

Elworth Methodist Church Annual report 2019 -2020

As with many other churches the year was different to any other we had experienced.

It began well in September 2019 with plans for the year ahead to include Sunday morning worship, afternoon tea services combined with family craft group activities which had been well received and even a Sunday morning service over breakfast as we worked towards new ways of welcoming the community in to worship.

The new church coffee lounge was being well used by the community with visits from residents of local care homes, people using the local railway station and families spending time in the local park. Opening times coincided with groups using the church so that they were able to come in for refreshments before or after their meeting giving us time to talk and respond to any requests for help. Good relationships were built up between church members and visitors.

Our work for charities continued with our monthly charity coffee mornings including Macmillan Nurses, Huntington's disease, Christies at Macclesfield and Help for heroes.

Our harvest service was in support of Chance, changing lives – a local charity supporting families or individuals suffering hardship.

With the arrival of the pandemic much of our work was put on hold.

As many of our church members were in the at risk group and following Government guidelines it was necessary to close the premises.

Special arrangements were put in place with members forming partnerships committing to keep in touch with each other by phone or email. Each group of people also had a pastoral visitor who would keep in touch.

A weekly newsletter was sent either by email or delivered by hand to all members and friends in the community.

Access to Zoom & Sound cloud worship services was made available and also printed service sheets.

Younger members of our congregation made themselves ready and available to bring shopping for anyone living alone without family to help. Some set themselves the challenge of making PPE equipment.

The building may have been closed but the 'church' came out into the community and 2 or 3 friends met in the park when guidelines allowed.

Our worship, our prayer life our work for the community continued from our own homes always looking ahead to a time when as a church family we could return to the building.

ELWORTH
METHODIST CHURCH,
ACCOUNTS FOR 2019 / 20

	<u>b/fwd</u>	<u>income (+ transfers)</u>	<u>expenditure (+ transfers)</u>	<u>bal c/fwd</u>
GENERAL FUND	16558.56	25647.13	25797.53	16408.16
BENEVOLENCE FUND	200.00	0.00	0.00	200.00
GENERAL REPAIRS FUND	4052.47	2475.26	601.26	5926.47
PROJECT FUND	7986.20	0.00	298.98	7687.22
	<u>28797.23</u>	<u>28122.39</u>	<u>26697.77</u>	<u>30221.85</u>
FOR OTHER ORGANISATIONS	0	993.50	993.50	0.00
				<u>30221.85</u>

BANK RECONCILIATION FOR FUNDS HELD 31st August 2020

NAT WEST	13617.45
cash in hand	19.37
C.F.B. No 1	5865.79
C.F.B. No 2	10719.24
	<u>30221.85</u>

GENERAL FUND

2019 / 20

<u>RECEIPTS</u>		2019 / 20	2018 / 19
Balance brought forward		16558.56	16621.67
Offerings	Collections	9105.76	10900.74
	Gift Aid	6484.55	1423.50
Donations	Boys' Brigade	426.68	250.00
	Sunday	163.89	273.55
	Tuesday	2339.36	4079.48
	Other & anon.	288.54	696.20
	Badminton	0.00	115.00
Special collections	Lieu of Christmas cards	75.00	55.00
	Remembrance Sunday	170.00	160.00
	Christmas Day	7.00	36.50
Interest	CFB I	31.03	32.73
	Nat West Bank	12.41	16.93
Lettings	Room hire	1210.00	2485.00
	Brownies	0.00	250.00
Other receipts	Coffee lounge	2740.02	3537.09
	Breakfasts	386.00	0.00
	Supper	1134.00	879.00
	Tots' time	460.03	535.56
	Painting group	151.15	268.85
	Sale of goods	276.71	405.47
	Wedding & funeral fees	180.00	155.00
	Photocopying	5.00	0.00
<u>TOTAL</u>		<u>42205.69</u>	<u>43177.27</u>

<u>PAYMENTS</u>		2019 / 20	2018 / 19
Circuit assessment		12573.00	12573.00
Donations	Gen Prop Fund	200.00	200.00
	Presbyters & Deacons	200.00	200.00
	Poppy Appeal (Remembrance Sunday)	170.00	160.00
	Action for children	82.00	100.00
Repairs/ Mainten.	Boiler service	382.20	367.80
	Pianos	50.00	100.00
	Organ	174.00	348.00
	Fire extinguishers	0.00	78.00
	Fire alarms	84.00	0.00
	Emergency lights	114.00	114.00
	PAT test	60.00	0.00
	General maintenance expenses	406.57	266.72
Utlities	Gas	2720.26	3125.67
	Electricity	3765.65	3142.56
	Water	166.34	396.30
	Church Insurance	1872.00	1823.19
Other payments	Photocopier rental & paper	448.19	446.99
	Stationery, printing & postage	76.43	59.92
	Catering	1391.21	2284.30
	Suppers	241.18	318.81
	Tots' time	0.00	32.91
	Flowers	0.00	11.00
	* Other expenses	620.50	469.54
sub total		25797.53	26618.71
Balance carried forward		16408.16	16558.56
total		<u>42205.69</u>	<u>43177.27</u>

* <u>other expenses</u>	
website	55.85
ccli	238.05
cleaning	118.63
wine	9.00
school events	71.57
wreath	17.00
wasp nest	110.40
	<u>620.50</u>

<u>BENEVOLENCE FUND</u>	<u>INCOME</u>		<u>EXPENDITURE</u>	
Brought forward	200.00		Bal in hand	200.00
	<u>200.00</u>			<u>200.00</u>

COLLECTIONS FOR OTHER ORGANISATIONS

World Mission funds(see details)	40.25	World Mission Fund	40.25
Mission in Britain (see details)	26.25	Mission in Britain	26.25
Chance – Changing lives	200.00	Help for Heroes	377.00
Help for Heroes	377.00	Chance	200.00
Macmillan Support	150.00	Macmillan Support	150.00
Christie's at Macclesfield	200.00	The Christie's	200.00
		bal in hand	0.00
total	<u>993.50</u>		<u>993.50</u>

World Mission Funds - details

Boxes & donations	
Gift Aid 2018-19	40.25
	<u>40.25</u>

Mission in Britain - details

Donations	
Gift Aid 2018 – 19	26.25
	<u>26.25</u>

REPAIR FUND**General repairs**

<u>Income</u>	
Bt Fwd	4052.47
Christmas lunch & hampers	583.55
Breakfasts	155.20
Burns' night	800.00
curry night	318.00
Candlelight supper	488.50
CFB2 interest	130.01
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	6527.73

Expenditure

Christmas lunch	281.47
Catering for breakfasts	103.79
Catering for other events	0.00
Sandbach roofing	216.00
Bal in hand	5926.47
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	6527.73

Building project income

Bt Fwd	7986.20
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Project expenses

kitchen table & fridge	298.98
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Bal in hand	7687.22
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	7986.20

Name of Church .. Elworth Methodist Church

Independent Examiner's Statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below*) which give me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act; or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records.

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I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

I have/have not* obtained independent verification of all investments with the Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes or held in other trusts, bank balances and funds at the Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church which are individually in excess of £10,000 (ten thousand pounds) at the balance sheet date.

Signature of independent examiner *K. Andrews*

Name of independent examiner *K. ANDREWS*

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner

Name of firm (where appropriate)

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Date *4/11/20*

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