Pauline Heycock, Barbara Meineck, Diana Pinchin, Judy Quaife and Paulette Withycombe (convenor). The group met 7 times in 2021-22 in May, June, July, September, November, January, and February.

Our concerns back in May were largely to do with recovering well whilst Covid restrictions were beginning to lift. We rejoiced to be back together in person to pray and sing together, even through masks. We continue to marvel at the technical wizardry of the Ruxley Tech Team, especially Dave and Malcolm, who resource our hybrid services for the benefit of those who prefer an online format.

Quarterly planning has allowed for a variety of worship experiences to be explored. The evening service pattern has been refreshed; Ruxley has engaged in whole-church activities three times this year, followed up in Small Group study; we looked at our stewardship in September and October, celebrating our community and people's contributions and exploring how we are prompted to use our 'treasure'. We acknowledged the losses in our community at the Memorial Service in October, and were also delighted to welcome baptism families back. We listened to our young people articulating the need to see the relevance of faith to their everyday lives; we launched a new family-friendly second-Sunday format, *Together @ Ten* in September. We shared fish and chips after Beating the Bounds around the parish, and a meal together with Rev. Dr Mark Wakelin, Bishop Jo and other guests after an uplifting Ruxley 20th Anniversary Service in January. We look forward to marking Maundy Thursday with a Seder Supper and celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee with the wider community in June.

Our links with Riverview School have been celebrated by way of engagement with the Leavers' Service, Harvest Festival, Christmas and Easter Services. We were disappointed that the Christingle service was cancelled due to a new Covid variant, but grateful that we were still able to celebrate Christmas together, albeit with restrictions back in place which did have an impact on attendance.

We continue to give thanks to God for the wisdom and enthusiasm of our ministers Fiona and Emma, for the dedication and support of the Leadership Team, and the creativity of our leaders of worship and our Emmaus musicians - Gill, Val, Lesley, Judy, Robin, Hugh, Dave, Malcolm and Paulette.

We meet next in May to begin to shape our planning for Advent and Christmas, and to continue to consider how to bring the Ruxley MAP and Vision Statement to life through our patterns of worship.

Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful.
Heb. 10:23

Paulette Withycombe

PASTORAL GROUPS

We have continued to meet regularly through the year. There are currently 12 pastoral leaders who oversee the pastoral needs of approximately 80 members. Discussions have focused on ensuring that everyone who wants to be included in a pastoral group has that opportunity. We are particularly conscious of making that offer to new worshippers.

Over the past year we are pleased to report that our pastoral leadership has been stable and that we have had positive responses from members of our groups which has given us a feeling of worth.

Hugh Proctor

CATALYST

God's grace has enabled the very many young people who are part of Catalyst to meet again.

I say "very many" as from the church I came from with a membership of over 170, there were only 2 young people over the age of 11.

It was incredibly insightful and illuminating to gather some 10 young people together in June 2021 to hear their thoughts on what Catalyst and Ruxley Church means to them and the direction to take to help them grow in their knowledge, love and service of Jesus.

What was shared, with an emphasis on using discussion on topics relevant to living life post-pandemic, has been core to each week.

To support this request, the team of leaders and helpers (aged 16 – 70+), numbering about 12, have been able to benefit from the input of the Diocese of Guildford Mission Enabler team for Children and Youth (Alastair Etheridge and Emma Coy). This was in a 2-part training course designed specifically for Ruxley Church. We enjoyed the first part in February, starting with breakfast together and will be gathering again early next month for part 2.

We are now blessed to see three of our young people serving by helping to lead in Fish Club.

With the reports of the pandemic significantly impacting young people's mental wellbeing we have used a programme called "Rooted", developed by Scripture Union, to support the mental, physical and spiritual wellbeing of Catalyst members. The evaluation recently completed, indicated that the programme had helped them

think more deeply about topics as well as helping to build their confidence and to realise the importance of not keeping things bottled up.

As we look to the coming year, we are now planning to bring in a broader and deeper biblical perspective to the discussions using materials from a variety of sources: Youth For Christ, Alpha and how best to prepare members of Catalyst and the wider church family for Confirmation in the near future.

It has also been wonderful to see the involvement of all members of catalyst partnering with other members of the church family to lead activities and be involved in the celebration time at TOGETHER@10 each month.

Two members are part of the TOGETHER@10 team and they always bring creative and thought-provoking ideas that offer fresh thinking to the biblical theme of each event.

Rev Fiona Ellingham

FISH CLUB

At last, in November, some of the Fish Club children returned, following the pandemic!

To begin with, we looked at some parables, followed by the Christmas story, Adam and Eve, Noah, some parables, and stories leading up to Easter.

Our top highlights - before the pandemic we only had one young child.
We now have four! Plus one potential little girl who is given the weekly story and activities at home.

We also have two new helpers, who come alternate weeks and are learning to know the children and take a share in their teaching.

NB These two have been coming along since they were about three years old !

Please remember to pray for our work with the children, that they will enjoy coming to church, and will learn to love Jesus as their friend and saviour.

Pauline Heycock

COMMUNICATION AND ADMINISTRATION GROUP

We have met spasmodically during the year to discuss communication in general and advertising for significant events. Discussions have concentrated on how to make communication more effective without repetition.

Generally, members feel that they receive the information they require.

The Group has been able to clarify who is responsible for different aspects of communication.

Hugh Proctor

Ruxley Star

The Ruxley Star comes out every other month but is now only accessible online. Very few people now contribute anything to the Star and with the advent of different forms of communication elsewhere the emphasis has been much more on sharing articles of general and topical interest alongside Ruxley news. The Star still contains essential information such as future services.

It was something that could easily be accessed during times of isolation.

Hugh Proctor

Publicity

Jenny continues to post messages on Facebook, but with less regularity due to other commitments, giving priority to seasonal church worship and Together@10 [being a new initiative]. It's good to have Fiona writing content and for Chris Morley to post his short videos periodically.

Pam passed over website admin to Robin Ellingham who is mainly updating worship information, and now Dave Searle is working on the website overall.

There hasn't been activity out to local newspapers or magazines that come to households, although the right medium must be chosen for the type of content. We should be promoting our Easter and Christmas services. Anyone arranging an event needs to give the information 2 months ahead for the local magazines.

For any event to be publicised the organising group needs to at least jot down the what/where/when/why/charge/where any funds raised are going etc. if they would like the Comms Team to promote said event, arrange posters or banners. Other people need to write content for the weekly sheet/Star/Facebook.

A good thing about this year is that we now have access to CANVA, which is a design program to make good posters/other documents. This has resulted in more attractive documents e.g. posters/flyers on the café tables and so on.

Jenny Meineck

Website

This year has been one of change. The person who was looking after the website stood down in August 2021 so I agreed to maintain it. Bar a few minor changes, the website has been largely the same for the year and just been in maintenance for that period.

Towards the end of the year, the leadership team asked for a review of the website and Dave Searle will be undertaking that. I look forward to working with Dave to work out how we can best develop the site to support the Mission Action Plan and the communication to bring the light of Christ to Ruxley's communities.

Being the sad person that I am, I revel in statistics. Here are a few key ones from the website and the year on year comparison with the previous year: (see attachment 1).

Looking at the return visits to the website, I'd say that the key difference that the website has made is that it has enabled members and those looking for more information to find out what is happening and when so they can attend.

Robin Ellingham

PREMISES TEAM

Since the last AGM we now have regular hirers back on board, new ones have joined us or are in the process of joining us, and there have been many ad hoc party hires. We did lose 5 regular hirers. NCT were slow to return, due to being very cautious about covid. However, we do have bookings still being cancelled at the last minute due to people having covid.

Allowing bouncy castles to be set up in the Main Hall has been a real bonus, since nearly all the children's party requests also include having bouncy castles or soft play inflatables.

Annual maintenance has been carried out and is being organised for the coming school holidays. A group of us have been trained in 'At Height Safety' so that we know how to use the harnesses when we are required to go on the roof (usually related to the boiler in the furthest plant room). This training includes carrying out safety checks on the harnesses, safety checks on ladders, correct use of

ladders/steps. We have removed some of the excess chairs in the upstairs store in order to make room to store new ladders/equipment that is needed. A group of chairs that we offered to charities will be going to Tanzania in June!

Whole building window cleaning has resumed.

There is a new 'Fault Log' reporting system in operation, which enables problems with the premises to be reported and stored digitally.

I'd like to thank the volunteers who come and open up/close for our hirers. Our income depends upon your continued help. Also, thanks to our gardening/mowing/litter picking volunteers.

I would like to give many thanks to the wonderful team who support me in so many ways, keep me on my toes with regards to projects that need attention, help make thoughtful decisions, come and regularly do the physical work: Robin W, Chris M, Brian C, Steve K and Derek E.

The Premises Team still meet regularly on Zoom, now dropped down to monthly. We really could do with a few more helpers for a wide variety of tasks; come and have a chat!

Jenny Meineck

BUILDING RECTIFICATIONS TEAM

The last twelve months has seen us work together to work out the most appropriate options open to us. We are currently awaiting decisions from the lawyers at the diocese following their recent letter to the builder and a decision on the best way forward to replace broken windows. We are planning on giving the church family an update on the way forward, once outcomes of these are known.

With Geoff Quaife having joined the team in early 2021, this has created fresh impetus, whose expertise has proved invaluable in helping outline what the options might be.

Rev Fiona and Geoff have been working hard to build and gain the support of Andrew Johnson (Diocese of Guildford Head of Property), who joined shortly before Geoff and Rev Fiona's arrival. Whilst this has taken some time, predominantly due to repeated lockdowns, Andrew has been very supportive in lobbying on our behalf and providing helpful introductions to the specific legal contacts who have knowledge of the Design and Build Contract of the Church Building, which we are needing to secure.

Alongside this, we are hoping to be able to report soon on the way forward to replace the broken and absent windows and removal of the barriers installed in 2020 following the last window breakages.

Being patient and prayerful has been the order of the day over the last 12 months and we are incredibly grateful to Geoff for applying his knowledge and expertise in helping us to outline not just the priorities but the order that these might take.

The formation and working of this group and its diligence in exploring the way forward, has released the leadership team and the ECC to focus more of its energies on the mission and direction God is leading us in to.

Please continue to pray for its members; Derek, Brian, Steve, Geoff and Rev Fiona as they seek to continue to maintain relationships with both our denominations, the lawyers, the suppliers and all parties that provide input to the process.

Rev. Fiona Ellingham

MEMORIAL PROJECT

The Garden of Reflection and Labyrinth were dedicated in a special service on 23rd May, 2021. Only a few people were able to attend, but numbers were swelled by those watching via video technology. Those present included the Worshipful Mayor and Lady Mayoress of Epsom and Ewell, the headteacher of Riverview School and Rev Stuart Thomas. Some of those gathered (including members of Catalyst) helped mount the first Memorial plaque on each of the three wooden pillars. It was a wonderful celebration and the intimacy of the Garden was a delight appreciated by all.

Since the Gardens dedication we have mounted memorial plaques on several subsequent occasions led by our ministers and with members of families present. A brochure promoting the opportunity to do this has been produced, encouraging our congregation and those in our local community to purchase a plaque on behalf of a loved one and perhaps helping us to build relationships with these people going forward.

We are now exploring other avenues of how God wants Ruxley Church to continue and develop this exciting new mission.

Steve Kendall

EMMAUS

Since our return to worship in church, Emmaus have provided the music for congregational singing on the majority of occasions.

The group is currently reduced in size due to various reasons but a return to 'full strength' is hoped for, as the congregation numbers rise.

The band's flexibility in repertoire and ability to play in any part of the building adds to their value.

Robin Willes

LADIES' GROUP

After our enforced covid break, the group met to discuss the future format of our meetings in view of our significantly reduced numbers and the reluctance of members to go out in the evenings. It was decided that we should cease our twice monthly meetings on the church premises and instead meet weekly on a Wednesday afternoon for a walk around Ewell Court Park if dry.

Once a month we will meet at the local garden centre for afternoon tea and cake. Those members who are able will walk, and others will drive. In this way we will be able to maintain contact with each other and provide the support and fellowship which has been such an important part of our Group. We still intend to visit the theatre or go out for meals on occasion.

Marion Parsons

MEN'S GROUP

After something of a hiatus we have recommenced monthly meetings at the Hogsmill Tavern in Worcester Park. Attendance is normally about 12 to 15 including some who do not regularly come to Ruxley.

Conversation covers a wide range of topics and is both profound and stimulating – once in a blue moon! New members are always welcome.

Members are grateful for the opportunity to meet and chat in a non-church environment.

Hugh Proctor

TUESDAY FRIENDSHIP GROUP

Another very unusual year, with no meetings since 5th March 2020, we returned in September 2021 – a total of 18 months when although we were not meeting much changed.

As a group we were 34 in total and now 29. The changes during that time were: sadly 6 have died, 6 moved away and 2 are no longer able to come due to ill health. A total of 14.

‘But the good news is that since coming back last September we are now 32, 27 members and 5 regular visitors which is wonderful. We must be doing something right.

The contact during lockdown and the opportunity to meet in Anne and Brian’s garden for a BBQ and cream tea kept us in touch.

We have enjoyed visits from Rev Fiona, The Children’s Society, Flower Arranging, Robin’s Music, Trinity house, Quizzes, Apples, Apples, a history with Cider Tasting, and a shared Christmas Lunch with our friends from Stoneleigh, a total of 60.

For some time, there has been a feeling that the name ‘Tuesday Fellowship’ was not very welcoming or up to date and so there was an opportunity to put forward new names. A vote was held and a new name was chosen. We are now ‘The Tuesday Friendship Club’

We now look forward to another year of interest and fun.’

Jacky Panter

SMALL GROUPS

Approximately 32 people have met in five small groups throughout the year and have used a variety of material to facilitate discussion. As in previous years, during Lent all the groups have been using the same material –‘God has no favourites’ produced by York. Due to small numbers in one group, two groups have joined together during lent and a small group of people have met on a Sunday evening.

We haven’t asked individual group members what effect or benefit small groups make to them. Informal feedback from facilitators suggests that people value the opportunity to meet together and discuss issues of faith in greater depth.

Val Proctor

THURSDAY COFFEE MORNINGS

Following our enforced covid break, coffee mornings recommenced last September. In order that we could comply with the then current restrictions we provided table service for our customers. Attendance has gradually built up to pre-covid levels and we continue to enjoy providing hot drinks and home-made cakes to members of the congregation and friends from the community.

I would like to thank my willing band of helpers who give up their time to make cakes and serve our customers. We all feel that this is such a good way to engage with the local community and hopefully encourage our visitors to join in other church activities.

We held a special fund-raising morning for MacMillan, albeit on a smaller scale than usual, but we were pleased to be able to send a sizable donation to the charity. We continue to support the church and local charities from our profits.

We feel that staff and customers alike benefit from this time of fellowship and in May this year we will be celebrating the tenth anniversary of our opening! Time flies when you are having fun and hopefully, with everyone's support, we can continue in this way for many more years.

Marion Parsons

CATERING

Due to Covid many of our activities had to be cancelled, but fortunately we were able to celebrate our 20th anniversary of being an LEP. We had a lovely lunch prepared by our great Chef Robin Ellingham to whom we give our grateful thanks for all his hard work. Thanks also to all those who helped in many ways to make the event so lovely.

Yvonne Feast

CHURCH FLOWERS

The Flowers in Church remind us of the beauty, colour and variety of God's Creation. I would like to thank all those who provide the flowers and if anyone else wishes to join the rota and give money for a special Sunday or an anniversary please see Sheila Stracy who has now taken over from me as I have only been doing this since 1968! Her phone number is 020 8224 0738. Thank you.

Barbara Meineck

PRAYER CHAIN

Fifteen people are on the Prayer Chain via email or phone. This ensures that requests for Prayer are quickly passed on. Many people have felt this prayer support in difficult times.

Please see me, or get in touch via the church office, if you would like to know more about the chain or request prayer.

Barbara Meineck

BAPTISMS

With services starting again in the building, after a time of closure because of Covid, we were able to start baptisms again. Six children, including four from one family, have been baptised at Ruxley Church since reopening. Parents are asked to come to church for several weeks and all baptisms take place during Sunday morning services.

Beverley Rowlands

RUXLEY BABY AND TODDLER GROUP

The group reopened on Wednesday 6th October 2021. All our pre-covid regular attendees had moved on to nursery and even reception school. As we didn't have the continuation of children and families attending, we had to seek ways to get the community to be aware we were running again. We had a few weeks of little or no attendees but now we have a group of 10-12 regular children attending with their parent, grandparent or child minder. It has been a joy to see children playing and interacting as well as the adults engaging in conversations again. We have a couple of members who are also new to the area and have benefitted in finding out about other activities available. Looking forward to the group being able to grow this year.

Donna Jones

EWELL ECUMENICAL LADIES

EEL's continue to meet for fellowship, prayer and bible study each week. We now have only six members, and due to different circumstances, we are finding it easier at present to continue to meet on Zoom. However, we still greatly value our time shared together and with God.

Pam Eade

RIVERVIEW SCHOOL

For much of the past year the school has been affected by Covid-19 restrictions and ever-changing regulations. The staff of the school and the Family Centre have done a great job. Rev. Fiona has regularly visited the school, taking assemblies every other week, and offering pastoral support to staff. Along with a few church members she has also been to the school to help with the Prayer Space days. Some classes have been able to entertain our Tuesday Friendship Club, with presentations about what they have been learning.

Classes have visited the church to learn about some of the symbolic features of Christianity. Fiona helped with the role playing of baptising "baby George", for example. The school has used the church for some special services, to which parents

have been invited. Emerald class (year 4) led a wonderful school Harvest service on the theme of water. About 24 parents watched from the outer worship area, with a few church members, and joined in the singing.

Last Summer's leavers' service, for Gold class, had to be held at the school rather than the church. Fiona was there and was impressed with the children's comments about their time at Riverview, reflecting on how they had been helped to embrace the school's values of Love; Respect; Trust; Forgiveness; Hope. This year Ruxley Church will again be funding a leaving gift for year 6 pupils of an engraved holding cross, as well as supporting the transition to High School as the school uses the Scripture Union programme "It's Your Move".

Meetings of the school governors have continued to be mainly via Zoom, but we were able to join with staff for a lively INSET day in early September last year. The Board of Governors were pleased to recently welcome Hugh Proctor as a PCC Foundation Governor.

The school's weekly e-newsletter to parents includes any relevant church news items such as Together @10 services. The school are looking to increase their profile within the local community and are now on Instagram (search riverviewcofe).

Involvement of PCC governors and church members has supported the school in developing and maintaining its Christian Distinctiveness. This has been demonstrated in the school adopting the "It's Your Move" programme as well as by having regular presence in the school; pupils are approaching Rev Fiona with deeper questions about Jesus, thereby supporting their individual spiritual development.

Valerie Bradfield

DEANERY SYNOD

The Group met on three occasions and had speakers from within the Diocese. The group was also kept up to date with movements and activities within the Deanery

There were three good speakers on a varied range of relevant subjects: Living in Love and Faith; Engaging with Schools in a post pandemic landscape; and Embracing Diversity.

The Group was provided with useful suggestions and resources to take back to their parishes.

Dave Searle

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN EWELL

Churches Together in Ewell has still not met again from before Covid times. There have been some communications regarding starting up HOPE again at Bourne Hall, but a small team needs to form either with joint leadership or one person to take the lead in Paula Smith's absence. Also due to the Queen's Jubilee it was decided not to pursue this, for 2022. Paula Smith still sends messages to the whole group from time to time. I still send out messages on behalf of Paula and any of the churches who wish to promote their activities, as well as usual events or activities from Churches Together in Epsom and Churches Together in England, and keep the Contact List up to date. The website is also being updated by Barrie Barnes (SMC connection) if churches send information to him.

Other activities through the year (pre-covid) were becoming less well supported. I feel this is an important ministry to maintain because 'together is better'. It would be a shame if the HOPE event ceases: it offers free family activity, is ecumenical, demonstrates churches in action for their community, and had started to be recognised as a really good local initiative that has been built up over the last 10 years (pre covid).

Jenny Meineck

FOOD BANK

Epsom and Ewell Food Bank will be ten years old this year and Ruxley Church has been supporting it for the whole time. The Church has given the Food Bank free accommodation for all that time and nine church members have manned the Distribution Centre, six of them from the very beginning to the present day. Church members have been very generous in donating food and money for all that time and the Food Bank is very grateful for all your support.

You may be surprised to know that Food Bank not only supplies food for their clients but also cat and dog food, nappies, toiletries, kitchen chemicals, presents for children at Christmas, furniture, white goods, counselling, cooking lessons, vouchers for gas and electricity, financial advice, classes on budgeting and benefits advice. It also supports refugees and is looking at how it can support those from the Ukraine.

Although still affiliated to the Trussell Trust, the Epsom and Ewell Foodbank is, as of the 1st April, now registered as 'The Good Company (Surrey) as a new charitable entity. This change is because Food Bank wanted to indicate that it is now about a great deal more than just food.

We hope that you will continue to support us, the need is so much greater in these inflationary times.

Anne Cockram

FINANCE GROUP

As you will see from the Annual accounts, the finances of Ruxley Church at the end of August 2021 were more robust than we dared hope given the difficulties presented by the pandemic and resultant lockdowns and restrictions. Moreover, things have continued to improve since then and currently our reserves are about where they should be (approximately £60,000).

We give thanks for increased giving from many of our congregation, improved receipts from hall hire and for a grant of £14,000 received from Epsom & Ewell Borough Council in lieu of hall hire earnings. Repairs and maintenance costs have been somewhat reduced; the building continues to be kept to an excellent standard.

We have been pleased to increase the salaries of our administrator and cleaner. There will be increasing expenditure on utilities in the next few months and likely that other costs of materials will rise as the cost-of-living increases. The repairs to windows and other rectifications are yet to happen and the cost of some of these may need to be borne by Ruxley Church. However, the amount is likely to be considerably less than the amount projected in last year's annual report (please see Rectification report for more details).

Ruxley Church has made donations to charities as listed below. This amount is rather less than in previous years due to closures of the church and cafe; we hope to be able to give more next year. There has been consideration giving to our donations to denominational charities and the result is that an equal amount is now given to each.

Ruxley Church will be making contributions to the Methodist Minister's Pension Fund as requested at Methodist Conference. This will be paid in three instalments over a three-year period to reflect any fluctuations in church finances. This year's amount is £1,145.

Many of our congregation may have heard of a generous bequest from our former member and good friend, Richard Watson. At the time of writing this bequest has not been received, but we will share details of it as and when we receive payment.

Finally, I can report that a request will be made to the diocese Bishop's Council with respect to the removal of the remaining Parish Share deficit that sits in the accounts at Ruxley Church (see page 2 C5 'Liabilities'). This is an historic shortfall that was reduced by approximately half some years ago and is now £30,463. Ecumenical Church Council has agreed to the suggestion that we contribute 10% of this amount and we pray the Bishop's Council will now write off the remainder.

We thank God for his wonderful provision through a difficult year and we look forward to using the resources He has provided for the building of His Kingdom here at Ruxley Church and in our local community.

Steve Kendall, Treasurer

RUXLEY CHURCH GIVING

Here is a list of donations (£) made to external groups since the last Annual Report. Money has been raised from special collections in services, events / activities, and the regular coffee mornings.
Thank you for your support.

50	Epsom & Ewell - the Mayor's Charity Fund.	Church donation	21.5.21
130	Sudbury School	Church Collection	26.6.21
150	Riverview C of E Primary	Church donation	15.7.21

	and Nursery School		
125	MHA	Church Collection	31.7.21
500	Bishop of Guildford's Communities Fund	Annual church donation	13.8.21
125	MHA	Annual church donation	13.8.21
125	Mission in Britain Fund	Annual church donation	13.8.21
125	World Mission Fund	Annual church donation	13.8.21
125	Methodist Church Fund (MCF)	Annual church donation	13.8.21
100	Epsom Division Campsite Fundraising	Social charity donation	20.11.21
195	The Royal Marsden Cancer Charity	Social charity donation	14.12.21
130	Action for Children	Church Collection	16.1.22
100	British Heart Foundation	Social charity donation	20.1.22
100	Ewell Floral Art	Social charity donation	25.2.22
1979	DEC Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal	Church Collection (including hall hirers) and donation	8.4.22

Running Total £4,160

For Annual Accounts see attachment 2.

SUDBURY SCHOOL – Aprembo, Ghana

Dear friends,

It is always important for me as a reminder, to share how the school was and how it looks now. This is all through your efforts so thank you to everyone for your continued support of Sudbury School in Ghana.



Following my return from August 2021 holiday, I prayerfully appealed (during the 2021 gift Service at SMC) that if each person could save a pound (£1) a week towards the building of the project we would be able to complete it quickly. Apologies to Ruxley congregation not to have had a suitable Sunday to offer the same appeal for the £1 a week however I want to acknowledge that Ruxley had a fundraising quiz night with fish and chips on Saturday 22nd January 2022 as part of the anniversary celebration and £382.99 was raised towards the Sudbury School ICT and Library Building Project. Big Thank You to everyone.

Advance Notice - On Sunday 26th June 2022, the focus for the joint service at Stoneleigh Methodist, will be celebrating how far we have come with this project and there will be a special offering for the project. The photographs below are the most recent since my last holiday in August 2021.

2021 July-August Update on Sudbury School ICT and Library Building Project



To recap, the foundation of the ICT building project had been cast from the funds raised in 2020 and therefore this is how the foundation look like as at the time I travelled to Ghana in August 2021.

Between the 5th of January - June 2021 the following donations were received and transferred to the school.

£250 from Stoneleigh Methodist Church (Annual Church Grant donation)

£20 from a Stoneleigh member

£130 from Ruxley Church which makes up a £100 personal donation from one of the members) and the £30 from the church.

£200 was also received from another Ruxley member.

Total of the above money (**£600**), paid for the following listed below to build a section of the wall which stopped people from the community using it as a short cut



into the town centre. I have only included the churches' receipts in this report and passed on the individuals' receipts to them as they were personal donations.



1. 300pcs 6" blocks	- 1300 gh
2. Sand	- 700 gh
3. Stones	- 800 gh
4. Cements 25bags	- 1175 gh
5. Workmanship	- 1200 gh
6. Transportation.	- 100 gh
Total	- 5275 gh

TOTAL AMOUNT RECEIVED

5282 GH (This is the Equivalent in Ghanaian Currency)

TOTAL AMOUNT USED = 5275 GH

AMOUNT LEFT (Eqv. to £1) = 7 GH

May the Lord continue to bless you all
Rev Emma Cusack
(On behalf of the Sudbury School)

THE METHODIST CHURCH
STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS
(SHORT FORM)

Ruxley Church

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31 August 2022

Wimbledon Circuit	Circuit no	35/26	
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Registered Charity - Charity Registration number

1174096

If not a registered charity **Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs
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Ruxley Church

Church - Short Form

ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

SECTION A		This year's amount to the nearest £	Last year's amount to the nearest £
a1	RECEIPTS	£	£
a2	Offerings and Tax recovered	49,790	47,623
a3	Bank and CFB interest & investment income	96	31
a4	Lettings	66,174	29,079
a5	Other receipts	18,546	24,332
a6	TOTAL RECEIPTS	134,606	101,065
SECTION B			
b1	PAYMENTS		
b2	Circuit Assessment or Share	49,133	52,230
b3	Donations	4,138	1,130
b4	Repairs and Maintenance	11,884	16,705
b5	Utilities (Insurances, water charges, heating & lighting)	10,783	9,412
b6	Other payments	32,771	18,659
b7	TOTAL PAYMENTS	108,709	98,136
SECTION C			
c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR (a6 - b7)	25,897	2,929
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year	70,163 (c7)	67,219
c3	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR (c1 + c2)	96,060	70,148 (c7)
c4	State here the total of any other assets of the Church		
c5	State here the total of any liabilities of the Church		30,463
c6	State here the insured value of the Church premises and contents	5,910,000	5,800,000
SECTION D ANALYSIS OF FUNDS			
d1	Balances held at TMCP at 31 August	4,526	4,512
d2	Balances held at CFB at 31 August	22,721	22,593
d3	Bank and cash balances at 31 August	69,016	40,585
d4	TOTAL (= Box c3)	96,263	67,690
SECTION E			
FOR INFORMATION ONLY: MONEY RECEIVED AND PASSED ON TO EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS			
(these amounts are not to be included in total receipts/payments figures above)			
e1	Balance brought forward from last year	395	439
e2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations	1,486	125
e3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations	1,677	169
e4	BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID (e1+e2-e3)	204	395

Declarations and Scrutiny

I confirm that these Receipt and Payment based accounts for the year to 31 August 2022 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.....

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/will be* presented to the meeting of the Church trustees held on

Signature of the Chair of the meeting

Name of the Chair of the meeting Date

Independent Examiner’s Report to the Trustees of the

.....Church

Charity Number

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Church for the year ended 31 August 2022 set out on pages ... to As the Church’s trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 (‘the Act’).

I report in respect of my examination of the Church’s accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and, in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

* delete or circle as appropriate

Name of Church No

Independent Examiner’s Statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below*) which give me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

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Signature of independent examiner

Name of independent examiner

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner

Name of firm (where appropriate)

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Signature of treasurer *Chris Meineck* Date *28th September 2022*

Name and address of treasurer *Chris Meineck, 37 Amberley Gardens*
Stoneleigh Epsom Post Code *KT19 0NQ*

Presentation to the Church trustees

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2022 were/will be* presented to the meeting of the Church trustees held on *28-9-2022*

Signature of the Chair of the meeting *Emma Cusack*

Name of the Chair of the meeting *Rev. Emma Cusack* Date *28.9.2022*

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

RUXLEY

.....Church

Charity Number

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Name of Church RUXLEY CHURCH No 35/26

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Signature of independent examiner *KA Mallett*

Name of independent examiner KEVIN A. MALLET

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner FCA - ICAEW

Name of firm (where appropriate) L & F ACCOUNTING LTD

Address 18 THE BROADWAY, STONELEIGH
EPSOM SURREY Post Code KT17 2HU

Date 14 / 12 / 2022

* delete or circle as appropriate

RUXLEY CHURCH

England & Wales - Charity number 1174096

Accounts

**Annual Charity Commission report of Ruxley Church (charity number 1174096)
for the Year ending 31st August 2021**

Ruxley Church, Ruxley Lane, West Ewell, Epsom, Surrey KT19 0JG

Methodist Minister: Rev. Emma Cusack

Anglican Minister: Rev. Fiona Ellingham

Mission Statement Summary

Ruxley Church is an ecumenical partnership between Ruxley Methodist Church and the Anglican parish of St Francis of Assisi, Ewell, established in 2002. We worship God as one family drawing strength from both our traditions.

God is in the centre of our ministry here at Ruxley Church, making us a welcoming; friendly community as we spread the love of Jesus by celebrating in worship; developing our spiritual life as individuals and as a church; ministry to the community; sharing in witness and loving service.

The Vision Statement of Ruxley Church is being “An inclusive worshipping community; united in Christ, serving others”.

Introduction

We have been richly blessed this year by the appointment of a new Anglican Minister, Rev. Fiona Ellingham who joined us at the beginning of 2021 and now works in an exciting partnership with Rev Emma Cusack. Together, we try to discern what God wants for our church, its congregation and the communities in which we live. We continue to ensure that the resources that we have been blessed with – people, property and money – are well cared for and utilised for the building up of the body of Christ and for the furtherance of God’s kingdom.

The report that you are about to read looks at various aspects of our life together as Ruxley Church during 2020 and 2021. As with so many aspects of the nation’s life, the continuation of the pandemic has meant Ruxley Church having to adapt in all sorts of ways. This has been very challenging, but by the grace of God and strengthened by His Spirit we have pulled together and made progress as well as sustaining our worship and our work. That said, many of the activities that we would normally report on have been greatly reduced and some simply haven’t happened this year, including Toddlers Group, Tuesday Fellowship, Ruxley Singers and the Men’s Group. However, nearly all of these will recommence in the Autumn of 2021.

Aims and Purposes

Ruxley Church engages in a range of activities, either on its own or with others, including:

- a) the celebration of public worship;
- b) the teaching of the Christian faith;
- c) mission and evangelism;
- d) pastoral work, including visiting the sick and the bereaved;

e) the provision of facilities with a Christian ethos for the local community, including (but not restricted to) the elderly, the young and other groups with special needs; and

f) the support of other charities in the UK and overseas.

Impact of the Ruxley Church activities

The report details the variety of activities. However, the key impact these activities have had over the 12 months in relation to the above aims are as follows:

a) The celebration of public worship

A range of worship services centred on a number of festivals (which are promoted through social media) involving the local community and engagement on our social media channels.

b) The teaching of the Christian faith

Small groups continued to meet and the congregation had access to a variety of services and resources in the Methodist and Church of England linking from our website. Thus teaching of the Christian Faith continued at and through Ruxley Church.

c) Mission and evangelism

Links with Riverview School were further promoted with visits to the school and plans made for the children to make regular visits to the church.

d) Pastoral work, including visiting the sick and the bereaved

The ministers have been supported by the church's pastoral assistant and the pastoral team. Regular contact was made to members of the congregation helping maintain the mental and spiritual well-being of all. The Garden of Reflection was completed and dedicated and is now regularly visited by members of the congregation and community. Memorial plaques have now started to be installed, bringing comfort to the bereaved.

e) The provision of facilities with a Christian ethos for the local community, including (but not restricted to) the elderly, the young and other groups with special needs

The number of external hall-hirers with their various community-focussed activities was much reduced through the year. During lockdown the preschool operated in a COVID-secure environment. Other hall hirers began returning in the summer of 2021.

f) The support of other charities in the UK and overseas

The Sudbury school in Ghana, along with other charities in this report have benefited from charitable donations totalling £1455 this year.

Activities through the year

Ruxley church has been blessed by the leadership of Rev. Emma Cusack and Rev. Fiona Ellingham. They have been assisted by the leadership team and members working in the various sub-groups. Prior to the start of the pandemic, Ruxley church held a service each Sunday morning and most Sunday evenings, with communion being given each week. The morning services were attended by an average seventy persons

each week, with visitors always being made very welcome. Prayer groups took place through the week and the chapel was available for private reflection. In this past year these activities have been maintained on-line and then, when possible re-introduced in COVID secure environments.

Worship and Spiritual Development (W&SD)

During the first lockdown, churches across the Circuit were encouraged to join Christ Church's live-streamed 10am service. The W&SD Group met in September to start planning for a return to services at Ruxley. All were delighted to learn that the Ecumenical Church Council would be meeting with the Archdeacon of Dorking to discuss the appointment of a part-time vicar, subsequently confirmed for the end of January.

A specialist team was identified to research technical aspects of live-streaming Ruxley services. Sunday evening Zoom services began at the end of September and were well supported. Zoom and YouTube accounts were set up for Ruxley and a Tech team researched for our needs going forward. We benefited from a share in the £5,000 allocated to the Circuit by the Methodist Church to aid a post-Covid return to services.

Churches across the Circuit were given the go-ahead to welcome an in-house congregation from 1st November. Ruxley decided to simultaneously live-stream via Zoom for the benefit of those who were still shielding. At the October meeting a great deal of consideration was given to arrangements to compliment and comply with the Covid safety protocols which had been carefully drawn up by the Leadership Team over the summer. Young people's involvement was discussed, as was the possible provision of communion, and ongoing technical requirements.

At the November meeting thought was given to services for the remainder of that month and also Advent and Christmas services. Much work followed in preparation. However' and with no little dismay we were back in lockdown in mid-December and Christmas services were once again adjusted to comply with the prevailing guidelines.

Arrangements were made for Rev. Fiona Ellingham's Licensing Service allowing for both an online and also an in-house service (it was not at all clear how things would pan out at that stage). An invitation and list of invitees was drawn up and dignitaries contacted. It was good to welcome the Bishop of Dorking, Area Dean and Archdeacon as well as Rev. Fiona Ellingham and her husband to Ruxley in person. Online the service was attended by congregation on Zoom and later on YouTube. Zoom welcomes were given live by the Mayor of Epsom and Ewell, the Dean of Guildford Cathedral and Chris Grayling MP, to name but a few.

Along with welcoming Rev. Fiona, the Group wished Rev. Emma every blessing for a refreshing sabbatical leave. The Sabbatical Support Group, convened to confirm arrangements for cover and pastoral support.

At the February meeting it was good to note that forty-one people had asked to join groups for the Lent Course, about twenty-five percent for the first time. Rev. Fiona outlined her detailed planning for services for Lent, Holy Week and Easter, including the Mothering Sunday all-age service. A card was distributed rather than the usual posy, a beautiful custom design by one of our members.

Planning for Holy Week and Easter was made difficult by the Covid restrictions and once again provision needed to be made for largely online services. Rev. Fiona's Maundy Thursday service included a spiritual communion. An activity bag was created and collated in advance of the Good Friday Service. Easter

Sunday commenced with a spiritual communion and a chance for people to re-journey through the narrative of Holy Week and Easter.

In April, Rev. Fiona shared her insights into a transition phase ('Response – Re-orientate – Recovery') and its application to the Ruxley Mission Action Plan. Rev. Fiona identified four core areas:

Celebrating in Worship – prayer, preaching and music, including our newly acquired online skills and resources

Developing our spiritual life as individuals and as a church – back to basics, e.g. Holy Habits, talents and stewardship

Ministering to the Community – developing school relationships, advertising, connecting with those who use the building and finding what's appropriate for them in church

Sharing in witness and loving service – garden of reflection, including the dedication service and perhaps extending this into other areas of bereavement support.

On-site worshippers were welcomed back to church on 25th April. Services continued to be relayed to the on-line congregation. Since then, worship has been held in church each Sunday following government guidelines on creating a Covid secure environment. This has included separating seating in church and the encouragement to wear masks and insistence on that when singing.

Planning is in place for a new style of worship which is to be called 'Together@10' and will be an exciting venture aimed at reaching families and children. We are moving forward.

Even in our wildest imagination we could not have envisaged the range of challenges that we have encountered in the last twelve months. In common with our sister churches across the Circuit and Diocese, we have needed to seek creative solutions to a range of issues presenting in a variety of ways. We give thanks to God for the wisdom and enthusiasm of our ministers, for the ongoing support and hard work of the Leadership Team, to the creativity of Virtual Emmaus and particular thanks to our tireless Tech Team. The landscape of our worship and fellowship may be very different to what it was a year ago, but wherever we journey, and whether the landscape is rough or smooth, our God continues to go with us and before us, our inspiration and our guide.

'Behold!' says he, 'I make all things new!' Amen! Thanks be to God.

The Tech team



The Tech Team was formed to co-ordinate streaming of online worship, initially using Zoom and then YouTube. We started by using Zoom for Sunday evening services whilst following Christchurch with St Philip on Facebook for morning services. Once we agreed to re-open the church, we obtained a video camera and new laptop (funded by a grant from the District). We can now use the existing sound desk and projectors through the

Church's AV system as well as streaming out to the community.

The YouTube Channel enables those outside the church family to join in the services. It also allows us to build up a back catalogue of recordings which can be watched at any time.

As the system settles down, we are beginning to train up new operators for the various roles, to give some resilience and spread the workload. The Church owes the team a huge vote of thanks for their

tremendous efforts in both getting the streaming to work so effectively and also in producing Virtual Emmaus's music videos.

Emmaus

Although Emmaus was unable to play 'live' for many months, several musicians and singers were recorded and blended together to provide music for the Services. 'Recorded Emmaus' was a regular feature of Ruxley's on line worship and this continues to be a tremendous resource for the church. Emmaus is now live again in church and accompanies solo singing or the masked congregation.

Pastoral Group

We have a pastoral network in place with twelve pastoral leaders whose role it is to look out for the well-being of members of the congregation. We must not forget that some of our church family are now getting frailer; we continue to hold these people in our prayers, especially those who are now unable to get to church to worship. We are sad to have lost several of our members who have moved away this year to be nearer their families, and even sadder to have said goodbye to others who have moved on to be with the Lord. We thank God for all they have meant to us over the years.

Prayer Chain

Fourteen people are on the Prayer Chain via e-mail or phone. This ensures that requests for prayer are quickly passed on. Many people have felt supported through these prayers in these difficult times.

Small Groups

Small groups adapted and continued to meet on Zoom during the lockdowns providing an opportunity for regular fellowship, prayer and bible study. Groups resumed meeting in the same space during the summer of 2021. A variety of resources were used throughout the year. During Lent new people joined existing groups or a newly formed group and along with the wider church family shared together in exploring the 'Holy Habits' material by Andrew Roberts. It is great to be able to report that some of the groups have new members.

Baptisms

One child was baptised at Ruxley Church during the last twelve months. Baptisms took place during all-age worship morning services. Parents are now asked to attend church for at least three months before their child is baptised.

Young People and Families

We did not run specific activities at church for the children during the past year. However, there were a number of things that took place apart from attending church.

Louise kindly went round delivering Easter eggs to all the children. The younger children also had a 'fun' book of Luke's gospel.

One leader sent to the parents of the older young people, various teachings they could access on line.

Throughout the year, each child received their birthday card (together with a bar of chocolate), and when it was Louise's 21st birthday all of them were asked to write or draw something to go in a birthday card for her. I believe she was really delighted with the result.

In the autumn all the children were asked if they would like to take part in the All-Age Services, and some did, which was lovely! Also, some came along to one of the two services we managed to hold at the

church. At Christmas time, small Christmas gifts were delivered to the homes of each child and at Easter, of course it was Easter eggs.

It was lovely to see one or two of the children, either on zoom or in reality, or to speak on the phone, and they said they missed coming to church, and were looking forward to the time when they could come again.

We also undertook a "listening" exercise with the young people in June 2021. This enabled us to hear first-hand how best to meet the needs of group as restrictions lifted.

...And we continued to pray for the children and their families, that God would bless and protect each one of them, and bring them back to our church, keen to learn more about their loving heavenly Father.

Riverview Church of England Primary and Nursery School

Due to Covid-19 restrictions, church members have not been able to visit the school to help with the usual activities such as Prayer Space days, the Christmas Fair and Summer fun day. Also, the school children have not been able to visit the Tuesday Fellowship group or use the church for special services. Instead of the usual Christingle service, church members provided oranges and materials, so the children could make their Christingles at school, plus explanatory content which was used for an assembly.

Meetings of the school governors have been via Zoom. The Board of Governors were pleased to welcome Rev Fiona as an ex-officio governor and we continue to strengthen the links between the church and the school community. The governors were saddened to learn of the death of Richard Watson (a governor from Ruxley Church), whom they described as kind, thoughtful, conscientious and a valued colleague.

The school staff have done a great job in difficult circumstances over the past year, keeping the children safe and enabling online as well as classroom learning. Parents have been given weekly updates and encouragement. We continue to pray for all involved in our church school community.

At Easter a group distributed forty hand painted wooden egg shapes, with a biblical message, in the neighbourhood for children to find, with an emphasis on the Riverview School area. This was an outward message to the community and gave our church's Facebook address for people to find out more about us and to engage with us if they so wish.

The Leavers festival in July 2021 was sadly not able to take place in church. In its place, Rev Fiona Ellingham took part at an event at the school, presenting each child with an engraved holding cross for them to take with them as they moved on to High School. A reminder was given that Jesus goes with them.

Tuesday Fellowship

Another year has passed with many members of fellowships lives changing. Everyone has been contacted by phone fortnightly and spirits are generally positive. Those now in nursing homes are also glad of a call with no visits allowed for so long. Three have moved away to live with their families and are very happy. Sadly, two have passed away.

At Christmas everyone was given or sent a box of biscuits, and at Easter a home-made card and bunch of flowers.

However, despite everything, some of our members are beginning to get fed up! Everyone is looking forward to the autumn and the possibility of meeting again.

Ladies' Group

Because of the covid lockdown it has not been possible for the Ladies Group to meet in the normal way. We have kept in touch with each other by telephone, however when permitted by government guidelines, several of our members have met on a Wednesday afternoon for a walk around Ewell Court park.

It has been good to meet up, if only briefly, and we look forward to resuming our normal evening meetings when possible.

EEL'S (Ewell Ecumenical Ladies)

EEL's are a group of ladies, from different churches in the area, who have met on a Wednesday morning for fellowship for many years. Although our numbers have diminished, we are strong in our faith and greatly value the times of worship, prayer and bible study we share together, and the support we give each other. During this past year six of us have continued to meet weekly on Zoom and in the summer, when both the weather and any restrictions permitted, we valued meeting socially distanced outside in gardens.

Thursday Coffee Mornings

We were obliged to close our Thursday coffee mornings in March 2020. Since then the group met virtually (on Zoom), each Thursday morning for an hour after morning prayers. This was invaluable in enabling us to stay in contact with each other. Some of our volunteers demonstrated other skills by helping produce Christmas angels which were distributed in the local area, and also getting involved in painting wooden Easter eggs and knitting Easter chicks which were given to the pre-school children. We are looking forward to reviving our baking skills when we are able to re-open and hope all our regulars will return to enjoy our efforts.

Food Bank



Owing to Covid 19 all the Food Bank Centres were closed in March 2020 but the demand has trebled for the same reason. The Food Bank Centre at *Generation* has therefore become the hub of activity with volunteers wearing masks and social distancing, packing supplies into cardboard boxes and putting them in an outside shed where volunteers collect them and deliver to those in need all over Epsom, Ewell, Leatherhead, Fetcham, Tadworth, Kingswood and everywhere between.

Several of our church members have been involved in this rewarding if heavy work.

The trebling in demand has meant that we have needed much more food etc but thanks to the Supermarkets being very generous and donations still coming in from Churches such as Ruxley we have kept up with demand.

The Foodbank Centre at Ruxley was able to re-open in July.

Memorial Project

The Garden of Reflection and Labyrinth were constructed in February 2020, and of course just a month later the country went into the first lock-down. Plans to continue preparing and 'opening' the Garden had to be put on hold again and again. It was possible in due course to do the planting of borders and we have fixed wall signs pointing to the Garden and to the Chapel.

The Dedication Service took place on 23rd May 2021 with guests including the mayor of Epsom and Ewell, ministers, past and present and the head-teacher at Riverview School. The event was shared on Zoom as only a small number of our congregation were able to attend.

None-the-less, it was a wonderful celebration and indeed a quiet intimacy to the day may have been more appropriate at the current time of pandemic.

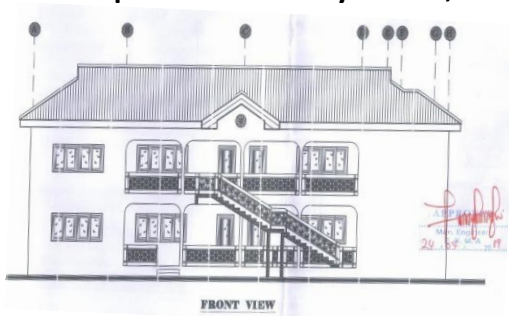
With the Garden dedicated, work continues on mounting memorial plaques on the three wooden pillars for those wishing to remember loved ones. A brochure promoting the opportunity has been produced and we are reaching out to the local community and hoping to build connections going forward.

Some of the monies raised are held in a dedicated fund and these will be used to pay for maintenance and administration.

We are also looking into possible ways in which Ruxley Church might be able to provide help for those who have suffered bereavement. No doubt there will be other avenues for mission themselves as the project continues.



Update on Sudbury School, Ghana - HRS Library and ICT Centre from August 2020



The work on the Library and ICT Centre was commissioned during 2019 holiday in Ghana and Emma shared with the church in September 2019 how our donations had contributed towards the work on the profiling of the foundation.

It is important to be reminded that this is a joint project of both Stoneleigh Methodist Church and Ruxley Church which is code named - the “minister’s project” and has been supported annually by both Churches through fundraising efforts. There are also individuals who have personally supported this project financially as well as donating educational materials. Since March 2020, we haven’t actively as a church, engaged in our usual fundraising activities to support the school. However, donations have continued to be made both of clothing and of money.



Since the lockdown in March 2020, the government in Ghana allowed nurseries, primary, secondary schools, and universities to reopen across the country for the first time from the second week of January 2021. They continue to follow strict Covid-19 protocols.

Putting the Covid protocols in place at the school (especially social distancing), made it was an urgent need for Sudbury school to raise funds, to build and complete one classroom on the first floor. This extension allowed one of the year groups to spread out properly.



Tuesday Evening Prayers

Prayer support have continued throughout the year, sometimes on different days, due to other meetings being on a Tuesday and most of the time via Zoom. A few times, when allowed and socially distanced, we met on warm evenings in the Garden of Reflection at church.

As a group of around six, we share if anyone has asked for prayer, sometimes a bible passage, or music, then quiet or open prayer.

Social and Community Engagement Group

Owing to the Covid crisis this group was not operational. However, the work continued through others (mentioned elsewhere) who prayed for people in the community, painted wooden Easter Eggs, made crosses with bible verses and knitted angels which were left where school children could find them.

In particular we would like to thank Jen Eade for her paintings which have a humorous and Christian message. These have appeared on our notice boards, in the church vestibule where they could be seen by passers-by and played a great part in our You Tube services.



Thanks Jen, you cheered us up when we most needed it.

Ruxley Star

The Star is now produced every other month to 'fit in' with our sister church at Stoneleigh. During the pandemic, articles have been considerably supplemented by Parish Pump. We remain, however, very grateful to the small but loyal number of 'homegrown' contributors. What lockdown has shown is that most people can now access the Star online suggesting that the number of printed paper copies can be reduced significantly.

Publicity Report

The Ruxley church website and Ruxley Church Facebook page were regularly up-dated with fresh material to interest our church congregation and our local community.

At times during the past year, things were changing daily, so the information on the website had to be quickly up-dated. New pages were added to help people during this difficult time, including 'Church at home' featured material for different age groups and 'God's presence in these hard times' enabled offerings of prayers, words of encouragement and Bible verses. We promoted the Art and Spirituality monthly Zoom sessions with Deacon Dawn and are pleased to highlight 'Take Five', daily reflections on YouTube by Rev. Chris Morley (a member of our congregation). We had no Church Notices for most of the time, so a 'Keeping in Touch' page, with news from the Leadership Team was also added. 'Latest News' also continued to keep visitors up-to-date with happenings, and the Ruxley Star has been available on the website. It has been interesting to see that more people have visited the website at particular periods of the pandemic as well as Christmas. Visits to the website increased by almost 20% during these periods.

On Facebook our viewers and engagement figures kept increasing throughout the year. The posts that gained most interest were those where we were creative and showed action. Posts at Advent and Lent were particularly well liked.

Communications and Administration Group

Although did not have group meetings we were in contact by e-mail and made the changes necessary because of Covid. The weekly Service sheet and News Sheet were sent to most people by e-mail; the few that we were not able to reach in that way were hand-delivered by a member of the congregation.

Financial Review of the Year

The financial position is not as robust as we would like; in normal times we would hope to have reserves in the order of £60,000 and at times during the past year they have been about half that. None-the-less we hope we can continue to ride out the next few months of restrictions and look to rebuild after that.

There are several key reasons why the finances have not been in quite so perilous state as might have been. Firstly, we were able to take advantage of the furlough scheme so that whilst our cleaner was paid, we were able to re-coup 80% of the salary. Secondly, our administrator very generously agreed to work at reduced salary. Thirdly, the Ruxley Pre-school remained open for most of the period; not only did this give a significant income, but we were very grateful that nursery staff did the work of cleaning (allowing the furlough to happen). Other factors included the help given by our denominations, income from the Epsom & Ewell Railway Club for their storage hire, a grant from All Churches Trust to assist with costs for window filming and a grant from the Circuit which has paid for technical equipment for the filming of services in the church. Some reductions in utility costs and repairs and maintenance and in general running of the church and services are also factors.

Special mention must now be given to our congregation. We received tremendous ongoing support through the last year, with many people finding ways to contribute through online banking in addition to those who had already set up standing orders. Other friends presented the treasurer with cheques and cash – all have been duly banked and accounted for. We had anticipated running a Stewardship campaign to consider how we give to the church, but this was suspended from June 2020 to January 2021 and then again to June 2021; finally the service took place in October 2021. Meanwhile some of our congregation have already felt it right to increase their giving and to these people we give further thanks. We must also give thanks to those who contributed financially to the re-decoration of the vicarage and to those who worked there (a major saving on what we would have had to pay for professional services).

As mentioned above, there have been significant expenditures along the way. The filming of windows and erection of safety barriers (this cost nearly £6000), making the church COVID safe, emergency light replacements (this cost over £3000) and other ongoing repairs and maintenance. These are necessary expenditures, but none-the-less somewhat frustrating.

We must also report on the potential liability that exists with regard to building rectifications. Work of the Leadership and subsequently the Rectifications group suggests that the cost of these could be substantial. Ecumenical Church Council has been kept informed of the ongoing situation, as have the parent denominations from whom we have sought and received help and advice.

Money spent on the ministry of the church is more heartening. Though we would all have preferred to be in church, the delivery of services via the internet has been a tremendous step forward and demanded a huge effort from the team involved. It was wonderful to receive a grant to help with this and thereby to be able to provide the equipment needed. Somewhat similarly, the Memorial Project has sent a signal that we are “still in business” and the Garden of Reflection has now been planted and signage positioned. Memorial Plaques are already being purchased and it will be a wonderful day when the Garden is dedicated.

The work of our church continues and He provides for its needs.

Figures and their explanation:

Total receipts on the general unrestricted funds were £101,065 of which £39,863 was unrestricted voluntary donations (continued giving by the congregation) and a further £7,760 was from Gift Aid. £6,683 of other receipts included a generous, one-off donation by a member of the congregation. £17,117 was received from non-recurring grants (Epsom & Ewell Borough Council gave major support to the church for loss of earnings during the year). Hall lettings contributed £29,079 –considerably reduced on previous years due to the pandemic.

£1,130 was donated to charities. £52,230 was spent to provide Christian Ministry through payment of the Parish Share (£29,458) and Circuit Assessment (£22,772). Repairs and maintenance costs were £15,685 and utilities payments were £9,412. £11,957 was spent on salaries of the administrator and cleaner (please note that the church received reimbursement of some salary costs through the government furlough scheme). £1,932 was paid towards the Memorial Project, drawing down funds raised in previous years.

Net incoming resources on the general fund were **+£2929** leaving a balance carried forward of £70,148. Please note that the balance held in the various banks by the church exceeds the 'book balance' by £411. This discrepancy is due to the agency balance of £395 being held in the same account as the general fund. Our Independent Examiner is aware of the discrepancy and we anticipate making the correction of £16 during the coming year.

£125 was received for, and £169 passed on to external charitable organisations. These figures are greatly reduced due to the congregation not meeting in church and therefore the usual envelope collections not taking place this year. The church was able to make donations to the Methodist and Anglican charities, albeit again reduced on previous years. Total giving was £1,145.

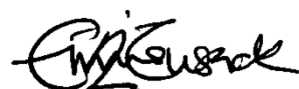
The outstanding Parish Share is £30,463. With an Anglican minister now in post we hope to negotiate with the diocese as to how this figure can be reduced.

Charitable Giving 1.9.20 – 31.8.21

Epsom & Ewell - the Mayor's Charity Fund.	Donation	50
Sudbury School fund	Church collection	130
Riverview School leavers crosses	Church donation	150
Methodist Homes (MHA)	Church donation	125
Bishop of Guildford's Communities Fund	Church donation	500
Methodist Homes (MHA)	Church donation	125
Mission in Britain Fund	Church donation	125
World Mission Fund	Church donation	125
Methodist Church Fund (MCF)	Church donation	125

Total: £1,455

Report prepared May 2022 by Stephen Kendall (former Treasurer) in conjunction with Ruxley Church Leadership Group.



Rev'd Emma Cusack, (Minister) signed on behalf of the ECC on 22nd June 2022

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a3	Bank and CFB interest & investment income	46	195
a4	Lettings	29,079	47,273
a5	Other receipts	24,332	15,966
a6	TOTAL RECEIPTS	101,080	115,846
SECTION B			
b1	PAYMENTS		
b2	Circuit Assessment or Share	52,230	48,967
b3	Donations	1,130	2,601
b4	Repairs and Maintenance	16,705	13,742
b5	Utilities (Insurances, water charges, heating & lighting)	9,412	10,992
b6	Other payments	18,659	36,751
b7	TOTAL PAYMENTS	98,136	113,053
SECTION C			
c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR (a6 - b7)	2,944	2,793
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year	67,219 (c7)	64,426
c3	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR (c1 + c2)	70,163	67,219 (c7)
c4	State here the total of any other assets of the Church		
c5	State here the total of any liabilities of the Church	30,463	30,463
c6	State here the insured value of the Church premises and contents	5,800,000	5,800,000
SECTION D ANALYSIS OF FUNDS			
d1	Balances held at TMCP at 31 August	4,518	4,512
d2	Balances held at CFB at 31 August	22,625	22,593
d3	Bank and cash balances at 31 August	43,416	40,585
d4	TOTAL (= Box c3)	70,559	67,690
SECTION E			
FOR INFORMATION ONLY: MONEY RECEIVED AND PASSED ON TO EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS			
(these amounts are not to be included in total receipts/payments figures above)			
e1	Balance brought forward from last year	220	292
e2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations	345	2,311
e3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations	169	2,383
e4	BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID (e1+e2-e3)	396	220

Declarations and Scrutiny

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

Signature of treasurer *Stephen Kendall* Date 18.11.2021

Name and address of treasurer STEPHEN KENDALL, 91 AMIS AVENUE, EPSOM, SURREY Post Code KT19 9HY

Presentation to the Church trustees

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2021 were ~~will be~~ presented to the meeting of the Church trustees held on .. 24.11.2021

Signature of the Chair of the meeting *Emma Cusack*

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Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

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Charity Number 1174096

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the RUXLEY Church for the year ended 31 August 2021 set out on pages 2 to As the Church's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Church's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and, in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

* delete or circle as appropriate

Name of Church Ruxley Church

35/26

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 *Kevin Mallett*

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Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner *FCA*

Name of firm (where appropriate) *L & F ACCOUNTING LTD*

Address 18 The Broadway, Stoneleigh, Epsom, Surrey KT17 2HU

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Charity Number 1174096

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the RUXLEY Church for the year ended 31 August 2021 set out on pages 2 to As the Church's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Church's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and, in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

* delete or circle as appropriate

Name of Church Ruxley Church

35/26

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

I have 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 *Kevin Mallett*

Name of independent examiner Kevin Mallett

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner *FCA*

Name of firm (where appropriate) *L & F ACCOUNTING LTD*

Address 18 The Broadway, Stoneleigh, Epsom, Surrey KT17 2HU

Date *29 December 2021*

Sep-21

RUXLEY CHURCH

England & Wales - Charity number 1174096

Accounts

**Annual Charity Commission report of Ruxley Church (charity number 1174096)
for the Year ending 31st August 2020**

Ruxley Church, Ruxley Lane, West Ewell, Epsom, Surrey KT19 0JG

Methodist Minister: Rev. Emma Cusack

Anglican Minister: Rev. Fiona Ellingham (joined Ruxley in January 2021)

Mission Statement Summary

Ruxley Church is an ecumenical partnership between Ruxley Methodist Church and the Anglican parish of St Francis of Assisi, Ewell, established in 2002. We worship God as one family drawing strength from both our traditions.

God is in the centre of our ministry here at Ruxley Church, making us a welcoming; friendly community as we spread the love of Jesus by: celebrating in worship; developing our spiritual life as individuals and as a church; ministry to the community; sharing in witness and loving service.

Introduction

From March 2020 life in the UK changed for everyone and no surprise that this was an extraordinarily challenging time for Ruxley Church. Prior to the lockdown we had (as last year) spent much time preparing to appoint a new Anglican Minister, only for the interviews (due at the end of March) to be postponed indefinitely. We refused to be discouraged by this and indeed used the time to try to discern what God wants for our church, its congregation and the communities in which we live. We continue to ensure that those resources that we have been blessed with – people, property and money – are well cared for and utilised for the building up of the body of Christ and for the furtherance of God's kingdom. The report that you are about to read looks at various aspects of our life together as Ruxley Church during 2019 and 2020.

Aims and Purposes

Ruxley Church engages in a range of activities, either on its own or with others, including:

- a) the celebration of public worship;
- b) the teaching of the Christian faith;
- c) mission and evangelism;
- d) pastoral work, including visiting the sick and the bereaved;
- e) the provision of facilities with a Christian ethos for the local community, including (but not restricted to) the elderly, the young and other groups with special needs; and
- f) the support of other charities in the UK and overseas.

Impact of the Ruxley Church activities

The report details the variety of activities. However, the key impact these activities have had over the 12 months related to the above aims are as follows:

a) The celebration of public worship

A range of worship services centred on a number of festivals (which are promoted through social media) three people from the local community as well as good engagement on our social media channels.

b) The teaching of the Christian faith

Small groups continued to meet, utilising soon once lockdown was in place and the congregation given access to a variety of services in the Methodist and Church of England with links from the website. This all enabled teaching of the Christian Faith to continue

c) Mission and evangelism

Several community several community events were offered as detailed in the social and community engagement section of the report.

Links with Riverview school through some of the ECC governors have been maintained, with a Christingle service to share with the children Jesus being the light of the world.

d) Pastoral work, including visiting the sick and the bereaved

The Methodist minister in post has been supported by the church's pastoral assistant and the pastoral team. As a result of the pandemic was the numbers of baptisms were limited, the minister and pastoral team have ensured regular contact has taken place to maintain mental and spiritual well-being of all.

During this time work towards completing the garden of reflection was also undertaken.

e) The provision of facilities with a Christian ethos for the local community, including (but not restricted to) the elderly, the young and other groups with special needs

The number of external hall-hirers with their various community-focussed activities was maintained pre-Covid. Once Lockdown was announced the preschool operated in a COVID-secure manner once government restrictions allowed.

f) The support of other charities in the UK and overseas

They Sudbury school in Ghana, along with other charities in this report have benefited from charitable donations totalling £5,084 throughout the year.

Activities through the year

Ruxley church has been blessed by the leadership of Rev. Emma. She has been assisted by the leadership team and members working in the various sub-groups. Prior to the start of the pandemic, Ruxley church held a service each Sunday morning and most Sunday evenings, with communion being given each week. The morning services were attended by an average seventy persons each week, with visitors always being made very welcome. Prayer groups take place through the week and the chapel has been made available for private reflection.

Worship and Spiritual Development

Ensuring that there is ministerial cover for services has been a continuing theme at all meetings.

Detailed planning was undertaken in respect of All-age Services, as well as those for Lent and Easter, Pentecost, Harvest, Advent and Christmas, and of course the wonderful Peace Stone Service and more recently, the Church Anniversary Service.

A variety of services feedback has been received and discussed, including rotas, music resourcing and outdoor services. Small Groups material has also been discussed.

The group liaises regularly for publicity planning with the Communications and Admin Subgroup.

At future meetings the Worship & Spiritual Development Group intend to look at the spirituality of our church in terms other than Sunday worship - important as that is - and also Small Groups invitation and promotion and the Evening Services pattern.

Pastoral Group

We have a pastoral network in place with twelve pastoral leaders whose role it is to look out for the well-being of members of the congregation. We must not forget that some of our church family are now getting frailer; we continue to hold these people in our prayers, especially those who are now unable to get to church to worship. We are sad to have lost several of our members who have moved away this year to be nearer their families, and even sadder to have said goodbye to others who have moved on to be with the Lord. We thank God for all they have meant to us over the years.

Prayer Chain

Fourteen people are on the Prayer Chain via e-mail or phone. This ensures that requests for prayer are quickly passed on. Many people have felt supported through these prayers in difficult times.

Small Groups

Six small groups continue to meet regularly (every other week) for fellowship, prayer and bible study. A variety of resources have been used and some weeks these have been tied in with preaching in the church services. The groups are always happy to welcome new members.

Baptisms

Two children were baptised at Ruxley Church during the last twelvemonths and both families continue to attend church. Baptisms take place during all-age worship morning services. Parents are now required to attend church for at least three months before their child is baptised.

Young People and Families

We are all getting older - and so are the 'children'! The oldest is Joshua, who has been with us since he was five, and he is now seventeen!

Fish Club takes place every Sunday, unless there is an All Age Service, when we all meet together with the congregation. Our numbers are quite stable, with about seventeen youngsters coming fairly regularly, and

we have had about fifteen visitors who have joined with us occasionally.

Sadly, we said 'Good-bye' to Liz in September; she has joined another church. We thank her for everything she did with the older group, and wish her God's blessing in her future. Brian now leads this group, and Julia, Philip and Anne lead the Fishes group once a month. It has been great that Louise is home for a year doing 'work experience' and has been helping with Brucie, and any visiting tiny children, in the Tiddlers group. We shall miss her in September when she returns to Uni! Our huge thanks go to all these folk, and also, to all those who come along as helpers.

During the year the children have, in different ways, taken part in some of the services, and on Palm Sunday the children and the leaders led the whole service. At Christmas they sang a new Christmas song 'Mary did you know...'

The children were involved in the Family Fun Day in July and the Rainbow Party held on October 31st. For the first time, the older children were asked to be helpers, and three came along and made themselves very useful!

Once more, our weekly offerings have been sent to an orphanage in a poor village in India. This time the girls were treated to beautiful dresses!

We trust that God will bless the seeds that are sown on Sunday mornings. We pray that all the children that they will grow to love Him and want to serve Him all their lives.

Toddler Group

This group meets one morning a week in the community hall. We have a lovely group of parents and grandparents with children ranging from two months to three years. We have a volunteer who comes in to do art and craft and a volunteer to help in the kitchen. The children join in with the singing and dancing and mums and nans help clear up at the end.

Some of our two year olds are now attending the nursery at the Church and several of our three year olds will be starting Riverview school nursery in September.

Riverview Church of England Primary and Nursery School

Our links with Riverview Church of England School are growing. Two of our members are governors of the school. During 2019-2020 Reverend Emma frequently liaised with the headmistress of the school, but being a Church of England school the diocesan link is likely to be stronger by the appointment of a new Anglican priest. Note: Reverend Fiona Ellingham joined Ruxley Church in January 2021.

Mission and Evangelism

This subgroup of Ecumenical Church Council (ECC) has five members. In May, the group organized a Prayer Walk, together with members of the Tuesday prayer group. On this occasion, homes in Pams Way were leafletted. The leaflet stated that we would be praying for residents and to invite them to send us any prayer requests. A few people walked and prayed whilst some supported by praying back at church.

Various activities were planned to support Christian Aid week in May. One of the Sunday services had a specific focus and gift envelopes were distributed over two weeks. A Thursday Coffee Time donation was allocated to Christian Aid and there was a plant sale.

We encouraged church members to attend a free event, organized by the Diocese at St Paul's Howell Hill, which focused on 'knowing what and why we believe'. Four church members participated. There were some excellent speakers and it was a very positive and encouraging experience.

Our links with our church school, Riverview, are continuing to develop. One or two of the school's governors regularly attend ECC meetings. Several church members have supported the school at Prayer

Space days and have also helped at the summer event run by the Family Centre, and at the school's Christmas Fair.

Some classes have benefitted from visiting the Tuesday Fellowship and showing their work. There was a good choir from the school at the Christingle service in December and consequently plenty of parents to swell the congregation!

Tuesday Fellowship

Tuesday Fellowship continues to be well supported, and a happy place to be. Our numbers fluctuate due to health and weather, but we are always pleasantly surprised by the effort everyone makes to come and enjoy the afternoon. It has been good to welcome members who had previously only visited on special occasions.

Hopefully, the programme has had something for all. Afternoon presentations and events have included:

The Red Cross, Tales of a Wisley apprentice of the early 70's, An Auctioneer, The History of English Cheese, Kids go to Disney, Visits by Riverview School, Quizzes, Members Music, Anniversary celebration, Summer Tea, Christmas lunch and Summer Trip to Winchester.

There is a need in the community for activities such as these, to combat loneliness, and give people a pleasing venue to meet in. As always, transport is very much needed.

Ladies' Group

Ladies Group members enjoy getting together and chatting, but we also enjoy our outings. During the past year we visited Epsom Playhouse to see The Hot Mikado and Jesus Christ Superstar. We also visited the Poppy Factory in Richmond, where a good lunch was followed by a short presentation and tour of the factory - well worth a visit. We have enjoyed meals out at the Cote Restaurant in Kingston and Topo Gigio in Ewell.

We watched the film The Shack, made decorations for the church Christmas Tree and enjoyed a talk on hedgehogs. We continue to hone our darts skills and have played Monkey Bingo!

EEL'S (Ewell Ecumenical Ladies)

EEL's are now a group of seven ladies, from different churches in the area, who have met on a Wednesday morning for fellowship for a number of years. Although our numbers have diminished, we are strong in our faith and greatly value the times of worship, prayer and bible study we share together, and the support we give each other. Our meetings are held in various homes. New members would be welcomed.

Men's Group

The Men's Group has enjoyed another beneficial year, meeting at the Hogsmill Tavern at 7pm for a meal on the second Wednesday of each month. The number attending is usually between ten and sixteen and members look forward to a period of informal and rewarding fellowship. The group provides the opportunity to talk freely in sharing a Christian perspective about a wide range of subjects of both personal and wider social interest. Generally the only formal business each meeting is to confirm the date of the next meeting!

These regular meetings with like-minded friends are of real value to those taking part and we welcome new participants.

Ouch!

Not a particularly busy year for Ouch (the church band dance group), but we have still provided music for parties and church events, with the most recent being for the Longmead Centre Christmas Party. We were

honored to have been able to play our part in assisting fund-raising for the Memorial Garden. Thanks as always go to our enthusiastic musicians - Robin, Fred, Malcolm, Dave, Richard, Steve, Paulette and not least to our caller Brian.

Thursday Coffee Mornings

The support we have received during the year has enabled us to donate to the following: Help the Heroes, the Rainbow Trust, Ectodermal Dysplasia Association (on behalf of one of the nursery staff, three of whose children suffer from this condition), CRISIS and Epsom and Ewell Street Pastors. We held a special coffee morning for MacMillan which was very well supported, as was the one on behalf of Women's' World Day of Prayer. Finally, we also make regular contributions to the church.

We continue to welcome many friends from the congregation and the wider community and feel that we are providing a happy and inclusive atmosphere for our customers.

Thanks to our willing band of workers who give of their time and make the cakes.

Food Bank

Another year and another increase in the number of people using the Foodbank. Our fervent wish is that it will not be needed any more, but there is no chance of that in the foreseeable future.

The good news is that our Christmas fundraising campaigns were a huge success. We were able to raise enough money to be able to give our clients vouchers for local butchers and greengrocers to provide a lovely Christmas dinner. We were also able to give some clients a one-off top-up for their gas / electricity key-cards so that they could cook their fresh Christmas food. Alongside this we gave out long-life food, toiletries and our usual Christmas presents and Advent calendars.

Ruxley Church has played its part by making donations of food, toiletries and money as well as the massive support in housing the Foodbank distribution centre. Thank you to Anne, Pam, Pauline, Ken, Brian and volunteers from other churches and the community who staff it.

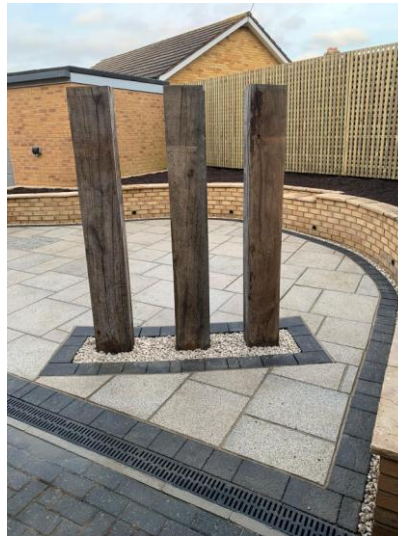
As Christians we are encouraged to feed the hungry and what better way is there than supporting the FoodBank. Volunteers are always welcome. It is a wonderfully uplifting thing to be part of.

Memorial Project

The project was launched in the summer of 2017 and after regular meetings plans were formulated to create a Memorial Book, Memorial Stone and Garden of Reflection. By the end of the summer 2019 the Peace Stone had been positioned and the pathway to it built. We are grateful to the Methodist District for providing £5,000 of funds for these works. A service of dedication for the Peace Stone was held in October.



Simon Jobson Landscapes completed the structural work for the Garden and grant funds of over £5,000 were drawn down from Viridor Credits. Jenny led the gardening team in planting the walls and borders. It will take time for these to develop, but they are already looking good.



In some ways the real work of the project is only just beginning. It is now up to us to encourage the church and community to share in the space and we hope and pray that memorial plaques will begin to be mounted on the wooden pillars.

Note: the dedication of the Garden itself had to be delayed due to COVID restrictions.

Tuesday Evening Prayers

Tuesday evening has traditionally been the day when we have met for prayers in the Chapel. This year we have continued to meet, to praise and to give thanks for God's blessings and to intercede on behalf of the church, our congregation, community and world.

The year started with seven people regularly meeting, two moved away, but just recently we have been pleased to have members of the leadership team join us. Those joining us have found it a special time, set apart for listening, prayer and quiet. We always leave feeling refreshed.

Everyone is welcome to join us for all or part of the evening.

Social and Community Engagement

The aim of this team is to run events and activities that appeal to our own congregation but also appeal to newer people coming into the church, and our local neighbours. We want to encourage newcomers over the church threshold, so that they can see we are just ordinary people trying to lead a Christian life. Our hope is to help foster stronger relationships, through fun and collaboration.

Events that the group organised or supported included:

- Quiz Night for Christian Aid Week
- Jumble Sale,
- Running a stall at HOPE 2019 (an outdoor Christian fete in Ewell village)
- Participating in Churches Together in Ewell Prayer Week
- A trip to Bradwell Festival, which included the three mile pilgrimage walk, ending with outdoor worship by the ancient Chapel.
- Children's Event with cream teas and music on the green.
- Harvest Barn Dance for Sudbury School, Ghana.

- Children's Non-Halloween party
- 'Making Christmas decorations' including setting up of an artificial Christmas tree in the worship space for the first time.
- An Evening of classical music with Ryan and Stuart, Gershon Ward & Friends music evening with spiritual element.
- Faith meal for Church Anniversary

Publicity for all events over the last year has continually improved, and is making use of all internal channels such as: ECC reports, Weekly Newssheet, Star, website, notice-boards, café table signs, and Facebook. We have also had items in the local magazine 'Ewell & Stoneleigh Connection'.

Thank you to everyone who supports these fun events. It's amazing what we can do whilst socialising and getting to know each other.

Ruxley Star

The Ruxley Star is the church magazine which has been published for many years by a small, but loyal team. After general consultation, it has been decided that the Ruxley Star will now be published every other month so that it fits in with Stoneleigh Methodist Church, enabling us to share the same Minister's letters. It is to be hoped that we can now include more 'home-grown' items and to that end we have ceased subscribing to Parish Pump.

Church Website

Most of what you want to know about the church and its activities are on the Ruxley Church Website. If you have never checked it out before, do have a look. "What's On" is the heading where you will find the Sunday Services, Other Dates for your Diaries, Regular Church Activities, and Activity Programmes. You can also find out about what Community Activities go on in the church throughout the week, as well as present and past issues of the Ruxley Star. Our new Church Profile is now also on line. You can check a rota, see the minutes of the last ECC or even read a copy of last year's AGM Report which you can find on the Members Page. The website is our shop window in today's world, so please take a look and make suggestions.

Brief Financial Review of the Year

Total receipts on the general unrestricted funds were £115,846 of which £39,203 was unrestricted voluntary donations and a further £13,313 was from Gift Aid (please note there had been a delay in processing claims in the previous year which were subsequently claimed this year). £3,173 of other receipts included appeals, fund-raising and other donations. £10,209 was received from non-recurring grants; one for the Memorial Project and the other a diocese COVID support grant. Hall lettings contributed £47,272 –considerably reduced from the previous year due to the pandemic.

£2,600 was spent on grants to charities. £48,967 was spent to provide Christian Ministry through payment of the Parish Share (£25,397) and Circuit Assessment (£23,570). Repairs and maintenance costs were £13,742 and utilities payments were £10,992. £16,634 was spent on administration and cleaning including salaries of the administrator and cleaner (please note that the church received reimbursement of some salary costs through the government furlough scheme). £16,578 was paid towards the Memorial Project, drawing down funds raised in previous years.

Net incoming resources on the general fund were **+£2793** leaving a balance carried forward of £67,690.

Please note that the balance held in the various banks by the church exceeds the 'book balance' by £471. Our Independent Examiner is aware of this discrepancy and we anticipate resolving the figures in the coming year.

£2,311 was received for, and £2,383 passed on to external charitable organisations giving a total giving of £4,983 which is close to matching of 10% of donations received (please note that closure of the church has impacted these figures).

The outstanding Parish Share is £30,463. With an Anglican minister in post we hope to negotiate with the diocese as to how this figure can be reduced.

Charitable Giving 1.9.19 – 31.8.20

McMillan Cancer Support	McMillan charity	727
Help the Heroes	Thursday coffee	100
Sudbury School, Ghana	Church Collection	865
All We Can	Church Collection	328
The Rainbow Trust	Thursday coffee	100
All We Can	Church Collection	20
Ectodermal Dysplasia Society	Thursday coffee	100
Epsom and Ewell Foodbank	Carol singing donation	146
Action for Children	Church Collection	575
The Children's Society	Church Collection	112
CRISIS	Thursday coffee	100
Epsom & Ewell Refugee Network	Social charity donation	150
Epsom & Ewell Foodbank	Social charity donation	123
Cardiac Risk in the Young	Social charity donation	150
World Day of Prayer	Thursday coffee	40
Spinnaker trust	Church donation	100
Epsom and Ewell Street Pastors	Thursday coffee	100
Riverview School leavers crosses	Church donation	233
Sudbury School, Ghana	Church Collection	80
Methodist Church World Mission Fund	Church donation	425
Methodist Homes (MHA)	Church donation	170
Mission in Britain Fund	Church donation	170
The Methodist Church Fund for Property	Church donation	170

Total: £5,084

**Report prepared May 2021 by Stephen Kendall (Treasurer)
in conjunction with Ruxley Church Leadership Group.**

THE METHODIST CHURCH
STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

Ruxley Church

FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 August 2020

Wimbledon Circuit	Circuit no	35/26
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Registered Charity - Charity Registration number

1174096

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

XR76413

(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:

Reverend Emma Cusack

Church Stewards:

Brian Cockram	Jacky Panter
Val Proctor	Derek Eade

Treasurer:

Stephen Kendall

ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2020

Ruxley Church Church

SECTION A		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
		£	£	£	£
a1	RECEIPTS				
	Note				
a2	Offerings and Tax recovered	52,412		52,412	49,094
a3	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income	195		195	182
a4	Lettings	47,273		47,273	73,736
a5	Other receipts	15,716	250	15,966	4,924
a6	TOTAL RECEIPTS	115,596	250	115,846 (a7)	127,936

SECTION B		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
		£	£	£	£
b1	PAYMENTS				
b2	Circuit Assessment or Share	48,967		48,967	77,723
b3	Donations	2,601		2,601	2,729
b4	Repairs and Maintenance	13,742		13,742	18,483
b5	Utilities (Insurances, water charges, heating & lighting)	10,992		10,992	10,726
b6					
b7	Other payments	36,751		36,751	28,799
b8	TOTAL PAYMENTS	113,053		113,053 (b9)	138,460

SECTION C		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
		£	£	£	£
c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	2,543	250	2,793	(10,524)
	(a6-b8)				
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year	63,042	1,384	64,426 (c6)	74,950
c3	Sub total	65,585	1,634	67,219	64,426
	(c1+c2)				
c4	Transfers and adjustments				(c7)
c5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR	65,585	1,634	67,219 (c8)	64,426 (c6)
	(c3+c4)				

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	292	678
d2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations	2,311	5,391
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations	2,383	5,777
d4	BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID	220	292
	(d1+d2-d3)		

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 2020 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)	Check	TRUE	
e9	Church accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)	115,846 (a7)	113,053 (b9)	2,793	(c7)	64,426 (c6)	67,219 (c8)	Check	TRUE
e10	TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	115,846	113,053	2,793		64,426 (x)	67,219 (y)	Check	TRUE
	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		
f1	Cash in hand			
f2	Bank Current Account	43,400		40,585
f3	Bank Deposit Account			
f4	Central Finance Board	16,544		22,593
f5	Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes	4,482		4,512
f6	Other funds			
f7	SUB TOTAL - Church accounts	64,426 (c6)		67,690 (c8)
f8	Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance total from above) (e12)	(e11)		(e12)
f9	TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	64,426 (x)		67,690 (y)
			Check balances	Opening TRUE Closing FALSE

SECTION G**OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES**

	At 1 September 2019	At 31 August 2020	
g1	Investments (include Endowments)		
g2	Land & Buildings (see notes re Insurance value)	3,661,247	3,630,000
g3	Other Assets		
g4	Loan(s) - show amount outstanding at year end		
g5	Other Liabilities	30,463	30,463

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 RUXLEY CHURCH No.

Declarations and Scrutiny

I confirm that these Receipt and Payment based accounts for the year to 31 August 2020 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 Stephen Kendall Date 27-1-2021
Name and address of treasurer STEPHEN KENDALL, 91 AMIS AVENUE,
EPSOM, SURREY Post Code KT19 9HY

Presentation to the Church trustees

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2020 were ~~will be~~* presented to the meeting of the Church trustees held on 27-1-2021

Signature of the Chair of the meeting: Emma Cusack
Name of the Chair of the meeting: Rev Emma Cusack Date 27-1-2021

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

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Charity Number1174096.....

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

Signature of independent examiner KA Mallett

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