



ANNUAL REPORT 2022 - 2023



St John's Methodist Church Council 2022-2023

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Pastoral Leadership Team

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 Rev Tony Farrar
 Una Miller
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Una Miller, Secretary
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Doreen Mathieson
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 Olive Drapkin
 Jim Holmes
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Finance and Property Committee

Andrew Lowe, Chairman
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 Paul Walker
 Carole Firth
 Peter Firth
 Howard Scott (Steward's representative)

Dear friends

It is a privilege to write the opening words for this booklet, a booklet that is full of faithfulness, commitment and surprise. Therefore I write with a grateful heart. A grateful heart for all the giving and all the love found here; for all the kingdom work that takes place in this place and from this community. When you read through it, you will feel grateful too.

As I was reflecting on the work and mission of our church in the past 12 months, I came across some words which were written by Alan Hirsch and which resonated with me.

In his words: 'Most machines—whether computers, smart phones, or cars—will need recalibrating (a tune-up) from time to time. The same applies to humans and institutions, both of which experience various forms of mission drift involving loss of direction and purpose. This is as true for the church as with any institution. Although most people and organisations set out with a clear idea of who they are and why they exist, as the “what” and “how” are repeated, entities begin to focus on processes and lose sight of their purpose. Naturally, the longer we do something a certain way without thinking, the harder it becomes to stand back, get our bearings, and make sure we are still going in the right direction.'

Don't you think they are poignant words? They talk about purpose, about vision, about reflection. They invite us to notice the amazing things God is doing through us, but also they give us the space to remember our purpose and to evaluate how the things we do fit in with our purpose.

Our purpose is to be a church for all community, to be representatives of God's love and character to the world, to share with others in words and deeds the good news of Jesus. And all of that stems from the fact that God's heart beats within us, it beats for all people; it stems from knowing who God in Jesus is to us, it stems from knowing that the good news of Jesus can transform the world.

And so, let us never lose sight of who we are, and let us thank God for all the transformations that we have seen take place in the past year. Let us thank God for each other, for we are a community, not individuals. There is power, there is belonging, there is life to the full in a community of love

As we gather to reflect, give thanks and look to the future, we gather knowing that our community is made up of us here on earth and of those who have gone to be with Jesus, the saints in glory.



That is why we name those people and praise God for them and for the hope of life eternal.

Thank you, thank you dear friends, for being you; thank you for the welcome, and the commitment and the love. I feel truly blessed to belong to this community. I hope you feel the same.

Love and God's blessings, **Eva**

Members, friends and family members of our church community who have passed away since the previous annual report was printed

Roger Stephenson
Yvonne Borthwick
Jean Shaw
Norman Cummings
Jim Holmes
Judith Hunt
Muriel Neil
Norman Gould
Eric Brown
Vera Webster
Rita Robson
Noel Huntley
Jean Gregory
Matthew Upson
Lyn Hurse
Mel Carty

Stewards Report

Straight after our AGM of 2022, our Minister, Rev Eva Walker went on a 3-month sabbatical. I'm sure this is now a distant memory for her, but I hope that the memory is happy and I'm sure she appreciated the break from responsibility which was the gift from the Church to her.

During that time, life continued at St John's, and I am very grateful to everyone who continued with fellowship, care to one another and took on extra responsibilities during that time. Special thanks to all who led Worship during Eva's absence.

On Eva's return, she led the Pilgrimage visit to Lindisfarne for the Faith and Friendship groups in September then encouraged us to dress as scarecrows for Harvest. Services throughout the year and especially during Advent and Lent were of a variety of styles and we are fortunate to have such diversity in leadership within the Circuit from current Presbyters, those who are supposed to be retired but who we would struggle without and the lay people who have a calling to lead. Thoughts and prayers especially go to the family of Rev John Mason, and the people of North Shields.

Our young people are encouraged by Karen and her team during the week with Fab meeting monthly and the youth group on Sunday evenings. It has been great to see the uniformed organisations returning to Parade Services. The Pastoral team and visitors do an amazing amount of support to our older friends.

Andrew Lowe and Christine FitzGerald are now able to run the IT side of Services monthly to allow Paul Sabourn a break. Paul continues to formulate the Service. Margaret Barker co-ordinates a team of Communion stewards and Margaret Stephenson and her team arrange a beautiful variety of floral decorations. Thanks to those who provide and serve refreshments after the Service on a Sunday which is an important time for fellowship.

We currently have 4 organists/pianists on a rota for Services with the addition of guitar, drums and violin at family services. The Choir's leading of Good Friday Worship was especially appreciated. The St John's Bell(e)s group have also contributed to Worship.

Having Colin in the office most of the weekdays as he works for both St John's and the Circuit makes a huge difference to the welcome in the building. This is appreciated as well as his efficiency as the administrator. The cleanliness of the building is very noticeable to all who use it since Patricia took the job of cleaner. Thanks to all who work so hard to maintain and improve the premises both inside and out and make users of the building feel welcome. This welcome is even warmer thanks to the insulation which has been installed!

The Vestry Team have held 2 "thank you" meals for the Church Community, one in January and the other for the Coronation in May. Both have been very well attended and fun events. The stewards have provided food and were delighted to accept additional contributions from many kind people. These have been free events as lots of people give in many ways rather than fundraising as undertaken in the past by the Social Committee.

Most groups have returned since Covid, new ventures have started (I'm sure individual groups will be sending reports) and the building is occupied most of the week. New people continue to join us, and we look forward to our future with the merge with our friends from Monkseaton Methodist Church in September.

I would especially like to thank the wonderful Vestry Team of Lesley Thompson, Howard Scott, Sally Clark, Carol Baggaley and Margaret Rushton. These lovely people take responsibility for so much and do so with great talent, care and humour. All of us are happy to continue for the next 12 months although Carol has kindly offered to take the role of Senior Steward from me. We would struggle without the help of Colin, Church Council Members and officers and the leadership and vision of Eva.

Susan Sabourn, Senior Steward

Treasurer's report

Overview

It is difficult to present a meaningful report at this stage, approximately halfway through the financial year, as a number of expected income items eg Gift Aid, Gift week and other donations are not finalised and expenditure for the balance of year is unknown. I have attempted therefore to present the picture of income/expenditure on a monthly basis with information available to date in order to demonstrate the current situation. Clearly my year end report in September will be conclusive.

Church funds

We started the year with funds in our current account and CFB account of £56,835 (excluding TMCP funds, these funds generally remain static year on year, see below). Church Council agreed that we should proceed with essential building maintenance work up to a value of £32,500 on those items not covered by the warm welcome funds. To date we have spent £25,564 on roof repairs I have excluded this amount from my analysis in Fig 1 for clarity. Please note that my report does not include reference to expenditure of the Warm Welcome funds (insulation work etc).

Our current available funds are £20,333 (end Feb 2023)

Ongoing income/expenditure

I have set out in Fig1 the details of income/expenditure month by month for the first two quarters of this financial year. The income is split between giving (envelopes, cash and direct giving) and other income (eg church activities, donations room lettings etc). The expenditure is split between the circuit assessment and other items (eg utilities, building repairs, cleaning, admin etc) As I pointed out above I have not included the major expense on roof repairs which was agreed in advance. Income is not keeping pace with expenditure (a shortfall of £18,138 to end Feb). We can however anticipate specific items of income (approximately £12,000 Gift aid and £5,000 Gift week) in addition to other sundry items during the balance of the year, expenditure should continue at or around the current rate. The inevitable shortfall suggests that a continued erosion of funds.

Conclusion

The outlook is not good as income is not covering expenditure. I will continue to carefully monitor available funds in order to ensure sufficient to meet our assessment and other obligations. We do have additional funds of £99,800 in our TMCP account which includes £60,000 allocated to the Warm Welcome fund leaving £39,800. Clearly we will need to carefully monitor all ongoing commitments and I will of course report on the situation at year end.

Owen Lumsdon, Treasurer 5.6.2023

Note: at the time of writing the Gift Week total stands at £6,565. Thank you to everyone who contributed.

Treasurers report continued.....

Fig 1									
2022/23 Q1 and Q2 Income/Expenditure									
		Inc				Exp			
		Giving	Other	Total		General	Assess.	Total	
	Q1	3036	1487	4523		1218	5375	6593	
		3986	4944	8930		2233	5375	7608	
		4014	2342	6356		1184	5375	6559	
	Q2	3091	1700	4791		6563	5375	11938	
		4138	1911	6049		14240	5375	19615	
		3992	6520	10512		1611	5375	6986	
	Total	22257	18904	41161		27049	32250	59299	
					Shortfall				18138

Safeguarding Report.

In June the Church Council approved St John's Safeguarding Policy, the text mirrors that of the national safeguarding Policy. Throughout the year Carol and Colin have attended Safeguarding updates with the Circuit Safeguarding Officer. Training on Safeguarding courses can be face to face or online. Later in 2023 we will see new training for those needing to update their foundation safeguarding training. This new training reflects new learning to share across the Methodist Church. Thank you to everyone who has refreshed their training during the year.

A number of happenings have meant reviews of what we have in place for safeguarding. November saw us engaging with people as we embraced the "We give you a warm welcome initiative" via the Friday Cuppa group. Whilst this has attracted new people, it is run in such a way not to have any safeguarding concerns. Ironically the Methodist Church provided specific warm space training but this was not until 15 weeks after we started.

December saw the arrival of street homeless to St John's porch. This has produced some concerns by people and some user groups. As safeguarding officers we have worked with people to overcome their concerns so that we can achieve a balance that works for us and the street homeless. Regular conversations continue between the Safeguarding Officers and the Minister based on concerns raised. We have a better understanding of who is ok to engage with the homeless and those who do not, ensuring that good communication continues and activities at St John's run safely.

Thank you to all who help ensure St John's is a safe place for all.

Carol Baggaley, Colin Raistrick - St John's Safeguarding Officers

Pastoral Report

Thanks to our minister Rev Eva Walker who leads our pastoral team practically and spiritually.

The Pastoral Care Team consists of two groups, the Pastoral Visitors of whom there are 15 Visitors and the Pastoral Support Group with 4 members, our minister, Rev Tony Farrar, John Morley and Una Miller.

We met with the Pastoral Visitors in February and Eva thanked everyone for coming and taking the time to look at the new proposed structure for Pastoral Care in St John's.

The Pastoral Leaders are aware that the current structure does not fit the needs of all our members and have decided to build on what we have and include further additions.

- Each Church Group will have a nominated Pastoral Contact
- They will link with the existing Pastoral visitors and the Pastoral Leaders.
- Pastoral visitors will still maintain links with people on their groups who do not need ongoing support but a friendly contact.
- There will be Pastoral Visitors for the new people.
- A Priority Group will be created of people who need immediate support, and this will be done by Pastoral Leaders or designated Pastoral Visitors.

One of the main issues identified is communication and people will be encouraged to indicate their preferred method of communication.

- Telephone landline
- Telephone mobile
- Text
- Email
- Post

Pastoral Visitors were also invited to look at the members of their group and prioritise them.

- Priority names of those needing immediate ongoing support
- Those needing an occasional contact.
- Those who need no contact.

All church group contacts have now been identified and the next stage is to meet with them and confirm their roles.

Once again, we wish to express our gratitude for the work carried out by the many members of the Pastoral Care Team. This is a valuable link in communication within St John's

Una Miller, Pastoral Secretary

Worship Leading

At this moment in time I am the only Worship Leader in St. John's. Leading worship is a real privilege but comes also with a great deal of responsibility. I could not fulfil this role without the relying on the guidance and wisdom of the God in whom I believe and his Holy Spirit giving me the strength and courage to stand in front of you all on a Sunday morning. I will ever be grateful for the support, encouragement and love I receive from the congregation without this I would not be able to continue.

Thank you all, God Bless.

Margaret Stephenson

Finance and Property Committee

Over the past year the Finance and Property Committee have continued to look after the property and finances of the church. The Committee met on four occasions during the year.

Major Property Repairs and Improvements

The following property repairs and improvements to the buildings have been made over the past year:

- Major roof repairs. Felt replaced on areas of flat roof including new skylights. Broken/missing tiles replaced on pitched roof. Downpipes extended. New roof area constructed over the valley gully.
- Handrail next to Wesley Hall entrance replaced.
- Handrails repaired where rusted through and rear gate metalwork repaired.
- Handrails repainted.
- Cycle-rack installed.
- Insulation installed in the roof voids above the Sanctuary and the Wesley Hall.
- Lighting fitted to the Cross above the Communion table.
- Car park door painted.
- Electricity smart meter installed.
- Plaster damaged by water ingress repaired in the Sanctuary and rear corridor ceiling.
- Hopper and drainpipe replaced on the outside of the main toilet block.
- New office photocopier purchased and installed.

The quinquennial inspection of the building was undertaken by an independent building surveyor, and a report on the condition of the buildings received. This has identified a number of areas that need attention over the next 5 years.

A new electricity contract commenced on 1st February 2023 for 12 months with fixed prices. Projected annual costs will increase from £1,882 to £8,558.

Future Property Works

As part of the "We Give You a Warm Welcome" project, double glazing will be installed in the Wesley Hall, kitchen and kitchen corridor windows at the end of July. This will replace the existing single glazed windows, and will further enhance the warmth of the Wesley Hall, as well as reducing maintenance costs.

Secondary glazing will be added to the main windows in the Sanctuary, to reduce draughts and improve the insulation. At the same time the John Lamb Nativity memorial window will be repaired.

Additional Remarks

Thanks to Charles Hedley and John Cuggy for tending the church garden throughout the year, and keeping the external appearance of the church to a high standard.

I would like to thank all the members of the Finance and Property Committee for their work and dedication in keeping the church property and finances in good order. Their work is often unseen and unglamorous, but vital for the continuing work and mission of St. John's.

Andrew Lowe, Chairman

Building Project Finance Group - A Warm Welcome

During the year, Malcolm Hickox stepped down as Chair of the Building Project Finance Group. Thank you to Malcolm for his Chairmanship.

Funding for the various elements of the warm welcome project continues and to date the project has raised £98,500. Many fundraising activities were arranged by the Social Committee and we have lost a bit of momentum with this committee ceasing to be.

Money continues to be collected for the project mainly by many unseen activities. These include online shopping via easyfundraising where a small percentage of the purchase price is paid by the shop not the buyer. A number of people have realised that their online grocery shopping can be a means of donating to the project.

At St John's sales of cards, books and jigsaws are added to the pot.

The collection of foreign notes and coins also contributes and recently £114.50 was added.

Bank interest and Gift aid on donations also contributes.

We are not sitting on money raised. To date we have spent money on insulating the Wesley Hall and church roof void. Double glazing will be installed in the Wesley Hall, Kitchen and Kitchen corridor week commencing 24th July. The Church is scheduled to have secondary glazing installed to the windows over the Summer.

Any remaining money will be spent on the Atrium project. This will create a warm buffer between the Church and Wesley Hall. A number of large grant funders have refreshed their grant criteria following Covid-19 recently. A small team is looking at how we apply for funding support.

Colin Raistrick, Chairman

Choir Report

The Covid restrictions which we all followed have now been relaxed, and life within the church has gradually returned to what it used to be – but not quite. At least the Choir is now meeting face to face and is now back in the business of leading the worship in church. Because a limit of 45 minutes has been established as the recommended norm there is not enough time to sing both an Introit and an Anthem as we used to. Usually we sing an Introit, but occasionally a longer Anthem depending on the service plan. We have built up an excellent working relationship with the visiting ministers and the local preachers, and are very happy to accommodate their musical preferences whenever we can.

Early last December, and after an enforced gap of two years, we enjoyed singing again at the "Coffee and Carols" event in the Wesley Hall, raising £320 which we donated to the Bay Food Bank – a most worthy cause. Later in that month we led the congregation at the Carol Service. More recently we sang on Good Friday in what was a most moving service

As always, we are extremely grateful for the continued support of the congregation, and feel privileged to be able to contribute to the worship at St John's.

Charles Hedley, Choir Leader

The Flower Team

We have a dedicated team of 4 ladies who arrange the church flowers on a weekly basis then deliver them after the service to those celebrating a special event, who are now unable to attend church, are ill, or have suffered a bereavement and sometimes just to say “thank you” to some of the many people who fulfil various roles in the life of St, John’s and are rarely thanked.

I believe this is an important part of St. John’s pastoral work and can assure you the recipients of the flowers are delighted to know we are thinking about them.

Thanks are due to the many people who support this ministry by donating to the flower fund, we could not continue this work without your help and generosity.

The flower team are Judith Lynn, Val Farrar, Mary Bentley and myself.



Margaret Stephenson

Wednesday Lunch Report

Following Covid it was with some trepidation that we resumed our monthly lunches (15/16 attendees on average), given that some regular attendees were no longer with us and some were possibly no longer able. How many folk would want to come?

We need not have been concerned! Beginning in August, initial numbers were in the upper teens, then gradually grew until there have been 28 to 32 since January!

Not all are from our congregation; we have been pleased to welcome several folk from the wider community, some via Friday Cuppa.

The same format remains.... choice of 2 soups, 2 puddings (always with custard!) and tea/coffee but, much more importantly, lots of chat!

An exception to the usual menu was in December when a full traditional Christmas lunch was on the menu, together with much festive cheer and spirit (not of the liquid kind of course!).

We are blessed with a team of very willing cooks/helpers/drivers who work very well and flexibly together – and have as much fun and chat as the guests it must be said.

Any payment for food is by donation only so an unexpected bonus is that, since August, almost £1,000 has been passed to the treasurer for church funds, ingredients for the lunch being largely donated by the volunteers.

Gill Hedley

Friday Cuppa and Warm Welcome Space

Friday Cuppa' at St John's was initially set up by John Morley, the Circuit's Lay worker – Ministry alongside Older People, shortly after the St John's building had reopened in 2021 following the last Covid lockdown.

John writes -

'St John's initial Friday Cuppa which developed to run as one of the council's warm welcome spaces has been gathering visitors both regular and occasional. Both local community and church members have been meeting for refreshments together enjoying conversation or a game of dominoes, Chinese Checkers, or a jigsaw. Birthdays have been celebrated and homeless people welcomed over the time it's been open. A small number of volunteers have provided the help each week to make the church minor hall a welcoming space every week 9am -1pm. There is a lovely feel with buzzing chat amongst the friendly informal gathering. This is a supportive and encouraging space for those who come, many without any church connection'.

Barbara Grundy also comments -

A year ago, 'Friday Cuppa' was continuing to meet every week 10.30am to 12 noon and then in November 2022 the Warm Space (Warm Welcome) Initiative was launched and St John's, along with several other churches in Whitley Bay who signed up to it. St John's applied to North Tyneside Council for and were successful in receiving, a grant from the Council. 'Friday Morning Cuppa' was incorporated into it and known as 'A Warm (Welcome) Space' and we started to meet weekly on Fridays from 9am to 1pm.

Even when the programme ended in March this year and we reverted to 'Friday Cuppa' we continued to meet between 9am and 1pm. It can be very quiet until about 11ish but that 9 o'clock start is still very important. When the Council recently announced that further funding was available for another twelve months, St John's applied again and has been awarded a further grant towards 'Warm Space' and so we are back to being a 'Warm Space' on Friday mornings.

Although the Warm Space initiative was started, in response to the energy and economic crisis, it is also about companionship and being with other people and It has been lovely to be able to invite 'new' friends from the wider community to join and share with us at the Community soup lunches on the first Wednesday of every month, to the Church meal held at St John's at the end of January, and to the recent Coronation meal. This has also led to one person coming to 'Knit and Natter' and another to the 'Wednesday Afternoon Club'. As John Morley has also mentioned, it has also been good to be able to welcome and provide help and support to homeless people.

Every week we are blessed by one lady who having heard via facebook that St John's was becoming a Warm Space on Friday mornings, offered to bake and bring along a variety of scones and/or buns each week. She loves coming on a Friday morning. We are also grateful to another couple who heard about Warm Spaces and offered to come along to help even though not connected to the church. One or other of them comes most weeks for at least a couple of hours. It is always lovely too, when friends at St John's also pop in for however short or long a time is possible. There is always the promise of a warm welcome when you come. Please do tell friends and neighbours about Friday mornings at St John's. It is for everyone.

Barbara Grundy

Focus – quarterly magazine

Focus continues to be published four times a year—Easter, Summer, Autumn and Christmas, reporting on the many activities at St John's and beyond. We continue to inform readers about the work being carried out by the vestry team, about children and young people's activities, work being done by the Finance and Property team, regular meetings such as Afternoon Club, SJ Belles, and the various house groups. We also report on Methodist news from the UK and beyond. We had a guest lead article writer for the Summer issue when Rev Eva went on her sabbatical. Rev David Wynd wrote a piece on Glastonbury Festival. Rev Nigel Taylor, the new vicar of St Mary's church was featured in a piece in the Easter issue, giving his impressions of moving to Whitley Bay. We also carried news in the Easter issue of future plans for a Circuit-wide Green festival to be held in September. Over the year we have had features on country walks, reading, how St John's has expanded its recycling efforts, looking back ten and twenty years ago. We have also carried news and photos on special celebrations at St John's such as the Platinum Jubilee picnic for the late Queen Elizabeth, the Faith and Friendship group Lindisfarne pilgrimage and the church meal in January. Sadly several of our members died over the year so we have carried obituaries on David Butcher, Roger Stephenson, Jean Shaw, Norman Cummings and Jim Holmes. We also carried news of Harold Robson celebrating his one hundredth birthday and Terry Pike celebrating his ninetieth.

We're grateful to Colin Raistrick for his research into the history of St John's, particularly with regard to the various memorials within the church, where he has given us insight into the people whom the memorials represent. I'm very much appreciative of the support given to me by the other members of the Focus team—Howard Scott and Peter Firth, who ensure that planning is done for the next issue, and that distribution runs smoothly (not always the case over the year, when St John's didn't have a working printer and the printing of the magazine had to be outsourced to North Shields Methodist). Howard not only looks after the admin of Focus but also contributes articles. Peter, too contributes articles, mainly on looking back at the archives, as well as printing and distributing the magazine, and delivering to church members who are not internet linked. We were very grateful for the help given by Jean Cockroft from North Shields Methodist office in printing two editions whilst St. John's was 'between copiers.'

So, I hope Focus continues to be relevant to the life of St John's. Anyone can send contributions. You don't need to be a member of St John's, and the article doesn't necessarily need to have a St John's connection. I might have to do some slight editing but within reason, if you write it, I'll find a way of getting it into Focus. We're also grateful for any photos sent to us, which make the magazine more colourful and break up the text.

Noreen Rees, Editor

WHITCH (What Happens In The Church)

This is a group of mums getting together to enjoy each other's company. It came out of the relationships that were built during Messy Church and Film Nights at St John's. It is a group full of beauty and real life. This is a space where we share our lives, our hopes, joys and frustrations. It is a place of trust. A place of sharing. It is a place where conversations about faith and God have been real, and questions abound. We have explored whether God exists, the place of the church in the world, how to make sense of things through faith, etc. Those conversations and questions have come out naturally in the conversations. This is what the Methodist church is calling: 'a new place for new people', and to us is a place where friendships are forged, deep conversations flourish, and we look forward to where we go from here. We generally meet monthly, and the venues differ. In between, we have a WhatsApp group that keeps us connected as well as meeting at Messy church and Film Nights.

Rev Eva

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Wiggles

It's been a quieter year for Wiggles this year, which is no bad thing as it has enabled us to get to know new mums better. In conversation with providers of other baby groups it seems that the feeling is that there has been a drop locally in the arrival of new babies, but that numbers are picking up again. We recently had a new mum join us from Washington, on the recommendation of a friend. Whilst she is more than welcome to join us, I offered to help her find somewhere closer to home. I found plenty of toddler groups in her area - but no baby groups. I know from the conversations I have with new mums that baby groups are much needed, especially as Mum adapts to a new lifestyle. One of the other things mentioned about Wiggles was the fact that you can just turn up. Post Covid, there has been an increase in groups which have to be booked and paid for in advance, which adds a lot of unnecessary pressure to a new family.

Toddlers

Toddlers continues to thrive and there are always people waiting to join us. We do make exceptions to the waiting list if there are exceptional circumstances - someone has moved to the area and doesn't know anyone, or there's a serious illness in the family for example. We recently had a new mum move from another part of the country and was added to waiting lists for a number of Toddler groups across Whitley Bay- we were the only one to let her join straight away - we believe that the groups are just as much for the adults as they are for the child. Wednesday we see primarily grandmothers, and Friday we see primarily mothers - though it has been lovely to begin to see more men - both dads and grandads across both groups.

Messy Church has recently changed from 1st Thursday as we found holidays and we were missing the numbers, which are each month. Our volunteers



changed from 1st Thursday of the month to that 1st Thursday was hitting a lot of school a lot of opportunities. This has not affected steady at around 30 adults and children tell me that they love seeing both the

children and adults engaging with the theme. At our most recent Messy Church a parent said to me that they were "looking forward to finding out about Pentecost as I have no idea what it is" (She also said that she hoped her daughters could make something for their Dad who's birthday was the next day - one of the planned activities was to make a birthday card for someone as Pentecost is about the birthday of the church!).

Film Night

In previous years we have done around 3 film nights over the winter period. With the cost of living crisis/warm spaces in mind, we decided to increase this to one a month over the same period and it has proved hugely successful - so much so that parents have asked for us to continue it on into the summer months. At this late stage many Saturdays were already booked up in the church diary, so we decided to trial a Friday evening. It has proved to be just as popular - the only thing we hadn't factored in was just how hungry children are straight from school and needed more food than what we had previously supplied- we have learned for next time! Many of the parents have begun to volunteer with set up/clear up too. One parent wrote: I personally love the hugely welcoming atmosphere when we arrive. The social aspects for mums and for children, seeing friends from toddlers. The relaxed atmosphere of the actual film (doesn't matter if your child is wriggly or noisy so disability friendly) the fact you can get a hot cup of tea and the children have a healthy packed tea.

Karen Morley, Church Family Worker

FaB Club – Faith and Believers

After much deliberation, FaB has been meeting on a Sunday morning once a month since September 2022. Dates for each quarter are published in advance in the Church notices and on the FaB WhatsApp group. Monthly meetings seem to suit all involved and attendance has been good. Most sessions include around 6 children and 7-8 adults!

Our sessions involve craft, games, quizzes, outdoor activities, role play, storytelling and of course juice and biscuits, all around a theme which often ties in with a special time in the church year or the theme of the service which is happening in church. We have such a joyful time and it is wonderful that all ages can enjoy learning and sharing together. It's definitely a highlight of my week!

Lesley Thompson

SJY - St John's Youth

What a group! We have loved building the relationships with the young people who attend every Sunday evening. We don't normally meet during school holidays, and they do miss it when we are not meeting. (so do we!)

Our young people are a year older, and therefore have to deal with a lot of things in their teenage years and we hope and pray this is a place of safety, a place in which they can share how they are feeling, a place of questioning faith and of asking questions. We do not have a 'Bible slot' as such, but we do have conversations throughout the meeting about life, about school, and about all that affects their life, including faith. The conversations are organic, and it feels a privilege to be allowed into their lives, and to be trusted enough to share important things. They also love to play, to run around, and to just have fun.

We have invited a new member to the group, and two of our group are in the process of moving out of the area with their families. We will truly miss them, but pray they will find blessings wherever they go and we hope to see them back sometimes. These young people will not come to Sunday morning worship for a variety of reasons, but SJY is their church, their space, and I am thankful to the volunteers who commit to being there for our young people. It is a crucial group in the life of the church. In fact, one of our mums with younger children (who have come through St John's through wiggles, toddlers and film nights) asked if there will be a space for the children when they become teenagers and for the parents as they learn to live with and parent teenagers.

Rev Eva



Scouts 8th Whitley Bay Scout Group – Beavers, Cubs and Scouts

Things are getting back to normal now after the last few years of disruption with the pandemic. We had a Group camp in May with 30 young people attending. The Cubs and scouts had their Outdoor challenge camp at Pigdon in September. The Scouts did their Expedition Challenge where they started from the church walked to the metro went to central station caught a train to Morpeth then walked to the Scout camp site at Pigdon, then did the reverse route the next day to get home.

Each section has good numbers and are about at maximum capacity. On a Monday night all sections run a full and varied programme.

In March the group joined with the Brownies and Guides and joined the live stream of the Embers Scout Campfire festival in the main hall. Some members of the group took part in The Big Help Out for the Coronation

Steven Wood, Group Scout Leader

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Brownies

We can't believe 12 months has passed since we last provided some information to St John's about all the activity our Brownies have been up to. Time certainly flies when you are enjoying yourself and have 20 7-10 years old keeping you busy.

In the last 12 months we have packed in a lot. During the summer term we built mini golf courses from recycled materials, built and sailed boats, had fun with parachutes and bubbles, had a biscuit themed night organised by some of our oldest Brownies, celebrated the Platinum Jubilee in style and had an eventful visit from the local fire brigade where all the girls got chance to practice with the hoses and learn all about the fire engine and safety equipment. The girls also had an amazing opportunity to take part in a Robotics workshop at Discovery Museum over the summer holidays.

We started back in September welcoming some new Brownies but also reflecting on life of the Queen who was Girlguiding's patron. We enjoyed some more trips out. These included a trip to Cinema with hundreds of other Brownies for a special screening of Matilda, our annual chip tasting night where the Whitley Whaler was a first time surprise winner and a trip to the Discovery Museum for their Uniform Badge Day. We also went to Morrisons before Christmas to buy food for the Food Bank using money the girls had raised doing good turns at home. We had a annual 'meeting in the dark' night, agreed new sixes changing from the traditional Gnomes and Pixies, made Owl pizza's and all the girls brought a grown up to a meeting to master some Christmas themed DIY skills. This last term we have completed a Wildlife Badge and the girls have learnt loads about animal homes, birds (they made bird food to entice birds to their gardens for the RSPB birdwatch) and learnt about lifecycles. A representative from the local Seal Hospital also came along to talk to the girls about the amazing work they do. The girls love crafts and had opportunity to show off their creative skills making a 'room in a box' and teddy zip wires. We also joined up with Guides, Beavers, Cubs and Scouts for a livestream international campfire evening in the Hall.

We are now completing a 'Go Global' badge and linking in lots of activities with countries from around the world and have a fun term planned. We have been fortunate to get help from 2 Guides who are completing a Commonwealth Award and have been invaluable helping us out since the start of the year. Our unit remains full with a small waiting list. We are always on the lookout for new adult volunteers if anyone would like to join us to help out.

Julie Westgarth, Brownie Leader

3rd Monkseaton Guides

This year we have been getting our head around our new programme that came in a few years ago but with the pandemic make it difficult. We have had 3 Guides who have gained their bronze award, 1 Guide who has gained her silver award and 1 Guide who has nearly gained her Gold award. We have 6 theme award which are split into skill builder, interest badges and until hours in order to gained these awards.

We currently have 9 Guides and hoping to build on this number. The girls have been surfing, doing crafts, first aid and lots of other things. Last year we had our first post pandemic camp at Pigdon Scout campsite. In March we joined with the Brownies, Beavers, Cubs and Scouts from church for a virtual campfire that was broadcasted around the world at the same time.

This year we changed our meeting night to a Thursday evening this has been most beneficial to us leaders as we are able to continue our love for Guiding. I have done Guiding on a Friday night for 40 years since I joined Brownies and Jeni had done 22 years. As I write this we are just weeks away from joining 3000 other Guides and Scouts at Northumberland County Scout camp at Causey Park for Camp Together.

Yours in Guiding, Suzanne and Jeni, Guide Leaders

Monday Morning House Group

This group has been in existence for a number of years and at this present time has a membership of six. We meet to deepen our understanding of our faith and to support one another on our faith journey. To aid us in our studies over the past months we have used a York Course "Who are we Praying to?" written by Revd David Wilkinson, a Methodist minister who is Principal of St. John's College, Durham the course included input from his daughter Hannah who is also a theologian. During Lent we used the film "I, Daniel Blake" to help us better understand the problems of the benefit system and how Christians in the community can become involved in improving the process. Currently we are looking at the Psalms, choosing a favourite Psalm and sharing the reason why it is important to us.

Much of the above has been very challenging and we have had some very interesting discussions. I won't pretend it has been easy or that we have found all the answers!!

Una Miller and myself jointly lead the group and if anyone would like to know more about it, please have a word with either of us.

Margaret Stephenson

Faith and Friendship Groups (*Thursday morning and Thursday evenings*)

Two very different groups of discipleship and support. Spaces we could not live without. Spaces of questioning, of exploring, of finding God in a new way both in Scripture and in daily life. We have explored films, or specific books in the Bible, or contemporary issues, or other religions. We have learnt (I have learnt so much) from the sharing together. There is beauty in the questioning, in the wondering, in the journey we have taken together. Last year we explored the film: 'The Way' together and decided we would also do a pilgrimage to the Holy Island. As you all know, our groups meet on Zoom, and some of our friends do not live in the North East. In September, after amazing organisation from Susan Sabourn, most of us met together in person, to go on pilgrimage to Lindisfarne, on the wettest day of the year. That was an experience in itself! Some walked the pilgrimage and some met us there. The walk was difficult at times, but we did it together. And when we got to the other side, we had our feet washed with warm water and beautifully smelling soap. A community of service, of support, of love. We worshipped together at the church, and that service was so powerful and poignant, we shared food (and clothes) and a lot of laughter. A community that has grown and grown, as we have shared and learnt together and continue to do so. You are always more than welcome to join us. Our gatherings will continue to be Zoom gatherings, because of the make up of our two communities.

Rev Eva

Faith and Life Group

This is a newly formed group, which meets monthly face to face in the home of one of the members - next meeting is Thursday, 15th June at 10.30a.m. at 18, Claremont Gardens.

The group offers the opportunity to share thinking and concerns together - about matters of faith, what we might or might not believe, how such faith works out in the practice of our lives and through the church. The members suggest the agenda and can share honestly and in confidence.

Rev Tony Farrar

SJBelles, St John's Handbell group



The handbell group has grown and developed, both in membership and repertoire.

Through the early part of 2022 we were at last able to meet regularly in person although we still keep our tables separate. We were aiming to take a service in September, postponed from July 2020! The service was in the Wesley hall, we included hymns set using or mentioning bells. The reading was about being the Orchestra of Christ and all being part of the melody and harmony. We had space in the service to include member of the congregation who wanted to have a go at ringing age range from 3 to 90.

Susan Wood had suggested we might play 'Happy Birthday' at Harold Robson's 100th birthday tea in November. That turned into us learning and playing two of Harold's favourite 'Geordie' songs. But it's mine and The Waters of Tyne. Thanks especially to Susan Sabourn who arranged those pieces for us, we felt it a privilege to be able to take part.

Come Christmas we threw ourselves into playing 'Carol of the Bells' and 'Silver Bells' at the Choir and Coffee Saturday morning event. We also added some ringing to the Toy service, Carol service, and the Christingle Service. Which judging by the comments was appreciated by many in each congregation.

We may not be note perfect, although we try. The fellowship and support is something else. Thank you to Carol who joined us last year not only makes us laugh but usually has the tables and chairs set up and a cup of coffee or tea ready and waiting.

Christine Hickox

Ladies Badminton

Ladies Badminton continues to thrive with another new member, Lynda recently moved to the area looking for a badminton group and found us!

We take a break at the end of May until September - when we would welcome any ladies wishing to join us. No leagues purely recreational! We meet on Fridays 1.30-3.30 pm

Pat Brown

Afternoon Club

This group has been going for more than 40 years firstly as “Ladies Evening Club” and more recently as the “Afternoon Club.” The group which has about 20 members is predominantly for women but it was good to welcome some gentlemen to a recent meeting when Andrew Lowe told us about his involvement and some of the history of the heritage railway in Lynton, Devon. A very interesting afternoon.

Most of our programme is arranged “in house” and this session we have shared

- “a good read” talking about a recent book we have read.
- Carole Firth told us about the work of the Bay Food Bank and brought a sample for us to see what went into each parcel,
- During Holy Week we looked at various traditions celebrated around both the U.K. and across the world.
- Margaret Rushton told us about the life of a Methodist Minister during the last century, very different from today’s role.
- Last time we looked at past coronations and brought any souvenirs from the 1953 coronation. Would you believe some of us were around at the time!!
- Eva came to talk to us in January and in April we enjoyed, once again, Paul Walker’s piano playing as we tried to “name that tune”

This is just a sample of our programme, we have a strawberry tea, a lunch out and a garden meeting for the summer months and we start again on the 6th September.

All ladies in the congregation are welcome to join us, just come along on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday afternoon of each month at 2pm in the Wesley Hall.

Margaret Stephenson

Knit and Natter

The knit and natter group continues to meet on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday afternoon of each month. We are a small group of ladies, some who come to St John’s on a Sunday and others who don’t. The main focus of our knitting this year has been for “Hero Bears for Refugee Children” which is a group set up by a lady in North Shields who sends knitted and crocheted items mainly to the Ukraine but also to refugee camps and both Newcastle and North Tyneside Social Services. The main focus is on teddy bears, but we also knit “granny squares” (which get turned into beautiful blankets), hats, gloves and socks for wounded soldiers. There is a FaceBook page with lots of photographs and updates.

We were also happy to contribute to North Shields Methodist Church’s appeal for items which they were sending to refugees and contributed to the red, white and blue decorations for the Queen’s Platinum Jubilee.

Equally importantly, we enjoy a natter and a cuppa!

Susan Sabourn



Supporting Charities

Archbishop William Temple famously said that 'the Church is the only society that exists for the benefit of those who are not its members'.

A General Church Meeting is a good time to reflect on our priorities as a community. And it has been my privilege to be involved with a variety of activities which show the concern of the church for the community beyond itself.

Annual Charities Market

For a good number of years we have hosted a Charities Market in November, providing a market-place for local charities to raise money and awareness of their activities. Last November, after being affected in previous years by the covid lockdown, we were able to return to normal service, and approximately twenty charities shared in the morning, raising over £2,000 for a variety of important causes. This year's Market is planned for Saturday, November 4th. (And if anyone is willing to become involved in the organisation of the event, please let me know!).

All We Can (AWC)

A number of years ago, St. John's agreed to become a partner church of All We Can (formerly the Methodist Relief and Development Fund), committed to raising at least £500 each year, and also to learning about the development work in which All We Can is involved. AWC supports local communities in a variety of places across the world, working with and through local groups. It also seeks to respond urgently when a major famine or other disaster occurs.

Normally, we will seek to support the work especially linked to our celebration of harvest, and also respond to particular emergencies. And St. John's has always been generous in its giving.

Methodist Homes

Methodist Homes is this year celebrating its 80th anniversary. What began as an organisation offering residential care for older people has developed in a variety of ways, including offering care for people who otherwise might be isolated in their own homes through a variety of activities and support. Our closest link at St. John's is through the fortnightly gathering in the Minor Hall on Tuesday afternoons, organised by the North Tyneside Communities part of Methodist Homes (better known to many of us by its former name Live at Home). In addition, the church has been very supportive of the work of pARTners, art classes for people living with dementia, and which meets fortnightly at North Shields Methodist Church under the auspices of Methodist Homes North Tyneside Communities. We will mark Methodist Homes Sunday on June 18th., when we will be welcoming Karen Walker, the manager of North Tyneside Communities, to share with us.

Rev Tony Farrar

Action for Children (AFC)

At St John's we have continued to generously support Action for Children during the past year through collecting boxes for small change, envelope and online donations on Action for Children Sunday in July, a donation from Harold Robson on his 100th birthday and Toy Service donations at Christmas. Toys donated at the Toy Service were taken to some of the local services run by AFC.

A representative of one of the local services, June McHale, came to church both in July and December and shared about the work of AFC in the local area.

Action for Children Sunday in 2023 is on 9th July.

Any full boxes can be given to me at any time. Thank you so much for your support.

Lesley Thompson

Whitley Bay and District Churches Together (WBDCT)

The Whitley Bay and District Churches Together Planning and Administrative meetings has met 3 times during the past year, the most recent hosted by St John's on May 24th. Those who currently attend include the church leaders and church representatives of churches in Whitley Bay, Shiremoor and Earsdon as well as Cullercoats Methodist Church.

At the meeting the current chair of WBDCT, Rev Alan Dickinson announced that he was resigning with immediate effect. Alan Dickinson, who preached at St John's during The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity this year, has recently left the Bay Church where he was the Senior Leader for many years. Alan is UK Regional Dean (North) of the Order of St Leonards (OSL) and has been asked by the Bishop Abbot of OSL to be more involved in its ministry both in this country and abroad. The next chair of the WBDCT meeting is still to be appointed.

At the meeting on 24th May, Jenny Hooper was also confirmed as the new treasurer for WBDCT, taking over from Sue Austin.

Some of the reports given and projects discussed included the ongoing support for **Ukrainian refugees** one year on from when they arrived in the north-east, the **Good Friday Event** in Monkseaton (Messy church activities and the open-air service in front of 'The Ship'), the various **Easter Day Sunrise services** and **Christian Aid Week 2023** when, unlike previous years, we delivered envelopes but didn't collect them. We heard about the various **Warm Spaces**, including our own here at St John's, and Chris Lincoln, **Whitley Bay Street Pastors** (WBSP) Coordinator, updated the meeting about the two current patrols on Saturday nights - Metro Patrol and the Tynemouth and Whitley Bay Patrol and the two potential new Street Pastors joining the now very small team of SPs. Chris Lincoln also briefly mentioned the **Severe Weather Emergency Protocol** (SWEP) which runs from November to March each year and is activated when temperatures are '0 degrees centigrade or lower. **Parish Nursing North Tyneside** which includes the North Shields and Whitley Bay Methodist Circuit launched during 2022 to cover the whole of North Tyneside is still waiting for a charity number and is very busy. One place where they provide support is at the Fisherman's Mission in North Shields. **The Bay Food Bank** has been busier than ever this year and under pressure due to receiving fewer food donations and having to spend more of the regular monetary donations to buy food for the required food parcels. Following the closure of the **Christians Against Poverty** (CAP) based at Acorn Community Church it is hoped that with support from churches and other people it will be possible to start a new CAP Centre. Discussions and planning continue.

During the **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity** in January a service was held at St Paul's and the service for the **World Day of Prayer** (previously Women's World Day of Prayer), was held at Monkseaton Methodist Church on Friday 3rd March

Fiesta Whitley Bay is another community event that continues to take place and flourish in Whitley Bay having started in 2021. It is supported by many of the churches, businesses and the North of Tyne Combined Authority. A free event, 'Fiesta' usually takes place in the Shopping Centre and at St Paul's Church every three months on the first Sunday of the month 11am-3pm. There is lots going on with something for all the family. It includes music (a number of choirs singing a variety of genres), fun (games), creative activities, stalls, food (includes picnics), plenty of laughter and conversations and much more. To find out more and to see ways in which one can be involved see fiestawb.com or email info@fiestawb.com

Barbara Grundy, St John's WBDCT rep

Data Protection

Each May on behalf of St John's I run the Methodist Church GDPR Annual Compliance Report and sign us off as 100% compliant as we are fully compliant.

The national Privacy Policy was updated on the 3rd March 2023 - reflecting new addresses for Methodist Church House in London - the revised copy is displayed on the Wesley Hall corridor noticeboard and a copy is filed in the Policy file in the Office.

Personal Data that we use at St John's is given to us by people seeking information from us and our systems - one such system is the distribution list to receive the weekly notices electronically, another is listing in the Church directory so that we can communicate across activity groups and committees. When notified we delete or add people.

A big piece of work carried out during the year is that of young people registration forms for activities. These are now arranged so we can delete them when the young person reaches the age of 25 as per the Methodist Retention Schedule. Next year we shall start shredding some forms generated at the 2012 holiday club.

Attendance forms for Wiggles, Toddlers, Messy Church and Film Nights are archived and will be destroyed in line with the Methodist Record Retention Schedule.

Colin Raistrick

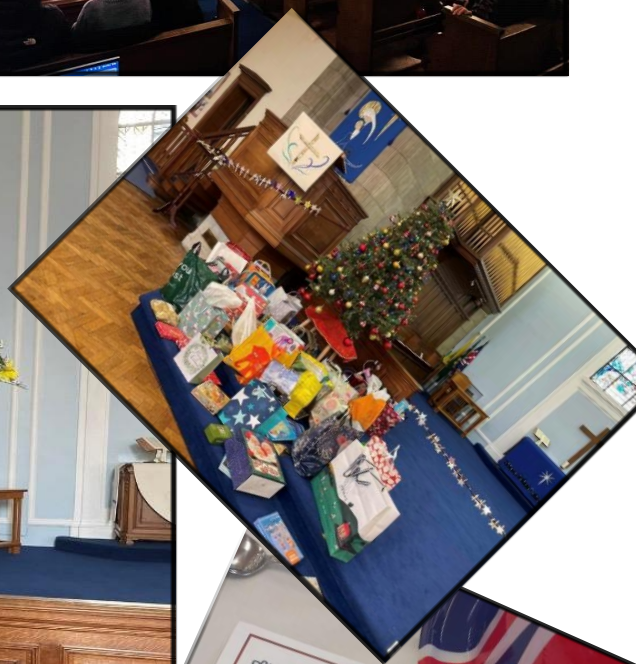
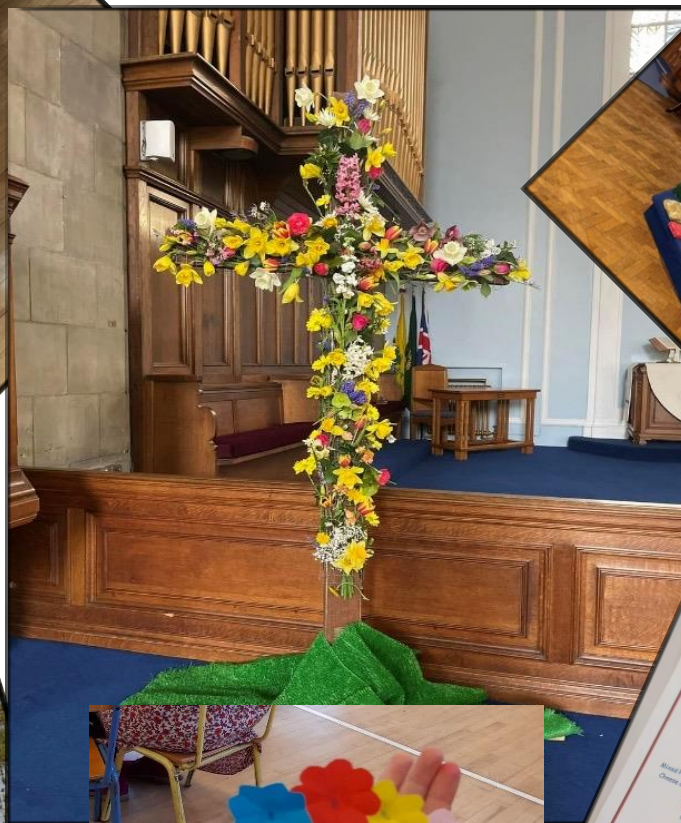
Use of St. John's Premises by Hiring Groups.

Since the last General Meeting our premises have been used by the following community groups:

- There have been 20 children's parties with 10 more booked in the next two months.
- Priory Singers held a "Come and Sing" event and enquired about a repeat (unable to go ahead here because of non-availability).
- MHA Communities (formerly Live at Home) met fortnightly throughout the year.
- Willow Club met weekly with a break in the Summer.
- Whitley Bay Flower Club met monthly with the exception of January, February (their AGM off site) and August.
- Coastal History met as booked, essentially monthly save in July and August..
- The North East Wado Ryu Karate Group held their usual twice a year (since 2016) Grading Days.
- A tea party was held by the organiser of Teddies for Ukraine in thanks for contributions made.
- A concert (Tyneside Acappella and Compass Acappella) to raise Foodbank funds was organised by a Foodbank supporter.
- Four drop in valuation days (two pairs) have been held by North East Jewellery Exchange.
- Reception Class at Marine Park School made another pre Christmas visit to the sanctuary.

The National Childbirth Trust have not booked this year.

Peter Firth, Bookings



St John's Methodist Church

Registered Charity no: 1184805

For more information about any of our Church activities please contact

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THE METHODIST CHURCH STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

St Johns Whitley Bay

Church

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31st Aug 2022

North Shields and Whitley Bay	Circuit	Circuit no	
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1184805

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L Thompson

M Rushton

C Baggaley

Treasurer:

Owen Lumsdon

SECTION A

		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
		£	£	£	£
a1	RECEIPTS	Note			
a2	Offerings and Tax recovered	58,507		58,507	57,121
a3	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income	350		350	169
a4	Lettings	5,431		5,431	103
a5	Other receipts	12,889		12,889	78,490
a6	TOTAL RECEIPTS	77,177		77,177 (a7)	135,883

SECTION B

b1	PAYMENTS				
b2	Circuit Assessment or Share	62,016		62,016	61,401
b3	Donations	3,790		3,790	3,810
b4	Repairs and Maintenance	8,750		8,750	6,804
b5	Utilities (Insurances, water charges, heating & lighting)	9,295		9,295	7,636
b6					
b7	Other payments	23,551		23,551	9,492
b8	TOTAL PAYMENTS	107,402		107,402 (b9)	89,143

SECTION C

c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	(a6-b8)	(30,225)	(30,225)	46,740
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year		186,970	186,970 (c6)	140,230
c3	Sub total	(c1+c2)	156,745	156,745	186,970
c4	Transfers and adjustments				(c7)
c5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR	(c3+c4)	156,745	156,745 (c8)	186,970 (c6)

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SECTION D

FOR INFORMATION ONLY: MONEY RECEIVED AND PASSED ON TO EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS

d	(these amounts are not to be included in total receipts/payments figures above)	£	£
d1	Balance brought forward from last year		
d2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations	1,945	
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations	1,945	
d4	BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID (d1+d2-d3)		

SUMMARY OF CHURCH ACCOUNTS AND INTERNAL ORGANISATIONS REPORTING TO THE CHURCH COUNCIL**SECTION E** Please follow the Guidance Notes to complete this page

Summary of the Church accounts for the year ended 31 August 2020 and Internal Organisations reporting to the Church Council/Church Meeting. Note that the funds of an Internal Organisation would normally be Restricted funds unless it could be clearly shown that they could be used for any Methodist purpose. This section must be completed to arrive at the gross income and expenditure totals of the Church. If gross income exceeds the Accruals threshold, then the Accruals method of accounting AND A DIFFERENT FORM must be used to report the accounts (see Methodist website). Please refer to the guidance notes regarding transfers between the District and connected District Organisations.

INTERNAL ORGANISATIONS		Receipts	Payments	Net Receipts/ Payments	Adjustments	Opening balances	Closing balances
e1							
e2							
e3							
e4							
e5							
e6							
e7							
e8	Sub total of Internal Organisations funds					(e11)	(e12)
e9	Church accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)	(a7)	107,402 (b9)	(107,402)	(c7)	186,970 (c6)	79,568 (c8)
e10	TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH		107,402	(107,402)		186,970 (x)	79,568 (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 2020	OPENING BALANCES	CLOSING BALANCES
f1 Cash in hand		
f2 Bank Current Account	70,485	23,679
f3 Bank Deposit Account		
f4 Central Finance Board	18,581	33,155
f5 Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes	99,902	99,909
f6 Other funds		
f7 SUB TOTAL - Church accounts	188,968 (c6)	156,743 (c8)
f8 Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance total from above) (e12)	(e11)	(e12)
f9 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	188,968 (x)	156,743 (y)

SECTION G**OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES**

	At 1 September 2019	At 31 August 2020
g1 Investments (include Endowments)		
g2 Land & Buildings (see notes re Insurance value)		
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 St John's Methodist Church No.

Declarations and Scrutiny

I confirm that these Receipt and Payment based accounts for the year to 31 August 2020 have been prepared from the records of the Church and that they include all funds under the control of the Church trustees.

Signature of treasurer [Signature] Date 6.12.22

Name and address of treasurer 7, ST MARKS AVE
WHITLEY BAY (GLUMSDON) Post Code NE26 1TB

Presentation to the Church trustees

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August ²⁰²²~~2020~~ were/will be* presented to the meeting of the Church trustees held on

Signature of the Chair of the meeting [Signature]

Name of the Chair of the meeting REVD EVA WALKER Date 6.12.22

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

St John's Methodist Church Whitley bay

Charity Number . 1184805

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the ...St John's Methodist..... Church for the year ended 31 August 2022 set out on pages 1 to ...5. As the Church's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

Name of Church .. St Johns Whitley Bay

Independent Examiner's Statement

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

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

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

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

Signature of independent examiner 

Name of independent examiner Rachel Hunter

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner AAT equivalent

Name of firm (where appropriate) N/A

Address

..... Post Code

Date 2.12.2022

* delete or circle as appropriate

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a1	RECEIPTS	Note			
a2	Offerings and Tax recovered	58,507		58,507	57,121
a3	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income	350		350	169
a4	Lettings	5,431		5,431	103
a5	Other receipts	12,889		12,889	78,490
a6	TOTAL RECEIPTS	77,177		77,177 (a7)	135,883

SECTION B

b1	PAYMENTS				
b2	Circuit Assessment or Share	62,016		62,016	61,401
b3	Donations	3,790		3,790	3,810
b4	Repairs and Maintenance	8,750		8,750	6,804
b5	Utilities (Insurances, water charges, heating & lighting)	9,295		9,295	7,636
b6					
b7	Other payments	23,551		23,551	9,492
b8	TOTAL PAYMENTS	107,402		107,402 (b9)	89,143

SECTION C

c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	(a6-b8)	(30,225)	(30,225)	46,740
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year		186,970	186,970 (c6)	140,230
c3	Sub total	(c1+c2)	156,745	156,745	186,970
c4	Transfers and adjustments				(c7)
c5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR	(c3+c4)	156,745	156,745 (c8)	186,970 (c6)

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SECTION D

FOR INFORMATION ONLY: MONEY RECEIVED AND PASSED ON TO EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS

d	(these amounts are not to be included in total receipts/payments figures above)	£	£
d1	Balance brought forward from last year		
d2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations	1,945	
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations	1,945	
d4	BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID (d1+d2-d3)		

SUMMARY OF CHURCH ACCOUNTS AND INTERNAL ORGANISATIONS REPORTING TO THE CHURCH COUNCIL**SECTION E** Please follow the Guidance Notes to complete this page

Summary of the Church accounts for the year ended 31 August 2020 and Internal Organisations reporting to the Church Council/Church Meeting. Note that the funds of an Internal Organisation would normally be Restricted funds unless it could be clearly shown that they could be used for any Methodist purpose. This section must be completed to arrive at the gross income and expenditure totals of the Church. If gross income exceeds the Accruals threshold, then the Accruals method of accounting AND A DIFFERENT FORM must be used to report the accounts (see Methodist website). Please refer to the guidance notes regarding transfers between the District and connected District Organisations.

INTERNAL ORGANISATIONS		Receipts	Payments	Net Receipts/ Payments	Adjustments	Opening balances	Closing balances
e1							
e2							
e3							
e4							
e5							
e6							
e7							
e8	Sub total of Internal Organisations funds					(e11)	(e12)
e9	Church accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)	(a7)	107,402 (b9)	(107,402)	(c7)	186,970 (c6)	79,568 (c8)
e10	TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH		107,402	(107,402)		186,970 (x)	79,568 (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 2020	OPENING BALANCES	CLOSING BALANCES
f1 Cash in hand		
f2 Bank Current Account	70,485	23,679
f3 Bank Deposit Account		
f4 Central Finance Board	18,581	33,155
f5 Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes	99,902	99,909
f6 Other funds		
f7 SUB TOTAL - Church accounts	188,968 (c6)	156,743 (c8)
f8 Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance total from above) (e12)	(e11)	(e12)
f9 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	188,968 (x)	156,743 (y)

SECTION G**OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES**

	At 1 September 2019	At 31 August 2020
g1 Investments (include Endowments)		
g2 Land & Buildings (see notes re Insurance value)		
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 St John's Methodist Church No.

Declarations and Scrutiny

I confirm that these Receipt and Payment based accounts for the year to 31 August 2020 have been prepared from the records of the Church and that they include all funds under the control of the Church trustees.

Signature of treasurer [Signature] Date 6.12.22

Name and address of treasurer 7, ST MARKS AVE
WHITLEY BAY (A. LUMSDON) Post Code NE26 1TB

Presentation to the Church trustees

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August ²⁰²²~~2020~~ were/will be* presented to the meeting of the Church trustees held on

Signature of the Chair of the meeting [Signature]

Name of the Chair of the meeting REVD EVA WALKER Date 6.12.22

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

St John's Methodist Church Whitley bay

Charity Number . 1184805

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the ...St John's Methodist..... Church for the year ended 31 August 2022 set out on pages 1 to ...5. As the Church's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

Name of Church .. St Johns Whitley Bay

Independent Examiner's Statement

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

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

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

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

Signature of independent examiner 

Name of independent examiner Rachel Hunter

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner AAT equivalent

Name of firm (where appropriate) N/A

Address

..... Post Code

Date 2.12.2022

* delete or circle as appropriate