



Crediton

Methodist Church

Annual Report 2019-2020

Approved by the Annual General Church Meeting on 28 April 2021

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Working out God's love in Crediton



CreditonMethodist

Annual Report of Crediton Methodist Church

For the year ended 31st August 2020

Administrative Information:

The Church is registered with the charity commission. Registered Charity Number 1178365. A copy of the accounts by way of Schedule B has been sent to the Synod (via the circuit officer).

The Church address is:- Union Road, Crediton, Devon EX17 3AW. Any correspondence should be directed to the Senior Steward:- Mrs Marjorie Ashley, Oake House, Tolleys, Crediton EX17 1HG

The Charity Trustees or Managing Trustees are members of the Church Council and the names of members who have served as managing trustees in the year ended 31st August 2020 are as follows:

Minister:- Revd. Ann Varker (Until 31st August 2020)

The Stewards:- Mrs Marjorie Ashley, Mrs Christine Turner, Mrs Hilary Everitt, Mrs Christine Marshall, Mrs Elizabeth Allnutt.

Leadership Team:- Mrs Hilary Everitt, Mrs Cathy Jerrard, Mrs Pam Murphy, Mr David Smith (Until 31st August 2020), Mr Glenn Turner

Church Secretary:- Mr John Ashley

Treasurer:- Mrs Christine Turner

Pastoral Secretary:- Mrs Pam Murphy

Circuit Steward:- Mrs Meg Privett

Youth Worker:- Vacant

Members elected by the General Church Meeting:- Sheila Davison, Meg Ellis, Elizabeth Greenslade, Christine Gregory, Elaine Gregory (Until 31st July 2020), Wendy Homeshaw, Bronwyn Nott, Alan Sharpe, Gill Sutton, Karen Theedom and Julian Varker (Until 16th June 2020)

The number of members as at 31st August 2020 was 97

The Life of the Church:

The Church Council, Leadership Team and the Church Stewards oversee the whole of the life of the church. The Church Council meets five times a year. The Leadership Team meets around 6 times a year and the Church Stewards meet three times a year. The Church Annual General Meeting is held in April.

Sunday Services

9.15am Breakfast Church (*Held on the 1st Sunday*)

10.30am Sunday Morning Worship with Sunday Club and Crèche facilities followed by tea and coffee.
(*11.00am on the 1st Sunday, Worship for All held on the 3rd Sunday, Holy Communion held once a month*)

6.30pm Sunday Evening Worship (*Holy Communion held once a month*)

Discipleship Groups

7.30pm Twice a month on a Monday

11.00am Every Wednesday

7.30pm Twice a month on a Wednesday

7.30pm Twice a month on a Thursday (2 Groups)

Residential Services

Held at local residential homes at various times.

Our Vision

Our vision is of a dynamic worshipping Christian family seeking to play our part in the world-wide mission of God by constantly nurturing, encouraging and supporting one another;

disciples of Jesus Christ committed to praying and learning together;

a congregation radiating God's love by reaching out to the community, serving the poor and vulnerable, intent on changing the world in partnership with others;

an inclusive group of believers, welcoming all, with a desire to become a living vibrant church, to the glory of God.

We envisage

- exploring ways to encourage local ownership of our worship, including greater congregational participation
- offering a variety of styles of worship to enable all who come to encounter God
- aiming for excellence in all we offer to God in worship
- encouraging all members to participate in small groups for Bible study, prayer and mutual support
- providing appropriate environments for children, young people and adults to grow in the knowledge and love of God
- offering appropriate pastoral care to each individual within the church family
- learning of, and being inspired by, the work that God is doing through the church in other regions of the world.
- identifying needs in the town and surrounding area and finding ways to respond as a church community, and in partnership with others
- encouraging members to give time and money to meet the needs of others
- providing support for individuals involved in serving the community
- developing close links with a particular overseas project and finding appropriate ways to offer support
- raising awareness and taking action on justice and ethical issues
- encouraging each member to share the Good News of Jesus Christ with others
- building links between the church and the wider community
- developing groups out in the community with links back into the church
- expecting to see church growth and planning accordingly
- a flexible floor space in the sanctuary for exploring different possibilities for worship
- open church doors daily, providing a haven and offering a welcome and refreshment
- a church building that appears non-threatening and is easily accessible to all
- a multipurpose building for community use throughout the week

Leadership Team Report

This financial year started with the completion of our refurbishment project.

Refurbishment Report 2019 – 20

A refurbishment programme which included to the removal of pews, installation of audio-visual facilities, redecorating, upgrading eco aspects of the worship area, re-vamping the kitchenette upstairs and the disabled toilet, along with the installation of a completely new toilet suite downstairs was carried out this year.

When sufficient funds were available, the Church Council gave the go-ahead for the project to commence, and it started in February 2019.

The refurbishment was completed at the end of August 2019. The Church held an Open day on September 14th.

Both architect and contractor firms proved to be good choices, as they were very professional throughout the build and addressed any concerns we had in a short time. They were both chosen for their expertise in conservation work and experience on other listed buildings.

There was an investigation of the possibility of getting back VAT on chairs, once all other VAT reclaim has been dealt with, as the quality of the chairs were dictated by the Conservation Officer as part of the Listed building conditions for removing the pews. The VAT refund was not allowed by The Listed Places of Worship Grant Scheme (DCMS).

It is our intention that the loan to Circuit of £50k and their additional loan of £15k was to be paid back when the property owned by Crediton Methodist Church (a flat at 22 Redvers House) was sold. We are currently awaiting an arbitration decision on a levy placed upon that money by TMCP (Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes).

The refurbishment management team are now disbanded.

Worship Conversation

Between August 2019 and February 2020 the Stewards and Leadership Team members met up with the members of the congregation to gather observations, thoughts and ideas about the pattern and content of worship experiences on offer, and what people would like to see happen in the future. The purpose of this piece of work was threefold:

1. To enhance the quality of the worship experience to the greater glory of God and for all members of the congregation.
2. To encourage individuals to think about the worship experience and think about the different elements of worship and consider what is most helpful.
3. To enable us to reach out more effectively and enable those who do not yet know Jesus as their Lord and Saviour to come and hear the Good News of the gospel.

At the outset, we identified that we would conduct conversations with about 116 people. By March 2020, we were able to collect 920 comments from around 72 people and these were collated into one document, which contains a great wealth of observations, ideas and views to work with as we seek to discern the right direction for us as a local church.

The Leadership and Stewards Team committed to meet on a monthly basis to prayerfully and systematically consider the way forward, and to work through and act on the large amount of information that we now have, so that God might truly lead us all to ways of worship that will enable all to worship, and bring glory and honour to him in all things.

Having given initial consideration to the document and as a basis for future discussions, the Leadership and Stewards teams set down an initial framework based on some of the clear strands that emerged from the conversations, and this was accepted by the Church Council. It has been possible to introduce some of the findings from the conversations into our worship, in particular within the online services that were born at the advent of the Covid-19 pandemic (see below). We will continue to work on the implementation of the framework as circumstances allow.

COVID-19

When the lockdown came in March we quickly moved to online worship and established weekly challenges for the whole family. This has proven to be popular and it has been proven that it is a valuable resource it is something that we have to continue in the future for those who need it.

Ann the minister was the central contact and members of the Church went out and did shopping for members of the community. Our pastoral team and members of the Church kept in constant contact with members of the congregation and community making sure that everyone is keeping safe, that they all have enough provisions, and not too lonely, along with home-baked cakes and gifts being delivered around.

The Leadership and Stewards Teams met regularly to sort out any issues that have arisen and making sure that everyone is being kept informed with the latest changes and what is happening.

Annual Report 2019/20 - Safeguarding

The church has a Safeguarding policy which is based on the Model Policy provided by the Methodist Church. There is a Safeguarding officer in post who is Mrs Elizabeth Allnutt (until 27th January 2020) and Mrs Pam Murphy (from 15th June 2020) with Mrs Bronwyn Nott as administrative support (from 15th June 2020).

There have been no referrals to statutory bodies during the year.

Financial Information

The accounts have been examined by an independent examiner: Mr P. Kempster
The Church bank is: NatWest, 59 High Street, Exeter EX4 3DL

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Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended August 31st 2020

General Fund Income and Expenditure

General Fund	Balances B/f	2018-2019		Balances C & B/f	2019-2020		Balances C/f
		Income	Expenditure		Income	Expenditure	Income
Church Activities	£15,375.06			£13,996.96			
Offertory		£26,432.47			£25,492.55		
Gift Aid Tax & GASDS		£13,541.53			£7,667.51		
Redvers Flat		£1,582.11	£3,110.87		£6,309.80	£3,838.62	
Flow er Fund	£137.37	£70.00	£69.57	£137.80	£45.00	£51.31	£131.49
Fund Raising		£487.20			£53.00		
Printing & Stationery		£57.50	£542.87			£329.34	
Pastoral			£18.00			£40.00	
Sundries		£371.86	£821.37		£1,964.89	£888.69	
Bank Interest		£110.27			£136.22		
Assessment			£30,750.00			£22,500.00	
Subscriptions / Licenses			£953.30			£1,970.09	
Young People (inc Ark etc.)		£1,417.97	£1,060.88		£10.33	£65.24	
Cost of building use	581 Hours	£450.00	£8,070.09	???? Hours			
Transfer to/frm Negative funds							
Connect			£203.19			£340.51	
Closing Balance (Sub Total)		£44,520.91	£45,600.14		£41,679.30	£30,023.80	
			-£1,079.23			£11,655.50	
Property Costs							
Hall Bookings		£3,316.53			£2,738.17		
Cost of building use	581 Hours	£8,070.09					
Weddings & Funerals							
Repairs and Renew als			£7,467.09			£5,988.61	
Electricity			£730.06			£787.56	
Gas			£1,384.39			£1,384.28	
Telephone / Broadband						£293.25	
Insurance			£1,609.41			£1,701.15	
Water			£494.54			£540.71	
Closing Balance (Sub Total)		£11,386.62	£11,685.49		£2,738.17	£10,695.56	
			-£298.87 #			-£7,957.39 #	
Closing Balance		£55,907.53	£57,285.63	£13,996.96	£44,417.47	£40,719.36	£17,695.07
			-£1,378.10			£3,698.11	

We should have an excess of £2500 to put aside for future large expenditures.

Summary of Restricted and Charitable Funds

Restricted Funds	Balances B/f	2018-2019		Balances C & B/f	2019-2020		Balances C/f
		Income	Expenditure		Income	Expenditure	
Benevolent Fund	£69.09	£57.01	£0.00	£126.10	£1,073.38	£1,134.59	£64.89
Friday Fellowship	£847.34	£646.05	£980.28	£513.11	£427.98	£357.00	£584.09
Doris Willson Trust	£36.94	£0.12	£37.06	£0.00			
Knit and Natter	£310.75	£660.10	£710.00	£260.85	£0.00	£260.85	£0.00
Refurbishment	£30,861.00	£353,959.93	£395,950.31	-£11,129.38	£73,826.92	£42,785.42	£19,912.12
Schools Out Family Café				£0.00	£240.00	£29.88	£210.12
Youth Worker	£13,339.68	£27,321.71	£40,220.67	£440.72	£25,220.35	£5,680.45	£19,980.62
Toddler Group	£183.55	£480.03	£456.07	£207.51	£246.44	£211.96	£241.99
Total Balances held	£52,124.82	£383,124.95	£438,354.39	-£9,581.09	£101,035.07	£50,460.15	£40,993.83

Charitable Fund	Balances B/f	2018-2019		Balances C & B/f	2019-2020		Balances C/f
		Income	Expenditure		Income	Expenditure	
ACF (formerly NCH)	£50.32	£345.08	£0.00	£395.40	£188.83	£580.00	£4.23
Christian Aid	£4.05	£830.27	£356.22	£478.10	£46.65	£524.00	£0.75
Causeway	£0.03	£51.16	£0.00	£51.19	£31.17	£0.00	£82.36
Chat	£1.29	£153.62	£0.00	£154.91	£58.24	£210.00	£3.15
Connect	£0.00	£480.00	£480.00	£0.00	£480.00	£480.00	£0.00
Edukid	£8,883.00	£1,750.83	£4,100.00	£6,533.83	£105.28	£275.00	£6,364.11
Foodbank	£4.15	£34.78	£0.00	£38.93	£0.00	£0.00	£38.93
Francisco Rojas School-David	£330.47	£573.81	£300.00	£604.28	£204.35	£300.00	£508.63
JMA	£222.10	£107.00	£0.00	£329.10	£0.00	£329.10	£0.00
Meth. Home for the Aged	-£32.20	£272.75	£0.00	£240.55	£158.23	£395.00	£3.78
Missions in Britain	£0.00	£20.00	£0.00	£20.00	£10.00	£30.00	£0.00
All We Can	-£10.70	£363.86	£0.00	£353.16	£16.69	£370.00	-£0.15
MWiB	£3.25	£191.38	£87.00	£107.63	£19.45	£125.00	£2.08
MWiB Local Network	£1.95	£16.90	£0.00	£18.85	£1.00	£18.00	£1.85
Repair Café	£0.00	£1,391.99	£560.89	£831.10	£383.17	£352.70	£861.57
World Missions	£5.52	£6.00	£0.00	£11.52	£12.50	£24.00	£0.02
Other	£0.00	£461.25	£300.00	£161.25	£407.30	£357.00	£211.55
Total Balances held	£9,665.97	£7,050.68	£6,184.11	£10,329.80	£2,122.86	£4,369.80	£8,082.86

Bank Balances	2018-19	2019-20
Current Account	£44,280.38	£37,440.33
Central Finance Board	£13,136.93	£21,973.15
Central Finance Board 2	£7,183.59	£7,235.03
Methodist Chael Aid	-£50,000.00	£0.00
Cash in Hand	£144.77	£123.25
Totals	£14,745.67	£66,771.76

Restricted and Church Group Funds

1st September 2019 – 31st August 2020

Benevolent Fund

Opening balance £ 126.10

Income

Collection £ 1,073.38

Total £ 1,073.38

Expenditure

Food Money £ 1,134.59

Total £ 1,134.59

Closing balance £ 64.89

Flowers

Opening balance

Flower Fund Account £ 117.61

Cash in Hand £ 20.19

Total £ 137.80

Income

Donations £ 45.00

Total £ 45.00

Expenditure

Food Money £ 51.31

Total £ 51.31

Closing balance

Flower Fund Account £ 117.61

Cash in Hand £ 13.88

Total £ 131.49

Friday Fellowship

Opening balance

Bank Account £ 459.55

Cash in Hand £ 53.56

Total £ 513.11

Income

Collections £ 345.31

Bring & Buy £ 82.67

Total £ 427.98

Expenditure

Plan International £ 180.00

Speakers £ 120.00

Misc. £ 57.00

Total £ 357.00

Closing balance

Bank Account £ 541.55

Cash in Hand £ 42.54

Total £ 584.09

Knit and Natter Group

Opening balance	£ 260.85
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Income

Total	£ 0.00
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Closing balance	£ 0.00
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Expenditure

Families	£ 60.00
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I.A.T. Transport	£ 200.82
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Total	£ 260.85
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Refurbishment Fund**Opening balance**

Designated Fund	£ 4,658.97
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Specific Fund	£ 30,195.77
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Restricted Fund	£ 4,015.88
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Methodist Chapel Aid	£- 50,000.00
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Total	£ - 11,129.38
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Income

Bank Interest	£ 51.44
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Saturday Coffee	£ 230.63
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St Nicholas Fayre	£ 125.00
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Sale of cards	£ 174.35
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Police Concert	£ 195.00
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Difference Chair Trolley	£ 74.40
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Donations	£ 20,264.40
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China Slides	£ 40.00
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Rwanda Talk	£ 32.00
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Crediton Town Band	£ 237.00
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Transfer cards Pastoral	£ 10.00
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Opening Lunch	£ 217.00
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Gift Aid Tax	£ 12,122.36
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Refund of VAT	£ 9,795.34
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Grants	£ 30,000.00
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Gift Day	£ 258.00
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Total	£ 73,826.92
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Closing balance

Designated Fund	£ 2,713.29
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Specific Fund	£ - 20,117.14
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Restricted Fund	£ 37,315.97
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Total	£ 19,912.12
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Expenditure

Design Harris MacMillan	£ 3,462.05
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Print and Stationery	£ 14.18
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Hand Rail	£ 100.00
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Notice Board/Hand rail	£ 1,622.53
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Repayment of Loan	£ 4,000.00
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Fifields Construction	£ 10,174.97
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Trf Refurb to GF re Flat	£ 6,309.80
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Removal and Storage	£ 708.45
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Conservation book	£ 73.47
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PA/AV Deposit	£ 16,026.63
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Meth Chapal Aid Interest	£ 293.34
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Total	£ 42,785.42
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Schools Out Family Cafe

Opening balance	£ 0.00
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Income

Donations	£ 40.00
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Crediton Congs	£ 200.00
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Total	£ 240.00
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Closing balance	£ 210.12
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Expenditure

Food	£ 29.88
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Total	£ 29.88
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Toddlers

Opening balance

Bank Account	£	186.49
Cash in Hand	£	21.02
Total	£	<u>207.51</u>

Income

Subs / Donations	£	246.44
Total	£	<u>246.44</u>

Closing balance

Bank Account	£	225.16
Cash in Hand	£	16.83
Total	£	<u>241.99</u>

Expenditure

Food/Drinks	£	123.53
Printing & Stationery	£	85.43
Misc.	£	3.00
Total	£	<u>211.96</u>

Youth Worker Fund

Opening balance

Petty Cash Float	£	50.00
Designated Fund	£	7,996.01
Restricted Fund	£	-7,605.29
Total	£	<u>440.72</u>

Income

Saturday Coffee Mornings	£	44.00
Donations	£	4,018.24
Gift Aid Tax	£	1,161.95
Gift Day	£	890.00
Youth Café	£	45.00
Sale of Cards	£	128.10
Craft Fayre	£	270.00
Grants	£	16,000.00
Cards from Pastoral Fund	£	10.00
Refund on BT Bills	£	27.92
Sponsored Run	£	910.90
Farewell Gift A. Varker	£	923.10
Safari Donations	£	216.20
HMRC JRS Covid-19	£	554.94
Transfer	£	20.00
Total	£	<u>25,220.35</u>

Closing balance

Petty Cash Float	£	50.00
Designated Fund	£	8357.91
Restricted Fund	£	11,572.71
Total	£	<u>19,980.62</u>

Expenditure

Staffing Costs	£	4,763.76
Print & Stat	£	77.10
B.T.	£	265.02
DBS – Jane & Leigh	£	80.00
Ads for Y/W	£	285.00
Budget to work	£	61.14
Youth Café	£	131.93
Transfer	£	16.50
Total	£	<u>5680.45</u>

Charity Funds

1st September 2019 – 31st August 2020

Action for Children

Opening balance £ 395.40

Income

Sunday Morning Coffee	£	103.15
Xmas Day Collection	£	45.61
Gift Aid Tax	£	40.07
Total	£	188.83

Closing balance £ 4.23

Expenditure

Charity Giving	£	580.00
Total	£	580.00

All We Can

Opening balance £ 353.16

Income

Saturday Coffee Morning	£	11.20
Gift Aid Tax	£	5.49
Total	£	16.69

Closing balance £ - 0.15

Expenditure

Charity Giving	£	370.00
Total	£	370.00

Causeway

Opening balance £ 51.19

Income

Saturday Coffee	£	17.50
Gift Aid	£	13.67
Total	£	31.17

Closing balance £ 82.36

Expenditure

Total	£	0.00
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Charity Other

Opening balance £ 161.25

Income

Gift for Andy, Jenny & Leah	£	50.00
Toilet Twinning	£	295.00
Tear Fund	£	13.15
Gift Aid Tax	£	49.15
Total	£	407.30

Closing balance £ 211.55

Expenditure

Gift for Andy, Jenny & Leah	£	25.00
Gift for Leah & John	£	25.00
Toilet Twinning	£	307.00
Total	£	357.00

Christian Aid

Opening balance £ 478.10

Income

Gift Aid Tax £ 46.65

Total £ 46.65

Closing balance £ 0.75

Expenditure

Annual Giving £ 524.00

Total £ 524.00

Churches Housing Action Team (CHAT)

Opening balance £ 154.91

Income

Gift Aid Tax £ 17.04

Saturday Coffee £ 32.20

Donation £ 9.00

Total £ 58.24

Closing balance £ 3.15

Expenditure

Annual Giving £ 210.00

Total £ 210.00

Connect

Opening balance £ 0.00

Income

Saturday Coffee Mornings £ 29.50

Sunday Morning Coffee £ 45.00

Gift Aid Tax £ 54.99

Donation £ 10.00

Trf to clear negative bal. £ 340.51

Total £ 480.00

Closing balance £ 0.00

Expenditure

Contributed £ 480.00

Total £ 480.00

Edukid

Opening balance £ 6,533.83

Income

Repair Café donations £ 84.04

Gift Aid Tax £ 21.24

Total £ 105.28

Closing balance £ 6,364.11

Expenditure

Oscar K. Sponsorship £ 275.00

Total £ 275.00

Food Bank

Opening balance £ 38.93

Income

Total £ 0.00

Closing balance £ 38.93

Expenditure

Total £ 0.00

Francisco Rojas School in Peru

Opening balance	£	<u>604.28</u>
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Income

Gift Aid tax	£	18.20
Sunday Morning Coffee	£	91.00
Fund Raising/Diabetes Rd	£	64.50
Coffee – Repair Cafe	£	30.65
Total	£	<u>204.35</u>

Closing balance	£	<u>508.63</u>
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Expenditure

Sponsorship	£	300.00
Total	£	<u>300.00</u>

JMA

Opening balance	£	<u>329.10</u>
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Income

Total	£	<u>0.00</u>
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Closing balance	£	<u>0.00</u>
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Expenditure

Mission in Britain 25%	£	82.28
World Mission Fund 75%	£	246.82
Total	£	<u>329.10</u>

Methodist Homes for the Aged

Opening balance	£	<u>240.55</u>
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Income

Saturday Coffee Morning	£	18.00
Sunday Morning Coffee	£	95.60
Gift Aid Tax	£	44.63
Total	£	<u>158.23</u>

Closing balance	£	<u>3.78</u>
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Expenditure

Annual Giving	£	395.00
Total	£	<u>395.00</u>

Methodist Women in Britain

Opening balance	£	<u>107.63</u>
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Income

Gift Aid Tax	£	10.95
Saturday Coffee	£	8.50
Total	£	<u>19.45</u>

Closing balance	£	<u>2.08</u>
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Expenditure

Annual Giving	£	125.00
Total	£	<u>125.00</u>

Methodist Women in Britain (Local Network)

Opening balance	£	<u>18.85</u>
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Income

5ps Jar	£	1.00
Total	£	<u>1.00</u>

Closing balance	£	<u>1.85</u>
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Expenditure

Annual Giving	£	18.00
Total	£	<u>18.00</u>

Mission in Britain Fund (Home Missions)

Opening balance £ 20.00

Income

Saturday Coffee Morning £ 10.00

Total £ 10.00

Expenditure

Annual Giving £ 30.00

Total £ 30.00

Closing balance £ 0.00

Repair Café

Opening balance £ 831.10

Income

Donations £ 383.17

Total £ 383.17

Expenditure

Children in Need £ 139.93

Repair Café Equipment £ 212.77

Total £ 352.70

Closing balance £ 861.57

World Mission

Opening balance £ 11.52

Income

Gift Aid Tax £ 12.50

Total £ 12.50

Expenditure

Annual Giving £ 24.00

Total £ 24.00

Closing balance £ 0.02

Reserves Policy

The Charity's Reserves Policy deals with:

- (a) Our General Fund
- (b) Central Finance Board

Other funds also held which are NOT required to be included in our reserves are:

- (c) Central Finance Board 2 (Refurbishment)
- (d) Central Finance Board 2 (Youth Worker)

Our Reserves

- (a-b) Our General Fund

We aim ideally to hold in reserve sufficient money to cover six month's expenditure i.e. £25,000 (excluding Cost of building use)

The reason for this is twofold: -

- (i) The church needs around one month's average expenditure in reserve as working capital to cover normal running costs.
- (ii) Maintenance on church buildings and special outreach events are mainly funded from fundraising efforts and money is regularly spent in advance of being raised. To cover this, the Church needs a further five months' in reserve.

As there are insufficient funds in the current account to cover this amount, at present time we can also draw upon monies held in the Central Finance Board. There is a shortfall of £7,300 in our general reserve.

Other Funds held for specific purposes

- (c) Central Finance Board 2 (Refurbishment Fund)

We maintain a Refurbishment Fund (held by Central Finance Board) for refurbishment and modification of the premises. This was completed in August 2019, but we still need funds in the account until August 2020 when our final bills will be paid.

The Refurbishment Fund will continue to be held by Central Finance.

- (d) Central Finance Board 2 (Youth Worker Fund)

After a successful 6 year project, we are working our way towards a new 2 year project, this is still in the setup phase, but we are hoping to start the project in September 2020 subject to funding.

Minutes of the Annual General Church Meeting held by video conference on Monday 21st September 2020

Present: Revd Alison Richardson, John Ashley (Secretary) and 15 members

Apologies: Meg Ellis, Pam Murphy, Tina Turner and Alan Sharpe

1. The Minister welcomed all those present and explained that this meeting had been delayed by the pandemic. She opened the meeting with a reading from Matthew chapter 9 verse 9 – “Calling” – followed by a prayer by Martin Luther
2. The Annual Report for 2018/19, which includes the minutes of the meeting held on 24th March 2019, had been circulated having been previously reviewed and approved in draft by the Church Council at its meeting on 14th November 2019, subject to completion of the independent examiner’s review of the financial statements for the year ended 31st August 2019.
3. There were no matters arising from the minutes of the previous meeting.
4. The Annual Report was approved and signed by the Minister.
5. The appointments of Leadership Team, Stewards and the Church Council agreed at the meeting on 24th March 2019 have been extended for a further year to the 2021 Annual General Church Meeting. Apart from Elaine Gregory, David Smith and Julian Varker, who have resigned, all those appointed have agreed to serve for the further year.

Leadership Team: Hilary Everitt, Cathy Jerrard, Pam Murphy and Glenn Turner

Stewards: Elizabeth Allnutt, Marjorie Ashley Hilary Everitt, Christine Marshall and Christine Turner

Elected members: Sheila Davison, Meg Ellis, Elizabeth Greenslade, Christine Gregory, Wendy Homeshaw, Bronwyn Nott, Gill Sutton, Karen Theedom and Alan Sharpe

6. The meeting closed with a prayer.