SUTTON-ON-HULL METHODIST CHURCH

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Details

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Activities

Objects: THE PURPOSES OF THE METHODIST CHURCH ARE AND SHALL BE DEEMED TO HAVE BEEN SINCE THE DATE OF UNION THE ADVANCEMENT OF -(A) THE CHRISTIAN FAITH IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE DOCTRINAL STANDARDS AND THE DISCIPLINE OF THE METHODIST CHURCH;(B) ANY CHARITABLE PURPOSE FOR THE TIME BEING OF ANY CONNEXIONAL, DISTRICT, CIRCUIT, LOCAL OR OTHER ORGANISATION OF THE METHODIST CHURCH;(C) ANY CHARITABLE PURPOSE FOR THE TIME BEING OF ANY SOCIETY OR INSTITUTION SUBSIDUARY OR ANCILLARY TO THE METHODIST CHURCH;(D) ANY PURPOSE FOR THE TIME BEING OF ANY CHARITY BEING A CHARITY SUBSIDIARY OR ANCILLARY TO THE METHODIST CHURCH.

Activities: TO PROMOTE A PLACE OF SPIRITUAL ENRICHMENT FOR THE COMMUNITY, A MEETING PLACE OF PEACE, FRIENDSHIP AND COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT FOR THE PUBLIC IN SUTTON ON HULL AND SURROUNDING AREA.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space
- **What:** Religious Activities
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, The General Public/mankind

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Geography

- East Riding Of Yorkshire
- Kingston Upon Hull City

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-08-31	£59,079	£66,790	-	-
2024-08-31	£75,089	£80,824	-	-
2023-08-31	£57,318	£48,618	-	-
2022-08-31	£52,916	£51,857	-	-
2021-08-31	£41,457	£46,355	-	-
2020-08-31	£77,059	£52,442	-	-

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Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Rev Eric Raygor	Chair	2025-09-01
ANGELA MEADLEY		2018-03-15
Andrew David Bettley		2018-03-15
Anne Borrill		2018-09-01
DEACON SUSAN LANGDALE		2017-09-01
ELAINE MARY CALVER		2023-05-14
FIONA HOUGHTON		2018-09-01
JIM MASLEN		2017-09-01
LINDA WHITTON		2017-09-01
MARGARET BETTLEY		2017-09-01
MARGARET PARKER		2017-09-01
PATRICIA DYSON		2017-09-01
PHILIP PLUMB		2017-09-01
Philip James Langdale		2021-10-14
Robin Edward Siddle		2021-10-14
STEVEN CALVER		2024-05-12
WENDY WINFIELD		2017-09-01
WILLIAM DIXON		2018-03-15

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Accounts

SUTTON ON HULL METHODIST CHURCH
ANNUAL CHURCH MEETING
SUNDAY 11TH MAY 2025

PRESENT:
Rev Debbie Lucas, Mr Phil Langdale, Deacon Sue Langdale, Mr Jim Maslen, Mr Andrew Bettley, Mrs Margaret Parker, Mr Bill Dixon, Mrs Penny Dixon, Mrs Elaine Calver, Mr Steve Calver, Mrs Angie Meadley, Mr Phil Plumb, Mrs Elaine Plumb, Mrs Pat Dyson, Mrs Margaret Bettley, Mrs Ann Borrill, Mrs Eileen Edwards, Mrs Doreen Hampshire, Mr Matthew Bunting, Mr Dennis Robson, Mrs Barbara Whelan, Mr Mike Winfield, Mrs Wendy Winfield

The meeting started at 12.35 pm

OPENING PRAYER
Rev Debbie opened the meeting with prayer, with prayers for the business to be covered during our meeting time.

APOLOGIES:
Mrs Fiona Houghton, Mrs Julie Lloyd, Mr Ray Lloyd, Mr Colin Harker, Mrs Ruth Harker

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING
The minutes from the last Annual Church Meeting held on Sunday 12th May 2024 were accepted by those gathered and signed by Rev Debbie Lucas.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF ACM 12/05/24
None

TIME OF REMEMBRANCE
The meeting remembered with thanks the lives of Frank Dearing (passed away March 2025), Arthur Kitching (passed away January 2025), Maurice Lunn (passed away December 2024), Audrey Hall (passed away August 2024), Garry Thomas (passed away March 2025), Sheila Drake (passed away July 2024), Paul Dowling (passed away September 2024).

CHURCH STEWARDS
Mrs Fiona Houghton, Mr Andrew Bettley, Mrs Margaret Parker, Mr Bill Dixon and Mrs Wendy Winfield are all able and willing to serve as Church Stewards for a further year. In addition Mrs Angie Meadley and Mr Robin Siddle are happy to continue fulfilling their roles as Church Life Stewards.
Mr Phil Langdale proposed that the Meeting accept the above Church Members as Stewards and Church Life Stewards, for the year up to May 2026, and Mrs Penny Dixon seconded this. This proposal was carried unanimously.

ELECTION OF CHURCH REPRESENTATIVES TO THE CHURCH COUNCIL
Currently Church Member Representatives to the Church Council are:
Deacon Sue Langdale, Mrs Elaine Calver, Mr Jim Maslen, Mrs Ann Borrill, Mrs Margaret Bettley, Mrs Pat Dyson, Mr Phil Plumb, Mr Steve Calver.

Mr Jim Maslen expressed his wish to step down from this role. Rev Debbie Lucas thanked Jim for his many years of service on the Church Council, and she also thanked him for his continuing work with IT preparation for worship every Sunday.

Mrs Angie Meadley proposed that the above members continue as Church Representatives to the Church Council and Mrs Doreen Hampshire seconded this.

WRITTEN REPORTS FOR 2024 - 2025

The Reports were distributed as paper copies. Rev Debbie Lucas thanked all who had written and submitted a report, and Wendy for compiling the reports.

Rev Debbie Lucas then asked Mr Phil Langdale if he wished to add to his **Treasurer's report**. Phil said that although our reserves might be looking healthy, we are using up these reserves at the rate of £10,000 a year. He went on to thank everyone for their giving and asked if we might review our giving with the possibility of making an increase. Phil commented that through deaths over the past two or three years we have lost some 'good givers' with the result that our weekly/monthly income has gone down.
Mrs Angie Meadley thanked Phil for all his work as Church Treasurer.

With regard to the **Business Committee report**, Phil went on to talk about a recent visit to our premises by Methodist Insurance. A suggestion from the insurance representative had been to create a photographic inventory of the premises and its contents. Steve Calver has followed this up and done all the work to create a photo album (to be kept in the safe), and also has a digital copy on a memory stick as well as a copy on his own computer. On behalf of the Church, Phil thanked Steve for all the work that has gone into the creation of the inventory.

Mr Steve Calver expanded upon the **Warm Welcome report**. He said that currently a CAB (Citizens Advice Bureau) advisor comes into Warm Welcome on a weekly basis. This may change in the future but as it stands it is proving helpful for those who are unable to travel into town.

With reference to figures in the **Room Lettings report** compiled by Mrs Elaine Calver, Mr Bill Dixon thanked all who in any way facilitate the fact that 550 people access our premises each week. Use of our premises by outside agencies helps with our funding.

With reference to **property maintenance**, Mrs Wendy Winfield said that Mr Ray and Mrs Julie Lloyd had asked if anyone has an unwanted electric lawnmower that they could donate to the Church. Mr Steve Calver commented on what a great asset to the Church Mr Ray Lloyd is with his willingness to tackle all sorts of maintenance and 'fitting/fixing' jobs.

Rev Debbie Lucas thanked Mr Mike Winfield for his work in reinstating **Meet and Eat** over the last year. She said that getting people together outside of the Church premises is a good thing, particularly as the range of those who attend widens.

Mrs Angie Meadley expressed her thanks again to all who help with **Messy Church**. Without the helpers, the sessions could not be held. Wendy thanked Angie for all the hard work that she puts into Messy Church.

Rev Debbie thanked Mrs Elaine Plumb for her work in keeping links going with Bransholme Methodist Church, particularly the communications regarding **Chair Exercise**.

Rev Debbie asked the meeting if it was happy to receive the written reports as a record of what has happened and is happening within Sutton Methodist Church. Everyone agreed. Debbie said thank you for all the 'secret prayer and love' that goes on, creating a healthy soil for future growth.

ITEMS RAISED CONCERNING THE LIFE AND WITNESS OF THE CHURCH

- **Warm Welcome** has collected many resources and from the abundance of books and jigsaws, several are now available for folks to take, to use and recycle, but not to return.
- A possible **Service of Blessing for Warm Welcome** had been mentioned at the 2024 Annual Church Meeting. Rev Debbie asked Deacon Sue Langdale if this was something still to be considered. Deacon Sue said she would think about this.
- Rev Debbie commented that the lovely garden furniture purchased via Warm Welcome had proved its worth.
- Worship Leader news – Rev Debbie explained that, with a heavy heart, Mrs Pat Dyson had decided that she needed to step down from being a Worship Leader. Debbie thanked pat for all her years of service as a Worship Leader.
- Debbie informed the Meeting that she had had a Confirmation and Membership request from Mr Brendon Arnold. Debbie said that Brendon is really keen to become a member but he has stressed that, due to work and family commitments, he is not able to attend Worship every week. Mr Mike Winfield said that he had had several conversations with Brendon in which he came across as very loyal and committed. Night shifts inevitably controlled what Brendon can do during the day, and, weekends when he is not at work, he needs time to spend with his family. Several other people who have also spent time talking with Brendon agreed with what Mike was saying. Angie said that she has been trying to support the family with Messy Church resources. Debbie said that Brendon wants to be able to serve and help in the Church. Deacon Sue asked if we could make sure that Brendon received a copy of the Church reports and Rev Debbie said that she would provide Brendon with a membership booklet.
- Rev Debbie checked with the Meeting that **Remembrance Sunday** arrangements that have existed over the past few years should be continued in the future, that is no morning service at Sutton Methodist Church and a combined service with the congregation of St James and people of the local community. This, of course, also involves the Uniformed Organisations. The Meeting agreed. Remembrance Sunday 2025 will take place on Sunday 9th November.
- Mrs Angie Meadley requested that Safer Recruitment/Safeguarding forms re roles in the Church should be returned to her as soon as possible.
- Mr Dennis Robson wanted to record how impressed he was with the visit to Warm Welcome of the Green Doctor. Dennis had received a home visit from Green Doctor and was very grateful for the service he received from them. Dennis said that Warm Welcome does some good signposting.
- Rev Debbie said that Rev Arthur Harbottle, who is helping us with problems with our electricity meters, had spoken to her at Synod. He is committed to sorting out the problems in our Hall premises.
- Rev Debbie said that at Synod there had been discussion re deeper awareness and deeper conversation leading to spiritual growth with a spiritual safety net.
- Prayer cards had been mentioned at Synod. Wendy wondered whether these might be similar to some that she has seen in several Anglican churches – a set of cards meeting various needs. Perhaps we could obtain some and have them available in some of the areas used by the public throughout the week? Rev Debbie said that there are also Methodist Prayer booklets. Deacon Sue said that she also has some 'Cross in my pocket's and perhaps these could also be made available.

- Bransholme Methodist Church - Rev Debbie gave the Meeting an update. Debbie said that she had taken the question of 'Where is BMC going?' to the last Circuit Meeting. With regard to closing or 'ceasing to worship' relevant forms were filled in and sent to the District. As a result, District decided that they wanted to look further into the problems and potentials before anything else happens. Debbie had a meeting with Ruth Gill and explained that, although we don't want to pull out of a needy estate, we just haven't got the resources at Sutton/within the Circuit to manage the building. Ruth Gill has compiled a report in which it says that for any continuation of BMC there needs to be discussion re governance, grants, finances etc. Debbie has stressed that it is not just the work with the local community but the huge task of looking after and maintaining the building.
- Mr Bill Dixon said that from our discussions in the Meeting, it is clear that Church is no longer primarily about what we do on a Sunday, but all the other things that happen in the name of 'Church", such as Warm Welcome, Messy Church, Thursday Fellowship, Zoom Prayer Meeting, Zoom Bible Study, making Sunday Worship a consolidation of everything else that is going on. Deacon Sue said that someone had said to her that our Church has kept the Community going, particularly with the Hedge Ministry. Phil pondered what the folks in the Lambwath might be thinking when they see a group of 40 people from the Church gathering together regularly for Meet and Eat. Phil also said that he has had some interesting conversations at Warm Welcome, conversations initiated by Guests. He said some people say that Warm Welcome is their Church.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS None.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING
It was agreed that the next Annual Church Meeting would take place this time next year on **Sunday 10th May 2026** following the 10.45am service.

MEETING SUMMARY
Debbie said that the work that was started in Lockdown carries on.

CLOSING PRAYERS
Rev Debbie closed the Meeting with prayer, with special reference to the Stewards and the Representatives to the Church Council.

The meeting finished just after 2.00pm.

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SUTTON METHODIST CHURCH

ANNUAL CHURCH REPORTS – May 2025

From the Letter to the Hebrews

We have then, my brothers and sisters, complete freedom to go into the Most Holy Place by means of the death of Jesus. He opened for us a new way, a living way, through the curtain – that is, through his own body. We have a great priest in charge of the house of God. So, let us come near to God with a sincere heart and a sure faith, with hearts that have been purified from a guilty conscience and with bodies washed with clean water. Let us hold on firmly to the hope we profess, because we can trust God to keep his promise. Let us be concerned for one another, to help one another to show love and to do good.

Hebrews 10: 19 - 24

Stewards' Report

Once again, the Stewards' team remains unchanged and we continue to meet face to face on a regular basis to discuss pastoral concerns, practical matters arising in the day to day running of our church and to plan future activities, as well as to evaluate what has taken place both at Sutton and in the Circuit in recent weeks.

We are pleased to note that outreach work, particularly in the form of Warm Welcome, is still thriving and has brought several members of our wider community into the fold of our church family via events such as the Church Pantomime, our monthly 'Meet & Eat' get-togethers and the joint WW/church social events like the recent Beetle Drive.

We would, as always, like to acknowledge the tremendous hard work and commitment on the part of Robin and Helen Siddle in organising 3 significant social events in our calendar – the Church Pantomime, Harvest Supper and Christmas Fair, all of which draw in members of the local community and bring enjoyment to so many people.

Our hedge ministry seems to be as popular as ever, with a swift uptake of the knitted creations (most recently the Easter bunnies). We are very grateful to all the friends of the church who take the time to knit for us and, in so doing, give pleasure to so many.

We have, once again, enjoyed many special services over the year, including Harvest Festival, the Gift Service, our Church Anniversary service and also our musical local arrangement service in December when our singing group performed 'While Shepherds Watched'. After many of these services we enjoy extended fellowship with the sharing of Faith Lunches.

It wouldn't be right to conclude this report without recording our heartfelt thanks and appreciation to Rev Debbie, as she prepares to move on to her new post after the summer. The Stewards' team have benefited greatly from having her calm, pragmatic and steady presence to guide us over the last 7 or so years, particularly as we tried to navigate our way through the very difficult Covid period! I'm sure that I speak for all of us when I say that we are truly grateful for all your help and support and we shall miss you greatly.

Fiona Houghton

Children's Work

Messy Church

We are still holding the Messy Church once a month. Up to summer 2024 our numbers had reduced because some of the children who had been coming for years had gone into the 2nd year of senior school and found other things to do on a Thursday.
However, in the autumn term a number of new families joined us and we currently have 12 new children registered for this period. We are still joined by our regular families.

Christmas 2024

We held a Christmas Craft Afternoon on Sunday 15th December 2024. This was very well attended with 25 children and adults, totaling 46 people. Once again new families joined us. We made various crafts of the glittery variety and also the Christmas Nativity themed crafts, and decorated biscuits. We had a Nativity service in the Church at 4pm and we were joined by members of the Church and public as part of their Sunday Worship.
The Nativity Service was prepared and led by Robin and Helen Siddle. The scene was set and the parts played by all the children at Messy Church. We got to sing Christmas songs too. This service was special as the helpers don't always get to see the children's service as we are usually setting up the Hall ready for tea. Thank you to Robin and Helen for creating the Nativity, to Wendy for playing the music and of course everyone that joined us. Afterwards we all shared our usual meal together in the Hall and then all the children were given a selection box for Christmas.

Easter Craft Afternoon 2025

We held our Easter Craft Afternoon on Sunday 13th April 2025. We had 17 children and 16 adults, though we all commented that it felt like more, especially because of the noise level. The numbers were lower due to some children being on holiday and a few illnesses. The children who regularly join us will get an Easter Egg at our next Messy Church in May. Some of our new families joined us for their first Easter at Sutton. We made lots of fluffy Easter crafts and then decorated buns and a biscuit. It was finally time for our popular Easter Egg Hunt. Although the weather was ok the plastic eggs were hidden in the church again this year. Wendy took charge of the children ensuring they took their time finding the eggs, giving us enough time to set up the Hall for the next crafts. Once the children had been presented with their eggs, along with an Easter Bunny hedge ministry pack, a Palm cross and an Easter poem, we carried on with our religious Easter crafts.
A little later the children went back to the Church for an Easter Service led by Keith Thomas. This was enjoyed by everyone and I would like to

thank Keith for his continued support of Messy Church when he is available.

Parent feedback
Whilst I was typing this report one of the parents sent me a picture of an Easter card her daughter had made herself for her grandma using her new found quilling skills. We have our quilling lady (otherwise known as Lesley Brown) who has a different quilling craft for every bible lesson, and Easter was no different. Alice had made a quilling pattern on her card at Church, and then made another at home.
We recently did Samson crafts and one of those was to make a sock head filled with soil and grass seed, so that when the grass grows it will represent Samson's hair growth. I received pictures from Nancy's grandma to show the progress of growth (which was much better than my own).

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has helped to make all the craft sessions and children's services possible. I know we all enjoy it as much as the children and their families.
I would especially like to thank our team of regular Messy Church helpers: Wendy Winfield, Mabel Burrows, Fiona Houghton, Phil Plumb, Elaine Calver, Margaret Parker, Lesley Brown and Vanessa Turner. Also, Ann Borrill and Eileen Edwards who join us when they are able, Mike Winfield when required for kitchen duties, Julie Lloyd for providing some crafts for some of the sessions, and Ken Parker who comes and helps clear the Hall after the sessions have ended.

Thank you for making Messy Church possible.

Angie Meadley

Sutton Methodist Brownies

Sutton Methodist Brownies have enjoyed another year of activities and adventures. Our membership numbers continue to remain high and we currently have 20 brownies. Our leadership team consists of 4 regular volunteers, and we have also welcomed a new unit helper.

Throughout the past year the Brownies have continued to follow the Girl Guiding program and many girls have shown lots of commitment and have worked at home to gain interest badges on themes such as baking, painting, local history and mindfulness. This commitment has given many of the girls the opportunity to earn their bronze and silver award, with two girls earning their gold award, the highest award available at Brownie level.

As a unit we have had the pleasure of taking part in many events, such as the Division Day, which was held at Kingston Wesley Church in July 2024. The Sutton Brownies had the chance to meet other rainbows, brownies and guides units across the division and spent the day 'camping without camping', including lots of campfire songs and toasting marshmallows. We also took part in the country wide cinema day trip where the girls experienced a special viewing of the Moana 2 film.

Lorna Burden

Sutton Methodist Scouts

It's been another very busy year for the leaders and young people of our Scout Group. We've taken part in walks, camps, competitions, and our Scouts won the scouting competition at the City of Hull Open Weekend, proving what we already knew, that they are the best scouts in Hull. We've also been out and about helping the community and fed the homeless in the city centre, a truly eye-opening experience. We look forward to more camps this summer, starting with a camp at Fort Paull in May. Following that, an adventure weekend at Raywell Park in June, taking part in archery, climbing wall, rifle shooting, grass sledges and country walks. In July, at Melton, the Scouts will take part in a survival camp where they'll put to the test all they have learned with regards shelter, fire building and cooking on an open fire. We then have a joint explorer camp in September before the weather puts a stop to our camping season. That won't stop us scouting though, we'll continue with the fun in the dark and cold.

Carl Eden

Thursday Afternoon Fellowship

Once again, we have enjoyed our weekly meetings which are held on most Thursday afternoons throughout the year. Invited speakers deliver interesting talks and demonstrations on various topics, and we organise our own Members' Afternoons on alternate weeks. For Members' Afternoons we take part in games, quizzes and discussions.
We keep in touch regularly with past members or anyone who is unwell, and hope to continue and welcome others into our Fellowship.

Pat Dyson

Thursday Prayer Group – 7.30pm on Zoom

It is almost five years since the Thursday Prayer Group began on Zoom. In that time a few people have dipped their toes in but felt it wasn't for them, others have come and stayed longer then moved on to try new things. But for now, we are a regular group of 10 from Hedon, Sutton and Kingston Wesley that meets each week. We usually begin with a short time of prayer; sometimes there is music, a bible reading, a short reflection or story, and this leads into a more formal time of Intercessory Prayer, praying for the World, others and ourselves. For those involved it forms an important part of their prayer life helping their faith to grow and deepen. It also gives a sense of closeness to God, each other and those being prayed for.

A year ago, we were led by four people but sadly Geoff passed away unexpectedly. In May we will be remembering the1st anniversary of his passing. When a new person, Ann, offered to take Geoff's place we were delighted, but not long after she too began to be ill and had to step back. But she is hoping to return soon.

If you feel you would like to be part of the Prayer Group on Zoom, or feel you would prefer to link in via telephone, please contact Angie Meadley for details. If there is someone or something you would like us to pray about on your behalf, again please contact our link person, Angie. We would love to hear from you.

Sue Langdale for the group

Zoom Bible Study

Every Wednesday evening a small group of us gather together for a bible study on Zoom. It has become a regular event each Wednesday for predominantly people from Sutton but also a regular attendee from Portobello. It takes its form from various study books, at the moment 'Miracles - Signs of God's Glory', which promote much discussion and soul searching. We have a tendency to expand the topic and bring in personal experiences pertaining to the bible extract under discussion. Some might say we go off at a tangent but we think it adds depth to our understanding. All in all, it brings us closer to God and each other.

Bill Dixon for the group

Meet 'n' Eat

The Meet 'n Eat group have met 13 times since we restarted. I think everyone who goes enjoys it. It is a time to meet together as a larger group, enjoy a meal out with good company and lots of chat. We will be continuing on the first Tuesday of the month, although we will miss the July date as the Lambwath, our meeting venue, is being refurbished. We meet up between 5.15pm and 5.30pm. The attendance varies from month to month but the number of attendances for the 13 meetings since we restarted is 434. (I will let you do the maths to find the average attendance.)

I thank everyone who responds when I text, or contact, them as it means I can give the Lambwath an accurate number for the table settings.
I hope you feel you will be able to continue to join us and if you can think of anyone who may be interested in a meal out with good company then please ask them along and let me know.

See you at the Meet 'n Eat meeting, a meeting with a difference.

Mike Winfield

Church Flowers

Once again, my thanks go to all those who contribute generously to the flower fund.

It gives me pleasure to arrange the flowers, and I know that they are appreciated by those who see them in the Church on Sundays and by those who receive them afterwards. My thanks go to Ann for ensuring that the flowers go on to be enjoyed by others following the Sunday service.

Due to changing circumstances, we have some gaps in the flower rota. If anyone would like to add their name to the list please speak to Ann Borrill or ring me on 788721.

Thank you.

Jenny Woods

Action for Children

Since the last General Church Meeting the wonderful sum of £593.76 has been donated. In view of the current economic situation, this is amazingly generous and very grateful thanks go to all the collectors and supporters.

To save costs, I always decline an acknowledgement letter when I pay money into the bank, but the most recent newsletter states that:

"We simply couldn't do without the unwavering support the Methodist community and affiliated churches have given us for over 150 years. Thank you for all the ways you turn love into action for vulnerable children."

I think that says it all really, doesn't it?

Margaret Parker

Christian Aid

Last year Hannah and I started the Christian Aid walk on 19th May, a bit later than usual as I was getting over a small operation. We again planned to walk 10,000 steps a day, although 2 weeks into the walk with 209,732 steps and 97.84 miles clocked up, with most of this in heavy rain, Hannah was unable to carry on walking for personal reasons. So, I had a mad idea to try and match the last year's steps, which meant another 173.53 miles in 16 days. I was walking over 10 miles a day. This was not the easiest walk, as we as a family had some issues out of our control and God didn't seem to be there helping, so I spent many miles arguing with God and feeling he wasn't listening and I questioned my faith. On the plus side I did more miles when I was angry.

On the last day I walked from Sutton to Barton, crossing the Humber Bridge twice. On my way across the Bridge towards Barton, God must have thought will you stop complaining, and I felt like I had a special moment when everything around me quietened and the peace I felt throughout, although only short, and afterwards was immense.
So, I carried on walking, slower than I had done, enjoying this feeling. This only mattered when I realized that Mike was driving me back to Sutton Church Hall for a surprise celebration at the completion of the walk. Thank you so much for the balloons, coffee and cakes, and of course the people who were there. I know it was short notice, but it was so special and thank you for waiting for me.

The support from everyone certainly kept me going and the final steps were 639,460 and 288.41 miles. This was an increase of 17.04 miles on the previous year and 190.57 in the 16 days.

Thanks to everyone because together we raised a massive £1293.50 including gift aid for Christian Aid.

This year I am planning on walking again for Christian Aid and this will be throughout the month of May (and at the time of reading this report, I will hopefully be almost halfway through it). I have a personal challenge in my head, also I need to lose some weight this year.

I have spoken with a couple of the Uniformed Groups' Leaders already and plan to pop in to see if they want to join in walking or doing their own event to raise funds for Christian Aid.

I also plan to speak to other groups, as last year was a difficult time for us as a family, and the walk and all those miles became more of a journey than just a walk. So, I will share this experience with others and hopefully inspire people to do something, or to support me in the fund raising.

I will include the Humber Bridge again in my walk at some point. Like last year, we can hold the fund raising for Christian Aid until the end of August so people can raise funds when it suits them. Once again, I would like to thank everyone for your continued support.

Angie Meadley

JMA – Junior Mission for All

We have 10 collectors; during the year to 31st August 2024 we raised £496.00.

I would welcome any new collectors, children and adults, to support the important work of mission.

Andrew Bettley

Music in the Church

Last summer many of our Singers were again involved in two performances of a Circuit Musical. 'Two Sisters and a Funeral', composed by Roger Jones, was performed at Withernsea Methodist Church and Holderness Road Methodist Church. As in 2023, the Choir and audiences at both performances enjoyed a rich time of fellowship and blessing.

In October 2024 our Singers began practising for Christmas. We worked on the musical, 'While Shepherds Watched'. We performed two of the songs at the Martin House Carol Service at Holderness Road Methodist Church, and then performed the full musical during the morning service on the second Sunday in Advent. A bigger than

average congregation, as well as the Singers, filled the downstairs of the Church that morning, as we sang about sheep and shepherds!

On the last Saturday in February of 2025, Sutton Methodist Church was pleased to be able to present to the Sutton Community another greatly-anticipated pantomime, featuring a range of talents and musical contributions. Thank you again to Robin and Helen for organising and producing 'Peter Pan'. It was good to see new-to-the-pantomime performers taking part, and the return again of 'old-timers'!

Across the Circuit, those who had sung in the previous two Circuit Musicals, began asking, at the beginning of 2025, if there was going to be another one this year. As a consequence, our Singers are currently practising the Roger Jones musical, 'Saints Alive', which tells the story of the birth of the Church on the day of Pentecost. The first performance of this musical will take place on Saturday 14th June 3pm at Withernsea Methodist Church, and the second is on Saturday 12th July 3pm at Holderness Road Methodist Church. Please put at least one of these dates in your diary.

On behalf of the Church Family, I would like to thank Matthew for his valued contribution to the music for Sunday Worship, and of course we all thank Jim for his weekly work in preparing worship items for us to read from the screens.

Wendy Winfield

Warm Welcome

The Warm Welcome team held its annual review and planning meeting in January 2025, noting that it has been a year of activity and productivity. We believe we have had a positive influence on our guests' general wellbeing. Measured by various evaluation tools including, observing guests and frequent verbal conversations and written feedback combined with photographs. The team also engage with our regular partnership agencies sharing ideas and seeking frequent feedback. During 2024 the team welcomed 1,688 guests through its doors. The team continues to strive to provide a free, accessible, safe, and non-judgemental environment for all the guests. A new piece of equipment is a designated mobile phone to be used to assist guests.

The Courtyard Garden is one of the most popular elements. It was consistently utilized by both Warm Welcome and the Church Community whenever the weather conditions allowed. The guests and volunteers have commented on how it has altered the space, and it is a pleasure to make use of it. New planting has already taken place and more will following. The Afternoon Tea event was successful, and was further

elevated by Mike W, who conducted the quiz from the stage and shepherded attendees smoothly through the proceedings. The Christmas celebration remains a popular function generating lots of good humour, laughter, and fun. The buffet and the musical entertainment complemented each other and unexpectedly we sampled dancing courtesy of Doreen H and Paul the local PC.

We are monitoring our existing service and remain persistent in identifying new ideas. Additions for 2025 include the Local Ward Councillors holding a once-a-month surgery within Warm Welcome, open to everyone. Sue and Steve participated in Community Inclusion Awareness and attended Ramadan at Hull Minster. This was both insightful and enjoyable. Steve and Phil completed Citizens Advice Bureau (C.A.B.) training, after which the team members participated in a condensed version of the training. The aim was improving the team's understanding of information and advice. This further resulted in Warm Welcome being successful in having a C.A.B. advisor in attendance once a week on a Friday. This is on an unspecified trial basis. The service is available to be used by everyone. The Wilson Centre satellite team continue to deliver their service on a Monday plus there are still periodic visits from The Local Policing Team. There is also a young lady from the Social Prescribing department who visits approximately every six weeks.

A Beetle Drive took place on the 5th of April. It was an enjoyable afternoon demonstrated by people frantically chasing a six to start the games. It was interesting to see how people became engrossed in the moment, adapting their methods trying to encourage a six to appear. Future events are to include an afternoon buffet type function, and something linked to Harvest, plus the end of the year Christmas get together.

Sadly, we had to bid a final farewell to three guests who have died in the last twelve months. Sheila Drake, a guest who joined us way back at the beginning of Warm Welcome, passed away in July 2024. Paul Dowling passed away later in 2024, and, only recently, we lost Garry Thomas in March 2025. They are all missed and remembered.

The Green Doctor team visited and were warmly welcomed, engaging numerous guests in conversations and distributing complimentary gifts. Recently we have reverted to the two-day-a-week opening. The sunnier days have encouraged the garden seating to slowly reappear. The RNLI donations are continuing and, on 10th April 2025, stand at £150. Alzheimer's Society also received a donation of £60. The crafting section have created a varied selection of creations. These include Hearts, Fish, Teddy Bears, and Owls, all passed on to support other organisations

including Dove House Hospice and the NHS. With the involvement and direction from Sue L, this Easter, the crafters have knitted Rabbits used to complement the Church's Easter Hedge Ministry.

The guests and the community are consistent in demonstrating their generosity and support by donating a mixture of products, supplies and financial donations. The Warm Welcome team appreciate all the contributions and donations and are looking forward to continuing supporting all the guests throughout 2025.

Steve Calver

Business Committee

The Business Committee meets every 2 to 3 months to discuss Property issues and Health and Safety matters within our premises. We have timetabled into our overall agenda an annual 'Property Walkabout' to make notes on areas that require attention in terms of general maintenance or potential refurbishment. Our findings help in the completion of the required 'Annual Property Checklist' and the 'Annual Returns'.

In the last 12 months the Primary Room has been redecorated and recarpeted and all the light tubes in the ancillary rooms behind the church have been replaced. Thank you to Graham Sowden for his part in this electrical work. In addition, the lighting for the outside passageway that connects our two sets of premises has been updated and renewed. The flat roof section of the Hall premises was also completely renewed after several attempts to stop the water ingress. This expenditure was necessary to prevent further damage to the internal decoration and lighting.

The Business Committee is aware of other property issues that need money spending on them, but we have to prioritise these, deciding on what is essential and what would be desirable. Alongside the essential and the desirable, there is another layer to be considered, health and safety, that is our legal duty to protect all users of our premises. To this end we have recently had the help of Vivienne Wilkes in carrying out a Fire Risk Assessment for the Hall premises. As a result of this assessment, two rotary fire alarms have been fitted to be used for 'raising the alarm' in the event of a fire in the Hall. The expenditure for these has been minimal compared to what was spent in the Church premises last year.

Throughout the year we employ professionals to make safety checks on gas appliances, emergency lighting, the fire alarm system, fire

extinguishers and other required inspections. All of these checks add to the cost of running the church premises.

The Church Family thank all those who carry out regular cleaning, gardening and general property maintenance, week by week and at other points during the year, especially when the premises need special preparation and tidying up, before and after the Pantomime or the Christmas Fair.

Wendy Winfield for the Business Committee

Fund-Raising

Although the Harvest Supper is not strictly a fund-raising event, around 50 people enjoyed a wonderful evening of a three-course meal followed by tea/coffee and entertainment by the Wedding Belles. We managed to make £120 which was donated to the Daisy Appeal.

Our regular Christmas Fair in November raised £715.

Peter Pan the Pantomime took place in February and we raised £1,600 for church funds plus another £240 for SACTS.

This results in a total of £2,315.00 for fund raising for Sutton Methodist for this financial year and £360 for charities.

We would greatly appreciate other people within the church undertaking further fund-raising events as our energy and enthusiasm is beginning to wane.

At the moment we do not have any plans for fund raising apart from the Christmas Fair and the Pantomime. We are always open to suggestions and volunteers who would undertake organising and running fund raising ventures.

Robin Siddle

Sutton Methodist Church Room Lettings

We currently have 5 fee-paying external groups using the premises on a weekly basis:

- Ginger Fitness
- Yoga
- Brooklands Photo Society
- Spring Cottage Superstars – Majorettes
- Slimming World – 2 groups

These groups mean that we have around 350 local people accessing the premises each week.

Additionally, we have some fee-paying groups who meet on a more ad-hoc basis:

Pulse Healthcare – Diabetes Prevention courses
Moorview Care
Reform
Sally Drury – Wreath-making & Seasonal Flower Arranging
UDOIT Dance Foundation

REA Tots had to cease to meet due to a prolonged health issue for the group leader.

In 2024-2025, the fee-paying groups contributed £14,512.00 to the Church accounts plus £1,807.00 from 17 children's parties, 2 jewellery valuations, 4 dance practices, 1 Toddler session, 4 Messy Bambino sessions and 3 Creative Craft sessions.

Nonfee-paying users include:

Warm Welcome
Thursday Fellowship
Messy Church
Brownies & Guides
Beavers, Cubs & Scouts

The Rainbows group closed at the beginning of 2025 as a new leader could not be found.

Overall, these groups and societies, plus Worship on Sundays, means that an average of around 550 people per week access the Church premises. All of these activities provide a much-valued contribution to the community in, and around, the Sutton area.

To enable these valuable room bookings to take place involves hard work from various church members.

The process generally begins via the church website which is ably administered by Matthew Bunting and monitored by Angie Meadley.

Enquires then arrive via email to Elaine Calver who negotiates room availability & hire charges to complete a booking. Regular users are then invoiced monthly to facilitate payment and parties etc are paid for in cash.

Only a few of the groups which use the church are key holders which means that all other users need to be welcomed to the premises and the premises made secure after the event. This part of the process requires a well-managed diary. Margaret Parker valiantly takes on this time-consuming task with others, such as Angie Meadley, Ray & Julie Lloyd and Wendy Winfield, stepping-in on occasions.

The Church Hall premises and the Church premises are kept clean and tidy by Julie Lloyd with Ray undertaking numerous practical tasks to keep the premises operating effectively. This means that

our premises are always presentable and inviting for paying users, which is important to ensure repeat bookings.

Thanks go to everyone concerned for the hard work and dedication which enables the Church to contribute to the local community by maintaining a visible presence within that community.

Elaine Calver

Treasurer's Report

We finished our last financial year to 31st August 2024 in a healthy position. Our reserves stood at £81,585 which are significantly higher than the recommended level of 50% of annual expenditure.

Our church income was up by £17,771 to £75,089. Collections and gift aid were up a little, but this was offset by increases in donations (£10,084) and interest (£6,133).

However, expenditure rose by £32,206 to £80,824, the main culprit being energy costs up by £7,753, repairs and maintenance by £18,402, and assessments by £3,600. The assessment increase is due to the fact that The Circuit gave us a temporary reduction of this amount in the previous year.

I have recently produced the half year accounts to 28th February 2025.

Our reserves have reduced by £10,848 to £70,737.

The half year income shows a reduction in giving and gift aid of £1,488. Last year we had received an individual donation of £10,000. The total reduction in income compared to this time last year was £9,181.

Our total expenditure has risen by £7,886 to £39,874. Property management costs are up by £7,493.

During the last eighteen months we have spent a considerable sum on refurbishing the Primary Room, fire precautions in the Church and a new roof for the toilet block in the Hall. These are one-off costs but we need to be aware that our Church premises are 165 years old and the Hall is over 60 years old. Hopefully we can contain repair expenditure in the next few years.

We are currently using up our reserves by £10,920 per year or £219 per week. Please look at your weekly giving if you can. Please see me if you would like to give by standing order directly to the Church.

Can I offer my thanks to Elaine Calver who works tirelessly on room bookings, to Andrew Bettley for administering gift aid, to Bill Dixon who organises the envelope scheme and, last but not least, to Jim Maslen who counts and banks the weekly collections.

Finally, a big thank you to you all for your weekly giving.

Phil Langdale

THE METHODIST CHURCH

STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

SUTTON METHODIST	Church

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31 August 2025

SOUTH HOLDERNESS	Circuit	Circuit no.	29/32

Registered Charity - Charity Registration number	1179285
If not a registered charity **Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs Gift Aid number**	

(The HMRC number is equivalent to a registered charity number in terms of evidence of charitable status and may be used to give to donors or grant funders wishing to see evidence of the organisation's charitable status. Methodist charities in England and Wales that are not registered charities are excepted from registration under Statutory Instrument 2014 No.242)

Minister:

Rev D.Lucas (to 31/8/25)

Church Stewards:

Mrs F.Houghton

Mrs M.Parker

Mr W.Dixon

Mr A.Bettley

Mrs W.Winfield

Treasurer:

Mr P.J.Langdale

ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025

SUTTON METHODIST Church

	SECTION A		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year		Totals last year
			£	£	£		£
a1	**RECEIPTS**	Note					
a2	Offerings and Tax recovered		33,817		33,817		34,031
a3	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income		2,486		2,486		8,139
a4	Lettings		18,884		18,884		18,411
a5	Other receipts		3,892		3,892		14,508
a6	**TOTAL RECEIPTS**		**59,079**		**59,079**	**(a7)**	**75,089**

	SECTION B						
b1	**PAYMENTS**						
b2	Circuit Assessment or Share		36,000		36,000		36,000
b3	Donations		2,505		2,505		2,490
b4	Repairs and Maintenance		10,520		10,520		20,874
b5	Utilities (Insurances, water charges, heating & lighting)		11,720		11,720		15,554
b6	Pension Fund						
b7	Other payments		6,045		6,045		5,906
b8	**TOTAL PAYMENTS**		**66,790**		**66,790**	**(b9)**	**80,824**

	SECTION C						
c1	**NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR**	**(a6-b8)**	(7,711)		(7,711)		(5,735)
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year		71,575		**71,575**	**(c6)**	**77,310**
c3	**Sub total**	**(c1+c2)**	63,864		**63,864**		**71,575**
c4	Transfers and adjustments					**(c7)**	
c5	**TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR**	**(c3+c4)**	**63,864**		**63,864**	**(c8)**	**71,575** **(c6)**

	SECTION D			
	FOR INFORMATION ONLY: MONEY RECEIVED AND PASSED ON TO EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS			
d	**(these amounts are not to be included in total receipts/payments figures**		£	£
d1	Balance brought forward from last year			
d2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations		4,695	1,541
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations		4,872	1,541
d4	**BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID**	(d1+d2-d3)	**(177)**	

SUTTON METHODIST **Church**

SUMMARY OF CHURCH ACCOUNTS AND INTERNAL ORGANISATIONS REPORTING TO THE CHURCH COUNCIL

SECTION E **Please follow the Guidance Notes to complete this page**

Summary of the Church accounts for the year ended 31 August 2022 and Internal Organisations reporting to the Church Council/Church Meeting. Note that the funds of an Internal Organisation would normally be Restricted funds unless it could be clearly shown that they could be used for any Methodist purpose. This section must be completed to arrive at the gross income and expenditure totals of the Church. If gross income exceeds the Accruals threshold, then the Accruals method of accounting AND A DIFFERENT FORM must be used to report the accounts (see Methodist website). Please refer to the guidance notes regarding transfers between the District and connected District Organisations.

	INTERNAL ORGANISATIONS	Receipts		Payments		Net Receipts/ Payments	Adjustments		Opening balances		Closing balances	
e1	**Pre School**	104		6,026		(5,922)			8,561		2,639	
e2	**Warm Welcome**	442		950		(508)			1,449		941	
e3												
e4												
e5												
e6												
e7												
e8	Sub total of Internal Organisations funds	546		6,976		(6,430)			10,010	(e11)	3,580	(e12)
e9	**Church accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)**	**59,079**	(a7)	**66,790**	(b9)	**(7,711)**		(c7)	**71,575**	(c6)	**63,864**	(c8)
e10	**TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH**	**59,625**		**73,766**		**(14,141)**			**81,585**	(x)	**67,444**	(y)
	Continue on a separate sheet if necessary and bring the totals forward	**TOTAL RECEIPTS**		**TOTAL PAYMENTS**								

SECTION F

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

	CHURCH - CASH FUNDS HELD at 31 August 2022	OPENING BALANCES		CLOSING BALANCES	
f1	Cash in hand	132		129	
f2	Bank Current Account	7,963		18,591	
f3	Bank Deposit Account				
f4	Central Finance Board	32,503		13,989	
f5	Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes	30,977		30,977	
f6	Other funds				
f7	**SUB TOTAL - Church accounts**	**71,575**	(c6)	**63,686**	(c8)
f8	Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance total from above) (e12)	**10,010**	(e11)	**3,580**	(e12)
f9	**TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH**	**81,585**	(x)	**67,266**	(y)

SECTION G

	OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES	At 1 September 2021	At 31 August 2022
g1	Investments (include Endowments)		
g2	Land & Buildings (see notes re Insurance value)		
g3	Other Assets		
g4	Loan(s) - show amount outstanding at year end		
g5	Other Liabilities		

f4 Include only Funds held at the Central Finance Board
f5 Include only Funds held at Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes
g1 Include any other investments (not the cash element of TMCP trusts accounts this is included in line f5

Name of Church Sutton Methodist Church No. 29/32

Declarations and Scrutiny

I confirm that these accruals-based accounts for the year to 31 August 2025 have been prepared from the records of the Church and that they include all funds under the control of the Church trustees.

Signature of treasurer P. J. Langdale Date 3.10.2025

Name and address of treasurer Philip Langdale

20 Barra Close, Hull Post Code HU8 9JB

Presentation to the Church trustees

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

Signature of the Chair of the meeting: Rev. Eric Raygor

Name of the Chair of the meeting: REV. ERIC RAYGOR Date 25/3/2025

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

Sutton Methodist Church

Charity Number 1179285

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Sutton Methodist Church for the year ended 31 August 2025 set out on pages 2 to 3. 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 SUTTON METHODIST CHURCH No 1179285

Independent Examiner's Statement

~~[The Church's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of (*insert name of applicable listed body*)]. *Delete* [ ] *if not applicable.*~~

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; or
- the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view, which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination
- the trustees' annual report is not consistent with the accounts

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 ..... DAVID GRAY

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner ..... ACCA

Name of firm (where appropriate) ..... DAVID GRAY

Address ..... GRAYS' STORES
MAIN ROAD
THORNGUMBALD
HULL Post Code HU12 9LS

Date 10th November 2025

* delete or circle as appropriate

SUTTON ON HULL METHODIST CHURCH
ANNUAL CHURCH MEETING
SUNDAY 11TH MAY 2025

PRESENT:
Rev Debbie Lucas, Mr Phil Langdale, Deacon Sue Langdale, Mr Jim Maslen, Mr Andrew Bettley, Mrs Margaret Parker, Mr Bill Dixon, Mrs Penny Dixon, Mrs Elaine Calver, Mr Steve Calver, Mrs Angie Meadley, Mr Phil Plumb, Mrs Elaine Plumb, Mrs Pat Dyson, Mrs Margaret Bettley, Mrs Ann Borrill, Mrs Eileen Edwards, Mrs Doreen Hampshire, Mr Matthew Bunting, Mr Dennis Robson, Mrs Barbara Whelan, Mr Mike Winfield, Mrs Wendy Winfield

The meeting started at 12.35 pm

OPENING PRAYER
Rev Debbie opened the meeting with prayer, with prayers for the business to be covered during our meeting time.

APOLOGIES:
Mrs Fiona Houghton, Mrs Julie Lloyd, Mr Ray Lloyd, Mr Colin Harker, Mrs Ruth Harker

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING
The minutes from the last Annual Church Meeting held on Sunday 12th May 2024 were accepted by those gathered and signed by Rev Debbie Lucas.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF ACM 12/05/24
None

TIME OF REMEMBRANCE
The meeting remembered with thanks the lives of Frank Dearing (passed away March 2025), Arthur Kitching (passed away January 2025), Maurice Lunn (passed away December 2024), Audrey Hall (passed away August 2024), Garry Thomas (passed away March 2025), Sheila Drake (passed away July 2024), Paul Dowling (passed away September 2024).

CHURCH STEWARDS
Mrs Fiona Houghton, Mr Andrew Bettley, Mrs Margaret Parker, Mr Bill Dixon and Mrs Wendy Winfield are all able and willing to serve as Church Stewards for a further year. In addition Mrs Angie Meadley and Mr Robin Siddle are happy to continue fulfilling their roles as Church Life Stewards.
Mr Phil Langdale proposed that the Meeting accept the above Church Members as Stewards and Church Life Stewards, for the year up to May 2026, and Mrs Penny Dixon seconded this. This proposal was carried unanimously.

ELECTION OF CHURCH REPRESENTATIVES TO THE CHURCH COUNCIL
Currently Church Member Representatives to the Church Council are:
Deacon Sue Langdale, Mrs Elaine Calver, Mr Jim Maslen, Mrs Ann Borrill, Mrs Margaret Bettley, Mrs Pat Dyson, Mr Phil Plumb, Mr Steve Calver.

Mr Jim Maslen expressed his wish to step down from this role. Rev Debbie Lucas thanked Jim for his many years of service on the Church Council, and she also thanked him for his continuing work with IT preparation for worship every Sunday.

Mrs Angie Meadley proposed that the above members continue as Church Representatives to the Church Council and Mrs Doreen Hampshire seconded this.

WRITTEN REPORTS FOR 2024 - 2025

The Reports were distributed as paper copies. Rev Debbie Lucas thanked all who had written and submitted a report, and Wendy for compiling the reports.

Rev Debbie Lucas then asked Mr Phil Langdale if he wished to add to his **Treasurer's report**. Phil said that although our reserves might be looking healthy, we are using up these reserves at the rate of £10,000 a year. He went on to thank everyone for their giving and asked if we might review our giving with the possibility of making an increase. Phil commented that through deaths over the past two or three years we have lost some 'good givers' with the result that our weekly/monthly income has gone down.
Mrs Angie Meadley thanked Phil for all his work as Church Treasurer.

With regard to the **Business Committee report**, Phil went on to talk about a recent visit to our premises by Methodist Insurance. A suggestion from the insurance representative had been to create a photographic inventory of the premises and its contents. Steve Calver has followed this up and done all the work to create a photo album (to be kept in the safe), and also has a digital copy on a memory stick as well as a copy on his own computer. On behalf of the Church, Phil thanked Steve for all the work that has gone into the creation of the inventory.

Mr Steve Calver expanded upon the **Warm Welcome report**. He said that currently a CAB (Citizens Advice Bureau) advisor comes into Warm Welcome on a weekly basis. This may change in the future but as it stands it is proving helpful for those who are unable to travel into town.

With reference to figures in the **Room Lettings report** compiled by Mrs Elaine Calver, Mr Bill Dixon thanked all who in any way facilitate the fact that 550 people access our premises each week. Use of our premises by outside agencies helps with our funding.

With reference to **property maintenance**, Mrs Wendy Winfield said that Mr Ray and Mrs Julie Lloyd had asked if anyone has an unwanted electric lawnmower that they could donate to the Church. Mr Steve Calver commented on what a great asset to the Church Mr Ray Lloyd is with his willingness to tackle all sorts of maintenance and 'fitting/fixing' jobs.

Rev Debbie Lucas thanked Mr Mike Winfield for his work in reinstating **Meet and Eat** over the last year. She said that getting people together outside of the Church premises is a good thing, particularly as the range of those who attend widens.

Mrs Angie Meadley expressed her thanks again to all who help with **Messy Church**. Without the helpers, the sessions could not be held. Wendy thanked Angie for all the hard work that she puts into Messy Church.

Rev Debbie thanked Mrs Elaine Plumb for her work in keeping links going with Bransholme Methodist Church, particularly the communications regarding **Chair Exercise**.

Rev Debbie asked the meeting if it was happy to receive the written reports as a record of what has happened and is happening within Sutton Methodist Church. Everyone agreed. Debbie said thank you for all the 'secret prayer and love' that goes on, creating a healthy soil for future growth.

ITEMS RAISED CONCERNING THE LIFE AND WITNESS OF THE CHURCH

- **Warm Welcome** has collected many resources and from the abundance of books and jigsaws, several are now available for folks to take, to use and recycle, but not to return.
- A possible **Service of Blessing for Warm Welcome** had been mentioned at the 2024 Annual Church Meeting. Rev Debbie asked Deacon Sue Langdale if this was something still to be considered. Deacon Sue said she would think about this.
- Rev Debbie commented that the lovely garden furniture purchased via Warm Welcome had proved its worth.
- Worship Leader news – Rev Debbie explained that, with a heavy heart, Mrs Pat Dyson had decided that she needed to step down from being a Worship Leader. Debbie thanked pat for all her years of service as a Worship Leader.
- Debbie informed the Meeting that she had had a Confirmation and Membership request from Mr Brendon Arnold. Debbie said that Brendon is really keen to become a member but he has stressed that, due to work and family commitments, he is not able to attend Worship every week. Mr Mike Winfield said that he had had several conversations with Brendon in which he came across as very loyal and committed. Night shifts inevitably controlled what Brendon can do during the day, and, weekends when he is not at work, he needs time to spend with his family. Several other people who have also spent time talking with Brendon agreed with what Mike was saying. Angie said that she has been trying to support the family with Messy Church resources. Debbie said that Brendon wants to be able to serve and help in the Church. Deacon Sue asked if we could make sure that Brendon received a copy of the Church reports and Rev Debbie said that she would provide Brendon with a membership booklet.
- Rev Debbie checked with the Meeting that **Remembrance Sunday** arrangements that have existed over the past few years should be continued in the future, that is no morning service at Sutton Methodist Church and a combined service with the congregation of St James and people of the local community. This, of course, also involves the Uniformed Organisations. The Meeting agreed. Remembrance Sunday 2025 will take place on Sunday 9th November.
- Mrs Angie Meadley requested that Safer Recruitment/Safeguarding forms re roles in the Church should be returned to her as soon as possible.
- Mr Dennis Robson wanted to record how impressed he was with the visit to Warm Welcome of the Green Doctor. Dennis had received a home visit from Green Doctor and was very grateful for the service he received from them. Dennis said that Warm Welcome does some good signposting.
- Rev Debbie said that Rev Arthur Harbottle, who is helping us with problems with our electricity meters, had spoken to her at Synod. He is committed to sorting out the problems in our Hall premises.
- Rev Debbie said that at Synod there had been discussion re deeper awareness and deeper conversation leading to spiritual growth with a spiritual safety net.
- Prayer cards had been mentioned at Synod. Wendy wondered whether these might be similar to some that she has seen in several Anglican churches – a set of cards meeting various needs. Perhaps we could obtain some and have them available in some of the areas used by the public throughout the week? Rev Debbie said that there are also Methodist Prayer booklets. Deacon Sue said that she also has some 'Cross in my pocket's and perhaps these could also be made available.

- Bransholme Methodist Church - Rev Debbie gave the Meeting an update. Debbie said that she had taken the question of 'Where is BMC going?' to the last Circuit Meeting. With regard to closing or 'ceasing to worship' relevant forms were filled in and sent to the District. As a result, District decided that they wanted to look further into the problems and potentials before anything else happens. Debbie had a meeting with Ruth Gill and explained that, although we don't want to pull out of a needy estate, we just haven't got the resources at Sutton/within the Circuit to manage the building. Ruth Gill has compiled a report in which it says that for any continuation of BMC there needs to be discussion re governance, grants, finances etc. Debbie has stressed that it is not just the work with the local community but the huge task of looking after and maintaining the building.
- Mr Bill Dixon said that from our discussions in the Meeting, it is clear that Church is no longer primarily about what we do on a Sunday, but all the other things that happen in the name of 'Church", such as Warm Welcome, Messy Church, Thursday Fellowship, Zoom Prayer Meeting, Zoom Bible Study, making Sunday Worship a consolidation of everything else that is going on. Deacon Sue said that someone had said to her that our Church has kept the Community going, particularly with the Hedge Ministry. Phil pondered what the folks in the Lambwath might be thinking when they see a group of 40 people from the Church gathering together regularly for Meet and Eat. Phil also said that he has had some interesting conversations at Warm Welcome, conversations initiated by Guests. He said some people say that Warm Welcome is their Church.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS None.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING
It was agreed that the next Annual Church Meeting would take place this time next year on **Sunday 10th May 2026** following the 10.45am service.

MEETING SUMMARY
Debbie said that the work that was started in Lockdown carries on.

CLOSING PRAYERS
Rev Debbie closed the Meeting with prayer, with special reference to the Stewards and the Representatives to the Church Council.

The meeting finished just after 2.00pm.

WW 01/06/25



SUTTON METHODIST CHURCH

ANNUAL CHURCH REPORTS – May 2025

From the Letter to the Hebrews

We have then, my brothers and sisters, complete freedom to go into the Most Holy Place by means of the death of Jesus. He opened for us a new way, a living way, through the curtain – that is, through his own body. We have a great priest in charge of the house of God. So, let us come near to God with a sincere heart and a sure faith, with hearts that have been purified from a guilty conscience and with bodies washed with clean water. Let us hold on firmly to the hope we profess, because we can trust God to keep his promise. Let us be concerned for one another, to help one another to show love and to do good.

Hebrews 10: 19 - 24

Stewards' Report

Once again, the Stewards' team remains unchanged and we continue to meet face to face on a regular basis to discuss pastoral concerns, practical matters arising in the day to day running of our church and to plan future activities, as well as to evaluate what has taken place both at Sutton and in the Circuit in recent weeks.

We are pleased to note that outreach work, particularly in the form of Warm Welcome, is still thriving and has brought several members of our wider community into the fold of our church family via events such as the Church Pantomime, our monthly 'Meet & Eat' get-togethers and the joint WW/church social events like the recent Beetle Drive.

We would, as always, like to acknowledge the tremendous hard work and commitment on the part of Robin and Helen Siddle in organising 3 significant social events in our calendar – the Church Pantomime, Harvest Supper and Christmas Fair, all of which draw in members of the local community and bring enjoyment to so many people.

Our hedge ministry seems to be as popular as ever, with a swift uptake of the knitted creations (most recently the Easter bunnies). We are very grateful to all the friends of the church who take the time to knit for us and, in so doing, give pleasure to so many.

We have, once again, enjoyed many special services over the year, including Harvest Festival, the Gift Service, our Church Anniversary service and also our musical local arrangement service in December when our singing group performed 'While Shepherds Watched'. After many of these services we enjoy extended fellowship with the sharing of Faith Lunches.

It wouldn't be right to conclude this report without recording our heartfelt thanks and appreciation to Rev Debbie, as she prepares to move on to her new post after the summer. The Stewards' team have benefited greatly from having her calm, pragmatic and steady presence to guide us over the last 7 or so years, particularly as we tried to navigate our way through the very difficult Covid period! I'm sure that I speak for all of us when I say that we are truly grateful for all your help and support and we shall miss you greatly.

Fiona Houghton

Children's Work

Messy Church

We are still holding the Messy Church once a month. Up to summer 2024 our numbers had reduced because some of the children who had been coming for years had gone into the 2nd year of senior school and found other things to do on a Thursday.
However, in the autumn term a number of new families joined us and we currently have 12 new children registered for this period. We are still joined by our regular families.

Christmas 2024

We held a Christmas Craft Afternoon on Sunday 15th December 2024. This was very well attended with 25 children and adults, totaling 46 people. Once again new families joined us. We made various crafts of the glittery variety and also the Christmas Nativity themed crafts, and decorated biscuits. We had a Nativity service in the Church at 4pm and we were joined by members of the Church and public as part of their Sunday Worship.
The Nativity Service was prepared and led by Robin and Helen Siddle. The scene was set and the parts played by all the children at Messy Church. We got to sing Christmas songs too. This service was special as the helpers don't always get to see the children's service as we are usually setting up the Hall ready for tea. Thank you to Robin and Helen for creating the Nativity, to Wendy for playing the music and of course everyone that joined us. Afterwards we all shared our usual meal together in the Hall and then all the children were given a selection box for Christmas.

Easter Craft Afternoon 2025

We held our Easter Craft Afternoon on Sunday 13th April 2025. We had 17 children and 16 adults, though we all commented that it felt like more, especially because of the noise level. The numbers were lower due to some children being on holiday and a few illnesses. The children who regularly join us will get an Easter Egg at our next Messy Church in May. Some of our new families joined us for their first Easter at Sutton. We made lots of fluffy Easter crafts and then decorated buns and a biscuit. It was finally time for our popular Easter Egg Hunt. Although the weather was ok the plastic eggs were hidden in the church again this year. Wendy took charge of the children ensuring they took their time finding the eggs, giving us enough time to set up the Hall for the next crafts. Once the children had been presented with their eggs, along with an Easter Bunny hedge ministry pack, a Palm cross and an Easter poem, we carried on with our religious Easter crafts.
A little later the children went back to the Church for an Easter Service led by Keith Thomas. This was enjoyed by everyone and I would like to

thank Keith for his continued support of Messy Church when he is available.

Parent feedback
Whilst I was typing this report one of the parents sent me a picture of an Easter card her daughter had made herself for her grandma using her new found quilling skills. We have our quilling lady (otherwise known as Lesley Brown) who has a different quilling craft for every bible lesson, and Easter was no different. Alice had made a quilling pattern on her card at Church, and then made another at home.
We recently did Samson crafts and one of those was to make a sock head filled with soil and grass seed, so that when the grass grows it will represent Samson's hair growth. I received pictures from Nancy's grandma to show the progress of growth (which was much better than my own).

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has helped to make all the craft sessions and children's services possible. I know we all enjoy it as much as the children and their families.
I would especially like to thank our team of regular Messy Church helpers: Wendy Winfield, Mabel Burrows, Fiona Houghton, Phil Plumb, Elaine Calver, Margaret Parker, Lesley Brown and Vanessa Turner. Also, Ann Borrill and Eileen Edwards who join us when they are able, Mike Winfield when required for kitchen duties, Julie Lloyd for providing some crafts for some of the sessions, and Ken Parker who comes and helps clear the Hall after the sessions have ended.

Thank you for making Messy Church possible.

Angie Meadley

Sutton Methodist Brownies

Sutton Methodist Brownies have enjoyed another year of activities and adventures. Our membership numbers continue to remain high and we currently have 20 brownies. Our leadership team consists of 4 regular volunteers, and we have also welcomed a new unit helper.

Throughout the past year the Brownies have continued to follow the Girl Guiding program and many girls have shown lots of commitment and have worked at home to gain interest badges on themes such as baking, painting, local history and mindfulness. This commitment has given many of the girls the opportunity to earn their bronze and silver award, with two girls earning their gold award, the highest award available at Brownie level.

As a unit we have had the pleasure of taking part in many events, such as the Division Day, which was held at Kingston Wesley Church in July 2024. The Sutton Brownies had the chance to meet other rainbows, brownies and guides units across the division and spent the day 'camping without camping', including lots of campfire songs and toasting marshmallows. We also took part in the country wide cinema day trip where the girls experienced a special viewing of the Moana 2 film.

Lorna Burden

Sutton Methodist Scouts

It's been another very busy year for the leaders and young people of our Scout Group. We've taken part in walks, camps, competitions, and our Scouts won the scouting competition at the City of Hull Open Weekend, proving what we already knew, that they are the best scouts in Hull. We've also been out and about helping the community and fed the homeless in the city centre, a truly eye-opening experience. We look forward to more camps this summer, starting with a camp at Fort Paull in May. Following that, an adventure weekend at Raywell Park in June, taking part in archery, climbing wall, rifle shooting, grass sledges and country walks. In July, at Melton, the Scouts will take part in a survival camp where they'll put to the test all they have learned with regards shelter, fire building and cooking on an open fire. We then have a joint explorer camp in September before the weather puts a stop to our camping season. That won't stop us scouting though, we'll continue with the fun in the dark and cold.

Carl Eden

Thursday Afternoon Fellowship

Once again, we have enjoyed our weekly meetings which are held on most Thursday afternoons throughout the year. Invited speakers deliver interesting talks and demonstrations on various topics, and we organise our own Members' Afternoons on alternate weeks. For Members' Afternoons we take part in games, quizzes and discussions.
We keep in touch regularly with past members or anyone who is unwell, and hope to continue and welcome others into our Fellowship.

Pat Dyson

Thursday Prayer Group – 7.30pm on Zoom

It is almost five years since the Thursday Prayer Group began on Zoom. In that time a few people have dipped their toes in but felt it wasn't for them, others have come and stayed longer then moved on to try new things. But for now, we are a regular group of 10 from Hedon, Sutton and Kingston Wesley that meets each week. We usually begin with a short time of prayer; sometimes there is music, a bible reading, a short reflection or story, and this leads into a more formal time of Intercessory Prayer, praying for the World, others and ourselves. For those involved it forms an important part of their prayer life helping their faith to grow and deepen. It also gives a sense of closeness to God, each other and those being prayed for.

A year ago, we were led by four people but sadly Geoff passed away unexpectedly. In May we will be remembering the1st anniversary of his passing. When a new person, Ann, offered to take Geoff's place we were delighted, but not long after she too began to be ill and had to step back. But she is hoping to return soon.

If you feel you would like to be part of the Prayer Group on Zoom, or feel you would prefer to link in via telephone, please contact Angie Meadley for details. If there is someone or something you would like us to pray about on your behalf, again please contact our link person, Angie. We would love to hear from you.

Sue Langdale for the group

Zoom Bible Study

Every Wednesday evening a small group of us gather together for a bible study on Zoom. It has become a regular event each Wednesday for predominantly people from Sutton but also a regular attendee from Portobello. It takes its form from various study books, at the moment 'Miracles - Signs of God's Glory', which promote much discussion and soul searching. We have a tendency to expand the topic and bring in personal experiences pertaining to the bible extract under discussion. Some might say we go off at a tangent but we think it adds depth to our understanding. All in all, it brings us closer to God and each other.

Bill Dixon for the group

Meet 'n' Eat

The Meet 'n Eat group have met 13 times since we restarted. I think everyone who goes enjoys it. It is a time to meet together as a larger group, enjoy a meal out with good company and lots of chat. We will be continuing on the first Tuesday of the month, although we will miss the July date as the Lambwath, our meeting venue, is being refurbished. We meet up between 5.15pm and 5.30pm. The attendance varies from month to month but the number of attendances for the 13 meetings since we restarted is 434. (I will let you do the maths to find the average attendance.)

I thank everyone who responds when I text, or contact, them as it means I can give the Lambwath an accurate number for the table settings.
I hope you feel you will be able to continue to join us and if you can think of anyone who may be interested in a meal out with good company then please ask them along and let me know.

See you at the Meet 'n Eat meeting, a meeting with a difference.

Mike Winfield

Church Flowers

Once again, my thanks go to all those who contribute generously to the flower fund.

It gives me pleasure to arrange the flowers, and I know that they are appreciated by those who see them in the Church on Sundays and by those who receive them afterwards. My thanks go to Ann for ensuring that the flowers go on to be enjoyed by others following the Sunday service.

Due to changing circumstances, we have some gaps in the flower rota. If anyone would like to add their name to the list please speak to Ann Borrill or ring me on 788721.

Thank you.

Jenny Woods

Action for Children

Since the last General Church Meeting the wonderful sum of £593.76 has been donated. In view of the current economic situation, this is amazingly generous and very grateful thanks go to all the collectors and supporters.

To save costs, I always decline an acknowledgement letter when I pay money into the bank, but the most recent newsletter states that:

"We simply couldn't do without the unwavering support the Methodist community and affiliated churches have given us for over 150 years. Thank you for all the ways you turn love into action for vulnerable children."

I think that says it all really, doesn't it?

Margaret Parker

Christian Aid

Last year Hannah and I started the Christian Aid walk on 19th May, a bit later than usual as I was getting over a small operation. We again planned to walk 10,000 steps a day, although 2 weeks into the walk with 209,732 steps and 97.84 miles clocked up, with most of this in heavy rain, Hannah was unable to carry on walking for personal reasons. So, I had a mad idea to try and match the last year's steps, which meant another 173.53 miles in 16 days. I was walking over 10 miles a day. This was not the easiest walk, as we as a family had some issues out of our control and God didn't seem to be there helping, so I spent many miles arguing with God and feeling he wasn't listening and I questioned my faith. On the plus side I did more miles when I was angry.

On the last day I walked from Sutton to Barton, crossing the Humber Bridge twice. On my way across the Bridge towards Barton, God must have thought will you stop complaining, and I felt like I had a special moment when everything around me quietened and the peace I felt throughout, although only short, and afterwards was immense.
So, I carried on walking, slower than I had done, enjoying this feeling. This only mattered when I realized that Mike was driving me back to Sutton Church Hall for a surprise celebration at the completion of the walk. Thank you so much for the balloons, coffee and cakes, and of course the people who were there. I know it was short notice, but it was so special and thank you for waiting for me.

The support from everyone certainly kept me going and the final steps were 639,460 and 288.41 miles. This was an increase of 17.04 miles on the previous year and 190.57 in the 16 days.

Thanks to everyone because together we raised a massive £1293.50 including gift aid for Christian Aid.

This year I am planning on walking again for Christian Aid and this will be throughout the month of May (and at the time of reading this report, I will hopefully be almost halfway through it). I have a personal challenge in my head, also I need to lose some weight this year.

I have spoken with a couple of the Uniformed Groups' Leaders already and plan to pop in to see if they want to join in walking or doing their own event to raise funds for Christian Aid.

I also plan to speak to other groups, as last year was a difficult time for us as a family, and the walk and all those miles became more of a journey than just a walk. So, I will share this experience with others and hopefully inspire people to do something, or to support me in the fund raising.

I will include the Humber Bridge again in my walk at some point. Like last year, we can hold the fund raising for Christian Aid until the end of August so people can raise funds when it suits them. Once again, I would like to thank everyone for your continued support.

Angie Meadley

JMA – Junior Mission for All

We have 10 collectors; during the year to 31st August 2024 we raised £496.00.

I would welcome any new collectors, children and adults, to support the important work of mission.

Andrew Bettley

Music in the Church

Last summer many of our Singers were again involved in two performances of a Circuit Musical. 'Two Sisters and a Funeral', composed by Roger Jones, was performed at Withernsea Methodist Church and Holderness Road Methodist Church. As in 2023, the Choir and audiences at both performances enjoyed a rich time of fellowship and blessing.

In October 2024 our Singers began practising for Christmas. We worked on the musical, 'While Shepherds Watched'. We performed two of the songs at the Martin House Carol Service at Holderness Road Methodist Church, and then performed the full musical during the morning service on the second Sunday in Advent. A bigger than

average congregation, as well as the Singers, filled the downstairs of the Church that morning, as we sang about sheep and shepherds!

On the last Saturday in February of 2025, Sutton Methodist Church was pleased to be able to present to the Sutton Community another greatly-anticipated pantomime, featuring a range of talents and musical contributions. Thank you again to Robin and Helen for organising and producing 'Peter Pan'. It was good to see new-to-the-pantomime performers taking part, and the return again of 'old-timers'!

Across the Circuit, those who had sung in the previous two Circuit Musicals, began asking, at the beginning of 2025, if there was going to be another one this year. As a consequence, our Singers are currently practising the Roger Jones musical, 'Saints Alive', which tells the story of the birth of the Church on the day of Pentecost. The first performance of this musical will take place on Saturday 14th June 3pm at Withernsea Methodist Church, and the second is on Saturday 12th July 3pm at Holderness Road Methodist Church. Please put at least one of these dates in your diary.

On behalf of the Church Family, I would like to thank Matthew for his valued contribution to the music for Sunday Worship, and of course we all thank Jim for his weekly work in preparing worship items for us to read from the screens.

Wendy Winfield

Warm Welcome

The Warm Welcome team held its annual review and planning meeting in January 2025, noting that it has been a year of activity and productivity. We believe we have had a positive influence on our guests' general wellbeing. Measured by various evaluation tools including, observing guests and frequent verbal conversations and written feedback combined with photographs. The team also engage with our regular partnership agencies sharing ideas and seeking frequent feedback. During 2024 the team welcomed 1,688 guests through its doors. The team continues to strive to provide a free, accessible, safe, and non-judgemental environment for all the guests. A new piece of equipment is a designated mobile phone to be used to assist guests.

The Courtyard Garden is one of the most popular elements. It was consistently utilized by both Warm Welcome and the Church Community whenever the weather conditions allowed. The guests and volunteers have commented on how it has altered the space, and it is a pleasure to make use of it. New planting has already taken place and more will following. The Afternoon Tea event was successful, and was further

elevated by Mike W, who conducted the quiz from the stage and shepherded attendees smoothly through the proceedings. The Christmas celebration remains a popular function generating lots of good humour, laughter, and fun. The buffet and the musical entertainment complemented each other and unexpectedly we sampled dancing courtesy of Doreen H and Paul the local PC.

We are monitoring our existing service and remain persistent in identifying new ideas. Additions for 2025 include the Local Ward Councillors holding a once-a-month surgery within Warm Welcome, open to everyone. Sue and Steve participated in Community Inclusion Awareness and attended Ramadan at Hull Minster. This was both insightful and enjoyable. Steve and Phil completed Citizens Advice Bureau (C.A.B.) training, after which the team members participated in a condensed version of the training. The aim was improving the team's understanding of information and advice. This further resulted in Warm Welcome being successful in having a C.A.B. advisor in attendance once a week on a Friday. This is on an unspecified trial basis. The service is available to be used by everyone. The Wilson Centre satellite team continue to deliver their service on a Monday plus there are still periodic visits from The Local Policing Team. There is also a young lady from the Social Prescribing department who visits approximately every six weeks.

A Beetle Drive took place on the 5th of April. It was an enjoyable afternoon demonstrated by people frantically chasing a six to start the games. It was interesting to see how people became engrossed in the moment, adapting their methods trying to encourage a six to appear. Future events are to include an afternoon buffet type function, and something linked to Harvest, plus the end of the year Christmas get together.

Sadly, we had to bid a final farewell to three guests who have died in the last twelve months. Sheila Drake, a guest who joined us way back at the beginning of Warm Welcome, passed away in July 2024. Paul Dowling passed away later in 2024, and, only recently, we lost Garry Thomas in March 2025. They are all missed and remembered.

The Green Doctor team visited and were warmly welcomed, engaging numerous guests in conversations and distributing complimentary gifts. Recently we have reverted to the two-day-a-week opening. The sunnier days have encouraged the garden seating to slowly reappear. The RNLI donations are continuing and, on 10th April 2025, stand at £150. Alzheimer's Society also received a donation of £60. The crafting section have created a varied selection of creations. These include Hearts, Fish, Teddy Bears, and Owls, all passed on to support other organisations

including Dove House Hospice and the NHS. With the involvement and direction from Sue L, this Easter, the crafters have knitted Rabbits used to complement the Church's Easter Hedge Ministry.

The guests and the community are consistent in demonstrating their generosity and support by donating a mixture of products, supplies and financial donations. The Warm Welcome team appreciate all the contributions and donations and are looking forward to continuing supporting all the guests throughout 2025.

Steve Calver

Business Committee

The Business Committee meets every 2 to 3 months to discuss Property issues and Health and Safety matters within our premises. We have timetabled into our overall agenda an annual 'Property Walkabout' to make notes on areas that require attention in terms of general maintenance or potential refurbishment. Our findings help in the completion of the required 'Annual Property Checklist' and the 'Annual Returns'.

In the last 12 months the Primary Room has been redecorated and recarpeted and all the light tubes in the ancillary rooms behind the church have been replaced. Thank you to Graham Sowden for his part in this electrical work. In addition, the lighting for the outside passageway that connects our two sets of premises has been updated and renewed. The flat roof section of the Hall premises was also completely renewed after several attempts to stop the water ingress. This expenditure was necessary to prevent further damage to the internal decoration and lighting.

The Business Committee is aware of other property issues that need money spending on them, but we have to prioritise these, deciding on what is essential and what would be desirable. Alongside the essential and the desirable, there is another layer to be considered, health and safety, that is our legal duty to protect all users of our premises. To this end we have recently had the help of Vivienne Wilkes in carrying out a Fire Risk Assessment for the Hall premises. As a result of this assessment, two rotary fire alarms have been fitted to be used for 'raising the alarm' in the event of a fire in the Hall. The expenditure for these has been minimal compared to what was spent in the Church premises last year.

Throughout the year we employ professionals to make safety checks on gas appliances, emergency lighting, the fire alarm system, fire

extinguishers and other required inspections. All of these checks add to the cost of running the church premises.

The Church Family thank all those who carry out regular cleaning, gardening and general property maintenance, week by week and at other points during the year, especially when the premises need special preparation and tidying up, before and after the Pantomime or the Christmas Fair.

Wendy Winfield for the Business Committee

Fund-Raising

Although the Harvest Supper is not strictly a fund-raising event, around 50 people enjoyed a wonderful evening of a three-course meal followed by tea/coffee and entertainment by the Wedding Belles. We managed to make £120 which was donated to the Daisy Appeal.

Our regular Christmas Fair in November raised £715.

Peter Pan the Pantomime took place in February and we raised £1,600 for church funds plus another £240 for SACTS.

This results in a total of £2,315.00 for fund raising for Sutton Methodist for this financial year and £360 for charities.

We would greatly appreciate other people within the church undertaking further fund-raising events as our energy and enthusiasm is beginning to wane.

At the moment we do not have any plans for fund raising apart from the Christmas Fair and the Pantomime. We are always open to suggestions and volunteers who would undertake organising and running fund raising ventures.

Robin Siddle

Sutton Methodist Church Room Lettings

We currently have 5 fee-paying external groups using the premises on a weekly basis:

- Ginger Fitness
- Yoga
- Brooklands Photo Society
- Spring Cottage Superstars – Majorettes
- Slimming World – 2 groups

These groups mean that we have around 350 local people accessing the premises each week.

Additionally, we have some fee-paying groups who meet on a more ad-hoc basis:

Pulse Healthcare – Diabetes Prevention courses
Moorview Care
Reform
Sally Drury – Wreath-making & Seasonal Flower Arranging
UDOIT Dance Foundation

REA Tots had to cease to meet due to a prolonged health issue for the group leader.

In 2024-2025, the fee-paying groups contributed £14,512.00 to the Church accounts plus £1,807.00 from 17 children's parties, 2 jewellery valuations, 4 dance practices, 1 Toddler session, 4 Messy Bambino sessions and 3 Creative Craft sessions.

Nonfee-paying users include:

Warm Welcome
Thursday Fellowship
Messy Church
Brownies & Guides
Beavers, Cubs & Scouts

The Rainbows group closed at the beginning of 2025 as a new leader could not be found.

Overall, these groups and societies, plus Worship on Sundays, means that an average of around 550 people per week access the Church premises. All of these activities provide a much-valued contribution to the community in, and around, the Sutton area.

To enable these valuable room bookings to take place involves hard work from various church members.

The process generally begins via the church website which is ably administered by Matthew Bunting and monitored by Angie Meadley.

Enquires then arrive via email to Elaine Calver who negotiates room availability & hire charges to complete a booking. Regular users are then invoiced monthly to facilitate payment and parties etc are paid for in cash.

Only a few of the groups which use the church are key holders which means that all other users need to be welcomed to the premises and the premises made secure after the event. This part of the process requires a well-managed diary. Margaret Parker valiantly takes on this time-consuming task with others, such as Angie Meadley, Ray & Julie Lloyd and Wendy Winfield, stepping-in on occasions.

The Church Hall premises and the Church premises are kept clean and tidy by Julie Lloyd with Ray undertaking numerous practical tasks to keep the premises operating effectively. This means that

our premises are always presentable and inviting for paying users, which is important to ensure repeat bookings.

Thanks go to everyone concerned for the hard work and dedication which enables the Church to contribute to the local community by maintaining a visible presence within that community.

Elaine Calver

Treasurer's Report

We finished our last financial year to 31st August 2024 in a healthy position. Our reserves stood at £81,585 which are significantly higher than the recommended level of 50% of annual expenditure.

Our church income was up by £17,771 to £75,089. Collections and gift aid were up a little, but this was offset by increases in donations (£10,084) and interest (£6,133).

However, expenditure rose by £32,206 to £80,824, the main culprit being energy costs up by £7,753, repairs and maintenance by £18,402, and assessments by £3,600. The assessment increase is due to the fact that The Circuit gave us a temporary reduction of this amount in the previous year.

I have recently produced the half year accounts to 28th February 2025.

Our reserves have reduced by £10,848 to £70,737.

The half year income shows a reduction in giving and gift aid of £1,488. Last year we had received an individual donation of £10,000. The total reduction in income compared to this time last year was £9,181.

Our total expenditure has risen by £7,886 to £39,874. Property management costs are up by £7,493.

During the last eighteen months we have spent a considerable sum on refurbishing the Primary Room, fire precautions in the Church and a new roof for the toilet block in the Hall. These are one-off costs but we need to be aware that our Church premises are 165 years old and the Hall is over 60 years old. Hopefully we can contain repair expenditure in the next few years.

We are currently using up our reserves by £10,920 per year or £219 per week. Please look at your weekly giving if you can. Please see me if you would like to give by standing order directly to the Church.

Can I offer my thanks to Elaine Calver who works tirelessly on room bookings, to Andrew Bettley for administering gift aid, to Bill Dixon who organises the envelope scheme and, last but not least, to Jim Maslen who counts and banks the weekly collections.

Finally, a big thank you to you all for your weekly giving.

Phil Langdale

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SUTTON ON HULL METHODIST CHURCH
ANNUAL CHURCH MEETING
SUNDAY 12TH MAY 2024

PRESENT:
Rev Debbie Lucas, Mr Phil Langdale, Deacon Sue Langdale, Mr Jim Maslen ,
Mr Andrew Bettley, Mrs Margaret Parker, Mrs Fiona Houghton, Mr Bill Dixon,
Mrs Penny Dixon, Mrs Elaine Calver, Mr Steve Calver, Mrs Pat Dyson, Mrs Margaret Bettley,
Mrs Ann Borrill, Mrs Eileen Edwards, Mr Matthew Bunting, Mr Dennis Robson,
Mrs Linda Whitton, Mr Garry Middleton, Mrs Barbara Whelan, Mr Mike Winfield,
Mrs Wendy Winfield

The meeting started at 12.40 pm

OPENING PRAYER
Rev Debbie opened the meeting with prayer, with special prayers for the family of Mr Geoff Langley (Hedon Methodist Church) as we had just heard of his sudden death.

APOLOGIES:
Mrs Angie Meadley, Mr Phil Plumb, Mrs Elaine Plumb, Mrs Julie Lloyd, Mr Ray Lloyd,
Mr Colin Harker, Mrs Ruth Harker, Rev Randall Barlow, Mrs Pauline Barlow

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING
The minutes from the last Annual Church Meeting held on Sunday 14th May 2023 were referred to, having been distributed 24/06/23. Mrs Penny Dixon proposed that they were accepted as a true record. Mrs Elaine Calver seconded this.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF ACM 14/05/23
- A new computer had been purchased and is now in use in the Church each Sunday.
- We now have operational WiFi, as a result of work done by Steve Calver for Warm Welcome, and it is mobile.

TIME OF REMEMBRANCE
The meeting remembered with thanks the life of Laurie Berry. His family was also remembered in our time of prayer. A service to celebrate Laurie's life will be held at 12 noon on Tuesday 4th June.

CHURCH STEWARDS
Mrs Fiona Houghton, Mr Andrew Bettley, Mrs Margaret Parker, Mrs Linda Whitton, Mr Bill Dixon and Mrs Wendy Winfield are all able and willing to serve as Church Stewards for a further year. In addition Mrs Angie Meadley and Mr Robin Siddle are happy to continue fulfilling their roles as Church Life Stewards.
Mr Phil Langdale proposed that the Meeting accept the above Church Members as Stewards and Church Life Stewards, for the year up to May 2025, and Mrs Penny Dixon seconded this. This proposal was carried unanimously.

ELECTION OF CHURCH REPRESENTATIVES TO THE CHURCH COUNCIL
Currently Church Member Representatives to the Church Council are:
Deacon Sue Langdale, Mrs Elaine Calver, Mr Jim Maslen, Mrs Ann Borrill, Mrs Margaret Bettley, Mrs Pat Dyson, Mr Phil Plumb.

Mrs Penny Dixon proposed that these members continue as Church Representatives and Mr Bill Dixon seconded this.
Mr Steve Calver was asked if he would be willing to serve as a Church Representative to the Church Council. Steve indicated that he would be willing to take on this role.
Mrs Penny Dixon proposed that Steve be accepted as a Church Representatives and Mr Bill Dixon seconded this.

WRITTEN REPORTS FOR 2023 - 2024

The Reports were distributed as paper copies. Rev Debbie Lucas asked if the Meeting was happy to receive the reports and she thanked all who had written and submitted a report.

Additions to the reports: Mr Steve Calver said that the Potterill Lane Courtyard area had developed really well, offering a relaxing outside area for both Warm Welcome visitors, the Church Family and also other users of the premises.

ITEMS RAISED CONCERNING THE LIFE AND WITNESS OF THE CHURCH

- **Property Steward -** Rev Debbie informed the Meeting that Mr Robin Siddle was stepping down from the role of Property Steward. The Church family are very grateful for the work Robin has carried out in this role over several years. The Business Committee is currently covering the jobs of Property Stewards, working as a team.

- **Conversation on same-sex marriage services and services of blessing for same-sex couples who are already married**
  Rev Debbie informed the Meeting of the following:
  The Methodist Conference of 2021 made provisional legislations for the possibility of same-sex church marriages/blessings. Conference stated that there would be no obligation/requirement to change its existing solemnization/authorisations or for a church to change its registration.
  In this ACM Sutton Methodist Church has an opportunity to discuss the subject before the matter is taken to the Church Council. Therefore, Debbie stressed, in the context of the ACM it is a general conversation.
  The current legislation for Sutton Methodist Church covers the marriage/blessing of heterosexual couples. Within the Church there are/will be contradictory thoughts and opinions. Individual churches/congregations need to consider their options. A change does not have to happen as a result of this conversation. The subject can be reconsidered at agreed time intervals, such as every five years.
  The following are questions or comments from those present in the Meeting:
  1. Have there been any enquiries about Sutton Methodist Church being able to offer a same-sex marriage or blessing? Rev Debbie said she hasn't been asked.
  2. Rev Debbie was asked how she felt about the subject. Rev Debbie said that she follows the guidelines of the Methodist Church (The Connexion), along with her own personal thoughts, but she would, if and when, make a decision on this. Sutton Methodist Church needs to make its own decision. Debbie said that she covers churches that have differing viewpoints.
  3. Rev Debbie was asked what would happen if she was asked to conduct a same-sex marriage/blessing but she didn't want to do so. Rev Debbie said that there is an option to ask a colleague to do it, if that is appropriate.
  4. A member of the Meeting pointed out that we are being asked to consider the standpoint of Sutton Methodist Church collectively, not the views or wishes of our minister.

5. Another member of the Meeting said that we can only give our own personal viewpoint and that the process is the same as for heterosexual couples, that is supporting a couple who want to make a commitment to each other in God's name.
6. In response to the above, the comment was made that there might be a situation where a minister might consider that a heterosexual couple's relationship should not result in marriage.
7. One member of the Meeting questioned why some couples wish to be married in church even though they are not 'church people'. This was countered with the comment that even with a 'hotel' wedding a couple decide to publicly make a commitment to each other.
8. Rev Debbie said that ultimately the decision of the Church Council could be any one of - apply to change our registration, wait for now, decline the suggestion of offering marriages/blessings for same-sex couples.
9. One member declared that the Church belongs to everyone; we open our doors nearly every day of the week, so that we can **welcome** people.
10. Another member said that the Church is here to serve the Community.
11. A further comment was to consider our feelings if the request for a same-sex marriage/blessing came from a member of our own family.
12. We strive to be an accepting, caring group of people who realise there are other views and opinions.
13. One of the stewards said that the current wave of EDI and UB (Unconscious Bias) training would suggest that whatever the gender of the partners in a couple, the love is the same if they wish to commit to each other.
14. Rev Debbie said that she was hearing that the general consensus is to take the subject to the Church Council. We will need an Extraordinary Church Council Meeting, hopefully sometime during the summer, rather than waiting until the October Church Council which would create time constrictions on the discussion.
15. A member of the Meeting said that if anyone has really strong feelings on the matter, please would they say, privately if necessary, as we don't want anyone to 'walk away' from the Church as a result of this conversation.
16. It was pointed out that if Sutton Methodist Church says "No" then there might be another church in the Circuit that would be able to offer a marriage ceremony/blessing to a same-sex couple.
17. At the beginning of the conversation Rev Debbie had indicated that there were differences between the request/response for a marriage /blessing. Rev Debbie was asked to clarify the difference. She replied by saying that we could agree on the provision of a same-sex blessing without needing to apply to change the registration. As long as the Church Council has agreed to the provision of same-sex blessings these can go ahead.
18. One member said that initially three years ago she had thought "No" to the idea of a same-sex blessing but now she thinks "Yes". So collectively, if we currently decide "No" then in three or five year's time we might have changed to "Yes".

A straw poll was taken on the question 'Does this Meeting feel that it wants to take this conversation/process forward to the Church Council?' This was clearly carried, with just one abstention. **Action**: The Extraordinary Church Council will be held before the scheduled October Church council Meeting.

MISCELLANEOUS OTHER BUSINESS

- Deacon Sue said that she had recently thought about the possibility of holding a **service of blessing for Warm Welcome**. The purpose would be to bless what has already taken place, along with what will happen in the future, and to bless those that are involved as guests/visitors/volunteers. Perhaps this could be scheduled for round about the second anniversary of the opening of Warm Welcome. Sue had been reading online about a service of blessing that had taken place in St. Paul's Cathedral.
- Phi Langdale said that **Warm Welcome** had purchased some lovely **garden furniture** and this was available for other groups to use.
- We have some literature that is advertising **MHA Sunday as Sunday 9th June**.
- After a long period beyond Easter, with the notice board displaying our Easter services, the **Church Hall notice board** will soon have a weatherproof poster of regular weekly events.
- Dennis Robson spoke of the need for a notice (board) outside **Bransholme Methodist Church** to state '**No Parking – this car park is for Church use only**'. Steve Calver said that he would look into the possibility of getting a banner notice for Bransholme Methodist Church.
- Deacon Sue Langdale wondered if our Church should look into the possibility of buying a '**Let's End Poverty in the UK and Global**' banner. The official banners are very expensive but perhaps we could buy a cheaper one. Margaret Parker thought that fund raising might be more meaningful than putting up a banner. The subject needs further consideration.
- Steve Calver pointed out that **National Volunteer Week** begins on Monday 3rd June. Perhaps there might be a way of acknowledging this within our Church Family.
- Rev Debbie Lucas said that this year **Bible Month** focuses on the book of **Genesis**. Perhaps a study on Genesis could be held in the form of 'in person' bible study sessions, rather than Zoom sessions.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was agreed that the next Annual Church Meeting would take place this time next year on **Sunday 11th May 2025** following the 10.45am service.

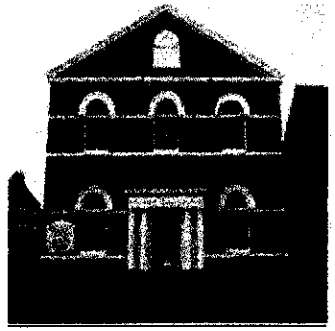
MEETING SUMMARY

Rev Debbie Lucas thanked everyone for their patience and contributions during this Meeting. She said that each thought and comment offered was very valuable and all would be included and taken into account as we move forward in our decision-making.

CLOSING PRAYERS

The meeting closed at around 2.00pm with the saying of the Grace.

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SUTTON METHODIST CHURCH

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From St John's Gospel

I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. If you do not remain in me, you are like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned. If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.

As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. If you keep my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commands and remain in his love. I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. My command is this: love each other as I have loved you.

John 15: 1 - 12

Stewards' Report

The Stewards' team has remained unchanged since our last AGM and we continue to meet face to face every 6 to 8 weeks to discuss the many events and issues, practical and pastoral, which are an integral part of our church life.

Pastoral care and outreach to the local community remains a high priority and we have been delighted with the continued success of the Warm Welcome project, which has also seen some of the "regulars" keen to take part in and support church events such as the harvest supper, Christmas Fair and Church pantomime. These 3 events in particular would not be able to take place without the superb organisation of Robin and Helen Siddle and we owe a huge debt of gratitude to them both for their hard work and commitment, which ensured that, once again, all of these events were a great success and brought so much enjoyment to those directly involved and also to the wider community.

We are also pleased to report that our hedge ministry continues to attract a great deal of interest from the local community and the Christmas Angels and Easter butterflies were well received (in fact the Angels were "snapped up" in record time within about 30 minutes of them being displayed!). Once again we would like to record our thanks to all the friends of the church who knitted these colourful Angels and butterflies which gave pleasure to so many.

We have enjoyed many special services over the course of the last 12 months, including harvest festival, the gift service and our Church Anniversary service (all of which were attended by the uniformed organisations) and also a music-led service in December when our singing group performed "Stargazers" by Roger Jones and the Messy Church Christmas nativity service, which took place after their craft afternoon. It is lovely to have the children and their families involved in worship in this way, just as it was great to see many young people (from the uniformed groups and Messy Church) take part in the pantomime.

We are continuing to enjoy the sharing of Faith Lunches on a regular basis – often following on from special services such as those mentioned above – and we are thankful to have these opportunities to share fellowship in this way.

Fiona Houghton

Children's Work

Messy Church
We are still holding the Messy Church once a month but not running the craft club (this seems more manageable with peoples other commitments). We are joined by our regular families and have welcomed a number of new families too.

Christmas 2023
We held a Christmas Craft Afternoon on Sunday 17th December 2023. This was very well attended with 31children and adults, totaling 60 people. Once again new families joined us. We made various crafts of the glittery variety and also the Christmas Nativity themed crafts, and decorated biscuits too. We always have a Nativity service in the Church for the children, but this year it was special as we were joined by members of the Church and public as part of their Sunday Worship. The Nativity Service at 4pm was prepared and led by Robin and Helen Siddle. The scene was set and the parts played by all the children at Messy Church. We got to sing songs too. This service was special as the helpers don't always get to see the children's service due to getting the Hall ready for tea. Thank you to Robin and Helen for creating the Nativity, to Wendy for playing the music and of course everyone that joined us. Afterwards we all shared our usual meal together in the Hall and then all the children were given a selection box for Christmas.

Easter Craft Afternoon 2024
We held our Easter Craft Afternoon on Sunday 24th March 2024. We had 31 children and 23 adults totaling 64 people. Once again we were joined by new families. We made lots of fluffy Easter crafts and then decorated buns and a biscuit. It was finally time for our popular Easter Egg Hunt. Due to the weather looking a little iffy, the plastic eggs were hidden in the Church again this year. Wendy took charge of the children and I would say this was the longest the children had taken to collect the eggs, giving us enough time to set up the Hall for the new crafts. Once the children had been presented with their eggs we carried on with our religious Easter crafts.
The children went back to the Church for an Easter Service led by Keith Thomas. The service was enjoyed by everyone, and I would like to thank Keith for his continued support of Messy Church when he is available.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has helped to make all the craft sessions and children's services possible. I know we all enjoy it as much as the children and their families.

I would especially like to thank our team of regular Messy Church helpers - Wendy Winfield, Mabel Burrows, Fiona Houghton, Phil Plumb, Ann Borrill, Eileen Edwards, Elaine Calver, Margaret Parker, Vanessa Turner, Lesley Brown, Ken Parker for helping to set up the Hall and tidy away tables and chairs, Mike Winfield when required for kitchen duties and Julie Lloyd for providing some crafts for some of the sessions.

Angie Meadley

Sutton Methodist Rainbows

During 2023 Sutton Methodist Rainbows saw the unit become more involved in the Church than it had been in recent years. For the King's Coronation we created colourful posters for the Church to hang up for their celebrations. The girls helped out by dusting the Church during one of the unit meetings, and some had attended special services during the year.

The Rainbows unit saw a few leader changes that the girls dealt with very well. Our leader, Nicole, took time off for maternity from September after welcoming the new intake, with other unit helpers/leaders from the area taking on running the unit for a few months on a rota. Our leader in training, Estelle, left for university but we gained a young leader to help the unit each week. Nicole returned in January 2024. The leaders from the temporary rota continue to help on a rota (Sarah, Kirsty, and Laura), and Estelle returns to help when she can.

Our unit consistently sits at around 15 girls, with a long waiting list of those wanting to join us. A few of our Rainbows gained bronze and silver awards for their badge participation and programme activities. This is something to be celebrated so they were awarded these at a summer celebration trip along with the Brownies and Guides. Many of the girls work towards interest badges at home and show off their efforts to the rest of the group.

Some of our older girls joined the Brownies and Guides at their first ever Guiding sleepover in 2023 to The Deep. Since then, many have moved up to the Brownie unit to enjoy more sleepovers and adventures. The girls have more visibility of Brownies now from the combined trips and seeing others move up, hopefully making the transition easier for them when it's their turn.

Looking forward to the rest of 2024, we hope to bond more as a unit (after welcoming new girls in January and April) through programme/badge work, especially the Paris Olympics challenge that we are about to start soon.

Nicole Ford

Sutton Methodist Brownies

Sutton Methodist Brownies have enjoyed a busy and fun packed year. Our numbers have grown, and we now have 22 Brownies. Our leadership team has changed slightly as we have welcome Lorna, who has taken on the role of Brown Owl. Tricia has continued with the planning of the meetings, and is now known by the Brownies as 'Wise Owl'. We have been lucky enough to have a young volunteer, who has supported the unit weekly. We are due to gain another qualified leader, for the summer term, which will be a huge support with our bigger unit.

Throughout the last year we have continued to follow the new guiding programme that the girls have begun to embrace. Many of our Brownies complete the interest badges, outside of meetings time, which has helped them to gain their bronze and silver awards. We were very pleased to be able to award one of our Brownies her gold award before she moved onto the guide unit. This took a great deal of commitment and hard work, both at Brownies and in her own time. We look forward to giving out more gold awards in the future.

After a long time away from sleepovers at Paxwold, we enjoyed a weekend away in December with 16 of our Brownies. The theme of the weekend was Christmas, and we were fortunate enough to wake up one morning to snow (just enough for the girls to build their own snowman). Prior to this, in the summer term we took 5 of our oldest brownies to an overnight camping trip at Guide Acres. The girls loved this opportunity and for many it was their first time sleeping over in a tent. We were lucky enough to have fantastic weather, and spent the evening singing camp songs, and toasting marshmallows over the campfire.

Our aim in 2023 was to try and connect the Brownie unit back to the church, which we felt was successful and we plan to continue this into 2024 and beyond.

Lorna and Tricia Burden

Thursday Afternoon Fellowship

Once again we have enjoyed our weekly meetings on a Thursday afternoon and have welcomed three new members during the past year. We have interesting talks and demonstrations on various topics, and organise games, quizzes and discussions on alternate weeks.
We keep in touch regularly with past members or anyone who is unwell, and hope to continue and welcome others into our Fellowship.

Pat Dyson

Thursday Prayer Group – 7.30pm

The Thursday Prayer Group has continued to meet for almost four years now and has become an integral part of our Church Family life. Approximately ten people from Hedon and Sutton regularly attend this short time of 'Prayer' each week. The meeting is brief, no more than half an hour, but for those who attend it forms an important part of their prayer life. We continue to meet on Zoom, giving those with busy lives an opportunity to join us. It is possible to link into the Zoom Prayer Group via telephone, as Ann does each week. Recently we have welcomed someone new who now meets with us.

We are led by four people, two from Sutton and two from Hedon, each taking one week per month, all using their talents in different ways. Often there is music, creative ways of using hymns, short reflections, as well as prayers of intercession when we bring before God those on our hearts from within and without Church life. Prayers are voiced in an inclusive and informal way, giving those who take part a great sense of being involved in something bigger, something important and meaningful. In this way we grow closer to God, to each other and grow in faith. Please join us if it is right for you.

If there is someone or something you would like us to pray about on your behalf, or you feel you would like to join us, please contact our link person, Angie Meadley, for details.

Bill Dixon and Sue Langdale

Meet 'n' Eat

It is lovely that we have been able to start Meet 'n' Eat again after the Covid pandemic. I delayed the starting of the event so that we would be very clear from Covid. It was ironic that I could not attend the first event because both Wendy and I had Covid!

Fiona looked after the first event for me and I thank her for that. The Lambwath Staff were very happy to see us back and welcomed us warmly. On the first evening we had over 30 diners and at the second one there were 38 diners. From the comments I received back, everyone seems to have enjoyed their time together.

I will continue to arrange these get-togethers for the first Tuesday of every month. The next one is the 4th June. We meet between 5.15 to 5.30pm to order the food and get a drink, and then to go through to our allotted tables that are set out in long rows.

I hope everyone is aware of these events. I have set up a WhatsApp group to remind people and would welcome new people to the group. However those not on WhatsApp will be approached in other ways.
I need to know how many people are going so that the Lambwath know how many tables they need to put together, hence the need for people to let me know if they are going or not.
If you have not been before do consider joining us, it is a really good time to enjoy food and good company.

Mike Winfield

Church Flowers

Once again my thanks go to all those who contribute generously to the flower fund.

It gives me pleasure to arrange the flowers, and I know that they are appreciated by those who see them in the Church on Sundays, and by those who receive them afterwards. My thanks go to Ann for distributing them each week.

Due to changing circumstances, we have some gaps in the flower rota. If anyone would like to add their name to the list please speak to Ann Borrill or ring me on 788721.
Thank you.

Jenny Woods

Action for Children

Since the last General Church Meeting £565.29 has been donated through the home collection boxes or by annual donation, which is once again very generous in view of the current financial situation. As with all charities, the present economic climate has presented many challenges so every penny is greatly appreciated.

Another way of supporting them is by joining their campaigns which their literature states "call on the Government to take urgent action to stop children hurting and give them the bright future they deserve" and I can provide contact details if anyone is interested in looking into this further. Very sincere thanks to all who support this wonderful charity.

Margaret Parker

Christian Aid

Last year an Afternoon Tea event was held at The Hornbeams in Sutton. This took place on Thursday 18th May and it was a beautiful sunny day, such a wonderful day to hold a garden party. We were all served afternoon tea or coffee with a cream scone in the beautiful gardens, raffles and book sales too. The afternoon was very well attended and together everyone **raised over £600.00** for Christian Aid. Thank you to everyone who worked so hard to make this possible.

This year we will be having a similar event but it will be in the Church Hall (date to be confirmed) as we are unable to host the event at the Hornbeams. We are grateful to the family for letting us use their beautiful home and garden for a number of years, Thank you.

I decided to walk at least 10,000 steps a day for Christian Aid from the Sunday 14th May for a month. It ended up as average daily steps of 18,943 and I did 587,257 steps or 271.37 miles in the month. I gave weekly updates of my walk and events at Church and wore a Christian Aid T-shirt for the duration so no one could escape me. I even had a Christian Aid back screen on Zoom meetings to make people aware.

On the Thursday of the Afternoon Tea I decided to walk from the Humber Bridge and cross to Barton and then back to the car park, then through Hessle, along Hessle Road and then Anlaby Road. I had a pattie buttie whilst sitting at the fountain in Queens Gardens. Next I walked along Holderness Road and through East Park, along Gillshill Road, finally arriving at the Hornbeams for the biggest cream scone and well deserved coffee as promised after walking 18.81 miles. I was interviewed on Radio Humberside and also by Juliet Lunam from Christian Aid who produced a News Release (5 mins of fame). Sylvia Usher gave my details so we could promote Christian Aid week and the events to a bigger audience.

I would like to take this opportunity to say THANK YOU to everyone who supported my walking and Christian Aid. Together we raised **a brilliant total of £1405.00 plus gift aid of £325.00**.

Angie Meadley

JMA – Junior Mission for All

We have 10 collectors; during the year to 31 August 2023 we raised £540.00.

I would welcome any new collectors, children and adults, to support the important work of mission.

Andrew Bettley

Music in the Church

In July and September of 2023 many of our Singers were involved in the two performances of the Roger Jones musical, 'Apostle'. This was a Circuit Musical. Practices had taken place at Withernsea on Tuesdays for folks in the Withernsea area of the Circuit and on Fridays for the East Hull section of the Circuit. Everyone involved, not just singers, worked hard to make this happen and the Choir and audiences at both performances enjoyed a rich time of fellowship and blessing.

In October 2023 our Singers began practising for Christmas. We worked on the musical, 'Stargazers'. We performed two of the songs at the Martin House Carol Service at Holderness Road Methodist Church, and then performed the full musical during the morning service on the second Sunday in Advent, December 10th. A much bigger than average congregation, as well as the Singers, filled the downstairs of the Church that morning, suggesting that we had chosen the right time-slot to perform for Christmas.

On the first Saturday in March of 2024, Sutton Methodist Church was pleased to be able to present the Sutton Community with another great Pantomime, featuring a range of talents and musical contributions. Thank you again to Robin and Helen for organising and producing 'Robin Hood'. It was good to see new-to-the-panto performers taking part, and the return of 'old timers'!

Currently our Singers are working on the Roger Jones musical, 'Two Sisters and a Funeral', the 2024 Circuit Musical. The title may sound a little strange, but knowing that the musical is the story of Lazarus, Mary and Martha then it perhaps makes more sense. The first performance is on Saturday 15th June 3pm at Withernsea Methodist Church, and the second is on Saturday 13th July 3pm at Holderness Road Methodist Church. Please put at least one of these dates in your diary.

On behalf of the Church Family I would like to thank Matthew for his continued contribution to the music for Sunday Worship. He is always willing to play, sometimes unexpectedly covering at the last minute. I would also like to thank Jim for his weekly work in preparing worship items for us to read from the screens. This year Jim had extra work to do in purchasing and setting up the new computer, loading the software, and making it compatible with our screens, and many other processes that I don't fully understand! Thanks, Jim!

Wendy Winfield

Warm Welcome

Overview The guests and the team had no difficulty in making the transition from the three to two days opening. We have encountered several enhancements and development opportunities since the last AGM. A sample of these include the addition of the banner identifying and advertising Warm Welcome. Another is the pieces of artwork displayed around the Potterill Room and corridor that were painted by Lionel, one of the guests. We have two additions to the team, one is Pauline, a long standing guest who became our first guest Volunteer plus Stacey, a more recent guest, who also joined us as a Volunteer. Sadly, Judith L died unexpectedly in November 2023. Her son Chris visited us and expressed how much his mum had enjoyed her time with her friends at Warm Welcome. Chris very kindly donated a sum of money to Warm Welcome. We continue to receive donations and support, financial and consumables from our generous guests and the public.
Our attendance for October 2023 – March 2024, we welcomed a total of 874 guests.

We held our first anniversary celebration in November 2023 followed by our Christmas celebration. Both were well attended and enjoyed by all guests. We also held another volunteers' team meal. Elements of the team have undertaken EDI, first aid and safeguarding training. Some defibrillator awareness training is scheduled for June 2024.
Our collaborative and partnership work has involved working with Hull City Council who offers a Help and Advice session on Mondays operating in Warm Welcome. We have also had visits from representatives from several organisations, including Community Health Care Partnership (C.H.C.P.) and the NHS meeting and chatting with guests. The Hands Partnership is a local multi organisational initiative involving HCC, Yorkshire Ambulance and others, with the aim to offer, where applicable, free defibrillators. We were fortunate to receive a free defibrillator that was installed in March 2024. We continue to support the RNLI using people's donations from the 5p jars. At present we have donated £65. The local policing team have made two donations of home security devices available free to guests and volunteers. They are aiming to attend approximately once a month where possible. They are also planning a public awareness and information event to be held in Sutton in May 2024.

The Warm Welcome garden project is intended to transform the hard-standing courtyard on the Potterill Lane entrance into a comfortable and pleasant area, enticing people to sit and join us over a relaxing cuppa in warmer weather. The project is developing well thanks to lots of work undertaken behind the scenes by the volunteers. The equipment and materials have been purchased using funds received from grants and donations made to Warm Welcome. One significant grant was from C.H.C.P, resulting in us receiving £1000.
Another ongoing development is the internet project, which is moving slower than anticipated. Steve C is in regular contact with the organisations involved expressing our keenness in having the free mobile Wi-Fi capability. The overall duration of the free Wi-Fi is expected to be three years as it is subject to support from The Good Things Foundation and it's other partners funding streams. The Good Things Foundation is a charity that helps deliver digital accessibility aiming to combat national digital isolation and exclusion. Phil and Steve have completed some associated awareness training and will be undertaking further as necessary

Warm Welcome Financial Report

Regular Running

Donations		1665
Expenditure		
Banner	39	
Notice Boards/toaster etc	163	
Stationery	8	
Refreshments	327	
		537
Surplus this year		1128
Balance b/fw		444
Regular funds in hand		**1672**

Garden Project

Funds Raised		1777
Expenditure		
Tables chairs etc	1087	
Bench/Planters	214	
Paint	57	
		1358
Garden Funds available ***		419
Total WW Funds		**1991**

*** Still to purchase
Plants
Soil
Fertiliser
? More planters etc.

Steve Calver

Property

General maintenance is carried out regularly throughout the year and, wherever possible, repairs are carried out in house to save money. Light bulbs/tube replacement, tap washers, fence repairs, tree pruning, locks and door handles, washing down the paintwork on the front of the church, removal of large amounts of unwanted furnishings, rubbish and non-saleable items from the Christmas Fair taken to the tip or disposed of in the correct manner, etc.

One of the major jobs carried out this year was the removal and replacement of the fence and gate at the side of the chapel adjoining the neighbouring house. This was carried out by our own maintenance crew and the only cost incurred was the price of the materials. The curtains in the Groves Room were replaced with roller blinds. Unfortunately we had to call in a professional company to carry out this task.

All safety inspections are up to date for this period and have included electricity, gas and fire extinguishers.

A slight leak was detected in the flat roof on the hall side of our premises. This resulted in the replacement of all light fittings in the toilet block. The source of the leak has been found and hopefully dealt with but we are still monitoring this situation to ensure that our repairs have been successful and we will give the matter further attention when the roof dries out.

The light fittings in the Primary Room have all been replaced by Graham Sowden.

A big thank you is expressed to Ken Parker, Ray Lloyd, Graham Sowden and anyone else who has helped out with repairs and maintenance during the year.

Robin Siddle

Health and Safety

Health and safety questions form a large percentage of the Methodist Church 'Property Checklist for Annual Inspections by the Property Stewards'. At Sutton Methodist Church the recently re-formed Business Committee considered all the questions on this checklist and it provided us with a good 'audit tool'.

One section of the checklist encouraged us to consider Fire Precautions and, as a result of a simple enquiry to Humberside Fire and Rescue regarding signage, we ended up having a Fire Safety audit/inspection and were told certain work had to be done to keep the Potterill Lane premises open. As you are probably aware, the work by contractors has now been completed, but there are further tasks for the Business Committee to attend to, as we need to follow up with 'training' for premise users, checks on their Group Risk Assessments and insurance, and possible re-configuration of their Contracts as users of the premises.

A 'Fire Safety' Risk Assessment for our Potterill Lane premises has been compiled by our Circuit Administrator, Vivienne Wilkes, along with some members of the Business Committee. Our other premises Risk Assessments are due for review too, but we can carry this out ourselves. Risk Assessments are a legal requirement in the 21st Century and our Church has a legal duty to follow these requirements for our own safety and the safety of all users of our premises.

Wendy Winfield

Fund Raising

Although the Harvest Supper is not strictly a fund raising event, around 70 people enjoyed a wonderful evening of a three-course meal followed by tea/coffee and entertainment by the Wedding Belles. We managed to make £170 which was donated to the Daisy Appeal.

Our regular Christmas Fair in December raised £600 for Church funds. At this event additional funds were raised due to the fact that Warm Welcome, the Scouting groups and the Guides all had their own stalls, raising money for their own activities. Unfortunately the Sutton Village Fair did not take place this year as this also usually adds to our fund raising efforts over the Christmas period.

Robin Hood the Pantomime took place in March and we raised £1,500 for church funds plus another £200 for SACTS.

This results in a total of £2,100.00 for fund raising for this financial year.

We would greatly appreciate other people within the church undertaking further fund raising events as our energy and enthusiasm is beginning to wane.

At the moment we do not have any plans for fund raising apart from the Christmas Fair and the Pantomime. We are always open to suggestions and volunteers who would undertake organising and running fund raising ventures.

Robin Siddle

Sutton Methodist Church Room Lettings

We currently have 6 fee-paying external groups using the premises on a weekly basis.

- Ginger Fitness
- Yoga
- Brooklands Photographic Society
- REA Tots – Mums & Tots Group
- Spring Cottage Superstars – Majorettes
- Slimming World – 2 groups

These groups mean that we have around 400 local people accessing the premises each week.

Additionally, we have 5 fee-paying groups who meet on an ad-hoc basis.

- Diabetes Prevention
- Moorview Care
- Reform
- Messy Bambinos
- UDOIT Dance Foundation

If we add in the numbers for the Uniformed Organisations, Warm Welcome, Women's Fellowship, Sunday worship and the monthly Messy Church, we average around 600 people per week accessing the Church premises.

In 2023, these fee-paying groups contributed £13,360.00 to the Church accounts plus £1,600.00 from 21 children's parties, 2 jewellery valuations, 1 dance practice, 1 fitness exam & a St John's Ambulance annual presentation event.

To enable these valuable room bookings to take place involves hard work from various church members.
The process generally begins via the church website which is ably administered by Matthew Bunting and monitored by Angie Meadley. Enquires then arrive via email to Elaine Calver who negotiates room availability & hire charges to complete a booking. Regular users are then invoiced monthly to facilitate payment and parties etc are paid for in cash.

Only a few of the groups which use the church are key holders which means that all other users need to be welcomed to the premises and the premises made secure after the event. This part of the process requires a well-managed diary. Margaret Parker now bears the brunt of this time-consuming task with others standing-in on occasions. Ann Borrill shared the task with Margaret for many years, only stepping down due to lack of transport.

The Church Hall premises and the Church premises are kept clean and tidy by Julie Lloyd (ably assisted by Ray sometimes) meaning that our premises are always presentable and inviting for paying users, which is important to ensure repeat bookings.

Thanks go to everyone concerned for the hard work and dedication that enables the Church to contribute to the local community by maintaining a visible presence within that community.

Elaine Calver

THE METHODIST CHURCH

STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

SUTTON METHODIST	Church

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31 August 2024

SOUTH HOLDERNESS	Circuit	Circuit no.	29/32

Registered Charity - Charity Registration number	1179285
If not a registered charity **Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs Gift Aid number**	

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Mr P.J.Langdale

ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024

SUTTON METHODIST — Church

	SECTION A		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year		Totals last year	
			£	£	£		£	
a1	**RECEIPTS**	**Note**						
a2	Offerings and Tax recovered		34,031		34,031		32,796	
a3	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income		8,139		8,139		1,986	
a4	Lettings		18,411		18,411		18,112	
a5	Other receipts		14,508		14,508		4,424	
a6	**TOTAL RECEIPTS**		**75,089**		**75,089**	**(a7)**	**57,318**	
	SECTION B							
b1	**PAYMENTS**							
b2	Circuit Assessment or Share		36,000		36,000		32,400	
b3	Donations		2,490		2,490		2,490	
b4	Repairs and Maintenance		20,874		20,874		1,472	
b5	Utilities (Insurances, water charges, heating & lighting)		15,554		15,554		7,801	
b6	Pension Fund							
b7	Other payments		5,906		5,906		4,455	
b8	**TOTAL PAYMENTS**		**80,824**		**80,824**	**(b9)**	**48,618**	
	SECTION C							
c1	**NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR**	**(a6-b8)**	(5,735)		(5,735)		8,700	
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year		77,310		**77,310**	**(c6)**	**68,610**	
c3	**Sub totai**	**(c1+c2)**	71,575		**71,575**		**77,310**	
c4	Transfers and adjustments					**(c7)**		
c5	**TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR**	**(c3+c4)**	**71,575**		**71,575**	**(c8)**	**77,310**	**(c6)**

	SECTION D		
	FOR INFORMATION ONLY: MONEY RECEIVED AND PASSED ON TO EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS		
d	**(these amounts are not to be included in total receipts/payments figures**	**£**	**£**
d1	Balance brought forward from last year		
d2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations	1,541	794
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations	1,541	794
d4	**BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID** (d1+d2-d3)		

SUTTON METHODIST Church

SUMMARY OF CHURCH ACCOUNTS AND INTERNAL ORGANISATIONS REPORTING TO THE CHURCH COUNCIL

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	INTERNAL ORGANISATIONS	Receipts	Payments	Net Receipts/ Payments	Adjustments	Opening balances		Closing balances	
e1	Pre School	404	6,000	(5,596)		14,157		8,561	
e2	Warm Welcome	3,733	2,728	1,005		444		1,449	
e3									
e4									
e5									
e6									
e7									
e8	Sub total of Internal Organisations funds	4,137	8,728	(4,591)		14,601	(e11)	10,010	(e12)
e9	Church accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)	75,089 (a7)	80,824 (b9)	(5,735)	(c7)	77,310	(c6)	71,575	(c8)
e10	TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	79,226	89,552	(10,326)		91,911	(x)	81,585	(y)

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

TOTAL RECEIPTS | TOTAL PAYMENTS

SECTION F

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

CHURCH - CASH FUNDS HELD at 31 August 2022

		OPENING BALANCES		CLOSING BALANCES	
f1	Cash in hand	14		132	
f2	Bank Current Account	22,955		7,963	
f3	Bank Deposit Account				
f4	Central Finance Board	23,364		32,503	
f5	Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes	30,977		30,977	
f6	Other funds				
f7	**SUB TOTAL - Church accounts**	**77,310**	(c6)	**71,575**	(c8)
f8	Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance total from above) (e12)	**14,601**	(e11)	**10,010**	(e12)
f9	**TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH**	**91,911**	(x)	**81,585**	(y)

SECTION G

OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES

		At 1 September 2021	At 31 August 2022
g1	Investments (include Endowments)		
g2	Land & Buildings (see notes re Insurance value)		
g3	Other Assets		
g4	Loan(s) - show amount outstanding at year end		
g5	Other Liabilities		

f4 Include only Funds held at the Central Finance Board
f5 Include only Funds held at Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes
g1 Include any other investments (not the cash element of TMCP trusts accounts this is included in line f5

Name of Church .. **Sutton Metthodist Church** **29/32**

Declarations and Scrutiny

I confirm that these Receipt and Payment based accounts for the year to 31 August 2024 have been prepared from the records of the Church and that they include all funds under the control of the Church trustees.

Signature of treasurer ..... Date 4/1/25

Name and address of treasurer ..... Philip Langdale

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Signature of the Chair of the meeting ..... D.M. Lucas

Name of the Chair of the meeting ..... DEBORAH LUCAS ..... Date 6th March 2025

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Sutton Methodist Church for the year ended 31 August 2024 set out on pages 1 to 3. 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').

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

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Signature of independent examiner .....David Gray.....

Name of independent examiner ..DAVID GRAY.....

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner ..N.L.F.C.A.....

Name of firm (where appropriate) ..DAVID GRAY.....

Address ..GRAYS' STORES
MAIN ROAD.....
THORNGUMBALD
.....HULL..... HU12 9LS.. Post Code .....

Date ..3rd MARCH 2025.....

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SUTTON-ON-HULL METHODIST CHURCH

England & Wales - Charity number 1179285

Accounts

SUTTON ON HULL METHODIST CHURCH
ANNUAL CHURCH MEETING
SUNDAY 14TH MAY 2023

PRESENT:
Rev Debbie Lucas, Mr Phil Langdale, Mr Jim Maslen , Mr Andrew Bettley, Mrs Margaret Parker, Mrs Angie Meadley, Mr Bill Dixon, Mrs Penny Dixon, Mrs Elaine Calver, Mr Steve Calver, Mrs Pat Dyson, Mrs Margaret Bettley, Mrs Ann Borrill, Mrs Eileen Edwards, Mr Matthew Bunting, Mrs Linda Whitton, Mrs Barbara Whelan, Mrs Wendy Winfield

The meeting started at 12.35 pm

OPENING PRAYER
Rev Debbie opened the meeting with prayer.

APOLOGIES:
Deacon Sue Langdale, Mrs Fiona Houghton, Mr Robin Siddle, Mr Phil Plumb, Mrs Elaine Plumb, Mr Mike Winfield, Mr Dennis Robson, Mrs Julie Lloyd, Mr Ray Lloyd, Mr Colin Harker, Mrs Ruth Harker, Mr Laurie Berry

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING
The minutes from the last Annual Church Meeting on Sunday 15th May 2022 had been distributed for those present to read. Mrs Penny Dixon proposed that they were accepted as a true record. This was seconded by Mrs Linda Whitton.

TIME OF REMEMBRANCE
The meeting remembered with thanks the lives of Eric Hunter, Bob Stephenson, Shannon Gray and Ann Alexander. The families and friends of Eric, Bob, Shannon and Ann were also remembered in our time of prayer.

CHURCH STEWARDS
Mrs Fiona Houghton, Mr Andrew Bettley, Mrs Margaret Parker, Mrs Linda Whitton, Mr Bill Dixon and Mrs Wendy Winfield are all able and willing to continue serving as Church Stewards. In addition Mrs Angie Meadley and Mr Robin Siddle are happy to continue fulfilling the roles of Church Life Stewards.
Mr Phil Langdale proposed that the Meeting accept the above Church Members as Stewards for the year up to May 2024 and Mrs Elaine Calver seconded this. This proposal was carried unanimously.

ELECTION OF CHURCH REPRESENTATIVES TO THE CHURCH COUNCIL
No one has said that they don't want to continue as a Representative to the Church Council. Mrs Wendy Winfield suggested that Mrs Elaine Calver, in her role as Church Bookings Secretary, would be a valuable asset to the Church Council. Elaine agreed to this spontaneous suggestion. Mrs Penny Dixon formally proposed that the Meeting accept Elaine as a Representative to the Church Council, seconded by Mrs Angie Meadley. The Meeting agreed unanimously.

WRITTEN REPORTS FOR 2022 - 2023
The Reports were distributed as paper copies. Rev Debbie Lucas thanked all who had written and submitted a report, and she also thanked Mrs Wendy Winfield for collating them.

Mr Phil Langdale asked if the Reports could perhaps be posted on the Church website. There were queries about including names and also a query about whether the details of Finance should be put onto the Church website. No firm decision was made.

Amendments to the reports Mr Philip Langdale pointed out that there was a typing error with regard to the Church Insurance. The figure of £292 should read £2920.

Rev Debbie Lucas asked those present to accept the Reports. The acceptance of the Reports was proposed by Mrs Angie Meadley, seconded by Mrs Pat Dyson and all were in agreement.

Matters arising from the Reports

- Mr Phil Langdale wanted to add to **Property.** He said that solar panels had now been installed on the lower roof to the rear of the Church and also to the south-facing roof of the Potterill Room. Sutton Methodist Church is part of a District initiative to become carbon neutral and the solar panels will give us free electricity during the day for the Church and Potterill Room buildings, but not the Church Hall. There is currently a shortfall of around £16,000 to the project in the South Holderness Circuit, but this is likely to be covered by the Benefact Trust. Other monies have come from Tees Valley Council (£32K), our District (£7K) and TMCP (£8K).
  Rev Debbie expressed thanks to Phil for all the work he has put into this project, including the drawing down of grants. Other churches in the Circuit that have benefitted from the installation of solar panels are Elstronwick and Bransholme.
- **Warm Space/Warm Welcome** Mr Philip Langdale continued by highlighting that from WS/WW came the Coronation Afternoon Tea which had been a big success. Also the special lunch at the end of the winter term for Warm Space. He told the Meeting that there is still quite a bit of funding in hand to keep Warm Welcome running and Hull City Council had recently awarded us a further £250. Phil pointed out that the Warm Welcome/Space Report had been submitted entirely by Mr Steve Calver, not a joint report as typed in by Mrs Wendy Winfield.
  Phil particularly thanked Steve Calver for his work in leading the Warm Welcome Team of volunteers. He also mentioned Dinah and Allan who are members of the Team. They joined us right at the beginning of the venture. Special thanks go to those volunteers who did a tremendous job with the catering for the Coronation Afternoon Tea.
- Rev Debbie Lucas commented on what a lot of effort goes into everything that the Church does for its own **Members** and also the **Community.**
- Mrs Wendy Winfield mentioned the work of Kirsty Parker in leading the **Guides.** Less than a year ago the Guide Unit was in danger of closing down, but Kirsty had offered to lead the Unit and it has gone from strength to strength.
- Wendy then spoke about the **Rainbows** who had produced some lovely Coronation Art Work. Also, the Rainbows Leader, Nicole, had contacted Wendy asking if the Rainbows could help the Church under the 'Big Help Out' nationwide initiative linked to the Coronation. As a result the Rainbows would be going into the Church on Monday 15th May to dust and polish the pews, wooden panelling and free-standing furniture downstairs.
- Mrs Angie Meadley pointed out that although we might not see children around on a Sunday, there are more new families joining us at **Messy Church** events, particularly the Christmas and Easter special afternoons. These new families have then gone on to join in with the regular Messy Church afternoons once a month on Thursdays. Angie thanked everyone who helps at Messy Church.

- Rev Debbie said that we are grateful to Mr Ray and Mrs Julie Lloyd for all their work in cleaning the premises and maintaining the gardens to a high standard.

ITEMS RAISED CONCERNING THE LIFE AND WITNESS OF THE CHURCH

- **Purchase of a new computer for the Church** – Mr Jim Maslen said that he thought that this might be a fiddly thing to set up, but he wondered if a desktop computer might be easier than a laptop. Jim is also concerned about the cost of the software. Mr Phil Langdale thinks that via an appropriate charity route we might be able to obtain free software.
  Mrs Pat Dyson asked if currently the laptop is only used on a Sunday.
  Mr Steve Calver asked if a new laptop might be usable elsewhere on the premises.
  Phil said he agreed with Jim that a desktop might be easier and if it was set up in Church we would not dismantle it for other users.
  Rev Debbie said that perhaps we might draw on the expertise of Mr Matthew Bunting.
- **Exploration of organising an Internet link for the Church premises** – Mrs Angie Meadley had obtained some quotes (available to look at on a printed sheet) for the Church side only of the premises. Phil said that if we could do away with the Church phone line then that would be an offset as we are currently paying for a phone line. This might depend on the current state of Internet cabling in the neighbourhood.
  Phil went on to say that Pauline Beech, from the Council, had asked if there is anything that we (Welcome Space) might need. Phil wondered if we, as a charity, might get help from the Council in installing the Internet, or maybe KCom might have a different pricing structure for charities.
  Matthew said that he had nothing to add at the moment but he offered his help. It was suggested that Matthew might be 'trained up' as a deputy for Jim.
  Rev Debbie thought Angie's idea of canvassing groups who use our premises to ascertain whether the Internet would be useful to them was a good idea. Elaine is onboard to assist with this, not necessarily immediately but possibly by the time the Church Council meets in October.
  Internet safety is a concern and we would need to consider how that would be managed. Rev Debbie said that there are several things with regard to Safeguarding that need to be considered.
  Phil commented that the engineer for the solar panels had struggled to load the software due to the fact that we haven't got the Internet. He tried with his phone but kept losing the signal.
- **Further thoughts on the purchase of a new computer for Church** – Jim said that he would look into the purchase of a good desktop and the associated software costs. Jim brings his preparation from home on a memory stick so that could continue.
  Wendy wondered if it might be possible to purchase a reasonably priced reconditioned laptop in addition to a desktop computer for the Church.
  Thanks were expressed to Jim for all that he does each week in preparing worship materials for the screen.
- **Planning more regular Faith Lunches after the Sunday service** – Because the Church Anniversary Faith Lunch in March had been so enjoyable, it has been suggested that Faith Lunches could be held more often. A possible pattern to this might be once a month or every six weeks. Phil said that Faith Lunches provide a great opportunity to share fellowship, particularly for those who go home to an empty house.
  It was agreed provisionally that Faith Lunches would take place monthly and the date of the next one would be Sunday June 11th. The next 'second Sunday in the month' would be Sunday 9th July.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS AND ARRANGEMENTS

- Mrs Wendy Winfield gave the Meeting details of the forthcoming **Circuit Musical**, 'Apostle' by Roger Jones. Rehearsals are ongoing at Withernsea, Holderness Road and Sutton. The two planned performances are Saturday 15th July 7.00pm at Withernsea Methodist Church and also Saturday 23rd September 3.00pm at Holderness Road Methodist Church.
- A **Beetle Drive** has been arranged for Saturday 3rd June.
- Rev Debbie spoke about an **extra Circuit Meeting** that is planned for some time over the summer. She said that the Circuit Stewards are going to meet to discuss expanding mission opportunities. However it is recognised that the Circuit is still not up to full staffing levels. Each Church might be asked a series of questions so that responses can be fed into the Circuit Meeting.
- Rev Debbie talked to the Meeting about **Circuit Staffing**. She said that **Rev Helen Hickson** will be leaving the Circuit in the summer. Her Farewell Service will be held at Hedon Methodist Church on the afternoon of Sunday 16th July. She will be replaced by **Rev Ian Greenfield**. **Steve Clayton** is doing an excellent job as Local Pastor. Rev Debbie went on to say that for a long time our Circuit had been **without a Circuit Administrator** and this general short-staffing had resulted in not everything being covered in the way that Rev Debbie would have wished. Rev Debbie praised the **Circuit Leadership Team** for working very hard on our behalf. Financially the Circuit is in a slightly better position than it had been previously.

MISCELLANEOUS OTHER BUSINESS

- Phil said that Warm Space/Welcome had opened our eyes to potential in terms of **outreach and support**.
- Wendy suggested that perhaps we might set up a rota of **Door Stewards** again. The idea was well accepted and a rota will be put together in the next few weeks.
- Wendy proposed a vote of thanks to Deacon Sue Langdale for all her weekly work in producing the **Church Notices**. Also thanks and recognition for the work carried out by Mrs Elaine Calver as our **Church Bookings** Secretary. This job is so much more than placing bookings in the diary. It involves showing potential users around the premises and, for the existing users, keeping abreast of all the invoicing, and also contacting users if issues arise.
- Rev Debbie said that going forward we need to think about **worship patterns**.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was agreed that the next Annual Church Meeting would take place this time next year on **Sunday 12th May 2024** following the 10.45am service.

CLOSING PRAYERS

Final prayers included prayers for the Church Stewards and members of the Church Council. The meeting closed at around 2.00pm.

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THE METHODIST CHURCH

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SUTTON METHODIST — **Church**

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a1	**RECEIPTS**	Note					
a2	Offerings and Tax recovered		32,796		32,796		33,579
a3	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income		1,986		1,986		165
a4	Lettings		18,112		18,112		16,249
a5	Other receipts		4,424		4,424		2,923
a6	**TOTAL RECEIPTS**		**57,318**		**57,318**	(a7)	**52,916**
	SECTION B						
b1	**PAYMENTS**						
b2	Circuit Assessment or Share		32,400		32,400		32,400
b3	Donations		2,490		2,490		2,477
b4	Repairs and Maintenance		1,472		1,472		2,334
b5	Utilities (Insurances, water charges, heating & lighting)		7,801		7,801		6,352
b6	Pension Fund						4,400
b7	Other payments		4,455		4,455		3,894
b8	**TOTAL PAYMENTS**		**48,618**		**48,618**	(b9)	**51,857**
	SECTION C						
c1	**NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR**	(a6-b8)	8,700		8,700		1,059
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year		68,610		**68,610**	(c6)	**67,551**
c3	**Sub total**	(c1+c2)	77,310		**77,310**		**68,610**
c4	Transfers and adjustments					(c7)	
c5	**TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR**	(c3+c4)	**77,310**		**77,310**	(c8)	**68,610** (c6)

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e2	**Warm Welcome**	1,413	969	444			444
e3							
e4							
e5							
e6							
e7							
e8	Sub total of Internal Organisations funds	1,857	6,969	(5,112)		19,713 (e11)	14,601 (e12)
e9	**Church accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)**	57,318 (a7)	48,618 (b9)	8,700	(c7)	68,610 (c6)	77,310 (c8)
e10	**TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH**	59,175	55,587	3,588		88,323 (x)	91,911 (y)
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SECTION F

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f1	Cash in hand	54	14
f2	Bank Current Account	15,200	22,955
f3	Bank Deposit Account		
f4	Central Finance Board	22,379	23,364
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SECTION G

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		At 1 September 2021	At 31 August 2022
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g2	Land & Buildings (see notes re Insurance value)		
g3	Other Assets		
g4	Loan(s) - show amount outstanding at year end		
g5	Other Liabilities		

f4 Include only Funds held at the Central Finance Board
f5 Include only Funds held at Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes
g1 Include any other investments (not the cash element of TMCP trusts accounts this is included in line f5

Name of Church .. **Sutton Metthodist Church** **29/32**

Declarations and Scrutiny

I confirm that these Receipt and Payment based accounts for the year to 31 August 2023 have been prepared from the records of the Church and that they include all funds under the control of the Church trustees.

Signature of treasurer ..... Date 7/3/2024

Name and address of treasurer ..... Philip Langdale

20 Barra Close Hull HU8 9JB

Presentation to the Church trustees

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

Signature of the Chair of the meeting .....

Name of the Chair of the meeting ..... Date ..7/03/2024

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

Sutton Methodist Church

Charity Number .. 1179285

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Sutton Methodist Church for the year ended 31 August 2023 set out on pages 1 to 3. 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').

Name of Church .. Sutton Methodist Church 1179285

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.

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

Signature of independent examiner .....

Name of independent examiner ..... DAVID GRAY

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner ..... NLFCA

Name of firm (where appropriate) DAVID GRAY GRAYS' STORES

Address MAIN ROAD THORNGUMBALD

..... HULL HU12 9LS Post Code .....

Date 12th February 2024

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SUTTON-ON-HULL METHODIST CHURCH

England & Wales - Charity number 1179285

Accounts

SUTTON ON HULL METHODIST CHURCH
ANNUAL CHURCH MEETING
SUNDAY 15TH MAY 2022

PRESENT:
Rev Debbie Lucas, Deacon Sue Langdale, Mr Phil Langdale, Mr Jim Maslen , Mr Andrew Bettley, Mrs Margaret Parker, Mrs Fiona Houghton, Mr Robin Siddle, Mr Bill Dixon, Mrs Penny Dixon, Mrs Pat Dyson, Mrs Margaret Bettley, Mrs Ann Borrill, Mrs Eileen Edwards, Ms Andrera Gray, Mr Dennis Robson, Mr Matthew Bunting, Mr Mike Winfield, Mrs Wendy Winfield

The meeting started at 12.35 pm

OPENING PRAYER
Rev Debbie opened the meeting with prayer.

APOLOGIES:
Mr Phil Plumb, Mrs Elaine Plumb, Mrs Angie Meadley, Mrs Jan Gay, Mr Keith Gay, Mrs Julie Lloyd, Mr Ray Lloyd, Mrs Elaine Calver, Mr Colin Harker, Mrs Ruth Harker, Mrs Linda Whitton

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING
The last Annual Church Meeting took place on Sunday 19th May 2019, but the minutes of this meeting were not available for reading/approval.

TIME OF REMEMBRANCE
A Remembrance Service had been held on Sunday 12th September 2021 so at this time we remembered members and friends who have died in recent months. Prayers were said giving thanks for the lives of Mrs Doreen Hunter, Miss Sheila Blackman and any others known to individuals in the Church Family.

THANKSGIVING FOR RETIRING CHURCH STEWARDS
Rev Debbie Lucas expressed deep gratitude to the two retiring stewards, Mr Jim Maslen and Deacon Sue Langdale who both contribute to the life of the Church in so many ways.
Rev Debbie said that Jim had served as a steward for 15/16 years. She recalled a previous minister of Sutton Methodist Church saying that Jim had been like a rock to them. Jim is recognised for his community work, his leadership in prayer through the Monday Prayer Group and also the weekly Prayer Sheets that he complied during the Pandemic. Rev Debbie went on to say that Jim is loyal and faithful and someone who can be relied upon. Heartfelt and deep thanks go to him from the Meeting and from the Body of Fellowship at Sutton.
Rev Debbie explained that, after 5 years serving as a steward, Sue feels that for the moment it is time to take a break. Sue also is very faithful, loyal and committed in all aspects but particularly in visiting and caring for people. Rev Debbie emphasised Sue's interest in the community and the way she always has a spring in her step and a smile on her face.

CONTINUING STEWARDS
Rev Debbie thanked all the stewards, Mrs Fiona Houghton in particular for taking on the role of Senior Steward when Sue moved to pastoral work at Withernsea and Elstronwick.
It was noted that Mrs Fiona Houghton, Mr Andrew Bettley, Mrs Margaret Parker and Mrs Linda Whitton are all able and willing to continue serving as Church Stewards. Therefore

these four are reappointed. In addition Mrs Angie Meadley and Mr Robin Siddle continue to fulfil the roles of Church Life Stewards.

ELECTION OF NEW STEWARDS

Mrs Wendy Winfield had agreed to her name being put forward to become a Church Steward, formally proposed by Deacon Sue Langdale, seconded by Mr Andrew Bettley. Rev Debbie Lucas asked the Meeting to vote and this was carried unanimously.
Mr Bill Dixon had offered to return to the role of Church Steward, formally proposed by Mr Jim Maslen, seconded by Mrs Penny Dixon. Again, Rev Debbie Lucas asked the Meeting to vote and this was carried unanimously.

ELECTION OF CHURCH REPRESENTATIVES TO THE CHURCH COUNCIL

Mrs Pat Dyson is willing to continue as a Church Representative to the Church Council.
The two retiring stewards, Mr Jim Maslen and Deacon Sue Langdale are willing to serve on the Church Council as Church Representatives. Mr Jim Maslen was formally proposed by Mrs Penny Dixon, seconded by Mr Dennis Robson. Deacon Sue Langdale was formally proposed by Mrs Margaret Bettley, seconded by Mrs Fiona Houghton.
Mrs Ann Borrill had previously served on the Church Council as a representative of Mums and Tots. This group no longer meets but Ann said that she is willing to serve on the Church Council as a Church Representative, formally proposed by Mrs Margaret Parker, seconded by Mr Phil Langdale.

WRITTEN REPORTS FOR 2021 - 2022

The Reports had been made available both electronically and as paper copies. Rev Debbie Lucas thanked all who had written and submitted a report, and also thanks go to Mrs Jan Gay for collating them.
Amendments to the reports Mr Robin Siddle informed the Meeting that the installation of new high level heaters in the Hall would now be carried out on 16/06/22 rather than the original date of 16/05/22.
Rev Debbie Lucas asked those present to accept the Reports and all were in approval.
No other matters arising from the Reports

ITEMS RAISED CONCERNING THE LIFE AND WITNESS OF THE CHURCH

PROPERTY

- In connection with the realisation that the Church should consider the need for improving the heating system within the chapel, Mr Phil Langdale spoke about how we might be able to link in with the District Initiative to be Carbon Neutral by 2040. We have been made aware that a £3,000 survey of our property linked to this Initiative could be eligible for grant funding of between 50% and 100%. Adele Bowman, District Leader for this Initiative, is applying for this funding on our behalf.
- Mr Geoff Langley, Hedon Methodist Church, has been in touch re 'thermal imaging', technology that would enable us to see where our heat loss takes place. Geoff has arranged with Phil for a short visit to our Church to take place on Monday 23rd May at 6.30pm. Elliott Holland will demonstrate the equipment, something similar to a 'Smart' phone.
- Thanks were expressed to Mr Robin Siddle for all the ways in which he looks after our property. Realising the enormity of this task, it has been recognised recently that we need a team to support Robin in this work. Robin pointed out that he already gets a lot of support from Mr Ken Parker and Mr Ray Lloyd. Rev Debbie Lucas asked Mr Siddle if he was still happy to continue as Property Steward and Mr Siddle confirmed that he is.

COMMUNION STEWARDS

Rev Debbie Lucas informed the meeting that Mrs Pat Dyson and Mrs Joy Wiles are no longer able to serve as Communion Stewards. Mrs Fiona Houghton and Mrs Ann Borrill both volunteered to take on the role of Communion Steward and both were thanked for being willing to fill the vacancies.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

- Mr Robin Siddle gave the Meeting details of the End of the Peer Show, a seaside variety show, organised for Saturday 2nd July. This will be a ticket-only event and there will be just one performance. It is hoped that the event will raise enough money to cover the cost of the new Hall heaters. Rev Debbie Lucas asked Robin to pass on our thanks to Mrs Helen Siddle who we know will be putting a lot of work into this event.
- Church Anniversary 12th March 2023 This will be led by Rev Richard Teal, ex-President of Conference. He is including this as one of his ex-Presidential appointments. There will be a pulpit-exchange as part of this arrangement.
- Harvest Festival 2022 There will be a Harvest Supper with entertainment on Saturday 1st October, organised by Robin and Helen Siddle. There had been a suggestion to ask the Chair of District, Rev Leslie Newton, to take the Harvest Service on Sunday 2nd October. Rev Debbie Lucas said that Harvest might be a good opportunity to work with the Guides to celebrate their recent 100th Anniversary of belonging to Sutton Methodist Church.
- A Platinum Jubilee Messy Church is being arranged by Mrs Angie Meadley for Thursday 2nd June, 2.00pm to 5.00pm.
- Pentecost Sunday 5th June Rev Debbie Lucas will be leading morning worship. Mrs Pat Dyson asked if there was a possibility of having a singing group on this special occasion. Mrs Wendy Winfield said she would look into this. In celebration of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee we discussed having cake with coffee after the service.

BRANSHOLME METHODIST CHURCH

Rev Debbie Lucas gave an update to the Meeting:

- The Quinquennial Inspection has been done.
- The Church has received grant money of £3,000 from the Council to replace the two damaged doors.
- Mrs Margaret and Mr Ken Parker had looked around the premises from a property perspective and various issues that require attention were noted.
- Nichola Seager will be running a Jubilee Party for Messy Church in the coming week.
- Rev Debbie Lucas is hoping that there will be a United Service at Bransholme sometime in July or August.

OUR CHURCH'S FUTURE STORY

A Toolkit publication for churches up and down the country is now available. These resources help churches to evaluate aspects of mission and to plan for the continuation of their mission. The resources link in with the 'Our Calling' statement.

MISCELLANEOUS OTHER BUSINESS

- Deacon Sue Langdale said that she was hoping to plan another Beetle Drive or a Quiz to revive the social life of our Church post-Pandemic. This would not necessarily be for fund-raising. Sue has been very involved with Elstronwick Church where quizzes have been held. The folks at Elstronwick are happy for their quiz resources to be re-used at Sutton. Sue also spoke about establishing a regular time in the

month for such events, such as the last Saturday in the month. She thought September 2022 might be a possible start date.

- Mrs Pat Dyson asked if the regular 'Meet and Eat' group might start up again soon. Mr Mike Winfield responded by saying how sad it had been that the Pandemic had brought this successful venture to a sudden halt. He felt that it was possibly a little too soon to reinstate it at the moment because it isn't an activity that is held on our own premises. One or two others agreed with him.
- Mrs Pat Dyson asked what had happened about the cleaning whilst Mrs Julie Lloyd had been poorly. Mrs Wendy Winfield explained that Mr Ray Lloyd had stepped in and made sure that the basics had been covered. Thankfully Julie is now much better and she is beginning to resume some light duties. There was a request from the Meeting that both Mr and Mrs Lloyd should receive a 'Thank you/message of appreciation' from the Church Family. Wendy said that she would do that in the form of a card.
- Deacon Sue Langdale highlighted the fact that there should be some support for Rev Debbie Lucas with regard to baptisms, i.e. a Cradle Roll Secretary. Responsibilities would include liaising with families and buying books and baptismal candles etc. Currently there is a baptism planned for a Sunday in July and there have bee some enquiries for September. Deacon Sue said that once she had finished her pastoral role at Withernsea she would take on being our Cradle Roll Secretary. The baptism that had happened during the morning worship of May 15th had been a happy event and Mrs Linda Whitton's grandchildren had coped well with the unfamiliar surroundings of the Church. Rev Debbie Lucas asked us to encourage Linda by passing on our observations of how well the children had done.
- Mr Dennis Robson said that he had made some gentle contacts with Mr Colin Harker re 'Dial a Smile'. There haven't been any requests for 'Dial a Smile' but Dennis said this was possibly a good thing.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was agreed that the next Annual Church Meeting would take place this time next year with **Sunday 14th May 2023** being a possibility.

CLOSING PRAYERS

The meeting closed at 1.55pm with the sharing of the Grace.

WW 08/06/22

SUTTON METHODIST CHURCH

Church Council Meeting held on Thursday 10 March 2022

Rev Debbie Opened the meeting with a prayer.

Apologies: A Borrill.

Present: Rev D Lucas, P & S Langdale, M & A Bettley, J Maslen, F Houghton, R Siddle, P Lumb, W Winfield, M Parker, B Dixon, P Dyson, A Meadley, H Ledger (Circuit Steward).

Items for other business:

A memorial service and the trees in the vacant property next door to the church.

Minutes of the previous meeting held 14 October 2021.

It was only the gas meter that was looked at. Minutes were proposed by P Langdale and seconded by M Parker and agreed as a true record.

Matters arising:

A letter of thanks to be sent to L Berry.

Finance Report:

This was delivered by P Langdale. The transfer of money as agreed previously to the PRF has been completed.

There is still £3000 from the Playgroup resources available.

The accounts are at audit and ready to be signed off.

There are problems with the HSBC Bank who are now introducing bank charges. It was proposed changing the accounts to Virgin. This was proposed by B Dixon and A Meadley and the change was agreed. It will need a name change for signing cheques. P Langdale and R Siddle as signatories plus P Dyson and B Dixon will be the signatories and two signatures are needed to sign cheques. R

Harker and L Berry will be taken off the signatory list. If we don't change banks the above signatories will be used.

British Gas costs – a new deal offered to change to a fixed 2 year contract to save 50%. There will be immediate increases. If the deal is still available it is worth following up.

Property Report:

The heating in the church hall is to be replaced with more efficient ones, this was agreed with the property committee and also the heating in the church will be looked at, but this needs to be compatible for renewable energy. Grants could be available and future fund raising. The church council agreed some sort of consultancy is required and if the opportunity arose, the church council agreed to pay a consultancy fee.

The Quinquennial Report is still to be received.

Stewards Report;

Sutton Methodist Church continues to follow the Covid update guidelines, we continue to use sanitiser and a preference for masks but not obligatory, Most of the Covid team wanted to keep using masks. S Langdale will put notices up for groups using the church.

The Stewards continue to meet on zoom. J Maslin desired to step down as steward and will remain until the Church General Meeting. Thanks were given to the stewards for all they do.

Pastoral Report:

M Bettley advised the Memorial Book is to be updated. Our church members now total 63.

Safeguarding Matters:

A new Safeguarding policy was presented to the Council and they were happy to approve the policy.

Church Life Matters:

The Sutton Methodist Church website is being updated. Mathew, Sue and Phil are onboard. The weekly notices will carry on. Phil mentioned the circuit laptop needs replacing.

The General Church Meeting:

The meeting will be held on Sunday 15 May. The deadline for the reports is the 1st May 2022.

Appointments:

J Maslen and S Langdale are stepping down as stewards.

P Dyson is taking on the Christian Aid.

Bransholme Matters:

The heating has failed, Rev Deb to follow up the repairs.

Following vandalism, two quotes for 2 reinforced new doors for Bransholme is £1400 to £5000. £3600 is a middle quote. Bransholme have £3000 at present. There are also some windows that need replacing.

Circuit News:

H Ledger updated the meeting on the circuit news.: M Grant has resigned as circuit steward. The advert is out for the Circuit Administrator.

There were no matters referred from Connexion/District.

Dates and Events:

On Saturday 2 July Robin is organising a seaside show, a singing and dancing extravaganza.

The Queens Jubilee, Other churches are doing their own thing, Rev Debbie suggested a tree to plant or the Queen Elizabeth Rose.

On Palm Sunday there will be a Messy Church Easter Egg Hunt.

On Maunday Thursday there will be a zoom type service and on Good Friday the Walk of Witness from Holderness Road church to St Columbus church.

On Easter Day the service at Sutton at 10.45.

Harvest Festival will be held on 2nd October.

Robin to organise a barn dance with a 3 course meal.

Sunday 12 February the Church Anniversary 2023. Rev Debbie to approach Richard Teal or Leslie Newton to take the service.

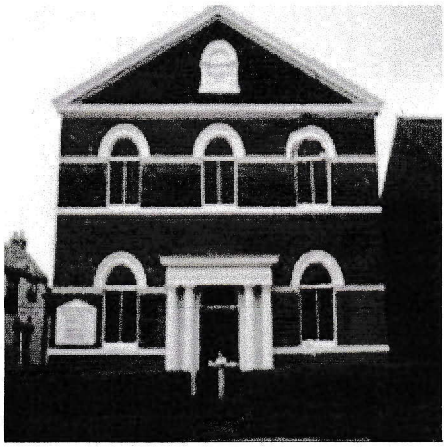
Any other Business:

A Memorial Service to be arranged in September/October.

Robin advised the conifer trees in the vacant property next to the church are overhanging onto church property. Robin to approach the neighbours.

Date and time of next meeting will be 13 October 2022 at 7.00 pm.

J Gay March 2022



SUTTON METHODIST CHURCH

ANNUAL CHURCH REPORTS – May 2022

ACTION FOR CHILDREN

Over the past year a generous sum of £455 has been donated by our church members through their home collection boxes. This does represent quite a significant drop in donations but also reflects the unusual times we have been through and changing attitudes to the use of cash.

Sadly, we have lost quite a few supporters over recent years and I would urge anyone who does not have a collection box to consider keeping one to relieve them of those annoying tiddlers (larger coins are always welcome of course)!

Many thanks to those who continue to support this amazing charity so loyally.

Margaret Parker

CHILDREN'S WORK.

MESSY CHURCH & CRAFT CLUB

Well, it's been another quite year for us all.

Over the year we have kept in touch with the Messy Church families through Facebook, Whats'app, text's and face to face when delivering craft bags or seeing them on walks.

Christmas 2021

We were hoping to have a Christmas Craft afternoon 19th December but the Omicron variant had other ideas, and so we cancelled with days to spare (which was becoming the norm).

On the afternoon of the 19th December I went round to children to take a gift bag full of Christmas crafts along with a selection box and sweets. The bags also had an orange and all the things they needed, including instructions to help make and explain why we make Christingles each year.

It was lovely to see the children and parents after so long. I had not even got home and was receiving messages of thanks and pictures of the children with their Christingles already made.

Easter 2022

Well, this was exciting at last, 2 years and 1 month since we last met together. We held our first Messy Church Easter Craft Afternoon on Palm Sunday 10th April. We had 32 children along with their parents and grandparents, 60 people in total for tea and fellowship. Everyone arrived at 2pm and made all sorts of fluffy chick and bunny crafts, then decorated a couple of biscuits. Then it was time for the Easter egg hunt (what can I say, this was the quickest egg hunt I had ever organised – will have to do something to slow them down next year) they were like whippets, and back before we knew it. Keith Thomas then handed out the eggs to the children as he called the raffle numbers. We then started making crafts to celebrate the traditional and religious Easter, followed by a Palm Sunday service in the Church led by Keith. When they returned the hall had been turned into a large dining room and we all had food and fellowship together. The feeling by everyone was that this was a great afternoon, and we hadn't realised how much we all missed such events. We did think of and talk about Brenda Lewis through the afternoon as she loved Messy Church, bless her we felt her presence with us.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who helped and made this afternoon possible. It was enjoyed as much by us as it was the children and their families.

We would especially like to thank our team of regular Messy Church and Craft Club helpers who were back with us again. Wendy Winfield, Mabel Burrows, Ann Borrill, Phil Plumb and Eileen Edwards. Along with Keith

Thomas, Elaine and Steve Calver.

As this was so successful we are going to have a Platinum Jubilee craft afternoon for the children and their families, this will be nice too as some of the families were unable to join us for Easter. This will be held on Thursday afternoon 2nd June 2022. I thought most of us can remember where and what we were doing at the Queens Silver Jubilee in 1977. So, if we at Sutton Methodist Church can share this special time with the children and their families, they may remember it for years to come with fondness, how special is that.

Angie Meadley and Julie Lloyd

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Since last November the Wives and Friends have joined with the Women's fellowship on Thursday afternoons, enjoying meeting with 12 members.

We have speakers on alternate weeks and have discussions and quizzes and games in between.

It is good to support the various charities involved, and we hope to arrange a garden party in May for Christian Aid.

We would welcome any ladies interested in joining us.

Pat Dyson

PROPERTY REPORT

The Quinquennial Inspection was carried out on 16th November 2020 and didn't bring up any major issues.

On 19th March the conifers at the rear of the church, on the boundary of the house next door, were cut back as they were causing problems with the gutters and sky lights.

The heating system in the church hall has been causing problems to some users and the wall heaters are to be replaced on 16th May 2022.

Wendy has emailed the District Property Secretary to ask advice on the heating system as a whole.

FUND RAISING

The Harvest supper, held in October 2021 was organised as a social event but managed to make around £50 which was given to the Wedding Belles who came to entertain us. They gave this money to the Daisy Appeal who work to improve accuracy and detection rates for cancer, heart disease and dementia across the Hull and Humber region.
The Daisy Appeal is preparing to take ownership in the next few months of the £8.5 million radiochemistry and cyclotron unit at Castle Hill Hospital, Cottingham.

A Christmas Fair was held in November 2021 where a total of £971 was raised. This included money from Cash for Clothes and furniture sales accumulated before the event.

The Wedding Belles concert held in December 2021 brought in a further £315.

An End of the Pier show is being arranged for Saturday 2nd July 2022.

STEWARD'S REPORT

The Stewards have continued to meet via Zoom on a regular basis (every 4-6 weeks) during the last year and we have also continued to work together with the Covid safety team of Wendy, Colin and Ruth. This has allowed us to discuss the practicalities of keep the church and church hall Covid-secure and to tackle any issues arising from the lettings which have resumed throughout the last 12 months.

Our thanks go once again to Angie for setting up, hosting and sending reminders about our Zoom meetings, but also for advertising the many other events (worship services, Thursday prayer meetings and Lent study groups, to name just some) which are a large part of church life. This very important work is key in keeping our church community to stay connected, as is the distribution of paper copies on a monthly basis by Angie, Margaret and their team. The sharing of information and worship content is greatly appreciated particularly by those who have as yet felt unable to return to physical attendance at chapel following the pandemic.

Once again, the knitting and messages displayed on the church hedges for special occasions has continued to bring pleasure to many in the community and we greatly appreciate the effort that goes into creating these goody bags to help spread our message of love and hope.

This year will see significant change for the Stewards' team as we regretfully share the news that both Sue and Jim will be stepping down from their Steward positions at the AGM. We would like to record our gratitude and thanks for their many years of dedicated service and hard work, and we will miss their support. This, of course, creates the opportunity for new members to join the team of remaining stewards and we very much hope and pray that by the time this report goes to print some of you may be considering taking on the role of steward and contributing to this vital part of church life and may be ready to offer your service. Your support will be warmly welcomed!

Fiona Houghton

JMA – JUNIOR MISSION FOR ALL

We have 9 collectors; during the year to 31 August 2021 we raised £265.00.

I would welcome any new collectors, children and adults, to support the important work of mission.

Andrew Bettley

1st SUTTON, RAINBOWS, BROWN IES AND GUIDES

The last 12 months have definitely been a challenging time for all the Guide units as we learned how to run our meetings with the restrictions surrounding COVID while still trying to make the activities fun and engaging. The Rainbows now have a new team of leaders and like the Brownies, the two units are full and thriving. The Guide section is struggling with both girls and leaders and, had we not been lucky enough to secure Kirsty Parker as a new volunteer the Guide section, would have

had to close. We only have six girls in this section at present but now hope to recruit more. Unfortunately, the Ranger section has now closed as girls who had previously attended did not return after the long closure due to the pandemic and sadly new girls did not come forward to join.

We are busy following the new Guiding programme introduced in 2019 and we have some girls who are very enthusiastic and have achieved a number of badges. Other girls are equally happy to come along on Monday evenings and join in with the activities on offer but have little interest in badge work outside of the meeting.
We encourage all the girls to enjoy Guiding in whatever way they wish.

We have kept our meetings to the church hall over the last 12 months as COVID restrictions made it hard to plan any trips or evenings out in the community. We hope over the next year to return to some evenings out and a trip to the bowling alley is already in our calendar.

We would still benefit from new volunteers in all the sections, especially Guides so any support would be welcome.

MUSIC IN THE CHURCH

When I wrote my Music Report last year, congregational singing was still not permissible under the government guidelines that were in place at that point. In time those guidelines were changed and we began to sing again! I know that singing from inside a mask is quite challenging, but I have to say that, despite this, our congregation has still made a really good sound and enjoyed praising the Lord.

In my last report I mentioned that the organ was well overdue a visit from the organ builder for tuning and general maintenance. Eventually a visit was made by Andrew Carter in the middle of October. He was able to give the organ the equivalent of an MOT. More recently, following the closure of Keyingham Methodist Church, our church has given Keyingham's electric piano a new home. The electric piano has a nice bright sound to lead congregational singing. The piano that had previously been in the church was moved into the Primary Room where it can be used for other meetings or rehearsals.

After a break of almost two years, due to the disruption caused by the Pandemic, we are pleased to welcome Matthew back to playing the piano

for some of our worship services. We congratulate Matthew on achieving his Grade 8 back in the Spring of 2021. He is now concentrating on further piano studies, working towards an ATCL (Associate of Trinity College London) qualification.

We thank Robin and Helen for calling on the singing talents of 'The Wedding Belles' to provide entertainment for the Harvest Supper last year, and also for a pre-Christmas concert in December. Robin is now planning a community concert for Saturday 2nd July 2022 which will involve a whole range of performers in bringing us 'The Show at the End of the Pier, Sutton-on-Sea'. (Forgive me, Robin, if I haven't got the title word perfect!)

Wendy Winfield

TREASURERS REPORT

The pandemic still had an impact on church finances for our last full fiscal year which ended on 31st August 2021. Whilst collections rose from £24955 to £26305 and gift aid rose from £5170 to £5997, we still saw a decline in other forms of income. We were unable to hold fayres and the pantomime which resulted in a loss of income of £2500 over the previous year. Rental income suffered and was down in the region of £4000.

On the other hand, we did spend less money, energy and water costs were down by £2900, other property costs by £2400.

The overall effect was that we continued to spend more than we are raising in income. In the previous fiscal year, we overspent by £6211, this year by £4898. This is in despite of transfers from the Pre-school funds (which is in effect a reduction of reserves) of £6000 in each year. So, in the cold light of day, we have reduced our reserves by £23109 in two years.

If we move onto this fiscal year the half year results collections were up by £745, fayres and other donations by £559 and rental income by £3752. Our expenses were helped in that the Circuit gave a one off 10% reduction in the assessment of £3600. The Circuit had been unable to recruit a Local Pastor for the coastal section as well as not recruiting a Circuit Administrator. The Circuit Leadership Team felt that these savings should be given back to churches rather than be kept in Circuit reserves. With the opening up we did spend more on property expenses.

In a normal fiscal year, it costs £1000 per week to run Sutton Methodist Church. Our collections raise £506pw, gift aid £115pw, fayres etc £70 pw rentals £105 pw. The total from these income streams is £796 pw a shortfall of £204 pw which comes from our reserves unless of course we can grow our income.

There are some thanks due to a number of people who help with church finances. Jim Maslen who counts and banks the collections, to Andrew Bettley who diligently completes the gift aid claims and Bill Dixon who administers our envelope scheme.

Finally, if you are a taxpayer and you do not gift aid your offerings, please see Andrew. He will do all the paperwork; all he needs from you is your signature. For every £1 given under gift aid Andrew can claim back from the taxman twenty-five pence. If you wish to give using the envelope scheme, please see Bill. Many of our folk give by bank transfer, if that method of giving appeals to you please see me.

Phil Langdale – Church Treasurer.

J Gay

May 2022

THE METHODIST CHURCH

STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

SUTTON METHODIST	Church

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31 August 2022

SOUTH HOLDERNESS	Circuit	Circuit no.	29/32

Registered Charity - Charity Registration number 1179285

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

(The HMRC number is equivalent to a registered charity number in terms of evidence of charitable status and may be used to give to donors or grant funders wishing to see evidence of the organisation's charitable status. Methodist charities in England and Wales that are not registered charities are excepted from registration under Statutory Instrument 2014 No.242)

Minister:

Rev D.Lucas

Church Stewards:

Mrs F.Houghton

Mrs M.Parker

Mrs L.Whitton

Mr A.Bettley

Mrs W.Winfield

Mr W.Dixon

Treasurer:

Mr P.J.Langdale

ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

SUTTON METHODIST — **Church**

	SECTION A		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year		Totals last year
			£	£	£		£
a1	**RECEIPTS**	Note					
a2	Offerings and Tax recovered				**33,579**		32,582
a3	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income				**165**		87
a4	Lettings				**16,249**		7,776
a5	Other receipts				**2,923**		1,012
a6	**TOTAL RECEIPTS**				**52,916**	(a7)	**41,457**

	SECTION B						
b1	**PAYMENTS**						
b2	Circuit Assessment or Share				**32,400**		36,000
b3	Donations				**2,477**		2,674
b4	Repairs and Maintenance				**2,334**		683
b5	Utilities (Insurances, water charges, heating & lighting)				**6,352**		4,745
b6	Pension Fund				**4,400**		
b7	Other payments				**3,894**		2,253
b8	**TOTAL PAYMENTS**				**51,857**	(b9)	**46,355**

	SECTION C						
c1	**NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR**	(a6-b8)			1,059		(4,898)
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year				**67,551**	(c6)	**72,449**
c3	**Sub total**	(c1+c2)			**68,610**		**67,551**
c4	Transfers and adjustments					(c7)	
c5	**TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR**	(c3+c4)			**68,610**	(c8)	**67,551** (c6)

	SECTION D		
d	**FOR INFORMATION ONLY: MONEY RECEIVED AND PASSED ON TO EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS (these amounts are not to be included in total receipts/payments figures**	£	£
d1	Balance brought forward from last year		
d2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations	266	750
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations	266	750
d4	**BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID** (d1+d2-d3)		

SUTTON METHODIST **Church**

SUMMARY OF CHURCH ACCOUNTS AND INTERNAL ORGANISATIONS REPORTING TO THE CHURCH COUNCIL

SECTION E **Please follow the Guidance Notes to complete this page**

Summary of the Church accounts for the year ended 31 August 2022 and Internal Organisations reporting to the Church Council/Church Meeting. Note that the funds of an Internal Organisation would normally be Restricted funds unless it could be clearly shown that they could be used for any Methodist purpose. This section must be completed to arrive at the gross income and expenditure totals of the Church. If gross income exceeds the Accruals threshold, then the Accruals method of accounting AND A DIFFERENT FORM must be used to report the accounts (see Methodist website). Please refer to the guidance notes regarding transfers between the District and connected District Organisations.

	INTERNAL ORGANISATIONS	Receipts		Payments		Net Receipts/ Payments	Adjustments		Opening balances		Closing balances	
e1	**Pre School**	74		6,000		(5,926)			25,639		19,713	
e2												
e3												
e4												
e5												
e6												
e7												
e8	Sub total of Internal Organisations funds	74		6,000		(5,926)			25,639	(e11)	19,713	(e12)
e9	**Church accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)**	**52,916**	(a7)	**51,857**	(b9)	**1,059**		(c7)	**67,551**	(c6)	**68,610**	(c8)
e10	**TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH**	**52,990**		**57,857**		**(4,867)**			**93,190**	(x)	**88,323**	(y)
	Continue on a separate sheet if necessary and bring the totals forward	**TOTAL RECEIPTS**		**TOTAL PAYMENTS**								

SECTION F

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

	CHURCH - CASH FUNDS HELD at 31 August 2022	OPENING BALANCES		CLOSING BALANCES	
f1	Cash in hand	25		54	
f2	Bank Current Account	18,933		15,200	
f3	Bank Deposit Account				
f4	Central Finance Board	17,612		22,379	
f5	Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes	30,981		30,977	
f6	Other funds				
f7	**SUB TOTAL - Church accounts**	**67,551**	(c6)	**68,610**	(c8)
f8	Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance total from above) (e12)	**25,639**	(e11)	**19,713**	(e12)
f9	**TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH**	**93,190**	(x)	**88,323**	(y)

SECTION G

	OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES	At 1 September 2021	At 31 August 2022
g1	Investments (include Endowments)		
g2	Land & Buildings (see notes re Insurance value)		
g3	Other Assets		
g4	Loan(s) - show amount outstanding at year end		
g5	Other Liabilities		

f4 Include only Funds held at the Central Finance Board
f5 Include only Funds held at Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes
g1 Include any other investments (not the cash element of TMCP trusts accounts this is included in line f5

Name of Church Sutton Methodist No 29132

Declarations and Scrutiny

I confirm that these Receipt and Payment based accounts for the year to 31 August 2022 have been prepared from the records of the Church and that they include all funds under the control of the Church trustees.

Signature of treasurer P.J. Cargill Date 3/10/22

Name and address of treasurer 20 BARRA CLOSE

Hull Post Code HU8 9JB

Presentation to the Church trustees

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2022 were/will be* presented to the meeting of the Church trustees held on 9/3/2023

Signature of the Chair of the meeting D. M. Lucas

Name of the Chair of the meeting REV DEBORAH LUCAS Date 9th March 2023

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

SUTTON METHODIST **Church**

Charity Number 1179285

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the SUTTON METHODIST Church for the year ended 31 August 2022 set out on pages 2 to 3. 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 ..... SUTTON METHODIST ..... No .....

Independent Examiner's Statement

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

- 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 ..... David Gray .....

Name of independent examiner ..... DAVID GRAY

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner ..... MLFCA .....

Name of firm (where appropriate) ..... DAVID GRAY .....

Address ..... GRAYS' STORES
MAIN ROAD .....
..... THORNGUMBALD Post Code .....
HULL HU12 9LS

Date ..... 27th February 2023 .....

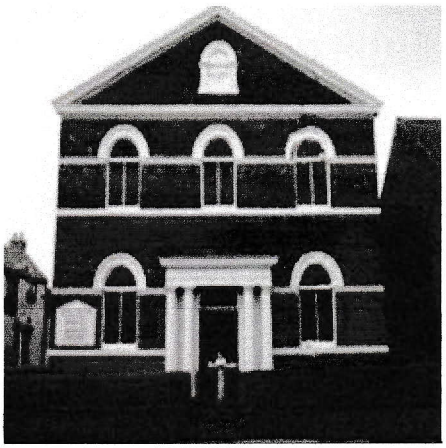
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~~September 2021~~

SUTTON-ON-HULL METHODIST CHURCH

England & Wales - Charity number 1179285

Accounts



SUTTON METHODIST CHURCH

Annual Church Reports - June 2020 - June 2021

Dear Friends,

June 2021

As usual, we mark another year in the mission and fellowship of Sutton Methodist Church with the compilation of the Annual Reports submitted by the various groups, committees and office holders responsible for developing and encouraging the life and ministry of Sutton. However, we know that this year has been anything but a 'usual' year in our lives or in the life of the Church. I imagine the Reports will reflect the impact of the COVID 19 pandemic and our individual and collective responses as we have endeavoured to offer an authentic and practical witness of faith, hope and love in the context of global and national uncertainty, fear and grief. It has been a tough and anxious year for many people and our Church members and friends have experienced vulnerability, loss and a complete disruption to normal life. As a Fellowship, we continue to offer our prayers and to remember in love those for whom this year has been an especially difficult and testing time.

Although the Church building had to close for several months, the life and fellowship of the Church and of the groups linked to Sutton Methodist continued and adjusted to new ways of communication, worship and interaction. We pay tribute to the skill and ingenuity of members who have enabled us to keep in touch, to pray and to worship through online and other digital resources. We are deeply grateful for the regular deliveries and production of worship materials, prayer, poems, reflections and information-sharing news sheets, alongside the practical acts of shopping,

gardening, serving in Food Banks and generally caring for our neighbours. With its well-kept garden, and all the wonderful displays on the hedges, windows and notice board telling the stories of Jesus, Sutton Methodist has kept shining a Light for Christ and reflecting the love of God for everyone in the community.

We are enormously thankful for the detailed Risk Assessment work and regular meetings of the Church Stewards and COVID Team which have helped the safe and secure running of the Church. The faithful and generous giving of time, resources, finance and pastoral care by many people has been precious and effective in helping to bring us through this poignant and remarkable year.

For the Sutton Trustees, this year has included taking the hard and sad decision to close the Pre-school Playgroup following a brief spell of re-opening in the summer of 2020 after COVID closure in March 2020. Over many years, the Pre-school has developed and flourished. The staff and those who originally began the work have made a significant and extremely positive contribution to the lives of countless young children and their families.

Also, we honour the dedication and resourcefulness shown by the leaders of the Uniformed Groups at Sutton nurturing and supporting young people through a challenging year. Thanks are expressed for the contacts maintained with Messy Church families. I am sure you will enjoy reading all the Reports. Thank you to those who have supplied them and to those who have compiled and printed them.

I am reminded that each year the President and Vice President of the Methodist Conference select a theme to frame and characterise their year of office, with a Bible verse or inspirational text added to the membership card. The text on the card this year reads: The Best of all is, God is with Us.

Whatever our circumstances or views of this past year, God has been and always will be present With Us. It might be hard to see God or sense God at work, but we can hold on to the promise the apostle Paul shares in Romans 8.38, 39 'For I am certain that nothing can separate us from his love: neither death nor life, neither angels nor other heavenly rulers or powers, neither the present nor the future, neither the world above nor the world below – there is nothing in all creation that will ever be able to separate us from the love of God which is ours through Christ Jesus our Lord.'

May you know you are held in the love of God,
and find peace in Jesus, the Light of the World.
Every Blessing for the year ahead,
from Rev Debbie

FINANCE REPORT

Thanks, must be expressed to Ruth Harker who stepped down as Church Treasurer after many, many years of loyal and devoted service. I would also like to thank Laurie Berry for the many years he supported Ruth and in writing this report for so long. The baton has now been passed to me and they will be hard acts to follow.

Our Church reserves were boosted very much by the generous bequest from the estate of our much loved and missed friend Geoff Beecroft. Geoff left the Church that he loved £30,977. Thank you, Geoff.

The Covid crisis had a major effect on Church finances. In the previous financial year, we had a small deficit on our Income and Expenditure Account of £987. Last year this deficit had grown to £6,260. The closure of the Church during lockdown had a major effect on our Income levels. Collections were down from £28,443 to £24,955. This had an effect from Gift Aid reducing from £6,845 to £5,170. Property Income (rentals) were down from £14,578 to £11,466.

The Covid crisis also affected our Expenditure levels. The main impact being a reduction in Property costs which reduced from £22,324 to £11,675. It should be remembered that in the previous year we had one off expenditure on work in the Hall totalling £7,048.

As we are all well aware the crisis is still not fully over, and we have been closed for most of this current year. Our deficit for the 6 months to 28th February 2021 is £4,341. Mainly due to reductions in direct giving of £949 and Property Income of £3,428.

We obviously cannot keep running a deficit and we must look into ways of balancing the books when life returns to some normality. We are fortunate in having some reasonable reserves which means we can survive when it is pouring down out there. It does appear that there are a number of

individuals/organisations who wish to rent our premises when we can fully open up.

I would like to offer my thanks to you all for your continued financial support during this difficult time for you, your families and society in general. We have been fortunate in that many of our folk make their offerings by standing order. This does mean that when we cannot meet our bank balances are being replenished. If you would like to give in this way, please see me and I will talk you through the process. Others give by using our envelope scheme which helps in in that you can fill your envelope weekly and place them into the offertory plate when you come to worship. If you require a set of envelopes, please contact Bill Dixon.

It costs just over £1000 per week to run our Church. Our collections/gift aid is £675 per week. The gap of £325 per week + has to be made up from property income or eventually reserves. We need our reserves in case of major property problems or rainy days. If you are able, can I please encourage you to look again at your giving.

Thank you once again for your support.

Phil Langdale

Church Treasurer.

CHRISTIAN AID 2020/2021

2020/2021 was a year of CHRISTIAN AID like no other – we hope. For the 1st time that I can remember, due to COVID restrictions, we were unable to hold any face-to-face Christian Aid fundraising events in our area. No envelope collecting, no Hornbeams Garden Party, no 'Big Brekkie' and no CA Quiz.

However, the start of 2021 is very encouraging:

CA Step Challenge: Angie, Mike and Hannah Meadley took on the CA Step Challenge and completed this at the end of May. They completed a staggering 507,278 steps (213 miles) over and above their normal activities and raised over £631. A very big Thank You to the Meadley family and for being the major CA fundraiser for Sutton in 2021. The donation page is still open on Angie's Face Book page.

The Hornbeams Garden Party and Big Brekkie will take place when restrictions allow later this year.

A final figure of the total amount raised for Sutton's Christian Aid Appeal will be available in due course.

Thank you again to everyone who has contributed over the last year and I look forward to your continued support in the coming year.

Ruth Harker

SUTTON METHODIST PRE-SCHOOL PLAYGROUP

As am I sure you are aware, the decision had to be taken to close down the Pre-School Playgroup over the summer of 2020. After many years of the group evolving from a successful basic toddlers' playgroup to the complex, high achieving pre-school of latter years changing Early Years provision, financial pressures, pension costs etc. and the Covid 19 pandemic took their toll, leaving no viable option but to bring the group to an end.

The Playgroup Management Committee, in particular Rev Debbie and Phil Langdale, worked tirelessly to ensure that the staff were satisfactorily recompensed and supported through the whole wind-down of the group. Our thanks go to the committee members and staff: Jane, Anne, Tracey, Jodie and Kelly for their commitment and dedication to the pupils and families who attended the playgroup over the years.

The closure of the school left an awful lot of pre-school resources and equipment needing to be found a good home. Sue Langdale stepped up and, after much research in the local area, found an excellent facility where all the equipment is now being put to good use at Purple House Nursery on Preston Road. This is a worthy cause looking after children who are living with domestic abuse or crisis at home. This letter was sent to Sue Langdale from the Deputy Manager of Purple House Nursery expressing her thanks for the very generous donation to the children:

Purple House Nursery
Preston Road Women's Centre
185 Preston Road
Hull HU9 5UY

Tel: 01482 790310

Ofsted
Registration: EY250326
Registered Charity: 1106884

22nd/02/2021

Dear Sue,

Thank you so much for your generous gifts.

Your donation will make a huge difference in the lives of the many young children who regularly access our special little nursery.

The support of donors like you is helping us to make it possible for children living with domestic violence and experiencing crisis in the home to lead happier lives. Because of you, we can continue to provide our children with a safe, loving, nurturing, and healthy place for them to make friends and have fun.

Your charitable donation of much-needed resources and play equipment will directly benefit our families attending the Purple House Nurseries Emergency 1st contact and childcare provision.

We'd like you to know that your thoughtfulness is truly making a difference in the lives of so many vulnerable children.

Thanks again for your kindness,

Sarah Gooding

Deputy Manager

Since the days of its inception, under the watchful eye of Barbara Berry and throughout the years of outstanding work with the children involved, the Playgroup was always a positive part of Sutton Methodist Church and will be remembered with affection by all.

Elaine Calver

MUSIC IN THE CHURCH

Sadly, there hasn't been much 'Music in the Church' this year! When we reopened for worship on Sundays in September and October the government guidelines stated that there should not be any playing of wind instruments in a church. Our church organ is a pipe organ so it works by wind being blown through pipes. Faced with that ambiguity I thought I should use an alternative instrument. The piano wasn't in a suitable position so Mike and I set up my keyboard in the upstairs balcony. Space is very limited upstairs making this almost impossible. When we reopened for the second time, Pentecost Sunday 2021, I realised the lack of space was something I couldn't continue to cope with. I re-researched use of a pipe organ and felt reassured that it was now quite permissible for the organ to be used again.

At the time of writing this, indoor communal (congregational) singing is still not permissible according to the latest government guidelines. The most that is allowed is a group of up to 6 amateur singers can perform 'with social distancing being maintained at all times'. Maybe these guidelines will change at the end of the 'Roadmap'?

Over the year I have been into Church to play the organ a few times as, like a car, without use some parts might have 'seized up'. Generally the organ is playing fairly well, but I have been in touch with the organ tuner asking him to visit very soon as his last visit was at the end of 2017 and the instrument should have regular maintenance.

We look forward to better times when more of our previous musical activities can be resumed safely.

Wendy Winfield

THURSDAY LADIES FELLOWSHIP

We may not have been able to meet face to face over the last year or so, but in true fellowship we have all managed to keep in touch via telephone calls, doorstep visits etc.

We are all looking forward to meeting up again when it is safe to do so although it will be very strange without Brenda.

Also, Wives and Friends maybe joining us as they no longer feel safe meeting at night, so it will be nice to welcome them into Fellowship with us.

Here's to joining and looking forward.

Yours in faith

Ann Borrill

WIVES AND FRIENDS 2020/2021

It is hard to realise that it is more than a year since the group met. So, I report on the time from September 2019 to March 2020.

We had a good membership of 18 friends and the speakers we enjoyed included Judith Edwards talking about Martin Luther and our dear friend Ian Grant who had researched the life of Thomas Ferens reminding us of the people who helped build up the city of Hull. After a break in the New Year we resumed with a very enlightening talk from Mathew Broadbent leader of Hulls Recycling team – we will never put things in the wrong bin again.

We were able to say farewell to Rev. Lansford who was heading for a new post in Central Methodist Hall in London. Then in March 2020 we faced lockdown, never thinking it would last so long and during this awful year we have lost so many of our dear friends.

Now we reach May 2021 and hope to begin some of our church activities, feeling nervous as we shall feel when we come out into the world again, many of our older people are physically and mentally more frail now.

Because of this the committee has decided to join with the Women's Fellowship on Thursday afternoons. This will make a stronger group and allow us to have a more varied programme continuing to support various charities. We still managed to donate £200 pounds to the church. So with these plans to be settled, we look forward to meeting again in the Summer.

Pat Dyson

ACTION FOR CHILDREN

Since the last report in March 2020 church folk have generously donated £669.81, which is even more than the previous year's total and is surprising in view of everything that has happened.

I have been wondering whether cash donations will begin to dry up as people move to using card payments for most of their transactions, but so far you have maintained your wonderfully loyal support and I thank you so much on behalf of Action for Children.

Margaret Parker

TEAM CHURCH DELIVERS THE NEWS

We have been receiving regular service sheets/news reports through the home delivery service that Angie and her team provide. Our grateful thanks to all of you for keeping us up to date.

I would like to say a big thank you to all the knitters of the angels and goody bags etc. that were placed outside the church for the public to take, they were very well received and I had a lovely thank you note and 2 cupcakes delivered in return.

Jan Gay

JUNIOR MISSION FOR ALL

We have 9 collectors and during the year to 31 August 2020 we raised £238.00. This was from the collectors and coffee mornings after the morning service.

I would welcome any new collectors, children and adults, to support the important work of mission.

Andrew Bettley

STEWARDS REPORT 2021

At the beginning of Lockdown when face to face meetings became impossible the Stewards met on Zoom. At that point we were discussing having internet installed but this went on hold when the closure of Churches and Risk Assessments became a priority.

A little later it made sense for the Stewards and representatives from the Property Committee to join together to discuss the practicalities of keeping both the Church and Church Hall premises Covid-secure and more

recently the consequences of lettings beyond Covid. This group continue to work together.

In light of all that has passed I would like to express my gratitude to the Stewards this year for keeping the Pastoral Care of the Church a priority. Thanks go especially to Angie, Margaret and their team for their dedication in keeping the Church connected with worship services and notices, and to Jim for his continued weekly prayer sheets. These have been much appreciated by so many people as well as the conversations and practical help and support given by the team and others. One of the Stewards commented on how good it had been to get to know people better through the post deliveries.

Thanks also go to Angie for setting up, hosting and advertising the many Zoom meetings, Worship Services and Thursday Prayer gatherings some of us have now grown used to. Some of the Stewards/ representatives had input into the Zoom Christmas and Easter Services, Chapel Anniversary/ Valentine's Day celebrations which were well attended by those with on-line access. Those without access received paper copies once again enabling the church community to stay connected.

The knitting and messages in the goody bags displayed on the Church hedges not only kept the Church connected but brought 'The Church' into 'Community' when it was most needed. Again, a comment from a passer-by showed their appreciation when they said 'This Church has kept the community going during this pandemic'. Words spoken from the heart.

As we begin to open the 'Church Doors' for worship, I would like to thank you all for your patience and respect in having to still follow the Covid Rules. May we learn from all that has passed and open our hearts to a different world with enthusiasm and welcome.

Deacon Sue

PROPERTY REPORTS

The Fire Extinguishers were tested on 14th January 2020. Ken and Robin cleared out the gutters which were causing damp on one of the walls on 21st January and fitted heat alarms and a new light strip on 11th February.

Sanitising dispensers were fitted by Colin and Robin on 12th August then the Quinquinnial inspection was carried out on 16th November but there were no issues from this. Ken, Ray and Robin put up the Christmas tree

above the door on 5th December. Ken turned off the water and pilot lights on 3rd February 2021 as the building was not being used and the pilot lights use a large amount of gas. Robin met the gas engineer on 5th February for his annual inspection. The water was turned back on by Ken on 19th February and the annual inspection of the Fire Extinguishers was carried out on 12th April 2021.

Fund Raising

Our last pantomime, Cinderella, was held on 29th February 2020 and raised £1,380 for church funds plus £162 for Lansford's Send a Child to School Charity. At the moment we are unable to have any sales but Robin and Helen have done a house clearance, the contents of which are on the stage ready for when we can resume our fund raising efforts together with other items that have been donated and sorted into categories by Julie Lloyd.

Robin Siddle

1st SUTTON (METHODIST) RAINBOWS, BROWNIES, GUIDES AND RANGERS

The good news is that the Guides will be returning to Unit meetings on 10th May, with Rainbows and Brownies on the 17th May 2021, and the Rangers hopefully soon after, with a little apprehension, but lots of fun activities planned to reacquaint the girls with all that we do. Within Covid restrictions and guidelines around hygiene and social distancing, it is certainly going to be a period of learning for us all.

The not so good news for the Rainbows is that, Danielle is not able to return to the unit leadership team. On behalf of the girls, parents and local leaders we do thank Danielle for all she has done for the girls. In the meantime, there will be a team of guiders from local units who are going to step up and lead the unit, until the Summer when the way forward will be reviewed. With this in mind if there are any budding Rainbow leaders/Unit Helpers out there, who can help on a regular basis (term time) please register your interest on Join Us Girlguiding UK.

Over the Summer I will be moving to North Yorkshire, and with Amber heading off to University, this will also leave the Guides with a very reduced leader team – so please spread the word if you think you know

anyone who would like to be involved and help the Guides section to continue to offer the girls great experiences! I have loved my time at Sutton Guides, have made many genuine friends, and would recommend it to anyone!

Looking forward to the Autumn term, the Guides will be celebrating the 100th Birthday of the Guide Unit in Sutton, which was opened in November 1921. When we get back to our meetings, we will hopefully be making plans on how we can celebrate – watch this space!

The Rangers are looking forward to getting back to meeting again soon, at the moment they are looking for new members - girls aged 14 to 18 years to join them, gain new skills, make new friends, and face new challenges!

Many thanks to the members of Sutton Methodist Church for their continued support of our unit, especially at this difficult time, we really appreciate all the extra efforts to help us to get back to meetings!

Helen Hall

SUTTON METHODIST SCOUT GROUP

The pandemic saw Sutton Leaders having to adapt to an everchanging situation.

The Cubs with the beavers following suit attended online Zoom sessions or completed tasks set via WhatsApp.

Needless to say the leaders had to adapt the program offered as well as learn how to work with tech savvy children online.

Throughout the pandemic the older sections were harder to reach, unfortunately the decision was made to temporarily stop scouting for them.

The Cubs and beavers took part in two virtual group sleepovers. The sleepovers saw the children take part in building dens either outside or within their home to sleep in. The children took part in building and firing rockets made from lemonade bottles. They also took on the responsibility of making their own breakfast, which never happens at a real camp.

Together as a group the children celebrated the role of the NHS and our essential workers by turning out every Thursday night to take part in the

clapping sessions and by making and placing their own rainbows around their homes for all to see.

The children also took part in the Kindness by Post event which saw many of them make and send a card to a complete stranger. Most of them received cards back and some were lucky enough to receive gifts.

The Cubs also made cards for a local charity that delivers Sunday dinners to the elderly. All cards received made the days a little bit more bearable for some of our elderly community.

The group took part in a fundraising event which saw us having to walk to the moon. Collectively as a country we managed to reach the moon.

Even though we have been through a rough year, scouting did not stop for our group. We achieved a lot considering we were apart.

We returned to face to face scouting in April with lots of new rules and regulations to follow. Our number of members remain stable unlike a lot of other groups. We have just accepted a new group of children to the group which has again increased our numbers.

Unfortunately, we may have to send some young people elsewhere, as we no longer have the leaders needed to facilitate the sections safely. Generally, as a whole leaders, is and always has been our weakest point.

Despite everything the young people and leaders are happy, to be back together, doing things a little bit differently but learning, having fun and gaining new life experiences.

Thank you to the church community for allowing us to pick up where we left off.

Sharon Smith

CHILDREN'S WORK.

MESSY CHURCH & CRAFT CLUB

Well it's been a quite year for us all.

Over the year we have kept in touch with the Messy Church families through Facebook, Whatsapp, text's and face to face when delivering craft bags or seeing them on walks.

The children have sent pictures over the year from the beginning of lockdown to help decorate the church hedge. They also designed the cards for Easter 2020 and Christmas 2020.

Christmas 2020

The children received a bag of Christmas crafts along with a selection box and sweets. The crafts/gifts we put in the envelopes to you all during Advent were the same as we put in the bags to the children. As we were unable to meet for our usual Christmas Eve family service we included everything they needed to make a Christingle and invited them to a Chrstimas Eve Christingle Service on Zoom along with our church family. We all had fun making them at home and it was a time to share in the Christmas story. We were also joined by a new family.

Easter 2021

The children received another bag filled with Easter crafts along with an Easter egg and it was a time to chat to the parents to see how everyone was doing.

THANKS

We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has continued to support the children's activities over the years and offered their encouragement and time to help with this very rewarding work.

We would especially like to thank our team of regular Messy Church and Craft Club helpers who will hopefully be able to join us again soon. Mabel Burrows, Ann Borrill, Phil Plumb, Wendy Winfield, Mike Winfield, Eileen Edwards.

We are not looking at starting anything again until at least later in September when we hope we are able to move around and meet without worry.

Anyone wishing to join us at Messy Church when we start up again you are more than welcome it doesn't matter if you are crafty or not just the fact you can sit and talk to the children and their families is all we ask. You can tell some of them a bible story connected to the craft. Who knows what connections can be made whilst we sow the seeds for the future.

Angie Meadley and Julie Lloyd

YOUTH CLUB

I mentioned in the last ACM report that we had suspended the Youth Club for a year and hoped that someone would have an idea for the Youths and if so I will happily help and support it in any way possible. However, like everything else we have been out of action so I will happily leave that offer open.

Angie Meadley

THE MEET AND EAT CHURCH

The Meet and Eat Church started in March 2019 and has proved very popular. However, it has not been possible to meet since we have been in lockdown. We are hopeful it can resume sometime in the future.

Mike Winfield.

ACTION FOR CHILDREN

Since last year's Annual Church Meeting an amazing total of £641.70 has been donated and I should like to express huge gratitude for the enormous generosity of the church family at Sutton. I know it is very much appreciated and will be used to help youngsters all over the country.

Margaret Parker

PRAYER GROUP

We meet in the church every Monday at 2.00 pm, either in the vestry or in the church itself, and welcome anybody who would like to join us. We pray for ourselves and our families and friends, our church family, and the future of the church, for the world in general and anything that occurs to us. Please join us when we can resume.

Jim Maslen

THE METHODIST CHURCH

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b4	Repairs and Maintenance		683		**683**		1,576
b5	Utilities (Insurances, water charges, heating & lighting)		4,745		**4,745**		8,640
b6							
b7	Other payments		2,253		**2,253**		2,833
b8	**TOTAL PAYMENTS**		**46,355**		**46,355**	**(b9)**	**52,293**
	SECTION C						
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c2	Total funds brought forward from last yèar					**(c6)**	
c3	**Sub total**	**(c1+c2)**	(4,898)		**(4,898)**		**(6,211)**
c4	Transfers and adjustments					**(c7)**	
c5	**TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR**	**(c3+c4)**	**(4,898)**		**(4,898)**	**(c8)**	**(6,211)** **(c6)**

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d	**FOR INFORMATION ONLY: MONEY RECEIVED AND PASSED ON TO EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS (these amounts are not to be included in total receipts/payments figures**	£	£
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d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations	750	603
d4	**BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID** (d1+d2-d3)		

Sutton Church

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TOTAL RECEIPTS **TOTAL PAYMENTS**

SECTION F

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

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g4	Loan(s) - show amount outstanding at year end		
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k2	Cash at Bank/CFB etc		25639
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SUTTON-ON-HULL METHODIST CHURCH

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Accounts

SUTTON METHODIST CHURCH

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL CHURCH MEETING HELD 19 MAY 2019

The meeting opened with prayers led by Reverend Debbie.

Apologies were received from: M Parker, S & P Langdale, P Dixon, F Houghton and E Edwards.

Minutes of the previous meeting in 2018 were agreed as a true record.

Matters Arising

Angie advised that the Youth Club will run up to September of this year and then be suspended for a year to see if there is still a need. Thanks were given to Angie and Andrew for all their support.

Remembrance of Members and Friends

We remembered Brenda Robson, Ron Firth, Andy Killingbeck and Martin Kirby, dear ones, and their life with us.

Approval and Acceptance of written reports for 2018/2019.

Reports were read and received.

M Winfield told us of a new group at church – "Meet and Eat", The group meets monthly for a meal at the Lambwath, the next one being 3 June 2019. If you would like to join please let Mike know. All are welcome.

BIG THANKYOU

Our thanks were given to Laurie and Frank for organising the church decorator also Julie and the cleaners.

Election of Church Stewards 2018/2019

All stewards were willing to serve again this year, a huge thank you given to them.

Election of Representatives to the Church Council 2019/2020

Bill, Phil and Pat are happy to continue as representatives of the church council, the meeting agreed they continue.

Items for Discussion

a) **Songs of Praise and other ideas to raise money.**
b) **A new communion steward is needed, Ann Borrill offered and was agreed as new communion steward.**
c) **Action for children. Margaret advised it is the 300th year anniversary in 2019. See Margaret for collection boxes.**
d) **South Holderness circuit has got talent, a table needed to show what is happening, short presentations from churches, to show passion and energy behind our calling.**
e) **Mission events at Withernsea. A prayer walk area and literature is being given out. Random acts of Kindness, as Christians remind people they matter, to pass on simple acts, launch Sat 31 August for 1 week.**
f) **Review of Safeguarding Policy at Sutton Methodist Church. The date is the same but is a renewed policy which will be reviewed at the end of June. Assure pre-school staff it is being reviewed.**

Bransholme Methodist Church

The church is in a state of flux at present, they are having a sabbatical from worship on a Sunday. There is a much smaller membership now and not enough people to fill roles. Their property and finances is an issue. They want to keep going with the community groups and women's fellowship. Can Sutton and Bransholme work together? Improving community work is sustainable. Will Sutton consider sharing worship twice a month? Reverend Debbie did not think it was workable, Sutton church council would become decision makers for Bransholme. A befriending scheme was offered. The pace is moving fast at present and it is inevitable the circuit will have to look at Bransholmes assessment. LB queried what support is needed and where, more information is needed.

Thank you to Ruth and Colin for all their work done, to Angie and all the helpers at messy church etc. LW proposed a vote of thanks to Rev Debbie for keeping us going.

Any other business

It was proposed we invite Gloria Naylor to lead the church anniversary service or Robyn Thomson if she is over on tour.

The date was set for the next annual church meeting to be Sunday 17 May 2020.

The next church council meeting to be held 17 October 2019.

The meeting ended with closing prayer and grace.

J Gay

May 2019

The reports were received for the May annual church meeting which could not take place due to the Covid-19 pandemic. Minutes from the annual church meeting of 2019 are also included.

CHRISTIAN AID 2019

Christian Aid raised a total of £1392 last year. The Garden Party at the Hornbeams raised £594, the Big Breckie £185, donations £298, Angie's Humber Bridge Walk £165 and her Kcom Raffle £142 and the copper jar £8.

Many thanks to everyone who supported and helped towards this grand total.

Ruth Harker

THURSDAY LADIES FELLOWSHIP

We have had another enjoyable year of worship, fun and laughter. We all look forward to our Thursday afternoons with Joyce opening the meeting with a prayer and a favourite hymn, no music but we make a joyful sound for God, then reads a poem, verse or story.

Weeks we don't have a speaker Eileen sorts us out with games and quizzes. We even have a sports day and it's surprising how competitive we all get to win a bar of chocolate. We then have a relaxing time over a cup of tea or coffee with biscuits served up by June. Then we finish with The Grace and all go home in really good spirits after an afternoon of laughter and praise.

We are all very sad over the loss of our friend Brenda and will find it very hard when we go back but she will always be part of our amazing Fellowship and will never be forgotten.

Fellowship has been a big part of our lives for so long and especially through this time when we have to stay in and stay safe. We are all keeping in touch by telephone (no internet) all the time and being there for each other.

We would also like to say a big thankyou to our Church family who have helped us all so much with shopping, calls etc. and we really appreciate the service sheets, prayer sheets and notices that helps us keep in touch with all that is going on.

Many, many thanks to you all and God Bless from Thursday Ladies Fellowship

MUMS AND TOTS

It was with great regret that after 50 plus years we have had to close our doors to Mums and Tots as the numbers of children had dropped to an average of 2 per week. Over the years we have seen lots of children of mums who came as children themselves, even a couple of grandmas. It would be interesting to know just how many children came over our threshold.

There have been lots of helpers over the years, firstly being set up by Joyce Allison, then being joined by Barbara Berry to the last being myself, Julie and Barbara. We still see many of the children out and about at Messy Church, church activities, school, pantomime etc.

A big thank you to everyone who's helped over the years and the memories they have helped to create.

Ann Borrill

SUTTON METHODIST PRE-SCHOOL PLAYGROUP

Over the last couple of years, since the sad loss of Barbara Berry as stalwart leader of the Playgroup for many, many years, the staff team has had to come to terms with distinct changes in the management of the group.

The Playgroup is now managed and supported via a small committee under the auspices of the Methodist Church. These arrangements have been a challenge to the management committee as this area of work is not something with which church members, other than Barbara and Laurie, have had to deal. The changes have also been a challenge to the staff as the relationship and bond between them, Barbara and Laurie was such a strong, long-standing one.

The day-to-day organisation, leadership and education of the children continues to be very ably covered by Jane, Anne, Tracey, Jodie and Kelly achieving outstanding educational results, setting up the children in their care for their continued education at primary school. The staff team is made up of an impressive set of educators and our praise and thanks go them in their work.

Robin and Helen Siddle have worked hard on refurbishing various items of playschool equipment, such as painting tables and sprucing up chairs. They also erected the newly purchased storage shed in the yard to house a lot of

the outdoor play equipment to lighten the workload for the staff as previously all equipment had to be man-handled indoors for storage.

To ensure the safety and well-being of the pupils and staff the church Health & Safety and Safeguarding policies and procedures have been updated. Our thanks go to Wendy Winfield, Colin Harker, Steve Calver and Angie Meadley for their work on this.

The playschool staff continue to work hard on producing interesting and innovative experiences and events for the children and their parents. One which I attended was 'The Bug Lady' who introduced both children and parents to some fascinating creepy crawlies. The annual Nativity Play took place with the church hall packed with parents and several church members. As always, this event was excellent; well put together and lead by the staff and superbly executed by the children. Not a dry eye in the house!

Please remember the long-standing links which our church has to the playschool. If you are passing the hall, why not stop for a quick chat to staff when the children are playing in the yard. You would always be welcome to the Nativity event too. These children are an important part of our local community and, therefore, part of our outreach and mission, prayers and thoughts.

Elaine Calver

WIVES AND FRIENDS

We reopened the group in September led by Rev Debbie. We were later to welcome Ian Grant who gave a most informative talk about Thomas Ferens the benefactor of many of our houses in Hull, notably the Ferens Art Gallery. Finishing the season with an evening of carols and readings accompanied by Dorothy and Jan, with mince pies pf course.

We didn't meet again until February thinking the weather would be inclement – it wasn't. So, in February, Keith Thomas stepped is as by now Ian was very ill and Margaret couldn't come as planned. So we huddled together in the Primary room and 18 members enjoyed an evening of memories of the 1950's.

On the 26 February Mathew Broadbent gave us a most interesting talk on "waste disposal", what to put in our bins – yes never again will we put things into the wrong bin!

March 11 gave us chance to say "Bon Voyage" to Lansford as he left Hull to take his sabbatical leave with Grace in Sierra Leone. Little did we know that the whole world would come to a standstill because of the corona virus pandemic.

We cannot meet together for any or our church activities, but the Sutton bush telegraph continues to pass on our messages. I hope by now all our members are in touch and I wish you all best wishes and Gods blessing until we meet again.

Pat Dyson

TEAM CHURCH DELIVERS THE NEWS

How it started for me:

In 2008, having taken early retirement from my job as an H.R. Officer, I attended the flower group run by Doris Bolsover when Rev Keith visited the group, and, surprised to see me there, (why wasn't I at work?) we had a chat and he told me he was looking for a volunteer to do the monthly church newsletter, and, would I be interested in taking it on? I agreed to give it a go. The task would mean I could keep up my I.T. skills something I was keen to do after working hard to obtain qualifications. Little did I know I would still be doing it 12 years later.

After further discussion we decided the format of the newsletter – the letter from the Manse and Church news always goes first, followed by our thoughts and prayers for others. Future events, rotas and thankyou's follow and ending with the "40 years ago" that the late Geoff Beecroft provided (now done by Wendy).

Later we added Bransholme news and events and the newsletter expanded to reach more people.

Although I am the editor who pulls it all together, checks format, spelling and layout, etc. it is truly a TEAM CHURCH effort, to all those who contribute regularly, from Rev Debbie's letter from the manse, Wendy and Sue who print it off, to Phil who helps me with bits of I.T. I have forgotten, to the willing volunteers who deliver it to those not on email and to Matthew who puts it on the Methodist Church website, it couldn't be done without you all so thankyou Team Church.

If you would like to contribute to the newsletter or to receive it on email, please contact me – sonnyj@sonnyj.karoo.co.uk

Jan Gay

FINANCE REPORT

Our financial year that ended in August 2019 was both memorable and expensive, as we carried out work deemed necessary to comply with Health and Safety regulations.

We spent almost £7,000 in the church hall, and later in the year we spent about £39,000 on work in the church itself, with its closure for worship for about two months. Fortunately, we had enough money to complete all this work, even though it left our cash reserves severely depleted. By the time we reached the year end however we had heard from the solicitors dealing with our dear friend Barrie Renwick's estate that we were the beneficiaries of a wonderful last gift of £32,000. This allowed us to end the year with cash of about £48,000, much more than we can ever have expected after such a costly year, and for which I am sure we are all enormously thankful.

The new year promised to be, if not exactly tranquil, perhaps a bit less hectic. What a good job we never know what's just around the corner! The first half of the year showed no sign of the storm ahead of us. I was actually a bit disappointed to see that in the six months we had overspent by over £3,000. Some of this may be recovered in later months (eg the very valuable contribution raised from the pantomime didn't get into the half years figures - as it usually does – but will be picked up in the final figures at the end of the year - from memory that could represent almost half of the £3,000 deficit). The most worrying factor is that direct giving was £1,000 less than during the same period last year. Last year we were all encouraged, in a letter from the Circuit Team, to increase our giving by 50p per week each year. With luck we may have expected Sutton's giving to show a year on year increase at the end of February of a few hundred pounds because of this. So a £1,000 reduction is a bit disappointing. Of course this does not mean that the Circuit Team's message has fallen on stony ground, as other factors, such as the sad passing of some of our members, may have counterbalanced increased giving elsewhere.

Whatever the reasons, the fact remains that regardless of our efforts and entreaties, our direct giving remains stubbornly stuck. Last year the Church Council responded to requests from the circuit to increase our quarterly

payment to them by £500. This commitment will be met, but if the church finances do not show an improvement in the coming months that commitment will have to be met out of our reserves.

All this is BEFORE we consider the effect on our finances of the coronavirus lockdown, which will of course exacerbate the position. Lost income from room lettings will cost us about £150 per week, and, perhaps, some lost direct giving income, that is usually put into the offertory basket in cash. On the plus side we may save a bit on gas and electricity. However, as the circuit assessment represents about two thirds of the church's total expenditure I will not be surprised if we are in 'the red' this year by a few thousand pounds.

Sadly our finances are beginning to resemble the old maths problem that I used to do at school, where a man is trying to fill a leaking cistern with water. It was a good sum to work out how long it would take to fill the cistern. Answer – a very long time. Will the flow from our standpipe be sufficient to keep pace with the widening hole in our cistern?

Laurie Berry

Chair; Business Committee

5 May 2020

DIRECT GIVING AND TAX CLAIMS

Many people who pay income tax, agree to allow charities to claim some of their tax back from the government in relation to the amount that they give to the charity. Churches are able to do this too. Many of our members and friends signed up for this (some many years ago). Andrew Bettley makes regular claims as Gift Aid Secretary; this is shown in our accounts as Gift Aid and it earns us about £4,000 every year. This amount represents tax refund gained on about 70% of all church giving. I am extremely hopeful that this will not be affected by the coronavirus lockdown. If you are uncertain of your own personal position, I suggest that you speak to Andrew who has all the latest information.

A few years ago the government decided that they wished, in addition, to give help to charities on gifts made to them by non-tax payers. They gave it the title of 'Gift aid small donations scheme'. Naturally we took advantage of this and it now earns us up to £2,000 per year of additional income; thus bringing total tax refunds to about £6,000 per year meaning that we get tax

money on virtually 100% of all direct giving. But there are some special rules, and it is appropriate to remind you of them following the lockdown so that we do not miss out.

1. Gifts must be in cash (not cheque or bank standing order)

2. Gifts must not exceed £30 per week

If you are NOT A SIGNED-UP GIFT AIDER your giving gets included in this later scheme, and must therefore be in cash to qualify for inclusion in our tax claim. So if you are minded to make out a cheque to cover for the period of the lockdown when you return to worship, we will not be able to get tax back on it. However, if the cash is put into your envelope each week, the envelopes can then be safely put into the offertory on your return to worship, and it can then be included in our tax claim. I'm sorry if you find these rules inconvenient, I didn't make them, but missing out on easy money is a luxury the church can ill afford.

Laurie Berry

JUNIOR MISSION FOR ALL

We have 10 collectors; during the year to 31 August 2019 we raised £472.00. This was from the collectors and coffee mornings after the morning service.

I would like to thank all collectors, and all those who support the coffee mornings after morning service.

I would welcome any new collectors, children and adults, to support the important work of mission.

Andrew Bettley

STEWARDS REPORT

This year we continue with six Church Stewards: Andrew Bettley, Margaret Parker, Jim Maslen, Linda Whitton, Fiona Houghton, Sue Langdale and currently two Church Life Stewards: Robin Siddle (fundraising and property) and Angie Meadley (children's work). We thank all of our Stewards for their dedicated service, time and energy and for their attentiveness to the needs of the church.

Most of you will be aware that our new Welcome Leaflet is now complete and in circulation. Grateful thanks go to Bill Dixon who designed the leaflet and organised the printing for us. As part of our mission these have been distributed to Messy Church members, Baptism families, church members and others with the help of the door stewards. If you haven't seen one yet there are copies in the front entrance, please take one.

Many thanks go to the Rev Mary Jackman and her calligraphy skills for updating the Memorial Book and to Linda Whitton who continues to restore and update the Cradle Roll Posters.

The banner workshop is now up and running creating seasonal banners to enhance the spiritual life of the church. The four Christmas banners were well received but unfortunately the Easter workshop had to be postponed due to lock-down. We look forward to designing a new Harvest banner for display later in the year.

The Local Arrangement services, usually twice monthly, are currently led by Sue Langdale, Wendy Winfield and Bill Dixon with the help of many of the congregation. This seems to be a pattern we have got in to but is not set in stone. If any of the church activity groups, Wives and Friends, Ladies Thursday Fellowship, Prayer Group or Banner Group etc. would like to lead an LA please let one of the stewards know you are interested.

As we no longer have any bible studies or house groups, we are very grateful to Rev Debbie for leading us through the Advent and Lent study gatherings. Also, for the Easter Service sheets and letters making it possible for the church to stay connected during these difficult and challenging times of Coronavirus. We thank Jim too for drawing together the weekly prayers and Angie, Margaret and Ken for distributing the information which has been very much appreciated by so many people. Also, a huge thank you to those who have taken it on themselves to keep in touch with others. I know much of God's work during this time has been spent on the telephone, sending e-mails, shopping and raising spirits with a friendly voice, concerns and anxieties and of course prayer.

We may not have been able to take the Easter message into the schools or hold any of our Easter services or activities as planned this year but we thank God for his gift of renewing energies and constant love and presence and for his Easter Blessing that Christ *is* risen, Alleluiah.

Deacon Sue

RAINBOWS, BROWNIES, GUIDES AND RANGERS

The Rainbows, Brownies, Guides and Rangers at Sutton Methodist have had another busy year. We are beginning to adapt to our new programme, as well as enjoying more traditional Guiding activities. We enjoyed a joint Christmas celebration at Big Fun in December where all the sections took part, with girls from 5 to 18 years having fun (and chaos!) together.

The Brownies have continued to work on the new programme which was introduced last year and also worked hard towards achieving a 'Greener Guiding' challenge badge. We continue to have a full pack and girls on our waiting list, so the girls must be enjoying their weekly meetings. In the summer we celebrated the packs 75th Birthday with a party attended by Brownies and leaders past and present. (A Sew on commemorative Camp blanket badge was made for the occasion and we still have some if anyone from the church with past connections to the unit would like one.) In July we said Goodbye to Kathryn Hodges with a party at Pizza Hut. She had been a leader at the unit for many years and she has agreed to still be registered as an occasional helper so she has not completely left us, however her ever increasing work commitments were making it difficult for her to run the unit on a weekly basis.

The Guides have also been doing their 'Greener Guiding' Challenge badge, as well as taking on the new Media badge. The girls have baked flapjack, and decorated Valentines biscuits. They have also enjoyed a Hull fair Night, Thinking Day International evening, and continued to work towards their 'skills builder' part of their awards. We are planning a weekend away at our Guide House in Market Weighton in June, however this has been put on hold for the time being. We are currently struggling with fewer guides than usual, although many of the older girls have gone to Rangers which is not a bad thing!

This year, the Rangers have sadly said goodbye to almost all of their members, who had gone on to bigger and better things at university. After a few weeks of having only two members, some emergency networking took place to replenish the group - which now consists of a lovely set of girls who are enjoying their time with us. We have also said goodbye to our original leader Claire, who has moved back home to Leicester, and welcomed our new leader-in-training, Polly. Overall, we have been working towards badges from our new Guiding programme, including activities centred towards Self Care, Genealogy, and Beliefs. We have had great fun trying activities like yoga, and varying degrees of success in making our own pizzas.

As well as this we still enjoy old favourites such as baking, crafts, and movie/snack meetings!

Helen Hall

SENIOR SCOUT LEADERS REPORT – 2020

Scouting towards the end of our financial year has changed beyond recognition with the global pandemic affecting all we do however more on that later. Firstly, a large 'thank you' to all of the church community for continuing to support the group in so many ways.

With the continuing hard work of the leaders we have again managed to keep scouting in Sutton thriving. All sections are at capacity for both the space we have to work with and the leader numbers. We continue to have record numbers of children on the books and a long waiting list which shows that if leaders and venues can be found, scouting can grow and continue to offer great adventures to the young people.

We have participated in almost all of the events put on by the district over the last 12 months and have been active in church parades with a large group of children also attending the 2019 remembrance service at St James.

One of the strengths of scouting has been the relatively low cost of adventures for our young people and that continued with camping, a group trip to the North Yorkshire Moors and railway and many other events through the year.

I reported last year that the next big overseas adventure would be in 2020 in Poland but alas that has now been postponed to 2021.

The group would, as always, welcome new adult members to the group. In the year we have lost Lee to pressures of work but have welcomed Sophie who will support Sharon in the cub section.

I must now come on to the actions that scouting and our group have taken in response to COVID -19.

Face to face scouting ended in line with government instruction in mid-March. It is unlikely to re-start until September at the very earliest and maybe much later. This has impacted on our income as we collect Subs on a weekly basis but thanks to the efforts of our fundraising committee, we will weather the storm financially and our donation to the church will remain unchanged.

Scouting has been going on- line with leaders setting weekly challenges for the young people to keep them busy and connected with the group during lockdown. We are however all looking forward to the day when face to face meetings can commence.

Ian Stocks

Senior Leader

CHILDREN'S WORK.

HOLIDAY CLUB

Last year we were lucky enough to have our Summer Holiday club in July 2019 The SHOWSTOPPERS although due to adverse weather conditions we had to cancel our trip to Bridlington late on the Friday afternoon.

We spent 3 days exploring the stories of Creation, David and Goliath and Daniel and the Lion. Each day the children did lots of crafts, quizzes, games and made buns connected with the stories. Every day they sang and learnt the actions to the holiday club song and memorised the verse 2 Timothy 1:9

We all had great fun sharing time together.

We would like to thank everyone that joined us either to take part, help or to Lead in some way.

MESSY CHURCH

Messy Church started its 11th year last September 2019. It is held once a month and still continues to grow from strength to strength and we still have new people joining us all the time (usually because a friend has mentioned how good Messy Church is) we are regularly having around 20 children with their Parents or Grandparents both in some cases.

The children make crafts related to a bible theme then we have a short service followed by a meal. The children and the adults have great fun.

CRAFT CLUB

We still have a craft club held once a month (usually a fortnight apart). We

have the same register for both groups and it is well attended by the children and families, from Messy Church.

CHRISTMAS CRAFT AFTERNOON

The Christmas Activity afternoon was held on the afternoon of the Christmas Carol Service, on December 15th and was The story of Christmas. The children decorated bags to carry all the things they had made during the afternoon, including nativity mobile, angels, garlands, stained glass windows, cards, bookmarks, and many other crafts. Our thanks go out to all those who helped and supported us in this activity day.

The children then attended a Nativity Story in the church with Keith Thomas & Rev. Debbie Lucas took the children into the church for a Nativity story service that everyone could join in with. Some parts of this service were also repeated for the evening service. Keith Thomas commented that he hadn't seen the church so full for a long time.

This event was very well attended by the children and their parents and members of our church family. We also made new connections with new families.

PANTO

In February children from Messy Church joined everyone else taking part in the panto Cinderella to raise funds for the church, they all enjoyed it very much and they cannot wait for the next one.

EASTER CRAFT AFTERNOON

We were unable to hold our Easter Craft afternoon and Easter Egg Hunt in the Easter Holidays due to the Covid 19 pandemic. With the eggs that had been donated beforehand we then donated them to Joanne Nielsen (a mum from Messy Church) to put into the food parcels she was providing to vulnerable people in the Bransholme area.

THANKS

We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has continued

to support the children's activities throughout the year and offered their encouragement and time to help with this very rewarding work.

We would especially like to thank our team of regular Messy Church and Craft Club helpers Mabel Burrows, Ann Borrill, Phil Plumb, Wendy Winfield, Mike Winfield, Eileen Edwards and of course it is with great sadness that we thank Brenda Lewis for all the time she has shared with us and the families, especially the children. She will be missed so much by so many. I know she will be watching over us.

Anyone wishing to join us at Messy Church you are more than welcome it doesn't matter if you are crafty or not just the fact you can sit and talk to the children and their families is all we ask. You can tell some of them a bible story connected to the craft. Who knows what connections can be made whilst we sow the seeds for the future.

Angie Meadley and Julie Lloyd

YOUTH CLUB

I mentioned at the last AGM that I have agreed to run the Youth Club along with Andrew until Summer 2019 and then review our position again as we are struggling to find helpers after sending a number of requests to the parents.

We were still having the regular group of girls attending up until July 2020.

I sent a letter to the parents advising that we would be suspending the Youth Club for a year to see if anything else comes up or if I got bored.

On Friday 12th July we had a get together and invited people who had been to youth club over the years and provided food and drink to share.

The girls had bought Andrew and me a bunch of flowers each and written the most wonderful card to each of us which they made us read in front of them all I can say is a few tears were shed. (mine continued for a few weeks).

To know that you have made such an impression on these young people is reward enough for the time spent doing the youth club.

We were going to meet up for the Bridlington trip as a special get together but the weather had other ideas.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Andrew Bettley for his help and support throughout the time we have been doing the youth club.

I am still hoping that someone will have an idea for the Youths and if so I will happily help and support in any way possible.

Angie Meadley

THE MEET AND EAT CHURCH

The Meet and Eat Church started in March 2019 after an idea I got after talking with Angie and Fiona. This "meeting" was going to be a very different "meeting" with fun and fellowship being the main ingredients. It was going to be a time when the church fellowship could meet together to share a meal and to enjoy each other's company and get to know one another better.

We have met on 11 occasions now and it is usually the first Monday of each month when we meet together at the Lambwath. We arrive for 5.30p.m. and usually get seated just after. I book a table for everyone so I like to know before hand how many people are going. For this I put a list up for people to sign so that I can let the staff at the Lambwath know how many they will be catering for. Alternatively people can ring me to let me know if they want to go.

The Lambwath staff put together a long table for us all to sit together. The staff are very accommodating and welcome us warmly. Most people order a Carvery meal but some have pizzas. It is very informal and enjoyable and nobody has to wash up at the end!

The first Meet and Eat Church had 31 attend and the number has slowly grown, we usually get about 38 people meeting together. It is a great fellowship and the price for a carvery meal is very reasonable. Monday is the night when they do have a special offer of two pizzas for the price of one.

Everyone seems to have a really good time, it is a time when young and old get together. I think the youngest attendee is 8 and the oldest in their 90s. It is the church coming together to share in a meal and fellowship and to have a great time of fellowship together.

Sadly, due to the coronavirus, this meeting is suspended and it is missed by so many. We do hope that we can get together some time in the future and

we would welcome anyone who has not been before or who has not heard about it. Give me a ring if you would like any more details.

Mike Winfield.

MUSIC IN THE CHURCH

Our singers came together for three rehearsals during August 2019. We were sharing ideas and rehearsing for the special service that was planned for Sunday 1st September. This was to be a Service of Celebration for the extensive work that had been completed in the Church during the first half of 2019. Members of the Church congregation were invited to submit hymns, songs and readings for what proved to be a very special time of worship and thanksgiving.

A couple of months later we were rehearsing again, this time for 'A Family Christmas Story' that was eventually performed on Saturday 30th November. Keith and Robin came up with a script, and we interspersed this with appropriate carols and songs, some familiar and some new. We were delighted that some of the Church children and young people agreed to take part in the telling of the story. We were also very grateful to the musicians who were able to come together for this event, thus providing us with a live band.

A few days later, keeping to tradition, some of our singers also took part in the Martin House Carol Service at Holderness Road Methodist Church and then sang at our own Carol Service in the middle of December. The singers were augmented for the Christmas Season by the welcome addition of Julie, Julie and Wendy, friends of Robin and Helen, now friends of us all!

Several of our singers and many others were involved in the annual pantomime that took place at the end of February. Rehearsals were again a good blend of fun and fellowship. Robin and Helen spent hours preparing costumes and props. The reward for them, and everyone involved, was an amazing turn out for the two performances and another substantial amount of money raised for Church funds.

As a Church we are thankful for those members and friends who regularly make a contribution to the musical side of our activities. I would particularly like to thank Matthew for continuing to play the piano for alternate Sunday morning services. He is very flexible and willingly covers the Sundays that I

allocate to him on our rota, sometimes covering Sundays when I am away and sometimes giving me the opportunity just to be part of the congregation.

Wendy Winfield

ACTION FOR CHILDREN

Since last year's Annual Church Meeting an amazing total of £641.70 has been donated and I should like to express huge gratitude for the enormous generosity of the church family at Sutton. I know it is very much appreciated and will be used to help youngsters all over the country.

Margaret Parker

PROPERTY STEWARD REPORT

My first year as Property Steward has fortunately not been too challenging. The biggest job to be undertaken was repairing the front columns and repainting the front entrance of the Chapel. Various inspections have been carried out in line with regulations including gas appliances, electrical appliances and wiring plus fire extinguishers. We also fitted smoke and heat alarm systems to the hall side of the premises. General repairs and maintenance have been carried out as and when including taps, door handles, gutters, overhanging shrubs, light fittings, etc. The Quinquinial inspection was due but cancelled due to the Coronavirus lockdown and will be rescheduled once we are back to normal. We feel confident this should not throw up too many problems and, as in the past, any reasonable jobs that need carrying out can be done in house. As the Property Steward, I am just a voice and could not carry out the jobs without the skills and knowledge of Ken Parker and Ray Lloyd. It also helps to be able to call on Frank Dearing for help and advice because his are very big shoes to fill.

Robin Siddle

FUND RAISING

In May we had a Spring Market which raised £586.00. Our Barn Dance and Harvest Supper in October is a social event and we managed to get £280.00, the band was given £300.00 with donations covering the shortfall. This event saw 49 people get together including the Guides, 7 members of St James and

lots of people from outside the church which means we are reaching out to others in the community.

The Christmas Fair and Sutton Village Fair combined made a total of £1053.87.

This year's pantomime of Cinderella raised a total of £1382 with an additional £162 from the raffle for Lansford's Send a Child to School Charity.

Robin and Helen Siddle

PRAYER GROUP

We meet in the church every Monday at 2.00 pm, either in the vestry or in the church itself, and welcome anybody who would like to join us. We pray for ourselves and our families and friends, our church family and the future of the church, for the world in general and anything that occurs to us. Please join us.

Jim Maslen

THE METHODIST CHURCH

STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

SUTTON ON HULL METHODIST	Church

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31 August 2020

SOUTH HOLDERNESS	Circuit	Circuit no	29/32

Registered Charity - Charity Registration number	**1179285**
If not a registered charity **Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs Gift Aid number**	**21229**

(The HMRC number is equivalent to a registered charity number in terms of evidence of charitable status and may be used to give to donors or grant funders wishing to see evidence of the organisation's charitable status. Methodist charities in England and Wales that are not registered charities are excepted from registration under Statutory Instrument 2014 No.242)

Minister:

REVEREND D.M. LUCAS

Church Stewards:

JIM MASLEN	LINDA WHITTON
ANGIE MEADLEY	DEACON SUE LANGDALE
ANDREW BETTLEY	FIONA HOUGHTON
MARGARET PARKER	ROBIN SIDDLE

Treasurer:

RUTH HARKER

ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2020

SUTTON ON HULL METHODIST — Church

	SECTION A		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year		Totals last year
			£	£	£		£
a1	**RECEIPTS**	Note					
a2	Offerings and Tax recovered		30,743		**30,743**		36,058
a3	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income		286		**286**		217
a4	Lettings		11,466		**11,466**		14,578
a5	Other receipts		34,564		**34,564**		40,680
a6	**TOTAL RECEIPTS**		**77,059**		**77,059**	(a7)	**91,533**
	SECTION B						
b1	**PAYMENTS**						
b2	Circuit Assessment or Share		36,800		**36,800**		34,200
b3	Donations		2,594		**2,594**		2,444
b4	Repairs and Maintenance		1,574		**1,574**		50,811
b5	*Utilities (Insurances, water* charges, heating & lighting)		9,016		**9,016**		11,230
b6							
b7	Other payments		2,458		**2,458**		279
b8	**TOTAL PAYMENTS**		**52,442**		**52,442**	(b9)	**98,964**
	SECTION C						
c1	**NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR**	(a6-b8)	24,617		**24,617**		(7,431)
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year		47,831		**47,831**	(c6)	55,262
c3	**Sub total**	(c1+c2)	72,448		**72,448**		**47,831**
c4	Transfers and adjustments					(c7)	
c5	**TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR**	(c3+c4)	**72,448**		**72,448**	(c8)	**47,831** (c6)

	SECTION D			
	FOR INFORMATION ONLY: MONEY RECEIVED AND PASSED ON TO EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS			
d	**(these amounts are not to be included in total receipts/payments figures**		£	£
d1	Balance brought forward from last year			
d2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations		603	1,034
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations		603	1,034
d4	**BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID**	(d1+d2-d3)		

SUTTON ON HULL METHODIST **Church**

SUMMARY OF CHURCH ACCOUNTS AND INTERNAL ORGANISATIONS REPORTING TO THE CHURCH COUNCIL

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e5	**YC & MESSY CLUB**			370		(370)			2,371		2,001	
e6												
e7												
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SECTION F

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

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SECTION G

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Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

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Sutton Methodist Church

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SUTTON METHODIST CHURCH

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160	Humber NHS	176.00	36.00	212.00
1241	Brooklands Photo Soc	543.00	213.00	756.00
605	General	367.00	0.00	367.00
14578		**7158.00**	**4308.00**	**11466.00**

	Sundry Income			
217	C.F.B. Interest	151.48	134.18	285.66
59428		25482.51	20599.89	46082.40
	Specific Collections			
297	Action for Children	211.00	0.00	211.00
121	Easter Offerings	0.00	0.00	0.00
172	Hullharp	90.20	10.20	100.40
200	Indonesia Appeal	0.00	0.00	0.00
81	Cancer Research	0.00	0.00	0.00
13	Shepherds- don to Sovereign M	0.00	0.00	0.00
0	Lansford Collection	0.00	130.00	130.00
0	Plenderleith Collection	0.00	0.00	0.00
150	SACTS (Panto Raffle)	0.00	162.00	162.00
		301.20	302.20	603.40
1034				
		25783.71	20902.09	46685.80
60462				

SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURE FOR THE 12 MONTHS TO 31ST AUGUST 2020

Last year 12 Months			Six months to 29/2/20	Six months 31/08/2020	Total for year
34200	**Circuit Assessment**		18800.00	18000.00	36800.00
0	**Young Peoples Work**		0.00	0.00	0.00
	Property Management				
5705	Electricity	B Gas	2811.07	1189.69	4000.76
1323	Gas	B Gas	420.54	461.24	881.78
1247	Water Rates		522.31	806.48	1328.79
2374	Insurance		2430.66	0.00	2430.66
2057	Cleaning Materials		165.70	143.82	309.52
442	Cleaning Materials (PPE)		0.00	466.30	466.30
0	Piano/Organ Repairs		0.00	0.00	0.00
163	Telephone		72.65	71.84	144.49
581	Waste Disposal		205.14	169.55	374.69
304	General Repairs		135.63	0.00	135.63
175	Gardener		60.00	0.00	60.00
113	Web Site		47.00	56.40	103.40
6543	Hall H &S Work& Church Ceilin		0.00	0.00	0.00
0	New Photocopier		0.00	0.00	0.00
93	Fire Extinguisher check		171.35	0.00	171.35
290	Gas Inspection		348.00	0.00	348.00
80	Microwave		0.00	0.00	0.00
199	Hoover		0.00	0.00	0.00
0	Stair Carpet		0.00	0.00	0.00
505	Grove Room Lights/Sockets		0.00	0.00	0.00
0	Hall Gate		0.00	0.00	0.00
64	Pat Test		919.47	0.00	919.47
54	Alarm		0.00	0.00	0.00
12	Sundry Expenses		0.00	0.00	0.00
22324			**8309.52**	**3365.32**	**11674.84**
	Administration				
78	Publicity		207.00	0.00	207.00
78	Offertory Envelopes		79.84	0.00	79.84
230	Copyright Licence		78.00	0.00	78.00
114	Sundry Expenses		98.00	277.32	375.32
326	Photocopier Expenses		170.28	154.31	324.59
210	Organists Honorarium		0.00	210.00	210.00
60	Visiting Preachers		0.00	0.00	0.00
250	M Wilson		0.00	0.00	0.00
100	Accountant		100.00	0.00	100.00
1446			**733.12**	**641.63**	**1374.75**

	Donations			
512	Fund for Property	512.00	0.00	512.00
205	Fund forPresbyters & Deacons	205.00	0.00	205.00
215	All We Can (was MRDF)	0.00	215.00	215.00
205	LWPT	0.00	205.00	205.00
160	International House	0.00	160.00	160.00
160	MHA	0.00	160.00	160.00
187	B & F Bible Soc	0.00	187.00	187.00
441	Mission in Britain+ Along poor	0.00	441.00	441.00
215	Meth Church Fund for World Mi	215.00	0.00	215.00
144	Action for Children	0.00	144.00	144.00
0	Lansford (Church Don)	0.00	150.00	150.00
0	*Lansford (Individual Dons)*	0.00	130.00	130.00
		932.00	**1792.00**	**2724.00**
2444				
60414		**28774.64**	**23798.95**	**52573.59**
1034	Specific Collections Paid Out	301.20	172.20	473.40
61448		**29075.84**	**23971.15**	**53046.99**

THE METHODIST CHURCH

STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

SUTTON ON HULL METHODIST	Church

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31 August 2020

SOUTH HOLDERNESS	Circuit	Circuit no	29/32

Registered Charity - Charity Registration number	**1179285**
If not a registered charity **Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs Gift Aid number**	**21229**

(The HMRC number is equivalent to a registered charity number in terms of evidence of charitable status and may be used to give to donors or grant funders wishing to see evidence of the organisation's charitable status. Methodist charities in England and Wales that are not registered charities are excepted from registration under Statutory Instrument 2014 No.242)

Minister:

REVEREND D.M. LUCAS

Church Stewards:

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ANGIE MEADLEY	DEACON SUE LANGDALE
ANDREW BETTLEY	FIONA HOUGHTON
MARGARET PARKER	ROBIN SIDDLE

Treasurer:

RUTH HARKER

ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2020

SUTTON ON HULL METHODIST — Church

	SECTION A		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year		Totals last year
			£	£	£		£
a1	**RECEIPTS**	Note					
a2	Offerings and Tax recovered		30,743		**30,743**		36,058
a3	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income		286		**286**		217
a4	Lettings		11,466		**11,466**		14,578
a5	Other receipts		34,564		**34,564**		40,680
a6	**TOTAL RECEIPTS**		**77,059**		**77,059**	(a7)	**91,533**
	SECTION B						
b1	**PAYMENTS**						
b2	Circuit Assessment or Share		36,800		**36,800**		34,200
b3	Donations		2,594		**2,594**		2,444
b4	Repairs and Maintenance		1,574		**1,574**		50,811
b5	*Utilities (Insurances, water* charges, heating & lighting)		9,016		**9,016**		11,230
b6							
b7	Other payments		2,458		**2,458**		279
b8	**TOTAL PAYMENTS**		**52,442**		**52,442**	(b9)	**98,964**
	SECTION C						
c1	**NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR**	(a6-b8)	24,617		**24,617**		(7,431)
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year		47,831		**47,831**	(c6)	55,262
c3	**Sub total**	(c1+c2)	72,448		**72,448**		**47,831**
c4	Transfers and adjustments					(c7)	
c5	**TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR**	(c3+c4)	**72,448**		**72,448**	(c8)	**47,831** (c6)

	SECTION D			
	FOR INFORMATION ONLY: MONEY RECEIVED AND PASSED ON TO EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS			
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2694	Weight Watchers	1494.00	600.00	2094.00
160	Humber NHS	176.00	36.00	212.00
1241	Brooklands Photo Soc	543.00	213.00	756.00
605	General	367.00	0.00	367.00
14578		**7158.00**	**4308.00**	**11466.00**

	Sundry Income			
217	C.F.B. Interest	151.48	134.18	285.66
59428		25482.51	20599.89	46082.40
	Specific Collections			
297	Action for Children	211.00	0.00	211.00
121	Easter Offerings	0.00	0.00	0.00
172	Hullharp	90.20	10.20	100.40
200	Indonesia Appeal	0.00	0.00	0.00
81	Cancer Research	0.00	0.00	0.00
13	Shepherds- don to Sovereign M	0.00	0.00	0.00
0	Lansford Collection	0.00	130.00	130.00
0	Plenderleith Collection	0.00	0.00	0.00
150	SACTS (Panto Raffle)	0.00	162.00	162.00
		301.20	302.20	603.40
1034				
		25783.71	20902.09	46685.80
60462				

SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURE FOR THE 12 MONTHS TO 31ST AUGUST 2020

Last year 12 Months			Six months to 29/2/20	Six months 31/08/2020	Total for year
34200	**Circuit Assessment**		18800.00	18000.00	36800.00
0	**Young Peoples Work**		0.00	0.00	0.00
	Property Management				
5705	Electricity	B Gas	2811.07	1189.69	4000.76
1323	Gas	B Gas	420.54	461.24	881.78
1247	Water Rates		522.31	806.48	1328.79
2374	Insurance		2430.66	0.00	2430.66
2057	Cleaning Materials		165.70	143.82	309.52
442	Cleaning Materials (PPE)		0.00	466.30	466.30
0	Piano/Organ Repairs		0.00	0.00	0.00
163	Telephone		72.65	71.84	144.49
581	Waste Disposal		205.14	169.55	374.69
304	General Repairs		135.63	0.00	135.63
175	Gardener		60.00	0.00	60.00
113	Web Site		47.00	56.40	103.40
6543	Hall H &S Work& Church Ceilin		0.00	0.00	0.00
0	New Photocopier		0.00	0.00	0.00
93	Fire Extinguisher check		171.35	0.00	171.35
290	Gas Inspection		348.00	0.00	348.00
80	Microwave		0.00	0.00	0.00
199	Hoover		0.00	0.00	0.00
0	Stair Carpet		0.00	0.00	0.00
505	Grove Room Lights/Sockets		0.00	0.00	0.00
0	Hall Gate		0.00	0.00	0.00
64	Pat Test		919.47	0.00	919.47
54	Alarm		0.00	0.00	0.00
12	Sundry Expenses		0.00	0.00	0.00
22324			**8309.52**	**3365.32**	**11674.84**
	Administration				
78	Publicity		207.00	0.00	207.00
78	Offertory Envelopes		79.84	0.00	79.84
230	Copyright Licence		78.00	0.00	78.00
114	Sundry Expenses		98.00	277.32	375.32
326	Photocopier Expenses		170.28	154.31	324.59
210	Organists Honorarium		0.00	210.00	210.00
60	Visiting Preachers		0.00	0.00	0.00
250	M Wilson		0.00	0.00	0.00
100	Accountant		100.00	0.00	100.00
1446			**733.12**	**641.63**	**1374.75**

	Donations			
512	Fund for Property	512.00	0.00	512.00
205	Fund forPresbyters & Deacons	205.00	0.00	205.00
215	All We Can (was MRDF)	0.00	215.00	215.00
205	LWPT	0.00	205.00	205.00
160	International House	0.00	160.00	160.00
160	MHA	0.00	160.00	160.00
187	B & F Bible Soc	0.00	187.00	187.00
441	Mission in Britain+ Along poor	0.00	441.00	441.00
215	Meth Church Fund for World Mi	215.00	0.00	215.00
144	Action for Children	0.00	144.00	144.00
0	Lansford (Church Don)	0.00	150.00	150.00
0	*Lansford (Individual Dons)*	0.00	130.00	130.00
		932.00	**1792.00**	**2724.00**
2444				
60414		**28774.64**	**23798.95**	**52573.59**
1034	Specific Collections Paid Out	301.20	172.20	473.40
61448		**29075.84**	**23971.15**	**53046.99**