

RUGBY METHODIST CHURCH CENTRE

Annual Report

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Annual Church Meeting held 15th March 2020 after morning service

The meeting was held against the background of the worsening situation of the COVID-19 pandemic. Some older members of the congregation were already self-isolating. It had been decided to hold only the business part of the meeting and to cancel the planned lunch and report carousel.

Attendance

Rev Jane Gaffney chaired the meeting.

Ruth Bemrose wrote the minutes and 44 others signed the attendance register.

Apologies

Jeff & Roma Stafford, Clive & Pam Warburton, Don & Joan Bellham, Brenda Ridley, Richard Harris, Alan & Edna Coulthurst

Minutes of last year's meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on Sunday 17th March 2019 were signed as a correct record.

Chair's annual report – Rev Jane Gaffney

This year for me was a blessing in being able to take a sabbatical. It not only provided me with rest, but also the space to rediscover myself. Whilst loving what I do, it is easy to become so absorbed with the day to day things and in the process lose yourself. As many of you know I looked at the whole issue of Sabbath, this has been life-giving for me and I am looking forward to sharing what I have learned with you all at the pastoral groups. This is not only important, I believe, for us as individuals but as a Church as well.

When I returned from sabbatical it was fantastic to witness the buzz of excitement of all the things that had been happening.

RMCC was invited to take part in the Readiness 360 pilot scheme being offered by the Methodist Church to 20 Churches in the country and their ministers. The idea is to look at how we can prepare for the next 30 years, being relevant and authentic. The Church is having to face the fact that for many Church is no longer part of their spiritual search and in these changing times we need to prepare ourselves, listening to God and being willing to take radical steps of faith so that we can reconnect spiritually with the community around us. I am receiving coaching sessions (I've had 2 out of 12 so far) and I will share with you what I am learning. At the moment I'm learning about how different groups of people relate spiritually to the world, it's fascinating and makes a lot of sense. The challenge of course is relating it to the journey that RMCC is on. If you are interested in learning more about this please speak to me.

The financial challenge of RMCC has reached a new level as we realised that we needed 6 months running costs in reserves, and we didn't have that much. For many years RMCC has been financially buoyant because of generous giving of members, along with bequests, which meant that operating above running costs was not a problem until now. The giving has enabled the Church to extend its children and youth work and it is a joy to see (and to read p 27-32) how young people's lives are being impacted. For this to continue we need to find creative ways to raise money, and it has been delightful to hear of the creative ways this is starting to happen. Thank you for your contributions, and giving.

Communication and conversations

This is a constant problem within any Church, in fact most organisations, how to communicate effectively and in a way that people can feel connected and can get involved. We use a variety of ways, Community news, the newsletter, notices, the website, but I am still told that people don't feel they know what is going on. We had hoped once again to share this afternoon some of the mission of the Church but due to the situation of the Coronavirus which we will discuss shortly, we have

postponed this to a later date. If you have ideas about how and what should be communicated, please do let us know.

One of the big conversations in the Methodist Church nationally is the one about the report God in love unites us, looking at marriage and relationships. Many of you have engaged in conversations about this in the 4 sessions that have been offered here at RMCC and also District events. A vote will be at Synod in April and this with any comments, and or suggested amendments will be passed to conference where a final vote will be made as to whether to accept or not the report either in its current form, or with amendments. Decisions about how this will affect the Church if the report is accepted will be taken at the autumn Church council.

It has been wonderful to see the outreach grow in the community as more and more people feel safe here. We are seeing barriers come down and conversations grow. As this is happening the need for others to commit some time is growing, especially those who are willing to just sit and talk with people.

I want to say a huge thank you to all who volunteer in many different ways to enable all that happens here and in the community make a difference in people's lives.

I also want to say a huge thank you to Ruth Bemrose who over the years since I first came has supported me and guided me through Church Councils and annual meetings.

I am delighted that from 1st May Marie Thomas will be taking up the role of Church Council Secretary and I am very much looking forward to working with Marie.

I also want to thank those who are committed to support the Church in prayer. As you will see in the report, there are many opportunities to pray together. I believe this is crucial especially now and I remind you of this.

2 Chronicles 7:14 New Living Translation (NLT) Then if my people who are called by my name will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sins and restore their land.

The way we do Church may change rapidly over the coming weeks and months as we step into unknown territory. We may see new patterns of worship, new ways of supporting each other in love. With God as our guide, let us keep our eyes focused on Him and not be afraid. He is faithful and He is with us, but we must come humbly before him seeking forgiveness and looking to Him who will lead us through the wilderness.

REPORTS FROM CHURCH ORGANISATIONS

FOREWORD

The Annual Report is in A4 format this year because it will be distributed by email to around 90% of people, and is more straightforward to print.

This has been a year unlike any other because of the coronavirus COVID-19 pandemic. The life and work of Rugby Methodist Church Centre has changed significantly in the last 12 months. The building has been closed for much of the year, and some activities and groups suspended. Much has altered, but many people have worked hard to modify and adapt, and to operate in new and different ways, keeping in touch, and reaching new people. More people have accessed services than would have gone into the Church on a Sunday morning.

Thank you to all who have produced reports, which are again arranged under the headings of Our Calling. They demonstrate how God can use us and create opportunities in the most challenging circumstances, and we look expectantly to all that lies ahead.

Marie Thomas – Compiler

CHURCH COUNCIL & LEADERSHIP GROUP

Church Council has held three meetings during the past year, all via Zoom. We have continued to review the activities of the Church under the four Our Calling headings – Worship, Learning & Caring, Mission & Service, and Evangelism. There is always something under each heading where we can give thanks to God. Matters raised by the three supporting groups, Finance, Property and Grants, also receive due attention.

Significant topics of discussion and decision have been:

- Our response to the pandemic, organising contact and support, and access to worship
- Making the property COVID secure
- Closing to user groups
- Church support for Black Lives Matter
- Use of Grant funding
- Future of Children and Families work
- Repair to hall ceiling and upgrade of lights
- Refurbishment of the toilets

The **Leadership Group** has met via Zoom most months during the past year.

The group takes forward decisions made by Church Council, so helping the life of the Church to move on between Council meetings. Many plans have had to be adapted or cancelled, in accordance with current Government guidelines. A lot of the discussion has centred round how to effectively maintain contact with people, and meeting needs in these unprecedented times. We have been comforted by the knowledge that God is steadfast, and is journeying with us.

Marie Thomas – Secretary

OUR CALLING – WORSHIP

WORSHIP GROUP

Who would have thought a year ago that our services would be held via Zoom and so many members would embrace the necessary technology and participate either online or by phone? The services are recorded and available for people to listen to at another time.

There is a Circuit Service on the last Sunday morning of each month.

We have attempted a few 'blended' services on special Sundays such as Harvest, Remembrance and Christmas with a small number of people in the church and others joining in remotely.

Rev Jane offers a weekly Sunday morning reflection on Facebook.

We have also sung carols outside in the Car Park, Carol singing at Christmas, and on Easter Sunday around 30 people attended an outdoor afternoon service at which Rev Jane was able to offer Communion.

Worship group meetings have focussed on planning for the situation we find ourselves in and discussing the way forward.

We must try different things and see where God is leading us.

Jane Richard – Secretary

CHURCH STEWARDS

For obvious reasons it has not been possible for the stewards to carry out their normal role in Church over most of the last year. Instead many of us have been transformed into zoom hosts and co-hosts. Zoom has been a lifeline during the pandemic in terms of keeping worship and other activities going as well as helping to keep people in touch. It has also enabled us to reach people who would not have been able to attend Church even if it were open, and people who were not churchgoers at all. It could therefore be beneficial to continue to make our services available via zoom even after we are hopefully able to fully resume worship in Church. To achieve this, however, we will very probably need more people to become either stewards or zoom hosts, or both. So, if you feel you could perform either or both of these roles, please do give it serious consideration. If you are not sure, and would like to discuss it and find out more, please have a word with me.

In addition to stewards, services in Church also require people to operate the sound (PA) and visual (AV) systems. There are currently fewer people than before available to perform these tasks, and some of those are also stewards and/or zoom hosts. So again, if you think you could be a PA or AV operator, please give it serious consideration. If you would like to find out more I can't help much, but I can tell you a person who can.

Richard Harris – Senior Church Steward

PRAISE & BAKE

Since the first lockdown we delivered monthly Praise & Bake bags to families who had been involved in Praise & Bake in the past. About 22 bags are made up and delivered. In September and October a few invited families were able to meet in person in the Church Hall. Other families continued to receive Praise & Bake in a bag. It has been wonderful that the family befrienders have been willing to deliver each month and keep the contacts going.

Miriam Sitch

PRAYER

The importance and value of prayer both personal and corporate continues to be expressed with many different opportunities for involvement in ways of prayer which are comfortable for each individual. Many, or even most, of us find one way of praying with which we are comfortable. This report provides an overview, with separate reports on specific prayer activities within the church during the year of lockdown.

Private prayer

The church has been open for private prayer from time to time when permitted, including Remembrance Day and also the National Day of Reflection marking a year since the beginning of the first lockdown. On both of these days there was an opportunity for people to light candles. The church was also open on designated days during Advent and Lent for personal prayer and reflection.

Prayer corner in church Available for anyone to go into the church quietly to pray

Prayer room Set up in the vestry has not been in use this year

Prayer chain (email and telephone) This continues to be used extensively and enables nearly 50 people to keep up to date with ongoing situations as well as new, and often urgent, requests for prayer. Most of the messages are sent by email for whom the contacts are Colin Bemrose (colin@crbemrose.co.uk or 01788 810978) or Sue Beckett (nic7laura@virginmedia.com or 01788 336648). If you are not currently involved, do ask one or other of these people to add your name to the list. Chris Sidley (01788 813242) handles the telephone list and passes on messages to those without email contact. Requests for prayer (with the permission of the person involved) can be made to any of those named or to the minister, Rev Jane Gaffney.

Annual Prayer diary Given to each member of the church to aid personal prayer for each other and for the life of the church

Methodist Prayer Handbook and District Prayer Diary Both these publications are used by some members of the church for their private daily devotions and are available – please ask. This year the District Prayer Diary has been made available on line.

Soaking Prayer Since August 2020, we have offered regular opportunities for soaking prayer at RMCC. This has been a time for individual quiet prayer and reflection with accompanying worship music. Seating is provided but all are welcome to make themselves comfortable and bring a blanket and pillow as they prefer. We have had a few themes for our soaking times and playlists: Draw near, Majesty, Holy, and Christmas reflections. We have offered different times for soaking prayer to allow more people to join us when they can, and we look forward to continuing to create and offer this space for people to take time to lean into God's presence. Upcoming themes will be Renewal, and Loving God. Please do think about joining us for upcoming dates this year, to be released in our regular newsletter.

Advent Prayer By the time Advent 2020 arrived, opportunities for going inside RMCC had been pared down significantly. Private prayer in church was possible and Advent was seen as an opportunity for friends to go into a quiet space and focus thought. Themes of Love, Joy, Peace and Hope were simply illustrated at four stations within the room, one theme for each week in Advent. At each table were pictures, poems, readings, small objects and ideas to ponder. Hopefully, a peaceful haven in a stressful time; comfort and reassurance that Advent once again heralds the time to prepare for Christ's coming to earth, for love of us.

Corporate prayer

Morning Prayer Each morning, from Monday to Friday, there is a short time of prayer on zoom from 8.30 – 9.00am using a Celtic daily prayer. You would be very welcome to join us. Contact Rev Jane for the link.

Prayer walking in a corporate way has not been possible

Prayer book and Prayer box While the church has been closed it has not been possible to use these during the year

Prayer requests

If YOU would welcome a different approach to prayer please mention this to the minister, Rev Jane Gaffney.

Sue Beckett / Colin Bemrose / Miriam Sitch / Linda Sore / Frankie Viggers

ST. CROSS HOSPITAL SERVICES

Sadly it has been impossible for us to be involved in broadcasting services from the Chapel at St. Cross Hospital in the last year. We are looking forward to a time when we can once again lead 2 or 3 services a year, and would be very pleased if anyone would like to come along and support us.

Pauline Lilley

OUR CALLING – LEARNING & CARING

PASTORAL MATTERS

Over this past year we have very sadly lost a number of long standing members, including Mike Avis, Annie Johnson, Rona Causer, Brenda Ridley, Betty Rennie and Brian Southern. Being in the midst of the Covid lockdown meant we were not able to come together in the numbers we would normally have, to give thanks for their lives and to express what they meant to each of us.

We have welcomed one new member, Brenda Jones, who has transferred to us. We look forward to getting to know Brenda when we are able to worship together again. We also welcome one new baby as Maame Damoah has had her baby girl, Mama Esi Akoah.

The RMCC membership currently stands at 116.

One of the good things about worshipping via Zoom over the past year is that those who have moved away from the Rugby area are still able to worship with us. We have enjoyed seeing Mac Mkandawire and Colin and Sandra Peters join us on several occasions.

This past year has been a very different year for us all and so many of us have missed not being able to come together in person for worship. I know many have been keeping in touch with others over the Covid period, which has been much appreciated by all those receiving phone calls, emails or even doorstep visits. I would like to express thanks to our Pastoral Visitors who have done their best to keep in touch with their groups throughout these long months.

Many people, Pastoral Visitors and others, have been delivering the gift bags that Miriam has so tirelessly been putting together. I am sure we would all like to say thank you to Miriam and all those involved in delivering what has been described as love in a bag. We now have a range of resources which can be put into a bag and given to those experiencing a bereavement. The box is in the vestry and anyone is welcome to choose whichever things would best suit the recipient. Please speak to me or Miriam if you would like to make up a bag for someone.

If anyone hears that someone is unwell or needs support in some way, please do get in touch with Rev Jane or myself.

Linda Sore – Pastoral Secretary

FAITH DEVELOPMENT REPORT

The Faith Development Group

The group continues to encourage individuals to explore their personal faith journeys while developing a deeper relationship with God through the scriptures. We do not have a set agenda each week, instead we rely on each other to share openly about matters that may rest heavy on their hearts. We are finding that this method works very well in terms of challenging ourselves and being able to discuss many matters of concern in greater detail.

It has become clear that this approach is working well as one lady has embraced some of the Methodist Church practices and has joined us for the recent outdoor service and taken part in the Sunday Facebook Reflections, despite the fact that she is not a Facebook user.

Facebook Reflections

We continue to see a rising number of people viewing the RMCC Facebook page each Sunday, with our current 'Post Reach' which is the number of people that have viewed each post currently standing at 2304 people between 22 March – 18 April, which is up by 138% on the previous month. These figures serve to inform us that the process is working for many different people and in different ways, whether that be prayer requests, cries for help or to join our church. This, I am sure you will all appreciate, is very positive news particularly for Reverend Jane who had been responsible for starting the whole process.

Janet Hinds

HOSPITALITY

The Pandemic has made hospitality as we used to know it all but impossible this year. Many initiatives and creative ways of being together are detailed elsewhere in the Annual Report.

Eleanor Sirman

CARDS

On significant occasions cards are sent on behalf of the Church congregation. The cards are sent to Church members and worshippers and their families and friends. If in the future you know of someone to whom we should send a card please contact me directly.

Telephone: 01926 633178 Email address: mandpilley@hotmail.co.uk

Pauline Lilley

FELLOWSHIP GROUPS

ACCESS

Like all groups, Access has been somewhat different during 2020/21. Initially we were not meeting regularly and just having a social chat on Zoom. When it became apparent that we would be meeting on Zoom for the long haul we got more organised. Some of the group members were tied up with other commitments and Zoom meetings on Tuesdays, so we changed our meeting day to alternate Wednesdays, but still meet at 8pm. We are currently using the Celtic Prayer Book (The Journey Begins) as our focus for discussion. As always we would welcome new people to join us. Please contact me to get our zoom details. dornmargetts@aol.com

Dorn Margetts

WORDSWORTH FELLOWSHIP

As with all other groups, the past year has been like no other. Until the beginning of lockdown in March 2020 we had been meeting fortnightly and followed a pattern of discussions, often around a study course or a film. The group was determined to continue in some way during lockdown and started meeting each Tuesday evening for 40 minutes on zoom. Initially this was simply for a chat but quickly it was felt that each week there should be a short more focused discussion. The group of seven or eight continue to meet each week with a different volunteer leading. We have had a series of favourite bible stories and psalms and more recently have begun using elements of the Northumberland Celtic Community evening prayer with the bible readings and commentary for the day from the EATA series. These brief discussions are proving very varied and appreciated by all. As ever we would welcome others to the group – please ask for the zoom code. We have yet to consider future plans as lockdown is eased.

Colin Bemrose (On behalf of the group)

TUESDAY EVENING FELLOWSHIP

Sadly this group has been unable to meet during the past year.

Miriam Sitch

WEDNESDAY FELLOWSHIP

The last meeting was held in February 2020 due to restrictions. It was decided that with no prospect of continuing in the near future that the donations held (£165.93) be distributed. After consulting the members £40 was sent to the Mite Fund, £60 to Rugby Foodbank and £65.93 to RMCC Benevolent Fund. Dorn Margetts agreed to arrange a Zoom Meeting on March 3rd 2021 and is hoping to arrange further Zoom Meetings on the first Wednesday in the month. Keith Hiscock is leading the April meeting. Don Bellham will have details of future meetings.

Pam Warburton

QUIZ and GAMES NIGHTS

Earlier in the year it was felt that we were missing out by not meeting socially at church, so the quiz and games nights came to be. On the first Friday of the month we have a quiz @ 7pm and on the third Friday of the month we have a games night @ 7pm. On Zoom of course! The quizzes are normally a mixed bag of questions, and the key is to have fun rather than the winning.

The games nights focus on laughter and fun, with a variety of games that work on Zoom. We have different quiz masters each month, and we would love to hear from you if you would like to try your hand at being a quiz master, or have a quiz to share. Our games nights are also led by a variety of folk, but our main Games Master is Iain Rutte, and we thank him for leading the way and providing us with so much fun. Should you know of some fun games, and/or would like to lead the evening, please get in touch. It would be great to see you all there. Our next evening following the AGM is 21st May when our Games Master will be Iain.

Join us on zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84586477880?pwd=ODFrbU1GcG14dWh3S2V0cVlnTERPUT09>

Meeting ID: 845 8647 7880 Passcode: 057395

Dorn Margetts – Games and Quiz Co-Ordinator dormmargetts@aol.com

PUBLICITY

NEWSLETTER

When we went into lockdown in March 2020 we started producing the newsletter fortnightly to keep people connected and informed, and to try to reflect the fluid situation. We soon found that keeping people informed when everything is changing and nothing is changing is a challenge! Since March, the newsletter has been circulated by email, with Rev Jane and a team of volunteers delivering paper copies to members without internet access. As the situation stabilised, we reverted to a monthly issue, still digital, as it will be going forward. In a bid to keep our readership better informed during this time when many have felt isolated, we have tried to expand the number of people we ask for contributions. We always welcome any items that anyone may wish to contribute, family news etc. The aim has been the same as ever and perhaps has never been more relevant. We hope the newsletter has helped each of us to feel part of the RMCC family and to stay informed about the many things still happening in our church community.

Laura Low and Eleanor Sirman

POSTERS

The posters at the front of the church and at the entrance to the car park have continued to be changed on a regular basis throughout the year. Messages have included "Jesus hope for tomorrow", "Summer a time to reach your neighbours" and "You are loved today and always". Because of covid restrictions on use of the church building for most of the year the posters have generally not included the usual invitation to join us in the building. The current Easter messages are "New Life New Hope" and "Fresh hope at Easter".

John Over

WEBSITE

The website is often a first point of contact with those outside RMCC as well as those within. We are always looking for ways to improve all aspects of the site, while providing useful information and updates in a user-friendly way.

Eleanor Sirman

SAFEGUARDING

As stated in the RMCC safeguarding policy, The Methodist Church is committed to the safeguarding and protection of all children, young people and adults. Although very few events have taken place over the past year, safeguarding guidelines should still be followed whenever we meet with people in our church role.

Our Safeguarding Policy is displayed on the lounge noticeboard, with summarised statements from it displayed in various places within the building. The policy is reviewed, and updated if necessary, each February by members of the Church Council.

Everyone who is paid to work with, or volunteers to work with children, young people or vulnerable adults is asked to complete a DBS (Disclosure and Barring Service) check.

The Methodist Church also requires those in particular roles within the church, such as Stewards and Pastoral Visitors, to take part in the Creating Safer Spaces course.

Safeguarding of children, young people and vulnerable adults is everyone's concern. If you have a concern, please speak to one of us or to Rev Jane.

Linda Sore and Jane Richard – Safeguarding Representatives

OUR CALLING – MISSION & SERVICE

Many of the activities described in this section involve an element of Evangelism (the fourth part of Our Calling). Through the increasing number of contacts being made and relationships built, lives are being changed.

RISK TAKING MISSION & SERVICE

Prayer/support cards

During May 2,500 cards offering prayer and other support were delivered in the roads closest to RMCC. We received some responses by phone and post. Thank you to all those who delivered these.

Brunch Bags

During the summer holidays we supported 5 families which were referred to us by St Matthew Bloxam School with weekly Brunch Bags. One of the parents from these families is now volunteering with us in the HUB café when we can be open. The cost of the Brunch bags was subsidised by donations of food items from ASDA. We continued to support 4 of the families referred by St Matthew Bloxam School with a Brunch Bag each in October half term, again at Christmas and at Easter. With thanks to ASDA for their support.

Christmas and Easter Hampers

In the run up to Christmas we made up and distributed 23 hampers with the support of food donations from ASDA and monetary gifts from some members of the church. The hampers also included jam made by Jan for the Extra Mile Project. The recipients of the hampers included members of the ConnectWELL Support group; families from St Matthew Bloxam School; people Richard (Timebuilders) connects with in Overslade; members of the Keyrings mental wellbeing support group and others. We were able to include some toys in the hampers for families thanks to the kind donations from St Matthew Bloxam School and Foodbank.

Another 22 hampers were made up and delivered at Easter, again with donations from ASDA.

Interactive Events

Christmas Story Visit

We were pleased to host 2 classes from St Matthew Bloxam School to explore the Christmas Story in the car park! In spite of the cold and the wet the children seemed to enjoy themselves. Thanks to Jane, Peter and Corina.

Easter

Sadly the Easter Story workshop for local schools could not take place in either 2020 or 2021.

However we were able to welcome 10 families to an Easter Story Scavenger Hunt using the outdoor space at the front of the church. Thanks to Jane Richard and Sue Beckett for their help on a very cold Good Friday morning.

Care Bags

From October onwards we have made up over 150 pastoral care bags which Pastoral Visitors and other volunteers have delivered. These bags have included bulbs grown by Mike and Jan for the Extra Mile project, poppies knitted by the HUB knitting group, homemade cards from the HUB craft group, Easter gifts sewn by Cathy Harrison, eggs from Catherine Orton's chickens and cakes from the HUB Baking group. They have been a lovely way of maintaining contact with members and friends of the church.

37 Real Advent Calendars were given at the end of November and Easter Eggs were delivered to the same children in the run up to Easter.

The funding for many of these bags and gifts came from a grant from local councillors and also the Heart of England Community Foundation.

Baby and Toddler Play Dates

In response to a plea from a toddler, for a friend to play with, when we were delivering Praise & Bake bags we started to trial small play dates with 2 or 3 parents and their children in September. These were really valued by the participants so we continued with the baby and parent play dates throughout the autumn but then had to pause in December onwards. We are planning to resume towards the end of April. We have been able to keep in touch with the families via Facebook and visits.

Connecting with Passers-by – Craft Box

From the beginning of the first lockdown there was a small craft box near the entrance to church from which families were able to help themselves to craft packs. It has been lovely that one of our Timebuilders left us pictures in this box – this being our only available point of contact with her.

Notice Boards and Railings

John and Judy have continued to update the posters on both the front (gyratory) and back (entrance to the car park) notice boards. (See separate report)

The knitting group made a valiant effort in knitting poppies which were then put up on the railings by Steve and Jose. We also had yellow ribbons available on the railings for people to tie on to remember loved ones. It was interesting to see that people stopped to interact with both ways of remembering. In the run up to Christmas and the visit by St Matthew Bloxam School we were able to decorate the windows in the foyer – thanks again to Jose for her help. We were also able to create a stable scene within a gazebo – thanks to Howard, Jane and Peter – again it was good to see people going inside the gazebo to have a look.

National Day of Reflection

We took part in this very special day, organised by Marie Curie, on March 23rd. The church was open for people to come to pray or reflect and light a candle. Lots of people contributed colourings of flowers to build up a picture of hope in our foyer windows. Wooden hearts and ribbons were available for passers-by to use on the railings to remember loved ones.

Easter

The flower colourings remained in our windows portraying some of our Easter Hope and the hearts and ribbons have remained as passers-by are still pausing to write a message on a heart or tie a ribbon on the fence or tree.

Eco Church

No further developments because of the exceptional circumstances this year.

Foodbank

We hosted the Foodbank at RMCC for the last time on 18th March 2020. The following week it moved to its present home at The Lawn and Retreat Centre (behind Hope4, next to the Benn Hall). During the first lockdown the council took over the warehouse and distribution before handing back to the volunteer team. Members of the church have continued to be involved in both the warehouse and distribution teams. Donations are still welcomed via supermarket donation points or dropping off at The Lawn and Retreat Centre. For more information please speak to John Hemmings.

Miriam Sitch – Mission & Service Co-ordinator

Kintsugi Hope Wellbeing Group

Miriam and I were unfortunately not able to continue running our first Kintsugi Hope Wellbeing Group, that began in February 2020, due to lockdown. It was a disappointment to have to put a halt to the sessions midway through, but it was great that some of us stayed in touch for a weekly or fortnightly zoom chat and 'catch up'. Up and down the country many Kintsugi Hope groups are running online but we decided to wait, and resume face to face meetings later this year when it is safe to do so. Kintsugi Hope Wellbeing Groups offer a safe and supportive space for anyone who wishes to invest in improving their mental and emotional wellbeing. The course, which consists of 12 weekly sessions, is run in a relaxed peer facilitated mentoring style. Anyone who would like more information or is interested in joining a group please contact either Miriam or me. Anyone is welcome.

Pauline Lilley

YOUTH PASTOR

For the last year, I have been mostly Part Time Furloughed from my role, although rather excitingly, full time hours should be back by the end of April.

During the numerous lockdowns, online activities have been offered in various different ways.

We have had an online Youth Theatre project which was successful, and has kept a group of young people in contact with one another, that do not meet up outside of the setting.

We have also had online Youth Groups and Socials at various times throughout the year. These have been more successful at times than at others. But these sessions have been useful for catching up and chatting about life and playing games.

Over the year, I have also been involved with several Games and Social evenings via Zoom, helping and encouraging young people to lead. These have been offered to people of all ages, and have been such a fun and distracting time.

Throughout the Summer and Autumn of 2020, I was in a position to offer face to face youth groups, youth cafe and youth theatre, within Covid safe guidelines. These were attended by small groups of young people, but were a wonderful time of discussion, chat and games.

Unfortunately as lockdown restrictions began to change in October of 2020, we made the difficult decision to go online again.

Throughout December, using the Church Facebook page and families group, I, along with Faye and my fiancée Claire, made a short video for each day of Advent. These videos were watched by many people, in Rugby and the surrounding areas, as well as nationally and globally!

Over the past year, I have continued face to face work with several vulnerable young people. These have taken the form of socially distanced walks and socially distanced chats at church in less walk friendly weather.

I am also now involved with a family and their social worker to advocate for them, as they navigate a difficult time.

All young people that I have been working with have found this year difficult in one way or another, either difficult home life, parents splitting up, online school work, dealing with bereavement and the general uncertainties of life under the restrictions.

This has sometimes meant that sessions have had maybe only one young person attending at times. But even these times have been valuable. To speak 1 to 1 with a young person, hear them and talk with them about things important to them, has been a really valuable and blessed time.

In the final few weeks of the Spring term, whilst following guidelines from the National Youth Agency, I was able to host 4 weekly youth cafe sessions, themed around Lent, with invited young people. These were well attended and offered opportunities to speak about future hopes and needs as the church and the world reopens.

During the second week of Easter, once we had entered another time of lockdown lifting, we were able to meet in larger groups for indoor activities. We made pasta from scratch, which was eaten afterwards with much delight. We had a youth cafe time with our trademark waffles and ice cream, and enjoyed time together watching a film. Each session was attended by 9 people, and most came to all sessions. It was great to spend such a long time getting to know one another.

Sunday 18th April marked the trial of a new time of worship, similar to our Christingle service in December. This was Café style, with family groups sitting at tables together with individual packs of resources. We had discussion, creativity, chat, music, prayer and spending time together thinking about God.

I am incredibly excited that from 19th April, we will have our 'normal' youth events back up and running, with scope to expand what we offer, depending on the needs of young people.
On a personal note, I continue to study for my Local Preachers qualification which I am enjoying working through with Rev Jane and Jan.
Thank you so much for your continued prayer and support.

Ruth Henderson

RUGBY COMMUNITY HUB

Since the last Church Annual Report the events of Covid-19 have had a dramatic effect on the operations of the Community Hub. However, this has not stopped the Community Hub team maintaining its presence and engagement with the local community.

With the closure of the Church in March 2020 Café operations and group activities at the Community Hub had to cease. The Hub Directors team met to discuss the implications of this closure and the potential of continued activities, else shut down, under the government applied restrictions. It was considered a positive step to continue activities with the Timebuilders members of the community through newsletters and social media. This would have the objective of maintaining contact with the enrolled members of the Timebuilders scheme. It also allowed continued promotion of the presence of the Hub in the community and engagement with those in need in the area who might value our services.

At the time of the lockdown the team were in the process of recruiting a second Timebuilders Coordinator, to work alongside Richard Sanders in progressing the development of Timebuilders activities. Vicky Dunne was employed in this role and has brought energy to the team and shown great enthusiasm in developing Hub community engagement activities.

Whilst direct contact with the Hub Community has not been possible through the lockdowns, Richard and Vicky have circulated regular newsletters to all the members, describing potential activities that suit the confines of the lockdown. The newsletters have promoted suggested activities under the themes of gardening, keeping active, craft/creativity, cooking, and quizzes/competitions that are within the restrictions. Packs of resources associated with these activities were distributed from the Church, including craft and gardening kits and children's activity packs. For example, sunflower kits, Play-dough and pedometers were distributed. The purchase of these materials was assisted with the aid of a councillor's grant that was applied for specifically to buy resources to assist community through the Coronavirus pandemic. The commitment of time and effort by Vicky and Richard in generating ideas for this service and promoting the activities has been much appreciated.

During the lockdown period Richard collaborated with the Making Connexions team's food distribution scheme operating from Newbold Chapel. Food was distributed to needy individuals and families in the Overslade area, as an extension to those being served in Newbold and Brownsover from the Chapel. Miriam Sitch provided a HUB Café Picnic at Home service from the Hub Café during lockdown. This service provided takeaway lunch packs to vulnerable families known to us at a token cost. A small team was required to operate this service which was approved by Church Council. Thanks to Miriam for this great idea.

After the July 2020 Church Council meeting, and changes to Covid-19 regulations, it was agreed by Church leadership that a limited resumption of Hub activities was allowable, where these would give support to those that we know are in vulnerable situations in the community and would benefit from the support.

The café reopened on 3 days, Tuesday to Thursday, with baking on a Monday (small numbers and in the hall) and a very small cooking group on a Thursday morning to try out a few batch cooking ideas. During this period the Keyrings Mental well-being charity group were able to meet on alternate Tuesdays. Jackie from ConnectWELL also organised coffee mornings to allow this group to meet. The craft group was meeting on a Wednesday morning during this period.

Community Hub communication continued with one Newsletter per month being circulated to publicise groups and activities as described. There has been continued use of Facebook posts to publicise, communicate, and maintain engagement. This has followed on from the previously reported lockdown community food distribution conducted in collaboration with Making Connexions.

Other group activities included the social distanced Walking group on Wednesday evenings and a Litter picking group.

Subsequently all operations of the Community Hub activities had to be curtailed due to the Covid-19 lockdown regulations imposed at the start of 2021. The Hub Director team met during January to evaluate the implications of the lockdown on community support groups and Hub and café activity

continuation at the start of the New Year. Unfortunately, new Government regulations meant that some of the previous Hub activities, deemed acceptable to continue during 2020, had to be stopped. This was required to remove any risk of Covid-19 infection to the participants and concern regarding ensuring social distancing requirements were adhered to.

Richard Sanders has continued to maintain communications with our Timebuilder participants through circulation of newsletters to the members / post on Facebook, keeping in touch with members by phone / visits, where allowed, and receiving referrals from ConnectWELL. Richard comments that 'Members value our activities and miss them when they are not running. There will be a huge desire for real social connection and something to do when we come out of lockdown'.

Vicky Dunne unfortunately resigned from her role as Timebuilder co-ordinator in the Community Hub due to increased demand on her time from her work with Warwickshire Wildlife Trust, and finished working for the Hub at the end of 2020. We have extended our gratitude to Vicky for all her effort and achievements during the last year and through previous lockdown phases.

Due to the reduced level of activities at the Community Hub Richard Sanders' working hours have been furloughed until there is an opportunity to restart Community Hub activities, when pandemic circumstances change accordingly.

The Community Hub Directors have continued to meet monthly, by Zoom through lockdown, to monitor developments with the restrictions imposed by the pandemic. We intend to reopen Community Hub activities when it is considered safe to do so, governed by the imposed national restrictions on public meetings both in open and enclosed spaces.

As we progress into the spring of 2021 it is envisaged that outdoor activities such as the Walking and Litter picking groups will be able to potentially restart from the 29th March. Discussions are in progress to establish whether the community support and well-being groups, such as ConnectWELL and Keyrings, can safely meet under the national restrictions that govern these. It is also intended that the Community Café will reopen from 17th May when the government guidelines permit.

All the Community Hub activities during this difficult period have been progressed with the authorisation of the RMCC Leadership Group and Church Council. We appreciate all the support that members of the Church have provided in supporting the work of the Community Hub and the co-operation of all those involved in our activities, in serving our local community during the exceptionally difficult last 12 months. We look forward to restarting the Community Hub's activities with a new optimism as we progress through 2021.

John Hemmings (on behalf of the Community Hub Directors and Team)

WINTER NIGHT SHELTER SCHEME

Starting in December 2011, RMCC has hosted the winter night shelter every Saturday night between 1 December and 31 March. Many of the volunteers are RMCC members with others from Paddox, Lutterworth, Bilton and Christchurch.

2020-21 would have been our tenth year and the figures on the next page show the numbers of guests we have welcomed over the years.

The number of guests began to drop when Rugby Borough Council recognised the scale of the problem and began to work to house guests.

Although the numbers of guests sleeping were low, we regularly had between 8 and 12 extra guests (Hope4 Guests) who we welcomed in for a meal.

Then with lockdown in the middle of March 2020 the Rugby Council put all the street homeless into temporary accommodation at bed and breakfast hotels or houses. We just provided hot meals for the last weeks.

With this year's continued lockdown, the Council provided accommodation throughout the winter shelter time. We made plans to provide hot meals for those guests who had no access to public benefits. However the Hope Centre key staff have worked with these guests to help them find the necessary documents; birth certificates, passports etc and to open bank accounts so that all but one of them are now able to claim benefit and can thus provide their own food.

Whilst we miss the team work of the night shelter, the Christian fellowship of working with each other, the interaction with the guests and the satisfaction of being able to provide a warm friendly safe space, the Winter Shelter was always a temporary relief for those who would otherwise be sleeping out on a cold street.

<i>Guests For Saturday nights at RMCC</i>			
<i>Year</i>	<i>Total bed nights</i>	<i>Number of different guests</i>	<i>Average number of guests per night</i>
<i>2011-12</i>	<i>128</i>	<i>37</i>	<i>7.5</i>
<i>2012-13</i>	<i>198</i>	<i>42</i>	<i>11</i>
<i>2013-14</i>	<i>212</i>	<i>35</i>	<i>12.5</i>
<i>2014-15</i>	<i>180</i>	<i>47</i>	<i>10.6</i>
<i>2015-16</i>	<i>221</i>	<i>41</i>	<i>13</i>
<i>2016- 17</i>	<i>195</i>	<i>33</i>	<i>11.5</i>
<i>2017-18</i>	<i>215</i>	<i>41</i>	<i>11.7</i>
<i>2018-19</i>	<i>183</i>	<i>31</i>	<i>10.2</i>
<i>2019-20</i>	<i>87</i>	<i>21</i>	<i>5.8</i>

Hope4 has remained open with restricted hours, and clients seen and supported on a one to one basis. In the year April 2020-March 2021 the Hope Centre has seen 130 different clients. Council temporary accommodation, with Hope4 staff working with the guests to make this permanent is a much better solution. One example will illustrate this; H (Volunteers will know his full name), who was in the night shelter every available night since January 2013 accepted temporary accommodation with lockdown and has since made, for him, the enormous step to move into a flat with a permanent tenancy, to open a bank account and to claim his pension.

We do not know what will happen in future, and if we are needed to run a night shelter again we will be there. However our prayer is for the Rugby Council to continue to provide the support that is needed and that street homelessness in Rugby is in the past.

Stan Bird – Saturday Night Team Leader

CHARITIES OUR MEMBERS SUPPORT

EXTRA MILE

The recent months have seen much activity in Extra Mile Ober Funkia Community Secondary School in Sierra Leone. The trustees are delighted with the 100% pass rate achieved by our students who sat their BECE (Junior Secondary Exams) in January. The splendid efforts of the staff enabled the students to achieve magnificent results when they were working in such difficult circumstances during the pandemic. Thanks to a very generous grant, Extra Mile is establishing a Community library in the school for use by both the students and the local community. The building, painting and shelving was done in record time to house our many donated books. The trustees have been able to provide some funds from donations to allow more practical activities for those students studying Home Economics. We are also establishing a school garden, to provide practical experiences for the students of Biology and Agricultural Science. We have now completed the installation of the female toilets on the first floor, with running water supplied by a tank on the roof. Much of our contact between the UK and Sierra Leone has been improved by the installation of an internet router that enhances regular access to the internet. Zoom meetings have facilitated co-operative working, aiding the development of teaching and learning in the school.

Let us take this opportunity to say a really big thank you to all members of RMCC for their continued help and support for this mission. Thank you, you are wonderful!!!

Mike Fielding and the Extra Mile Team

ACTION FOR CHILDREN

Sadly our usual donations to Action for Children have not happened over this past 12 months. The collection from the Christmas Day service would normally go to them, amounting to over £250. At one time we also had about 6 people who had collecting boxes for their loose change, which I sent in annually. This is now down to one person. As times have changed, so has the way many of us donate to our favourite charities. Perhaps we have less and less loose change and find it more convenient to set up a monthly standing order. If anyone would like to support Action for Children via a standing order, however small the amount, please go to their website www.actionforchildren.org.uk to find the link in order to donate. You will also find out about the very valuable way they are supporting children and families.

Linda Sore

BILTON HOUSE FREE CHURCH HOME

All is very quiet at Bilton House since last March. There have been no coffee mornings or fund raising events and very little in the way of visitors. They have been so careful with all their PPE and staff have been well except for one or two who have had positive tests, but all seems to be well so far! They are having some services on a Wednesday via Zoom led by Nancy and Tony Cervantes and although the staff wondered how this would be accepted they are very much into it now. There is a meeting on 6th May for the volunteers, all with very careful use of masks and pinnys.

Chris Sidley

MITE FUND

Due to the Lockdown situation the Mite Fund has not been operating since March 2020. £103.75 was sent to them for the year to August 2020. Linda Sore has kindly taken over from me to administer the Fund when times permit. Thank you to everyone for your donations over the past years.

Pam Warburton

CHRISTIAN AID

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic it was impossible to collect door to door in 2020 or to hold fund raising events. It was therefore necessary for the charity to find alternative means of raising revenue. The charity provided a number of methods to be used during Christian Aid week. I selected the e-envelope scheme and sent an appeal to everyone I knew including church members as I thought many of my friends and contacts would probably not be contacted by their usual collectors or possibly did not usually donate. Pleased to report that a collection of £620, substantially more than normal, was achieved. My grateful thanks and appreciation to all who contributed. Please be as generous this year, if possible, as sadly the Christian Aid charity both locally and nationally experienced an extremely difficult financial year.

The amount raised throughout 2020 by the Rugby and District Christian Aid was reduced from £25,500 in 2019 to £13,000 approximately. Very sad as many countries are desperately in need of aid at present. This year's Christian Aid week will be from the 10th to 16th May and will be used to help people living in drought-stricken Kenya to receive adequate food and water. In addition it will help in providing earth dams so that when the rains do come it can be collected and retained to be used as required. So please help if you can. Thank you.

Josephine Royle

PROPERTY

PROPERTY GROUP

Despite lockdown and the cessation of activities in church since last March, maintenance of the boiler system, fire alarm system and water system has continued, along with some cleaning and gardening. The Annual Property Schedule has also been completed on behalf of Church Council. Covid preparations have involved forming a small working party group to prepare and write Risk Assessments for church activities, following Government guidelines, which is being followed by the other churches in the circuit. Along with a detailed action-plan and suitable notices, signing-in sheets for Track-and-Trace have been introduced, plus an automatic hand sanitizer, digital thermometer, masks and suitable spacing of seating for limited church events, keeping the church Covid secure. Last March, a theft of some lead flashing from the roof was dealt with, and the opportunity was taken to redecorate the kitchen. However, skylight leaks continued to persist in the kitchen, foyer and lounge areas, and in October a major leak above the Hall ceiling caused a sudden collapse of a few ceiling tiles and ingress of gallons of water. The insurance company assessed the damage and arranged for a contractor to repair the internal damage and redecorate, under our insurance policy, but we had to fix the roof leaks first. Our local roofer has made 3 visits to replace broken tiles, while the skylight leaks have hopefully been finally sealed up. The central section of the hall ceiling has been replaced, and we are currently looking to upgrade the other two sections to the same standard of ceiling tiles and LED lighting.

The car-park resident was dealt with according to the church policy outlined last year.

The property group has also looked at refurbishing the RMCC toilets (1984 vintage), and quotes have been obtained for the work. A contractor has been chosen, and grant money is currently being sought. It is hoped this work will be done over the summer.

Peter Richard

CHURCH BOOKINGS

As you may guess, we have had no outside bookings at all for the past year. The church has been used sometimes by the Youth Group and the Hub Café during the summer and autumn between the first and second lockdown. Hopefully we will be able to accept some bookings in the not too distant future.

Jane Richard

GRANTS

The Grants group successfully applied for two grants from the Heart of England Community Foundation last year, totalling £18,500. The first grant was to fund restarting small social groups, within the church, the second was to enable youth work. The grants were given to provide the additional resources needed to run projects within the climate of the Covid pandemic.

For the first project, the church managed to run several of the small community groups, Baking, Knitting and Crafts and to provide around 150 gifts in outreach to the local community, despite the limitations of the current situation. These included remembrance bags, harvest and advent gifts, baking packs and planted pots.

The youth work also continued, but whilst the groups all ran to some degree, it proved more difficult to adequately fulfil the project expectations. Unfortunately a request to the funder to extend the life of the project was turned down due to their time limitations for spending the funds. An alternative budget was submitted to provide ongoing support during the Covid situation for the church youth and community work, which was accepted. This included some capital expenditure to allow online streaming for the youth theatre, a heavy duty gazebo for working outside and a portable cooler fridge to allow social distancing.

A grant application has recently been completed and submitted to completely refurbish the toilets, and we are currently awaiting the outcome. The ongoing aim of the Grants group is to apply for funding for clearly defined projects with targeted objectives as we believe this gives the best chance of success.

Laura Low (on behalf of Grants Group)

FINANCE

Finance Group Report to RMCC AGM – May 2021

The Annual Accounts for the year ended August 2020 accompany this report.

The Accounts have been duly verified by Douglas Wells.

Notes on Annual Accounts - 2019/2020

Opening Balances

The amounts carried forward from 2018/19 are as shown. The restricted balance is that remaining from grants and specific donations and is contained in the Benevolence and Youth Pastor funds.

Income

The offertory figure was higher than for 2018/19. However, Tax recovered was slightly down and Lettings were around 25% lower due to the COVID19 measures.

Youth Pastor income was approximately the same as last year, with the loss of the District grant being compensated for by an increase in the Connexional grant and the HMRC Job Retention Scheme (furlough) grants.

The 'Breakthrough' income for this year is shown as true income (i.e. from Grants and fundraising) whereas last year it included the church subsidy figures, as did the church expenditure. Even when the subsidy is included, the income is down by 33%. This is mainly a result of the loss of the District grant and there being no gift day, although donations of around £2000 were made in lieu of this. In addition, income was supplemented by the HMRC Job Retention Scheme (furlough) grants. The figures for 2018/19 are distorted due to the receipt of the entire District Grant into Breakthrough funds.

Expenditure

As in previous years, the major item of expenditure was the Circuit Assessment, although this year it was reduced by around 4.5% compared to 2018/19.

As agreed by Church Council, donations to external organisations, apart from The Bradby Club and The Hoskyn Centre have now ceased, resulting in a saving of around £4000.00.

Due to there being virtually no requirement for cleaning from April to August, expenditure on cleaning was reduced by around £2000. Similarly, other maintenance costs were reduced by around £5000. In addition, because of reduced building use, the annual gas and electricity bill was reduced by around £1000.

Youth Pastor expenditure was approximately the same as last year. Breakthrough expenditure was significantly lower than last year mainly due to the Administrator's salary no longer being required and a significant reduction in expenses. The figures for 2018/19 are distorted due to the transfer of a portion of the District Grant to Youth Pastor funds.

Budget for Year Ended August 2021

This was presented at the Church Council in July 2020 - several issues that clearly impact the finances of the Church remained "unclear" namely, the opening of the Church for lettings, costs and income for a children's & family worker and reduced costs for utilities and cleaning, as intimated to Church Council the budget will be re-worked after each full 3 months of 2020/21 to enable a more accurate forecast to be obtained.

FINANCIAL GIVING

Regular Giving

Regular giving may be arranged in one of the following ways:

1. Through the Envelope Scheme - Weekly or Monthly (*Currently suspended due to COVID 19. However, most envelope users are currently giving by standing order, bank transfer or cheque.*)
2. By Standing Order directly from your Bank Account
3. By Single Gifts - preferably in amounts of £100 or greater

RMCC remains grateful to all members and friends who give so generously on a regular basis, as this giving is very much the major source of income for the Church. All costs associated with the whole life and purpose of our Church continue steadily to rise, in the same way as do costs in all other areas of our lives. Even though making ends meet can be so difficult for many these days, please consider if any increase, however small, in personal giving is possible. Any who do not currently use one of the schemes mentioned above are encouraged to consider making a commitment in this way.

By combining recorded giving with an appropriate 'Gift Aid Declaration', for every £1.00 given, an additional 25p is recovered by the Church from tax you have already paid. RMCC benefited from £13,769 recovered tax from the year 2019/20.

Please speak to one of us if you are a taxpayer and wish to add to the income of the Church in this way. For those who already give regularly, please ask yourself when you last reviewed your regular amount. It may be longer ago than you think.

Additional Ways of Financial Giving

It may be that members and friends identify a particular need in the Church in addition to its ongoing expenses. For example generous single gift donations have recently been made to the Benevolence Fund because some of our members recognised the need to support those suffering particular hardship.

Another example is that the Church recently identified the need to purchase office furniture and sofas for the café area. This was seen as an opportunity to contribute to a specific need and the money required to purchase suitable items was obtained as a result of members' single gifts.

How many of those reading this report have made a will? Probably the majority but have you thought to include the Church in your will? In recent years the Church has received significant sums by this means and we would urge you to consider this.

Linda and Stuart Sore

THE METHODIST CHURCH STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

Rugby Methodist Church Centre

Church

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31 August 2020

Circuit	Circuit no	23/14
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Registered Charity - Charity Registration number

1186270

**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 Jane Gaffney

Church Stewards:

Richard Harris

Howard Binns

Michael Margetts

Andrew Myers

Joshua Quansah

Richard Rutte

Treasurer:

Stuart C Sore

SECTION A		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
		£	£	£	£
a1	RECEIPTS	Note			
a2	Offerings and Tax recovered	62,073	2,000	64,073	64,722
a3	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income	325		325	660
a4	Lettings	15,214		15,214	20,862
a5	Other receipts	17,234	32,816	50,049	50,978
a6	TOTAL RECEIPTS	94,846	34,816	129,662 (a7)	137,221

SECTION B					
b1	PAYMENTS				
b2	Circuit Assessment or Share	64,089		64,089	67,192
b3	Donations	400		400	4,700
b4	Repairs and Maintenance	8,210		8,210	15,085
b5	Utilities (Insurances, water charges, heating & lighting)	7,878		7,878	9,252
b6					
b7	Other payments	2,133	38,559	40,692	101,568
b8	TOTAL PAYMENTS	82,710	38,559	121,268 (b9)	197,797

SECTION C					
c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	(a6-b8)	12,137	(3,743)	8,393
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year		61,081	4,032	65,113 (c6)
c3	Sub total	(c1+c2)	73,218	289	73,507
c4	Transfers and adjustments	Trust 15163 Capital gain + other transfers	(4,386)	4,437	51 (c7)
c5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR	(c3+c4)	68,832	4,726	73,558 (c8)
					65,113 (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		19,342		12,727
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations		19,342		12,727
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 Mite Fund	104	104				
e2 Tiny Tots	630	688	(58)		136	78
e3 Wednesday Fellowship	159	226	(67)		67	
e4						
e5						
e6						
e7						
e8 Sub total of Internal Organisations funds	893	1,018	(125)		203 (e11)	78 (e12)
e9 Church accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)	129,662 (a7)	121,268 (b9)	8,393	51 (c7)	65,113 (c6)	73,558 (c8)
e10 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	130,555	122,286	8,268	51	65,317 (x)	73,636 (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	13,040	10,328
f3 Bank Deposit Account		
f4 Central Finance Board	20,191	41,297
f5 Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes	31,882	21,933
f6 Other funds		
f7 SUB TOTAL - Church accounts	65,113 (c6)	73,558 (c8)
f8 Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance total from above) (e12)	203 (e11)	78 (e12)
f9 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	65,317 (x)	73,636 (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 Rugby Methodist Church Centre No 183

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  Date 10/10/20

Name and address of treasurer Stuart Sore

1 Hillside, West Haddon, Northampton NN6 7BP

Presentation to the Church trustees

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2020 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 JANE ELIZABETH GAFFNEY Date

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

Rugby Methodist Church Centre

Charity Number . 1186270

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Rugby Methodist Church Centre Church for the year ended 31 August 2020 set out on pages P1 to P3. 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 Rugby Methodist Church Centre No 183

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 the accounts are not in accordance with the accounting records 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 no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination 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 Methodist Church which are individually in excess of £10,000 (ten thousand pounds) at the balance sheet date.

Signature of independent examiner

D.R. Wells

Name of independent examiner

D. R. Wells

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner

Name of firm (where appropriate)

Address

Post Code

Date

27-10-20

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1st Copy dated 10-10-20
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* delete or circle as appropriate

Sep-20