

RUGBY METHODIST CHURCH CENTRE
Annual Report

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Annual Church Meeting held on 9th May 2021 after morning service

The meeting was a blended one, with some people in the Church and others attending via Zoom. It had been decided to hold only the business part of the meeting and plan the visionary part later in the year if regulations allow.

11.20am Opening Prayer

Attendance

Rev Jane Gaffney chaired the meeting.

Marie Thomas wrote the minutes and 20 others attended in the church. 30 people attended via Zoom. The attendance list is filed with the Church report.

Apologies

Jean Jalland

There was no notice of Other Business

Minutes of last year's meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on Sunday 15th March 2020 were signed as a correct record.

Matters arising

Rev Jane said the Readiness 360 event had not happened in the way it was originally intended, but she has had coaching in this which was very helpful, so she has chosen to continue with it after her initial course ended. It is designed to help us to develop the spiritual side of the Church.

Chair's annual report – Rev Jane Gaffney

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.

Well, the Hebrew people did not know they would be in the wilderness for 40 years, and we wouldn't have imagined that we would hardly have been in the Church building for 14 months and counting!

We are still in the unknown, what we have known as Church has been shaken to the core, and I know it has challenged many in the question of what Church is about, and what our priorities are.

Some are desperate for a return to how it was, and others just can't go back to how it was. Some are nervous of coming back and there is a certain level of anxiety, others not sure, some wanting to drop existing roles as their priorities have changed. We don't know at the moment what the future will look like, and as Sarah Currie said the other evening, it's like we are trying to put a jigsaw together without the picture, and it's a moving picture too!

It is though, an opportunity to be on our knees praying for guidance, and I hope that you have been joining me in that and for us to explore new things.

In the report you will have read many things have continued to happen even though in different ways, and we have made great contact with the community which hopefully will continue. It has been wonderful to see how, when the building has been closed, the Church is still being Church in the community.

Personally I have been pushed out of my comfort zone completely with all the IT and social media things we have done, as have others, but we have seen the difference it has made and know it has been good to do.

I have to say that my work load has been too much. It has been a very heavy year in all sorts of ways and I know I have to be careful with this, and coming out of lockdown feels very hard, as I don't have the answers and so I humbly ask for some level of understanding that the pandemic has also affected me deeply.

I am listening a lot to church members, the community and God, and I will help you to discern the way forward. Together we will move forward and if, as I said earlier we hand over the keys to Jesus of all we would like to control and restrict, I believe we will see life and a growing of disciples.

Finally, we have all been affected by the last year in different ways, so let us be gracious to all, loving to all and willing to take risks for the sake of the Kingdom of God.

Appointments

Church Stewards

The following were thanked and re-elected:

Richard Harris – Senior Steward
Howard Binns
Michael Margetts
Joshua Quansah
Richard Rutte
Susan Smith

Rev Jane thanked Andrew Myers who is stepping down as a Church Steward, for his work and commitment to the role.

Representatives to Church Council

The following 10 representatives, having served for 2 years, were willing to stand for a further year.

Sue Beckett	Ruth Henderson
Colin Bemrose	Pauline Lilley
Rachel Binns	Laura Iow
Kelly Borrass	Steve Low
Michael Fielding	Andrew Peck

Ruth Bemrose is willing to stand for a second year, with the option of retiring at the end of that year.

All appointments agreed

Rev Jane invited other people to consider taking on one of these roles, or offering to do some other work in the church. Some of the Stewards have taken on new responsibilities for Zooming in the past year, and have been very busy. This is a flexible time with new options and challenges, and we would be grateful to receive even temporary offers of help with a wide variety of tasks. People would not have commit for a long period of time.

The re-appointment of volunteers for other roles has been deferred until later in the year, when it should be clearer to see what we require.

Representatives to other organisations

Hospital services	Michael Fielding, Pauline Lilley
Christian Aid	Josephine Royle
Action for Children	Linda Sore

Rev Jane said the report shows that our work has continued even when the building has been closed. Peter Richard has overseen the work to repair the hall ceiling, and this should be completed by 17th May, after which time we hope to open up to more groups. Plans are in progress to hold some events outside during the summer, and to arrange more discussion groups.

Rev Jane thanked the Grants group, who have worked hard to secure grants to enable outreach work and the refurbishment of the toilets. We are very grateful for all grants received, including those from Rugby Council, who recognised the value of our community work. Our financial situation is not dire, thanks to the commitment of members and friends, some of whom have set up new ways such as Direct Debits to support Rugby Methodist Church Centre financially.

Other Business

- Regina Owusu informed us that the Methodist Church is doing a lot of work behind the scenes on Inclusion, Diversity and Equality, and soon churches will be invited to apply for training on how to work with and treat other people.
- Colin Bemrose said some people had been feeling despondent, but after reading the Annual Report he felt excited as it showed the fantastic way we had pulled together to support people. This is an excellent opportunity for us to develop spiritually.
- Susan Heinink thanked everyone for all their hard work during the past year.
- Dorn Margetts informed us that the Tots Group would be resuming in the near future, but with smaller numbers. Anyone interested in helping with this should contact Dorn or Rev Jane.

The Meeting concluded with prayer at 11.55am

Date of next meeting

SUNDAY 3rd April 2022

Signed as a true record

Date

REPORTS FROM CHURCH ORGANISATIONS

2021/2022

FOREWORD

The Annual Report is in A4 format again this year because it will be distributed by email to around 80% of people, and is more straightforward to print. There will also be some paper copies available.

After another challenging year we are beginning to emerge from the pandemic, and it is a joy to be able to meet together again. The events, activities and news in the Annual Report give us an opportunity to reflect on and celebrate the things God has done throughout the year, and offer us a challenge to prayer and action for the future. We are grateful that God has shown us how to operate in new and different ways, keep in touch, and reach new people.

Thank you to all who have produced reports, which are again arranged under the headings of Our Calling.

Marie Thomas – Compiler

CHURCH COUNCIL and LEADERSHIP GROUP

Church Council has held four meetings during the past year. 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, Property, Finance and Grants, also receive due attention.

Significant topics of discussion and decision have been:

- Our response to the various changes in COVID rules and safely reopening the premises
- Revised pattern of services
- The merging of three Circuits
- The way forward for Rev Jane and RMCC
- Church registration for same sex marriage
- Working towards becoming an ECO Church
- The Transformational Learning Leadership Community
- Breakthrough
- Communion Table
- Stewards and other volunteer roles

The **Leadership Group** met at RMCC and 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. Some plans have had to be adapted or cancelled, in accordance with current Government guidelines. Discussion has focused on how to respond to these changes, while continuing to serve God and this community, to grow and extend the reach of ministry. We thank God for His faithfulness which can be seen all around us, and continue to pray, believe, hope and expect to see wondrous things in the coming days.

Marie Thomas – Secretary

OUR CALLING – WORSHIP

WORSHIP GROUP

Worship resumed in person in a small way in May last year with the monthly Circuit Services being shown on Zoom in the church. Worship for All (now called 3:11) also started on a monthly basis, followed by some blended services. Weekly services started in September and after much discussion a monthly programme was devised:

1st Sunday 10.30 An opportunity for something different
2nd Sunday 10.30 Traditional worship
3rd Sunday 11.00 3:11 an interactive service
4th Sunday 10.30 Traditional worship
5th Sunday 10.30 Traditional worship

All services apart from Week 3 are also available on Zoom and recordings circulated afterwards for people to access in their own time.

Comments and suggestions are very welcome – this programme will be reviewed in the summer, so please let us know your thoughts. A suggestion box is available at the back of the church.

Jane Richard – Secretary

CHURCH STEWARDS

This time last year we were still in lockdown and most stewards had become Zoom Hosts/Co-hosts for the online Sunday services. Now that services have resumed in Church the 'traditional' work that stewards do in Church has become simpler in some respects. On the other hand the number of stewards has gone down (from 6 to 4) and we are also doing tasks which we didn't do before the pandemic. In particular we continue to host Zoom for most Sunday services (and other special services) and in addition we are trying to assist with the work of the AV/PA team (the people who operate the sound and visual systems).

The AV/PA team needs help because their numbers have also declined and their workload has increased (specifically they now operate the cameras used for Zoom and the recording of services). Stewards are therefore helping with the PA and camera work - this has been facilitated by the fact that Worship Leaders are now doing some of the jobs previously done by the stewards when necessary (e.g. meeting/greeting visiting preachers and doing the Welcome).

It has also been suggested that some of the current Stewards have the sort of technical aptitude which could be better used in the AV/PA team. To redeploy them, however, we would need new people to come forward to replace them in doing the 'traditional' stewards role.

The bottom line is that we need more people to become Stewards or Zoom Hosts, and also join the AV/PA team. So, if you feel you could perform any 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 get in touch with me about the Stewards or Zoom Host roles or Peter Richard about the AV/PA team.

Richard Harris – Senior Church Steward

PRAISE & BAKE

Praise & Bake continues monthly but now on a Friday evening. We have between 3 and 8 families attending. We continue to think about a Bible story, pray, sing and bake! It is really good that Ruth is now able to be involved. Grateful thanks to Marie for all the washing up and support she has given to Praise & Bake. Also grateful thanks to everyone who helps.

Miriam Sitch

JUNIOR CHURCH

Since the reopening of the church for worship, Junior Church has combined both the junior and senior cohorts. This has been because the numbers of young people attending can be low, as well as people re-evaluating their volunteer roles.

We have a hugely strong team of 8 volunteers who help lead the sessions.

There is a more traditional version of Junior Church held in the foyer on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month. On the 1st Sunday of the month we are gathering at the back of the church on the sofas.

This enables the young people to interact with the slightly different worship format of the first Sunday.

Although there are no specific allocated children's group leaders during the 3:11 service, volunteers are encouraged to attend and help make the service a safe and welcoming space, just as they do with the Junior Church group on the other Sundays.

We continue to follow the Spill the Beans Material as appropriate.

There is an ongoing discussion with visiting preachers to remind them that we like to encourage the participation of the children in the opening of our worship.

Ruth Henderson

AV TEAM

The AV team manage the delivery of audio-visual content to support services and other events. During lockdown, this largely consisted of streaming AV content from home, including videos and music, but since returning to church we have enhanced the facilities to allow services to be Zoomed effectively from church.

Various technical things have helped – the internet signal from the router has been improved by a wired ethernet link and a powerline plug to improve internet speed, Zoom meetings from church have been enabled with a small webcam and tripod along with a speakerphone device, the church sound system has been successfully linked to the Zoom laptop for streaming services, and a pan-tilt-zoom camera was purchased with the help of a grant, and is installed at the back of the church to show services. This has 3 pre-set views, along with zooming and panning capabilities using a simple remote control. The church projector has had its lamp replaced as it was getting dim.

Personnel-wise, the AV team has now come within the stewards rota for Sunday morning services, with a small team of laptop operators (running SongPro presentation software alongside Zoom), generally assisted by the steward of the day who operates the sound-desk muting and the PTZ camera.

Most Sunday services are successfully streamed for home participants to view, as our skills have developed. However, a recent link-up between RMCC, Daventry and Paddox for the President's visit presented some extra technical challenges as the three teams alternately transmitted and received from the respective churches, but it was felt to be a worthwhile effort.

Anybody interested in joining the AV team would be most welcome – full training given!

Peter Richard

ST. CROSS HOSPITAL SERVICES

The impact of Covid 19 has been life-threatening for many and indeed even now as we slowly begin to recover, we are still counting the cost. One of the casualties of this has been the St. Cross Hospital Services to which RMCC was a contributor. Sadly, the clerical team who organised these services has become depleted and for this reason and other reasons of sanitation and to avoid contagion they have made the sad decision, some time ago, to halt the services indefinitely. This was a hard decision to make but understandable, given the circumstances. I am assured that the decision was not in any way influenced by the quality of preaching from the RMCC representatives!!

Mike Fielding

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 of prayer activities within the church.

Private prayer

Annual Prayer Diary Each member of the church has received a copy of the church's annual prayer diary to aid personal prayer for each other and for the life of the church.

Methodist Prayer Handbook and District Prayer Diary Some people use this Handbook for their private daily devotions – please ask if you don't have a copy. This year the District Prayer Diary has again been made available online.

Prayer Room (formerly the classroom) Available for anyone to spend time in prayer

Extended periods of prayer The church has occasionally been open (often 6am to midnight) in the newly designated Prayer Room.

Soaking Prayer We offer regular opportunities for soaking prayer at RMCC. This is 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 variety of themes for our soaking times and playlists, and have offered different times for soaking prayer to allow more people to join us when they can. We look forward to continuing to create and offer this space for people to take time to lean into God's presence. Please do think about joining us for upcoming dates this year, to be released in our regular newsletter.

Prayer chain Throughout the pandemic the email prayer chain has been used extensively to enable over 50 people to keep up to date with ongoing situations as well as new, and often urgent, requests for prayer. Messages are sent by email. In addition there are a few people who are unable to receive email and they receive messages by phone. If you are not currently involved in this prayer ministry, do ask one or other of the people named below who will be delighted to add your name to the list. For the email list the contacts are Colin Bemrose (colin@crbemrose.co.uk or 01788 810978) or Sue Beckett (nic7laura@virginmedia.com or 01788 336648). The contact for the telephone list is Chris Sidley (01788 813242). 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.

Corporate prayer

Morning Prayer Prior to lockdown there was a time of prayer each Tuesday morning from 0900 - 0930 in church, following the order of morning prayer from the Northumberland Celtic Community.

From the start of lockdown two years ago this became a daily time of prayer on Zoom each weekday (Monday to Friday). The previous half a dozen who attended each week swelled to up to 15 or so during the first lockdown. In the past year this regular prayer time has continued without fail and is attended by up to a dozen people each day. Members prepare and lead the prayers from the Celtic prayer book on a basic fortnightly rota. The format each day is built around a short liturgy with three short Bible readings, a commentary and a time for very varied discussions leading into specific prayers for matters of concern and using Connexional, District, Circuit and local church resources - all this within 30 -35 minutes!

You are encouraged to consider joining in this prayer time which provides a focused start to each day. Ask Rev Jane or one of those who attend for the Zoom code.

Prayer requests

Prayer book This is available at the back of the church for ANY member of the congregation to write prayer requests for use in the Sunday morning service.

Prayer box In the foyer is a box for requests for prayer.

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

Colin Bemrose

OUR CALLING – LEARNING & CARING

PASTORAL MATTERS

Over the past year we have sadly lost our long standing member, Peggy Lofthouse. We have welcomed Winnie Siwela, who transferred her membership from Sheffield. Membership currently stands at 116. I keep a list of members, their addresses and contact numbers, so if you change any details, please could you let me know.

It is really good to see people coming back into church services, as we, hopefully, get back to a more normal life style. Andy and Hermione Myers may have moved back to Ghana but thanks to technology, are able to join us for services via Zoom.

It is also good to see many of our children back with us, as well as those families who have joined us quite recently. We hope they will feel welcome among us.

Up to Christmas, Miriam was still preparing gift bags and presents for those children linked with us, either through the church or the Hub. We say another big thank you to Miriam for all her work with the bags and to those who delivered them.

All church members have a Pastoral Visitor to support them with prayer and practical care, if needed. If you know of anyone who is unwell or needs support but you do not know who their Pastoral Visitor is, please contact me. The aim is to keep the Pastoral groups quite small to avoid being too onerous for any one person. We are in need of extra Pastoral Visitors to help support members. A couple of people have recently kindly offered to become Pastoral Visitors but we are still in need of more. If you feel this is something you could help with, please have a chat with Rev Jane or myself. Equally, if you would like to know about becoming a member of the Methodist Church, please have a word.

Linda Sore – Pastoral Secretary

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.

Pauline Lilley

FAITH DEVELOPMENT REPORT

The Faith Development Group had originally been formed following a series of Facebook reflections led by Reverend Jane. It had been through these weekly reflections that we saw growing numbers of people external to the church participating in the discussions, which prompted us to create the group, which began meeting on zoom in late 2020.

The original idea had been for us to provide a forum where people could be encouraged to explore and develop their faith openly and honestly without fear or judgement, which we believed and maintain had to be essential requirements if we were to enable people to have their needs met spiritually, and possibly in ways that they had never felt before. Through our initial discussions we had found that many of those in attendance had previously had less than favourable experiences through other denominational churches. Whilst we were not aiming to resolve all of these issues, what we were able to do was provide an opportunity for each individual to work through many of their concerns with the support and togetherness found within the group.

We offer a variety of different avenues for people to explore their faith, which we do by covering a range of topics that are generally initiated by our members on many occasions. Meetings have and can be called by anyone within the group, particularly where someone may be experiencing personal

struggles and by sharing, remedies can almost always be found. The subject matters which we have covered over the past two years are unlimited and include topics such as: dream interpretation, prophetic words, understanding bible passages, anointing others, types of prayer, and the laying on of hands. All these components serve to enhance our collective spiritual life and growth.

Within the group we have been able to see some of the many spiritual gifts developing gradually in and through others. It is important to note that we are not claiming to be experts in any of these fields, yet we are thankful for the help that is readily available from the specialists in these areas. We are grateful for the opportunity to come together and share in the richness of God's love for all people and will gladly welcome anyone wishing to be a part of this journey with us.

Janet Hinds

FELLOWSHIP GROUPS

ACCESS FELLOWSHIP

Following our decision to change our meeting night from Tuesday to Wednesday, we continue to meet on 1st, 3rd, 5th Wednesday every month.

We meet in each other's homes, and take turns leading the meeting. Although if you joined us there is no pressure to run an evening or host if you don't feel you want to.

We have a mixture of discussion and laughter at most meetings, asking questions, understanding each other's different points of view and generally thinking about our faith.

We are always ready to welcome new people to join us, be it just dropping in sometimes or on a regular basis.

Please contact me to get our zoom details dornmargetts@aol.com

Dorn Margetts

WORDSWORTH FELLOWSHIP

For a second year we have continued to meet on Zoom each week for 40 minutes from 7.30pm on Tuesdays. We take it in turns to lead the evening which often uses some form of discussion based on a short passage of scripture and Evening Prayer from the Northumberland Celtic Community. We are finding great blessings in some of the forms of Compline. Recently we have had an evening based around a Lenten theme and also an evening specifically of prayer for the Ukraine conflict.

As well as meeting on Zoom there is a felt need for some face-to-face meeting and this may become a part of the programme as we move into Spring, and Covid constraints reduce. However before Christmas Miriam, assisted by Marie, provided an absolutely excellent full Christmas dinner with all the trimmings for the group in the Hub at church.

As always we would be delighted if others would like to spend 40 minutes on a Tuesday evening in discussion and prayer which is rarely dull! Please ask for the zoom code to join.

Colin Bemrose (On behalf of the group)

PUBLICITY

NEWSLETTER

In the last year, we have continued to produce the newsletter electronically, producing our usual ten issues (double issues over the summer and at Christmas). Rev Jane and a team of volunteers deliver paper copies to members without internet access. We are sending over 120 emailed copies and 30 paper ones each time.

Our aim, as ever, is to help keep our RMCC family connected with news and events in church and beyond, as we cautiously re-engage after Covid. Now that more is happening, it is great to be able to share this with our readers. It is good to have a wide range of contributors, so if you have church or community interest related news to share, please do get in touch: rmccnews@gmail.com

Laura Low and Eleanor Sirman

WEBSITE

Firstly I would like to say how thankful we all are for all of Eleanor's work on the website over the past few years.

The website has had a bit of an overhaul in the past few months, pages streamlined and information clarified. We are making clear the pattern of worship, and previous recorded services are easily accessible. The Hub and Hub Café now have their own tab in order to keep people up to date with the current groups and events.

If you ever have any questions, or think we need to make some changes, please get in touch.

Ruth Henderson - rmccyouthpastor@gmail.com

POSTERS

With access to the church building being restricted for part of the year due to Covid, we generally avoided posters that invited people to come and join us in the building and concentrated on messages such as *New Life, New Hope at Easter, Praise God come Rain or Shine* and *Hope is Born, Celebrate this Christmas*.

John Over

SAFEGUARDING

Safeguarding of children, young people and vulnerable adults is treated with great importance in the Methodist Church. RMCC has a Safeguarding Policy, which is reviewed and updated annually by Church Council, in line with the Methodist Church's guidelines.

Copies of the RMCC Policy Statement are displayed in several places around the building, giving details of who to contact if anyone has a concern over a potential safeguarding issue. Our full policy is displayed on the lounge noticeboard. There is also a notice in the cafe area advising people that their children should be supervised at all times while on the premises, including in the toilets.

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 and to attend a safeguarding awareness course. (Creating Safer Spaces). All Local Preachers and Worship Leaders, plus paid workers and Church Safeguarding representatives have recently been required to complete the Advanced Safeguarding course.

Outside groups who use the premises are also asked to sign that they agree to abide by our policy, if they do not already have one of their own.

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

Care Bags

We continued to make up care bags during 2021 as a way of keeping in touch with people and also to let them know that the church was thinking of them when they were going through difficult circumstances.

Gift Bags

30 children's, young people's and family gift bags were distributed at Christmas – including 4 'tower of treats' kindly donated by a church member. These bags went to Timebuilder families, families Richard Sanders got to know during the lockdowns and families and young people associated with the church. In addition 15 Advent gift bags were taken to church members and associates.

Family Summer Holiday Bags

21 family summer holiday bags were made up and delivered to families we had been connecting with throughout the pandemic, including, of course, our church families.

Baby and Toddler Support Group

The Baby and Toddler support group restarted towards the end of April with about 8 members. Three church members and one Timebuilder from the HUB befriended the parents and grandparents. The original group ran on a Tuesday afternoon and for a while another group ran on a Friday morning. By September the group seemed to have run its course, although from time to time there has been a 'pop up' group with Corina on hand to play and chat.

Eco Church

As part of our commitment to ECO Church we held 3 Wednesday sessions for families during the summer holidays – container planting, arts and crafts celebrating nature, and bug hotels and bird feeders.

We continue to support Clifton Upon Dunsmore Primary School with lots of extra recycling.

We are hoping to fundraise to twin our toilets, to tie in with the refurbishment of the toilets.

We are now using more environmentally friendly cleaning products, recycled toilet paper and recycled paper in the office.

We are producing a leaflet which we can have available for members, visitors and hirers of rooms in the hope that they might also follow the good practice we are endeavouring to follow.

Ruth is now running GREENER FUTURES – a weekly eco group for children and families.

All 5 of the sections of the eco survey produced by A Rocha have now been completed and we are ready to apply for our bronze award.

We are looking forward to hosting The Climate Crisis Question Time organised by Rugby Green Christians on Friday 25th March. The panel will be Mark Pawsey MP and representatives from Warwickshire County Council and Rugby Borough Council. The panel will address questions about the climate crisis and responses following COP26.

Notice boards and Railing

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

We have continued to use the railing as a focus for reflection by people passing by – hearts and Christmas baubles to remember loved ones. Yellow and blue ribbons for Ukraine etc.

We had the stable scene within the gazebo again – thanks to Howard, Jane and Peter – it was good to see people going inside the gazebo to have a look.

National Day of Reflection – March 23rd organised by Marie Curie. We are planning to take part in this very special day by being open for people to come into the church to pray or reflect and light a candle with a moment of silence at 12 noon. Flower pictures are going to be put up in the foyer and the Tuesday art group are going to paint some flowers on the window to build up a picture of hope.

Daffodils will be available for people to take away.

Interactive Events

Christmas Story Visit

Although Oakfield Primary School had booked to come to hear the Easter story they had to cancel due to the rising Covid numbers.

Easter

Ruth is organising some Easter Prayer Space activities with Oakfield and St Matthew Bloxam Primary Schools visiting.

Kintsugi Hope

The group restarted at the end of February, almost exactly 2 years after it had to stop, with Sandra Hinds assisting in leading. Unfortunately, not everyone has been able to come back for a variety of reasons. Once we have completed this initial course we will send out invitations for participants for a new course.

World Kitchen

We have now held 3 World Kitchen events (December, January and February). Each time we have had a mix of people cooking from amongst the refugees presently staying in Rugby and from some of our Timebuilders. More have gathered for the 4.30pm tasting – including some from Church, Hub Café customers and user groups. Each evening has been different but with a lovely atmosphere. We have tasted authentic food from Syria, Yemen, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Sudan and Somalia. Through food and conversation our lives have been enriched and some barriers are being broken down. For those coming to cook we hope that they have felt welcomed, valued, part of a community and supported in their English language development.

The money for this project came from Warwickshire County Council. Now that the grant money is finished for this project, we are discussing ways of continuing this vital work. We are hoping that the Church and the Hub in partnership with the Benn Partnership can come up with some ways forward. We are also responding to the request by some of the refugee families for clothes by co-ordinating with Hope4 and having specific times when the families can come and choose what they would like. A member of Tiny Tots has offered her services free of charge to put on English language lessons for both some of our Timebuilders and some of the refugee families. One of our church members is providing friendship and language support to one of our Timebuilders from Syria.

Miriam Sitch – Mission & Service Co-ordinator

TINY TOTS

Thursdays in term time 9:30-11:00am

Tiny Tots returned in September 2021 after our Covid enforced break.

We should start by saying a big thank you to Ruth Bemrose who has held everything together for a number of years, but has now retired. Thank you too, to Corina Fryer, Roger and Christine Day, and Emma Morgan, who after the Covid break have also moved on. Tiny Tots is very grateful for all their hard work.

The team now consists of John and Judy Over, Sarah Stanley, Chris Wyatt, and Mike and Dorn Margetts. We now have a booking in system, via email or signing the week before.

Our regular members are a mixture of parents, grandparents, and childminders, all of whom tell us that 'we are the best'.

We have a delightful group of tots, who already are playing, talking, and making more noise compared to when we started back. We would love to have more helpers aboard.

Practical tasks involve putting out and away toys, tables and chairs (perhaps you could help with one of these or both?)

It would also be great if there were more of us to just 'be' with the carers and children to share a warm Christian welcome. Please drop in one Thursday morning or contact us on

rmcctinytots@gmail.com or dornmargetts@aol.com

Dorn Margetts

YOUTH PASTOR

Since November 2021 I have resumed my work at Avon Valley School, supporting 6 young people weekly for 6 weeks each. This is for a variety of reasons such as complicated home lives, anxiety, bereavement, depression, young caring responsibilities etc.

I continue to support several young people in a 1 to 1 capacity on a variety of issues connected to mental health and wellbeing, and school issues. I currently work with around 10. Some weekly, some monthly and some more erratically.

I continue to support a family in a child protection process, being part of key worker teams, and visiting children in school to support them.

I also provide half termly sessions at Harris School's Christian Union. This term they have been looking at hopes and dreams.

My role as Chaplain to 29F Air Training Corps will restart shortly. I will be working alongside the minister at Christ Church in this role.

As we approach Easter, I will be providing all age appropriate material in our Prayer room, culminating in several Primary schools attending for a Prayer Spaces 4th to 8th April. At the time of writing this report, we have St Matthew Bloxam and Oakfield Schools booked in.

Our monthly 3:11 service continues to be well attended and a vibrant time of worship. March's theme was 'Our Family!' looking at families of different shapes and sizes, as well as the biggest family, God's Family!

We continue to welcome refugees that are living in Rugby, and this month several families from Iraq and El Salvador joined us for our World Kitchen Day. I was able to provide craft, activities, games and company for around 12 young people, aged 5 to 15 throughout the day. It was a wonderful time of hospitality, learning, laughter and joy. I am hoping I will be able to continue to offer some support to these families, and maybe others like them, over the coming weeks.

A group of young people have expressed the desire to attend Cliff College in June this year, and attend a Youth Camp, to be organised by Rugby Youth for Christ, in July. I am working my way through all the booking information etc. I hope this will be an inspiring and godly time for them all. I continue to offer one off events during half term breaks; this time a Green Focused club, a youth afternoon and I am also supporting our monthly Praise and Bake.

We had a fantastic New Year celebration in January, and our pancake party on the 4th March was a huge success. We have continued to offer games evenings and social events for families and church members. We are hoping to continue to do these every few months with the suggestion of a quiz evening in the next few months.

It really is a joy to have seen so many familiar, and new faces in church, attending services, groups and making links over the winter and I pray that each person finds their home at RMCC in whatever way suits them.

In my free time I continue to study for my Local Preacher Training, which I am very much enjoying.

Ruth Henderson

DEVELOPMENT OF THE YOUTH PASTOR ROLE

RMCC has increasingly become a safe place of welcome for many who would not naturally have connected with us. We are extending the message of "All are welcome", and are starting to reflect on the way we use the resources we have, to minimise the impact on the environment and people in other parts of the world. With this in mind, and Ruth's heart for young people, this is how we imagine her role developing:

Outreach

- Continue work in schools and with individual young people, to support those who struggle with poor mental health, complicated home lives and concerns
- Offer support groups for those dealing with addictions (a course is currently being trialled)
- Work alongside the families who are refugees in the town, and families who we are meeting through the Hub
- Offer regular opportunities for children and young people to meet socially at RMCC, especially throughout the school holidays when routines are drastically changed

Faith development

- Offer opportunities to encourage engagement with the social and environmental issues the young people face and which matter to them, helping them to find their voice in society, through the knowledge that Christ loves them
- Encourage the discovery and challenge of living out the Christian faith in today's society for all ages, valuing intergenerational learning
- Continue to explore different ways of helping young people worship, and grow in their faith
- Build on the existing 3:11 worship

Rev Jane Gaffney

RUGBY COMMUNITY HUB

Since the 2021 AGM the relaxation of Covid-19 restrictions has allowed recommencement of Community Hub activities and currently the Hub and Café are back to normal levels of activity and expanding. Initially activities were resumed with care to ensure Covid restrictions were complied with. During lockdown the Sheffield Timebuilders enterprise, which was the model for the Rugby Timebuilders, was discontinued. We are now independent of any ties to Sheffield but can continue to use the Timebuilders name which our members and groups are familiar with.

The Rugby Community Hub has been continuing to expand activities since the end of lockdown restrictions.

Groups currently running are the Café, walking (Monday afternoons), knitting on Tuesday mornings, craft (Wednesday at 10am), Baking (Monday at 10am) a monthly IT Group, and games and jigsaws (Thursday 1pm). Equipment is due to be purchased, thanks to a grant from McCarthy and Stone, for the jigsaw group and for boccia and gardening groups.

A group of people initially referred to us by ConnectWell meet at the café regularly for a coffee morning. We have been told that ConnectWell will be losing the contract for social prescribing with the local NHS Primary Care Network. Social prescribing has worked well for us a way of connecting with new people and we will be actively seeking to establish a good relationship with whichever organisation takes over this contract.

We also continue to host Keyrings fortnightly. The Rugby Keyrings worker also very much values the Hub as a safe place to meet with new clients. The Café is also seen as a supportive environment for people caring for their partners with dementia and others with additional needs.

In November and December 2021, flower arranging classes were organised and the café hosted the Extra Mile Christmas Fair and Christmas Carols. In October a trip was arranged to Dobbies' World Garden Centre in Atherstone and in December a group visited the NEC for a craft fair.

We currently have 22 TimeBuilders. Since the end of lockdown restrictions Richard Sanders has been meeting with all TimeBuilders to review their experience and to gather information about how to support our TimeBuilders and any other groups that we could set up.

A new venture is World Kitchen thanks to the Impact of Covid Grant from Warwickshire County Council, with a view to trying to reach out to people from ethnic minorities who are socially isolated, and a lot of hard work by Miriam, Richard and Ruth. On 10 December, 21 January and 18 February the café has facilitated and hosted cooking by refugees in Rugby who have prepared their home food for tasting. This has led to conversations with the Benn Partnership about future events, and joint funding applications, to build connections around cooking food and also hosting sessions about how to have conversations with refugees and English language development. These connections will hopefully also produce other benefits for TimeBuilders and the Hub.

In setting up any partnerships care will be taken to ensure that there is clarity from the outset about any funding applications, who will be responsible for receipt and expenditure of any money.

The fridge and dishwasher purchased with a grant from Warwickshire County Council have been purchased and installed.

Richard Sanders continues to meet with Overslade Community Association to explore ways of working together to connect with people in Overslade. This has been difficult during lockdown although we did take out some food hampers and activity packs and we have organised litter picking in the area. There are now some good current plans including helping to set up a Time Bank in the area, organising a community meal and developing a communal space using a small patch of land currently managed by the council.

The Community Hub Directors continue to meet on a regular basis to plan the ongoing activities of the Community Hub. Our focus at the moment is to set targets for the growth of the Hub's activities whilst maintaining a focus on impact in the community. During the past year John Hemmings has resigned as a director and Miriam Sitch and Jennie Rutte have joined Stuart and Richard as directors.

Compiled by Hub Directors

TRANSFORMATIONAL LEADERSHIP LEARNING COMMUNITY

Supported nationally by the Methodist Church, RMCC was offered the opportunity to take part in a course involving coaching, specifically focusing on outreach. Six people make up the group who have been committing to regular discussions to develop a way forward for those on the margins of Church, and how discipleship can be developed that is relevant to their lives. The group has started to meet together to pray and continue to get to know each other, exploring the way forward, and beginning to put a plan into action.

It has been encouraging to hear how groups already on this programme had benefited, and the impact it is starting to have on their Churches. We have been allocated Emma Nash from Connexion to challenge and coach us. We look forward to sharing more with you.

Rev Jane Gaffney

WINTER SHELTER

For the second consecutive year we have not been needed to support a winter night shelter for the homeless.

There are more than 40 clients at Hope4 in a variety of temporary accommodation places and Hope4 works with them to help with underlying issues and to find permanent accommodation. New clients are helped to get immediate temporary accommodation so they do not become street homeless. 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 work with Hope4 to provide the support that is needed, so that street homelessness in Rugby is in the past.

Stan Bird – Saturday Night Team Leader

CHARITIES WE SUPPORT

ACTION FOR CHILDREN

This charity has been connected with The Methodist Church since 1869. Initially it was known as The National Children's Home, then, in 1994, NCH Action for Children and in 2008 Action for Children. Their mission is to protect and support children, young people and families with practical and emotional care, making sure their voices are heard.

We have, for many years, sent our Christmas Day collection to Action for Children, which since Covid has reduced significantly. Our last Christmas Day donation was £100. We also used to have several people with collection boxes but now we only have one. Like many charities, they depend mainly on donations from the public and 87p from each £1 donated goes to help children, young people and families. If you would like to support Action for Children, one easy way is to set up regular donations from your bank account. Details are on the website actionforchildren.org.uk. Please feel free to have a word with me for any more information.

Linda Sore – Action for Children representative

BILTON HOUSE FREE CHURCH HOME

Visitors are now allowed into Bilton House after having a negative lateral flow test on the day of the visit. There are now ministers from the free churches coming in to lead services on Wednesday mornings and Sunday afternoons, so things are very gradually getting back to normal.

I don't think I will be visiting anytime soon as unfortunately my health problems will stop me walking along the long corridors, as I used to. I'm pretty sure that we don't have any Methodists in the home but friends of the residents would be welcome. Maybe later in the year we may get back to coffee mornings (perhaps for Christmas) where we can meet again, or is this wishful thinking?

Chris Sidley

EXTRA MILE

An Extra Milestone

The Extra Mile Team is grateful to get the chance to bring you up to date on what has been happening in Sierra Leone in recent months. We have now taken in more than 150 secondary pupils from the poorest homes who would not have enjoyed any education otherwise, and as the number of pupils has grown we have built another seven classrooms which are now in use. Four of these rooms have plaster, paint and light but none have doors, windows or tiles on the floor. It will again be a major

challenge during this year's wet season as the driving rain begins to seep through the roof and through the tarpaulin blinds which cover the spaces where the windows should be. Keeping our books dry will always be a major problem.

However, on a positive note we are so thankful to have received help to furnish and stock our new Science Laboratory, one of the very few in the country and which was proudly opened on national Sierra Leone TV. Also, as a result of kind donations we've built four additional toilets for our girls to provide them with the clean and spacious facilities which they desperately needed. We have also been donated a new stock of re-usable sanitary pads (with pants), which provide our girls, and some of their mums, with the dignified period support they need.



The very first pupils who we enrolled in September 2016 – yes, almost six years ago now!! – are about to take their 'A' level equivalent exams in the next few months. Sadly, many have left us along the way, often because of family constraints but those who remain have achieved a level of education that so few have achieved in the whole area and almost none in their own families; a real tribute to their own personal strength and resolve but it is also such a wonderful testimony to their ever patient and ever present

teachers. We wish each one of them great success. Going forward from here some will struggle to find a sponsor to help them continue in education, others will struggle to find a job, but with the education they have behind them, at very least, they will become valued citizens of tomorrow and be able to help themselves further whilst supporting others along the way to a new Sierra Leone. (March 2022)

Mike Fielding and the Extra Mile Team

MITE FUND

The Mite Fund consists of money, usually small change, collected on Sundays, in the labelled basket near the door as you enter the church. It is collected, recorded and sent to support UNICEF to provide such things as rehydration salts for children in places where diarrhoea and cholera are rife.

I have now taken over the collecting of the Mite Fund from Pam Warburton. Because of Covid, there has obviously been nothing collected for some time but small amounts are now starting to come in. Please look out for the basket and put in any loose change you can spare.

Linda Sore

CHRISTIAN AID

Covid-19, conflict, and the climate crisis are pushing vulnerable communities into a struggle for survival. Our gifts could help buy water taps for a community garden, even help build storerooms to store and preserve precious food. Every gift, every action, every prayer, every one of us can change lives. Last year we hosted a quiz online and were very encouraged by the amount donated to Christian Aid of over £460. Our thanks go to Jose Royle for co-ordinating this.

This year Christian Aid week will be from 15th - 21st May. At RMCC we will join the charity in raising our voices to call for climate justice. Thank you for your ongoing support.

Marie Thomas

PROPERTY

PROPERTY GROUP

The property group is responsible for dealing with the fabric of the building, its systems and facilities, including security, heating, lighting and fire alarm, cleaning, the kitchen, AV system, gardening,

bookings and general maintenance. Group meetings have been disrupted due to Covid, but the main work is listed:

Property Schedule: The Annual Property Schedule has been completed by Sue Heinink, property secretary, in conjunction with the various groups, and is now signed off. My grateful thanks to Sue for the invaluable work she has done for the property group over the years, as she steps down.

Hall Ceiling: During lockdown, the Hall ceiling repair work was completed, and the hall is now back in use. One of the new ceiling light panels failed, and was replaced under warranty, using the scaffolding tower.

Streaming Services: Funding provided extra equipment to help with streaming services using Zoom, primarily a pan-tilt-zoom camera, installed at the back of the church. The internet connection has been improved, a faulty monitor replaced and the projector lamp changed, also using the scaffolding tower.

Kitchen: A dishwasher has been installed and is proving very useful. Two small fridges have been replaced with a large fridge in the corridor, and new cupboards have been fitted in the spaces, all funded by The Hub.

Boiler servicing: The boilers and heating system have had the annual service and continue to function effectively. Eco issues have been considered and incorporated into the Eco survey.

Toilet Refurbishment: The original grant application was unsuccessful, but another grant application to the Suez Communities Trust was submitted in January, with thanks to the grants group, and looks to be going ahead. We await the decision at the end of March. If successful, a specialist washroom refurbishment company will do the job, overseen by the property group. Another leaking cistern tank in the gents and a blockage in the disabled toilet in recent months highlighted the need for new toilets.

Other Inside Work: A new Vax vacuum cleaner was purchased to replace the old white vacuum cleaner, and Henry Hoover's damaged cable was replaced. The tin cupboard and bookcase were swapped to enhance the new Prayer Room, and a decorated cross made and installed on the prayer-room wall. A new company was engaged to service the automatic doors, though they still give intermittent problems.

Steel Fencing: Following another car incident which damaged 3 panels of the pavement railings, an insurance claim was raised which paid for the repair and replacement with matching railing panels.

Lightning Conductor: This is tested every 2/3 years, and following the survey, a new earthing rod was installed adjacent to the front door to improve the earth conductivity to the required value.

Outside: A big thanks to Jose for her unstinting support and hard work along with other volunteers, in improving the grass and borders around the church. This is very much appreciated. Gutters, drains and Velux windows have been fixed and cleared. It is hoped to renovate the bicycle shed and rainwater barrel shortly.

Peter Richard – Property Chair March 2022

CHURCH BOOKINGS

Bookings slowly began to return to the church from September and we continue to receive many requests – you would be surprised how many people think the church is available in the daytime on Sundays! We have lost a few regular groups since lockdown including WeightWatchers which have now gone online and some of the U3A groups. However we have gained others such as The Big Sing and an exercise class for people with Parkinson's disease.

Jane Richard

GRANTS

The application to SUEZ Communities Trust for funding to refurbish the toilets passed the stage 1 process in December, which means that in principle the project is a type that they will fund. Peter Richard obtained 3 quotes for the work, all with similar cost, and has chosen a preferred contractor.

We then managed to complete the more detailed Stage 2 application to meet an early deadline at the end of January, which will result in getting a decision by the end of March. The Stage 2 application involved providing details of the many community groups who use RMCC, surveying the opinions of those users about the toilet facilities and providing photographic evidence to give a clear description of the need for this project. The feedback following the Stage 2 submission was positive, but we await the final decision from the governing panel. If successful RMCC will be contributing just under £8,000 to the project, consisting of an obligatory third-party payment which goes to the Trust and a voluntary contribution of around 10% to the project itself. Thanks to all who helped provide information for the application.

In the meantime we have started to look for funding opportunities to support Ruth Henderson and the youth work at RMCC, as we will need funding in place for 2023 onwards. We are currently determining project scope and budgets in order to approach local and national funders.

We are also looking at funding opportunities for other projects that may arise, including a small award open to customers of Methodist Insurance.

Laura Low

FINANCE

Finance Group Report to RMCC AGM – April 2022

The **Annual Accounts** for the year ended August 2021 accompany this report.

The Accounts have been duly verified by Douglas Wells.

Notes on Annual Accounts - 2020/2021

Opening Balances

The amounts carried forward from 2019/20 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 lower than for 2019/20. Tax recovered was also down and Lettings were around 90% lower due to the COVID19 measures. However, the loss in Lettings was compensated for by the Rugby Borough Council Grants.

Youth Pastor income was higher than last year, due to the Heart of England Community Foundation grant and HMRC Job Retention Scheme (furlough) grants for a longer period.

The 'Breakthrough' income for this year is shown as true income (i.e. from Grants and fundraising).

Mention should be made of the significant amounts raised from grants, in particular the Rugby Borough Council grant which was brought to our attention by Catherine Orton and applied for by Rev Jane. Also, the two Heart of England Community Foundation grants, obtained by the Grants Group which helped to fund the Youth Pastor's work and our work in the community.

Expenditure

As in previous years, the major item of expenditure was the Circuit Assessment, although this year it was again reduced. This year by around 18% compared to 2019/20.

As agreed by Church Council, donations to external organisations from church funds, apart from The Bradby Club and The Hoskyn Centre, ceased in 2019.

Due to there being virtually no requirement for cleaning from April to August, expenditure on cleaning was reduced by around £3700, compared to 2019/20 (around £5700 compared to 'normal' years). Other maintenance costs were around £2000 higher. But, at around £4500, not as high as would normally be expected. In addition, because of reduced building use, the annual gas and electricity bill was reduced by around £2500, compared to last year.

Youth Pastor expenditure was approximately the same as last year. 'Breakthrough' expenditure was significantly lower than last year mainly due to the Children and Families Worker salary no longer being required and a significant reduction in expenses.

Budget for Year Ended August 2022

This was also presented at the Church Council in July - a number of issues that clearly impact the finances of the Church remain "unclear", namely the opening of the Church for lettings and reduced costs for utilities and cleaning, as intimated at the previous Church Council the Finance Group will continue to "re work" the budget post a full 3 months of this year (i.e. after November) to enable a more accurate forecast.

Position at End of February 2022

The balance in all accounts was approximately £130,000 – up from £118,000 at the end of August 2021.

The main factors which will influence the 2022 year-end figures are:

Possible expenditure for toilets, which is still forecast to be £8,000.

Any variation in the August Circuit Assessment figure which depends on the Circuit budget. This has not yet been finalised due to Circuit staffing and Circuit amalgamation considerations.

The Finance Group will meet in May to consider the budget for 2022/23. One item to be considered is the possible expenditure to future fund the Youth Pastor's work. Costs are covered for this financial year but will need to be assessed in conjunction with any forecast grant funding.

FINANCIAL GIVING

Regular Giving

Traditionally, regular giving has been arranged in one of the following ways:

1. Through the Envelope Scheme - Weekly or Monthly.
2. By Standing Order directly from your Bank Account.
3. By Single Gifts - preferably in amounts of £100 or greater.

Because of the disruption to church services as a result of COVID 19, the envelope scheme has now been replaced by standing order, bank transfer or cheque. Reinstatement of the envelope scheme for the small number of envelopes that would be required would not cover the cost of those envelopes.

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.

An example is that the Church has in the past identified the need to purchase office furniture and sofas for the cafe 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.

"Irregular" Giving

Do you know anyone who would like to make a donation to the work of RMCC?

If so, you can direct them to the RMCC webpage - <https://www.rugbymethodist.org.uk/>

On the Welcome page they will see the following: "Make a Donation

We are now able to accept online donations towards the work of our Church! Don't forget to gift aid if you are able.

Please click on the following link"

<https://donate.mydona.com/rugby-methodist-church-centre>

Linda and Stuart Sore

THE METHODIST CHURCH STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

Rugby Methodist Church Centre	Church
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FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31 August 2021

RUGBY AND DAVENTRY	Circuit	Circuit no 183	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 Sore

SECTION A			Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
			£	£	£	£
a1	RECEIPTS	Note				
a2	Offerings and Tax recovered		58,603	1,000	59,603	64,073
a3	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income		161		161	325
a4	Lettings		1,550		1,550	15,214
a5	Other receipts		10,064	78,639	88,703	50,049
a6	TOTAL RECEIPTS		70,378	79,639	150,017 (a7)	129,662

SECTION B						
b1	PAYMENTS					
b2	Circuit Assessment or Share		52,360		52,360	64,089
b3	Donations		400		400	400
b4	Repairs and Maintenance		6,655		6,655	8,210
b5	Utilities (Insurances, water charges, heating & lighting)		5,502		5,502	7,878
b6						
b7	Other payments		3,023	36,862	39,885	40,692
b8	TOTAL PAYMENTS		67,940	36,862	104,802 (b9)	121,268

SECTION C						
c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	(a6-b8)	2,438	42,777	45,215	8,393
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year		68,832	4,726	73,558 (c6)	65,113
c3	Sub total	(c1+c2)	71,270	47,503	118,773	73,507
c4	Transfers and adjustments	Grant transfers & Capital loss	20,440	(20,854)	(414) (c7)	51
c5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR	(c3+c4)	91,710	26,649	118,359 (c8)	73,558 (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 above)		£	£
d1	Balance brought forward from last year			
d2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations		5,123	19,342
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations		5,123	19,342
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 2021 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						
e2 Tiny Tots					78	78
e3 Wednesday Fellowship						
e4						
e5						
e6						
e7						
e8 Sub total of Internal Organisations funds					78 (e11)	78 (e12)
e9 Church accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)	150,017 (a7)	104,802 (b9)	45,215	(414) (c7)	73,558 (c6)	118,359 (c8)
e10 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	150,017	104,802	45,215	(414)	73,636 (x)	118,437 (y)
	TOTAL RECEIPTS	TOTAL PAYMENTS				

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

SECTION F**STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES****CHURCH - CASH FUNDS HELD at 31 August 2021**

	OPENING BALANCES	CLOSING BALANCES
f1 Cash in hand		
f2 Bank Current Account	10,328	5,844
f3 Bank Deposit Account		
f4 Central Finance Board	41,297	90,996
f5 Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes	21,933	21,519
f6 Other funds		
f7 SUB TOTAL - Church accounts	73,558 (c6)	118,359 (c8)
f8 Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance total from above) (e12)	78 (e11)	78 (e12)
f9 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	73,636 (x)	118,437 (y)

SECTION G**OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES**

	At 1 September 2020	At 31 August 2021
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.....

Declarations and Scrutiny

I confirm that these Receipt and Payment based accounts for the year to 31 August 2021 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 28/10/21

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 2021 were/will be* presented to the meeting of the Church trustees held on

Signature of the Chair of the meeting J. E. Gaffney

Name of the Chair of the meeting JANE E. Gaffney Date 28.10.21

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

RUGBY METHODIST CHURCH CENTRE Church

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 2021 set out on pages 1 to 3. As the Church's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

Name of Church 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 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 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 *D. R. Wells*

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