

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 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. 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.

(On behalf of the Sudbury School)

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	GhC 1,000.00
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
shot on moto e20
Giles Hector sekyi

SUDBURY PREP. SCHOOL
P.O. BOX 0752 TAKORADI
APREMDO
TEL: 0554323218

Aug 31, 2023, 2:59 PM

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19 ALDANY PARADE, BRENTFORD TW9 0TW HIGH STREET United Kingdom
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Phone
554323218

Date
04/07/2023 12:08:45

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Service
Pick Up

Amount
Educational Support

Amount
47.00 GBP

Fee
3.00 GBP

Total
50.00 GBP

Rate
14.49999

Payout Amount
681.50 GHS

Delivery Time
Same Business Day

City - Province - Country
ACCRA - Ghana

Payer
PICK UP ANYWHERE (18 BANKS AVAILABLE)
GHANA COMMERCIAL BANK - ANY BRANCH
ANY BRANCH ACCRA Ghana

Phone

Sender
REV EMMA CUSACK (33332118)

Phone
07940107305

Address
53 CHESTNUT AVENUE

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Branch

Sender's Signature

Rev Emma Cusack

Operator's Signature (382,866 Michael)

Michael

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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			
Fees for weddings and funerals		£1,500.39	£899.00
Bookstall sales to promote objectives		-	£113.00
Church hall lettings - objectives		£71,626.18	£66,174.35
Total Incoming resources from charitable activities		£73,126.57	£67,186.35
Other incoming resources			
Insurance claims		-	£6,266.00
Feed in Tariffs		£1,054.58	£673.47
Total Other incoming resources		£1,054.58	£6,939.47
Voluntary income			
Planned Giving - Bank		£40,906.00	£35,764.50
Planned Giving - Other		-	£210.00
Planned Giving - Envelopes		£447.50	£596.50
Loose plate collections		£1,708.88	£1,615.14
Gifts - Not Gift Aided		£143.21	£1,150.00
Gifts - Gift Aided		£500.00	£4,251.50
Donations appeals etc		£12.00	£1,884.04
Tax recoverable on Gift Aid		£12,255.33	£6,144.72
Legacies		-	£5,000.00
Non-recurring one-off grants		£1,843.75	-
Other funds generated		£75.00	£287.00
Social Events		-	£416.15
Photocopy - Income		£1.50	£19.35
Refunds - Energy etc		-	£154.51
Total Voluntary income		£57,893.17	£57,493.41
Activities for generating funds			
Rummage sales etc		-	£47.79
Total Activities for generating funds		-	£47.79
Investment income			
Bank and building society interest		-	£95.74
Total Investment income		-	£95.74
Total Incoming resources		£132,074.32	£131,762.76
Resources used			
Cost of generating funds			
Methodist Ministers' Pension		£1,243.00	£1,145.00
Total Cost of generating funds		£1,243.00	£1,145.00
Charitable activities			
Giving - relief and development agencies		£770.00	£325.00
Home mission		£912.77	£1,040.00
Secular charities		-	£2,140.16
Parish share & Circuit Assessment		£50,755.36	£49,133.00
Salary of Church Administrator		£6,539.69	£6,142.55
Working expenses of incumbent		-	£76.05
GDBF - Inc Fees - Funerals, Bands, Wedding		-	£686.00
Ministers Residence expenses		-	£41.06
Water vicarage		£101.09	£15.03
Education		-	£689.57
Parish training and mission		£14.93	£175.83
Church running - insurance		£3,199.76	£3,261.06
Church office - telephone, stationary		£297.06	£832.23
Organ / piano tuning		£195.00	£125.00
Church maintenance		£27,143.53	£10,665.53
Cleaning - Wages		£13,112.18	£13,343.71
Cleaning - Materials		£2,170.73	£1,218.95
HMRC Tax & NI		£2,888.16	£2,308.60
Running of services		£970.99	£416.24
Publicity & Adverts		£75.60	£746.80
Administration		£1,017.41	£723.41
Visiting speakers / locums		£200.50	£30.00
Church running - electric		£6,135.90	£3,359.62
Church running - gas		£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**

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
Closing balance 31/08/2023				£504.32	£500.35	-
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	-
Closing balance 31/08/2023				£130.00	£130.00	-
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	-
Closing balance 31/08/2023				£212.90	£212.90	-
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	-
Closing balance 31/08/2023				£122.73	£122.73	-
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 Internment		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	-	-	-	-	-	-
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					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	-	-	-	-	-	-

					Total	
	General	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	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
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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
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			
(these amounts are not to be included in total receipts/payments figures above)			
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 K A 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 BROADWAY STONELEIGH

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Date 08 / 01 / 2024

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