



Wantage

Methodist Church



Annual Church Report

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From the Manse....

The General Church meeting is an important event in the rhythm of our church year. Open to all, it is an opportunity to do many things. We elect/re-elect our Church Stewards, appoint representatives to the Church Council and receive reports giving an overview of what has been happening over the past twelve months in all the facets of our church life. It is also an opportunity for anyone to ask or raise any question that they wish to.

In this meeting we look back and give thanks, even as we look to the future and ask for God's continued blessing and guidance. However, I hope and trust that it will also be a time of inspiration and enthusiasm, an acknowledgement that we are on a journey with God and that there is a bright future.

I am aware that even as I type these words, it's quite a bold statement to make! What grounds do I have to make such a claim?

I firmly believe that there is a real sense of expectancy and excitement in our church at the moment as well as a commitment to one another and to what is to come. There is a desire to learn and understand more and to continue to be God's people in this place and within our wider community.

This was impressively demonstrated when we held our "Church Away Day @ Home", on Saturday 20th January. 50 people of all ages gathered together to think and pray, to share and to wonder as with God's help we looked to the future and asked what kind of church is God calling us to be?

We identified those things that are special to us, those things that Wantage Methodist Church does well which we must cherish and build on. We also shared our dreams and visions. All this was done in an attitude of graciousness and understanding, acceptance and possibilities as we talked and listened to one another.

The Church Stewards and I are continuing to work through all the responses and ideas from that day in order that together as a church, we can set our priorities. We will continue our discussions within the General Church Meeting itself.

On what grounds do I make such a claim? Well quite simply, because of you all!

This is a great church to be the Minister of and it is my privilege to serve here among you and with you. Thank you for all the love, help and support that you have given to us as a family this past year and here's to the future. These are indeed exciting times.

With much love and God bless,

Keith

Church Stewards

Carolyn Roche

The team of five stewards have continued to meet regularly with Keith throughout the year. Together we work to support and facilitate the worship and work of Wantage Methodist Church. We always try to ensure that one or more stewards attend other church meetings or activities so that we can keep each other informed about the life of the church.

At the end of April Jan and Carolyn will be stepping down. Having thought that there would then be a team of three, we were very pleased when June Grunwald said that she would be willing to be a steward again. Thank you all for your prayers and please continue to pray that others in our congregation will feel called to be a steward. I have greatly valued being a part of the steward team and have found it to be a very rewarding and privileged position.

During the year we have hosted several circuit events. The Circuit Meeting met in Wantage for their September meeting. Later that month, Debbie Thrower came to lead a course on Anna Chaplaincy. We were pleased to welcome people from the circuit and also from farther afield who wished to find out more about this type of chaplaincy. The CLT were also pleased to make use of the Godfrey Room for one of their meetings.

On 20 January it was great to welcome so many people to the 'Church Away Day @ Home'. It was good to get feed-back from and share visions with all ages of the church family. Keith and the steward team have been working on collating the information and producing a report for the GCM.

During the past year stewards have led or supported Local Arrangement services e.g. the Carol Service and some 'Worship through' services. These seemed to have met with a good response and we thank those who helped in any way with these services.

The stewards would also like to thank Keith, Gordon and June for the work they do in keeping us all up to date with church, sector, circuit, district and connexional news through the website, newsletter and notices. There is so much information that can be gleaned from these sources. There is also now a circuit website.

It was wonderful that the angel project brought such a good response. So many people became involved with the different tasks that were needed to bring this to fruition. Not only did it bring fellowship and joy to those involved but it also brought smiles and pleasure to those in Wantage who found an angel. We now have a Knit & Chat group and we shall shortly begin knitting angels for Christmas 2018.

There are so many people to thank for their contributions to the life of the church. We all make a difference whether we can just pray for the worship, work and fellowship at Wantage or whether we are able to play a more active role. The stewards are very grateful to Alison for her work in compiling the church rota. If you are able to be on the church rota and would like a turn welcoming, making tea/coffee, reading, helping with chairs, counting the collection or tidying the church after service please let Alison Phillips know.

On behalf of the stewards can I say thank you to everyone for the support and fellowship that is so freely given. Let us look forward to another year of worship and mission at Wantage Methodist Church.

Our membership has risen by two since last year's Annual Church Meeting and now stands at 105. In addition to this, during the year we have been delighted to welcome several new worshippers to our Sunday services. We have also seen that, regrettably, declining health has made it difficult for some of our older members to worship with us as easily or regularly as they used to and we miss them. They are, of course, well cared for and supported by Keith and their Pastoral Visitors and they will always remain as valued members of our Church family.

One of the highlights during last year was the participation of our two youngest church members, Zack and Jordan Smith, in the Latin Link project. They spent four months in South America working with some of the world's poorest children. Unfortunately, Jordan broke her ankle in May and had to withdraw from the practical activities, but she was able to work with the office-based support team. Since their return, Jordan and Zack have spoken to several church groups about their work in Ecuador

During last Spring and Summer all the Pastoral Visitors updated their Safeguarding qualification. Keith led this training, and it is good for us all to know that the safety and well-being of everyone, on our church premises or anywhere in the community, is a priority consideration

During a morning Service in October we celebrated the reception into membership of four people through transfer from their previous churches. We welcomed Valerie and John Broadbent, Pru Cathcart and Sue Haithwaite. They had all been worshipping with us regularly for a while, and it was good to observe them making a commitment to the privileges and responsibilities of full membership with us.

In December, almost exactly a year after his fall walking into the church car park, Rex Hartle died in St Katharine's. We give thanks for his service as a Church Steward and a Communion Steward, and all that he contributed to the life of our church.

The annual commissioning and re-dedication of everyone in the Pastoral Visitors team took place during our Covenant Service in January.

We are sorry to lose Julie Horton from the team and record our grateful thanks for everything she has done to offer pastoral support to those in her care for more than two decades. Julie is planning to move house to live near to her very elderly father in Tamworth. We are pleased that she hopes to retain membership of our church and to worship with us when she can, but, understandably, Julie no longer feels able to continue to serve as a Pastoral Visitor.

This could have presented us with a difficulty as there would have been a long list of people needing re-allocation to another Pastoral Visitor. We are therefore very pleased to welcome June Grunwald into the team, and she has kindly agreed to take over the care of those people who were previously with Julie.

With sadness we learned of the death of Barbara Phillips in February. Barbara is remembered by the longstanding members of our church family with whom she worshipped for many years. She taught very many of our children and young people in what was then known as 'Sunday School'. It was in the days when large numbers of children attended every week!

We greatly appreciate the dedication with which Keith offers pastoral care and support to everyone in our church family. Under his leadership, one of the objectives for the coming year will be to train and equip our team of Pastoral Visitors in the skills and knowledge of how establish ours as a dementia friendly church.

Communion Stewards

Eileen Rennie

During the period April 2017 to March 2018 we have had ten 9:00 am, eleven 10:30 am, the Easter Day 7:00 am Service at the Millennium Stones, Ardington, and the 11:30 pm Christmas Eve service. The average attendance at the 9:00 am service was 22 and at the 10:30 am was 64. The Easter Day attendance at Ardington was 20. The Christmas Eve attendance was 25 with 22 taking communion. These figures compare favourably with last year. Communion was served in new and varying ways at the 9:00 am services. At the 10:30 am services it was served standing at the front. The Benevolent Fund collections totalled £520.70 at the time of writing but the collection for the planned 25th March service has to be added to this. This shows a decrease on last year due mainly to no Benevolent collection at the baptism on 23rd July 2017 and at Harvest when the money went to All we Can. We thank all those who have led us in worship at these services.

The current Communion Stewards are Andrew Barber, Rita Lawrence, John Leake, Peter Preston, Eileen Rennie and Graham Wells, all of whom have indicated they are willing to serve for another year. Mary Trotter very ably performs the duty of keeping the communion cloths in pristine condition. She too has agreed to continue in this service. Our thanks go once again to Mary.

Thank you to my entire fellow Communion Stewards and helpers for their support in ensuring that all the Communion duties are fulfilled efficiently.

As always we appreciate any feedback you can give to assist us perform this duty to your satisfaction.

Worship Consultation

Carolyn Roche

This is an open meeting and anyone in the church is welcome to attend and put forward their ideas and suggestions. It meets once a quarter to look at all aspects of worship. The minutes of these meetings are available from Carolyn Roche.

The meeting regularly begins with a discussion led by Keith. During the past year we have thought about the use of hymns/songs in worship; how what is happening in our lives affects our response to worship; what helps us to worship at Christmas and at the last meeting we looked at what the children at the Away Day said about worship and how this could influence the part of the service before the children leave for Junior Church.

The 'Worship through ...' services continue on the first Sunday in the month unless this has clashed with a special festival Sunday. Since September these services have had a variety of themes including Education, Ordinary Time, Poetry, Waiting, Promise, Play and Pottery. A small planning group will usually meet with the person who is leading one of these services.

The yearly round of services has continued as usual. At Harvest we were partnered through All We Can with a project in Zimbabwe. We aim to raise at least £1000 so that the people in the project can be supplied with chickens to generate an income. Eggs used as a prayer focus and live chickens were all part of this service. At Advent we used a liturgy supplied by Keith and lit the candles on the Advent ring. On 17 December there was an all AAW nativity service when the 10:30 am congregation were joined by kids@church. This included the blessing of 750 angels. 2018 began with the Covenant service and the recommissioning of the Pastoral visitors.

June 2017 was designated as Bible Month by the Methodist Connexion. The letter of James had been chosen and this was used as the theme for four services as well as for the accompanying Bible studies. Bible Month will take place again in June of this year and the book of Jonah has been chosen.

In September many people accepted Keith's challenge to read the Bible in a year. We are now more than half way through and it has elicited many questions and discussions about what we have been reading. There is also the opportunity to come to a Bible study led by Keith at 9 am on the last Sunday of the month. The next one takes place on 29 April and is the second one of three, looking at Paul's letter to the Romans.

If you have ideas about worship that you wish to express, please come to the next Worship Consultation meeting on Wednesday 13 June at 7:30 pm or if you are unable to be there, speak to a steward.

Music in Church

Gill Skidmore

Once again, many thanks to all the people who contribute to the music at Wantage Methodist Church, especially all the regular contributors, pianists David Worth, Jane Robinson and Carolyn Roche, and all the members of the music group, which continues to grow in numbers and experience.

The music group has been responsible for music at fifteen services over the year from April 2017. Their contribution adds variety to the musical character of worship and is widely appreciated.

June Grunwald has decided that it is time to stand down as the organiser of the music group after an amazing twenty years in the role. Thank you, June, for all that you have done. We are hoping to arrange a meeting of all the members of the group to make some decisions about where to go next.

It has been fun to have James Kent and Charlotte Worth drumming for us on occasions. Please do continue – certain of our worship songs just cry out for a little “oomph”!

Several of our youngsters are still regular attendees at what is now called the Circuit Youth Music and Drama Group (CYMDG) under the new leadership of Esther Miller and Abigail Perrow. It is a while since they have been to Wantage, so perhaps we should consider holding an evening service to welcome them. Do we have any special occasions in the life of the Church that we would like to celebrate in this way?

Last but not least, thank you to all who came together again to form the ad hoc choir for the carol service. It is a busy time of the year for all musicians and this last winter has been particularly dire for coughs, colds and flu, but the choir do really well on very few rehearsals.

Space to Be

Helen Carter

It was with much regret that, in July 2017, Jane Kent and I decided it was no longer possible to facilitate Space to Be between us. We had tried to continue in a different format after June Grunwald was no longer available, but it didn't feel viable any more. We, together with June, still believe we all need a time to 'be', away from the hustle and bustle of our busyness so that we can give more thoughtful time to God, and to that end we have said we will inform the church of quiet days and retreats that we hear about, or other initiatives that will enable us to take time in prayer and reflection.

Thank you to all those who supported this initiative over its short life time. Maybe in the future, there will be another such initiative that will meet the needs of those of us who feel we want to take time to be with God away from our everyday lives in an environment that offers a 'Space to Be'.

Junior Church

Cath Worth

We have a small group of primary school aged children who attend Junior Church regularly. The mix of children varies from week to week based around the same group of 3 regulars and a variety of other children who join us occasionally. Sometimes children of crèche age join us for a story, singing or craft activity. Our younger secondary school aged children occasionally join the Junior Church group but generally stay in the main service. We have continued to use the Roots resources, supplemented by ideas of our own. The group enjoy a variety of activities including looking at bible stories through drama, singing, craft, painting, cooking. The children also attend kids@church.

It is a real joy to work with the Junior Church. I would also like to thank our children and young people for all the jobs that they help with at church, such as setting tables for Sunday lunches; coming early to help set up kids@church or recently helping at the All We Can breakfast – they do it so willingly and happily.

Junior Church continues to be led by Alison Phillips, Heather Wells & Cath Worth, and we are very grateful to Carolyn Roche for volunteering to lead the group if the other leaders are not available. It is still tricky to staff some weeks as both Heather and Alison are stewards and so are unable to teach the Junior Church as well as being on duty in the church. Offers of help are always welcome.

Many thanks to all the leaders for their time spent planning, preparing and teaching the children.

Kids@church & YMOSES

Jane Kent

It continues to be a joy and a privilege to work with our children and young people. Both YMOSES (youth meeting on Sunday evenings) and Kids@Church meet on a monthly basis.

YMOSES meets at the Worth's home and we enjoy discussing and covering a wide variety of topics and at the end of terms spend part of our evening sharing food together. The ecumenical nature of this group is something I love about it and the young people never fail to inspire and encourage me in my journey of faith and I can only hope and pray it is like that too for them sometimes. Please continue to hold these young people in your prayers.

Kids@Church has covered all sorts of topics over the year including our wonderful world, the story of Noah and then Moses, looking at how Jesus brought and still brings hope to people... We are looking forward to our spring walk in April - keep an eye on the board in the hall for photographic evidence of it!

Please continue to hold these young people and their families in your prayers.

Thank you to all the people who support the children's work at church in so many ways.

Movers and Shakers for Mission and Service

Kelvin Rose

This committee meets three times a year and exists to promote most of the activities outside of Sunday Worship. These can vary widely and range from regular weekday meetings, to one-off events designed to raise money for charities such as our current project to raise £1000 for All We Can. Representatives from regular meetings and activities are invited to provide updates to the committee e.g. Wednesday Fellowship, Flower Rota, Friday and Sunday Lunches etc.

These committee meetings are open to all of the church who wish to attend.

A selection of the items discussed and/or followed up during the past year include:-

- Funeral poverty
- Holocaust Memorial Day
- The Prison Fellowship Angel Tree
- Knitted Christmas Angels
- The Christmas Collections
- Christmas cards for Bullingdon Prison
- Amnesty International cards at Christmas
- Being a Dementia Friendly Church
- All We Can fund raising ideas
- Mission at Wantage Methodist Church – see list compiled by Pam Martin
- Dickensian Evening – we would like to host an event in the church again this year and would welcome ideas as to what this should be.

Action For Children

Carole Robbins

Action for Children is now using the strap line “How Action for Children works”. We currently have 15 Home collecting box holders and last year £274.96 was raised by them. Other money was raised through the Christmas collections. The money is used to support vulnerable children and young people from birth to 20 years. If anyone would like a house collecting box please ask me for one.

MISSION AT WANTAGE METHODIST CHURCH

The following list was updated at a meeting of

Movers and Shakers for Mission & Service on 21/02/18

We feel it indicates that mission is a natural part of our life as a Church.

- Support for Wantage Street Pastors financially and through individual Prayer Support Volunteers.
- About a dozen members use the Prayer Handbook.
- We have an annual collection for the Methodist Fund for Mission.
- Our Kids@church group reaches out to families with children in the 5-11 age range with activities and worship on the third Sunday of the month.
- Over the year members have raised goods and money for the Wantage Food Bank, Little People and homeless charities in Oxford.
- Two of our young people, Jordan and Zack Smith, joined the Step programme of Latin Link as part of their gap year in 2017. Latin Link is a Christian charity working with local churches in Latin American countries to meet the needs of their communities. Zack and Jordan spent 4 months in towns in needy areas in Ecuador and Colombia living with and sharing their lives with local people and working on community projects.
- We support Church Action on Poverty.
- In November we had a 'sign in' of Christmas cards for inmates of Bullingdon Prison near Bicester sending eventually 164 cards — this has become an annual event over the past few years.
- Another annual activity is sending greetings cards at Christmas time as part of the Amnesty International Write for Rights Campaign.
- On Holocaust Memorial Day (27th January) each year we open the church for a few hours as a quiet space for reflection inviting people of all faiths to drop in.
- Proceeds from our fortnightly Friday lunches are sent to a number of different charities.
- Through the Toilet Twinning scheme, we have raised enough money for 10 toilets in developing countries.

- The church is actively involved in Christian Aid.
- At our Harvest Festival we launched our participation in the All We Can Partner Church scheme for the 2017/18 Connexional year. During the service we found out how chickens can radically change the lives of some of the world's poorest communities. Now we are linked with one such community in Zimbabwe and have agreed to raise at least £1000 over that period.
- During One World Week in October, we hosted an open meeting in the Chapel to deepen understanding of refugees and asylum seekers and the challenges they face. Following a speaker and film from Asylum Welcome Oxford two people who have been involved in helping Syrian refugees in South Oxfordshire answered questions about their work, one important feature of which is teaching English. Information and displays about Asylum Welcome and Host Abingdon were provided and donations of over £200 were collected for each of these charities.
- In the autumn, Luccia Rennie, granddaughter of one of our church members, Eileen Rennie, undertook a sponsored walk from John O' Groats to Land's End to raise money for the charity Rock2Recovery whose mission is to support veterans and service personnel suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder. She was supported by church members through prayer and financially - notably by a Rock 'n Roll tea party which raised over £1000 towards her final total of £5213. Several church members walked with her on her journey on the Ridgeway near Wantage.
- For some months before Christmas a group of church members were busy knitting small Christmas Angels. 750 angels were made and a Christmas message of goodwill attached to each. They were blessed at the morning service on December 17th and very early the next day were distributed throughout the town for passers-by to pick up. We were amazed that by 9:30 am all had gone. People were noticed smiling as they collected them and the local media reported the event including a television interview with Carolyn Roche who had organised it. The aim is to produce 1000 angels for Christmas 2018.

Tuesday House Group

Eileen Rennie

Our lively and friendly group meets on Tuesday afternoons during term time at 50, Warmans Close from 1:30 pm to 3:15 pm.

We have once more had a very successful year. Currently we have 16 people in the group although at present, due to health issues, 2 are unable to attend meetings. Our average attendance each week is 11. We are encouraged that two people joined the group in January. The group is now in its seventeenth year of meeting. Everyone in the group appreciates the fellowship, sharing and caring they find for and from each other which has grown over the years. We are always happy to welcome anyone to this Study Group whether on an occasional or permanent basis.

Each meeting includes prayer, bible reading and discussion. In prayer time we have used the Methodist Prayer Handbook "Jesus the First and the Last" and the District Prayer Diary together with our prayers of concern and thanksgiving for people and situations in our own Churches, our families, friends and beyond. Our meeting on the first Tuesday of each month includes the Monthly Prayer List from the newsletter. We start each meeting spending a little time for prayer requests in bringing our concerns to be noted for inclusion in the prayer session at the end of our meeting.

In the period April 2017 to March 2018 we have covered a variety of topics. We finished our Lent Study for 2017 the first week in April, the following week being Holy Week we visited the Convent to be accompanied round the Stations of the Cross by Sister Phoebe. In May and part of July we revisited each of the Lent Study Sessions and in June we followed Bible Month studying the book of James. We finished for our summer break with another Quiet Day at St. Mary's Convent which 11 people attended and Libby Bolton led our reflections on the theme "Living for the Lord". We met the first week in August for afternoon tea and the monthly prayer meeting. Our regular weekly meetings began again on 5th September. We spent September and October looking at the challenges, inspirations and confusions that arose for us in our Read the Bible in a Year initiative. In November we listened to the DVD's from the Bible Studies at ECG led by Paul Smith – "Jesus in the Bloodstream". Our Advent Study this year was the York Course "So what are you waiting for". In January to mid-February we studied The President's Address to Conference and this then brought us to the York Lent Course for 2018 - "On the Third Day". On 27th March we again visited the Convent to be accompanied round the Stations of the Cross. Keith made his quarterly visits to the group and in April talked to us about Evangelism, in July about Communion, in September about Numbers and in January summarising on the Away Day at Home and answering our questions from Read the Bible in a Year. We thank Keith for sharing with us in these meetings.

This year we decorated the Church Christmas Tree and based it on Angels.

We now look forward to another year's study with the welcome opportunity to study God's word and continue to grow together in our faith. We can assure anyone wishing to join us, at any time of a very warm welcome.

Wednesday Fellowship

Diane Barton

We have around 25 members attending meetings, welcoming new members but sadly losing some people who are no longer able to meet with us. We have had a variety of speakers, Michael Bailey– Cape Town, Tess Lancaster on The Shaw Trust, John Race on being an amateur pilot, Pam Martin – visit to China, Chris Caddy – Towns, Past and Present, Hazel Townsend – Children’s Hospital in India, and many more. We also had a Tea for Treloars in June and raised £180 for that charity and we enjoyed a Christmas meal at the Fox last December.

Our financial year runs from July to July. In the financial year 2016-2017 we donated £482 to our speakers for their charities and gave £94 to the food bank, raised from a Hunger Lunch. We also had a special collection of £52 for Somalia. At the AGM last year we distributed £200 to local charities. These monies come from our weekly collections.

As always we thank Gordon and Clive and their team for their help in getting the hall ready and clearing away, our team of helpers to set up and serve teas, Margaret for the rotas and Linda and Alan for printing the programme. A special thank you to Carolyn for playing for us. We also thank Nicky for joining Gill, Alison and Diana in leading meetings as Marina is, sadly, not often able to be with us.

Our meetings are happy, friendly places and a warm welcome awaits visitors and anyone who would like to come on a regular or occasional basis.

Church Lunches

Julie Horton

The lunches continue to be very popular and it is encouraging to see that people not connected with our church feel comfortable to come along and join us. We see numbers around 30 to 40 on a Friday and we are a team of 8 to 10 helpers preparing, cooking, serving, and clearing away. The profit raised is shared between a charity chosen by people who attend the lunch and church funds.

Sunday lunches are always a roast and are self-service but there are still at least 4 people needed to provide this for around 25 to 35 people. Since Project 21 was paid for, the money raised has gone to Embrace the Middle East, All We Can, Asylum Welcome and Host Abingdon for their work with refugees, the 2 schools that I visited on my trip to Israel and a donation towards the acoustics in the church.

I would like to thank all who support the lunches by coming to share a meal with us and a big thank you to everyone who makes these lunches happen.

You may be aware that I am moving away very soon. I will continue the lunches until July when we break for August. In September I will come back and provide lunch on the second Sunday of the month and the last Friday of the month. I would like to thank everyone for their support.

I am pleased to report that the church's current financial status is very healthy. Our accounting year runs from September 1st to August 31st and in November 2017 a full end-of-year financial report, including formal accounts, for 2016/2017 was provided to Church Council and approved by our Independent Examiner. This short, informal, report provides some of the figures from that report with some update from more recent events in order to illustrate where our money comes from and how it is spent.

Financially 2016/2017 was another satisfactory year. Our operating expenditure slightly exceeded our General Income, due to substantial expenditure from the 'Special Projects' Fund for the renewal or repair of important expensive items, but the overspend was not great. At the end of the year our reserves remained at approximately £56k, which is close to the reserves policy figure (£55k) agreed in 2016 and confirmed again for 2017/2018, and we increased our giving to charities considerably.

Table 1 shows the balance of income and expenditure in our Operating Funds last year. Our total income was £62,642 while our expenditure was £65,118, a deficit of £2,476. The principal reason for this deficit was the large expenditure on 'Special Projects'.

Table 2 itemises income and expenditure for the General Church Fund. As in previous years I should point out the importance of our income from lettings and from Gift Aid recovery. Lettings produce a very important part of our income and we should recognise the work carried out by our Lettings Secretary (Gordon Skidmore) and the work of the Property Steward (Rob Charles) and others, particularly Peter Preston, in maintaining our premises in good order. Gift Aid recovery is also very important.

In late January of this year we submitted a claim for the recovery of tax from Gift Aid & Gift Aid Small Donations (i.e. loose change) made during accounting year 2016/17, and received £10,402 in total, of which approximately £1,100 came from the Gift Aid Small Donations Scheme, showing how important is recording and claiming GASDS. This money was allocated to: General Church Fund £9,775, Benevolent Fund £247, Miscellaneous Charities £380.

Table 3 summarises our Special Project expenditure. This is a somewhat new item in our accounts (as over the last few years we focussed on Project 21, our major refurbishment programme). Property & Finance Committee have defined Special Projects loosely as expensive (about £1,000 or more) non-routine items of repair and renewal.

Table 4 shows our charitable donations in 2016/2017 and compares them with the previous year. There was a significant increase in giving from Friday lunches and Wednesday Fellowship. However, the increase from envelopes and other fundraising was remarkable. I can highlight Latin Link (for Zack & Jordan), the Christmas charities, and All We Can. but they form only part of an explanation. I can provide church members with a detailed list of charities and the amounts donated if they wish.

In October of this year we became, for a year, a Partner Church of the Methodist Charity 'All We Can' (previously Methodist Relief & Development Fund). There is an expectation that Partner Churches will raise a minimum of £1000 over the partnership year. At the time of writing we had recently sent our fourth donation as a Partner Church and altogether have now sent All We Can about £1,157 of which about £175 was gift aided, resulting in a total to All We Can of approximately £1,200. Most of the money came from Sunday lunches, a Sunday breakfast, and a few donations from individual church members.

Our "Toilet Twinning" has certainly been a success. We have now "twinned" with ten toilets and are running out of space to display new certificates!

The figures given in the tables do not include all items of income and expenditure for the church. In total during 2016/2017 the church income for all funds (including Benevolent Fund, Lunch Club, Wednesday Fellowship, etc) was almost equal to total expenditure at approximately £75k. At the March Circuit Meeting this year the Circuit Treasurer proposed increases in the annual assessment for 2017/2018 for all the circuit churches. For Wantage the increase will be from £32,764 to £33,860. This increase of approximately £1,100 is reasonable and is not a problem for the church.

As I have said, the figures in this report are not comprehensive and I will be pleased to provide any church member with a full copy of the report provided to Church Council last November if they require it.

Many people help to look after our money and we should thank: the stewards and volunteers who count the Sunday collection each week; John Carter who looks after the photocopier (including purchases and invoices); Ann Barber who checks and banks the Sunday collection when I am unable; Eric Thomas who actively manages the Circuit Giro and by so doing increases the interest the church receives; John Guthrie for supporting our accounts software; and Geoffrey Stokell, the independent examiner of our accounts.

Table 1 Surplus (Deficit) on Operating Funds in 2016/2017 (£)

Fund	Income	Expenditure	Balance
General Church	61,568	51,025	10,543
Special Projects (General)	0	11,325	(11,325)
Capital Projects (Photocopier)	1,074	2,768	(1,694)
Total	62,642	65,118	(2,476)

Table 2 General Church Fund Income and Expenditure (£)

	2016/17	2015/16		2016/17	2015/16
INCOME			EXPENDITURE		
Collections			Assessment	31,006	29,013
Envelopes	16,158	15,874	Utilities	4,582	4,759
Standing Orders	18,775	14,913	Insurance	1,677	1,715
Cash	2,230	6,097	Stationery	116	186
Transfer out	(400)	(400)	Repairs	4,383	2,828
Collections sub-total	36,763	36,484	Cleaning	4,047	5,194
			Junior Church	504	198
Other Items			Other	2,885	5,341
Gift Aid Recovery	10,774	6,030	Donations (Methodist)	1,825	1,735
Lettings	10,917	11,469	Donations (Other)	0	0
Interest	149	220	Total	51,025	50,970
Other Income	3,698	3,153			
Other Items sub-total	25,537	20,872			
Total	62,300	57,356			

Table 3 Special Project Expenditure 2016/2017(£)

Re-pointing & repairs to boundary walls and steps	5,375
Refurbishment of toilets New extract fan (954) New flooring (1,261) New toilet furniture in ladies toilet (1,025)	3,240
New storage shed	1,750
New website	960
Total	11,325

Table 4 Charitable Donations (£)

	2016/17	2015/16
Donations from General Fund	1,825	1,650
Donations from Benevolent Fund	1,110	800
Donations from Other Funds (Friday Lunches, Wed. Fellowship)	2,684	1,959
Raised directly by envelopes, etc	5,783	1,975
Totals	11,402	6,384

Property

Rob Charles

In order to maintain the premises in good order a number of items of work have been undertaken over the last year. The main items of work are as follows:

- The free standing brick walls at the rear of the premises have all been repointed;
- The two WCs in the ladies toilets have been replaced;
- All three toilets have been repainted, followed by a thorough clean of the flooring;
- The projection wall in the hall has been repainted;
- Ceiling tiles in the hall entrance have been replaced;
- Targeted external areas of the window frames and doors have been repaired and treated with a protective coating;
- Decorative roof finials have been removed because they were unsafe.

Work planned for this year as follows:

- Further protective works to the external window frames and doors. This is expected to be carried out in 2 or 3 phases;
- A side gate to be supplied and fitted in the passageway adjacent to the nursery to prevent trespass;
- Replacement/upgrading of the hall lighting is being considered.

Copyright

John Leake

Copyright reporting has continued smoothly throughout the year.

For the year 1st March 2017 to 28th February 2018 there was only one hymn that was sung five times. It was Singing the Faith No 317 (At the name of Jesus).

There were 7 hymns that were sung four times (Singing the Faith Nos 13, 15, 164, 563, 581, 663 and 693).

I thank the Stewards for feeding the hymn numbers to me and Rodney for his help over the tunes used (especially by the Music Group). I also thank the projectionists for their work in ensuring suitable copyright notices are projected with the hymns.

Chapel Acoustics

Rodney Tillotson

In June 2017 the Property and Finance committee set up a small group comprising John Carter, Gordon Skidmore and myself, to respond to the difficulty of speaking and listening in the chapel following the alterations in 2015:

- obtain expert advice on what is wrong with the acoustics;
- put in place appropriate measures to correct the acoustics for speech use of the chapel;
- when the building acoustics are resolved, review all aspects of the sound system and its use.

On 18th September we appointed the consultants Sustainable Acoustics, of Winchester, to make measurements (3rd October) and advise us; we had their report on 25th October. We were pleased with the quality of both the measurements and the report.

The advice is to apply acoustic panels to the sloping ceilings of the chapel and to the lower parts of the side walls, just above the heating panels. With the advice we had a long list of potential suppliers and products, and we had investigated one such supplier (*Ecophon*) to establish that it would be possible to use their products in both places.

One of our concerns is to minimise the visual impact of anything we install, particularly on the side walls. We arranged a meeting on 12th December with Sustainable Acoustics and Ralph Allen, our architect for the alterations, at which Ralph suggested for the ceiling a further product (*Fabritrak*) he had used elsewhere, and for the walls that we consider many small panels rather than four large ones. Sustainable Acoustics confirmed that any of the proposals would achieve the intended acoustic improvement.

Another concern is to treat the fabric of the building sympathetically. We had already formed the view that Edgar Taylor, our contractors for the 2015 alterations, might be our main contractors for installation. As well as being very satisfactory at that time they have that recent experience of the structure of the ceiling and walls. Both Sustainable Acoustics and Ralph endorse this approach.

We investigated the Fabritrak product and while its finished appearance is the most discreet possible, its fixing methods may not be sufficiently friendly to the new ceiling and it would be difficult to maintain.

At the Property and Finance meeting 6th February and Church Council 7th March we presented our view that we should approach Edgar Taylor and eventually ask them to quote for the supply and installation of panels on ceiling and walls, considering each of the products mentioned and any others of which they have experience. This might result in multiple quotations for the same acoustic performance from which we should be able to choose one on the basis of cost, appearance and consideration for the building.

We have accordingly written (on 2nd March) to Edgar Taylor asking for an initial conversation. We do not know when they might be able to do the installation; we still

hope it might be before the summer. Neither do we yet know the likely cost. Scaffolding to reach the ceiling will clearly be a major cost component whatever products we decide on, but the panels and fittings are supplied, and their prices made available, only to installing contractors, and we shall only find out through the quotation[s] they prepare for us.

We are deliberately making no move on the later phases of adjusting the sound system and the hearing aid loop until treatment of both ceiling and walls is complete. We are grateful for the patience of all who use and will use the building.

Users

Gordon Skidmore

The buildings are busy. Although some activities have ceased during the last year, others are moving in. There is significant pressure on communal space in Wantage. It is a few years since St Mary's School closed (three large halls). This year has seen the closure of King Alfred's East Site and preparations for significant work to be done at the Guildry. Added to this is the reduced availability of school premises for community use and the change in the business model of the Beacon.

Our own activity, Space2Be has finished for now but Knit & Chat are meeting fortnightly.

'Mrs Bun the Baker', Pilates, Open Access, Regain Fitness have finished.

AgeUK, Rock Choir, and Cheek2Cheek have started and we have Music for Toddlers, Slimmers' World, and Yoga starting after Easter.

There have been 12 private parties and 4 concerts, an Art Exhibition, 2 French Films, and several occasional meetings of local Church, Charity and Community groups.

We are publishing in the notices, newsletter and on the board, the weekly schedule.

Thank you to everyone who helps us do our best to continue to keep the place clean, tidy and an attractive place to use.

The contact address for bookings is: wntgmethodistbookings@gmail.com

Communications

Wantage Methodist Website

Gordon Skidmore

<http://wantagemethodist.org.uk>

The site administrators are Rev Keith Underhill, June Grunwald and Gordon Skidmore and the editorial management of the site is managed by the Church Stewards with the minister.

Notices

Gordon Skidmore

We have tried to develop a house style for publications and the notices now have a colour header which has some consistency with our presence in the Church Partnership. Colour content however is only available in the on-line copy on the Website.

Thank you to all who contribute and particularly to those who help publish the notices when Gill and I are away. So that all the people who may be preparing the notices can have access to your articles, please use the following postbox:

wntgmethodistnotices@gmail.com

Sector Newsletter

Gill & Gordon Skidmore

Thank you to all who contribute in any way to the monthly newsletter. There were 10 issues again this last year and 4 of these included Circuit content. Any articles to supplement the announcements would be welcome. We trust you find the material in the newsletter interesting.

It is, of course, now available in colour on the website.

The sector newsletter mailbox is

wantage.sector.newsletter@gmail.com

e-mail

To allow people to take holidays and still maintain support for the weekly notices, monthly newsletter, annual report and bookings, there are email addresses for these issues which are separate from personal email accounts and which can be accessed by deputies who are given the necessary password for access. **Please use these addresses rather than personal email accounts for these purposes.** Messages for these purposes are not guaranteed to be dealt with in a timely fashion if not sent to the dedicated email addresses.

Bookings : wntgmethodistbookings@gmail.com

Notices : wntgmethodistnotices@gmail.com

Newsletter (monthly) : wantage.sector.newsletter@gmail.com

Annual Report : wmcannualreport@gmail.com

Circuit Matters

Gill Skidmore

Exciting things have been happening in the Circuit this year and some difficulties have been positively faced.

Rev Ian Griffiths has sadly been on sick leave since mid-May last year, which has inevitably meant extra work for the rest of the staff. Rev Alan Grist has voluntarily offered a great deal of assistance, and for this we thank him. Very recently however, Rev John Anderson, an experienced Methodist minister, has moved into the Circuit as a minister without appointment. With the full support of the Chair of District and the Circuit Meeting, it has been agreed that John will offer the Circuit 5 sessions a week until the end of August, when the situation will be reviewed.

The Circuit thanks everyone, especially those at All Saints and Trinity, who have helped to keep everything running smoothly in Ian's absence. We all continue to pray for Ian and Tabitha and for Ian's return to full health. The Connexion and District have also been very supportive and they will continue to work with us as we look towards a supervised phased return for Ian in due course.

In June, Deacon Selina Nisbett was ordained in Wolverhampton. A number of people from the Circuit were privileged to be at the service. Selina has gone from strength to strength in her work with families and young people. She is always kept busy and is reaching a lot of people who would otherwise have no contact with the church.

Sadly the time has come for Rev Katherine Pickering to move on. She will leave us in the Summer to take up her ministry in Worcester. Katherine came to us five years ago as a probationer and leaves us as a much valued, fully ordained minister. We will miss all that she has had to offer, but we look forward to welcoming Rev Jocelyn Bennett, who will move into the Didcot manse with her husband Neil in August to take pastoral charge of the Didcot, Wallingford and Milton churches.

Katherine's farewell service will be at 4 pm on Sunday 22 July at Wallingford, and Jocelyn's welcome service, with the Chair of District, Rev Helen Cameron, at 7 pm on Saturday 1 September at Milton. All are welcome.

Katherine has been hugely involved in setting up the exciting and innovative community chaplaincy on the Great Western Park development in Didcot. Sarah Ifill and Libby Hawkness-Smith started work as Community Chaplains, based in "Hope", the motor home bought by the Circuit, in May. In a very short time they have made many connections with the community, and are recognised and welcomed into schools, shops and cafés on the estate.

Katherine and Keith ran the "Chaplaincy Everywhere" course in November, as a result of which a number of people have expressed interest in becoming volunteer chaplains, so watch this space! Things are happening in the Circuit.

Alongside all this, the Circuit has found the time and energy to take up the challenge from the Connexion to look at where we are going from here. All the Circuit churches are responding in their own ways, and the results will be considered at a Circuit Leadership away-day in July.

Our Local Preachers have continued their excellent work, with a number of changes this year. We thank God for the life and witness of Brenda Boyer, who died suddenly following a fall at home. We also report with sadness the death of Georgina Wood, a former local preacher in the Circuit, and that of Rev Tom Smith, a former Circuit Superintendent. Some of our older local preachers will no longer be taking regular services, but Esther Miller and Frederick Obeng have become fully accredited local preachers and we welcome Daphne Savage and Andrew Dixon, who have moved into the Circuit.

Carolyn Roche has started her term as a Circuit Steward, but the Circuit is still seeking more volunteers. Mary Hancock has completed her extra year. Geoffrey Maunder has been appointed in her place. Ideally there would be a team of six, but we are left with Alan Smith, Carolyn and Geoffrey. For the time being Andrew Lockley continues as Circuit Steward, but his house is now on the market as he and Su are moving away to enjoy retirement in the Lake District. We wish them all the best. They will leave a big hole in the life of Grove Methodist Church and the Circuit. Our loss will be somebody else's gain.

The Circuit Youth Music Group has seen a change of leadership, as James Garnett has no longer been able to combine it with his training as a Methodist minister. Esther Miller and Abigail Perrow have taken up the reins and are making it a combined Music and Drama Group. All young people from the age of 9 are welcome. We are very pleased that a number of our Wantage teenagers are regularly involved.

Wantage, Grove and Villages Housing Justice Group *Helen Carter*

As reported in last year's report, and sadly as expected, the activities of this group have been minimal.

The only activity since the last report is the response we made to the Gatehouse request for blankets and sleeping bags for those who are homeless through a small appeal. Many thanks to all those who responded to that. A car load of blankets and sleeping bags were taken to the Gatehouse in Oxford and were gratefully received.

This group was set up as an ecumenical project some 20+ years ago and over that time we hope we have raised the awareness of homelessness and housing needs in the area. Many appeals have resulted in incredible responses, and the homeless projects receiving the donations have always been very grateful indeed.

Every January, Housing Justice promote Homeless Sunday, and it is always hoped that this will be marked by churches in some way.

Wantage and Grove Church Partnership

Ann Barber

The Partnership's first event since our last annual report was preparation for the Parliamentary Election on 8th June. Knowing their history of success, and the valuable insights they provide into each party's manifesto proposals and promises, a Hustings on 1st June was speedily and efficiently organised under Rodney Tillotson's management. The event was as successful as ever. Over 200 people attended and fewer than half were from churches within the Partnership.

The approach of the churches in Wantage and Grove to new households has been considered at the meetings of the Action Group. The Parish churches in Wantage and Grove collaborate in a project to make contact with residents in all of the new houses and offer a welcome on behalf of both churches. This has been an intense and time-consuming project, but one that each of the churches sees as a valuable piece of work reflecting and fulfilling the *raison d'être* of the local church. Discussions continue to see how more churches may be involved in this project, and work is underway to produce a leaflet for new residents containing information about each of the member churches

The Partnership AGM took place in October and there were two significant changes of personnel within the group. Neil Townsend, the Pastor of Wantage Community Church, had completed one year in the role of Chairperson, as had been agreed at his appointment, and therefore resigned. Clive Phillips had completed six years as the Partnership's Secretary, and he felt it was appropriate for someone else to fulfil this role. Clive's excellent work as Secretary was acknowledged with much gratitude. Whilst Secretary, Clive had developed a very efficient system for ensuring that all correspondence or information could be distributed to every church very speedily and accurately. At present the group remains without a Secretary, but it is hoped that this is only a temporary state of affairs, and that a successor will be found. The new chairperson is Rev Alec Gill who is a curate at the Parish Church in Grove and has duties at neighbouring village churches.

Having discussed initiatives which each of the participating churches within the Partnership would like to introduce and advance, a shortlist of these was drawn up. Those ideas submitted by us, and for which we would be the lead church, have already been taken forward; i.e. Christmas Angels, becoming a Dementia Friendly Church and Anna Chaplaincy. Similarly the concept of Worship Leader Training is being collaboratively progressed by Wantage Community Church and Vale Elim Church. The proposals to re-instate a high impact public event on Good Friday, and to establish ecumenical youth activities, possibly with a paid Youth Worker, remain as speculative ideas at present, and no such Good Friday event in Wantage was arranged this year.

The Partnership once again organised the production of a Christmas card bearing a greeting on behalf of all the member churches and giving details of their Christmas Services. A team made up from people within most of the churches completed the sorting of the cards into labelled bundles for every road in Wantage and Grove, and they were delivered as usual by the local Scouts.

In January, during the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, Vale Elim Church hosted an afternoon service, preceded by tea and cakes, at Millbrook School in Grove. It was an uplifting experience of shared worship and very well attended.

Plans for Palm Sunday this year have had to change. For the first year that most of us can remember, there will have been no procession from Holy Trinity to the Parish Church. [This report is submitted before Palm Sunday]. There will be a Service in the Market Square, where it is hoped that all those who usually take part in the procession, and others, will assemble, along with the donkey and Wantage Silver Band, for a short open-air service to be led by Keith. It will include the blessing of the Palms by Fr John Salter for whom it will be his penultimate Sunday in office. Fr John has been the Vicar of Wantage for 25 years, and has been Chair of Wantage Churches Together and WGCP several times during that period.

Wantage and Grove Food Bank

Helen Carter

Firstly, a huge ‘thank you’ for the continuing support through the donation of items for the food bank store by this church. Sadly, the need continues to be great with a significant number of new families and individuals requiring food parcels in view of their situation. The easiest way to demonstrate the need is to give the statistics for 2017 (see below). 2017 saw the second highest number of food parcels being delivered since the scheme started in 2010.

	No. of Parcels	No. of Adults	No. of Children
January	19	32	15
February	11	16	16
March	19	26	19
April	17	24	21
May	33	50	31
June	18	27	26
July	22	37	16
August	20	29	20
September	19	28	14
October	13	23	4
November	20	40	7
December	18	24	8
TOTALS	229	356	197

As in recent past years, Christmas hampers were given out in 2017. This complements the hampers given out by the Ray Collins Charitable Trust. It is hoped that all in need receive a hamper from somewhere. The Food Bank gave out 73 Christmas hampers.

In January 2018, 34 parcels were delivered – an equal highest number for any one month since the scheme started. This trend seems destined to continue because the delay in receiving benefits, as Universal Credit rolls out in our area, appears to be causing considerable hardship for those who are either first time claimants or who are being transferred on to this new all-encompassing benefit.

Wantage and Grove Street Pastors

Rodney Tillotson

Issues for Wantage and Grove Street Pastors remain funding and recruitment.

We have run several fundraising events in the past twelve months:

- Quiz and Curry night (here) in September;
- Pig roast at the town Dickensian evening December;
- 'Stand' concert (at Baptist church) February.

These take quite a lot of work but on the whole reach out to people not otherwise involved.

We also seek grant funding; the County Council have agreed one significant grant and there are other sources but none are guaranteed for future years, and all grant funding is also becoming harder work. Some of the participating churches are very generous, and some very regular; our church donates in a variety of ways at a range of times, thank you all. One of our goals is to increase regular giving by members of the Charity. £5/month (for instance) is very welcome and if anyone can support us in this way I would be very pleased to make the arrangements with them.

There are three specific recruitment needs at present, arising largely because now that we are in our ninth year, several of our original volunteers have moved away, or their circumstances have changed:

- People to train as Street Pastors and eventually commit to some pattern of night patrols, so that we can cover every Saturday night;
- Prayer/Support Volunteers linked with each Street Pastor team. At present a team is sometimes unable to go out because we cannot provide PSVs for them at patrol times; and of course for any additional teams we will need still more;
- Trustees for the Charity. Since we already provide Helen Carter and Rodney Tillotson and we aim for diversity, further trustees should come from churches other than ours; but you may be able to offer particular skills that will reduce the load on the existing trustees.

In addition I urge anyone not already a member to register. The obligations are slight (regular donation is, of course, optional!), but we can keep you informed about the work and we greatly value having a good number of people from this and other churches who are demonstrably backing us.

We shall address funding and recruitment in our worship with Keith on 22nd April; but we shall also try to show how Street Pastors are doing part of God's work in Wantage. If you want to find out for yourself before then what really happens on a Friday or Saturday night, I can arrange a taster session that may answer your unasked questions.

Church Council 2018/2019

Minister	Rev Keith Underhill
Church Stewards	(Appointed by the GCM)
Former Church Steward	Jan Abrahall
Church Treasurer	Clive Phillips
Church Council Secretary	Alison Brown
Pastoral Committee Secretary	Ann Barber
Safeguarding Officer	Ken Smith
M & S for M & S	<i>Vacant</i>
Property & Finance Committee	Peter Preston
Property Steward	Robert Charles
Worship Consultation	Carolyn Roche
Junior Church Co-ordinator	Catherine Worth
Communion Steward	Eileen Rennie
Circuit Steward	As agreed by the Circuit Stewards
Elected Representatives	<i>Elected for 3 years.</i>
	<i>Eligible to be re-elected for second term. Max of 6 years (max15 representatives)</i>

Helen Carter	Due to retire in 2019 (1 st term)
Gill Skidmore	Due to retire in 2019 (2 nd term)
<i>Ken Smith</i>	<i>Due to retire in 2019 (2nd term)</i>
Rodney Tillotson	Due to retire in 2019 (1 st term)
Diana Gawlas	Due to retire in 2020 (1 st term)

Plus those to be appointed by GCM on 15 April 2018

Church Appointments 2018/19

Church Stewards (Appointed by the GCM)

Church Council Secretary Alison Brown
Church Treasurer Clive Phillips

Pastoral Committee Secretary Ann Barber
Pastoral Visitors

Nicky Atkinson, Ann Barber, Diane Barton, Alison Brown, Helen Carter, Faith Culshaw, June Grunwald, Sharon Hayford, Rita Lawrence, Alison Phillips, Eileen Rennie, Carolyn Roche, Kelvin Rose, Judith & Mike Skinner, Mary Trotter, Mary Whittaker

Communion Stewards

Eileen Rennie, Andrew Barber, Rita Lawrence, John Leake, Peter Preston and Graham Wells, plus Mary Trotter for communion cloths.

Property & Finance Committee:

Chair Peter Preston
Secretary *t.b.d.*
Church Treasurer Clive Phillips
Property Steward Robert Charles
Bookings Secretary Gordon Skidmore

Chapel Gardener Jan Abrahall

Other Committee Members

Ann Barber, Diana Gawlas, Doug Hatto

Independent Examiner of Accounts Geoffrey Stokell

Movers and Shakers: (Mission and Service)

Chair Rev Keith Underhill
Secretary tba

Worship Consultation:

Chair Rev Keith Underhill
Convenor Carolyn Roche

Music Coordinator Gill Skidmore

Baptismal Roll Secretary Catherine Worth

Junior Church Coordinator Catherine Worth

Junior Church Workers Heather Wells, Alison Phillips, Catherine Worth

Creche Helpers Jo Aldworth, Jane Kent, Eileen Rennie, Linda Tillotson,

YMOSES	Jane Kent
kids@church	Jane Kent, Catherine Worth, David Worth
Safeguarding Officer	Ken Smith
Health and Safety Officer & Responsible Person (Fire Safety)	Ken Smith
Copyright Coordinator	John Leake
Authorised Person (Marriages)	Keith Underhill
Representatives to Circuit Meeting	
	The Church Treasurer (Clive Phillips) and one Church Steward (Gordon Skidmore) are ex-officio representatives. The church is entitled to five elected representatives (one for every 25 members).
	Ann Barber, June Grunwald, Alison Phillips, Eileen Rennie
Representative to Wantage and Grove Church Partnership	
	(Ann Barber is Treasurer)
Weekly Notices	Gordon Skidmore
Monthly Sector Newsletter	<i>(appointed by Stewards of the section churches)</i> Gill and Gordon Skidmore

Agenda for 2018 Annual General Church Meeting

1:30 pm, Sunday 15 April 2018

Opening Devotions

Apologies

Notice of Any Other Business

Minutes of 2017 Annual General Church Meeting

Matters arising

Appointment of Church Stewards

Nominated

Heather Wells

Alison Phillips

Gordon Skidmore

June Grunwald

Appointment of Representatives on the Church Council

Nominations duly proposed and seconded should reach Rev Keith Underhill by Noon on 15 April. Proposed representatives must be members of the Methodist Church and have given their approval to be nominated.

The Annual Report

Keith – Where are we going? Away day @ home outputs

Any Other Business

Closing Prayers