

RUGBY METHODIST CHURCH CENTRE

Annual Report

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Annual Church Meeting held on 3rd April 2022 after morning service

The meeting was a blended one, with some people in the Church and others attending via Zoom.

11.30am Opening Prayer

Attendance

Rev Jane Gaffney chaired the meeting.

Marie Thomas wrote the minutes and 36 others attended in the church. 16 people attended via Zoom.

The attendance list is filed with the Church report.

Apologies

Brian Baker, Laura Low, Steve Low, Sarah Stanley

There was no notice of Other Business

Minutes of last year's meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on Sunday 9th May 2021 were signed as a true record.

Matters arising none

Chair's annual report – Rev Jane Gaffney

What an incredible year in the life of RMCC! The challenges that it has brought have not been easy for many, discipleship isn't; it sometimes requires us to let go of things dear to us and trust in an unknown future and I can only commend you all for having the courage to do this. To witness many of the things which are happening have been an absolute privilege. The links into the community have grown substantially, support of many vulnerable people, including refugees and the involvement of many new people not only attending worship but being part of the organizing of it too is exciting and encouraging. We are now seeing people in worship in all ages' bands, with those in the 20-30 group now with us. This is a significant shift and one all should rejoice in.

The decision by Church Council to register the building for the solemnization of marriages of same sex couples in October 2021 has just now received authorization as from 1 April 2022. This is a significant step for the Church.

I am aware that the challenge I believe God has given me, has been unsettling for people, in that what ordained ministry would look like in the coming year at RMCC suddenly became an unknown. We hoped to be able to have clarity much sooner, but the challenge of not having another minister coming to the circuit as Rev Andy Hardwick retires, along with the amalgamation of 3 circuits has meant that there has been a lot to work through. However I am now able to explain what it will look like from September 2022.

From 1 September Rev Andrew Farrington will be the minister with pastoral charge at RMCC. He is excited about being minister at this Church and looking forward to working with you all, and to support the continuing mission and ministry here. I have had an amazing 11 years with you, and want to thank you for all the support and encouragement you have given me over the years. It has been an absolute privilege.

I will not be disappearing from RMCC, rather I will have a different role, developing the outreach, prayer and spirituality alongside you, and so I hope that during the week I may see more of you as I am relieved from much of the admin that comes with being in pastoral charge. This really excites me and I will be doing this for the next 2 years until I retire.

Recognizing that with an ordained minister down in the circuit for at least the next 2 years, things might feel stretched, the Circuit are giving the opportunity for RMCC to apply for up to £12,500

towards a paid worker. We as a Leadership Group and Church Council will now need to think through how we as a church might make best use of this opportunity and so invite you to share your thoughts over the coming weeks.

I think these developments are exciting for the future of RMCC. The risk of doing nothing is far greater than the risk of stepping into the unknown. I commend this annual report to you as a witness to this and want to take the opportunity to thank all who have given so much. When I came here in 2011 I asked the question, if RMCC disappeared over night, would it be missed by the community? I think we can now categorically say yes. It has stretched our faith. To enable this work to continue we need everyone to play their part. What part can you play, what is God asking of you at this time? You may not have the energy of youth, but you have the wisdom and faith that comes with experience and that is so valuable. In saying this I also recognize that some people just can't at the moment, and that's ok, but please pray that God will bring the people needed so that we can continue God's mission here in this place.

Appointments

Church Stewards

The following were thanked and re-elected:

Howard Binns
Richard Harris
Michael Margetts
Joshua Quansah
Richard Rutte
Susan Smith

Rev Jane thanked Richard Harris for his many years as Senior Steward, and all the Church Stewards for their work and commitment to the role, and for taking on additional responsibilities.

Representatives to Church Council

The following 10 representatives, having served for 3 years, were willing to stand for a further year.

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

Ruth Bemrose, having served for 2 years, was willing to stand for a further year.

Dorn Margetts, having served for 1 year, was willing to stand for a further year.

Sue Heinink was appointed as a new representative.

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. It is possible to appoint people at the next Church Council meeting if they still need time to think about this.

Representatives to other organisations

Christian Aid	vacancy
Action for Children	Linda Sore

Jose Royle is stepping down as the Christian Aid representative, after raising awareness, fundraising and overseeing collections for many years.

Sue Heinink is stepping down from the role of Property Group Secretary after 28 years, and described what the role entails, encouraging others to consider taking it on. It is an interesting role that offers a great insight into how the building is run and maintained day to day, and in the planning and implementation of large projects.

Rev Jane said a huge thank you to Jose and Sue for all they have done in these roles, and encouraged people to think about whether they might feel able to take on one of the positions.

Since the beginning of the pandemic the hospital Chaplaincy team has taken over services at St Cross Hospital, and they are no longer led by representatives from Churches. Rev Jane thanked Mike Fielding, Jan Gee-Russell, Pauline Lilley and others for their wonderful work in contributing to hospital services over many years.

Ruth Henderson gave a presentation on her leadership in Youth work and the 3:11 services, and her plans moving forward. She thanked everyone for their support, and is encouraged that we are able to offer a welcome to people of all ages into this safe space, where they can discover the love of God.

Sandra Hinds described the Kintsugi Hope course, which is a structured but flexible series of 12 weeks to help people through peer mentoring to focus on mental wellbeing, accept themselves, understand their value and worth, and grow in resilience.

Rev Jane said how exciting it is to see the work of the Hub and TimeBuilders. It is encouraging that we are making connections with more and more people in the community.

Rev Jane apologised if she has omitted thanking anyone. With some health issues over the last few months, it has been difficult for her at times. She would appreciate reminders if things appear to have been forgotten or overlooked, and is grateful for our understanding.

- Colin Bemrose thanked Rev Jane for her work in the last year, and in the eleven years she has been the Minister with Pastoral Charge at RMCC. The church is moving forward in so many ways because of her encouraging and inspiring leadership.

The Meeting concluded with prayer at 11.55am

Date of next meeting

SUNDAY 30th April 2023

Signed as a true record

Date

REPORTS FROM CHURCH ORGANISATIONS

2022/2023

FOREWORD

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

We have seen some significant changes during the last year. Superintendent Minister Rev Andy Hardwick retired at the end of August, and in September the Rugby and Daventry Methodist Circuit merged with two others, to become the East Mercia Circuit. Rev Jane Gaffney moved to a different role, allowing her more opportunities for outreach work. Our new Superintendent Minister, Rev Andrew Farrington, became the Minister with Pastoral Charge at RMCC. We give thanks to God for a successful merger, and opportunities to meet a wider number of our Methodist brothers and sisters. We have been privileged to meet many new people in the Hub café and at other activities and events at RMCC, and are delighted that some of those are now also attending our Sunday worship. We look forward to welcoming a new Presbyter, Rev Nathan Falla, who will be joining us on 1st September 2023 as Minister with Pastoral Charge at RMCC.

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:

- The merging of three Circuits to become the new East Mercia Circuit
- The vestry at RMCC becoming the Circuit Manager's office
- Youth Pastor role description and funding for the next five years
- Breakthrough, and what follows it
- Review the pattern of worship
- Development of the Prayer Room
- Continuing to work towards becoming an ECO Church
- Stationing for a new Presbyter
- Welcome pack for new people to receive information about RMCC
- Justice, Dignity and Solidarity culture and training
- Oversight and Trusteeship of Rugby Community Hub
- Refurbishment within the church
- Methodist members at Christ Church

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

The group brings proposals to Church Council for discussion, and takes forward decisions made, so helping the life of the Church to move on between Council meetings. Discussion has focused on how to respond to issues and needs within the church, so we can continue 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

In June 2022 the Worship Group circulated a questionnaire to gather people's thoughts and opinions on the pattern of worship at RMCC following lockdown.

49 responses were received, and following analysis and discussion of these, it was decided to continue with the current arrangements. 3:11 (the more informal service on the 3rd Sunday of the month at 11am) has flourished, attracting people of all ages from toddlers to those of more mature years.

The 39th Anniversary Service was led by Rev Andrew Farrington at the end of January. The Covenant Service was included as it did not happen in September because the new circuit had just come into being. It will revert to September this year, meaning we will have 2 Covenant services in 2023.

Other items discussed by the Worship Group have been the roles of Stewards and Worship Leaders, Holy Communion, Community News and plans for Advent and Christmas, Lent and Easter, and the Church's 40th Anniversary in 2024.

Jane Richard – Secretary

CHURCH STEWARDS

The work of the Stewards is mostly about ensuring that Church services and some other events at Church run smoothly. It is mainly routine and straightforward, but nonetheless very necessary.

Over the last year or so, the Worship Leaders have taken on some of the tasks previously done by Stewards, such as the Welcome and leading Community News. This has been much appreciated and has enabled some of the Stewards to help the AV/PA Team whose numbers have declined in the last few years.

There are presently five Stewards who are willing to serve for a further year, including Howard Binns who is prepared to step into the vacant role of Senior Steward. The Church would benefit from more people getting involved. As already mentioned, it is not a difficult job, but the more Stewards there are, the less onerous it becomes. There is also scope for flexibility: people can assist without necessarily becoming full Stewards. For example, there is a real need for people to help with arranging the seating for Sunday services.

Please give some serious consideration to either becoming a Steward or assisting. Then, if you feel that you are able to help in any way, or would like to know more, please talk to one of the Stewards.

The same applies to AV/PA Team: more people are needed to help with this work, so if you think you could do it, or would like to learn, please talk to one of the Team.

Richard Harris – Church Steward

JUNIOR CHURCH

Since the reopening of the church for worship, Junior Church has combined both the junior and senior cohorts.

We have anything between 2 and 8 young people in attendance at Junior Church weekly, as well as 2 or 3 older teenagers who remain in church.

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

There is a more traditional version of Junior Church held in the foyer or Prayer Room 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 is no specific allocated children's group leaders during the 3:11 service, volunteers are encouraged to attend and help to make the service a safe and welcoming space, just as they do with the Junior Church group on the other Sundays.

During the 3:11 service on Mothers' Day, and in the weeks since, we have gifted books to twenty seven children who regularly attend and are involved with Junior Church and 3:11. These were for children aged from 12 months and young people aged up to 18.

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 rmccyouthpastor@gmail.com

PRAYER

The importance and value of prayer, both personal and corporate, continues to be expressed through many different opportunities for involvement. These embrace 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 past year.

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.

Some people use the Methodist Prayer Handbook and District Prayer Diary 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.

The church has occasionally been open for extended periods of prayer (often 6 am to midnight) in the newly designated prayer room (formerly the classroom). There have been other evening events based on specific types of prayer.

There is a box available in church for anyone to make requests for prayer. The requests are passed to an appropriate prayer group for inclusion in their prayers.

Other aspects of the church's prayer life are covered in the following specific reports.

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. There is no obligation other than to include the relevant matter in your private prayers as you are able. This is a vital part of the church's response to needs of many sorts.

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 Andrew Farrington.

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 three years ago this became a daily time of prayer on Zoom each weekday (Monday to Friday) from 8.30 to 9.00 am. 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 although the numbers attending have fallen. Despite this there have been some very welcome fresh faces.

Starting last autumn the format has been slightly changed so that the daily lectionary readings from the Methodist Prayer Handbook form the basis along with a background commentary published online each day by the Methodist Church. There are matters for us to ponder and lead into prayers using not only the Prayer Handbook but also the District Prayer Diary and the RMCC Prayer Diary where each member is remembered on one day in the month. We continue to do all this in little over 30 minutes. Everyone is invited and encouraged to join in this time as and when possible. It provides a good and focused start to each day. Please ask Rev Jane Gaffney or one of those who attend for the Zoom code.

Colin Bemrose

If YOU would welcome a different approach to prayer please mention this to the Minister (Rev Andrew Farrington).

OUR CALLING – LEARNING & CARING

PASTORAL MATTERS

Our membership currently stands at 115. Since our last Annual Report, we have sadly lost Alan Coulthurst and Betty Hadley, who transferred in from Derbyshire but passed away 4 months later. Recently we have also had the sad news of the passing of Desmond Proffitt and Margaret Daykin. Two other of our friends, Maggie and Frances Halliday have moved away to Scotland. In the past few weeks, there has been the joy of having Morteza and Stephanie Gray welcomed into membership. Rev Neville and Mrs Margaret Ashton have also transferred their membership to RMCC.

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. Equally, if anyone wishes to know more about becoming a member of the church, please speak to Rev Andrew Farrington.

Part of my role is to keep an accurate record of members' contact details, so if anyone moves house, changes their phone number or email, please do let me know.

Linda Sore – Pastoral Secretary

CARDS

Cards are sent out to church members if they are in hospital, suffer a bereavement or reach a significant birthday milestone, usually 90 years. For several years Pauline Lilley has kindly been sending the cards out. She now wishes to hand over to someone else. On behalf of everyone, I would like to thank Pauline for all she has done in this role.

Sending cards from the church is a meaningful part of our care for one another, so if anyone feels they could take on this role, it would be very much appreciated. Please have a word with me. Equally if anyone knows of someone who might appreciate a card, also let me know.

Linda Sore

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. Andrew Farrington.

NORTHAMPTON METHODIST DISTRICT EDI/JDS DISTRICT GROUP

The above group which was originally known as the Equality, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI) group is now referred to as the Justice, Dignity and Solidarity group (JDS). Both Janet Hinds and Regina Owusu from RMCC are members of the District JDS group, which was formally introduced at the last autumn Synod meeting. The group's primary objective is to raise awareness of the Methodist Church's strategy for justice and solidarity across the Northampton District, and to encourage the mandatory Unconscious Bias and EDI training, both of which are delivered online via MCBX (a new Methodist version of the Theology X). This is to ensure that the JDS strategy becomes part of our daily business in ministry and is embedded in the church's culture leading to transformation. Local churches and circuits are therefore to encourage leaders to become more engaged in this area of work.

As a District, we see this training as an opportunity to reflect on issues of justice and inclusion as a gift and not a threat. It is a chance for us to deepen in our discipleship journey, and ultimately see 'At the heart of the Methodist community the deep sense of the place of welcome, hospitality and openness, which is part of the nature of God's grace and love for all.' To this end, Rev Helen Cameron sent a letter to all churches within the District inviting leaders to take part in the "All Together Northampton District 2023 Lent Challenge" by undertaking the courses as part of our spiritual journey as Christ's disciples.

A 2023 roll out plan is being outlined to help communicate the training and to ensure more people undertake the training. This strategy will target groups, individuals, who in the future will form local Trainer of Trainers to support EDI within the contexts of the circuits. To date, a number of Ministers, Lay Preachers and Stewards across the districts have completed this course. Support is also available to those who cannot access the course online.

With Rev Francis Itiiri (the current Chair of the group) moving to London, there is now a vacancy for the Chair. It has been considered that that this could be a shared role between two people who will be responsible for coordinating the group, instead of having one person. Those interested in the role can apply on the Northampton District website or speak to me about it. EDI officers are also being considered for the Circuit and District. There will be more information on this in due course.

The group will produce its first report to Synod at the forthcoming April meeting and continue to build upon the work already commenced.

Regina Owusu - Secretary to the Northampton District JDS Group

FELLOWSHIP GROUPS

WORDSWORTH FELLOWSHIP

For the third year since Covid lockdown we have continued to meet on Zoom each week for 40 minutes from 7.30 on Tuesdays. Our sessions continue much as before when we take it in turns to lead. The topics are varied and quite wide ranging – sometimes based on a Bible passage, sometimes on a subject of interest in living out the faith in the modern world, sometimes simply following a prayer liturgy.

Before Christmas we had a meal together at "Crackerteria" which has been run by a group from several churches each Christmas time for many years to raise funds for a charity which they choose. This was an excellent multi-course meal but unfortunately several members were unable to come.

During the year we have rejoiced in welcoming new members which has been a delight and has brought new life to the group. 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)

ACCESS FELLOWSHIP

Access fellowship group continues to meet on the 2nd, 4th, and 5th Wednesdays of each month at 8pm. We rotate round each other's homes and take turns in leading. Although hosting and leading is optional, and anyone who does not feel able to do either is equally welcome.

We continue to follow study guides, have 'one-off' discussions, and welcome guest speakers.

As I'm sure I've said before our name comes from a very old advert 'flexible friend' - Access. We recognise committing to regular attendance is not always possible, because of family or work commitments so we welcome folk as and when they can.

If you would like to hear more or would like to join us, drop Dorn an email.

dornmargetts@aol.com

Dorn Margetts

PUBLICITY

WEBSITE

The website continues to display basic information about a lot of our activities and our worship.

Realistically, it needs an overhaul to make sure it is completely up to date, correct and representative of our worship and work. I hope that this can be achieved by the summer.

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

NEWSLETTER

In the last year, we have continued to produce the newsletter electronically each month, with paper copies delivered to members without internet access. There are 106 emailed copies and 30 paper ones. The newsletter has been a key tool to help keep the RMCC family connected with information about church and beyond, but with changes during the pandemic and the flexibility of email, the role of a monthly newsletter has changed.

We published our first newsletter in May 2011, producing 10 editions every year. The newsletter provided such an important link during the darkest days of Covid, but it has become increasingly difficult to produce in recent times. It was clear to us that it needed a rethink, and we both knew that it was time for us to hand it over.

It has always been a team effort, and as we draw our editorship to a close, we would like to acknowledge again Sarah Hemmings, for so many years our co-editor; Pam Southern and Colin Bemrose, both for proofreading and RMCC knowledge; Chris Wyatt, our wonderful collator; Jeff Stafford, whose work on the weekly news was invaluable to us; and Sue Beckett, Rachel Binns, Chris Sidley and Marie Thomas who have collected and distributed the newsletter, printed by the team at Paddox. We end with thanks to the many newsletter contributors and to you, our readers.

Laura Low and Eleanor Sirman

Our sincere thanks go to Eleanor, Laura and Sarah whose hard work and commitment provided a much appreciated newsletter over so many years. – Ed.

POSTERS

We have continued to use posters which reflect the main Christian festivals and the changing seasons with the underlying theme of “Wherever you’ve been, wherever you’re going, you’re welcome here.” The Christmas poster showed the stable scene with the message “God with us”; our Easter poster shows the empty cross and “Jesus - hope for tomorrow”.

John Over

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

Eco Church

In August 2022 Rugby Methodist Church Centre was awarded the Bronze Eco Church Award. The Climate Crisis Question Time due to be held at RMCC on Friday 25th March was postponed because of illness, and eventually took place on Friday 10th June. Rugby Green Christians have thanked RMCC for hosting the event and also Rev Jane Gaffney for her excellent chairing of the meeting. It was a lively question and answer time with representatives from Rugby Borough, Warwickshire County Council and Mark Pawsey MP. Howard Binns has continued to attend meetings of Rugby Green Christians and also helped on their stand at St Andrew’s Church during the Rugby Food Festival.

Toilet Twinning

Enough money was raised through a toiletries tombola, individual donations and our toilet themed fun evening for us to twin all our 7 toilets.

World Kitchen

These events have continued. We have received several grants into the HUB account which is allowing us to proceed with these events on a monthly basis until June this year. This is very much a HUB and church initiative – working together. The grant money allows us to give participants supermarket vouchers so they can purchase the food stuffs they need to cook dishes they love and are familiar with. World Kitchen is open to everyone, not just asylum seekers, and we are very happy that some of our regular Timebuilders are really enjoying being part of these events. Alongside the monthly events we have also enabled smaller group cooking opportunities e.g. a Syrian lunch in the autumn and more recently a bringing together of people from Algeria (one asylum seeker family, and two residents in Rugby plus a visiting grandparent!) and a day of cooking for people from central America. One of the ladies of Algerian heritage, who has lived in Rugby for many years, said how the experience of eating food from her childhood had helped reconnect her with her roots.

Clothing for refugees, asylum seekers and anyone in clothing need

Again Church and HUB are working together along with Community Welcome CIC. Together we are collecting appropriate clothing, sorting it and then taking it to the hotels in Rugby for the refugees/asylum seekers to choose what they need. More recently we have been hiring Dunchurch Village Hall for a monthly clothing event which is a much more pleasant environment for the residents of Dunchurch Park Hotel.

Community Welcome

This organisation has been working with the refugees/asylum seekers since they first arrived in Rugby, providing welcome packs of a complete change of clothes as many arrive with only the clothes they are wearing, including just flip-flops. As a Church/HUB we became aware of the need for

clothing when some of the families joined in with the initial World Kitchen events – one particular example of the need was a grandma who only had flip-flops throughout the winter.

Gift Bags

16 gift bags were given at Easter (2022) to a mixture of individuals, couples and families who needed to be remembered. A number of gift bags were delivered at the beginning of the summer holidays, 16 gift bags were given at Harvest to a mixture of individuals, couples and families, and a few at Christmas.

Baptism

We are delighted that one of our asylum seeker friends from Iran was baptised at the beginning of 2023. He had been coming regularly to Sunday morning worship for about 6 months. He is now joined by up to five other Iranian Christians.

English Lessons

I am also very appreciative of all the helpers who come along on a Friday evening to befriend and support participants in the English lesson. Participants include residents of Rugby, asylum seekers and growing number of Hong Kongers. We now have a second voluntary teacher leading lessons on a Thursday and Friday morning. These are more 1-1 and small group support. The Friday evening English lesson had a party in March to celebrate running for a year – traditional English party games were enjoyed by all.

Our wider community

As a church we are hosting English lessons for Ukrainian refugees on a Monday afternoon. For several months we also hosted the Ukrainian families on a Saturday morning as a means for them to meet together. This meet up has continued, but in a different location.

Christmas Gifts

Embrace, the Coventry charity supporting vulnerable women, were delighted with the many donations of hats, scarves, gloves, toiletries and treats. Likewise Community Welcome were thrilled with donations of dates and chocolates to go into gift bags for asylum seekers.

With grateful thanks to everyone for their prayerful support.

Miriam Sitch – Mission & Service Co-ordinator

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, bereavement, anxiety, depression, young caring responsibilities etc.

And since September 2022 I have been working in Harris Church of England Academy with young people in small groups and individually, for similar reasons to those at Avon Valley. I have also been supporting Harris' LGBTQ+ Lunch Club on a Friday lunch time.

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 also provide half termly sessions at Harris School's Christian Union. It is a blessing to be a voice and representative of the Methodist Church.

As we have just celebrated Easter, I will be providing all age appropriate material in our Prayer Room, as well as welcoming school children from several Primary schools attending for Prayer Spaces Easter Experience, as well as offering Transition Prayer Spaces for Year 6 children in June/July, and Christmas Prayer experiences in the Winter,

Our monthly 3:11 service continues to be well attended and a vibrant time of worship. We have been looking at the 12 Methodist Ways of Life together, and last Month we were able to celebrate the confirmation and receiving into membership of one of our regular attendees.

Last May I took a group of young people to attend Cliff College and although a challenging time for some, it was a time of learning, laughter and faith for many. And in October of 2022, I took two young people to scout out 3Generate at Birmingham NEC. This year, in collaboration with other Children and Families workers around the circuit, I hope to take a large group of 8 to 18 year olds to 3Generate in the Autumn Term.

On Friday evenings, parallel to the English lessons, we run The Mix, a Friday evening Kids and Family club with crafts, games, snacks and chat! It is a wonderful opportunity to get alongside families, to see and understand their needs if any, and enjoy a family feel to our time together.

A relatively new aspect to my role is that I meet alongside the well-established Tots Group, to chat with and support the parents and families who attend. Sharing with them the activities and events we host with intention, and looking for opportunities where we can support families.

Over the past year we have continued our half termly family parties which have included a Toilet Twinning fundraising party, Autumn Party, Christmas Party, New Year's Party and our annual pancake party which has included pancake tennis!! We have offered many one off events during school holidays which have run parallel to the hub.

It really is a joy to have seen so many familiar, and new faces in church, attending services and 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.

It has been an absolute pleasure to have worked with and for RMCC over the past 5 years. My new role, with slightly reduced hours at RMCC and with a selection of time now to be at Hillmorton Paddox, and being in communication with other Circuit workers, will be a change, but hopefully an exciting one as we share ideas, resources and mission with those just down the road from us! Truly, thank you to all for your prayer and support in so many ways,

Ruth Henderson

TINY TOTS

Drop into church on a Thursday term time, between 9:30 -11:00am and you will definitely be aware of us. The main hall is full of fun and noise. We have a wonderful mixed bag of carers – Mums, Dads, Grandparents (yes we have Granddads too), and Childminders. We have babies from just months old to our big children, all of 3 years old!

Since Covid we have limited our numbers but still get around 15 adults, which can mean around 30 children, as there are families of 2 children, and childminders can have 3-4. So, as I say lots of fun. We are fortunate to have a good supply of toys and activities.

We would love to have more helpers aboard, regular, or to call on when needed. It would be good to have more welcoming friendly faces for our carers to chat to. It would also be good to have a week away without feeling we are letting each other down.

Many thanks to John, Mike, Osman, Chris, Judy and Sarah, who make Tiny Tots possible. And to Miriam and her team who provide drinks and washing up.

Please let Dorn know if you would like to join us. dornmargetts@aol.com

Dorn Margetts

RUGBY COMMUNITY HUB

Since the 2022 AGM the Hub and Café have been expanding in activities and numbers. Currently we have 50 TimeBuilders registered.

Groups currently running are:

Warm Welcome Space ran until the end of March on Tuesday afternoons from 2 – 4pm. Like other warm spaces in Rugby it has not been well attended but we feel it has still been worthwhile in offering a space to meet with good company.

Walking Group Mondays at 2pm - Short, accessible walks in Caldecott Park or coffee in town during bad winter weather

Baking Monday mornings at 10 making delicious cakes for the café. We have advertised through CAVA for more people to join and help to run this group.

Knitting Group Tuesdays at 10 and **Craft Group** Wednesdays at 10 - Make and create in a small, friendly group. Both of these groups manage themselves and welcome new members. The craft group held a table top sale in November and raised £305 for Kids/NTS who transport children to and from Birmingham Children's Hospital.

Coffee Morning Wednesday 10.30 for tea and coffee, cakes and biscuits and games. This started out as a group run by ConnectWell who were the social prescribing organisation in Rugby. In response to a request, we have recently been running short mindfulness/relaxation sessions in the prayer room each Wednesday at 10.30. These have proved to be popular, with members of the coffee morning and craft group coming.

Extra Mile Sewing Group The group has come together to make reusable sanitary towels which are urgently needed by girls at a school in Sierra Leone supported by the Extra Mile charity. This group manages itself and the members earn time credits.

ESOL Weekly English class open to all, Fridays 4.30 – 5.30. These are run by Chelsie, with Miriam or Marie stepping in when Chelsie is not available. There are various people who help, and it would be difficult to run the classes in the same way without the helpers. Chelsie and some helpers are registered as TimeBuilders but don't generally ask for time credits. Chelsie in particular should be always invited to trips and other rewards as she devotes a lot of time to the class. The classes are very enjoyable as well as being useful for the 'students'.

Solace A mental health support group run fortnightly by Stephanie Gray. Stephanie is also planning to set up a support group for single parents.

Trips have been organised over the last year including visits to Hunstanton, Dobbies' Garden Centre, NECC Craft Fair, Rugby Theatre and the Christmas market in Leamington Spa. A trip has been arranged to ten pin bowling in Coventry on 13th April.

Work to support refugees in Rugby continues with English lessons and supplying clothing, especially to new arrivals, in partnership with Community Welcome. In addition to the lessons on Friday evenings we now have a second, qualified, ESOL teacher who is offering two morning sessions each week, providing support on a 1-1 and small group basis. We have been given some funding by Warwickshire County Council (WCC) to support the provision of English lessons by paying for transport from RMCC to Dunchurch Park Hotel, and a few much needed resources. The English lessons are also appreciated by Rugby residents from Hong Kong, Syria and Ukraine.

World Kitchen has continued with regular events. The aim of World Kitchen is to support minority groups, including refugees and asylum seekers within Rugby, with a specific focus on those who are isolated.

The HUB Café continues to be busy and during the period of advent also catered for five large group meals including a buffet for 20+ and sit-down meals for 40+. We were also happy to host the local WCC networking lunch in the autumn and will provide refreshments for the networking lunch in April. The Café was delighted to organise the visit of two alpacas to the Extra Mile Christmas Fair and also provide refreshments at the Fair. In spite of the increase in prices of the shopping for the Café we have maintained our low prices on the menu as we feel it is important that the Café is accessible to all. Many of our customers are very generous in their giving of donations above the price of their meals.

Richard Sanders has met with people from Health Exchange, the current social prescribing organisation for Rugby and they were impressed by the Café and range of activities. There are plans to meet directly with GP surgeries to encourage referrals to the Hub. Richard also visited the Sydni Centre in Leamington Spa which is a busy community centre with several employed staff, a café and a similar mission to that of the Hub. After a visit from Richard, the Everlast Gym in Rugby have given us Day passes to use as rewards for TimeBuilders.

Richard Sanders has resigned as TimeBuilders Coordinator (end March 2023) but will continue to be a director of the Hub. Sue Maguire has joined the Hub as a director. While there is a vacancy in the role of TimeBuilders Coordinator, Sue will be at RMCC on some Wednesday mornings to meet with groups and TimeBuilders to keep some continuity of presence and a line of communication to the Hub directors.

In January 2023 the Hub Directors recommended to RMCC Church Council that the Community Hub CIC be dissolved and the Hub continue to run as an organisation under the Church Council. This was agreed by the Church Council and the Hub directors are currently in the process of winding up the CIC. The CIC (Community Interest Company) needs to cease trading for three months prior to application to dissolve the company. The start of this period will be the 1st June to coincide with the end of the CIC financial year on 31st May. Directors will be meeting with Rev Jane Gaffney in April to discuss the future direction of the Hub.

Compiled by the Hub Directors

CHARITIES WE SUPPORT

ACTION FOR CHILDREN

Over the years we have supported the charity Action for Children via an annual church donation and collection boxes. We now only send our Christmas Day offering. At Christmas 2022 the sum of £202.50 was given and sent off to the charity.

Their mission is to protect and support children, young people and families with practical and emotional care, making sure their voices are heard.

If you would like to know more about Action for Children, details are on the website actionforchildren.org.uk or have a word with me.

Linda Sore – Action for Children representative

BILTON HOUSE FREE CHURCH HOME

I'm afraid I haven't been to Bilton House for about three years now. Because of Covid there have been no fundraising coffee mornings or garden parties for the duration. Now we have a member of RMCC living in the home, hopefully some more of us will be visiting in the near future.

If anyone would like to take on the job of keeping an eye on all proceedings at the home, please let me know. I'm afraid I can't walk all the long corridors anymore, although the staff are very welcoming.

Chris Sidley

THE MITE SCHEME

The Mite Scheme – started in 1986 by the late Mr Roy Barnett MBE – raises vital funds to purchase Oral Rehydration Sachets through UNICEF to keep children around the world healthy and safe. For a child suffering from cholera or malnutrition, five sachets could mean the difference between life and death.

RMCC has been supporting the Mite Scheme for many years. There is a small basket to the left of the doors as you enter the church for any donations of small change. I collect these donations over the year and send them on to the local Mite Scheme representative. Last August I sent £25.26. Please look out for the basket and donate any small change you can spare.

Linda Sore

CHRISTIAN AID

We do not presently have a representative who co-ordinates giving from RMCC to Christian Aid. Please let a member of Church Council know if you are interested in taking on this role.

EXTRA MILE

The charity and school have continued to flourish despite some of the difficulties and frustrations of working within very tight financial constraints both in Sierra Leone and the UK. If you would like to read our latest newsletter which contains detailed information of the progress, joys and difficulties, please ask.

We thank all those wonderful RMCC donors who help Extra Mile each month to pay for our wonderful school, its pupils and its amazing staff.

Mike Fielding and the Extra Mile Team

PROPERTY GROUP

The Property Group is responsible for dealing with the fabric of the building, plus its systems and facilities.

The Property and Finance Groups combined forces for our meeting in September 2022, as there is some overlap in the work carried out, particularly in the application for grants to improve the church facilities.

Property Schedule: The Annual Property Schedule was completed and submitted last month. This covers the general state of the building, along with documents, safeguarding, finance and administration.

Toilet Refurbishment: The grant application to the Suez Communities Trust was submitted last January, and work started on the toilets last April. Due to supplier delays, holidays, etc. the work took nearer 3 months than 3 weeks, but the contractors did a decent job, and the results were well received. Some minor snags were followed up, and the toilet lobby was redecorated as well, to match the smart refurbishment.

Boiler servicing: The boilers and heating system have had the annual service and continue to function effectively, though minor breakdowns occur from time to time. Thanks to Colin Bemrose for his ongoing advice on the system. Eco issues have been considered and incorporated into the Eco survey.

Church Space: The church carpet is looking pretty shabby, and is overdue for replacement. A quote was obtained for replacing it with carpet tiles a year ago, and people may be invited to sponsor a tile (or several). However, it was then suggested that this could be rolled in with replacing the fluorescent ceiling lights and wooden chairs as one big project, but progress has been slow and quotes and a final decision have yet to be obtained in order to apply for a grant for this work.

Other Inside Work: An extra security camera was installed inside the front door, following a theft incident, and a new Henry Hoover was purchased. 120 church chairs and the piano were cleared from the old classroom, and the new prayer room/classroom was repainted and decorated. The cross was replaced on the prayer-room wall, new seating added, and 120 spare carpet tiles from the foyer were laid to make the prayer room a more welcoming space. The vestry was re-purposed as the circuit office.

Bike Shed: Unfortunately the grant application for refurbishing the bike shed was unsuccessful, so this project is on hold at present, though a cheaper solution may be possible.

Outside Work: The tree in the car park has been trimmed, a new hose-pipe reel has been installed, and a team has kept the garden areas looking good. The gas meter has been re-sited by Cadent to the external wall outside the Hall store escape doors, as a safety requirement. Blocked toilet drains gave trouble in January, and a specialist company was called in to carry out a CCTV survey and unblock the system.

Peter Richard – Property Chair April 2023

CHURCH BOOKINGS

14 different outside groups currently use rooms at RMCC on a twice weekly, weekly or fortnightly basis during the daytime and in the evening. The Church of Pentecost also use the Church for worship on Sunday afternoons. During the year we have gained bookings from the Deaf Club who meet every 2 weeks and a weekly group supporting people with long-term health conditions. We also host annual meetings for the Boaters Christian Fellowship and the Waterways Chaplains – Rugby is ideally placed for those who use the canals!

Jane Richard

GRANTS

Past Year

At the time of the AGM last year we were awaiting a decision on our application to SUEZ Communities Trust for funding to refurbish the toilets. As most will no doubt be aware, we were successful in this application, with the refurbishment following on immediately from the confirmation, thanks to Peter Richard and the Property Group, and was completed last summer.

An application to the Rugby Group Benevolent Fund for £6,000 per year for 3 years to support Ruth Henderson and the youth work was also successful, with the first payment being received at the end of 2022.

The entry into the Methodist Insurance 150th anniversary celebratory awards for refurbishing the bike sheds did not receive one of the 15 prizes.

Currently

After consideration of funding to replace the Church carpet, it has been decided to widen the scope and apply for funds for a more general refurbishment. The carpet is in an unfit state, but fluorescent lighting is also becoming out of date, and replacement of the Church chairs is desirable following the increased use and rearrangement of the Church area. Currently costs are being determined and an application to the Circuit for funding is in progress.

Many thanks to all who have contributed information, evidence and feedback.

Laura Low

FINANCE

Finance Group Report to RMCC AGM – April 2023

The **Annual Accounts** for the year ended August 2022 accompany this report. The Accounts have been duly verified by Douglas Wells.

Notes on Annual Accounts - 2021/2022

Opening and Closing Balances

The amounts carried forward from 2020/21 are as shown in the annual account. The restricted balance of £ 26,650 is remaining from RBC grants and specific donations as contained in benevolent. Youth Pastor funds comprise connexion, circuit & JRS (furlough) grants and pledges. The unrestricted balance of £91,709 is from TMCP, CFB, and general fund accounts.

Income

The offertory figure of £48,681 was higher than for 2020/21. Tax recovered was also slightly higher .and Lettings were significantly higher as there was no pandemic.

Youth Pastor income was lower than the previous year as the program was coming to an end for review. Regular Youth Pastor giving was £903 whilst pledges paid came up to £2,500.

The 'Breakthrough' income for the year is shown as true income (i.e. from Grants & fundraising). Other group incomes of £12,316 are unrestricted from single gift donations and property income (insurance claim).

Mention should be made of the significant amount of £34,393 raised from Suez Communities T Suez Trust Ltd for toilet refurbishment which was completed at the end of the accounting year. The Rugby Borough Council grant was £1,987.

Expenditure

As in the previous years, the major item of expenditure was the Circuit Assessment, the year 2021/22 was reduced by £2,212 as compared to the previous year. Another major expenditure was the toilet project with a grant from Suez Trust Ltd costing £42,221.

Expenditure on cleaning, repairs, and maintenance was high by £4,069 compared to 2020/21. In addition, because of increased building use, the annual gas and electricity bill was high by around £3,300 compared to the previous year.

Youth Pastor expenditure was higher by £1,694 as compared to the previous year. 'Breakthrough' expenditure was lower than the previous 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 2023

This was also presented at the Church Council in July - several issues that clearly impact the finances of the Church remain "unclear" namely the funding and continuation of the Youth Pastor project until January 2023 and the purchase of individual carpet tiles. The Finance Group will continue to "rework" the budget post a full 6 months of this year (i.e. after February 2023) to enable a more accurate forecast.

Position at End of August 2022

The balance in all accounts as of August 2022 was approximately £120,489 – up from £118,000 at the end of August 2021 for unrestricted whilst restricted £8,838 down from the previous year of £26,650. Any variation in the Circuit Assessment figure depends on the Circuit budget. The Finance Group will meet in May 2023 to rework the 2nd half-year budget for 2022/23. One item to be considered is the possible RMCC share for Youth Pastor's work which has been joined with the Paddox church transfer to the Circuit payroll.

Stephen Arthur - Treasurer

**CHURCH
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS
ACCOUNTS**

**THE METHODIST CHURCH
STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS**

Rugby Methodist Church Centre

Church

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31 August 2022

Circuit

Circuit no.

23/14

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

Joshua Quansah

Richard Rutte

Treasurer:

Stuart Sore

ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

**Rugby Methodist
Church Centre**

Church

SECTION A		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
		£	£	£	£
a1	RECEIPTS	Note			
a2	Offerings and Tax recovered	59,728	1,000	60,728	59,603
a3	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income	424		424	161
a4	Lettings	17,669		17,669	1,550
a5	Other receipts	12,316	57,010	69,326	88,703
a6	TOTAL RECEIPTS	90,137	58,010	148,147 (a7)	150,017

SECTION B					
b1	PAYMENTS				
b2	Circuit Assessment or Share	50,148		50,148	52,360
b3	Donations	400		400	400
b4	Repairs and Maintenance	10,724		10,724	6,655
b5	Utilities (Insurances, water charges, heating & lighting)	8,884		8,884	5,502
b6					
b7	Other payments	5,044	68,328	73,372	39,885
b8	TOTAL PAYMENTS	75,200	68,328	143,528 (b9)	104,802

SECTION C					
c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	(a6-b8)	14,937	(10,318)	4,619
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year		91,710	26,649	118,359 (c6)
c3	Sub total	(c1+c2)	106,647	16,331	122,978
c4	Transfers and adjustments	Grant transfers & Capital loss, uncashed cheques	5,005	(7,494)	(2,489) (c7)
c5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR	(c3+c4)	111,652	8,837	120,489 (c8)
					118,359 (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	3,040	5,123
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations	2,324	5,123
d4	BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID	716	
	(d1+d2-d3)		

Rugby Methodist Church Centre Church

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

SECTION E

Please follow the Guidance Notes to complete this page

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

INTERNAL ORGANISATIONS	Receipts	Payments	Net Receipts/ Payments	Adjustments	Opening balances	Closing balances
e1 Mite Fund	25	25				
e2 Tiny Tots	538	173	365		78	443
e3						
e4						
e5						
e6						
e7						
e8 Sub total of Internal Organisations funds	563	198	365		78 (e11)	443 (e12)
e9 Church accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)	148,147 (a7)	143,528 (b9)	4,619	(2,489) (c7)	118,359 (c6)	120,489 (c8)
e10 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	148,710	143,726	4,984	(2,489)	118,437 (x)	120,932 (y)
Continue on a separate sheet if necessary and bring the totals forward	TOTAL RECEIPTS	TOTAL PAYMENTS				

SECTION F

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

CHURCH - CASH FUNDS HELD at 31 August 2022

	OPENING BALANCES	CLOSING BALANCES
f1 Cash in hand		
f2 Bank Current Account	5,844	21,009
f3 Bank Deposit Account		
f4 Central Finance Board	90,996	81,165
f5 Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes	21,519	18,315
f6 Other funds		
f7 SUB TOTAL - Church accounts	118,359 (c6)	120,489 (c8)
f8 Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance total from above) (e12)	78 (e11)	443 (e12)
f9 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	118,437 (x)	120,932 (y)

SECTION G

OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES

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

f4 Include only Funds held at the Central Finance Board

Name of Church .. Rugby Methodist Church Centre

Declarations and Scrutiny

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

Signature of treasurer

Date 05/05/23

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 2022 were/will be* presented to the meeting of the Church trustees held on 24th October 2022

Signature of the Chair of the meeting

Name of the Chair of the meeting Rev Andrew Farrington

Date 5 May 23

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

Rugby Methodist Church Centre Church

Charity Number 1186220

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 2022 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').

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 *Dorcas Wells*

Name of independent examiner *Dorcas Wells*

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner

Name of firm (where appropriate)

Address *96 Tennyson Avenue*

Rugby Post Code *CV22 6JF*

Date *5-5-23*

* delete or circle as appropriate

Sep-22

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

