

Barton on Sea Methodist Church



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**Annual Report and Accounts
for the year ended
31st August 2018**

Annual Report & Accounts

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Addresses

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Barton Methodist Church is in the Christchurch & Wimborne Circuit which is in the Southampton District of the Methodist Church and its Circuit Number is 26/10

Charity Registration Number: 1135451

Circuit Website: www.candwmc.org.uk (there is a link to Barton from here)

Charitable Status

Barton Methodist Church is a charity (No.1135451) in its own right. Thus the Church Council, as well as having the role set out in the Constitutional Practice and Discipline of the Methodist Church (CPD), is also the Board of Trustees of the charity and the Minister is the Chairman. Thus, this Annual Report and Accounts is for the Charity Commissioners as well as the church. This determines to some extent its form and contents. One effect of this is that the church is able to deal directly on matters such as Tax Reclaims on Gift Aided donations rather than through the charitable status of the Methodist Church.

Mission Statement

To know Christ and to make Him known.

We exist to encourage and celebrate a loving relationship with God.

To that end we will endeavour to:

- make followers of Jesus Christ by sharing our faith,
- be a good neighbour and share God's love,
- offer a warm welcome in a safe place,
- grow closer to God through Prayer, Bible Study and Worship,
- use our talents for God's purposes and
- challenge injustice.

Approved by Church Council 12th March 2014.

General Church Meeting

The General Church meeting shall be held for fellowship, for mutual counsel respecting the condition of the Local Church, including its financial affairs, for the election of church stewards and representatives and for any other purpose, which the Conference may direct (SO621). It meets at least once a year (SO622).

The minister and all members of the Local Church are the voting members of the meeting (SO620(1)) but the meeting is open to all other persons who are on the community roll (SO620(2)).

Note:

There are other ex-officio voting members of the meeting who do not generally attend (SO643(1))(other circuit ministers etc.) and posts (e.g. lay workers) set out in(SO606(1)).

The Church Council

The members of the Church Council are Managing Trustees of Barton on Sea Methodist Church under the terms of the Model Trust as set out in ‘The Constitutional Practice and Discipline of the Methodist Church’ (CPD). CPD is reviewed and amended as necessary at Conference each year, is largely composed of Standing Orders (SO’s) and where appropriate these are quoted in this report.

The members of the Church Council are also the Trustees of the Charity (see above under Charitable Status).

“The Church Council has authority and oversight over the whole area of the ministry of the church, including the management of its property. Aims and methods, the determination and pursuit of policy and the deployment of available resources are its proper responsibility. In many cases it will appoint committees* which have authority, in their own areas of responsibility, to initiate action, co-ordinate the work done in the church, advise the Church Council and report to it, being subject to its authority and oversight” (SO603). It meets at least twice a year (SO613).

** The ‘Individual Reports’ set out later are made initially to a Committee/Forum and form a record of the activities carried out under the auspices of the Church Council during the report period.*

Members of Church Council (SO610)

Minister	Revd. Ros Hollingsworth	2013-Aug2018
	Revd. Martin Keenan	From 1 st Sept 2018
Church Stewards (all)	Margaret Havers	2012
	Graham Westbrook	2012
	Chris Levett	2013
	Liz Ward	2016
	Val Brown	2017
Church Treasurer	Michael Stopher*	2004
Pastoral Secretary	Jill Stevens	2016
Church Council Secretary	Geoff Havers	2017

Representatives elected to CC at General Church Meeting (from 6-15)

Rodney Betts	2012
Alison White	2013
Derek Hall	2013-July 2018
Valerie McCallum	2014
Bob Boxall	2018

Members nominated by church committees/forums and confirmed by Church Council:

Pastoral Committee	Muriel Swayne
Finance & Property Ctte.	Derek Hancock**
Missions & Outreach Forum	Wendy Hancock
Family Forum	Rita Moir
Worship & Prayer Consultation	Liz Ward (Convenor)***

The Church Council may add to the above nominations from committees/forums to ensure that all areas of the church's life are adequately represented up to a total of not more than 15. (SO610(1)(xi))

One Circuit Steward (appointed by Circuit Meeting):- Kate Phillips

* Also Deputy Church Organist

** Property Coordinator & Church Archivist

*** Also a Church Steward

Forward by our Minister

The church's minister would normally write a forward to the Annual Report each year. However this has not been possible this year since Revd Ros Hollingsworth left earlier than 31st August 2018 (the end of the report year and preceded by a sabbatical) and Revd Martin Keenan became our minister on 1st September 2018 and therefore has no personal knowledge of the church's activities during the report year.

Note: These reports are all (with the exception of the data under 1.2) for the year ended 31st August 2018.

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Reports

1 Church Life

1.1. Worship

a) Services

Graham Westbrook

Rev Ros Hollingsworth has now completed five years of ministry and has embarked on her new role as Superintendent Minister of a London Circuit. In the past year Ros has continued to move us forward with new ideas to encourage us to deepen our Christian life and by doing so move along our individual paths of faith.

As suggested in previous annual reports the age range of the membership and congregations is made up, almost exclusively, from the retirement sector and continues to get even older. The year has seen a number of members move away from Barton to be closer to family, move into residential care homes and join the Kingdom of God.

Whilst the number of people moving into Barton remains constant many come from unchurched backgrounds and do not automatically seek out a church in the community. This is a clear change from a decade or so ago when the church in Barton believed it could remain with a constant membership from regular churchgoers moving into the area.

The decline in membership and attendance at worship, as in many churches throughout the UK, will continue at Barton (see the table below). It is a significant challenge to the church to encourage and provide teaching and a pattern of worship which would appeal to younger retired people.

We continue to share the first monthly evening service with Highcliffe Methodist Church. The timing of evening service at Barton has been changed for a trial year to commence at 4pm instead of 6.30pm and, although the change has not resulted in increased congregations, it has been decided to stay with the changed time.

We also continue to share a United Service with our friends from the Parish Church and these provide an ecumenical approach to our worship which benefits both sets of participants. On Easter Sunday we shared in a fifth ecumenical sunrise service on the cliff top led by Ros with folk from a number of churches in the area. This service is fast becoming an expected event and 35 attended.

A full range of services have been part of the Easter and Christmas celebrations. Through invitation cards delivered to the majority of

properties in Barton by church members this has encouraged visitors to attend.

Once a quarter at an evening service we share in a Healing and Wholeness Service at which prayer ministry is offered and this is greatly appreciated by those who attend.

We are fortunate to be able to welcome visitors to the area either visiting relatives or holidaying. Refreshments after the Sunday service and Tuesday morning services provide an excellent opportunity to share and grow in friendship and is much valued by those who attend regularly.

We are able to invite a number of ministers and local preachers to lead our Tuesday morning services and we benefit from the diversity of approach preachers at these services are able to provide. It is also good that we are able to share special services with the Pre-school i.e.

mothering day, harvest, nativity and end of term leavers' services which has enabled children, parents, grandparents etc. to attend and to be introduced to Barton Methodist Church.

Our average attendance for services during the year under review is shown below and compared with two years ago.

	This year	Two years ago
8am Communion Services	9	10
10.30am Morning Worship	70	87
6.30pm/4pm Evening Worship	16	20
Tuesday 10.00 am	14	18

The above figures exclude some special Services which have attracted a larger attendance. These were evening Healing Service 62, evening Carol Service 82 and the evening farewell Service for Ros & David 160.

b) Communion Stewards

Valerie McCallum

Attendance at Holy Communion Services between September 2017 and August 2018 were as follows:

			<u>Average</u>
Sunday	8.00 am	22	7
Sunday	10.30 am	829	69
Sunday	4.00 pm	95	13
Tuesday	10.00 am	155	13
Christmas Eve	11.30 pm	11	
Maundy Thursday	6.00 pm	33	

The total number of communicants through the year was 1,145 (last year 1,305)

In May, June, July and August 2018 we had a reduced number of Communion Services. This was the period when Revd Ros Hollingsworth was on sabbatical and while we were waiting for our new minister, Revd Martin Keenan, to commence his ministry with us in September 2018. This would in part account for the reduced number of communicants between September 2017 and August 2018.

Attendance at the Maundy Thursday evening Communion Service increased very slightly. After many years of having the same light meal (which preceeds the service) we made a change to the menu.

I would like to express my sincere thanks and appreciation to all the Communion Stewards who, throughout the year, have carried out their duties so willingly. There have been no changes to the Communion Stewards through the past year and we remain 11 in number.

c) Welcomers

Wendy Hancock

Barton church continues to provide Welcomers before Sunday morning services which is of great benefit to members and visitors. For various reasons the number of people on the list of volunteers has declined recently so I would be pleased to hear from anyone willing to join the rota. It is not an onerous task, all we ask is for a commitment to being at church early to Welcome the members of the congregation and take the offertory at the same service once or twice a quarter. There is always an opportunity to change if necessary. Please speak to me if you are interested in joining us.

d) Worship and Prayer Forum

Liz Ward

The W&P Forum meets 3 times a year to discuss, and arrange, special Services (e.g. Christian Aid, Meeting Point Anniversary, Pre-School Services, etc.) or requests for guest Preachers. This year we also talked about the 8am Services and, after discussion, took the recommendation to Church Council that we should no longer offer these. This

recommendation was accepted by the Church Council. We have discussed the Sunday 4pm and Tuesday 10am Services.

The Forum supported and encouraged an Advent Prayer leaflet (produced by Valerie Westbrook) to enable people to focus their prayers during this time of preparation. We also approved the introduction of a team of Intercessors, who are ready to lead these prayers during our Sunday Services.

The Forum is open to all and members of the Church are encouraged to participate in this aspect of our faith and witness.

1.2 Pastoral

Note 1.2 covers the year between the pastoral committees in Oct 2017 and Oct 2018 since the current membership is for the latter date and the attendance at worship count is done in the month of October.

a) Pastoral Committee

Jill Stevens

All members of the church and some adherents have a Pastoral Visitor and, although distribution of the church Newsletter (now called News and Views) to folk on their 'list' is a good method by which regular contact is ensured, the care extends beyond this, particularly in times of need. This has become more important since reducing the frequency of production of the newsletter from every month to every two months.

The Pastoral Committee meeting was held on 9th October 2018 and the commissioning of Pastoral Visitors took place on 14th October. All Pastoral Visitors are continuing their work this year, except for Harold & Mary Holcombe and Peggy Barton who have stepped down after a number of years faithfully fulfilling this role. Happily two people, Julia Newman and Eileen Stack have agreed to become a Pastoral Visitors. Several people offered to add folk to their lists, to cover those giving up this year and keep all lists at a reasonable level. I wish to thank everyone for their tireless work for God in this role.

The following Pastoral Visitors were appointed/reappointed at the October Church Council.

Sharon Ayton- Robinson	Jennifer Kent
Katey Betts	Margaret Langdon
Reg Boughton	Julia Newman (New)
Julie Bremner	David & Beryl Phillipson
Jean Clark	Linda Pilgrim (Luncheon Club)
Michael Clark	Eileen Stack (New)
Madeleine Eurich	Pat Sullivan
Pam Griffiths	Muriel Swayne
Wendy Golding (Postal)	Peter Walkling
Wendy Hancock	Jill Webber
Geoff & Margaret Havers	Alison White
Brian & Christine Hill	

b) Membership Rodney Betts

Members October 2017 **159**

Transfer in:-

Penny Stewart-Brown, Eileen Stack & Jack Hollows 3

Transfer out: -

Sally Purdy, Margaret Hurst, Derek Hall, Masie Bourne,
Phyllis Smith -5

No longer attending:-

Barron Taylor -1

Deaths:-

Patricia Allen, Joyce Bishop, Sidney Gale, Jack Hollows
Jeanne Woodward, Hugh Hames June Household,
Margaret Rintoul, Elsie Walker -9

Members October 2018 **147**

Adherents October 2017 **136**

Decrease -10

Adherents October 2018 **126**

The above figures have been recorded on the Statistics for Mission return together with the other information from the Church Stewards and forwarded to the Connexion.

1.3 Church Family Activities (Church Family Forum)

Secretary: Ann Mayled

Children and Young People:-

a) Barton Pre-School

Ann Mayled

At the start of the academic year, the number of children on the register was lower than in previous years and this was a cause for concern. However, over the course of the year we did welcome a number of new children and although we were not as full as we had been in the past, this did put us in a much better position.

We cared for the children of 20 families, including those with English as an additional language. The children all seemed to get along with one another really well and there were no real behavioural issues.

Over the course of the year, the children have attended services in the church, which they always enjoy as do the parents. The nativity service was particularly entertaining with Rev David Hollingsworth leading this for the first time. Following the service, we held our Christmas Fayre which raised £328 and which was used to buy new resources for the children.

The New Forest Ranger visited us, bringing along all sorts of animal skins and skulls for the children to explore. The children also made visits to 2 local nursing homes to join in a variety of activities with the residents. It is hoped to continue this in the coming year. Rev Bailey very kindly let us invade his space again this year for our sports day which was held on one of those very hot days we had. The children took part in a number of different physical activities and were very proud to receive a medal and some bubbles in recognition of their efforts.

We have just completed our first year of longer opening hours with the majority of the children now staying for the lunch clubs that are held on a Monday & Thursday until 1 and until 2 on a Friday. I must express my thanks to the bowls club who put back their starting time to allow us more time to clear up once the children have left. We are looking forward to the year ahead and whatever challenges it may bring.

b) Safe-guarding

Geoff Havers

The church's safeguarding policy document was reviewed at the October Church Council (as it is annually) and readopted. At the same time an

additional policy document was tabled on Safeguarding in respect of 'Church Photography, Publicity and the Internet' and this was adopted. Copies of all policies are displayed for public view in the Welcome Area.

Refresher courses continue to be held on a regular basis for church members who are in any way involved in activities which will necessitate a knowledge of the policies and practice.

Michael Clark has now stepped down from looking after this area and has been replaced by Liz Ward.

c) Cradle Roll

Margaret Lomax

The baptism of Olivia Marie Courage took place on Sunday 26th November 2017. The service was conducted by Rev Ros Hollingsworth on this happy memorable occasion. It was good to see members of our church attending this service.

d) Barton Parents, Toddlers and Babies Group Margaret Lomax

We continue to meet in the main church hall every Thursday afternoon 1.30-3pm during term time.

It is good to see the social interaction of all those who attend including parents, grandparents, friends, carers, toddlers and babies.

Our average weekly attendance from 07.09.17 to 19.07.18 was 15 children and 11 adults.

We enjoy outside entertainment from Diane at Hartbeeps and we all benefit and have great fun.

We usually have an end of term party for the toddler and baby group at the end of each term.

Our wonderful, loyal and flexible team include 8 assistants and 3 refreshments ladies who attend on a rota basis. We all aim to have a get together twice a year in December and July, usually at The Amberwood in Walkford, and enjoy a splendid lunch.

We are looking forward to meeting our new Minister, Rev. Martin Keenan and family in the near future.

The Crib Service on 24th December 2017 was well attended. It was good to see the parents, grandparents and children in church from our Toddler and Baby Group plus children who used to attend our sessions and commenced big school. Rev. Ros. Hollingsworth led our hectic service! Refreshments were served afterwards.

Meeting Point

Jill Stevens

Meeting Point enjoyed another busy year but there were changes, as our meetings were reduced to twice a month, on the second and fourth Thursdays, from March. Our programme organiser, Iris Doherty, stepped down and it was not possible to replace her whilst continuing weekly meetings, needing so many speakers. Valerie Westbrook has taken the job over.

We have 2 ladies who are about to take over welcoming members and taking their subs. Jean Clark has done this job for over 10 years and we are so grateful to her.

Our meetings restart this week and we will have a project evening, presenting a cheque for £2250 to Sue Whiffen who organises the New Milton Dementia Action Group. She will give us an update on their work and then we will have a talk about the League of Friends at Lymington Hospital and their appeal for a new CT Scanner, which is our project for 2018/19.

We welcome new members to our group and they come from various local churches or from the community. We often have 50 – 60 at our meetings.

f) Social Club

Christine O'Riley

We began our year in September knowing that one of our members was very ill. Sadly, Joyce died on 5th October 2017, and her friendship and sense of fun is very much missed by us all.

We continue to meet fortnightly with a programme of carpet bowls, quizzes and board games. All of which presents opportunities for friendly rivalry. Everyone participates in organising the activities and providing refreshments on a rota basis.

We hosted a coffee morning for church funds which provided an opportunity to chat about the Social Club and invite new members.

Likewise, we were asked to man the toy stall at the Christmas Fair.

Another opportunity to meet and greet. Social Club have been asked to run the same stall for this year.

Our Anniversary service in October 2017 was led by Tony Coghlan. A rather poignant occasion as his name had been suggested by our friend Joyce Church as someone she knew and liked. We can say he did her proud. This year we will have Rev. David Ellis to lead our service – a name familiar to many.

September sees the installation of a new Minister for Barton Church and we welcome him and extend an open invitation to him and his wife to join us at our meetings.

Social Club really does live up to its name due to the fellowship and fun we have in the company of friends.

g) Flower Ministry

Jean Clark

I have a wonderful team of flower arrangers who decorate the Church each week which is much appreciated by our congregation. We have 17 on the team, but unfortunately 2 are unable to assist at present due to ill health. Hopefully we will soon have a trainee joining us.

We also have a dedicated team of 8 who deliver the flowers each week and these give so much pleasure to the recipient.

If anyone would like to become a member of these teams, please contact me as I am always grateful for new helpers.

Last year, Church members supported the flower fund with their donations towards the cost of providing the flowers- If you wish to remember or celebrate a special occasion, please put your name on the flower calendar in the lounge.

h) Short Mat Bowls Club

Alan Moir

During the year up to the end of July the club had some 22 active members 10 of which resulted from advertising in local publications.

During the summer attendance has been low due to our new members playing outside. We hope that more will attend when the outside season finishes by the end of September.

Due to the few members playing during the summer we decided to postpone our AGM until the middle of October.

We managed to run the club with just the 2 officers appointed at the last AGM (July 2017) but hope that additional officers will be appointed at our next AGM.

During the new season we expect to replace one mat, we have funds to do this.

i) Drama

Rita Moir

The Drama Group has made three presentations this year; the first was for the Harvest Festival service, 2017 using the line “All good gifts around us are sent from heaven above.” The scene was a farmhouse, where the workers and family proposed plans for the farm’s future using their gifts and talents and the fruits of the land.

At Christmas 2017 a re-write of the King Wenceslas story was performed in which the Page continually made comic errors of judgement, but finally resolved all by guiding the old King to his destination to take a feast to Stephen.

On Palm Sunday 2018 “The Road to Jerusalem” sketch took place outside an inn occupied by one who once owned a little inn in Bethlehem many years before. Her two sons had gone their separate ways, one to the Temple to buy and sell, and the other to follow Jesus. Both are approached to become spies and gossip-mongers, but become united to work for the good of all.

With thanks to the members of the group who have worked hard for the productions.

j) Church Bible Study Group

Geoff Havers

The Bible Study Group meets in the Church lounge or meeting room on the first and third Tuesday evenings each month. There are eight people who regularly attend and sometimes more. The studies tend to alternate between the Old and New Testaments, the most recent being ‘Songs of Praise’ in the Bible.

Two groups also met during Lent (Monday pm and Tuesday eve) considering the film ‘The Way’ which was based on the pilgrimage from France, through Northern Spain to Santiago de Compostela and these were well attended.

k) Christmas Fayre

Margaret Langdon and Linda Pilgrim

This year the theme was Carol Singers and Christmas jumpers were the things to wear.

There were twenty fundraising 'stalls' and we were pleased to raise £2300 on the day with around £200 in after sales. So still a worthwhile fundraiser for general funds.

Many thanks to all who helped make it a success. We need you all. It's a real team effort and went very smoothly.

Two meetings a year and six weeks collecting result in a good day for us all. We hope our regular helpers will continue and some new ones come to take part. See you next time.

2 Finance Committee

2.1 Church Treasurer

Michael Stopher

This committee met three times during the year and discussed in detail all aspects of the Church's income and expenditure. The usual accounts for the General & Property Fund and the Benevolence Fund, for the year ending 31st August 2018, were presented to the Church Council meeting held on 16th October 2018. A list of all funds is shown below, with last year's totals included for comparison. Detailed accounts are available on request.

2.1.1 General & Property Fund (GPF)

Expenditure exceeded income by £2800. This overspend was covered using money from a bequest received last year.

(a) Income

Offertory income continues to fall, but income from hall use has increased.

(b) Expenditure

The Circuit Assessment was up by £737 which means that the offertory income no longer covers the Assessment. Many other items of expenditure have increased since last year, which together with some "one-off" purchases has created the overspend.

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31/08/2017

General and Property Fund :-

Working Capital	6727.15	10519.18
Reserves	37000.00	36,000.00
Benevolence Fund	500.00	500.00
Flower Fund	126.80	0.00
Youth Work Funds	743.55	814.76
Property Development Fund	5719.15	5208.02
Spence Bequest:		
TMCP Trustees Interest Fund No 19021	48018.11	48018.11
TMCP Share Portfolio (value)	<u>64466.15</u>	<u>59110.64</u>
	163300.91	160170.71

2.2 Envelope Scheme

Madeleine Eurich

Regular giving in the form of the Envelope Scheme is a convenient and popular way to contribute to Church funds and there are currently some 50 members who make their offering in this way.

It is valuable in providing a reliable source of income and is completely confidential and secure as well as being a check for those who Gift Aid (see 2.3 below).

Another way to give which some people find more convenient is to set up a standing order with their bank and together these two contribute over 80% of total general giving to the church.

2.3 Gift Aid

Katey Betts

The gift aid scheme is still running smoothly and now have some sixty people participating on a regular basis with several one off donations from visitors. HMRC are very prompt in paying the due money into the church bank account once the claim has been processed on line. This is done quarterly.

3 Property

. Michael Stopher

The Property Committee met three times during the year and reviewed various tasks.

A new water softener that automatically regenerates the resin bed was installed under the dishwasher in the kitchen. This supplies a continuous flow of softened water to the dishwasher, without the need for someone spending one and a half hours carrying out a manual regeneration.

The south and west perimeters of the Church were cleared of all weeds and vegetation and tarmac was laid over the ground to form easily maintained pathways.

The minister's vestry toilet was completed renovated, installing new sanitary ware. Some re-plumbing was necessary and this was followed by complete redecoration.

Other minor maintenance work has been carried out to ensure that the buildings continue to be fit for purpose. Six additional tables were purchased.

4 Mission & Outreach Forum

Chair: Revd Ros Hollingsworth

Secretary: Wendy Hancock

4.1 Mission

a) Mission in Britain

Rita Williams

It has been another quiet year for Mission in Britain as far as our church is concerned. The 'boxes' were emptied during April 2018. There are now only five holders of Mission in Britain 'boxes' and the total collected from them was £109.24p.

b) World Missions

Geoff Havers

There is still no World Missions Secretary so no special events were organised. However money was forwarded from the church from two sources:-

Individual donations	£113.00p
Easter offering Envelopes	£253.65p
Total	£366.65p

There are World Mission collection boxes held by people but they were not opened again this year. Steps are being taken to ensure that this is done.

There is an urgent need for someone to publicise World Missions and encourage our church to engage more actively with this important work. Any volunteers out there?

4.2 Church Outreach

4.2.1 Church Outreach

a) Methodist Homes (MHA)

Wendy Hancock

On Methodist Homes Sunday this year Clifford Upex talked knowledgably about MHA having once been a Trustee on their board. He spoke about the redevelopment of Maidment Court in Poole which is the nearest MHA facility to us and said if we were interested we could book and take people to visit. If anyone would like to take up this offer please speak to me about it. We collected donations of £240.60

As usual we sold MHA quizzes at Christmas which raised £50. The magazine Heart and Soul which provides interesting articles about different Methodist Homes enterprises is available to borrow from the church magazine rack in the Welcome Area.

The total collected for MHA so far this year is £290.60

b) Action For Children (A4C)

Jacqueline Massie

Since 1st October, 2017 £1,132.95 has been raised in Barton for Action For Children.

The Christmas Day retiring collection at Barton Methodist Church amounted to £155.20.

On Saturday, 2nd June, 2018, 10 walkers raised £835.05 in the annual “Step out for Children” Seawalk.

The four walkers from Barton Methodist Church were joined by members of the congregations of St, Mary Magdalene's, Ashley Baptist Church and Trinity Church, Ringwood.

A retiring collection on Action For Children Sunday 2018 generated a further £142.70.

Christmas Day 2017 retiring collection	£155.20
“Step Out For Children” Seawalk 2018	£835.05
Action For Children Sunday 2018 retiring collection	£142.70
Total for 1st October 2017 □ 30th September 2018	£1.132.95

Many thanks to all who have supported Action For Children this year.

If you would like to support Action for Children by taking part in the “Step Out For Children” Seawalk on Saturday, 1st June, 2019 please contact:

Jacqueline Massie, 2 Christchurch Bay Road, Barton-on-Sea, BH25 7NT
01425 612272 07810164622 massieja@gmail.com

c) Action for Children Boxes

Jill Stevens

Boxes are counted in October & last year the total collected was £1143 - 89 from 40 boxes.

I am about to start this year's count & although a few people have moved & no longer have boxes, one or two new collectors have come forward.

I am so grateful to all who contribute to this important work.

d) Christian Aid

Jacqueline Massie

£2,079.25 was raised by the Barton-on-Sea Christian Aid Group in the group's ninth year (June 1st, 2017 – April 30th, 2018).

This year our financial year ended one month earlier than usual on 30th April and therefore the total for 2017 – 2018 does **not** include monies raised during Christian Aid Week 2018 (£3,319.36).

Christian Aid Week can end as late as 21st May and it was always a rush to complete the paying in and paperwork before the end of our old financial year on 31st May. For this reason our financial year will be 1st May □ 30th April from 2018-2019 onwards.

The 21st “Tea in the Garden” took place on Friday, June 16th, 2017. 102 supporters came together to raise £942.66 for the vital work carried out by the charity in over 37 countries around the world. Stalls sold

homemade cakes, jams, jewellery, clothes, bric-a-brac, books, cards and gifts and, with prizes generously donated by local businesses, our popular raffle added to the entertainment of the afternoon.

The sale of 1,380 little Christmas cards at New Milton Junior School in December not only brought in £133.80 but also raised the children's awareness of Christian Aid's Christmas Appeal for food aid in South Sudan and Burkina Faso. Every pound raised was match-funded by the UK Government which meant that the little Christmas cards raised £267.60 in total.

In Burkina Faso Christian Aid provided tools to enable families to grow and sell vegetables, as well as nutritional ingredients and training to provide healthy meals for malnourished children. 2017 was eighteenth year that this well-established and popular Christmas event at the Junior School has taken place.

The sale of 330 general greetings cards throughout the year raised a further £165.00.

Various fundraising events throughout the year raised a total of £837.79:

- Barton Methodist Church: two coffee mornings (£429.20)
- St.Mary Magdalene's: Quest Group sponsored walk– organised by Rosemary Bailey and helpers (£175.50)
- Pop-up events: cards and gifts in the kitchen; soup lunch (£233.09)

We started trialling pop-up events this year and they proved **popular** (excuse the pun).

“Pop-up Cards in the Kitchen” (£88.09) and “Pop-up Soup Lunch” (£145.00) raised £233.09 between them.

Pop-up events are quick and easy to organise and can raise awareness of Christian Aid's work amongst your friends and neighbours as well as raising funds. They're micro fundraising events which anyone can organise! Google “pop-up events” for ideas – basically whatever you're interested in can inspire a pop-up event: pop-up tea party; pop-up plant stall, pop-up quiz evening, pop-up musical soirée, pop-up choir – if anyone would like to host a pop-up event, please let me know.

Tea in the Garden 2017	£942.66
Little Christmas cards / New Milton Junior School / 2017	£133.80
Sale of 330 greetings cards	£165.00
Fundraising events (see above)	£837.79
Total for 1st June 2017 - 30th April 2018	£2,079.25

Many thanks to all who have supported **Christian Aid** this year.

Christian Aid: “The world can and must be swiftly changed to one where everyone can live a full life, free from poverty. We provide urgent, practical and effective assistance where need is great, tackling the effects of poverty as well as its root causes.” www.christianaid.org.uk

If you would like to support the Barton-on-Sea Christian Aid group please contact:

Jacqueline Massie, 2 Christchurch Bay Road, Barton-on-Sea, Hampshire.
BH25 7NT. 01425 612272 07810164622 massieja@gmail.com

e) Ecumenical

Geoff Havers

During the year we continued to enjoy monthly United Services with New Milton C of E Parish on the 2nd Sunday evening of each month. The United Service for the ‘Week of Christian Unity’ was held at 4.00pm on Sunday 21st Jan. 2018 at St Mary Magdelene parish church.

A Church Service was held as the customary ecumenical witness in Station Road on Good Friday (30th March), preceded by all of those taking part parading through the ‘high street’ from Bradbeer’s. Yet again the weather was kind to us.

On Easter Sunday morning at sunrise a good sized ecumenical group met on the cliff top at Barton for a short Service of praise and remembrance that our Lord was raised from the dead on this glorious morn some 2000 years ago. This year we were blessed by the best sight of the sun rising we have had!

The ministers of the New Milton Churches continue to meet approximately every 6-8 weeks to maintain good relationships and discuss the possibility of more joint ventures.

The usual Women’s World day of Prayer Service was cancelled owing to inclement weather.

4.2.2 Community Outreach

a) Luncheon Club

Linda Pilgrim

The Luncheon Club continues to be very popular, providing important ecumenical outreach and serving the community. Our members are very grateful for the excellent meals, friendship and pastoral care that we provide.

It obviously would not be possible without the help of all our volunteers

each week. A Big Thank you to you all. Vegetable preparers, drivers, kitchen staff, table and chairs arrangers and welcomer and helper at the door.

Thank you to Viv Dantu, our cook, who is shopping and cooking a varied and appetising menu every week.

We have 74 members, with 10 on the waiting list. 25 new members have started during the year. We also have 6 members in nursing homes/ respite. Unfortunately 20 members have passed away.

We celebrated Joan Simms 100th Birthday, not quite the eldest as Katie Abel is 105. Our members always receive Birthday cards. We are continuing to celebrate 90th Birthdays, with Cup Cakes for all members. Thanks to Annette O'Flynn.

Our members are well looked after, receiving 'Goody Bags', at Christmas, Easter and summer break. These include Cup Cakes, chocolates, sweets, Easter Eggs and a Palm Cross.

We have introduced a free raffle twice a month, which our members enjoy. The winner receives a free lunch the following week. We also give our members the opportunity to buy greetings cards, jigsaws and handmade items at reasonable prices for members who find it difficult shopping.

At Christmas our members joined in the Shoe box appeal, and together we filled 33 boxes (beating last year's 27), it was a wonderful display of kindness for needy children. Members are asking about this year, as they are already collecting! You could call this "An Outreach of An Outreach!" Our Christmas lunch was a happy occasion, inviting all involved with the luncheon club, plus local Ministers and the Mayor. This included a festive lunch followed by Christmas Carols.

We had the Environmental Health Officer visit and still have our Grade 5 (The highest grade for cleanliness). He comes again in approx. 18 months' time.

It is so nice to see the new friendships being made, and members continuing to visit other clubs. A Big Thank you to everyone for being so kind to our members.

God Bless you.

b) New Milton Carers Support Group

Margaret Eden

We have enjoyed another year at our carers meetings with good speakers on a variety of subjects from serious to light-hearted.

Attendance varies each month as sometimes carers cannot come because of circumstances at home. We have welcomed new carers during the year. Last meeting we had two new carers. The gentleman who came had recently moved to the area, his wife has dementia and is in Linden House. Our co-ordinator advertises each month in i

Focus, Barton Bugle and New Milton Mail which is a great way of telling carers about us.

We have enjoyed outings to 'The Potting Shed' at Redcliffe Nurseries, always a favourite with our carers. We have visited Lepe and Everton on the community bus. The carers often bring their dependants on our outings and they are always made very welcome.

We didn't have our usual garden party in August so we had a special tea at our meeting with strawberries and cream and fancy cakes. It was very well received as you can imagine.

We are a very friendly group and always try to make everyone welcome. We help in any way we can. All the committee are carers or ex-carers so we understand the problems and difficulties that can arise.

We meet at the Quaker Meeting House, Whitefield Road in New Milton on the second Monday each month at 2pm. Contact Maggie for more information on 01425 614714

c) Lymington Hospital League of Friends

Wendy Hancock

The League of Friends at Lymington New Forest Hospital continues to provide support that the NHS cannot give to patients, staff and visitors. This year we are raising funds for a new scanner, the old one being over ten years old. Street collections took place in June throughout our area when over £700 was raised.

Volunteers help in the café, shop, as guides and taking trolleys to the wards. We are always looking for new volunteers as people retire or move from the area constantly. If you would like to know more please speak to Wendy Hancock or Jill Stevens.

d) Christian Housing Association

Michael Clark

All the current paper work relating to occupancy has been updated and circulated to the tenants.

All flats are fully occupied which continues to reflect a very healthy financial situation.

The new sun lounge roof has now been completed at a cost of £10,000. Other repairs include replacing the entry phone system and a replacement boiler for Marandell (our bungalow).

Our harvest communion date is set for 26 September to be led by Simeon Woodcraft from Whitefield road Evangelical free church.

The Christmas lunch has been arranged with Bartley Lodge, Cadnam, on 15th December.

e) Basics Bank

Ruth & Roger Richardson

The New Forest Basics Bank has now been in operation for 14 years.

Demand for services has grown significantly during this time, so much so, that the organisation is beginning to out-grow the distribution centre at the United Reformed Church Lymington, and the Trustees are investigating the possibility of re-locating.

The year ending 30 April 2018 saw a continuing increase in demand for services with the number of food parcels distributed rising from 845 in the previous year to 940. In total, 2000 people were supported, 724 of whom were children. The approximate cash value of a parcel for a single person was calculated to be in the region of £33/£36.

Christmas 2017 was once again hectic with 300 seasonal parcels prepared and distributed. The distribution team was once again supported by the Lymington and Pennington Town Mayor, Cllr Barry Dunning.

Donations, both financial and in kind, have continued throughout the year in abundance. The Trustees are extremely grateful to members of The Barton-on-Sea Methodist Church, Townswomen's Guild and others for their generous support in giving donations both in kind and financial to support the work. In addition to the contributions from Barton, many Churches and other organisations throughout the New Forest area regularly make donations. Collection points at Waitrose in Lymington, Sainsbury's in Brockenhurst and the Community Store in Pilley are of considerable help too, as is the large quantity of produce donated by Churches and Schools at harvest time. Individuals and organisations are increasingly helping the cause in original ways, for example, several

families have benefitted from a generous offer from a local Pub to provide a weekly Sunday Lunch to a family in need.

Looking forward to the rest of this year, it is anticipated that requests for assistance will continue unabated. The Universal Credit initiative is being rolled out in this area this coming Autumn: other areas where the system already in place have reported a five-six week delay from the end of the present benefit system to commencement of its replacement, so further increases in demand for our local services are expected. As a result of this and taking into account other pressures in the community, continued support from contributors will be very much appreciated.

f) Traidcraft

Alison White

Traidcraft was established 30 years ago to help poor people to get a fairer share of the profits of trade, challenge injustice and ensure that trade works for everyone.

The founder, Richard Adams, said “...for me it had been the impact of a suffering world...that made me seek ways in which the power of business could be placed at the service of the poor rather than as a mechanism to exploit them...”

As a Church we are committed to using Fairly Traded of Rain Forest Alliance tea, coffee and sugar and ask groups who use the church to consider doing this. The advantage of Traidcraft is that all the profits go to help the underprivileged and the poor of our World to set up businesses and co-operatives so that they can compete on an even playing field, thus enabling them to feed and educate their families.

I run a small stall on Sunday mornings after service and at Table top sales selling a variety of Traidcraft goods. I am grateful to my loyal customers – every sale helps somebody in the world to have a better quality of life.

g) Revive Café

Margaret Langdon

A good year for the team. We all worked well together and enjoyed time with the regular customers. Although they are few in number we are pleased to see them.

We had a profitable year. After donating to the church we were able to give £50 each to New Milton Carers Group, Street Pastors and New

Forest Disability Information. Helpers have connections with all three local charities.

I have put invitations in every church magazine this year and we have tried 'special ' events. Leaflets also went out to local groups. But this has not increased our clientele.

We are willing to serve again this coming year but recognise a review will be necessary at the end of the year, to assess the effectiveness of this activity as part of the church outreach.

But for now a big 'thank you to the loyal team without whom the cafe wouldn't operate.

4.2.3 Community Use of Premises

As part of our outreach to the local community we are pleased that the premises are well used by the following non-church groups on a regular/occasional basis:-

Weekly:-

Monday	Pilates
Tuesday	Line Dancing
Wednesday	Luncheon Club
	Rainbows, Milton Music Society

Monthly:-

	MNDA Coffee Club, Lace Group
First Tuesday	New Milton and Barton Flower Club
Third Wednesday	Barton on Sea Townswomen's Guild

Other users include the following:-

Parchment Crafts, Young Quilters, New Milton and Barton on Sea Residents Association (NEMBRA), Kingfisher Craft, various property management companies, children's parties and occasionally by various community groups.

Appendix ‘A’ Statutory Accounts (Receipts and Payments)

Church Receipts and Payments Accounts in Standard Form for the year ended 31 August 2018 are reproduced on the following 5 pages. The print size is fairly small and they can be provided at A4 if needed.

The complete statutory accounts can of course be produced as a separate document for the Charity Commissioners, if required. The Treasurer also produces a set of accounts in a more readily understood format which is available on request and there is a summary and written report under par. 2.1 of the main report.

**CHURCH
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS
ACCOUNTS**

**THE METHODIST CHURCH
STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS**

Barton on Sea Methodist	Church
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Christchurch and Wimbourne	Circuit	Circuit no	26/10
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Registered Charity - Charity Registration number

1135451

If not a registered charity **Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs Gift
Aid number**

(The HMRC number is equivalent to a registered charity number in terms of evidence of charitable status and may be used to give to donors or grant funders wishing to see evidence of the organisation's charitable status. Methodist charities in England and Wales that are not registered charities are excepted from registration under Statutory Instrument 2014 No.242)

Minister

Rev R Hollingsworth/ Rev M Keenan

Stewards

Mrs M Havers Mr C Levett Mr G Westbrook Miss E Ward Mrs V Brown

Treasurer

Mr M Stopher

ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST
2017

**BARTON ON SEA
METHODIST**

Church

SECTION A		Unrestrict ed Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
		£	£	£	£
a1	RECEIPTS	Note			
a2	Offerings and Tax recovered	48,513	327	48,840	50,784
a3	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income	2,950		2,950	2,804
a4	Lettings	9,643		9,643	9,999
a5	Other receipts	18,209	3,604	21,813	21,396
a6	TOTAL RECEIPTS	79,315	3,931	83,246	84,983
				(a7)	

SECTION B					
b1	PAYMENTS				
b2	Circuit Assessment or Share	46,642		46,642	45,781
b3	Donations	1,200	100	1,300	1,050
b4	Repairs and Maintenance	6,593		6,593	8,503
b5	Utilities (Insurances, water charges, heating & lighting)	7,332		7,332	7,266
b6				0	8,151
b7	Other payments	15,527	4,578	20,106	24,871
b8	TOTAL PAYMENTS	77,294	4,678	81,972	95,622
				(b9)	

SECTION C					
c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR (a6-b8)	2,021	(747)	1,273	(10,639)
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year	90,794	4,354	95,148	100,130
c3	Sub total (c1+c2)	92,815	3,607	96,421	89,491
c4	Transfers and adjustments	4,712	(63)	4,649	5,657
c5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF (c3+c4)	97,527	3,543	101,070	95,148
				(c8)	

SECTION D					
d	FOR INFORMATION ONLY: MONEY RECEIVED AND PASSED ON TO EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS (these amounts are not to be included in total receipts/payments figures above)			£	£
d1	Balance brought forward from last year			173	
d2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations			4,657	2,706
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations			4,821	2,532
d4	BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID (d1+d2-d3)			10	173

Barton on Sea Methodist Church

COUNCIL

SECTION E Please follow the Guidance Notes to complete this page

Summary of the Church accounts for the year ended 31 August 2018 and Internal Organisations reporting to the

	INTERNAL ORGANISATIONS	Receipts	Payments	Net Receipts/ Payments	Adjustments	Opening balances	Closing balances
e1	Barton Bowling Club	1,789	1,785	5		3,274	3,279
e2	Barton Pre School	35,621	38,540	(2,918)		26,231	23,313
e3	Meeting Point	3,534	3,096	437		220	658
e4	Parents, Toddlers and Babies	449	509	(60)		707	647
e5	Revive Café	649	598	51		29	80
e6	Social Club	101	262	(160)		196	36
e7				0			0
e8	Sub total of Internal Organisations funds	42,144	44,789	(2,645)	0	30,658 (e11)	28,012 (e12)
e9	accounts	2,997 (a7)	2,804 (b9)	194	5,163 (c7)	0 (c6)	5,357 (c8)
e10	FUNDS HELD	45,141	47,592	(2,452)	5,163	30,658 (x)	33,369 (y)

Continue on a separate sheet if necessary and bring the totals forward

TOTAL RECEIPTS

TOTAL PAYMENTS

SECTION F

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

CHURCH - CASH FUNDS HELD at 31 August 2018

		OPENING BALANCES	CLOSING BALANCES
f1	Cash in hand	5	20
f2	Bank Current Account	13,652	12,139
f3	Bank Deposit Account		
f4	Central Finance Board	39,395	38,657
f5	Purposes	48,018	48,018
f6	Other funds		
f7	SUB TOTAL - Church accounts	101,070 (c6)	98,835 (c8)
f8	Organisations (the closing	30,658 (e11)	28,012 (e12)
f9	CHURCH	131,728 (x)	126,847 (y)

SECTION G**OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES**

		At 1 September 2017	At 31 August 2018
g1	Investments (include Endowments	59,111	64,466
g2	Land & Buildings (see notes re Insurance value)	1,854,063	2,130,000
g3	Other Assets	394,596	100,000
g4	Loan(s) - show amount outstanding at year end		
g5	Other Liabilities		

f4 Include only Funds held at the Central Finance Board

f5 Include only Funds held at Trustees for Methodist Church F

g1 Include any other investments (not the cash element of TMCP trusts accounts this is included in line f5)

DECLARATIONS

Treasurer

I confirm that I have prepared the accounts from the records of the Church and that they include all funds under the control of the Church Council

Signature of Treasurer Date

Name

Address

Presentation to the *Church Council for approval.

I confirm that the Accounts have been presented to the Church Council on
and were approved.

Signature of the Chair of the meeting

Name of the Chair of the meeting

Date

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

Church

This Report is on the Church Accounts for the year ended 31st August

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts under Section 145 of the Charities Act
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under Section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act), and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Report

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity

Independent Examiner's Statement

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

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the
- 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
- (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper

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

- (3) I have/have not* obtained independent verification of all investments with the Trustees

** Please circle as appropriate*

Name

Signature

Relevant Professional qualification or body

Address

Date



View of Church from Cliffe Road



View of Church Hall from Sea Road
(Note Cross on Church in background)