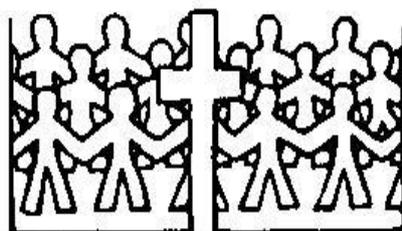


**CHRIST CHURCH WITH ST. PHILIP
WORCESTER PARK**

**ANNUAL GENERAL CHURCH
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ANNUAL REPORT

Clergy Annual Report

From Revd Paul Timmis and Revd Steph Nadarajah

If we wanted to find a description of the Church as it is meant to be, it is doubtful that we could do much better than to turn to the one that Paul offers us in 1 Corinthians 12.

Here, having stated that there are varieties of God-given gifts, services and activities and then described some of them, he goes on to paint a picture of the Church as the body of Christ, making reference to the human body.

...the body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot were to say, 'Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body', that would not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear were to say, 'Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body', that would not make it any less a part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. If all were a single member, where would the body be? As it is, there are many members, yet one body.

(1 Corinthians 12: 14-20)

Building on this analogy, Paul paints a picture of equality, mutuality and interdependence in which each member of the body of Christ has a unique and distinctive part to play if this body is to remain healthy, flourish and grow.

Contained within the pages of this report are numerous accounts of all that has taken place within and on behalf of this church over the past twelve months. As ever, the picture that is painted here is one of a local church that is absolutely committed to being the body of Christ in this place and one that takes very seriously its calling to reflect and reveal the love of God to the wider community of which it is a part. We as clergy, together with the Ecumenical Church Council, have sought to do that in accordance with our Mission Action Plan and, specifically, our three key priorities (Worship, Nurture and Pastoral Care).

A key focus for us this year, within the 'Worship' category, has been looking at the shape of worship for our children and young people. We held a series of Sunday lunchtime meetings with up to 25 people, including Young Church leaders, parents, children, members of the ECC and Leadership Team, and members of the congregation. As a result of these meetings, we agreed to set up a designated children's area in the church for Sunday worship; explore Messy Church; engage more collaboratively in shaping All Age Worship on the first Sunday of the month; and to review and reflect on what we might offer to teenagers.

Elsewhere, we have sought to embed some of the changes we've previously made to the structure of our worship, and to our methods of communication, so that we can deepen our relationship with baptism families, wedding couples and those who have been bereaved. The fledgling Fundraising and Social Committee that we established last year has borne fruit over the past twelve months. We've held a number of successful community events, which have enabled us to fling open the doors of the

church to those who might never have been. We've enjoyed collaborating with the Linden Wind Orchestra in June and December, we've marvelled at the wealth of musical talent at the Charity Gala Evening in September, and we've put our brains to work at the Quiz Night in November. These efforts are not just about raising much needed funds for the church, but about embracing and relishing our gifts, our relationships, and our place within that body of Christ.

But if we believe, like Paul, that each member of the body has a unique and distinctive part to play, then we must be committed to making our church a place where we can meaningfully explore our different vocations. And vocation, of course, could mean a variety of different things for different people. We are delighted to be supporting another member of the congregation to do The Bishop's Certificate, a ten-month course in discipleship. And we are encouraged that Eric Masters, who completed the course previously, has set up a flourishing Bible Study Group for the church, together with Mary Masters and Julie Morris.

We would like to use the opportunity that the Annual General Church Meeting provides to reflect once again upon the health of our body, the church, and to pose some questions about the ways in which we might shape our life together. A key strand of our discussion will be around our Ecumenical Church Council, how it works now and how it might best serve our purposes in the future. This is an ecumenical partnership which has gone from strength to strength, and it needs a governing body which witnesses both to our unity and our diversity. A governing body which takes seriously the time and the energy that members commit to the life of the church, and which seeks to bring out the very best in everyone. If our church truly is one body in which everyone has an important part to play, then this will be reflected in the way in which we organise ourselves and make decisions.

We look forward to hearing your thoughts about this at our AGCM. In the meantime, we thank you for all that you are and all that you do, and we pray for God's continued blessing on this community as we journey onwards together in faith, hope and love.

Paul and Steph

Leadership Team Report

**Church Wardens – Hannah Hossain – John Ruske:
Church Stewards – Steve and Gwenda Carpenter (sharing) and Julie Morris**

We were pleased that Steve and Gwenda Carpenter were formally confirmed at the 2018 AGCM as joint Church Stewards. We congratulated Paul on being appointed Circuit Superintendent; adding to his responsibilities in respect of Christ Church with St Philip and Martin Way Methodist Church. It was pleasing that our church was well represented at his commissioning.

Following last year's new initiatives linked with our Mission Action Plan (MAP), we have continued to focus upon the three key areas 'Nurture', 'Worship' and 'Pastoral Care'. Steph and Paul have convened a series of meetings with children, parents and those involved with children and young people throughout the church who wanted to attend to explore how best to incorporate them and their children in worship. This has led to the experiment (approved by the ECC) of having a Children friendly area where children can unobtrusively be part of worship by interacting with their parents. The location has been moved to various locations within the church to see what fits best in terms of the regular congregation and those with children. A feedback box has been provided for people to comment on suitability or otherwise of each area before a final decision is made. Hannah has visited and done a lot of research into Messy Church and we are also still in discussions with diocesan and messy church support for how we as a church could use this fully to develop and strengthen our faith and it is intended to begin to incorporate aspects of this in our worship from time to time.

The team is grateful to Christine Wicks who maintains contact with families who have had children baptized for each of the last 5 years with the most recent year replacing the oldest. She sends cards to babies / children who have been baptised on the anniversary of their baptism for the first 5 years and on their birthdays up to age 5 and she also informs their parents of upcoming events such as Christingle and Crib services and Christmas fair and she provides information relative to the age of the child such as Toddlers2Church, BB, GB, Brownies etc. However, in accordance with GDPR requirements we are updating the email list for contacting these families and couples

The Christmas Tree Festival was not repeated as after two very successful years (proceeds shared with St Raphael's Hospice) it was considered that volunteers and the community needed a break but it may be repeated in the future. A social and fundraising committee was established to develop new ways of raising financial support for the church and of developing our outreach in the community. Over the past year they have organized the Summer Fair, two Linden Wind Orchestra concerts; the second on 16th December 2018 complemented by a mini market and a Quiz night all of which were very successful. With input from members of the church community a number of exciting events are being planned for this year.

We are grateful to so many church members who give of their time to organise and support church activities, initiatives, worship etc. As always it would be wrong to name individuals as there is the risk of omitting one or more well deserving individuals but without such support our task would be insurmountable. We are grateful to a number of individuals who have volunteered to help with Church Notices, Young Church, Worship Co-ordination, Readings co-ordination, Holy Dusters and Servery helpers.

Lynn Wicks successfully developed the role of church administrative assistant but had to relinquish this due to increased responsibilities at work. We are pleased that the role is being taken forward capably by Kat Mackie. The team is grateful to the ECC for authorizing a continuation of the role which is important given Steph and Paul's wider church responsibilities. We are also grateful to David Pickett who has continued to give unstinting service as Centre Manager.

Holy Week and Easter 2018: Our church hosted the usual range of services in the lead up to Easter Sunday including Maundy Thursday; evening Eucharist with foot washing followed by a vigil until 10:00pm. Good Friday morning service was well attended and Steph aims to continue this and encourage more children to attend. The afternoon Eucharist included the procession of the large cross and the Easter Sunday dawn service was successful and well attended with distinctive daffodil cross in the church garden being evident for the first time and the subsequent morning service was also well attended, with a good number of visitors.

The C of E annual inspection was carried out by the Archdeacon's on 4th May 2018 and he was met by John and Steve and no issues were identified. The team was grateful to David Pickett, Roy Newitt and Alison Charlton for providing necessary paperwork in advance. New more distinctive Church Noticeboards were installed in the car park and facing Cheam Common Road during the summer.

Steph, Paul and a supporting team continue to unobtrusively deliver Pastoral Care, liaising as appropriate with church members and arranging the flower distribution rota. Working with the Welcome Team, fire safety training was arranged and provided by Paul Leach with professional advice from Robert Penny (retired Senior Fire Officer).

Safeguarding training for all who have any involvement with children or vulnerable adults was arranged for Saturday 29th September 2019 and was attended by 26 members with only a couple who were unable to attend and who were asked to attend another session at Trinity House. Our church has adopted the Anglican Church's Safeguarding Policy which is linked to our website: <http://xcsp.org.uk/publications>

We are grateful to Rachel Ellis for managing our XCSP website and to Mark Henderson for taking on the leadership of the Boys' Brigade following the retirement of David Pickett after 39 years loyal and dedicated service. The team is also grateful to Richard Charlton for the massive work he put in last year to ensure that we are compliant as regards GDPR and more recently in updating the Electoral Roll.

Sunday 11th November this was our church's year (one in six) to host the Sutton Borough Remembrance Service. This was attended by the Mayor of Sutton, the Borough's 2 MPs; a range of councillors, dignitaries, representatives from The Royal British Legion. It was the centenary of the Armistice and the total congregation was circa 650. Much work was put into the planning and preparation by centre management and others so that the service could be relayed to Wesley Hall and the welcome area and it was also good to have a TV link in the church to relay the Act of Remembrance at the Cenotaph and silence.

Following our ACGM in 2018 it was agreed that there should be a notice in the churchyard to indicate that St. Philip church had once been there. John is liaising with Southwark Diocese and Sutton Council for the necessary licence, style and dimensions of the sign etc; and it may take some time for this to be finalised.

Christmas Services were very well supported by the local community with a total of 688 attending services from 23rd December 2018 to Christmas Day

Ecumenical Church Council

Secretary: Lynn Wicks

The ECC is the church's governing body and fulfils the function of the Methodist Church Council and the Parish Church Council. The ECC is made up of the clergy, who take it in turns to chair the meetings, the Leadership Team (Wardens and Stewards), the Treasurer, Secretary, PCC Secretary, Convenors of Committees, Young Church Co-ordinator and ten members who are elected at the AGM.

Another busy year in the life of our church has seen the ECC receive many items from church committees and we have discussed a wide range of issues. We were delighted to welcome Paul and his family back from sabbatical leave in June and welcomed Steve and Gwenda Carpenter onto the Leadership team on a job share basis. A promotion and increase in hours for Lynn Wicks meant that she had to stand down as Church Administrator, so the post was advertised as a permanent position that would be self-financed to assist the Clergy, and Kat Mackie was appointed in September.

There has again been much discussion of the church finances. The new fundraising team was formed, and they have provided us with a wonderful array of fun and fellowship, with some memorable and fun evenings, and raising an incredible £6,000 in the process. We are grateful to all those who have worked so hard to organise these events, and to those who so faithfully support them. We are now paying more to the Diocese via the Parish Support Fund, which we pledged again this year and of course, many of our day to day bills have increased too. We are in a state of deficit again this year, so money will need to be wisely spent in future. We agreed the new Budget, and the accounts have now been independently examined and will be presented to Synod. Our grateful thanks go to Alison, Vicky and Kate for their hard work in keeping on top of the church finances, and for presenting them to the ECC in such a clear and easy to understand way.

There has been some necessary expenditure on the church and halls to keep them looking spick and span. The external woodwork was repainted, CCTV has been installed, a new boiler has been fitted in the kitchen, the Fire Alarm is going to undergo an upgrade, roof repairs were undertaken above Room 1 and 2 and what was thought to be movement in the church walls was inspected and not deemed to be serious. A whole host of other DIY jobs were carried out by the Resources team. We are so grateful for all the time and energy that has been put into these tasks, which save the church a huge amount of money in fees.

Much work has been done on our key mission action priorities this year. You will have all now seen the children's area in church which is being trialled, and work is ongoing on incorporating children into worship more fully in the Shape of Worship Forum. Plans are afoot to start a Messy Church group, so do watch this space or speak to someone if you feel this is something you could get involved with. Our Christmas services were very well attended, with over 700 people coming through our doors to celebrate with us in a whole host of ways. We held the Civic Remembrance Service this year, which saw over 600 people with us to commemorate the centenary of the end of World War One. As another busy year in the life of the church draws to a close, we give thanks for the many, many people who give of their time and energy so freely to make all these things happen.

Resources Committee

Secretary: Lynn Wicks

The resources committee meets quarterly to plan and organise maintenance work in the church, halls and flats, anything from organising for quotes to be sought to carrying out DIY tasks to keep us in full working order. We have a dedicated working party that meets regularly to carry out maintenance tasks, which saves the church a significant amount of money, and we thank them for their time, care and attention to our buildings.

Over the past year the Boiler in the kitchen has been replaced, the external woodwork of the church and halls have been repainted, lighting issues in rooms 1 and 2 have been resolved, the roof above these rooms has been repaired, and CCTV is now up and running in the halls. Issues with the carpet wear in the halls has been addressed, along with repairs in the ladies toilet. Many conversations have taken place regarding the central heating and how we can avoid such high heating costs while keeping our premises warm. The fire panel is due for an upgrade, and advice is being sought from our contractor on how best to proceed with this. New stick microphones were purchased to improve the sound in church and to make us fully compliant with legislation.

Plaques to the memory of the World War dead of this church were reinstated in time for the Civic remembrance service, and we were thrilled that the soldier's relatives were at the service to see it.

One large and worrying problem has also been resolved. A large crack which had appeared in one of the church walls has been monitored and had grown. Fortunately, following inspection by an expert it was deemed that this crack was not due to subsidence, but could be managed and repaired as a DIY task. In amongst all this hard work, the Health and Safety Policy has been fully rewritten, and is available in the office or on the website for anyone interested. Again, a big thank you to all those who give up their free time to help keep us in good repair.

Lynn Wicks

Youth Forum

Annette Kempster

The Youth Forum meets 3 times a year and is a meeting where representatives from all the youth organisations, meet to update each other and discuss any issues regarding the youth of the Church.

Report from Young Church

Annette Kempster

Young Church caters for 3 age groups:

Busy Beans - 0-4 years old.

Buddies 4-7 years old.

The Hub – 7-11 years old.

Children can start in Buddies in the September they start in Reception at school and children will be promoted to The Hub in the September after their 7th birthday. We have decided not to have a top age in The Hub, this used to be 11 years old, but it was decided that if the children want to keep coming, after this age, they are very welcome.

In December Sheila Leach retired after 40+ years as a Young Church leader. Although she will be sadly missed, we can only thank her for all the years she has dedicated to the children. Juliet Campbell has kindly offered to take Sheila's place in The Hub on Sunday mornings.

Numbers of children attending Young Church remain low but steady and varies considerably from week to week.

The Young Church notice board is in the corridor leading to the Church halls and is situated opposite Wesley Hall. Here we display the craft activities that the children have done whilst in Young Church, for the rest of the Church family to see. Of course, if you would like to ask any of the children what they have been doing whilst you have your coffee after Church, they would be only too pleased to show you.

With the help of our dedicated Young Church Leaders we continue to share fellowship and fun on a Sunday morning.

Mumspace Report

Mumspace was set up in March 2018. This monthly drop-in session gives women with children – young or old – the chance to recharge. Free to attend, and with refreshments provided (good coffee, hot chocolate, homemade cake and toasties), women can come along from 8-10pm, to The Den, and spend time doing something they enjoy and, most importantly, forge new friendships and find support. Generally, we have between 6-10 people attending each month.

Since October, we have introduced a series of themed evenings, which have been welcomed. We've made memo boards, tealight holders, painted rocks, and enjoyed a chocolate-based evening! Our Christmas wreath-making

session was particularly successful, and we welcomed 15 local mums to this event. We're hoping to hold more of these sorts of events in the future.

Those who come enjoy the time and space that we offer, together with the opportunity to focus on an activity if they wish to (but it's not compulsory). Work commitments (for those who come and for their partners), together with the juggle of childcare, can affect attendance, and so we tend to get a different group each time. We are hoping to extend our reach into the community over the next year, through targeted events and improved communications, but also to continue to extend the hand of friendship to those mums who are already a part of our church community through baptism and Toddling 2 Church.

After 8 Group

Programme Secretary: Carol Salter

The After 8 Club meet on the second Monday of the month in Room 1 at 8pm Following a request from our bank who wanted to know when the club started, we discovered that the After 8 Club started in 1982 and we will therefore have been going for forty years in 2022! Numbers have grown over the last couple of years and in 2018 we had over 35 members – although we were pleased to welcome new members, room gets a bit tight in Room 1 and we have had to introduce a (short) waiting list.

Our programme has included a session on basic First Aid, a talk about Edith Cavell, a House of Colour presentation from Isobel Penny, talks about jam making and also the life of honey bees. One of our charities for the year was the Campaign Against Living Miserably, which leads a movement against male suicide, the biggest killer of young men under 45 years old and Anna Mullaney who works for the charity came in November and told us all about their work. Our other charity is the London Air Ambulance who will visit us in May

In June the Orangery Café in St Raphael's Hospice provided us with a very nice afternoon tea, in nice surroundings, for a very reasonable amount. The Orangery Café is open to all for tea, coffee and light refreshments and helps to support the work of St Raphael's Hospice. Our summer outing was to Painshill Park in Cobham, which is well worth a visit for its' landscaped garden. After Christmas 28 of our members had a very nice meal at La Bella Luna in North Cheam.

Our members also made up daffodil posies for the Mothering Sunday service and supported the summer fair with our toileteries tombola.

Jubilee Justice Group (9.30-11am, Thursday usually monthly)

Co-ordinator: Mary Masters

We have not met recently. We are a very small group now, and would be pleased to welcome others who are interested in joining us. We generally meet in the daytime at the church halls.

Last March we held a Big Brew to raise money for Traidcraft Exchange, which supports small producers in small countries. This raised £125.10. At the time of writing we are hoping to hold a Big Brew Birthday Party for the 40th Anniversary of Traidcraft Exchange, during Fair Trade Week.

Members joined the Circle the City Walk to raise money for Christian Aid and raised £300. Members have also supported the Jubilee Debt Campaign and Church Action on Poverty in on-line campaigns for justice.

Wednesday Evening House Group report

Pam Slater

We have continued to meet monthly throughout the year to study and share fellowship together. We have a core membership of 7-8 people and meet in members' homes and sometimes in the church hall. Our session lasts around an hour and a half and we finish with refreshments. At the end of the year we had a social evening with mulled wine and mince pies!

We have studied 2 York Courses this year "So What are you Waiting for?" and "Rich Inheritance"

The former was a 4 session course, which concentrated on how we spend our time. Are we patient or restless yearning for things to happen? Are we putting things off because the time is not yet ready? Do we make time for prayer and being in the presence of God? Are we risk takers? This was certainly a course which I found challenging and it is rewarding to be able to discuss together and often see things which are not immediately apparent.

"Rich Inheritance" was a 5 session course which concentrated on Jesus' legacy of love for all mankind. We learnt how the disciples came to spread Jesus' message even though they were frightened and grief stricken. He sent the Spirit to help and we were challenged to reflect on the fruits of the Spirit in our own lives.

We have just started a further York Course "Glimpses of God". This looks at how we can find hope and strength in today's turbulent world.

We would always welcome new members to our informal and relaxed group and can arrange transport if needed.

Church Singing Group

Jane Jackson

Our group has continued to offer sung pieces throughout the year within church services and events.

Within church services, in Lent, we offered “Forty days and forty nights” (arranged by Harrison Oxley), as a congregational hymn, with some of the verses sung solely by the group in harmony. On Easter Day, we opened the 10am service with an “Alleluia” by William Boyce and later sang a version of “Christ the Lord is ris'n again” by Richard Shephard. This was followed in May at Pentecost by an adaptation of “O Breath of life” (arranged by Alan Bullard).

Along with other musical groups, we offered some entertainment at the Summer Fair in July. We began with the songs “Bring me Sunshine” and “All you need is love”. Then, after hearing it sung at the May royal wedding of Harry and Meghan, “The Lord bless you and keep you” by John Rutter.

We took a summer break before launching into our autumn schedule – always a busy time, with many festivals and special services. For Harvest, we sang “Look at the World” by John Rutter and at the evening service to commemorate All Soul's Day, the hymn “God, hold us, enfold us, through desolate loss”.

For the Sunday prior to Remembrance Sunday, we offered a peace song, by Sue Gilmurray called “We will put one foot in front of the other”. There is a jaunty spirit to the words and music, and the group taught it to the congregation, singing the first few verses on our own, with the congregation then joining in for the rest.

The Carols/Christingle service was our last outing of the year, where we sang “Away in a Manger” to an old Normandy (Basque) tune, and later in the service Andrew Smith's “There is no rose”.

Having had a break from rehearsals in the New Year, as I write, the group are learning a new piece for Lent – “Wondrous Cross” by Philip Wilby.

A number of the group regularly join the concerts of the Junior Music Group, bolstering the singing for those occasions.

Thanks to all those singers who have been part of the group over the year, and for your commitment, tolerance, spirit and fun. We have had some comings and goings of singers, and continue to welcome anyone who would

like to bring their voices together, in melody and harmony, with us – whatever you perceive your singing ability to be. Reading musical notes is not a necessity. We rehearse on Sundays from 11.30 – 12.30 in church. Please speak to me, or any of the other members of the group, for more information.

Children's Society

Jane Cook

This year the church collected a total of £493.73 for the Children's Society. This amount is made up of money collected at the Christingle Service, the Junior Music Group Concert, one donation and the contents of the collection boxes. This is over £50 more than last year's donations. My thanks go to all of you who have given your time and money and made this possible.

New box holders are always welcome. If anyone is interested in having one, please contact me Tel. 0208 337 2125 or email jcook.quin@gmail.com

Leading Worship

Viv Newitt

Since I wrote this report last year, I'm pleased to say that so far I've passed all my written assessments, and have also had good reports on assessed services, the most recent of which was in February. I am now on the last stretch, the 'home straight' if you like, and by the time you get this will either just have submitted the final batch for external marking, or will be about to. It has to reach them by 31st March, or, failing that, 30th September and it's going to be close....

The hardest part of the course has been, for me, studying the prophets. I had very little knowledge of their writings, or the historical and social settings, and really struggled with this Unit. Other than that, it's the time everything takes! However, this course is being phased out, and replaced by something more computer-based, which is currently running in parallel. It will be interesting to see if people find it any less time-consuming - at the moment I feel as though it's taken over my whole life!

Having said that, I'm still glad that I embarked on it. I have really enjoyed the more creative side of the course, and although taking services in different churches throughout the circuit isn't exactly something to enjoy, what with all the preparation beforehand, not least trying to write a sermon when you have either nothing or too much that you want to say, it is very rewarding, particularly when people come and speak to you afterwards to tell you how

much it meant to them; and if nothing else, it's really great getting to know so many fellow-Christians, each with their own interesting story to tell.

Centre Management report to AGM and Annual Report

David Pickett

In recent years I have had the opportunity of writing about my role and a more in depth look at the various users in our church halls. This year a somewhat briefer report

You'll be glad to know that the premises are as busy as ever as we continue to look to holding those existing regular bookings and pick up any new ones that come our way. The economic environment means that it is becoming increasingly difficult for groups to survive and although, thankfully rarely, few of our users ever default on their payments or worst case scenario 'go out of business'. However part of my role is to assess their chargeable rate which we do on an annual basis based on their ability to pay, how vibrant the group is and whether they are 'higher maintenance'.

I could not possibly put all these bookings in our 'diary of events' in the weekly church newssheet, but there is a weekly schedule on the office door, so do take a look. One word of warning though – because we are so busy please do not assume that you can simply turn up and expect there to be room available. We will try and accommodate all letting enquiries, there is still some space and times available but we are nearing our capacity.

This year we have been able to welcome OT Play to our regular bookings (a Children's Occupational Therapist) as well as continuing to host SWLSTG sessions (South West London and St George's Trust mindfulness courses) and the South West London Scout and Guides rehearsals leading up to their annual Gangshow at the Michael Frayn Theatre in Kingston over the February Half Term break.

Can I record here our thanks to our caretaker, Tyne, and the volunteer assistance that Richard, John W, John R and Roy offer in helping to cover unlocking / locking up the premises as well as Sheila, Mary, Lynette and Alison who serve teas and coffees during the week - this encourages hall users to stay behind for a time of fellowship and to give passers by the opportunity to use our premises as part of our outreach into the community.

David

Girlguiding – Rainbows, Brownies & Guides.

2nd Rainbows	Monday 5.00 – 6.00 pm	Jacki Collins
8th Rainbows	Tuesday 4.30 – 5.30 pm	Jane Elsbury
2nd Brownies	Tuesday 6.00 – 7.30 pm	Linda Scrine
8th Brownies	Monday 5.30 – 7.00 pm	Christine Wicks
2nd Guides	Monday 7.15 – 9.00 pm	Jo Stansbridge

2nd and 8th Rainbows

Our rainbow units have had a busy year, Chinese New Year was celebrated with a dragon dance and a taster session of Chinese food. To celebrate Thinking Day we learnt about the names of Rainbows in many different countries and despite Shrove Tuesday being in half term we made and ate pancakes the week before. No pancakes ended up on the ceiling! As usual the Rainbows made gifts and cards for Mother's Day and Father's Day. To celebrate Easter there were decorated Easter Bonnets made along with chocolate nests. For St George's Day dragons were the order of the day, fortunately none were breathing fire so the Church hall remained intact.

2018 was the year of the Royal Wedding so several weeks were spent completing the Royal Wedding Challenge Badge. Rainbows also sent a wedding card to the Royal couple and were delighted to receive a Royal thank you card in return. We also held our own version of the Commonwealth Games. To celebrate that these were held on the Gold Coast we bounced around like kangaroos. Before the summer break we were hit by Wimbledon fever. The Rainbows took part in tennis fun and of course ate the iconic strawberries.

One of the highlights of the year was a visit to Sutton Fire Station where we all held the hose and sat in the fire engine. Some even pressed the very loud siren which made the rest of us jump!

November saw Rainbows commemorate Remembrance Day by making poppies. As it was the 100th year since WW1 it was a very special year. Thank you to all the Rainbows who took part in the parade.

Once again, the Rainbows went to the theatre to see a pantomime. Oh no they didn't – oh yes, they did!

8th Brownies

We have tried out parts of the new Guiding programme and the girls have seemed to enjoy the activities although the leaders are still getting their heads around it! We held our annual Brownie holiday with a Beauty and the Beast theme and went to Faurefold a newly rebuilt Brownie house near Dorking. We all took part in the Future Girl Badge where we were considering what is important to us and what we think girls of the future would like to do. We enjoyed time outdoors in the fine weather including our regular trip to

Heyswood campsite for one evening and another spent kayaking on Wimbledon Park lake. We decorated and filled boxes for Harvest and had some last opportunities to complete the old-style interest badges. We spent several meetings working towards our Disability Awareness badge with the help of several visitors especially considering Deaf awareness, Sight awareness and mobility issues – the Brownies were fully engaged, and we all learnt a lot. We ended the year joining the carol singing at Sainsbury's and a 'Frozen challenge' party. We're now preparing for our next Brownie holiday at Heyswood at Easter

We congratulate Sabrina who has completed her Young Leader Qualification and will now embark on her adult leadership and welcomed Eleanor who has joined us as a Duke of Edinburgh volunteer.

2nd Brownies

The year started off with us taking part in the RSPB Bird Watch Week. In February we began work on the new programme with 'in a fix challenge' making our initials with nails and thread. For Thinking Day we made Good Turn Money Boxes in the shape of Dogs for Chinese New Year. For Mothers Day we made Peg Pots for our Flowers with Cards. We took a trip to Pets at Home New Malden in April to learn about the small furry animals. We made cards for the Royal Wedding and held our own Wedding Party in May. We worked on The Brownie Garden and visited Sutton Fire Station in June. July saw us try Boxing from the new Programme and hold a summer party at the end of term. September saw us begin the new programme 'use it or loose it' and numbers. October saw the new Badge Book launch and we hand made our new book bags. We also made smores and chocolate apples. In November we made Fairy Toadstools with flashing lights and took part in the Worcester Park Remembrance Day Parade. December saw us hand decorate Christmas Decorations for our trees and make our own festive table decorations. Finishing off with a pyjama, pizza, movie night chosen by the Brownies.

2nd Guides

2nd Worcester Park Guides have had a busy few terms, we went swimming at Heyswood, bowling at Hollywood Bowl, had a science night where we made slime, made unicorn dreamcatchers, put our brains to the test and tried to escape from an escape room. We made tie dye shoes and attended the Big Gig at Wembley, completed the poppy challenge and the greatest showgirl badge and finished it off with a trip to Painshill Park to see the winter illuminations.

We are grateful to all our volunteers who give their time for the girls. Although our Rainbow and Brownie numbers have increased again we do currently have vacancies for girls who wish to join Guides (aged 10 – 14).

Boys' Brigade

Mark Henderson and Pete Kempster

The three sections of the BB continue to meet on a Wednesday evening, where the boys work towards their badges and awards.

Other activities have included the Company Section playing Jurassic Adventure Golf, which they thoroughly enjoyed. The Company section also entered National Competitions including Badminton, Chess and Table Tennis with vary degrees of success. The Junior Section had a fantastic day living 'Life to the Max' at our Headquarters in Hemel Hempstead along with over 700 BB members from around the country. Both the Anchor Boys and Juniors, from our Battalion enjoyed a visit from the Science Museum. Who knew science could be such fun?

In August we had a joint summer camp with the GB at Bembridge, Isle of Wight. The sun shone and good fun and fellowship was had by all.

We have had some changes to our leadership since December. We were sad to say goodbye to David Pickett, who had served the company for many years. We welcome Mark Henderson who has now taken on the role of Captain and we wish them both well.

The Object of The Boys' Brigade is:

"The advancement of Christ's kingdom among Boys and the promotion of habits of Obedience, Reverence, Discipline, Self-respect and all that tends towards a true Christian manliness."

We are one of the biggest Christian Youth Organisations in the UK & Republic of Ireland.

We are committed to seeing lives enriched by supporting children and young people to reach their full potential by providing opportunities to meet together and engage in a range of fun and developmental activities and experiences.

The 10th Mid-Surrey currently have over 25 boys aged from 5-18 attending each Wednesday.

There are four sections for the different age groups:

Anchors: 5-8 years – 6.00 – 7:15pm

Juniors: 8-11 years - 6.30 – 8:00pm

Company: 11-13 years - 7.15 – 9:30pm

Seniors: 14+ years - 7.15 – 9:30pm

Girls' Brigade

Sandy Palmer

2018 was an exciting year for Girls Brigade as we celebrated our 125th Year. The 1st Worcester Park Company in May joined other Companies across the district in a Fun Day, where the sun shone on us for activities and praise.

A group of our older girls, young leaders and officers joined the Boys Brigade for summer camp in August, once again on the Isle of Wight. We filled the week with activities such as Headhunters, a lighthouse visit and when the sun shone, beach visits including the whole camp in a sea swim!

The girls joined the boys again for a visit to Guildford Ice skating in September.

Although the Company is overseen by 3 officers (Angela Perrins, Sandy Palmer and Charlotte Satchell) we are very lucky to have a dedicated group of young leaders who continue to help run an entertaining, up to date, program for our girls each week. Our senior section has grown over the past year which is encouraging to us as a company. We continue to provide girls with not only physical and creative evenings, but also give them the opportunity to develop their faith.

Angela and I have this month completed our outdoor camp training which enables us now to take our girls away for residential weekends and outdoor canvas camps. So watch this space!

The Girls' Brigade is an international uniformed organisation. It aims to help girls learn about the Christian faith whilst having lots of fun at the same time.

The Motto: 'Seek, serve and follow Christ'

Since our foundation in 1893, Girls Brigade has become well known as a fun, interesting, challenging and relevant provider of activities, skills, care and Christian love for hundreds of thousands of young people. The Girls' Brigade is active in over 60 countries worldwide.

1st Worcester Park Company meets at Christ Church with St. Philip on Thursday evenings. There are four sections for the different age groups:

Explorers: 5-8 years - Thursday 6.00 - 7.15pm

Juniors: 8-11 years - Thursday 6.00 - 7.15pm

Seniors: 11-13 years - Thursday 7.00 - 8.30pm

Brigaders: 14+ years - Thursday 7.15 - 8.45pm

Junior Music Group

Leader: Vivien Newitt

Accompanist: Jane Jackson

There has been very little change since I wrote last year's report - with one notable exception. We now have one boy who has recently joined us, and a second who is with us temporarily, not as a musician, but to take part in the drama.

We continue to play most months at AAW, and had a successful 'Pink, Green and White' stall at the summer fair. I'm delighted that left-over items were, by general agreement, donated to the fair the following week at Martin Way which is Paul's other church, so keeping it all in the family! (plus I don't have to store it.....)

We held our usual Christmas concert, 'Christmas Surprise' which focussed on what a shock that first Christmas would have been to just about everyone, and we are currently rehearsing 'The boy who had nothing.' This is an extended version of last year's panto-style production, the first time we have ever repeated but as it snowed all day last year, leading, understandably, to a very small audience, we decided to break with tradition and give you all a second chance! This takes place on Saturday 16th March, the day after Red Nose Day, and all proceeds will go to Comic Relief. Unfortunately, by the time this report comes out, this will already have happened, so I hope you came, and that you enjoyed it.

We also had our annual collection of small change for Breadline Africa, ostensibly from Harvest until Christmas, but have not yet finalised it as one or two people have asked if they can still donate.

As always, my thanks to all those adults who come along and sing, to those older friends or former members who help out when we play for an evening service, and to Jane, but most of all to the young people themselves. And it goes without saying, if you would like to join us, you would be most welcome - just turn up, with your instrument, any Friday in term time, from 6.15 – 7pm in the church.

Summer Holiday Club

Christine and Steve Wicks

Adventure Cruise Report

This year's church holiday club, held at the end of August, was a great success. Taking on the theme of 'The Adventure Cruise', many members of the church - adults and teenage helpers - took around 80 five to eleven year olds on a voyage of fun and Bible discovery.

During the week, we sailed the 'Cs' of choice, courage, call, change and commitment. As part of each session we heard a bible story related to the daily theme and thought about how we could apply the stories and teachings of Jesus to our own lives.

Each day the children began their experience in their team quarters where they undertook a range of crafts, puzzles and challenges before joining with the rest of the crew in Wesley Hall to hear the theme of the day, take part in some songs, aerobic exercise and hear a bible story from either Steph or Paul. Following the story, the children made their way outside (or around the building on the morning that it rained!) for some team games and activities, which kept them all very busy. Before we knew it, it was back to the team quarters for more puzzles, crafts and activities. This was followed by a daily episode of 'The Watt Family Drama', performed brilliantly by our teenage helpers.

The mornings were rounded off with everyone going into church, along with some of the parents, for a final session of songs, jokes, quizzes and prayers. The children did all that they could to earn points for their teams as well and sing songs with actions and waving streamers.

Following the now traditional 'Sausage Sizzle' on the lawn, the Friday evening session saw the church filled with many of the children who had taken part in the club, along with their families and members of the church family. This was an opportunity to share with everyone all that had taken place during the week, as well as hear another well-known story from the bible.

It is always a pleasure to be involved in the holiday club as it gives us the chance to spread the message of God's love to children in our local community. Our grateful thanks go to all those who gave up their time and made the week such an enjoyable and successful experience for all involved. Particular thanks go to our chief organisers, Steve and Chris Wicks, for their enthusiasm, dedication and commitment to the holiday club. If you would be interested in helping out at next year's holiday club, please do let them know.

Heather Cordery

Toddling2Church

Revd Paul Timmis

2pm-3pm each Tuesday during school term time

Life at Toddling2Church continues to be eventful, enjoyable and messy. Once again we were sad to say goodbye to some children in September as they started school. Yet again we were delighted to welcome others and see our little community of children, parents and carers change and grow once more.

Apart from a time when we revisited the theme of Creation, we have tended to stick (pun intended) closely to the stories of Jesus that we have heard/will hear in church on the Sunday before/after our session. Throughout the year we have enjoyed telling these stories and then recreating something about them using glitter and glue etc. A big development in recent months has been the purchase of environmentally-friendly, biodegradable glitter. Our Treasurers would probably suggest that we are now literally using gold dust these days (!) but we feel that it is important that we take seriously our need to care of the God-given world that we so often tell stories about.

We have been thrilled this year to welcome the input of our Church Administrator, Kat Mackie, who has helped us to source materials and prepare for sessions etc., on more than one occasion. We also thank the ongoing presence and commitment of Chris Baxter, Maggi Coen and Katy Wey, without whom etc., etc.

This is a fabulous community within a community to be a part of. Thank you one and all.

Revd Paul Timmis

Financial Review

Financial Review: Treasurers Alison Charlton and Victoria Price

September 2017 - August 2018 Accounts as reported to the Charity Commission

Income trends

The giving of church members / congregation either in the Sunday collections, or regular giving by standing orders and payroll giving increased by about 14% during the year. Gift aid tax credit received on the giving by church members and giving by other members of the congregation amounted to £12,173.09. This year we benefited from some very generous one-off donations by church members. There was a significant increase in fundraising events raising a total of £3,277 for church funds after costs and donations to charity.

Hall letting income is mainly from external users of the building, plus donations from church organisations and members of the congregation for use of the halls complex. There was a year on year increase in receipts of over £1,000. We also receive rental income from the four church owned flats. There was an increase in arrears due to late payment of August rent and other issues which are being addressed by the Flats Group.

Expenditure trends

A major cost is in relation to the assessment paid to the Wimbledon Circuit and the Parish Support Fund paid to the Southwark Diocese. This amounts to 40% of our total cost this year. The Circuit assessment and the Parish Support Fund contributions have increased by 13% overall. It has been agreed to maintain the church's Parish Support Fund payment to the Diocese so that it fully covers the cost of providing the part time Vicar to the Parish at an annual cost of £31,500 for 2019. The Ecumenical Church Council will be considering how to best use Legacy Funds that have been received for the benefit of the church. There were increased salary costs following the employment of a Parish Administrator.

The high usage of the halls complex means that there is a high cost associated with it for Centre Management, Caretaking, Cleaning and other utility and repair costs which amounts to about 41% of our expenditure. This year has seen major expenditure on repairs to the organ, new external notice boards and signage, replacement locks and keys and decoration and repairs to the outside of both the church and halls complex. Whilst some Maintenance fund work is currently planned for 2018/19 it is not expected to utilise the full £20,000 transfer from the Flats Account.

Fund CASH Balances at 31st August 2018

Total	£257,753	Total Cash Funds of which:
	£252,736	Unrestricted Funds including:
Joint Account	£21,507	- Day to Day Expenditure
Flats Accounts	£26,907	- Day to Day Flats management
Maintenance Fund	£26,357	- (Designated fund for Major Works)
Legacy Fund	£95,010	- (Designated fund – not for Day to Day use)
Total	£257,753	Cash Funds

This gives about 17 months cover of expenditure.

Reserves Policy

This reserves policy covers all church funds held by Christ Church with St Philip LEP. There are two accounts covered by this policy, Combined Account and the Flats Account.

The combined reserve funds held in these accounts should be sufficient to cover the following (figures in brackets indicate 1/9/2018 calculated required Cash reserve values):-

Two quarterly Assessments (£22,846)

Parish Support Fund 6 months (£15,450)

3 months running costs (£30,000)

Flats reserve fund (£45,000)

Major Maintenance fund (£20,000)

Giving a total cash reserve requirement of £133,296 @ 1/9/2018 against the total cash funds balance of £257,753 @ 31/8/2018

The following is a list of money collected for external organisations that passed through the church bank accounts:-

Money raised for others	Amount
Christian Aid - Rohingya Muslims and appeals	£541.28*
Jubilee Debt Campaign	£60.00
Water Aid	£60.00
Action for Children (various events)	£187.00
St. Raphael's Hospice (Christmas Tree Festival)	£1,298.44
Sutton Community Works (Charity for 2017-18)	£997.70 **
Breadline Africa	£66.00
The Children's Society (Christingle, boxes etc)	£439.28
Traidcraft (Big Brew)	£125.10
Sutton Street Pastors (separate JMG collection)	£175.00
TOTAL	£3,949.80

*Not including the money raised by the Walk the City sponsored walk (sponsorship through member's personal account)

** A further £103.99 was sent to Sutton Community Works from the Summer Fair with 50% of profits from the Gala Evening.

N.B. This represents the money that has passed through the church accounts and does not include any cheques made out directly to the charities concerned.

Connexional Funds	Amount
Mission in Britain	£500.00
Methodist Church Fund for Property	£400.00
Methodist Church Fund for Training	£300.00
Methodist Homes for the Aged	£420.00 ***
The World Mission Fund	£1,000.00
TOTAL	£2,620.00

***This includes £118.00 collected through the MHA envelopes in May

These donations have come directly from the church accounts and have been paid via the Wimbledon Circuit.

Statement of accounts for the year ended 31 August 2018

CHRIST CHURCH WITH ST. PHILIP JOINT ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDE 31-Aug-18

	Year ended	Cash Account 31-Aug-18	Accrual Acc 31-Aug-18	Cash Account 31-Aug-17	Accrual Acc 31-Aug-17
		£	£	£	£
RECEIPTS					
Congregational Income					
Envelopes		13,347.16	13,347.16	15,366.30	15,366.30
Standing Orders		31,028.00	31,028.00	30,143.00	30,143.00
Payroll Giving		0.00	0.00	111.36	111.36
Loose Collections		6,454.91	6,454.91	5,105.36	5,105.36
Donations		7,803.05	7,803.05	570.00	570.00
Legacy		0.00	0.00	14,917.70	8,917.70
SK - Money deposited for wake (Restricted Funds)		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Gift Aid		12,173.09	12,173.09	12,273.16	12,273.16
Candle Box		81.97	81.97	92.61	92.61
Methodist Funeral		0.00	0.00	58.00	58.00
Fund raising activities		6,389.79	6,389.79	3,405.02	3,405.02
Springs Dance		606.56	606.56	0.00	0.00
		<u>77,884.53</u>	<u>77,884.53</u>	<u>82,042.51</u>	<u>76,042.51</u>
Property Income					
Hire of Premises		75,823.54	73,846.04	73,973.49	71,724.49
Hall -Internal Organisation Donations		2,199.43	1,859.02	2,291.25	1,896.60
Hall - External Organisation Donations		104.00	111.00	50.00	50.00
Photocopier		22.17	10.56	223.81	70.44
Donations incl. Church member Hall Use		10.00	10.00	20.00	20.00
Servery - Sunday Coffee		1,106.64	1,106.64	1,133.59	1,133.59
Grant for Community Breakfast (London Church)		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Community Breakfast Donations		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Servery - Takings (incl light lunch)		4,414.48	4,414.48	4,411.32	4,411.32
Total Property		<u>83,680.26</u>	<u>81,357.74</u>	<u>82,103.46</u>	<u>79,306.44</u>
Assignments & Fees					
	Jnt Acc	PCC Fees	Jnt Acc	Jnt Acc	
Banns	0.00		370.00	180.00	180.00
Weddings	0.00		0.00	464.00	464.00
Funerals Church	103.00		290.00	314.00	314.00
Crematorium	966.00		58.00	0.00	0.00
Other	181.28		261.00	0.00	0.00
	1,250.28		<u>979.00</u>	<u>958.00</u>	<u>958.00</u>
Miscellaneous					
Sequestration Account		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Transfer in					
Flats Account		20,000.00	20,000.00	20,000.00	20,000.00
Miscellaneous		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
		165.18	165.18	779.68	779.68
Flower Fund Donations		318.00	318.00	560.00	560.00
Grant(Mumspace)		1,100.00	1,100.00	0.00	0.00
Bank Interest		494.00	494.00	461.29	461.29
TOTAL RECEIPTS		<u>184,620.97</u>	<u>182,298.45</u>	<u>186,904.94</u>	<u>178,107.92</u>
Excluded from accounts - money collected for others					
Assignments		1,250.28	1,250.28	1,029.33	1,029.33
Expenses - Clergy		36.00	36.00	0.00	0.00
Verger / Organist		120.00	120.00	374.67	374.67
Charity Collections					
Charity Collections		2,623.88	2,623.88	4,733.97	4,733.97
TOTAL RECEIPTS including money collected for		<u>188,651.13</u>	<u>186,328.61</u>	<u>193,042.91</u>	<u>184,245.89</u>

CHRIST CHURCH WITH ST. PHILIP JOINT ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDE 31-Aug-18

	Cash Account Year ended 31-Aug-18	Accrual Acc 31-Aug-18	Cash Account 31-Aug-17	Accrual Acc 31-Aug-17
PAYMENTS	£		£	
Worship Costs	Joint Acc		Joint Acc	
Methodist Assessment	45,242.00	45,142.00	38,476.00	38,476.00
Diocese Assessment	30,566.67	30,566.67	28,700.00	28,700.00
Connexional Fund	2,502.00	2,502.00	2,620.00	2,620.00
Clergy Expenses	1,863.52	1,863.52	1,729.96	1,729.96
Sacristy & Worship	3,085.98	3,085.98	1,418.47	1,418.47
Parish Admin	2,040.00	2,040.00	0.00	0.00
Donations to Charity	200.00	200.00	100.00	100.00
Photocopier	779.29	779.29	502.67	446.58
Printing / Literature / Publicity	471.00	471.00	441.99	441.99
Young Church	636.41	636.41	423.08	598.08
Music (Incl Organ)	2,106.20	2,281.71	1,212.42	1,279.11
Audit	480.00	480.00	0.00	0.00
Fund Raising	3,113.10	3,113.10	1,360.51	1,360.51
Flower Fund payments	500.00	500.00	260.00	260.00
Grant (Mumspace) Payments	848.32	848.32	0.00	0.00
Springs Dance (Outreach)	907.45	907.45	0.00	0.00
Sequestration Account expenditure	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Worship	95,341.94	95,417.45	77,245.10	77,430.70
Property Costs				
Utilities				
Gas	5,200.95	5,120.42	5,011.15	4,771.69
Electricity	3,178.21	2,869.73	4,879.68	4,183.56
Rates / Water Rates	110.52	174.16	109.10	107.60
Refuse Collection	1,555.94	1,781.32	1,439.85	1,401.72
	<u>10,045.62</u>	<u>9,945.63</u>	<u>11,439.78</u>	<u>10,464.57</u>
Other Property				
Insurance	4,442.52	7,625.76	4,316.90	4,739.75
Maintenance	2,396.64	2,678.28	1,001.59	1,283.23
Safety Inspections	2,071.45	4,075.62	3,672.96	2,123.05
Salaries - Centre Manager & Caretaker	33,000.31	33,220.94	30,874.79	30,882.92
Cleaning Materials / Ex Cleaners	25,759.36	25,759.36	25,157.41	25,157.41
Office / Admin.	1,710.47	1,710.47	1,571.30	1,571.30
Hall Hire refunds	50.00	50.00	100.00	100.00
Phone	2,097.68	2,257.52	1,652.14	1,779.41
	<u>71,528.43</u>	<u>77,377.95</u>	<u>68,347.09</u>	<u>67,637.07</u>
Catering				
Servery / Sunday Coffee	1,160.64	1,268.84	1,072.72	1,180.92
Light Lunch	335.86	335.86	291.75	291.75
Community Breakfast	0.00	0.00	118.73	118.73
	<u>1,496.50</u>	<u>1,604.70</u>	<u>1,483.20</u>	<u>1,591.40</u>
Total Property	83,070.55	88,928.28	81,270.07	79,693.04
Miscellaneous				
Bank Charges	1,160.46	1,160.46	1,233.65	1,037.35
Miscellaneous	389.65	389.65	214.00	214.00
	<u>179,962.60</u>	<u>185,895.84</u>	<u>159,962.82</u>	<u>158,375.09</u>
Transfers between internal accounts				
Transfer to maintenance fund	20,000.00	20,000.00	20,000.00	20,000.00
Transfer to / from Flower Fund	-182.00	-182.00	300.00	300.00
Transfer to Legacy Restricted Fund	0.00	0.00	14,917.70	8,917.70
Transfer to / from Sequestration Account	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Transfer to Mothers Fund	251.68	251.68	0.00	0.00
Transfer to / from SK wake fund	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	<u>200,032.28</u>	<u>205,965.52</u>	<u>195,180.52</u>	<u>187,592.79</u>
Money collected on behalf of others				
Assignments to Diocese	1,208.28	1,208.28	909.33	909.33
Clergy Fees associated with Assignments	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Organist & Verger Fees	120.00	120.00	374.67	374.67
		<i>Total</i>		
Charity Collections				
Charity Collections	2,658.88	2,658.88	4,723.97	4,723.97
Totals including Money Collected for others	<u>204,019.44</u>	<u>209,952.68</u>	<u>201,188.49</u>	<u>193,600.76</u>
Net Surplus / (Deficit)	<u>(15,411.31)</u>	<u>(23,667.07)</u>	<u>(8,275.58)</u>	<u>(9,484.87)</u>
<i>Excludes Assignments, charity collections and Designated Funds.</i>				

CHRIST CHURCH WITH ST. PHILIP JOINT ACCOUNT

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	31-Aug-18	31-Aug-17
	£	£
Receipts & Payments Summary		
Total Receipts	184,620.97	186,904.94
Less: Total Payments	-200,032.28	-195,180.52
Excess Payments Over Receipts	<u>-15,411.31</u>	<u>-8,275.58</u>
 Maintenance Fund		
Balance brought forward	12,075.02	11,763.78
ADD: <u>Transfer from Joint Account</u>	20,000.00	20,000.00
LESS: Expenditure - Halls	-2,200.00	-17,714.23
Church	-3,518.00	-1,974.53
Balance as at 31-Aug-18	<u>26,357.02</u>	<u>12,075.02</u>
 Restricted Funds		
	b/f	348.53
	Receipts	560.00
Flower Fund	Payments	-260.00
	<u>466.53</u>	<u>648.53</u>
SK Wake Fund	b/f	750.00
Held as no relatives available.	Receipts	0.00
	Payments	0.00
	<u>750.00</u>	<u>750.00</u>
Mission Action Grant Fund	b/f	0.00
	Receipts	1,100.00
	Payments	-848.32
	<u>251.68</u>	<u>0.00</u>
 Designated Funds		
Legacies Fund	b/f	85,955.24
From Joint Account	0.00	14,917.70
Legacy Spend halls	0.00	0.00
Legacy Spend Church	-600.00	-5,263.42
	Balance	<u>95,009.52</u>
 Financial Position		
Bank Balance	31-Aug-18	31-Aug-17
- Deposit account	98,990.87	99,738.87
- Current account	21,468.43	22,337.06
Total Balance as at	<u>120,459.30</u>	<u>122,075.93</u>
 Charity Money Brought forward		
	35.00	
Charity Money Received	2,623.88	
Charity Money Sent	-2,658.88	
Balance	<u>0.00</u>	
Represented by		
- Maintenance Fund	26,357.02	
- Restricted Funds	1,468.21	
- Designated Funds (Legacy)	95,009.52	
- Unrestricted Joint Account Balance	-2,375.45	
- Sequestration Account	0.00	
	<u>120,459.30</u>	

Christ Church with St Philip Flats Account 31st August 2018

Balances at 1st September 2017		2016 - 2017			
		Cash Acc.	Accrual Basis	Cash Acc.	Accrual Basis
Deposit Account		94,983.84		94,662.84	
Current Account		30,424.25		14,355.86	
Tenant Deposits		-3,800.00		-3,800.00	
	Total	121,608.09		105,218.70	
Income					
Rents		35,464.03	39,200.00	37,935.00	38,810.00
Interest	current a/c	0.00		0.00	
	deposit a/c	403.55	403.55	321.00	321.00
	Total	35,867.58	39,603.55	38,256.00	39,131.00
Expenditure					
Maintenance		-1,827.03	-1,827.03	-424.58	-424.58
Safety Inspections		-888.00	-926.00	-313.00	-323.10
Insurance		-1,121.45	-1,092.49	-1,063.51	-1,112.82
Refunded Rent		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Bank Charges		-50.00		-65.52	-57.54
Misc		-85.00	-85.00	0.00	0.00
	Total	-3,971.48	-3,930.52	-1,866.61	-1,918.04
Profit		31,896.10	35,673.04	36,389.39	37,212.97
Joint Account Transfer		-20,000.00		-20,000.00	
	Account Total	133,504.19		121,608.09	
Closing Balances 31/08/2018					
Deposit Account		110,387.39		94,983.84	
Current Account		26,906.80		30,424.25	
Tenant Deposits		-3,800.00		-3,800.00	
		133,494.19		121,608.09	
Available Balance		133,494.19			
less agreed reserves		45,000.00			
		88,494.19			
Notes					
Outstanding Rents				-6,780.97	

Independent Examiner’s Statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention (other than that disclosed below*):

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act;
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act have not been met; or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

** Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply appropriate*

(3) I have not obtained independent verification of all investments with the Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes ("TMCP") or held in other Trusts, Bank balances and Funds at the Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church ("CFB"), which are individually in excess of £10,000 (ten thousand pounds) at the balance sheet date.

** Please circle as appropriate*

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Signature	
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Date	17th December 2018

Update pre- Annual General Church Meeting covering September 2018 to February 2019 (*Outside of the independent examination of accounts period.*)

Giving by Standing order, Payroll giving, Envelopes and Loose Collection from September 2018 to February 2019 was £27,787.52; this was down by 6% compared to the same period last financial year (£29,832.17). This does not include loose collection giving for the Christmas and Christingle services which was £1,444.40. It must be remembered that last year the church received some very generous “one-off” donations by members. Analysis of regular giving and loose collection shows that this has remained in pace with giving last year.

Hall Hire is still buoyant with very few empty slots, and we continue to build on the increase in receipts from last year, with income currently being in excess of £800 ahead of where we were last year.

Our Gas contract was up for renewal, and after looking into alternative suppliers, we have remained with British Gas, and have taken out a fixed 3 year contract. Our electricity contract will not need renewing until next year.

Fundraising and charities: There have been three fundraising and social events so far this year. The Charity Gala Evening organised by Steve Wicks raised £1,304 after expenses. Half of this money was given to Sutton Community Works. The Quiz Night in November raised £737.33 of which £73.73 has been given to Children in Need. In December, we were treated to an evening of entertainment by the Linden Wind Orchestra. Profits for this event were shared equally with the orchestra (£386.70 each) and the Mini Market raised a further £372. 10% of the church receipts were added to the Christmas charities donation. Other charitable causes supported by the church since September 2018 to February 2019 have received £1051.35.

We have received a legacy from the estate of Barbara Stilwell. This is a very generous gift from Barbara and we are extremely grateful.

There has been major expenditure (£635) on replacement of light fittings in the halls, rooms and corridors. The new lights are more energy efficient and will lead to lower energy bills. There has also been expenditure (£342) on replacing worn carpet tiles in the corridors where there was heavy wear and soiling as well as replacing the water heater in the kitchen (£887).

FLATS

The Flats accounts remain healthy, with a balance in excess of £100,000 (including the £45,000 required reserves). Arrears on the properties still remain and are being closely monitored. There has been some significant maintenance undertaken at one of the flats along with replacement and repair of items at some of the other flats. The cost of this work was £7,500.