

# Aylesbury Methodist Church and Centre

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## ANNUAL REPORT 2011



### A volunteering church

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

*"...a Church that has  
risen to the  
challenges of being a  
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community..."*



*Mark Topping's Maundy Thursday  
performance of 'An Impossible  
God' challenged people to look  
again at the meaning of Jesus  
Christ's life, death and  
resurrection,*

*Cover Picture: Choir member  
Beatie Francis who looks after our  
front flower beds – one of our  
many volunteers*

## Welcome – Keith Edwards

This year has been a wonderful year of achievements as you will see in this report. We are a Church that has risen to the challenges of being a Town Centre Church and meeting the diverse needs of our community both materially and spiritually.

We have been instrumental in the care of the homeless through the Winter Warmth project both in 2010 and in 2011 and we have increased the community use of our premises. All of this has been achieved through a mighty team of volunteers helping us to fulfil our mission, to bring to as many as possible, the love of Jesus Christ

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## In a nutshell

This report sets out what we do and why we do it, how we go about it and what we have achieved. It covers our governance, finance and future plans and the vital work of our church volunteers. In line with our Methodist year it covers 1<sup>st</sup> September 2010 to 31<sup>st</sup> August 2011.

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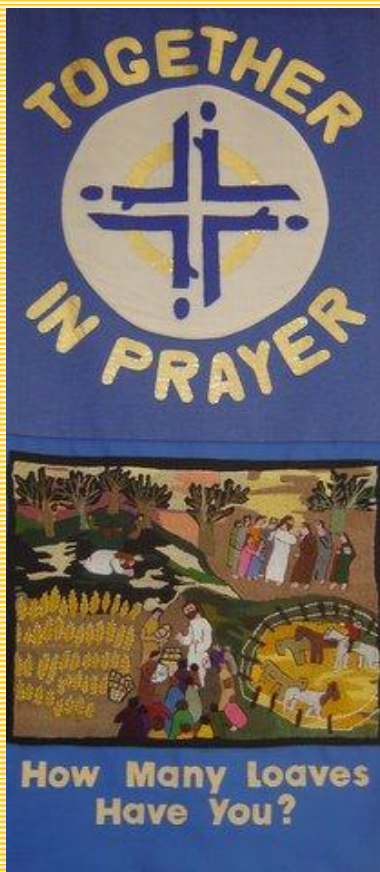
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## Overview

### *Aspirations versus actions*



### *A Banner Group contribution to the Women's World Day of Prayer*



### *Karibuni's Corinne Murphy in Kenya*

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## Mission in action? - Peter Green

Is our Mission Statement worth the paper it is written on? The reader can judge as we compare our aspirations with actions.

Our Mission is "To spread the love of Jesus Christ in a sensitive, supportive and methodical way." The Mission Statement sets out how we plan doing this:

"We achieve this by identifying and making best use of all our resources. These include our premises (1), our money (2) and the time, talents and spiritual experiences of our members (3). Locally (4), nationally (5) and internationally (6) we actively seek ways of serving God through serving others." How did we measure up to these fine words last year?

1. Our premises were used by 90 different user groups listed on the back page. They include charities, community groups and local government bodies. We have increased the occupancy of our premises by 51% since we re-opened after the redevelopment. Page 7 has fuller details.
2. From the General Fund on page 12, it can be seen that, whilst lettings accounted for 30% of our income, over two thirds came from members' financial giving. This includes related tax relief, and members' fund-raising activities.
3. Application of the time, talents and spiritual experiences of our members can be seen in the extent of volunteering listed on page 10. Almost 400 specific actions needed for the general good were undertaken by members of our Aylesbury congregation.
4. Examples of our local service to those in need are given in the Outreach Report, pages 8-9 and youth work, pages 5-6.
5. National examples of our serving include support of Action for Children and more than £250,000 raised over the last 26 years by our Christmas 'Cards for Good Causes' shop.
6. Both nationally and internationally, we have increased our church grants to Missions and the Methodist Disaster Relief Fund for use at home and abroad as well as active encouragement of the Karibuni Trust charity set up by church members Rev Bill and Joy Murphy for African street children.

The nature of our faith and Mission Statement is to always strive to do better. So we aim to continue doing those things we do well and look for ways to improve those things we do not so well. Page 11 sets out our church and centre's aims and plans for 2011-12, especially in response to both our own Mission Statement and the 2011 Methodist Conference paper on Contemporary Methodism. This is available online at [www.methodist.org.uk/2011gsreport](http://www.methodist.org.uk/2011gsreport).



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## Numbers

*A 2007 – 2010  
increase in our  
numbers against a  
10% national fall.*

## Notes



*Keith Hearnshaw  
was the organist at  
the 26<sup>th</sup> annual  
organ concert*



*Jack Nord at the  
replacement grand  
piano at the German  
Exchange concert*

## Words

*Policies – simple,  
straight forward,  
understandable*

## Membership

Between 2007 and 2010, the Methodist Church in the UK reported a drop in membership of 10% to 238,000. In the same period however, our own membership at Aylesbury has not dropped but increased slightly from 246 to 258.

## Music

As the church's grand piano of over 50 years' service was no longer up to concert pianist standard, it was sold via ebay and replaced by a second-hand baby grand that is.

In May, rising star Keith Hearnshaw was the organist at a well supported 26<sup>th</sup> annual organ concert organised by Derrick Matthews. Derrick also organised another Circuit Songs of Praise service based on English hymns. It was led by an augmented church choir as was a performance in April of Faure's Requiem. A resultant fund-raising CD was produced.

During the year, the Music Group were permanently sited opposite the choir to minimise the time and effort to set up for services, whilst the Choir itself attracted new members.

## Policy on Policies

This is very simple. Policies should be:

- Simple, straightforward and easy to understand
- Limited to one page of A4 wherever possible
- Owned by a member of the Leadership team or Church Council
- Annotated with the owner and date of agreement
- Reviewed on a regular basis
- Only in place for one of the following conditions
  - Legal or regulatory reasons
  - Needed for the improved management of the church or centre

Following recommendations from the Leadership Team, the Church Council approved a raft of policies prepared by Kevin Hardern's Resources Team. They covered Reserves, Financial, Copyright, Lettings, Fire and accident prevention, Health, safety and security, Safeguarding, Training, Data protection, Diversity, Harassment and bullying, Fire safety roles and responsibilities, Charitable giving, Use of external equipment and Car parking.

## Youth

### Queen's Awards for Boys' Brigaders

*"...the highest award obtainable, involving a variety of tasks and years of hard work."*



*Margaret Miskin – Our Boys' Brigade Captain and Chiltern Battalion President*

*"The Queen takes her Queen's Badges very seriously and is always delighted when young people achieve them."*

## Boys' Brigade



*Jonathon Dalton and Peter Charlton with the Lord Lieutenant*

A highlight of the Boys' Brigade year was the presentation at a Sunday morning service of the Queen's Badge to Jonathon Dalton and Peter Charlton by the Lord Lieutenant of Buckinghamshire Sir Henry Aubrey-Fletcher.

Boys' Brigade Captain Mrs Margaret Miskin said, "The Queen's Badge is the highest award obtainable, involving a variety of tasks and years of hard work. Jonathon has been with us since he was five. Peter has been with us for the last four years." Sir Henry said, "It takes years of hard work to achieve these badges. The Queen takes her Queen's Badges very seriously and is always delighted when young people achieve them."

After the event, Jonathon said, "It's been hard work but worth it in the end", whilst Peter commented, "It's different to anything else I've done. It's different from for instance the Duke of Edinburgh's award because of the Christian element."

Sir Henry observed that with all the Queen's awards, "the common denominator is achieving a very high standard."

The Brigade caters for 5s to 18s with outside sports and activities, Bible study and badge work up to Queen's badge.

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## 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

*"...a fabulous  
celebration with over  
100 people there..."*



*GB Captain Linda Gill*



*The 48<sup>th</sup> German Youth  
Exchange with T.u.S Daun*

## Girls' Brigade

From a meeting in June 1971, our Girls' Brigade was formed by former Aylesbury church members Marion Hancock and Valerie Sergeant who both subsequently served as Captains. They were present at a 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary party, together with former Captain Pauline Noble and present Captain Linda Gill. The only one missing was the late Sue Ingram, Captain from 1988 – 2007.

"It was a fabulous celebration with over 100 people there to celebrate our achievements", said Linda. At present there are an average of 40 girls, two lieutenants, 2 advance young leaders and three helpers. The Brigade now has a new badge scheme for 4s to 18s with two Brigaders currently working towards their Queen's award. Some of the girls are shown with the new banner made by the Banner Group.



## J Team (Sunday School)

At most times of the year, the various groups now go to their own activities in the community centre before joining the congregation towards the end of the service.

## Youth Club

Efforts were made during the last year and continue to be made to find leaders to re-open the youth club, so far to no avail. However, thanks to interest from Boys' and Girls' Brigade members and young people from the Circuit, the German Youth exchange continues towards its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2013.





*All outcomes achieved within two rather than five years.*



**51%**

*increase in bookings*

**220%**

*increase in user groups over 2007*



*The Centre's foyer*

## Methodist Community Centre Project

In last year's report we spoke of having already achieved four of the five outcomes we agreed with the Big Lottery Fund in relation to their £325,000 Community Buildings' grant.

These were a 25% increase in user groups, 2 new initiatives each year to meet local needs, 25% more training for the disadvantaged and a self-funding but affordable community centre. The only outstanding one was the commitment to increase our lettings by 50% compared with our 2007 base line. Especially given that our lettings space has reduced due to the impracticality of letting the Minister's vestry and the centre's entrance lobby, this was always going to be a very tough target.

However, thanks to some excellent work by Michele Challenger, Kevin Hardern, Pauline Noble, Jennie Torpey and the office volunteer team, we have now achieved this aim as well. Last year's bookings were up 51% on 2007. So we have now met every agreed outcome within two years of reopening rather than five years – a real cause for celebration.



*Michele Challenger (left) and Jennie Torpey in the office*

It gets even better. In our last full year before the refurbishment 41 different groups used the premises. Last year it had leapt to 77. This year it has risen to 90. So our 25% planned increase is an actual 220% increase! The full list of user groups is given on the back page.



*Kevin Harden- Resources*

*"...more services to more clients during our second year."*



*"...if we all give a little, we all gain a lot..."*



*Julie Carter  
Reachout/ Seez the Day*

## **Centre Management Report – Kevin Hardern**

We have built upon a very successful first year of operation to deliver more services to more clients during our second year. The centre has continued with the HiFi (Helpful, Informed, Friendly, and Inclusive) approach to all our clients which has resulted in repeat bookings and new clients throughout the year. Our staffing approach continues to be based on volunteers, well over 100 in total and we are all very grateful to everyone who lends a hand. Our Duty Manager system is well embedded now and has not been called upon on many occasions, but when it has the systems seems to have worked well. Of course we are always looking to improve our operations and this approach is also at the heart of all we do.

Our ethos of 'If we all give a little, we all gain a lot' was well established before the current government let it be known that we are all in this together, but we do feel that our approach has worked at the community centre. Our office staff now number four regulars who come in weekly to look at improvements to our operation, management of the office itself with the help of the volunteers, client liaison and finance. This, together with the regular attendance on site of a number of property stewards has resulted in our dealing with any issues as soon as they arise, which we do feel is very important. Our new clients mentioned below, together with our regular users have allowed us to really establish our new centre as an integral part of the community in the centre of Aylesbury.

## **Outreach Report – Michele Challenger**

Some of the initiatives we have been able to seed and thereby get established since the community centre opened include Reachout, Aylesbury Homeless Action Group (AHAG), Winter Warmth, Talking Newspapers and the Aylesbury Festival.

In the first year we supported our own church member Julie Maguire as she created from scratch the *Reachout* group for people with learning difficulties. They meet in room 7 each week day. This initiative has been so successful that despite hard hitting cuts in care services *Reachout* will continue to run for another year. Julie meanwhile is moving forward. She has decided to establish her own care unit, *Seez the Day*, which will be independent of Bucks County Council and they will meet from April 1st 2012 in Room 2. We plan to support Julie both practically and prayerfully in her new venture as she takes this



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*“...Winter Warmth...has been so successful that 9 out of 10 homeless clients have since found permanent accommodation.”*



*David Jenkins, seen playing the late Sir Edward Heath's piano, will play his Salisbury Suite during the 2012 Aylesbury Festival*



*Duty managers in action*

forward. With Aylesbury Homeless Action Group, Rev David Jenkins, Steve Wright and I were founding committee members and our church supported the drop-in unit *The Hub* as it established itself in Aylesbury until it could attract funding. Subsequently, we supported a second AHAG initiative, *Winter Warmth*, which provided overnight accommodation in the hall each Wednesday evening throughout January, February and March. Hot food was provided by volunteers and this ecumenical initiative has been so successful that 9 out of the 10 homeless clients have since found permanent accommodation.

*Talking Newspapers* is a group of volunteers who meet each Wednesday evening in the coffee bar to read the *Bucks Herald* and other newspapers out loud to a tape recorder. Copies of this tape are then taken to people who have sight problems. Whilst *Talking Newspapers* has been established for several years, it was looking for new premises with a very small budget and Viv Kemp suggested the group move to our Church.

In the summer, the first *Aylesbury Festival* was launched. After discussion with the Festival organiser, Richard Heason, we decided we would support his vision of a yearly music festival in Aylesbury that would celebrate musical diversity. Our Church and Community Centre premises hosted many of the events and those who attended the concerts highly commended them. However, the *Aylesbury Festival* made an overall loss in its first year. Richard is now proactively raising funds to pay its debts and we have pledged to support him as he does this. Ironically, next year the festival has attracted funding and the first concert booking we have received is for a recital of his recently composed *The Salisbury Suite* by our Superintendent Minister David Jenkins.

As mentioned elsewhere in the report, this year we achieved our very stretching target of a 50% increase over our 2007 bookings. Of course none of this would have been possible without the dedication and commitment of the volunteers who work in the office week in week out especially Jennie Torpey, Pauline Noble, Dave Rogers and Allan Horne; the duty managers who come down to let people in or lock up after them; and the property stewards who keep the premises clean, mend the lift, change fuses and programme the heating system – in particular Brian Taylor, Bob Bucknell, Kevin Hardern and Allan Horne. We all really appreciate everything you do.

**“...396**

*volunteers,  
motivated by  
their faith, are  
the lifeblood of  
this church.”*



*Like Beatie Francis on the front cover, Pauline Noble (above) who co-ordinates our support for Action for Children and Brad and Jane Crawshaw (below) who head up our involvement in the Winter Warmth programme typify our wide array of volunteers.*



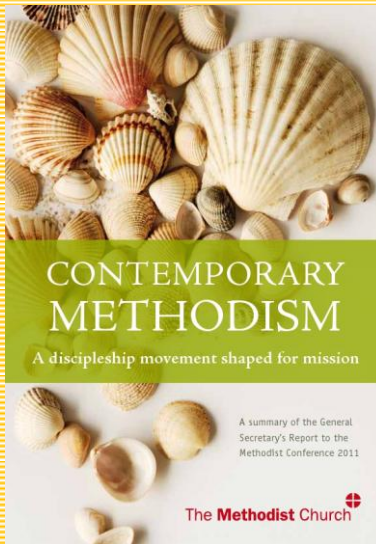
**Thank you!**

## Christian commitment in action

Measuring ‘spirituality’ and commitment to the Christian faith has been likened to keeping hold of a slippery bar of soap. It is not easy. Whilst accepting the limitations of one measure, the following list of organisers, leaders, helpers and volunteers in the work and witness of this church gives a glimpse of our Christian commitment. It is our response to God’s love for us shown in Jesus Christ, the personal stewardship of God’s gifts of time, abilities and possessions and the development of our spiritual life by caring for others, growing in faith and sharing our gifts.

Action for Children Sec	1	IBRA Bible notes sec	1
Amnesty International	1	J Team leaders/helpers	12
Annual Report	5	Leadership team	9
Aylesbury child contact	3	Link magazine	4
Banner group Sec	4	Local preachers	6
Baptismal Sec	1	Methodist Homes rep	1
Boys’ Brigade	10	Missions Sec.	1
Charity card shop	20	Music Group	6
Catering team	8	Offertory counters	8
Choir	14	Office staff/duty mgrs	25
Church cleaners	29	Organists	3
Church Council Sec	1	Pastoral visitors/ team	36
Church directory	1	Publicity/ PR	1
Sunday church drivers	15	Resources Group	12
Church Stewards	8	Safeguarding Officer	1
Circuit appointments	11	Shoe Box Appeal Sec	1
Communion Stewards	8	Sound and vision	5
Day care club drivers	4	Sunday coffee bar	12
District Women’s’ Sec	1	Tuesday Fellowship	10
Door Stewards	21	Website	1
Fire Safety Officer	1	Week day Coffee Bar	24
Floral arrangers	3	Welcomers	11
Flower bed gardeners	2	Whitechapel Mission	1
Fund raisers	9	Winter Warmth	12
Girls’ Brigade	8		
Hospital chaplaincy	4	<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>396</b>

Obviously many people do more than one task. Others are prevented from doing more through personal circumstance. These 396 volunteers, motivated by their faith, are the lifeblood of this church. To all of them we say “Thank you”.



*From the report...*

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***“Worship...  
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***“Partnerships...  
ecumenical,  
worldwide and the  
Methodist family”***

## **Our Aims for 2011-12 – Keith Edwards**

As the General Secretary of the Methodist Conference, Rev Martyn Atkins says in the report “Contemporary Methodism - A discipleship movement shaped for mission” *“Methodism desires to be, and increasingly is, as it was when it started, a movement of people passionate about sharing God’s love.”*

Last year, we focussed on our spiritual growth in five areas: worship, prayer, service, outreach and nurture. This permeates all that we do in every aspect of “being church”. This year, we’ll look at ways to encourage people to continue growing in their spirituality. We’ll look to follow up “Talking of God” using other nationally recognised resources. We’ll begin a beliefs book club to look at modern challenges to our faith. We will also respond to the Contemporary Methodism report and see how we can be people who are passionate about sharing God's love. I believe we can do that in three main areas:-

**Worship** - *“rediscovering our “wonder, love and praise” at the heart of our longing to transform the Church and world”*. We have already begun to plan and lead worship with the trained worship leaders of our church and we will also aim to incorporate the other talents and abilities of those we have in our church.

**Evangelism** - *“putting a disproportionate amount of resources into a less healthy area of our Church’s life”* We have already run the “Talking of God” course, and plan offering it to the whole circuit. Evangelism is defined in the dictionary as “making Jesus known” so we are also looking at the balance in the use of our resources between mission and maintenance to achieve this. We are also looking at how we use publicity as an evangelistic tool.

**Partnerships** – *“ecumenical, worldwide and the Methodist family”* We have always been called to work together in partnership with others. I am the Vice Chairman of Churches Together in Aylesbury and am also working on building links with the Aylesbury Churches Network. We have opportunities to work together with other churches during the Olympics and with the Winter Warmth Project. I am a founding trustee of the Aylesbury Town Centre Chaplaincy initiative and it offers us many opportunities to both work in partnership with others and to be passionate about sharing God's love.

All this should be undergirded by prayer and so one final objective is to set up prayer meetings to pray for the work that we do as we serve God.



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## General Fund

### Income and expenditure account and budget for the year ending 31st August 2012

Actual 2009/10	<b>General Fund</b>	Budget 2010/11	Actual 2010/11	Budget 2011/12
	<b>Income</b>			
71328	Collection (note 2)	66000	69182	69000
13333	Income tax refund	12200	12540	11000
29924	Lettings	23000	43925	37000
----	Fund raising	-----	16197	7000
813	Donations	500	1638	500
531	Weddings and funerals	500	630	300
49	Bank interest	150	153	150
1456	Coffee bar profits (Week day)	1300	1337	1300
<u>217</u>	Other income	<u>150</u>	<u>447</u>	<u>250</u>
<b><u>117651</u></b>	<b>Total income</b>	<b><u>103800</u></b>	<b><u>146049</u></b>	<b><u>126500</u></b>
	<b>Expenditure</b>			
	MINISTRY			
68400	Circuit	69400	69420	72500
<u>1650</u>	Donations and subscriptions (3)	<u>2100</u>	<u>2100</u>	<u>3000</u>
<u>70050</u>		<u>71500</u>	<u>71520</u>	<u>75500</u>
	PROPERTY			
13329	Heat, light, water, sewerage	8000	7128	9400
5256	Cleaners wages and supplies	5500	5859	5500
2482	Building maintenance	4000	5019	6000
3306	Equipment maintenance	3000	9660	4500
-----	Improvements(note 6)		6266	7000
4890	Organ and pianos	500	45	500
<u>2961</u>	Insurance	<u>3100</u>	<u>2970</u>	<u>3100</u>
<u>32224</u>		<u>24100</u>	<u>36947</u>	<u>36000</u>
	OTHER			
3322	Administration	2500	2573	3100
1621	Telephones	1200	1937	1800
2095	Church activities	2000	2375	1800
-----	Publicity	----	652	900
<u>1030</u>	Miscellaneous	<u>1000</u>	<u>403</u>	<u>1000</u>
<u>8068</u>		<u>6700</u>	<u>7940</u>	<u>8600</u>
<b><u>110342</u></b>	<b>Total expenditure</b>	<b><u>102300</u></b>	<b><u>116407</u></b>	<b><u>120100</u></b>
<b><u>7309</u></b>	<b>Net income</b>	<b><u>1500</u></b>	<b><u>29642</u></b>	<b><u>6400</u></b>
<u>-60</u>	Transfers between funds		<u>+444</u>	
<b><u>7249</u></b>	<b>Net income after transfers</b>		<b><u>30086</u></b>	

Balance brought forward 1 <sup>st</sup> September 2010	£29,443
Net income for year	<u>£30,086</u>
Balance carried forward at 31 <sup>st</sup> August 2011	<u>£59,529</u>

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## Restricted Funds

### Income and expenditure

	Church refurbish ment	Benevolent Fund	Church Organisa tions	Total
	£	£	£	£
<b>Income</b>				
Other income		<u>166</u>	<u>15416</u>	<u>15582</u>
<b>Total income</b>		<u>166</u>	<u>15416</u>	<u>15582</u>
<b>Payments</b>	----			
Other expenses		<u>108</u>	<u>16413</u>	<u>16521</u>
<b>Total expenditure</b>	----	<u>108</u>	<u>16413</u>	<u>16521</u>
<b>Net Income (Expenditure)</b>	----	58	(997)	(939)
<b>Transfers between funds</b>	<u>-316</u>		<u>-33</u>	<u>-349</u>
<b>Net inc/(exp) after transfers</b>	<u>(316)</u>	<u>58</u>	<u>(1030)</u>	<u>(1288)</u>
<b>Balances brought fwd</b>	316	10	14100	14426
<b>Add net income(exp)</b>	<u>(316)</u>	<u>58</u>	<u>(1030)</u>	<u>(1288)</u>
<b>Balances carried fwd</b>	-----	<u>68</u>	<u>13070</u>	<u>13138</u>

## Endowment Funds

### Held by the Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes

	Mead Bequest	Stranks and Staley's bequests	Totals
	Restricted	Unrestricted	
Balances brought forward 1.9.10	178	3159	3337
Income	7	87	94
Paid to general fund		-87	-87
Paid to J team and Youth Club	-7		-7
Change in value of investments	+1	+14	+15
Balances carried forward 31.8.11	179	3173	3352

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## Balance Sheet

As at 31<sup>st</sup> August 2011

Fund balances at 31 <sup>st</sup> August 2011	General	Restricted funds		Total
		Benevolent fund	Church organisations	
Per income and expenditure summaries	59529	68	13070	72667
Capitalised expenditure (MCCP)	903730			903730
Endowment funds held by The Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes	<u>3173</u>		<u>179</u>	<u>3352</u>
<b>Total funds</b>	<b><u>966432</u></b>	<b><u>68</u></b>	<b><u>13249</u></b>	<b><u>979749</u></b>
Represented by				
<b>Assets:</b>				
<u>Fixed tangible assets</u>				
Community centre improvements	903730			903730
Pianos etc	<u>6195</u>			<u>6195</u>
<b>Total fixed assets</b>	<b><u>909925</u></b>			<b><u>909925</u></b>
<u>Current assets</u>				
Bank balances:				
HSBC current	21973			21973
HSBC deposit	5403			5403
Central Finance Board	17722	68		17790
Various held by this church's organisations			13070	13070
Endowment fund accounts & investments*				
Stranks & Staley' bequests	3173			3173
Mead bequest (for J Team and Choir)			179	179
Debtors - amounts owed to the church (note 6)	9785			9785
Payments in advance (note 4)	<u>7070</u>			<u>7070</u>
<b>Total current assets</b>	<b><u>65126</u></b>	<b><u>68</u></b>	<b><u>13249</u></b>	<b><u>78443</u></b>
<b>Current liabilities:</b>				
Letting deposits	1350			1350
Sundry creditors – owed by the church (note 5)	<u>7269</u>			<u>7269</u>
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b><u>8619</u></b>			<b><u>8619</u></b>
<b>Net current assets (current assets, less liabilities)</b>	<b>56507</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>13249</b>	<b>69824</b>
<b>Net assets (all assets, less liabilities)</b>	<b><u>966432</u></b>	<b><u>68</u></b>	<b><u>13249</u></b>	<b><u>979749</u></b>
* Held by The Trustees For Methodist Church Purposes				



## Notes to the Accounts

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 £2,460,000, the organ for £48,000 and other contents £178,000.
- Roger Kirk  
Church Treasurer
2. The actual of £69,182 for collection income is made up of recorder (envelopes and standing orders) £63,041 and unrecorded (cash) £6,141.
3. Donations and subscriptions include donations of £1,100 paid to four connexional funds and £1,000 to Methodist Missions. In addition, retiring collections, church organisations, the missions committee and Sunday coffee bars resulted in a further £7,896 being given to 14 charities during the year of which £2,437 was to Methodist Missions and MRDF.
4. Debtors include
- |                                       |                  |
|---------------------------------------|------------------|
| Tax refund re February to August 2011 | £6,000.00        |
| Lettings                              | <u>£3,785.00</u> |
|                                       | <u>£9,785.00</u> |
| Payments in advance - Circuit         | £5,785.00        |
| Payments in advance – Hall chairs     | £1,285.00        |
5. Creditors include:
- |                                 |                  |
|---------------------------------|------------------|
| Mead bequest – Choir and J Team | £14.12           |
| Water                           | £150.00          |
| Telephone                       | £170.00          |
| Music group equipment           | £2,265.00        |
| Boiler repairs                  | £669.00          |
| Repairs to hall floor           | £3,000.00        |
| <b>Missions</b>                 | <u>£1,000.00</u> |
|                                 | <u>£7,268.81</u> |
6. Improvements  
This expenditure heading includes expenditure made [possible by fund raising. It includes the first year's depreciation on the grand piano and music group equipment (£2,265.60) and £1,000 each to 4 charities, namely Karibuni, Action for children, Missions and Monday day centre (£4,000).

The accounts are awaiting independent examination by Mr M Foote (MCA)

## Organisation

*Methodist  
Conference*



*CPD*

*(Constitutional  
Practice and  
Discipline of the  
Methodist Church)*



*District  
(Northampton)*



*Circuit  
(Vale of Aylesbury)*



*Church  
(Aylesbury  
Methodist)*



*Church Council  
(Trustees and local  
decision-making  
body)*



*Church Stewards  
Leadership Team  
Pastoral Committee  
Resources Group  
Finance  
Property  
Community Centre  
Office*

## Aylesbury Methodist Church and Centre Trustees (Church Council Members) Oct. 2010

Ministers: Rev. Keith Edwards, Rev. David Jenkins, Rev. Jim Gorringer, Rev. Fred Ireland, Arthur Sara; Secretary: Shirley Roebuck; Church Stewards: Maureen Tucker, Allan Horne, Margaret Miskin, Tommy Johnson, Solomon Awadzi, Pat Starr, Gill Marks, Raymond Murisa; Church Treasurer: Roger Kirk; Safeguarding Officer: Kirsty Eales; Leadership Team: Rev. Keith Edwards (Chair and Faith and Fellowship) Jennie Torpey (Secretary), Pat Powell (Worship), Kevin Hardern (Resources), Paula Gordon (Pastoral), Marageret Miskin (Youth), Michele Challenger (Outreach), Peter Farmer (Internal communications), Maureen Tucker (Senior Steward), Frances Aylen (Past Senior Steward), Peter Green (External communications); Circuit steward: Paul Thomas; Representatives from the church membership appointed by the general Church meeting: Julianne Wilderspin, Ceita Johnson, Gill Marks, John Miskin, Pauline Noble, Marilyn Storer, Nick Aylen, Derek Bernstone, Brian Latham, Geoff Nicholson, Lynn Bernstone, Derrick Matthews.

## User Groups 2010-11

Aylesbury Vale Transport Users Group, AHAG, Aida Vale Stitchers, Apple Blossom, AV Advocates, AVDC elections, Aylesbury Child Contact Centre, Aylesbury Community Learning Disability Team, Aylesbury Festival, Aylesbury Festival Choir, Aylesbury Talking Newspapers, Aylesbury Toastmasters, Banner Group, Barn dance, BB Battalion meeting, BB Stedfast Band, BCC parenting, BCC young people in training, Bedgrove school, Bettercare Keys Group, Bierton Hill, Blood Donors, Boys Brigade, Bucks CC, Bucks CC Contact, Bucks CC training meeting, Bucks Organists, Bucks Youth Offending Service, Cards for Good Causes, Carers Bucks, CBSKA, Children's party, Choir practice, Christ's Ambassadors, Church convention, Church of God, Circuit holiday, Circuit planning meeting, Circuit service, Coffee Bar, Craft Fair, Dance Group, Deaf Club, Dot Future, Drugs Prevention Project, Faith Alive, Feet On The Ground, Forward in Faith, Fountain Court Residents Assoc, Funerals, German Exchange, Girls' Brigade, Helen & Douglas House, Homestart, Impossible God, J Team, Keep Fit, Keys Childcare, Lifeways Community Care, MAX Choir, Methodist District meeting, Monday Contact Club, Murder Mystery Evening, Music Group, NYAS, Organ concert, Organ practice, Reachout, Renaissance Group, Rhema Bible training, Ryder – Cheshire, Saheli Group, Skills Network, South Beds Methodist Circuit, Stewards' meeting Church Council, Street Dreams, Sustrans, Take-a-Break, Tuesday Fellowship, Tunes For Toddlers, VAHT, Weddings, Wednesday Day Centre, WI, Winter Warmth, Women's Aid, Yoga, Yoga Gently, Youth Club, Youth Orchestra.