

Aylesbury Methodist Church and Centre  
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## ANNUAL REPORT 2013



Celebrating youth work

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*Rev. Keith Edwards, Minister,  
Aylesbury Methodist Church*



*Rev. David Jenkins  
Superintendent Minister of the  
18 churches in the  
Vale of Aylesbury Circuit  
(Retiring August 2014)*



*Rev. Peter Hancock  
Northants District Chair  
one of the 36 District Chairs  
overseeing the matching  
process*

## Welcome – Keith Edwards

This year I took my 3 month sabbatical, part of which was in Australia. I experienced the wildlife, the countryside and the “outback” taking many photographs. But my enduring memories will be of the people I met; Wesley Mission and its 2000 employees, C3 Church leaders and pastors of the world renowned Hillsong church. All of them confirmed to me that our aims for the past year were spot on. That prayer is the key to relationships, church growth and spiritual growth. Every single one of the Pastors expressed the absolute centrality of prayer in our relationship with Jesus. Prayer should undergird everything that we do both as individuals and as church.

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## Methodist Church Organisation in Action

When our Superintendent Minister, Rev. David Jenkins, announced he was to retire in August 2014, the Aylesbury Church Leadership Team recommended to the Church Council, who in turn recommended to the Circuit Leadership Team that the new Superintendent should be based at Aylesbury and not at David’s present Circuit churches. After a Circuit Consultation meeting with all 18 churches this was agreed by a 4 to 1 majority. We then entered the Methodist Church’s annual stationing process which seeks to match the available people with the needs of the Circuits. The matching is done by the 36 District Chairs, who report to the Methodist Conference. From September 2014, the new Superintendent will therefore also become the Minister for Aylesbury and Keith will have pastoral oversight of David’s present churches.



Rev. Keith Edwards

*“Seek first to understand, then to be understood.”*

*St. Francis of Assisi*

*“...to enable good communications... here are six biblical principles that I believe should be our aims for 2014.”*



Rev. Helen Kirk  
Our Superintendent and  
Aylesbury Minister from  
September 2014 (Currently  
Minister in the Dane and Trent  
Circuit and Deputy District  
Chair)

## Our Aims for 2013-14 - Keith Edwards

Our church has been through the connexional stationing process where we have had to look at a prospective minister's profile and have had to write a profile of our church. Then came the day that we met with the minister matched with our church, the Reverend Helen Kirk and her husband Andrew and children Joel and Sam. Happily the match was a success and Helen will take up her post here in September 2014.

Getting to that point, though, took a lot of communication both written and verbal and it was key to the success of the match. Nobel prize winner George Bernard Shaw once said, *"The single biggest problem with communication is the illusion that it has taken place."*

Good communication is also key in the relationships that we build through the Aylesbury Town Chaplaincy and in the property development areas where the CONTACT group work.

Looking back through the minutes of key meetings in our church, you will find that communication is something that we acknowledge we don't do that well. In a church as large and diverse as ours, communication is bound to be difficult especially across the different groups within the church. And communication, or rather poor communication can lead to all sorts of difficulties - Somebody heard something that never was said - or said something that was heard all wrong.

So what can we do in 2013/14 to enable good communication? Here are six biblical principles that I believe should be our aims for 2014.

- **James 1:19** *“Understand this, my dear brothers and sisters: You must all be quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to get angry.”*
- **Colossians 4:6** *“Let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how you ought to answer each person.”*
- **Ephesians 4:29** *“Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for building up, as fits the occasion, that it may give grace to those who hear.”*
- **Proverbs 25:11** *“A word fitly spoken is like apples of gold in a setting of silver.”*
- **Ephesians 4:25** *“Therefore, having put away falsehood, let each one of you speak the truth with his neighbour, for we are members one of another.”*
- **Proverbs 15:1** *“A soft answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger.”*



*The Boys' Brigades new banner made by The Banner Group*



*James Seed receives his Queen's Award from the BB Captain and Chiltern Battalion President, Margaret Miskin*

## Celebrating Youth Work

Following hard on the heels of the Girls' Brigade 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2011, 2013 saw the Boys' Brigade reach their 40<sup>th</sup> milestone and the German youth exchange hit the 50 year mark. The J Team (Sunday School) goes back even longer. So we give thanks for the time, energy, creativity and love that have gone into this continuous investment in the physical, social and spiritual development of the children and young people associated with this church. Special thanks go to the leaders, parents and church members who together have enabled all this activity to happen.

## Boys' Brigade – Margaret Miskin



The 40th Anniversary celebrations this year brought together former Captains, Officers and boys from near and far. Saturday afternoon saw a Celebration tea with memorabilia displayed in the hall followed by an all singing all dancing mini display in the church. Sunday's morning service was taken by Mr. Arthur Sara (B.B. Chaplain) where Queen's Jubilee badges were presented to past Captains or their immediate family.



**Usain Bolt Mall practice?**

Also in this special year, 3 Officers and 7 Company Section boys had the opportunity to attend the Queen's Trooping the Colour, as seen here on The Mall. To finish the year off, Jack Nord, James Charlton and Asher Smith were presented with their President's Badge and James Seed and Josh Smith were awarded their Queen's Award.



*English and German young people celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary*



*The 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary Big Event for 150 in the Daun town hall*



*Jane Honeyball, (née Dimmock), daughter of the first exchange leaders with Pat Cheshire who travelled from Canada and whose parents were also early youth exchange leaders*

## The German Youth Exchange

Our youth exchange with the German sports club T.u.S. 05 Daun is the longest running youth exchange between our two countries. This year was our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary and was celebrated with three events.



In March, 14 former exchange leaders met up with their German counterparts for a four-day visit to Berlin as guests of the Daun MP Dr Giesen, seen above in the German Parliament building. In the summer, it was the turn of the German youngsters to come to Aylesbury for the annual exchange, staying with host families and enjoying another fun, action-packed programme.

Finally, plans were made during the year for a coach party of former youth club members, host parents and leaders to travel by coach to Daun for a five-day programme of celebration in early October. This included free time with host families, a Moselle river cruise, wine taste and meal and a final Big Event in the Daun town hall for 150. Mainly though, it was a time to renew and refresh numerous life-long friendships.

The Germans produced a commemorative scarf. The English produced a commemorative booklet in both languages. It was agreed that over the 50 years, we have shared much laughter, fun, friendship and happy memories. Starting when less happy memories of the World War II conflict were still fresh in people's minds, getting to know each other has removed prejudice and made us not two, but one very large and very special family.

Our major youth work challenge as a church remains finding leaders to reopen and sustain a modern day youth club.



*J Team's Marilyn Storer retires*



*Derrick Matthews*



*Alexander Ardakov's piano recital*



*Stephen Disley's organ concert*

## The J Team (Sunday School)

This year saw **Marilyn Storer's** retirement from J team, after more than 25 years service. During that time she has looked after all the various age groups and for many years, was J Team Leader. Trends she has noted include attendance patterns moving from regular to variable and a lowering of the age at which teenagers tend to drop out. However, an encouraging scene in recent years is the increase of numbers in the crèche, a positive note on which to retire. Marilyn epitomises the long years of dedication and commitment without which the church would be unable to fulfil its calling. We owe Marilyn, and all our volunteers, a huge 'thank you'.

## Music

**The Music Group** continue to accompany worship on one Sunday each month and during an Aylesbury Creativity Group's service both organ, choir and music group accompanied the worship, reflecting both the service's theme and the church's musical talent – diversity.

**Derrick Matthews**, our organist and Music Director once more organised a series of music events both as themed services of worship and to raise funds for various charities. The special services, featuring our choir augmented by other voices from Circuit Churches and often other choirs, were:

- The Candlelit Carol Service
- Procession of Palms and the Morning of the Day of Days by Malcolm Williamson
- Songs of Praise featuring World Hymns.

Fund-raising events were:

- A piano recital by Russian concert pianist **Alexander Ardakov**
- The annual organ concert, this year by **Stephen Disley** of Southwark cathedral
- A concert by the **Wingrave Singers** in memory of **the late Rev. Bill Murphy** and for the Karibuni Trust.



**The Wingrave Singers who presented 'Visions of Eternity'**



Kevin Hardern  
Resources Co-ordinator

*“The financial situation, which has been healthy for a number of years, has deteriorated somewhat due to increasing costs and reluctance on the part of the church to increase letting costs to its clients...”*



Duty Managers left to right:  
Roger Kirk, Bob Bucknell,  
Kevin Hardern, Brian  
Taylor.

*Who is the missing one?*

*(See the bottom of page 11)*

## Centre Management Report

Kevin Hardern

The church continues to offer its premises to the local community, focusing on the charity sector and those organisations that try to help the needy and disadvantaged groups in society. There have been two important changes during the year which affect the church's operation and finances, namely office management and rising costs.

First, after many years of providing office services to support outreach using volunteers, it was decided that we should seek to appoint a paid part-time office manager to focus on bookings and the clients who use the building on a daily basis. It was felt that this would provide a more consistent focus for our users and avoid duplication of work as handovers from one volunteer to another were increasingly taking time and mistakes were being made. This appointment was made during the year and as part of this new structure, the Office Manager, Heather Reid, reports directly to the Outreach Co-ordinator, Michele Challenger with continuing support from our office volunteers.

The financial situation, which has been healthy for a number of years, has deteriorated somewhat due to increasing costs and reluctance on the part of the church to increase letting costs to its clients and also be continually asking for increases in donations from its members. Reminders to review giving were sent out by our Treasurer during the year, but this is the first time for a number of years and we remain sensitive to individuals' economic position in these financially challenging times for many people.

Property improvements continue to be addressed, new church front door and new, hard, rather than soft, flooring for some of our rooms have been installed to better service our clients' needs. We did suffer some falling masonry at the front of the church which was dealt with quickly and made safe but which will require to be repaired at some considerable cost over the coming year or so.

Property continues to be managed by a number of willing volunteers who also provide a 'Duty Manager' call out service on a rota basis throughout the year. We are thankful for their continuing commitment to the communities that are Aylesbury Methodist Church and Centre and its external clients.



*Michele Challenger  
Outreach Co-ordinator*



*Heather Reid, part-time  
Office Manager*



*Tim Olufosoye  
Safeguarding Officer*



*John Miskin  
Health & Safety Officer*

## Outreach – Michele Challenger

This year there have been some major improvements in our management of community centre user groups, safeguarding and fire safety. They involved three significant appointments.

In April we appointed **Heather Reid** as our part time **Office Manager** to look after bookings and clients. This has been a very exciting move forward and has allowed us to update our processes and systems. The two key areas where Heather has been focusing her attention so far have been safeguarding and fire safety.

From this work, a **Safeguarding Officer, Tim Olufosoye** has been appointed and it is his responsibility to liaise with the Circuit and District safeguarding Officers, Arthur Sara and Gill Crippen, to keep up to date with any changes and to ensure that all user groups are complying with our safeguarding policy. Heather has done an outstanding job rewriting the booking forms to clarify our safeguarding requirements, through close liaison with Tim. Safeguarding is an aspect of working in the community that we take very seriously and its importance is recognised by Tim being invited to be a full time member of the church's Leadership Team.

The third important appointment is that of **John Miskin** as **Health and Safety Officer**, which encompasses the role of Fire Safety Officer. John's professional knowledge and experience is invaluable and liaising closely with Heather he has done a thorough inventory of the community centre for the purposes of fire safety. He has been instrumental in drawing up a new timetable for checking that alarms and equipment are safe. The community centre is extremely fortunate to pursue best practice with the appointments of Heather, Tim and John.

## Community Centre User Groups

Lettings continue to be more than double what they were before our refurbishment. Our policy continues to mirror our community centre mission 'to initiate, partner, enable and encourage activities that will enrich lives.'

Major new clients/hirers include:

- Kingdom Life Assemblies of God
- Bucks Mind (supporting and representing people with mental health needs)
  - Neil Douglas – internal and client group meetings of residents in managed properties
  - Bucks Adult Learning – Maths and English classes, primarily working with people where English is the second language, involving many cultural backgrounds



*Cards for Good Causes raising funds for multi-charities – one of our many long-term clients*



*Aylesbury Child Contact Centre is affiliated to NACCC*



*Providing opportunities for adults with mild to moderate learning difficulties*

*The Wednesday Outreach Day Centre for dementia sufferers moved for charity status to St John Ambulance, ending 20 years association with this church*

- Lifeways – providing first aid training to employees
- NCT (National Childbirth Trust, providing birthing classes for expectant families)
- Get Fit Avoids Falls – offering essential classes for the elderly who have suffered falls

Other successes include a major increase in our lettings, especially for next year, to Blood Donors, Sees the Day (the daily drop-in service for people with learning disabilities) and the Methodist Revival Church. A successful Careers Service Day was held for the second year and we have renewed the contract with the Aylesbury Deaf Coffee Morning Club who were looking at other venues but selected us. The Monday Contact Centre and Aylesbury Child Contact Centre are both set to resume in the New Year with new leaders, whilst all three groups in the Bucks Federation of Women's Institutes have renewed their bookings.

New bookings are always needed to replace others that close or move on. One group were stopped from letting for failing to meet our safeguarding needs whilst the Wednesday Outreach Day Centre for people with dementia moved to the Tindal Road headquarters of St John Ambulance. The move was triggered by the club needing to be a registered charity in order to attract further grants and St John provided this.

This ended a 20 year association of the 'Wednesday Club' with this church during most of which it was run by Carol and Dave Rogers, with several volunteers also being our church members.



**The Wednesday Club, helpers and drivers at the Speen horse sanctuary, its final day out together**

## Fund-Raising Runners & Ramblers



Rob Short



Rachel Short



Maureen Tucker



Sue & Roger Kirk



Pat Starr

## Supporting Charities

Given that the essence of the Christian message is Christ's great commandment "to love your neighbour as you love yourself", it is unsurprising that so many of our members are involved in supporting charities in various ways. Some do it by raising sponsorship money for their participation in an event, whilst others organise some of the fund-raising events themselves. Still other members pay sponsorship money, attend events and give directly to the causes.

Rob and Rachel Short, motivated by their mother Paula's diagnosis with Lymphoma cancer ran and raised over £1,000 between them for the Leukaemia and Lymphoma Research charity. Others such as Roger and Sue Kirk, Pat Starr and Maureen Tucker ran or walked or rambled for funds for charities helping people further from home, such as Karibuni.

This year as in the past, Annelies Varsey organised another 'Prisoners of Conscience' campaign at church for Amnesty International. Most of the other charities we supported had a team of helpers but shown below is the church member most associated with the charity mentioned:



Pauline Noble  
Action for  
Children



Cliff Darlington  
Cards for Good  
Causes



Jennie Torpey  
Christian Aid + MHA



Caroline Horne  
Epilepsy UK



Margaret Miskin  
Link to Hope



Joy Murphy  
Karibuni Trust



Carol Rogers  
MacMillan



David Wilderspin  
Missions



Peter Watkins  
Whitechapel Mission



Peter Green,  
Book Club Secretary

*“...meets on the second Saturday of alternate months from 2 – 4pm”*

*“...to explore matters of faith and belief through the discussion of a book in a relaxed, convivial and non-threatening atmosphere.”*



## The Good Faith Book Club



This club was set up to provide a Circuit-wide forum to explore matters of faith and belief through the discussion of a book in a relaxed, convivial, non-threatening atmosphere. It meets on the second Saturday in alternate months from 2-4pm. This year the group again chose a variety of topics and authors.

These have included the translation of the Bible into English with all the history, politics, and spin-doctoring involved; an autobiography of a would-be nun and well-known author who re-found God through her study of comparative religions; a *Consumer Detox* book on having less stuff and more life; a Harvard Humanist Chaplain's take on life; the six million best seller on *The Road Less Travelled*, including science being good at 'how' questions but not 'why' as in 'why are we here?' and finally *The Underground Church* and its basic theme that whilst we can never achieve uniformity of belief, we should strive for uniformity of spirit and being active in the community.

## Women's Study Group

As well as sharing a thanksgiving meal, the group is studying the E100 bible course and has grown in numbers over the year.

Led by Dawn Edwards, this group was responsible for the Pilgrims' Service initiative which brings to light the activities, skills and abilities of the members of the churches of the circuit. It began with Aylesbury and has featured a different church each month since.

## Sunbeams Baby & Toddler Club

Initially, thanks to Jane Crawshaw, Dee Murisa and Andrea Mackey, this group had 12 – 15 regular mums and toddlers at their sessions. It is currently looking for someone to co-ordinate the group with help from others. Meanwhile, Keith Edwards is running things until someone can be found.



*The missing Duty Manager on page 7 is Steve Marks.*

**Aylesbury Methodist Church Accounts for the year 2012/13**

**General Fund**

**Income and expenditure account and budget for 2013/14**

Actual 2011/12	General Fund	Budget 2012/13	Actual 2012/13	Budget 2013/14
<b>Income</b>				
61273	Collection (note 2)	66000	61696	63000
9965	Income tax refund	11000	11066	11000
38888	Lettings	40000	41652	36000
8923	Fund raising	7000	9368	7000
2747	Donations	1000	1176	1500
768	Weddings and funerals	300	1254	700
334	Bank interest	250	258	300
930	Coffee bar profits (Week day)	1200	979	900
--	Legacies	---	5500	---
<u>583</u>	Other income	<u>250</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>100</u>
<b><u>124411</u></b>	<b>Total income</b>	<b><u>127000</u></b>	<b><u>132979</u></b>	<b><u>120500</u></b>
<b>Expenditure</b>				
<b>MINISTRY</b>				
72243	Circuit	72500	72500	74600
2700	Donations (note 3)	<u>3000</u>	2650	2800
<u>2000</u>	Local outreach (note 3)	<u>2500</u>	<u>996</u>	<u>2500</u>
<b><u>76943</u></b>		<b><u>78000</u></b>	<b><u>76146</u></b>	<b><u>79900</u></b>
<b>PROPERTY</b>				
9870	Heat, light, water, sewerage	8000	11871	11400
6013	Cleaners wages and supplies	5500	7056	7200
6736	Building maintenance	3000	3412	3000
6751	Equipment maintenance	5500	10221	5000
5923	Improvements(note 6)	10000	11287	2000
1222	Organ and pianos	1000	339	500
<u>3083</u>	Insurance	<u>3200</u>	<u>3112</u>	<u>3200</u>
<b><u>39598</u></b>		<b><u>36200</u></b>	<b><u>47298</u></b>	<b><u>32300</u></b>
<b>OTHER</b>				
3616	Administration	3100	2829	3900
---	Admin wages	---	1800	6000
1734	Telephones	2000	2814	2400
3543	Church activities	6000	2148	4000
2106	Publicity	900	1206	2000
<u>121</u>	Miscellaneous	<u>1000</u>	<u>832</u>	<u>400</u>
<b><u>11120</u></b>		<b><u>13000</u></b>	<b><u>11629</u></b>	<b><u>18700</u></b>
<b><u>127661</u></b>	<b>Total expenditure</b>	<b><u>127200</u></b>	<b><u>135073</u></b>	<b><u>130900</u></b>
<b><u>(3250)</u></b>		<b><u>(200)</u></b>		
	<b>Net income(Expenditure)</b>		<b><u>-2094</u></b>	<b><u>-10400</u></b>
<b><u>-772</u></b>	<b>Transfers between funds</b>		<b><u>-231</u></b>	
<b><u>(4022)</u></b>	<b>Net income(exp) after transfers</b>		<b><u>-2325</u></b>	
<b>Balance brought forward 1<sup>st</sup> September 2012</b>			<b>55506</b>	
<b>Net expenditure for year</b>			<b>-2325</b>	
<b>Balance carried forward at 31<sup>st</sup> August 2013</b>			<b>53181</b>	

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**Restricted Funds**

Income and expenditure for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> August 2013

	Benevolent Fund	Church Organisations	Total
	£	£	£
<b>Income</b>			
Other income	<u>234</u>	<u>14003</u>	<u>14237</u>
<b>Total income</b>	<b><u>234</u></b>	<b><u>14003</u></b>	<b><u>14237</u></b>
<b>Payments</b>			
Other expenses	<u>392</u>	<u>12092</u>	<u>12484</u>
<b>Total expenditure</b>	<b><u>392</u></b>	<b><u>12092</u></b>	<b><u>12484</u></b>
<b>Net Income/Expenditure</b>	<b>-158</b>	<b>1911</b>	<b>1753</b>
<b>Transfers between funds</b>	<b>--</b>	<b><u>319</u></b>	<b><u>319</u></b>
<b>Net income after transfers</b>	<b><u>-158</u></b>	<b><u>2230</u></b>	<b><u>2072</u></b>
<b>Balances brought fwd</b>	<b>133</b>	<b>14491</b>	<b>14624</b>
<b>Net income/expenditure</b>	<b><u>-158</u></b>	<b><u>2230</u></b>	<b><u>2072</u></b>
<b>Balances carried fwd</b>	<b><u>-25</u></b>	<b><u>16721</u></b>	<b><u>16696</u></b>

**Endowment Funds**

Held by The Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes

	Mead Bequest	Stranks and Staley's bequests	Totals
	Restricted	Unrestricted	
Balances brought forward 1.9.12	210	3425	3635
Income	7	81	88
Paid to general fund		-81	-81
Paid to J team and Youth Club	-7		-7
Change in value of investments	-37	-263	-300
<b>Balances carried forward 31.8.13</b>	<b>173</b>	<b>3162</b>	<b>3335</b>

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**Balance Sheet**

As at 31<sup>st</sup> August 2013

Fund balances at 31 <sup>st</sup> August 2013	General	Restricted funds		Total
		Church Organisations	Benevolent fund	
	£	£	£	£
Per income and expenditure summaries	53181	16721	-25	69877
Capitalised expenditure (MCCP)	903730			903730
Endowment funds held by The Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes	<u>3162</u>	<u>173</u>		<u>3335</u>
<b>Total funds</b>	<b><u>960073</u></b>	<b><u>16894</u></b>	<b><u>-25</u></b>	<b><u>976942</u></b>
Represented by				
<b>Assets:</b>				
<u>Fixed tangible assets</u>				
Community centre improvements	903730			903730
Pianos etc	<u>2065</u>			<u>2065</u>
<b>Total fixed assets</b>	<b><u>905795</u></b>			<b><u>905795</u></b>
<u>Current assets</u>				
Bank balances:				
HSBC current	10929			10929
HSBC deposit	3893			3893
Central Finance Board	31087		-25	31062
Various held by this church's organisations		16721		16721
Endowment fund accounts & investments*				
Stranks & Staley' bequests	3162			3162
Mead bequest (for J Team and Choir)		173		173
Debtors - amounts owed to the church (note 4)	9841			9841
Payments in advance (note 6)				
<b>Total current assets</b>	<b><u>58912</u></b>	<b><u>16894</u></b>	<b><u>-25</u></b>	<b><u>75781</u></b>
<b>Current liabilities:</b>				
Letting deposits	300			300
Sundry creditors – owed by the church (note 5)	<u>4334</u>			<u>4334</u>
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b><u>4634</u></b>			<b><u>4634</u></b>
<b>Net current assets (current assets, less liabilities)</b>	<b>54278</b>	<b>16894</b>	<b>-25</b>	<b>71147</b>
<b>Net assets (all assets, less liabilities)</b>	<b><u>960073</u></b>	<b><u>16894</u></b>	<b><u>-25</u></b>	<b><u>976942</u></b>
* Held by The Trustees For Methodist Church Purposes				

## Aylesbury Methodist Church Accounts for the year 2012/13

### Notes to the Accounts – Roger Kirk



Roger Kirk, Church Treasurer

1. The accounts are prepared on the accruals basis. This means that income and expenditure is shown in the year to which it relates and the cost of sizeable tangible assets with a life greater than one year will be capitalised and charged to revenue over a suitable period of years. No comprehensive valuation of the church buildings and its contents is shown in the balance sheet as this is considered irrelevant but the recent major improvements to the rear premises have been capitalised. The buildings are insured for £2,568,313, the organ for £49,671 and other contents £185,832.

2. The actual of £61,696 for collection income is made up of recorded (envelopes and standing orders) £54,339 and unrecorded (cash) £7357.

3. Donations and subscriptions include donations of £1650 paid to four connexional funds and £1000 to Methodist Missions. (In addition retiring collections, church organisations, the missions committee and Sunday coffee bars resulted in a further £4279 being given to 12 charities during the year of which £2215 was to Methodist Missions and MRDF.) The £1000 under Local outreach is for the Town Centre Chaplaincy.

4. Debtors include:

Tax refund re February to August 2012	4300
Lettings	5176
Donation re hall blinds	1500
Other	378
	<u>11354</u>
Payment in advance to Circuit	<u>6042</u>

5. Creditors include:

Mead bequest – choir and J Team	14
Utilities	541
Telephone	65
Missions	1000
Building maintenance (parapet stonework)	2047
Payments due for charity collections	567
Stewards' gifts	100
	<u>4334</u>

6. Improvements

This expenditure heading includes expenditure made possible by fund raising. It includes the third year's depreciation on the grand piano and music group equipment (£2065), front doors (£5364), Room 7 floor (£1647) and £2210 for computer system.

The accounts have been independently audited.

## Aylesbury Methodist Church and Centre Trustees (Church Council Members 2012-13)

### Vale of Aylesbury Circuit Leadership Team (and Invitation Committee):

*Superintendent Minister:*

*Rev. David Jenkins*

*Ministers:*

*Rev. Fred Ireland*

*Rev. Irena Byron*

*Rev. Keith Edwards*

*Arthur Sara (Pastoral worker)*

*Geoff Nicholson (Treasurer)*

*Roger Kirk (Manses Secretary)*

*Peter Honeyball (Circuit  
Meeting Secretary)*

*Circuit Stewards appointed by  
the Circuit Meeting:*

*Anne-Marie Lord (Chinnor)*

*Keith Wallace (Haddenham)*

*Douglas Hill (Christchurch,  
Thame)*

*Paul Ingram (Aylesbury)*

*Michele Challenger (Aylesbury)*

*Frances Aylen (Aylesbury)*



### Annual Report

1 September 2012 to  
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CHURCH TREASURER  
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Chair  
Secretary  
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Pastoral  
Youth  
Outreach  
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Senior Stewards  
Past Senior Steward  
Faith and Fellowship  
External Communication

Safe Guarding Officer  
Missions  
CIRCUIT STEWARD  
REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE  
CHURCH MEMBERSHIP (up to 15)  
– Appointed at the General Church  
Meeting

Appointed **2008 - 2014**

Peter Green  
Steve Kemp

Appointed **2010 - 2016**

Nil

Appointed **2012 - 2018**

Brian Taylor  
John Miskin

Rev Keith Edwards  
Rev David Jenkins  
Rev Irena Byron, Rev Fred Ireland,  
Arthur Sara  
Janice Matthews  
Gill Marks, Raymond Murisa,  
Robin Barrett, Elaine Hope,  
Melanie Dean, Brad Crawshaw  
Roger Kirk

Rev Keith Edwards  
Jennie Torpey  
Pat Powell  
Kevin Hardern

Margaret Miskin  
Michele Challenger  
Peter Farmer  
Gill Marks, Raymond Murisa  
Pat Starr  
Rev Keith Edwards  
Peter Green

Tim Olufosoye  
David Wilderspin  
Keith Wallace

Appointed **2009 - 2015**

Brian Latham  
Geoff Nicholson  
Lynn Bernstone  
Appointed **2011 - 2017**  
Vivienne Kemp  
Allan Horne  
Steve Marks  
Derrick Matthews  
Appointed **2013 - 2019**  
Marilyn Storer  
Francis Aylen

### Church Groups and Activities

(For more details please contact the office or see the website) <b>Sunday worship</b> – 10.30am + 8.45am communion (3 <sup>rd</sup> Sundays)	<b>House Groups</b> – Various days and times in members' homes
<b>J Team</b> (Sunday School) – 10.30am	<b>Prayer Group</b> - Tuesdays 10am
<b>Boys' Brigade</b> Tuesdays 6.15pm	<b>Girls' Brigade</b> Mondays 6.00pm
<b>Sunbeams</b> Baby and Toddler Group Thursdays 10.30am	<b>Women's' Study Group</b> – Wednesdays 7.30pm at the manse
<b>Tuesday Fellowship</b> – 2.30pm on alternate Tuesdays	<b>Good Faith Book Club</b> – 2nd Saturday, alternate months 2-4pm
<b>Music Group</b> - Ad hoc practice	<b>Banner Group</b> - Ad hoc
<b>Choir</b> Fridays 7.30pm	<b>SOS</b> – 3 <sup>rd</sup> Saturdays 8pm in members' homes