

Elworth Methodist Church Annual report 2021 - 2022

This year gave us the opportunity to renew the work we were doing before and during the pandemic.

Groups were able to open up again and we have been able to offer warm spaces to people struggling with their energy bills.

The new coffee lounge has begun to build on new and good relationships with the local community and also been a place where visitors to the local park and railway station have been able to call in for refreshments and a chat.

A new supported living house is to be opened across from the lounge and we have met with the new owners and manager who feel that our premises will be a welcoming place for the residents.

We also continue to have good relationships with members at the approved hostel next door to the church.

We are working together with the local park committee on joint ventures throughout the year .

In December we were able to offer a craft morning to make lanterns ready for a carol service in the park that evening and then welcomed people across to the church for coffee & mine pies.

We have continued to join together with the local council to provide a service of Remembrance at the local war memorial in November and we have been able to continue with our support for the British legion and Help for heroes.

We have supported Sandbach Food bank and a local pantry.

Along with everyone else our greatest challenge over the year has been a vast increase in our utility bills but despite this we continue to make all our events , which are open to everyone, to be payment by donation. There is never a set charge for anything.

As yet we are unable to accept card payments in the coffee lounge but this does not stop us from offering a free coffee /cake to people who are unaware of the situation. In fact it has often given us an opening to share our church work and ideals.

All members and friends continue to receive a weekly newsletter which has been really appreciated.

We gather each Sunday morning for worship with a variety of styles of service and all are welcome.

Jean Ellershaw

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ACCOUNTS FOR 2021 / 22

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 FOR OTHER ORGANISATIONS	 0	 499.00	 499.00

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Natwest reserve	8994.05	-174.48 unpresented cheque	8819.57
cash in hand			0
C.F.B. No 1			2497.31
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GENERAL FUND

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<u>RECEIPTS</u>		2021 / 22	2020 / 21
Balance brought forward		12181.82	16408.16
Offerings	Collections	10215.10	11148.50
	Gift Aid	3274.03	2113.40
Donations	Sunday	2.60	6.00
	Tuesday	3476.26	0.00
	Other donations.	122.70	427.00
	Takeaways	752.20	2662.50
	Sale	355.81	0.00
	Sponsored run	320.00	0.00
	Badminton	160.00	0.00
	Quiz	18.00	0.00
Special collections	Christmas Day	0.00	30.00
Interest	CFB 1	9.97	6.29
	Nat West Bank	3.70	0.87
Lettings	Room hire	1335.00	0.00
	Coffee lounge	4091.76	0.00
Other receipts	Breakfasts	488.05	0.00
	World Mission	98.65	0.00
	Home Mission	63.10	0.00
	Sale of goods	454.98	30.00
	Wedding & funeral fees	800.00	105.00
	TOTAL	38223.73	32937.72

<u>PAYMENTS</u>		2021 / 22	2020 / 21
Circuit assessment		11885.04	11999.70
Donations	Gen Prop Fund	200.00	200.00
	Presbyters & Deacons	200.00	200.00
	Meth fund for pensions	1000.00	0.00
	Christmas shoe boxes	70.00	0.00
Repairs/ Maintenance	Boiler service	409.80	395.40
	Pianos	120.00	55.00
	Organ	366.00	360.00
	Fire extinguishers annual checks	80.40	78.00
	Fire alarms annual checks	172.80	84.00
	Emergency lights annual checks	117.60	114.00
	General maintenance expenses	606.12	304.98
Utilities	Gas	2215.94	1673.56
	Electricity	3197.36	2140.59
	Water	222.68	303.69
	Church Insurance	2011.68	1874.98
Other payments	Photocopier rental & paper	432.00	468.40
	Stationery, printing & postage	63.41	62.53
	Catering	3083.62	94.03
	Flowers	0.00	16.03
	Wedding & funerals	200.00	0.00
	* Other expenses	405.24	331.01
sub total		27059.69	20755.90
Balance carried forward		11164.04	12181.82
total		38223.73	32937.72

* other expenses	
website	69.35
ccli	254.89
wreath	17.00
Cheshire East	64.00
	<u>405.24</u>

2021 / 22

<u>BENEVOLENCE FUND</u>	<u>INCOME</u>	<u>EXPENDITURE</u>	
Brought forward	200.00	Bal in hand	200.00
	<u>200.00</u>		<u>200.00</u>

COLLECTIONS FOR OTHER ORGANISATIONS

Help for Heroes	255.00	Help for Heroes	255.00
British Legion	100.00	British Legion	100.00
Action for children	84.00	Action for children	84.00
Easter offering	60.00	Easter offering	60.00
total	<u>499.00</u>	bal in hand	0.00
			<u>499.00</u>

REPAIR FUND**General repairs**

	<u>Income</u>
Bt Fwd	5941.08
transfer from project fund	1090.22
harvest lunch	210.50
funeral catering	600.00
Craft days	212.00
Christmas lunch /lucky square	451.50
Station committee bacon baps	35.00
Burns' lunch	415.00
Curry & games evening	265.00
Musical evening	433.00
Donations heat/organ/ dishwasher	1505.00
Quiz nights	159.00
Easter egg hunt	60.79
Easter lunch	151.50
Breakfasts	347.00
Scrap metal	10.35
AGM lunch	65.00
picnic boxes	302.50
Fish supper	20.00
CFB2 interest	15.62
	<u>12290.06</u>

Building project income

Bt Fwd	1090.22
	<u>1090.22</u>

KAB -Kitchen roof
 APL heating boiler repair
 Peter Spencer – organ

Expenditure

	6673.45
	1159.30
	600.00
Bal in hand	3857.31
	<u>12290.06</u>

Project expenses

Transfer to repair fund	1090.22
Bal in hand	0.00
	<u>1090.22</u>

Name of Church .. ELWORTH METHODIST CHURCH

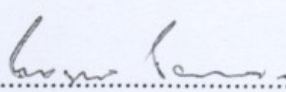
Independent Examiner's Statement

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 

Name of independent examiner ROGER PARK

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner COMPANY DIRECTOR (RETIRED)

Name of firm (where appropriate)

Address 36 WELLEY AVENUE, ALSAGER

..... Post Code ST7 2NG

Date 27 SEPTEMBER 2022

* delete or circle as appropriate