



Wantage
Methodist Church

Annual Church Report

2024/5

to Annual Church Meeting

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From the Manse....

I still can't quite believe that this is to be my last introduction to the Annual Report for Wantage Methodist Church.

I clearly remember the first time that I entered these premises - it was a wet and windy Saturday in November 2015. Liz, Amy and Becca were with me as we came to have a look around. Despite the weather, you made us all feel very welcome and immediately at home. It was an easy decision to make and to say "yes, we will come".

Over the past nine years you have opened your hearts to us, and it's been a real privilege to be able to minister with and alongside you and to share in those times of celebration and joy as well as those of sadness and tears. You have welcomed me into your homes and allowed me to share in those important moments and milestones of your lives. We have laughed, prayed and cried together and to journey with you "in and out of season" as they say, has been a blessing.

During these past nine years we have all changed as God continued to mould and shape us and as together we faced up to the challenges that came our way.

We adapted through the Covid years and sought to maintain some kind of normality and to offer a message of hope by doing Church in different ways; zoom services and online coffee mornings readily come to mind as we strove to enable one another to remain connected even in the midst of social isolation.

What impresses me most though is not only the welcome and acceptance that this church gives to all who come but the hard work and dedication of so many who freely give of their time and their energies to enable all that takes place to happen. This Annual Report is both a snapshot and a celebration of that.

Whilst the Annual Report helps us to look back and to give thanks, I am very conscious that September 2025 will bring many changes to Wantage Methodist Church, not least because there will no longer be a Methodist Minister living in the town. However, I also know that you will rise to the challenge. That you will continue to look outwards and to be a welcoming, accepting, tolerant, inclusive community, a sign of hope, peace and light in these strange and troubling times in which we find ourselves.

If we feel uncertain and apprehensive about what lies ahead, then may we take courage from the Psalmist of old, who was able to trust God not only for that day, but for all the days that the future held because of the ways in which God has blessed him and guided him in the past.

Thank you for everything and be assured that you will continue to be in my prayers long after we have moved,

With much love and God bless,

Keith

CHILDREY METHODIST CHAPEL

Gordon Skidmore

It was with great sadness that we have had to “cease to meet” at Childrey. We are grateful to Fran Esplin, Collin Craig, and Kevin and Angela Goodman for all they did to maintain the witness of Childrey Chapel in the village but the time had come when this was no longer sustainable.

The final service was appropriately a Chapel Anniversary with the Chair of the District preaching. This was a good way to complete our worshipping witness in the village.

The future of the Chapel is still under discussion as we consult with the village community to see what is the right way forward.

The church leadership team meets every six to eight weeks throughout the year, discussing every aspect of church life. The individual reports contained within the Annual Report will cover most of what we discuss, but the one vital part of our church life not covered by individual reports is worship. We have been privileged to have been led in worship by seventeen different ministers and local preachers throughout the year since the last annual church meeting, plus five groups and individuals from our church family for our Local Arrangement services. Such a wide range of approaches has helped us to reflect on our faith, think about what that faith means for us as individuals and as a church, and hopefully take those reflections into the wider community. There is a separate report covering the Holy Habits that we have looked at during the year.

Have you ever wondered what it involves in making sure everything happens as and when it should? Looking at the everyday aspects of church life, so much happens that is just taken for granted by us all, and it is only when these things don't happen that we are brought up short with the question in our minds about who has done that particular task in the past. I hope everyone has had a chance to check out the "Who's Who" board so carefully constructed by Ann Barber. That resides in the corridor taking you from the chapel to the hall. The information on that board gives a snapshot of who is responsible for what, but again that is not the whole picture.

I wonder if you have ever thought about what the job descriptions are for the named roles within the church. And maybe you have wondered, as I have, how anyone knows what needs to be done in the event of the current 'office' holder not being available for some reason. In order that we can all have access to the knowledge of what needs doing in all parts of church life and therefore know what needs doing when someone is unexpectedly not available to carry out their usual tasks, a file of job descriptions is being compiled, and once it is complete it will be available for perusal.

You may wonder about the emphasis on the tasks and what needs doing when, but it has become obvious to the church leadership team during the year that we need to be thinking of succession planning. That is where the job descriptions come in. If you don't know what goes on and what happens, you don't know what there is that you might be interested in assisting with. In writing this report I want to encourage us all to consider our God-given talents and wonder what we might be able to offer that would

enhance the life of the church. We know change is on its way so maybe this is our opportunity to look at what possibilities that change presents to us as a church family. One of my favourite sayings is this, "If you always do what you always did, you always get what you always got". We are going to be in the position of not always doing what we always did and so change is definitely coming.

Reflecting on the past year, change was imposed on us by ill health. Both Sue Haithwaite and I had bouts of illness that took us away from our steward duties for some time and we, and the third steward, David Worth, have been most grateful to those who covered our absence. We would all like to thank Ann B, Alison P and Carolyn R for stepping back into the role of steward for a good number of months. Thanks are also very much due to the Sunday stewards Jan A, Andrew B, Alison B, Rachel and Morgan N and Kelvin R. Week after week they willingly greet folk coming into church with a warmth that is much appreciated by everyone. We pride ourselves on being a welcoming church and all the Sunday stewards offer that initial welcome with a smile. Thank you.

The stewards are responsible, together with others, for ensuring that worship on Sunday happens. The 'others' are currently Gordon S, Zack S and Rodney T who enable those at home to experience the worship via Zoom, and in the church John C and Heather W create a PowerPoint presentation and project the service. Sadly, June G needed to step away from that last year. Gordon is the person who creates a full order of service from the skeleton order of service sent by the preacher for that Sunday and then sends out all the invites for the Zoom session. That is some undertaking on top of producing both the weekly notices and monthly newsletters. He also deals with all the bookings and makes sure we have a warm church on a Sunday. Maybe it is becoming clear why we need just a few more people to assist with the every-day running of the church. The other person very much involved with making sure the fabric of the church is maintained is Rob C and he has announced he will step down from that role in the summer. We will be seeking a replacement for him. He has written a comprehensive job description, so do ask for more details if property maintenance is something you would feel comfortable with. In fact, if any of the roles mentioned above or in other reports appeal, why not investigate if you might feel called to assist in some particular way? Please talk to any steward or other members of the church leadership team if you are at all interested in finding out more.

My final 'thank you' has to be to Keith for his leadership over the past 9 years. No simple 'thank you' is enough, but we all hope he knows just how much we have appreciated his ministry amongst us. We wish him & Liz every blessing as Keith 'sits down' .

HOLY HABITS (Light)

Helen Carter

Each of the Holy Habits we have been working on has given us the chance to read relevant books, engage in discussions about these books and how they relate to that particular Holy Habit. We have also had the opportunity to watch a chosen film and reflect on how that might help us understand the given Holy Habit. Thanks are due to Jane Kent, Keith and Gordon Skidmore for their facilitation of these events.

'Holy Habits' is not just a cosy way of wrapping various topics up together, the choice of those words is deliberate and deserves our careful consideration and reflection.

Since the last annual report, as a church, we have reflected on three Holy Habits (not counting the one we were working on when we had our annual meeting in 2024).

These have been:-

- The Holy Habit of Worship was mentioned in last year's report as that was being reflected on during March to May. The books we were offered with this were A friend for little bear by Harry Horse and The Essex Serpent by Sarah Perry. The film that went with this Holy Habit was the classic 'Sister Act'.
- From June to August 2024 we reflected on the Holy Habit of Fellowship. The books suggested for this Holy Habit were Winnie the Pooh by A.A. Milne, The Bees by Laline Paull and Offshore by Penelope Fitzgerald. The accompanying film was another classic – namely Paddington.
- September to November 2024 found us reflecting on the Holy Habit of Breaking Bread. The film that was shown with this Holy Habit was 'Of Gods and Men' and the accompanying books were The Power and the Glory by Graham Green, together with The Velveteen Rabbit by Margery Williams.
- With a break for Advent, Christmas and Covenant services, we commenced the Holy Habit of Biblical Teaching in February. The three

books suggested for this are - The Da Vinci Code by Dan Brown, The shadow of the Galilean by Gerd Theissen and The Neverending Story by Michael Ende. The film to be watched is 'The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe'.

Such a lot to reflect on! I wonder how many of us have continued to think about these Holy Habits and have worked on the fact that habits need to be formed and then kept very much in mind, with a view to strengthening them. These are desirable Holy Habits for life, not just for the three services focused on each Holy Habit. Maybe re-reading Andrew Roberts' book of 'Holy Habits' will help keep things fresh in our mind and prompt us to keep reflecting. And maybe we could reinforce each of the habits through focused acts of worship or continuing discussions. I do hope we will help each other by reminding ourselves of all the Holy Habits we have reflected on and focusing on how we can reinforce them as a church.

Communion Stewards

Rita Lawrence

Since our last general church meeting we have had sixteen Communion services.

Once a quarter we invite the congregation to come forward to receive the elements. For the remaining services the congregation remains seated.

The minister distributes gluten free bread to the congregation and the stewards help with the distribution of alcoholic free wine.

Our services have included Maundy Thursday evening Tenebrae service, Easter sunrise service at the Millenium stones in Ardington, as well the 10.30 Easter morning service in the chapel. We have also had a Remembrance Service, Cloth for the Cradle service on Christmas Eve and our Covenant service in January.... a variety of services each special in their own way.

We are looking forward to our Easter services this year at the Millenium Stones in Ardington and in our chapel.

Mary Trotter continues to look after our Communion table cloths and for that we say a big thank you.

A big thank you, also, to my fellow Communion stewards for their help and support, and to everyone else who helps to make sure our Communion services run smoothly.

A sad feature of this report is having to record the names of so many members of our church family who have died during the past year. We recognise that it is not a surprising fact, but an illustration and recognition of the continuous rise in the age profile of that membership. We reflect with gratitude the contributions made to the life of our Church by all of these people. Whilst we miss their presence, we give thanks for their lives, and the times shared with them, and are comforted in knowing they now rest in God's eternal love and care.

Jane Rudd's discharge from hospital to stay in Elmbrook Court for palliative nursing care was a very short one, and she died there on 1st May 2024. As a longstanding member of our church, Jane worshipped with us over many decades. With her long nursing experience, she was one of our named team of First Aiders. A Thanksgiving Service in celebration of Jane's life was held in our Church on 4th July. Sadly Jane's husband, Harry, died a month before this, following a fall at home.

The small number of remaining worshippers at Childrey decreased further with the death of John Cliffe on 26th May. Sadly, the number of people and families associated with this church has fallen relentlessly during recent years, and has led to Childrey Methodist Church no longer being sustainable as a place of worship for the local community.

With regret we also recorded the death of David Harrison, who lived at Betjeman Court and was a close companion of one of our late members, Dilys Seymour. David regularly came to Church lunches with Dilys on Fridays and Sundays, and more recently he enjoyed spending Monday mornings at our Community Café.

Just before Christmas, at the age of 102, and after many decades of membership, Graham Godfrey died. It would be impossible to describe all that Graham did for our Church. At the Service of Thanksgiving for his life on 21st January, the tributes given by his daughters and youngest granddaughter provided a wonderful account of many aspects of Graham's life, and there is no doubt that he will be remembered with deep affection and gratitude by all of us privileged to have shared worship, activities, and some responsibilities with him. We will go on wondering at the dedicated service which he offered to our church in so many different ways and over such a long period of time. Our buildings benefitted from so much of his time and expert knowledge, and his leadership in many areas of church life was invaluable, but above all, he showed such kindness, care and love for

everyone who worshipped with us, offering a truly Christlike example to us. We now treasure the memories of times and experiences shared with him through worship, activities and serving Christ together.

Jane Robinson suffered an accident last autumn, in which her leg was badly cut, and put her out of action. She is still unable to attend our Morning Services regularly, but we continue to hope that the injury will heal well enough to enable Jane to drive, so that she can join us in church once again .

During the second half of last year, two of the members of our small team of Church Stewards, Sue Haithwaite and Helen Carter, had to take some time out from that role whilst they received treatment at the Churchill Hospital. Gordon Skidmore similarly had to attend there to complete an exhausting schedule of daily sessions of radiotherapy. Amazingly, he did so without pausing any of the many tasks he completes continuously to ensure the smooth running of our Church – a mammoth task by any measure. We are thankful that Gordon's, Sue's and Helen's surgery and Outpatients' treatments have been effective, and that they are now all in remission from the health problems they had been forced to confront. We pray that their restored health will continue.

Until Eileen Rennie's health deteriorated seriously during last year, she spent much time and energy engaged in many aspects of our Church life. Eileen led the Tuesday Afternoon Bible Study Group, co-led the Monday Morning Community Café, organised the Prayer List, and assisted in many other ways. It has been a difficult year for her and has included periods in the JR Hospital and Burcot Nursing Home, before being able to return home. In Eileen's own words she has had to "adapt to a new norm". Her disappointment at no longer being able to participate directly in services and activities at Church is understandable, and her presence and contributions are greatly missed. We continue to hold Eileen in our thoughts, and assure her of our ongoing prayers for her return to better health – and hopefully to some church activities in person.

In a similar way, but, apart from the Community Café, covering different aspects of our Church life from Eileen, this is a difficult time for June Grunwald, who has been forced to take a break from many of the areas of work in which she has made such a valuable contribution. June's treatment continues and we are aware of how unwell it makes her feel, whilst hoping, of course, that it is effectively dealing with the medical problems. June is surrounded by the prayers, love and support of the church family, as we all look forward hopefully for her return to a better quality of life and wellness.

Through the kind services provided by Gordon and his team of technical experts, those people who find it easier to worship from home are able to continue doing so via Zoom. Grateful thanks are offered to Gordon, Zack Smith, John Carter, Heather Wells and others who work hard to make this possible – despite, on occasions, it being anything but a straightforward task, and one which is beyond the ability of most of us.

On the final Sunday in October last year there were two services, each of them with a special focus. Our morning service included the baptism of Martha Heaver. This was witnessed by very many of her family members and friends. The many comments afterwards confirmed their appreciation of being so warmly welcomed, and the uplifting service celebrating the special occasion for Martha, and everyone who was there to support her entry into our church family through infant baptism.

In the afternoon we held our annual Remembrance Service and again this was well attended. This year it reflected both the unusually large number of funerals which have occurred during the past year, and the comfort and reassurance which came through sharing in this act of worship and remembering.

Congratulations were offered to Mary Trotter when she celebrated her 90th birthday on 11th June. It is thanks to Mary that our cloths for the Communion table always look so beautifully pristine. We are grateful for 25 years of this service to our church, as well as the decades of leading Wednesday Fellowship, and, together with Robin, running our Shell and Nest Club children's groups.

It is always a joy to welcome new people attending our morning services, and last Summer we were pleased to meet Mereoni and her husband Ben Tauli, together with their sons Sikeli and Myles. Similarly we are delighted that Jennie Sapsford has also chosen to worship with us, and we are enjoying getting to know all these people better.

With much joy we celebrated a happy event, and offered our warmest congratulations to June Grunwald on her appointment as a Lay Chaplain to Elmbrook Court Care Home. June had already become well known and well loved by the residents and the staff there since it opened three years ago. She leads a service there each month, which is followed by a cup of tea and shared conversation, all of which are greatly appreciated by the elderly residents who participate. June's commissioning service took place last September, and was attended by people throughout the Circuit.

I think it is an accurate assessment that the concept of the formally structured pastoral care system in Methodism is beyond anything experienced in most churches of other denominations. It is the means by which everyone can feel part of a caring and supportive church family. Those of us who have accepted the commission to serve as Pastoral Visitors have done so knowing that it is both a privilege and a responsibility. Part of our calling is to foster that sense of being held together in a way which enables each one of us to feel welcomed, valued and supported. Hopefully, none of those essential elements will be diminished as we now prepare to adopt a new system having had to consider the best way forward for the future. Restructuring our pastoral system is included in the necessary changes for our Church and the Circuit. We have worked carefully and prayerfully in trying to ensure that our adapted structure confirms and continues that sense of being part of a family held together in God's love. Our aim is to preserve all the special aspects of care for each other which we hold so dear.

There will only be a short time between presenting the restructured Pastoral Care system to everyone and putting it into practice whilst Keith is with us. We will have just a few months in which he can guide it into action and, if necessary, help us iron out any little uncertainties or potential snags. Hopefully, it will be a smooth transition and we will be able to move forwards positively and confidently. We are most grateful to Keith for everything he has done to protect and support our pastoral team over the last nine years. Acknowledgements of the ways in which he has helped many people within our church family at their times of sadness or difficulty reinforce our appreciation, and complement our thanks to him.

Church Life

Kids@Church report 2024

Jane Kent, David & Cath Worth, Keith

This year at Kids@Church we have enjoyed exploring a range of Bible stories focusing on topics such as Jesus the light of the world, His teaching through parables and how to pray. Each session usually includes a story and prayer followed by an activity or craft. We always finish with a simple breakfast together where there is a lovely sense of the friendships that have developed.

Numbers at Kids@Church fell post pandemic and have not really risen. We have 3 or 4 families who attend quite regularly, but during the past year we have had some sessions with only one or two children. It is rare to have all the families at one time. The age range of the children is wide which makes planning a challenge as we consider how to engage all age groups without knowing who will actually attend.

Leaders met in March to discuss these difficulties. We are currently talking to the parents to gauge their views as we make decisions about the future of Kids@Church.

We continue to be incredibly grateful to Liz and Jordan who faithfully help us in the kitchen every month. As this is Keith and Liz's last ACM, we would like to take this opportunity to thank them HUGELY for their enthusiastic help and participation in running Kids@Church throughout their time here – we will miss them.

Community Drop In Café

Carolyn Roche

With both Eileen Rennie and June Grunwald being out of action for a considerable part of the year, it has been a pleasure to see the team of volunteers working together to enable the café to continue. Some volunteer on a regular basis and some prefer to wait in the wings for a last minute call, which has been invaluable. Our heartfelt thanks to all that volunteer in any capacity, including those that make cakes.

The Community Café, which is open in the hall on Mondays from 9 am to 12 noon, continues to prove popular. The café welcomes a core group of regulars and from time to time new people drop in. There is no charge for coffee, but any donations go to a charity. At the June 2024 Church Council meeting it was agreed that the following charities would be supported in the Connexional year: Freyja's fund (a local charity based at JR which provides grants to children with cancer); Siyabonga (a small charity

providing support to children in Uganda); Parkinsons Me (a local charity who run the garden in Ardington and also run movement classes for people with Parkinsons) and Church funds. Funds have been boosted by a café regular making home-made cards with proceeds going to the café charity. Numbers of visitors vary with fewer people on very cold or very wet days. A greater number came when Judith and Martin Smithson visited Wantage and dropped in at the café. We also welcomed an information stall from Age UK as part of the International Day of Older Persons. Once again it has been well worth opening on Bank Holiday Mondays as over 25 people dropped in.

Tuesday prayer and study group

Carolyn Roche

This open and friendly group has met every week during the past 12 months except for Christmas, Easter and during the month of August. Despite some ill-health among a few of our regular members, we usually have about 12 people meeting to study and pray. We are very fortunate in that there are six members who are happy to take a turn at leading the Bible Study. Also we are very grateful that Keith has been able to come once a quarter to lead one of the sessions.

Since last ACM we have studied:-

- Holy Habits – Worship
- 30 days in Genesis(Bible Month) – this included a Quiet Day at the Convent led by Libby Bolton
- Holy Habits – Fellowship
- Holy Habits – Breaking Bread
- Advent Study – Strange Christmas by Krish Kandiah (from the Cover to Cover series)
- Holy Habits – Biblical Teaching
- Lent Study – Centred on Christ by Michael Baughen (from the Cover to Cover series)

During Holy Week we were able to have our usual time in the small chapel of the Convent for Stations of the Cross. This was led by Carolyn and included Bible readings, reflection, prayer and song. We then met in one of Convent rooms for refreshment together. People other than regular members joined us for this afternoon.

Once again, we supported the Christmas Tree Festival. The theme for our tree this year was 'The Methodist Way of Life'.

Each week we pray for the world and for Districts within our own country making use of the Connexional Prayer Diary. We pray for Circuits within our own District using the District Prayer Diary. We then pray for our own Circuit and for Wantage Methodist Church. Next we focus on the Church Prayer List and also pray for those known to us but who do not wish to be named on the list. Finally we pray for ourselves. Do please let us know if you have someone or a situation that you would like us to include in our prayer time.

Community Chaplain & Bible Study at Elmbrook Care Home

June Grunwald

The Bible Study continues to meet on the second Monday of the month at 2.30pm. Different residents attend from week to week, some with impairments (visual, mobility, speech and cognitive) and from a wide variety of church backgrounds. Because of this we use a simple format of hymns, prayer, bible reading and questions lasting about 30-45 mins. The number of people who attend varies from month to month for a variety of reasons but a core group from the care home and from our church attend on a fairly regular basis. In the last year a couple of our core group members have passed away. It was a privilege to be able to visit them in their last few days. In May Keith, our Minister, led a session which included Holy Communion. We also held sessions to mark special times of the year such as Harvest, Remembrance and Advent. It has been good to have members of our church join us and the residents have enjoyed interacting with members of our church when we have coffee in the lounge area afterwards. If you would like to be involved in any session, please contact me.

In September I was privileged to be commissioned as a Community Chaplain in a Circuit Service. I now have a fleece and ID which makes it much easier when I visit the care home on an ad hoc basis. The fleece has already led to conversations with family members, which might not have happened without a distinct logo on the back. Unfortunately, due to my own ill health and a bout of sickness in the care home, I have not visited the care home as often as I would have liked this year. I visit not only members of the bible study group, but anyone else who would like to have a chat.

Seasonal Bible Study

Gordon Skidmore

For both Advent and Lent, a small group has met on a Thursday morning at the home of Clive and Aison Phillips for bible study appropriate to the season.

Knit & Chat

Carolyn Roche

This group continues to meet in the church hall on the 1st and 3rd Mondays of the month. It is attended by church members, plus those who have found us from the church website and by word of mouth. We average 12 attendees each meeting but recently have had as many as 18 'knitters and chatters'. We all enjoy the mid-way break for refreshments, especially if there is cake from the mornings Community Café to be eaten.

Once again we have continued with knitting angels. This year we produced 1003 angels and as well as going out into Wantage they were also appreciated at the following care homes: Framlands, Sanctuary Care, Elmbrook, Stirlings, St. Katherines, Richmond Village and this year a few were taken to Charlton Lodge on the Kingsgrove estate.

At the Christmas Tree Festival we decorated our tree with the hats that we have been knitting. These were subsequently sent to The Mission to Seafarers. Thanks to June for organising this.

For those who prefer to crochet rather than knit, we now have a lovely crochet angel pattern that works. Thank you to Karen for providing this. Some people are knitting the bodies and adding the pretty crochet wings.

We look forward to another year of knitting, crocheting, sewing and chatting. Please come and join us.

Music in Church

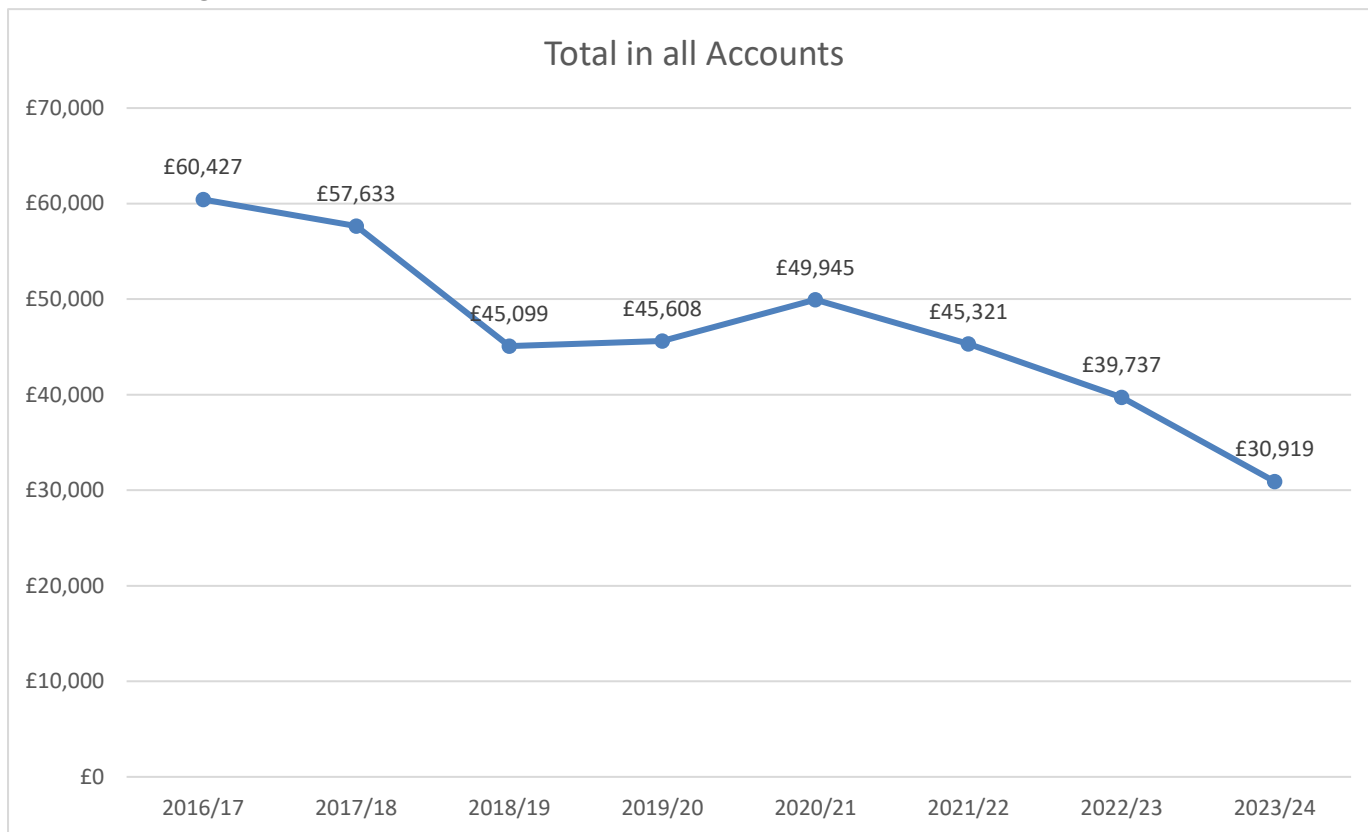
Gill Skidmore

As usual, my thanks to all who help in providing music for our services – to Carolyn Roche, David Worth and the Music Makers for their contributions this year.

We are always on the lookout for people who can play on an occasional or regular basis. If any of you would like to help in the music making of the church, please do have a word with me. It is always good to have variety!

Wantage Methodist Church AGM Finance Report 2025

The main message for this AGM is that the Church reserves are decreasing, and we need to take action.

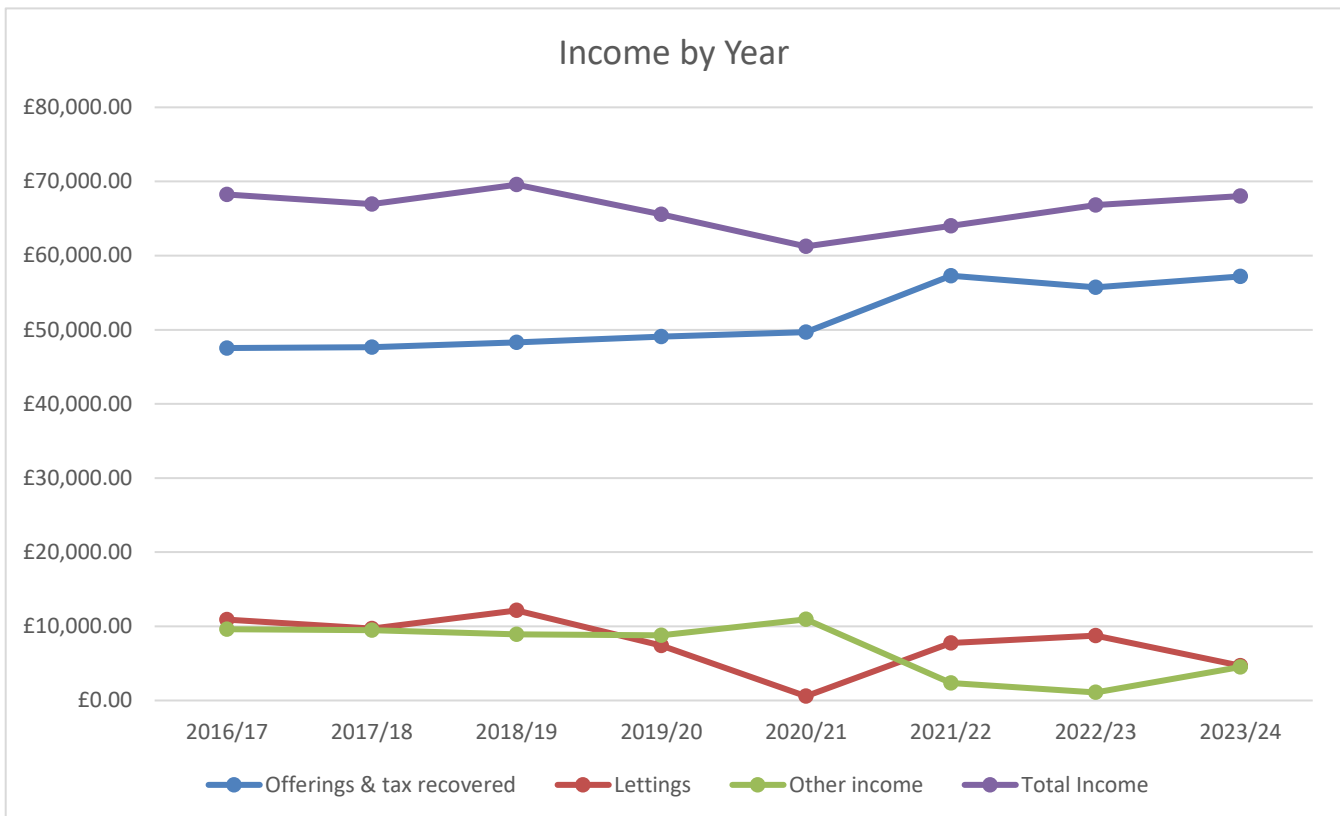


It is clear that in 2016 the total in the 3 bank accounts was £60K this has now dropped to just over £30K – COVID did have an impact on the Church Finance, but over the last 9 years that has been a slow, cumulative decrease in the church funds.

Following Keith’s informative and very useful service concerning Giving on 26th January, it was a very different approach from the messages I had received growing up and from talking to others I was not alone. It generated one-off payments of £1,165.00 and an increase in monthly giving SOs of £218.00 per month (£2,616.00 / annum) plus 2 new regular giving SOs have been setup.

However, this still will not bring the Church Finances back to a comfortable state.

If we start by looking at our income:

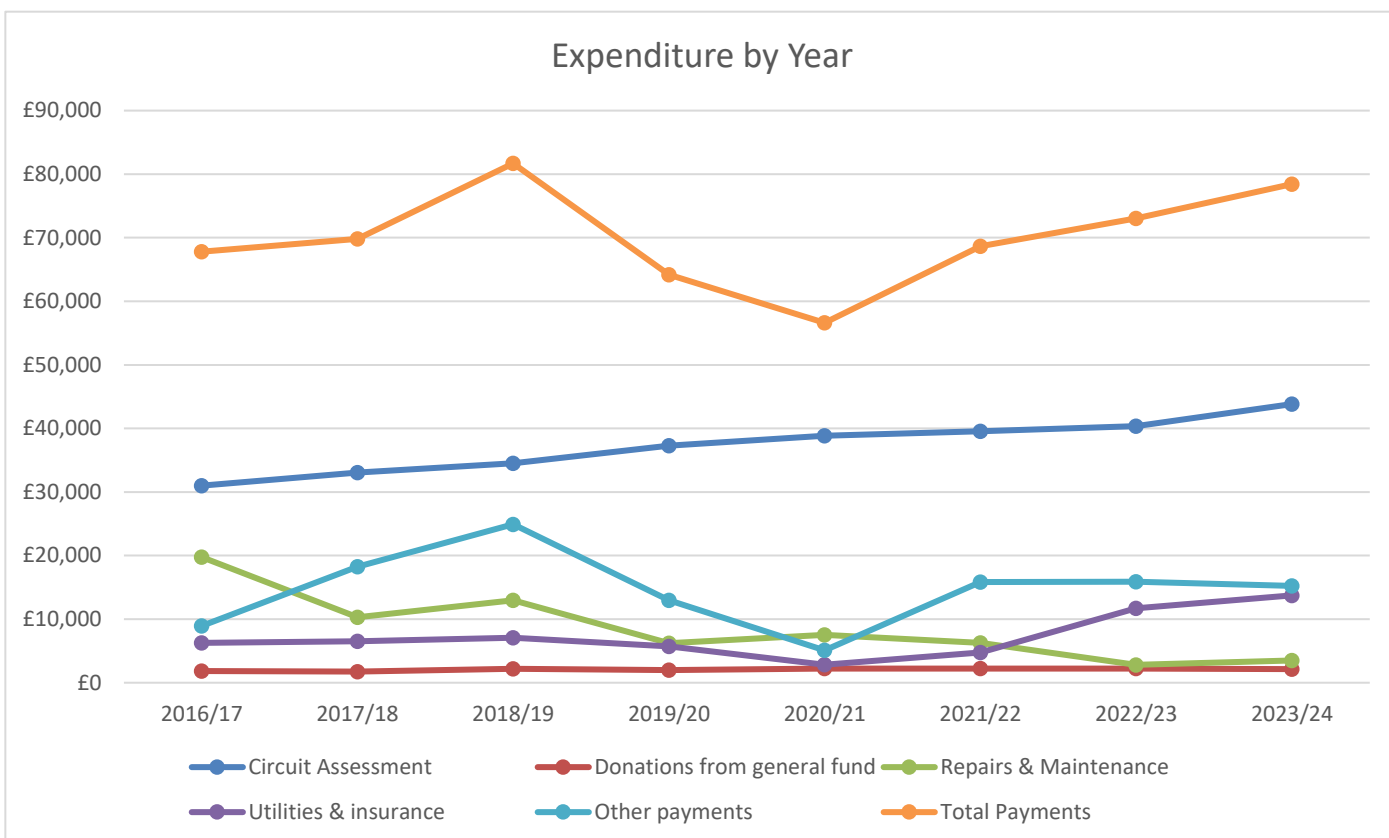


Lettings and other incomes have dropped from just over 24K to just over £9K – a drop of 15K. Although a number of letting invoices were paid late (i.e. in September) and so this figure is slightly higher than the actual but not significantly so.

Offerings have dropped from £60K in 2016 to £57K in 2024 and have in fact risen again following COVID.

Following the dip in income during the COVID years plus a reduction we now find ourselves in a challenging situation.

Obviously, we need to consider this against our outgoings.



Again, we can see an effect due to COVID.

Clearly, the Circuit Assessment has increased as have the utility bills and insurance. But generally our expenditure seems very reasonable having followed the accounts closely for my first year.

The outgoings have fallen from £112K in 2016 to £78K last year (a drop of £34K) which is good.

Looking at these figures please be aware that during the earlier years we were undertaking Project 21 i.e. the refurbishment of the church and although this was coming to an end (or so it was thought) there were very large bills and they are responsible for the large expenditure. Later, we had a further unexpected large expenditure in 2018/9 when we had to analyse the sound distortion in the chapel and resolve it with sound absorbing panels.

The accounts for this year to the 3rd April 2025 are as below – I can provide further details as to what is included in each category. Please note that a new software for the accounts has been introduced and hence the layout will look different.

Wantage Methodist Church Analysis of income and expenditure

	General	Benevolent Fund	This year	Last year
Receipts				
Offerings and tax recoverable				
1001 - Weekly offering - cash and cheques	£933.90	0	£933.90	
1002 - Weekly offering - envelopes	£608.46	0	£608.46	
1003 - Offertory - standing orders	£1,278.00	0	£1,278.00	
1004 - Gift Aid - Regular giving	£23,154.70	0	£23,154.70	
1005 - Gift Aid - single gifts	£1,080.00	0	£1,080.00	
Offerings and tax recoverable Totals	£27,055.06	0	£27,055.06	£57,189
Bank & CFB interest and investment income				
1101 - Interest - Bank	£252.10	0	£252.10	
Bank & CFB interest and investment income Totals	£252.10	0	£252.10	£1,639
Lettings				
1202 - Lettings - Hall	£5,265.00	0	£5,265.00	
Lettings Totals	£5,265.00	0	£5,265.00	£4,700
Other receipts				
1305 - Donations - General	£175.00	0	£175.00	
1310 - Other Collections - Receipts	0	£672.09	£672.09	
Other receipts Totals	£175.00	£672.09	£847.09	£4,511
Receipts Grand totals	£32,747.16	£672.09	£33,419.25	£68,039
Payments				
Circuit assessment or share				
2001 - Circuit Assessment or Share	£24,244.00	0	£24,244.00	
Circuit assessment or share Totals	£24,244.00	0	£24,244.00	£43,832
Donations				
2102 - National Charities	£36.00	0	£36.00	
2104 - Benevolence Distributions	£300.00	£680.00	£980.00	
Donations Totals	£336.00	£680.00	£1,016.00	£2,125

Repairs and maintenance					
	2201 - Cleaning	£5,607.12	0	£5,607.12	
	2203 - Cleaning - Materials	£378.08	0	£378.08	
	2211 - Maintenance - Toilet Rolls, soap etc	£32.36	0	£32.36	
	2220 - Property - repairs, maintenance etc	£734.58	0	£734.58	
Repairs and maintenance Totals		£6,752.14	0	£6,752.14	£3,489
Utilities, insurances etc					
	2301 - Insurance - Church	£2,544.14	0	£2,544.14	
	2310 - Gas - Heating	£631.30	0	£631.30	
	2313 - Electricity - Lighting, etc	£829.80	0	£829.80	
	2320 - Water	£326.36	0	£326.36	
Utilities, insurances etc Totals		£4,331.60	0	£4,331.60	£13,742
Other payments					
	2601 - Equipment - Dishwasher	£665.99	0	£665.99	
	2602 - Photocopying	£2,367.51	0	£2,367.51	
	2603 - Stationery	£34.50	0	£34.50	
	2608 - Broadband/WiFi	£221.90	0	£221.90	£335.03
	2609 - Zoom Licence	0	0	0	£143.88
	2610 - Website	£180.00	0	£180.00	£360.00
	2611 - Software Licence	£15.00	0	£15.00	
	2621 - Professional Service	£60.41	0	£60.41	
	2622 - Fund Raising Costs	£83.60	0	£83.60	
	2624 - Copyright Licence	£786.49	0	£786.49	
	2626 - Fairtrade Costs	£50.00	0	£50.00	
	2628 - Catering	£539.54	0	£539.54	
	2629 - Business Directory	£19.00	0	£19.00	£19.00
	2641 - Preacher's Expenses	£73.54	0	£73.54	
	2645 - Kids @ Church	£19.49	0	£19.49	£32.82
Other payments Totals		£5,116.97	0	£5,116.97	£15,235.00
Payments Grand totals		£40,780.71	£680.00	£41,460.71	£78,423.00

Property

Gordon Skidmore & Rob Charles

After many years of service, Rob will retire from being our Property Steward this summer. We all owe him a big “thank you”. It is one of the “invisible” jobs of the Church and Rob has done the job quietly, efficiently and effectively through a particularly difficult period with COVID.

We are, of course, now seeking someone to pick up the mantle.

Chapel Heating

Last year we reported that we had experienced a total failure of the chapel boiler controller which involved rigging a temporary fix while a replacement controller could be sourced and programmed.

The rather irritating intermittent snags which we experienced, frustratingly, have not been resolved and after struggling with the “repaired” kit, we have had to revert to the “fix” for Sundays as the controller seems to take Sunday as its “day of rest”! The issue is somewhere in the software which does make it more difficult to trace.

Routine work

The Health and Safety Assessment has been completed.

The servicing of both boilers has been completed.

One of the invisible jobs is the maintenance of the water softener for the dishwasher and we must thank Rodney Tillotson for his continued commitment to this task.

The fire alarm and fire extinguisher servicing is up to date.

Repairs to woodwork (windows and doors) have progressed through the year to limit weather damage. The wet winter is causing some issues with swelling of woodwork so some external doors are proving “sticky”.

Users

Gordon Skidmore

Our user list is largely restored. Late invoicing last summer and some apparent failures to pay have affected the income stream.

We have had far fewer private parties since COVID. This partly reflects the fact that we have to charge more to cover heating costs.

The detail of who our users are is visible each month in the Newsletter.

The bookings mailbox is: wntgmethodistbookings@gmail.com

Copyright

Kelvin Rose

A total of 234 hymns were projected and roughly half were reported to the CCLI as they were still within copyright. (We have a licence to project hymns with the CCLI)

Twenty-five of the 234 were projected twice, and twelve three times.

The most frequently projected hymn, shown six times, was "Have you heard God's voice?" Followed by "Let love be real" which was shown five times.

Nearly all the hymns are printed in "Singing the Faith".

Communications

Gordon Skidmore

Technology

The church premises have an internet connection with WiFi available through all the premises. Thanks are due to Rodney Tillotson for his oversight of the technology.

It also makes us an attractive place for public events and allows work to be done on our premises, particularly by the Community Chaplain.

"Zoom" transmissions are being used for morning worship each week, along with funeral and thanksgiving services and also some user events. This allows people to share where otherwise they would have been unable to attend.

There is a cost to us not just for the internet service contract but also for various IP rights contracts.

Thanks are due to Zak Smith, John Carter and Rodney Tillotson for their support with Zoom for morning worship.

Wantage Methodist Website <https://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. We are grateful to Jordan and Zak Smith and Helen Carter for maintaining our presence on **Facebook**.

Notices

Whilst there is a limited print run each week, these are available on the Wantage Methodist Church web site. This web version is always the most up to date version as updates are made and errors and omissions in the printed copy are corrected and a new edition posted.

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 (CGW News)

In 2024 we published 10 editions under the title CGW News.

The closure of Childrey Methodist Church has led to the need to change the title. Any suggestions would be welcomed.

All editions are available on both Wantage Methodist Church and the Wantage & Abingdon Circuit web sites. These are always updated if errors are spotted in the printed or posted editions.

Printed copies are available for those who would prefer them.

We try to include items from a wider world and deliver something which is more than a diary of events. Any comments or offers of content are gratefully received. Please let us know of any ideas to improve what we publish.

Just as important, please read it as otherwise you will miss important and relevant information.

The sector newsletter mailbox is: wantage.sector.newsletter@gmail.com

Email

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 are not guaranteed to be dealt with in a timely fashion if not sent to the dedicated email addresses.

Bookings : wntgmethodistbookings@gmail.com
Notices (weekly): wntgmethodistnotices@gmail.com
Newsletter (monthly) : wantage.sector.newsletter@gmail.com
Annual Report : wmcannualreport@gmail.com

During the past twelve months, the Circuit has said farewell to Rev Ian Griffiths and Tabitha and welcomed Rev Georgina Bondzi-Simpson and her husband, Leslie. Due to the modifications needed at the Abingdon Manse in St Amand Drive, Georgina and Leslie were not able to move in until 21st November. Except for a few minor snags and work in the garden this project is now finished and it is great news that it was completed on budget.

Rev Bruce Thompson has agreed to a three year re-invitation and we are very pleased that he and Karen will be with us until August 2028.

In July 2025, Rev Keith Underhill will be 'sitting down' (retiring) and Deacon Selina Nisbett will be moving to work in Amesbury. We will be able to wish them well and say thank you for all they have done for the Circuit at a Farewell Service in Wantage Methodist Church on 27th July.

The Pastoral Care of Wantage Methodist Church will be looked after by Bruce, while Georgina will look after Grove. Georgina will also be taking over the Superintendency in September and the Circuit service to celebrate this will take place in Trinity on Saturday 23rd August at 3pm. Our prayers are called for in support of Georgina and Bruce in their new responsibilities and we remind one another of the mutual responsibility to care for one another within the church.

We were pleased to welcome Neil Oastler to the Circuit Steward's team. He joins Anne Matthews, Gordon Skidmore (Circuit Treasurer), Mary Hancock (Circuit Property Steward) and Carolyn Roche. The Circuit Staff, Circuit Stewards, along with the Community Chaplain, Libby Hawkness-Smith make up the Circuit Leadership Team.

During the past year the CLT has been working on the future sustainability of the Wantage and Abingdon Circuit and have led three Circuit Meeting + consultations where everyone has had an opportunity to come and take part and to give their views so as to help inform the decisions that have to be made going forward. Currently the administration of the circuit is the focus of the CLT. Controlling the administration load for the presbyters was a focus from the Circuit Meeting + series of consultations.

The Circuit has to be self financing. We have been grateful this year for the contributions of £64,500 from the District Advance Fund and £56,400 from the Connexional Benevolent Fund in support of the work at St Amand Drive. However we have been dependent on the capital reserves for the

routine work of the Circuit over the period 2020 to 2025 with the 24/25 assessments £13,000 short of the basic costs of the Circuit with three presbyters. Our Deacon and our Chaplains are funded from reserves as planned.

Next year will be different and present projections suggest that the costs of the Circuit that will have to be covered from assessment will remain at about the same total as this last year. The finance officers of the Circuit met in February to determine how this is to be shared across the churches of the Circuit.

Libby Hawkness-Smith continues as the lead chaplain. Her chaplaincy work takes place at Great Western Park, Didcot and in Wantage and Grove with the assistance of her canine chaplains. Wendy Moorin continues her work as an Anna chaplain with her canine chaplain, Tilly. June Gunwald carries out her chaplaincy work in Elmbrook Care Home and the Circuit welcomed her to this role at a Circuit Service in September.

The Circuit is pleased to welcome two new Local Preachers, Carolyn and Graham Luscombe, who have made their home at Wallingford Methodist Church. We are also delighted that Belinda Kaur will be accredited as a Methodist Local Preacher at a Circuit Service at Wallingford on 25th May at 4.30pm. This will be preceded by a tea at 3pm to which everyone is welcome.

In preparation for the time when there will be more Local Arrangements on the plan, we are very grateful for the training being given by Bruce and the many people who are attending this. The next meeting will be at Wantage on Saturday 5th April.

Further Circuit events include a Circuit Service at Trinity Church, Abingdon on the afternoon of Sunday 1st June. This is as part of their celebrations of the 150th Anniversary of the church's first service on 28th May 1875.

Wantage and Grove Church Partnership

Ann Barber

During Holy Week last year, a performance of the Passion Play, by a cast from Lamps, a company of professional actors, took place in Wantage Baptist Church on the evening of Maundy Thursday. It was a source of disappointment that it coincided not only with our Service of Holy Communion, a long established tradition that is shared between the Grove Methodist Church family and our own, but also with special Maundy Thursday Services at the Parish Church and St John Vianney. No such event has been arranged for 2025, which has removed the risk of repeating such a clash between the Partnership's member churches

Plans for this year's open air celebration of Palm Sunday are in place and will follow the usual format. The Parish Church Choir will process into the West End of the Market Place, with the donkey at the head of the procession, and accompaniment will be provided by Wantage Silver Band. The service begins at 10 o'clock, but it is hoped that, as people assemble there will be communal hymn singing of the familiar Palm Sunday hymns. As usual, the morning service in our church will begin later than usual at 10.45am.

A Walk of Witness from the Kingsgrove estate to the Parish Church will take place for a third year on Good Friday. There will be prayer stops at the churches en route, and our Church in its penultimate position along the route is included. At 11 am that day, the usual outdoor service will take place on the Green opposite Grove Methodist Church. This Service is always followed by coffee, tea and hot cross buns in the Methodist Church.

The Partnership's AGM and joint service took place at St John's, Grove on 9th June last year. In his Chair's report, John Steventon reminded the meeting that the aim of the Partnership is to further the mission of the local church by encouraging good relationships between Christian congregations, and united action in witness, outreach and service to the community. In addition it was acknowledged that member churches are autonomous, and their varied characteristics are respected and valued. The Partnership encourages member churches to work together where that is of benefit, but without any expectation that all churches will collaborate on any event or initiative. John also highlighted the importance of the Partnership's efforts to support, encourage and pray for our local community initiatives like Foodbank, Street Pastors, Little People and Cornerstone Christian Centre

During the Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity in January this year, the only session which was a live event rather than via Zoom, was the Sunday afternoon service in our Church, led by Keith and with participation from all of the other churches within the Partnership. It was preceded by tea and cakes and was a most uplifting beginning to that special week in our calendar.

The arrival of Frances Pardoe as the Anglican Curate for the Parish Church and Holy Trinity has been a great joy. Not only did he attend our Action Group Meeting almost immediately after coming to Wantage, but he also volunteered to take on the role of Secretary. This is an important position which ensures that communication amongst all of the churches takes place speedily, so we are grateful to Frances for his willingness to undertake this responsibility.

John Steventon, who has been a diligent Chairperson for the Partnership over many years, has indicated that he wishes to retire from that role at this year's Annual General Meeting. Over the many decades of existence of an ecumenical partnership of local churches, the group has had a series of different titles going back to its initial name of Wantage Christian Council on its formation in 1992. Hopefully a successor to John will be willing to assume this responsibility quickly, avoiding a long vacancy within that role, and to ensure the best possible practices within the Partnership.

**Wantage Methodist Church Annual Church Meeting
Sunday April 27th 2025
After Morning Worship (starting 10:30 am)**

AGENDA

Apologies

Greetings and Remembrances

Minutes of ACM 2024

Annual Report 2025

Appointments

Church Stewards

Sue Haithwaite, Helen Carter, David Worth nominated for reappointment

Representatives to Church Council

Alison Brown and Kelvin Rose have completed their two terms of 3 years and stand down. Margaret Fordham, Eileen Rennie and Carolyn Roche have completed their first term of 3 years. Eileen has offered her resignation but the others *can be nominated for re-appointment. There are at least 3 vacancies as Elected Representatives.*

Representatives to Church Leadership Team

After September

Any Other Business

Nominations for Church Steward and Church Council Representatives must be received by Rev Keith Underhill or Gill Skidmore **by April 21st**. Nominations need the approval of the person nominated who must be a member of the Methodist Church.

Wantage with Childrey Annual Church Meeting

Sunday 28th April 2024 at 10.30 am

Incorporated into worship at Wantage Methodist Church and on Zoom

Present: 46 attendees in person and 8 on Zoom

Within the context of relevant readings, hymns and prayers, the following is a record of the business of the meeting.

Introduction: What is the Methodist Church about? It is summed up in the words of Our Calling: "... to respond to the gospel of God's love in Christ and to live out its discipleship in worship and mission." But how?

The Annual Church Meeting is called to elect the Church Stewards and Church Council members (who are the Church trustees), to reflect on the last year and to ask questions. It is appropriate to embed it within worship, which is at the root of all we do. It may not be so easy to ask questions, but on **Saturday 15th June**, from 9:30 am to 12 noon, there will be an open meeting to discuss the future of our church. Everyone is encouraged to attend and share in the thinking.

The Annual Report was published in advance of the ACM, both in printed form and online. Slides projected before the service illustrated some of the work of the church.

Worship: Worship over the last year has been varied and hopefully accessible and inclusive.

- It has been led by lay and ordained people. There have been a number of local arrangements, and thanks were expressed to those who led these services. It may be that someone has been challenged to becoming a worship leader or a local preacher. There will be more local arrangements to come as the number of ordained members of staff in the Circuit decreases. Comments have suggested that these services have been highly valued.

- 237 hymns have been sung, four of them four times each.

- We seek to worship as a community. People bring all different things into worship, and take a variety of things away. There have been different styles of worship over the year. Some have been united with other local churches or with the Wantage and Abingdon Circuit. All have offered praise to the Lord.

Learning and caring:

- The pastoral visitors lead the caring of the church, celebrating special moments and holding the Christ light for those in need of love and support.
- Kids@church continues to minister to young families.
- Holy habits is based on the themes of the early church. God is love and we must manifest love.

Service:

- Monday 29th April is the 5th anniversary of the community café, which is attended by church and non-church people. Some come regularly, but there are always new people. It offers safety, warmth and fellowship.
- June Grunwald is acting as a chaplain and this will hopefully soon be officially recognized. Alongside community café she is doing very valuable work in Elmbrook Care Home.
- The work of Wantage and Grove Street Pastors continues, with Wantage Methodist Church represented by Zack Smith (street pastor) and Gill Skidmore (prayer support volunteer).
- The church continues to support the local Food Bank.
- The Christmas Tree Festival draws in people from the whole community.
- Individuals are engaging in a variety of activities in the community. We are all chaplains – all witnesses to God in the world.

John Checketts wished to put on record his thanks for all the care and support that he and Jo have received from the church since they moved here.

Evangelism: The church is the only organisation that exists for those who are not members of it.

- The knitted Christmas angels are still greatly anticipated and appreciated by the community. Every year the right angel seems to find its way to the right person, bringing love, hope and solace.
- How do we share our faith? By how we behave and how we share. The District has recently appointed a Digital Enabler. A digital presence is very important, as people looking for a new church tend to look online first. Engagement with people is crucial. Most people come because someone they know has invited them.

Finance and governance:

- At the Annual Church Meeting last year we were considering having to outsource the role of Treasurer. The church is very grateful to Heather Wells for stepping forward to take on the role. Thanks were also expressed to Clive Phillips, the outgoing Treasurer.
- Heather had to send her apologies for the meeting, but reported that the only expenses that were out of the ordinary were the repairs to the chapel boiler and the piano maintenance charge.
- **Church Stewards:** Helen Carter, Sue Haithwaite and David Worth are all willing to continue in post and were duly elected. Ideally the size of the team should be increased. Anybody interested is encouraged to talk, without obligation, to Keith Underhill or one of the stewards. Permission was granted to appoint any appropriate candidate.
- The Sunday stewards were thanked for their work throughout the year.
- **Church Council:** Diana Gawlas (proposed Helen Carter, seconded Gill Skidmore) was appointed as a representative to Church Council.
- **Church Leadership Team:** Margaret Fordham (proposed Ann Barber, seconded Keith Underhill) was appointed to the CLT.
- The Annual Report was accepted as a true record of the last year in the life of the church.
- The minutes of the Annual Church Meeting in May 2023 were accepted as a true record.

Thanks were expressed to all those who contributed to the church governance.

Thanksgiving:

- Thanks were offered to God for His guidance.
- Those members of our church who have died during the year were remembered in silence with thanksgiving : Gordon Scott, Brian Soffe, Brenda Edwards, Dilys Seymour, Jim Hughes, John Morton, Fred Gee, Arnold Tucker, Richard George, Joan Kidd and Jane Rudd.

The future:

- Staffing levels in the Circuit will remain the same in September 2024, when Rev Ian Griffiths will be replaced by Rev Georgina Bondzi-Simpson. From September 2025 we will only have two presbyters and no deacon. For the first time ever there will be no presbyter living in Wantage.
- As mentioned earlier, there will be a meeting for all Wantage members on 15th June to discuss the future. The next Circuit Meeting Plus will be at All Saints in Abingdon on Saturday 18th May. Keith Underhill is preparing a document for circulation prior to the meeting focussing on what presbyters should be doing, and are there other ways the work can be done? Ministry and mission is a joint venture, and we should be recognising and affirming the ministry of the whole people of God.
- Pastoral oversight is already under consideration. It may not be possible to continue doing everything else. If necessary we must do less but do it well, working together. No one person has all the answers or even all the questions.
- A meeting with members of the Circuit Leadership Team of the Oxford Circuit is imminent to consider ways of working collaboratively. The church will be kept informed.

All are called by God. Prayers were requested for the church and circuit leadership teams as we move forward. God is always doing something new (Isaiah 4, 16-21). Can we perceive it? Is it scary or an opportunity?

The service and Annual Church Meeting finished with a blessing at 11:35 am.

Church Council membership, at March 2025

Minister	Rev Keith Underhill
Church Stewards	Sue Haithwaite Helen Carter David Worth
Church Treasurer	Heather Wells
Church Council Secretary	Gill Skidmore
Pastoral Committee Secretary	Ann Barber
Safeguarding Officer	Ken Smith
Property & Finance Committee	
Property Steward	Robert Charles
Booking Secretary	Gordon Skidmore
Junior Church Co-ordinator	Catherine Worth
Former Church Steward	June Grunwald
Communion Steward	Rita Lawrence
Circuit Steward	As agreed by the Circuit
Stewards	
Street Pastors representative	Zack Smith
Elected Representatives	
Alison Brown	Due to retire in 2025 (2nd term)
Kelvin Rose	Due to retire in 2025 (2nd term)
Margaret Fordham	Due to retire in 2025 (1st term)
Eileen Rennie	Due to retire in 2025 (1st term)
Carolyn Roche	Due to retire in 2025 (1st term)
Alison Phillips	Due to retire in 2026 (1st term)
Diana Gawlas	Due to retire in 2027 (1st term)
Lois Greenhalgh	Due to retire in 2027 (1st term)
Peter Bainbridge	Due to retire in 2027 (2nd term)
Jane Kent	Due to retire in 2027 (2nd term)
Gill Skidmore	Due to retire in 2027 (2nd term)

Church Appointments 2024/25

Church Stewards (Appointed by the GCM)

Helen Carter, Sue Haithwaite, David Worth

Church Council Secretary Gill Skidmore

Church Treasurer Heather Wells

Property Steward Rob Charles

Bookings Secretary Gordon Skidmore

Pastoral Committee Secretary Ann Barber

Pastoral Visitors Nicky Atkinson, Ann Barber, Diane Barton, Alison Brown, Helen Carter, Faith Culshaw, June Grunwald, Sue Haithwaite, Julie Horton, Jane Kent, Rita Lawrence, Alison Phillips, Eileen Rennie, Carolyn Roche, Kelvin Rose, Judith & Mike Skinner, Mary Trotter, Mary Whittaker, Catherine Worth

Communion Stewards - Rita Lawrence (Lead Steward), Jan Abrahall, Andrew Barber, Diana Gawlas, Zack Smith and Graham Wells, plus Mary Trotter for communion cloths

Property & Finance Committee

Chair Gordon Skidmore (acting)

Secretary Vacant

Independent Examiner of Accounts Tba

Church Leadership Team

Presbyter, Church Stewards, Church Treasurer, Circuit Stewards who are members of WMC, Pastoral Committee Secretary, Church Representatives (Margaret Fordham, Alison Phillips)

Music Coordinator Gill Skidmore

Baptismal Roll Secretary Catherine Worth

Junior Church Coordinator Catherine Worth

Junior Church Workers

Creche Helpers Jo Aldworth, 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 Kelvin Rose

Church Gardener Jan Abrahall

Authorised Persons (Marriages) Keith Underhill, June Grunwald

Representatives to Circuit Meeting

The Church Treasurer and one Church Steward are ex-officio representatives. The church is entitled to four elected representatives (one for every 25 members):

Ann Barber, Alison Phillips, Eileen Rennie, Kevin Goodman

Representative to Wantage and Grove Church Partnership

Alison Phillips and Gordon Skidmore (Ann Barber is Treasurer)

Weekly Notices Gordon Skidmore

Monthly Sector Newsletter (appointed by Stewards of the sector churches)

Gill and Gordon Skidmore

Resourcing the work of Wantage Methodist Church

We are always looking for people prepared to take up some of the tasks involved in the work of Wantage Methodist Church (with Childrey)

We need **Church Stewards**. What is involved in being a Church Steward? Please talk to any member of the Church Leadership Team.