

Aylesbury Methodist Church and Centre
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ANNUAL REPORT

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A welcoming church

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Report Summary



It aims to remind the reader who we are, why we are here and what we do.



It looks back on last year and celebrates our successes. It looks forward to next year and shares our hopes and plans.



Why this report?

Question: Apart from the same initials, what do the Church Council and the Charity Commission have in common?

Answer: An annual report. The Church Council have oft times asked for one. The Charity Commission now require one. This is to help them in their task of ensuring that all charities are transparent and trustworthy.

This report's content is thus shaped by what has been presented to the Church Council and by guidance from the Charity Commission on what to include and how to present it. It aims to remind the reader who we are, why we are here and what we do. It looks back at last year and celebrates our successes. It looks forward to next year and shares our hopes and plans.

Most of the report and all the accounts are based on the Methodist year 1st September 2009 to 31st August 2010. The accounts have been approved by the November 2010 Church Council meeting. The rest of the report, endorsed by the Leadership Team will be formally presented to the March 2011 Church Council.

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Website development

From August 2010 we have separate Aylesbury and Circuit websites edited respectively by Peter Green and Roy Collis.
Aylesbury: www.aylesburymethodists.org.uk Circuit: www.aylesburyvale.org.uk

Super news



*Welcome Keith (left),
thank you David.*

*"[David's] six year
period included the
completion of the
Community Centre
and the church's
continued growth."*



*[As to Keith] "The
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Minister
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exclusively on
Aylesbury is a first in
the church's history."*

New Minister, new Circuit, same Super

31st August 2010 was the last day of the 14 church Aylesbury Vale Circuit and the last day of David Jenkins as our Minister. As the 18 church Vale of Aylesbury Circuit was born on 1st September, we welcomed Keith Edwards as our new Minister, whilst David remains as our Circuit Superintendent.

As the tribute to him in Link remarked, "David had the truly amazing grace of being prepared to let another Minister come to his main church in the wider interests of the Circuit and outreach to the surrounding new houses." David writes...

A message from David Jenkins

It has been a privilege to be the Minister of Aylesbury Methodist Church for the last six years and I will be glad to continue relationship with the church as the Circuit Superintendent Minister. The six year period included the completion of the Community Centre project and the church's continued growth.

Rev. Keith Edwards became Minister in September 2010 and his ministry is already providing fresh dynamism within a very special church community. The opportunity of a Minister concentrating exclusively on Aylesbury is a first in the church's history.

This year has seen fund raising for the Community Centre completed and the group who have organised these events deserve our congratulations and gratitude for all the outstanding events they have organised. It is good that such events will still be happening, but in order to raise money for other charitable causes now.

An early morning Holy Communion Service has been established on the third Sunday of the month and its value is being recognised by those who attend.

Of the groups who are meeting in the Community Centre the HUB for homeless people is due to move on to a different location. It has been good to be part of the foundation of that work and to support the various community groups which find the Community Centre a valuable town centre resource.

David Jenkins

Organisation

Putting the largest number of people in the greatest possible danger of finding the love of Jesus Christ.



*Rev. Peter Hancock
Chair, Northampton District*

The Leadership Team, Church Stewards, Resources and Pastoral Groups all report to our local governing body, the democratically elected Church Council.

What do we do?

In a nutshell, as a church, we aim to put the largest number of people in the greatest possible danger of finding the love of Jesus Christ.

Expanding this, our Mission is “To spread the love of Jesus Christ in a sensitive, supportive and methodical way. We achieve this by identifying and making best use of all our resources. These include our premises, our money and the time, talents and spiritual experiences of our members. Locally, nationally and internationally, we actively seek ways of serving God by serving others.”

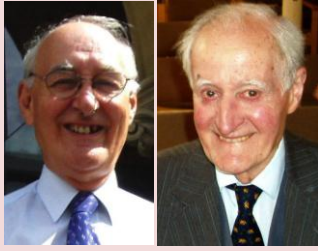
Who decides things?

We are the largest of the 18 churches in our Vale of Aylesbury Circuit which is part of the Northampton Methodist District. District Chairs attend the annual Conference, the governing body of the Methodist Church. Locally, our governing body is the democratically elected Church Council set up according to ‘*The Constitutional Practice and Discipline of the Methodist Church (CPD)*’. Reporting to the Church Council are the Church Stewards, Resources and Pastoral Groups. They are all represented on the Leadership Team which co-ordinates all aspects of church life and also reports to the Church Council.

Church council members are also the church trustees. In the 2009-10 financial year they were:

The Superintendent Minister (Rev. David Jenkins), **Team Ministers** (Rev. Jim Gorringe, Rev. Fred Ireland, Rev. Ann Varker), Voluntary Lay Worker (Arthur Sara), **Church Stewards** (Maureen Tucker, Allan Horne, Margaret Miskin, Tommy Johnson, Solomon Awadzi), **Leadership Team** (Secretary – Jennie Torpey, Worship – Pat Powell, Resources – Kevin Harden, Pastoral – Paula Gordon, Youth – Margaret Miskin, Outreach – Michele Challenger, Internal Communication – Peter Farmer, Senior Steward – Maureen Tucker, Past Senior Steward – Francis Ayles, Faith and Fellowship – Arthur Sara, External Communication – Peter Green, **Representatives from the church membership** appointed at the Annual General Church Meeting – Julianne Wilderspin, Brian Latham, Ceita Johnson, Gill Marks, John Miskin, Pauline Noble, Marilyn Storer, Nick Ayles, Derek Bernstone, Derrick Matthews, Geoff Nicholson, Lynne Bernstone.

Church



David Neville (45 years) and Des Ffoulkes (55 years) were presented with Local Preachers' Long Service Certificates



"...four of our members continue as 'hospital visitors' attached to the Chaplaincy department of Stoke Mandeville Hospital..."



Dawn Wright (on the right) with her successor as Cradle Roll Secretary, Dorcas (Dee) Marisa

How did we do last year?

This report looks at each aspect of our church life, all of which are represented on our Leadership Team.

Worship

Our worship seeks to recharge spiritual batteries, give meaning to life and renew our commitment to serve God, the community and the wider world. Steve Marks completed his training to become our sixth Worship Leader and a monthly early morning communion service has been started. Local preachers David Neville (45 years) and Des Ffoulkes (55 years) were presented with their Long Service Certificates.

An attempt to create a new Quiet Room for personal contemplation and prayer in the former Fair Trade shop off the coffee bar has proved impractical, due in part to the greatly increased use of the premises. Plans are afoot in the New Year to convert the space into a children's quiet room.

The Church Stewards continued their key role of helping and assisting lay and ordained preachers before, during and after each service and some have undergone training and duty on the new sound system.

Pastoral Care

Paula Gordon's team of pastoral visitors and their team leaders continue to help the Minister in seeing and identifying any special needs of all those on the membership and community roll. Newcomers are regularly added to the list. Some vacancies for visitors currently exist as some people have retired from the role.

Four of our members continue as 'hospital visitors' attached to the Chaplaincy Department at Stoke Mandeville Hospital available for members of all faiths and no faith.

Cradle Roll Secretary

After ten years as Cradle Roll Secretary, Dawn Wright has handed over to Dorcas (Dee) Marisa. Dawn has moved on to other roles within the J Team. So it will be Dee who now welcomes and looks after all the baptismal parties.

Tots to Teens



Rosemary Bucknell retired after 20 years as an officer and helper with the Girls' Brigade.



John Miskin retired as BB Battalion President



Fran Preston, Lynda Clark, Peter Honeyball, Chris and Brian Taylor and Barbara Pearce – the 1960s youth club reunion organisers.

J Team (Sunday School)

Numbers of children, teachers and helpers have all held up well during the year. Also, rather than close for the summer, J Team activities were maintained throughout the holiday.

Brigades

The Girls' Brigade maintained their membership numbers in the mid thirties. Help from parents in specific areas are minimising the effect of Rosemarie Bucknell's retirement after 15 years of leadership involvement.

Boys' Brigade numbers were similar to the girls. Three of the boys pursuing the President's Badge (Callum Kemp) and the Queen's Badge (Jonathon Dalton and Peter Charlton) were photographed with 'a famous person', (Sir Terry Wogan during his fund-raising event for the community centre).

After 6 years in the job, John Miskin retired this year as President of the Boys' Brigade Chiltern Battalion.

Youth Club and German Exchange

For the 47th year, the annual youth exchange with the German sports club in Daun was a great success. However, low numbers in the youth club itself are a cause for concern. Potential solutions will be actively sought in the coming year.

Celebrating 50 years investment in the church's youth work, members of the 1960s club and some of the first participants in the German exchange when Brian and Chris Taylor were involved met for a memorable reunion in late May.



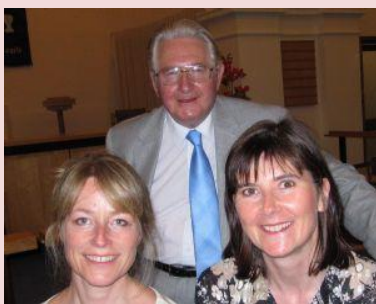
Church Activities



TNG (the Next generation) organised the summer's 'deep clean' of the premises.



Dr Ian Tracey gave the 25th anniversary organ concert



Derrick Matthews with Anna Markland and Catherine van de Geest

What happens mid-week?

The Coffee Bar, open from each morning Monday to Saturday, continues to offer inexpensive tea and coffee in a safe, friendly environment for a wide range of people. For some, it is their main social contact of the day.

The Banner Group's work beautifies the church, whilst the **SOS (Sometimes on Saturday)** had the usual varied monthly programme and produced their full English breakfast before the Easter services.

The TNG (The Next Generation) is a newly formed group this year aimed at the 18s to 40s. They are keen to get involved in the life of the church, already providing a Church Steward, Cradle Roll Secretary, a team on the Sunday coffee rota and the organisation of the summer's 'deep clean' of the community centre.

The Tuesday Fellowship's fortnightly programme of visiting speakers and a chat over 'a cuppa' was well attended by people from within and outside the church.

House Groups ran their own programmes and there was a Circuit **Bible study** on Mark's gospel led by David Jenkins.

Our mobile society meant some changes of personnel in **The Music Group** who continue to enhance monthly services both here and at Fairford Leys. **The Choir** supported our weekly worship and also, with help from other church choirs, presented 'Olivet to Calvary' and an evening of Scottish hymns.

The Youth Orchestra continued to practice ready for playing at the summer garden party and the Superintendent Minister's wedding.

Organist and Music Director Derrick Matthews once again organised several musical treats. Donald Mackenzie gave another entertaining Silent Film Spectacular. On his fourth visit to us, Dr Ian Tracey, one of Britain's most celebrated concert organists gave the 25th anniversary organ concert. 'Music for a summer evening' was provided by the highly talented Anna Markland (piano) and Catherine van de Geest (violin).

Community Centre



"...I have received and completed the end of grant review, which you have passed with flying colours...[the project] has been a huge success..."

Grants Officer Big Lottery Fund



Aylesbury Methodist's community centre project was the subject of an article and photographs in the November/December 2009 issue of Church Building.

"The debt is now cleared."

Roger Kirk, Church Treasurer

Methodist Community Centre Project

To help the Big Lottery Fund demonstrate that their £325,000 grant to us had been used effectively we set ourselves five measurable five year targets with interim annual ones. We met or exceeded all of them. They are:

1. 50% increase in lettings
2. 25% more user groups
3. 2 initiatives per year to meet local needs
4. 25% more training for the disadvantaged
5. A self-funding but affordable community centre

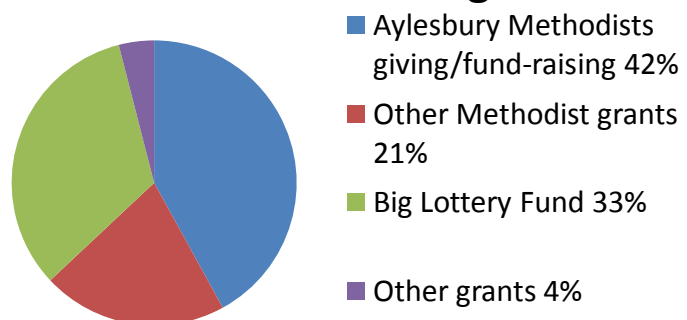
In our first year from reopening bookings were 23% up on 2007 and we had 71% more groups. Our initiatives with the homeless and learning disabled met targets 3 and 4 and our pricing policy means we are self-sufficient in funding but affordable and competitive with other venues for charities and community groups.

Our biggest challenge is to further increase our lettings over the next four years to achieve the 50% target we set. This aim chimes well with our mission statement about 'making the best use of our premises.'

Funding

Helped hugely by the tremendous efforts of Tony Noble's Fund-raising team who achieved their £120,000 promised contribution a year early, Church Treasurer Roger Kirk was able to say that "the debt is now cleared." Money for the £1 million project (£998,100 to be exact) came from the following sources:

MCCP £1m Funding



We also fully funded a £46,000 church refurbishment.

User Groups

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...different groups used the centre in the first year since re-opening



AVDC Chair Cllr Janet Blake, and Ian Silver, Director of Housing and Community Services for Vale of Aylesbury Housing present the £1,000 cheque to Wednesday Club Co-ordinator Carol Rogers and club members



AHAG (Aylesbury Homeless Action Group) – an example of our 'nursery role' in helping groups establish, grow and move on.

Who uses the premises?

77 different groups used the church and community centre in the twelve months since the re-opening in June 2009. They catered for the youngest to the oldest, for the able and the disadvantaged.

For instance **Tunes for Toddlers** provides music and bonding for 'bumps', babies and their parents. The **Wednesday Day Care Centre** caters for early senile dementia and received a £1,000 grant from Aylesbury Vale District Council's Community Chest.

Some groups have a long history here such as the Aylesbury Child Contact Centre (15 years) and Cards for Good Causes (23 years). Some use us intensely for a period and then their needs change. Examples are Youth @ ACT, the drug and alcohol counselling service and AHAG, the homeless charity. We are very happy with this 'nursery role' where we help such groups establish themselves before they move on. Other groups are occasional users and we welcome them all. By providing and maintaining our suite of nine meeting venues we are helping to serve God by serving others.

The full list of users June 2009 – May 2010 is:

Aida Vale Craft Group, Alzheimer's Society, AMC Choir, AMC meetings, AMC Music Group, AMC services, Apple Blossom Singers, Autistic Society, AVRC, Aylesbury Advanced Motorists, Aylesbury Child Contact Centre, Aylesbury Choral, Aylesbury Concert Band, Aylesbury Festival Choir, Aylesbury Homeless Action Group, Aylesbury Society, Aylesbury Vale Circuit, Baby's First Cafe, Badminton Association, Banner Group, Blood Donors, Boys Brigade, Buckinghamshire Organists, Bucks Carers, Bucks County Council, Cards for Good Causes, Carers' Yoga, Chadbone Close AGM, Children's /private parties, Choice Support, Christian Aid, Christ's Ambassadors, Church of God, Churches Together in Aylesbury, Circuit Education and Youth, Citizens' Advice Bureau, Coffee Bar, Concerts/ Entertainment events, Connexions, Craft Fair, Dance Group, Deaf Club, Diabetes Awareness, Drugs Prevention and Awareness Project, Elections – Local/National, First Aid, Flower Festival, Friends of the Earth, Funerals, Girls' Brigade, Hartwell Over 60's Keep Fit, Holistic healing, J Team, Karibuni Trust, Lime Training, M CCP fund-raising events, National Autistic Society, NYAS, Office Volunteers' Training, Reachout, Ryder Cheshire, Sight and Sound Exhibition, Sign Language Training, SOS, Swing Tea Time Dance, TNG, Tuesday Fellowship, Tunes for Toddlers, U3A, Vale Volunteers, Weddings, Wednesday Day Care Centre, Women's World Day of Prayer, Yoga, Young Carers, Youth Club.

Resources



Kevin Hardern, Resources Co-ordinator

“The office is firmly embedded with a HIFI culture (Helpful, Informed, Friendly, Inclusive)”



“...over 100 people now actively involved as volunteers”

Centre Management Report

The first year of operation has continued with expanding the number of volunteers we are using to operate the community centre for six days a week. There is now a firm rota in place with a reception volunteer available weekday mornings to answer queries and to assist user groups with issues. There is also a rota of Duty Managers who can be called out for emergency situations to provide additional backup and assistance at any time.

The office is firmly embedded with a HiFi culture (Helpful, Informed Friendly and Inclusive) and all staff have an annual training session to ensure they are up to date and consistent in their approach

The premises are managed by eight property stewards, all with defined roles which are publically displayed on notice boards in the community centre. Again, they have an annual updating session to ensure that they are familiar with the handbook which they use in emergencies and are also familiar with the current state of the premises.

New user groups are coming along on a regular basis and are given a brief induction session, with particular regard to safeguarding and fire evacuation responsibilities. The number of organisations using the premises has surpassed our expectations, which is very helpful as our reserves are at an all time low after the refurbishment programme. Priority is being given to re-establishing a reserves fund in line with this before any major works can be considered.

Finally, we recognise that having an approach which majors on using volunteers is complex and demanding to manage. However, we do feel that it is being shown as valid by the results being achieved and the substantial commitment being shown by a good number of those volunteers. There are over 100 people now actively involved as volunteers helping us all deliver services to the local groups and the church members themselves. We feel this not only keeps costs down, but also adds to the ‘community’ of the building we operate within.

If we all give a little we all gain a lot.

Kevin Harden



Rev. Keith Edwards calls for a renewed vision

“The past few years have been focussed on the development of a ‘centre of excellence’, a building fit for purpose in the 21st century.”

“I believe that this year we should take the opportunity to focus on our spiritual development and growth.”

Renewing our vision for Worship, Prayer, Service, Outreach and Nurture.

Our Aims for 2010-11

I would like to thank you all for your kind welcome to Aylesbury and for the opportunity to be your minister in these exciting times as we seek to live out our mission in our daily lives.

The past few years have been focussed on the development of a “centre of excellence” a building fit for purpose in the 21st century. It is fantastic that have we achieved that and our building is now used regularly by many community groups as well as church groups.

I believe that this year we should take the opportunity to focus on our spiritual development and growth. In a recent sermon I called for us to:

Renew our vision for Worship - by developing a lifestyle of devotion to God (through bible study, spiritual growth teaching, midweek worship, house groups and worship that is accessible to all on Sundays)

Renew our vision for Prayer – by expressing our hearts to God and developing our personal and corporate prayer life.

Renew our vision for Service – by identifying and using the gifts that God has given to us in service to Him.

Renew our vision for Outreach – by testifying about Jesus. That means developing relationships with others and sharing the transformation that Jesus has made in our lives and is available to all.

Renew our vision for Nurture – by responding to God’s invitation to live a Holy life as summed up in Romans 12:2 *“Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.”*

These will form the basis for our aims for 2010-11

Keith Edwards

Aylesbury Methodist Church – Accounts for the year ended 31st August 2010

General Fund

**Income and expenditure account - Actual 2009/2010
and budget for the year ending 31st August 2011**

Actual 2008/9	General Fund	Budget 2009/10	Actual 2009/10	Budget 2010/11
	Income	£	£	£
64575.46	Collection (note 2)	64000	71328.29	66000
12098.59	Income tax refund	12000	13332.90	12200
8996.00	Lettings	20000	29924.45	23000
110.00	Donations	500	812.60	500
654.40	Weddings and funerals	500	531.00	500
81.19	Bank interest	50	49.25	150
1307.70	Coffee bar profits (Week day)	1200	1456.00	1300
	Other income	<u>150</u>	<u>216.67</u>	<u>150</u>
<u>87823.34</u>	Total income	<u>98400</u>	<u>117651.16</u>	<u>103800</u>
	Expenditure			
	MINISTRY			
68400.00	Circuit	68400	68400.00	69400
<u>1675.00</u>	Donations and subscriptions (3)	<u>1600</u>	<u>1650.00</u>	<u>2100</u>
<u>70075.00</u>		<u>70000</u>	<u>70050.00</u>	<u>71500</u>
	PROPERTY			
7756.34	Heat, light, water, sewerage	7000	13328.64	8000
2172.32	Cleaners wages and supplies	4500	5256.11	5500
1643.50	Building maintenance	3000	2481.53	4000
558.19	Equipment maintenance	3000	3306.54	3000
190.00	Organ and pianos	500	4889.97	500
2801.47	Insurance	3500	<u>2961.44</u>	<u>3100</u>
<u>15121.82</u>		<u>21500</u>	<u>32224.23</u>	<u>24100</u>
	OTHER			
2173.24	Administration	1800	3321.78	2500
1083.64	Telephones	700	1620.85	1200
1541.99	Church activities	2100	2095.33	2000
<u>1691.30</u>	Miscellaneous	<u>1000</u>	<u>1030.50</u>	<u>1000</u>
<u>6490.17</u>		<u>5600</u>	<u>8068.46</u>	<u>6700</u>
<u>91686.99</u>	Total expenditure	<u>97100</u>	<u>110342.69</u>	<u>102300</u>
<u>(3863.65)</u>	Net income(exp)	<u>1300</u>	<u>7308.47</u>	<u>1500</u>
165.69	Transfers between funds	-59.78		
(3697.96)	Net income after transfer	7248.69		
	Balance brought forward 1st September 2009	£22,194.40		
	Net expenditure for year	<u>£7,248.69</u>		
	Balance carried forward at 31st August 2010	<u>£29,443.09</u>		

Aylesbury Methodist Church

Restricted Funds

Income and expenditure for the year ending 31st August 2010

	MCCP (Note 4)	Church refurbish ment (note 5)	Benevolent Fund	Church Organisa tions	Total
	£	£	£	£	£
Income					
Members donations	17503.15	10231.16			27734.31
Tax refund	1174.05	2025.54			3199.59
Fund raising	20509.60	6196.80			26706.40
Bank interest	225.36				225.36
Other income			98.63	13458.54	13557.17
Total income	39412.16	18453.50	98.63	13458.54	71422.83
Payments					
Fees					
Construction	8816.54				8816.54
Furniture and fittings	3883.19	557.97			4441.16
Fund raising expenses	9413.53	3683.00			13096.53
Loan interest	1076.07				1076.07
Other expenses			333.20	16026.08	16359.28
Total expenditure	23189.33	4240.97	333.20	16026.08	43789.58
Net Income (Expnditure)	16222.83	14212.53	(234.57)	(2567.54)	27633.25
Transfers between funds	-2259.62	+2259.62	-----	+161.79	+161.79
Net exp after transfers	13963.21	16472.15	(234.57)	(2405.75)	27795.04
Balances brought fwd	(13963.21)	(16155.66)	244.31	16505.75	(13368.81)
Add net income(exp)	13963.21	16472.15	(234.57)	(2405.75)	27795.04
Balances carried fwd	-----	316.49	9.74	14100.00	14426.23
Add back capitalised exp	903729.53				903729.53
Balances carried fwd	903729.53	316.49	9.74	14100.00	918155.76

Endowment Funds held by The Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes

	Mead Bequest	Stranks and Staley's bequests	Totals
	Restricted	Unrestricted	
Balances brought forward 1.9.09	171.99	3079.10	3251.09
Income	7.06	94.95	102.01
Paid to general fund		-94.95	-94.95
Paid to J team and Youth Club	-7.06		-7.06
Change in value of investments	+5.64	+80.46	+86.10
Balances carried forward 31.8.10	177.63		3337.19

Aylesbury Methodist Church
Balance Sheet as at 31st August 2010

Fund balances at 31 st August 2010	General	Restricted funds			Church organisations	Total
		MCCP	Church refurb	Ben ev-olent		
Per income and expenditure summaries	£29,443	£903,730	£316	£10	£14,100	£947,599
Endowment funds held by The Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes	<u>£3,160</u>				<u>£178</u>	<u>£3,338</u>
Total funds	<u>£32,603</u>	<u>£903,730</u>	<u>£316</u>	<u>£10</u>	<u>£14,278</u>	<u>£950,937</u>
Represented by						
Assets:						
<u>Fixed tangible assets</u>						
Community centre improvements		£903,730				£903,730
<u>Current assets</u>						
Bank balances:						
HSBC current	£10,231					£10,231
HSBC deposit	£4,355					£4,355
Central Finance Board	£675	£17,025	£316	£10		£18,026
Various held by this church's organisations					£14,100	£14,100
Endowment fund accounts & investments*						
Stranks & Staley' bequests	£3,160					£3,160
Mead bequest (for J Team and Choir)					£178	£178
Debtors - amounts owed to the church (note 6)	£10,822					£10,822
Payments in advance (note 6)	<u>£5,785</u>					<u>£5,785</u>
Total current assets	<u>£35,028</u>	<u>£17,025</u>	<u>£316</u>	<u>£10</u>	<u>£14,278</u>	<u>£66,657</u>
Current liabilities:						
Loans to the church and deposits (note 7)	£1,750	£13,500				£15,250
Sundry creditors – owed by the church (note 8)	<u>£675</u>	<u>£3,525</u>				<u>£4,200</u>
Total liabilities	<u>£2,425</u>	<u>£17,025</u>				<u>£19,450</u>
Net current assets (current assets, less liabilities)	£32,603		£316	£10	£14,278	£47,207
Net assets (all assets, less liabilities)	<u>£32,603</u>	<u>£903,730</u>	<u>£316</u>	<u>£10</u>	<u>£14,278</u>	<u>£950,937</u>
* Held by The Trustees For Methodist Church Purposes						

Notes to the Accounts

- 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 £2,550,000, the organ for £50,000 and other contents £187,000.
- The actual of £71328 for collection income is made up of recorded (envelopes and standing orders) £64253 and unrecorded (cash) £7075.
- Donations and subscriptions includes donations of £1100 paid to four connexional funds and £500 to Methodist Missions. In addition retiring collections, church organisations and

Notes to the Accounts - continued

Sunday coffee bars resulted in a further £3358 being given to 15 charities during the year of which £1920 was to Methodist Missions and MRDF. Further unrecorded amounts go to Action for children, Karibuni Trust and Christian Aid.

4 The restricted fund set up for the Community Centre Project is virtually complete, with £3525 retained pending the resolution of heating difficulties. This sum has been accrued so the fund is now closed.

5 The restricted fund for the refurbishment of the church, which followed the completion of the MCCP, shows a small surplus. Expenditure is almost complete and fundraising income and pledged income continues to be received. It is expected that this account can be closed in the next 6 months.

6 Debtors include:

Recoverable administrative expenses	62.75
Tax refund re February to August 2010	5600.00
Lettings	5158.00
Legacy income	<u>1.20</u>
	<u>10821.95</u>
Payment in advance to Circuit	<u>5785.00</u>

7 Loans include:

Methodist Chapel Aid Ltd	9,000
4 interest free loans	4,500
Letting deposits	1,460
Wedding deposit	<u>290</u>
	<u>15250</u>

8 Creditors include:

Mead bequest-choir and J Team	7.06
Water	140.00
Gas	-330.00
Telephone	159.91
Charity collections not yet paid over	647.95
Retention owing on MCCP building contract	3525.00
Subscription – Churches together in Aylesbury	<u>50.00</u>
	<u>4199.92</u>

The accounts were independently examined by Mr M Foote (MCA) On 12th November 2010.

Church Organisations' Accounts

The total balance carried forward for all the church organisations for the last financial year totalled £14,100. This included all the youth organisations, plus Tuesday Fellowship, the Choir, Banner Group, Flower Fund and Stewards Fund. By the end of November 2010 half have already been audited.

Roger Kirk





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Sir Terry Wogan...

...pictured in the church hall after his 'Dinner with Wogan' event organised by the Fund-Raising Group. Their imaginative programme of cake stalls to concerts and dinners to dances helped to complete payment for the £1million community centre scheme a year earlier than planned.

"Those lovely, lovely people in Aylesbury" was Sir Terry's comment on the event on his '*Wake up to Wogan*' BBC radio 2 show the following Monday. We thank him for helping us.

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