

Heaton Moor United Church



Church Meeting
Sunday 21st November 2021

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Heaton Moor United Church: Leadership Team Meeting Report

Church Meeting: Sunday 21st November 2021

Members: Bob Docherty, Peter Aspinall, Mark Field, Arnold Jones, Roy Dudley-Southern, Carol Jack, Sue Jones, Jim Lowe, Ian Shore, Sharon Heginbotham (Minutes Taker). Ex officio: Raj Patta (Minister).

The Leadership Team meets monthly with the exception of August and December, during which an emergency meeting can be convened if required. The regular agenda comprises any news, updates, changes and problems with regard to Finance, Property, Community Work, Worship, Pastoral Work, Lay Work, Circuit feedback, URC Feedback and Methodist Conference feedback, with an opportunity to discuss any other business that might arise. Since the last Church Meeting in January 2020, there have been 18 Leadership Team Meetings.

The meeting in February 2020 was held in person before the first lockdown.

2021

January: it was agreed, with sadness, to cease collective worship in the interests of the vulnerable church members. Government guidelines did allow for limited collective worship so it was agreed to open church for private prayer on a Sunday morning, Sharon was working from home; these arrangements would be reviewed alongside the risk assessment review in February.

February: Jonnie Hill, Linda Fleming and JoAnne Roy joined the meeting to provide Pastoral Visitor feedback and activities in the community such as Space @ The Table, Moor than a carpark, School Pantry, Heartbombs, Muddy Church and more.

March: Many in the community had received their 2nd Covid jab and it was agreed that church would continue to open for private reflection for Easter, and then reopen for limited collective worship on 18th April; Sharon implemented a seat booking process to ensure socially distanced seating arrangements.

April: Plans for groups to return to the church building progressed as the risk assessments were reviewed.

May: Graham Adams had written to the Leadership about how to reconnect with the membership via some suggested some form of forum where people can talk about their experiences from Covid. This was discussed at length and some suggestions taken forward.

June: Our Superintendent, Cathy Bird joined the meeting to discuss some insights from the National Methodist Church for Hopes, Mission for today and the District Mission Plan. We had breakout groups to discuss ways to move forward, increase membership, attract young people, tell our stories, involve the wider community, all whilst embracing change and maintaining confidence in the gospel and church.

July: Agreed there would be no need to book in to church from August as government guidelines relaxed; masks and social distancing would be maintained. It was agreed that groups could return to church from September. Wednesday Coffee mornings to be reintroduced; coffee after church was discussed. A review of the various Sunday morning rotas was discussed for stewards, welcome team, coffee rota and other responsibilities, which would help to simplify the Steward's role AND perhaps encourage other members to join the rota (maybe even the Leadership Team), without having to cover all duties on a Sunday morning.

September: Sharon Shore stepped down as Safeguarding Officer; a proposal to incorporate this with the church administrator's role so the job specs will be reviewed. Policy and Procedures reviewed. Church meeting scheduled for November. Concerns about remedial work on church roof discussed; Property Group will advise once report is complete. Bible study groups/home study groups discussed within the development of a long term strategy plan for the church.

October: Plan to hold a blind vote (google forms and postal votes) to agree that same sex marriage ceremonies can be performed in the church building. 2 registrars are required so it was agreed that this would be incorporated into the church administrator's job spec. Church meeting papers to be distributed 2 weeks prior to the meeting. Elections for Leadership Team to take place at church meeting. Leadership meetings to continue via Zoom for the foreseeable future.

November: Agreed to contribute £7,500 to make up pension shortfall to avoid a potential levy in the future, which was agreed at Methodist Conference this year to ask across the connexion to help meet the shortfall. . Mark Field resigned from Leadership, which was accepted reluctantly.

Carol Jack (November 2021)

Community

On several dates throughout COVID the team sent out postcards to local businesses in the area thanking them for continuing to provide their services or to let them know we were thinking and praying for them whilst they remained closed. These postcards led to several conversations with local business owners and were a good basis to start to build relationships.

In November 2020 we served hot chocolates in the car park as part of Moor Than A Car Park. We served over 40 hot chocolates over a 3-week period, mainly to local high school students which were appreciated in the cold weather.

In February 2021 we ran our Moor Love campaign. The idea being to decorate our windows with hearts and to do random acts of kindness on our neighbours and friends. As a Church we delivered heart baskets and chocolates to all our members.

We responded to the roll out of the COVID vaccination with our Twin the Vaccine initiative. We raised £1090 for UNICEF and many of our church members and friends donated to other projects to help provide vaccines to countries around the world.

To recognise World Alzheimer's Day in September 50 forget me not flowers were crocheted and distributed around Heaton Moor with details of World Alzheimer's day and a dementia friendly church service. The cards were well received, and we had 12 people attend the service – all those in attendance asked for another service and so our second dementia friendly service will be on the 30th of November.

Once again, we recognised the World Week for Peace in Palestine and Israel. This year we held a Palestine film and falafel which was attended by 25 people, some of whom were from other churches and from the community. We received lots of positive comments about the event and since then another community group, the Hong Kong Cultural Community, are hosting a film evening at the Church on 13th November – Tyranny: Imagination and Reality.

In October we ran social media campaigns and opened the church to recognise Baby Loss Awareness Week and had a short service to Celebrate New Life – a short service for babies born during the pandemic. Whilst neither event attracted huge numbers, they had good responses on social media and those who attended enjoyed the service.

We have held two litter church events, and these will continue monthly. In addition to being a community service project we have some light theological discussion. Everyone is welcome to join us for the hour with our next event being the 13th of November.

Throughout year we have recognised several special awareness days; the National Day of Reflection with Marie Curie in March, Racial Justice Sunday, Challenge Poverty Week to name but a few.

Recycling – we have had an overwhelming response to our Facebook post in April 2021 which gave details of the items we recycle. Thanks to the recycling from our church members and the local community we have been able to send off enough crisp packets to make 8 crisp packet blankets for the homeless. At the time of writing this report the charity we have previously sent them to do not have the capacity to receive any more, so we are sourcing another distributor. We continue to recycle plastic bottle tops, pill packets and bread bags.

School Pantry We have held 5 school pantries in the last twelve months at two schools. We have been able to provide the school pantry through generous donations of both consumables and money from Heaton Moor United Church and Heaton Mersey Methodist Church. We also support a family with children at the local high school with a food parcel each half term. St Thomas school have asked us for food parcels and recently we were able to provide a box of food for a family who were moving out of temporary accommodation into their own home.

Space At The Table this initial 12 week project ran for 36 weeks and was incredibly successful. Through the project we provided over 1000 meals to members of our Church, our dementia friends and our local community. All the meals were well received and some of the comments received at the end of the project were:

Think it's a lovely idea & very well executed, helping vulnerable people at a difficult time. Thank you to EVERYONE concerned

We are two people in our early eighties. My wife has severe dementia so it's a great help to me not having to do all the cooking

Beneficial because at one time in a week I didn't have to think about providing two meals or preparing them

We included our meal recipients with our Church projects, so they too received the Moor Love baskets, Easter eggs, scarves from The Lamplighters, Mother's day daffodils and the cream teas for Christian Aid.

Children and Families

Light Trail our family light trail in November 2020 saw 40 families register for the event – I walked the trail most days and it was great to chat to families whilst taking part in the event and to members of the community who were curious what the event was. At the end of the event 24 goodie bags were given out to children who completed and returned the trail sheet.

Easter Event our Moor Than An Easter Egg event was well attended with 16 families attending on the day with 25 children. Everyone had a great time and the feedback received after the event was very positive with the majority asking to sign up for news about future children and family events.

Youth Christian Climate Network (YCCN) In September we joined with St Pauls Church to welcome the YCCN relay. At the event different community groups from across Heaton Moor ran activities around them of climate change. We had a stall showcasing our recycling, a quiz on how long items take to decompose, a sensory trail through Psalm 8 and making paper prayer boats. Despite the weather we had a steady stream of visitors. In total as a Church, we sent over 40 boats to Christian Aid who were taking them to COP26 in Glasgow.

Groups Our toddler groups have now returned, we have two sessions on a Monday and one on a Friday. There are 14-16 families registered at each group but on average we have 8 families attending each session. This first term we have been looking at the story of super worm – how he helps his friends and then his friends help him.

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Pastoral Care Worker Report

So what have I been doing over the last 18 months? Well over the early part of lock down I did lots of pastoral calls, seeing if I could do anything for people like shopping etc. It was very hard when I knew someone was poorly and not being able to go round to see them or pop to the hospital or nursing home; as I know it was for all of you. Then eventually, when we could talk to people in their gardens, some people wanted to meet but others didn't. On Saturday mornings I delivered the notices and just waved at friends as I passed by. On Wednesdays we had zoom coffee mornings and prayers. There were Zoom staff meetings - all very different. I have also been doing prayers for the notices. I have never used my computer so much!

I then had ankle surgery. Now I'm back on my feet I have been visiting. I popped into play group. It was good to see the mums and children again. Raj and I have been going round celebrating Communion with friends in their homes. It's been lovely to meet up with people again. I have been going to staff meeting on Wednesdays. We celebrated with the pastoral visitors in the last week in October. We had lunch together with a few goodies to say thank you. This was the first time we have all met together in a long time. JoAnne lets me know if I am needed pastorally in anyway at the groups. When I can, I will be popping into more groups.

And I would just like to thank everyone for their prayers and good wishes.

Linda Fleming

God in Love Unites Us : Same Sex Marriage

At this years Methodist Conference, the Conference decided to allow same-sex marriages on Methodist premises, to take place. For this to happen there are certain resolutions that are required to be voted on by the church meeting.

There are 3 resolutions which require ratifying, these are:

The first resolution concerns whether same sex marriages may be conducted at Heaton Moor United Church. Also whether such a marriage may be conducted outside the church building when exceptional circumstances prevent it from happening in the building. The resolution is : *The Church Council of Heaton Moor United Church, meeting on 21st November 2021, consents to the solemnisation of marriages of same-sex couples and resolves to apply to register the building known as Heaton Moor United Church, situated at Stanley Road, Heaton Moor United Church, SK4 4HL for the solemnisation of such marriages under section 43A of the Marriage Act 1949, and resolves that the above consent may be extended to cover situations where members of the congregation are unable to marry in the church building (for example due to being housebound, detained or seriously ill), and authorises Roy Dudley-Southern, being a Trustee, to sign and submit to the Superintendent Registrar of the Stockport Registration District the required application and certificate.*

The second resolution concerns whether same sex marriages may be blessed at the Church , the resolution is : *The Church Council of Heaton Moor United Church, meeting on 21st November 2021, consents to services of blessing of a marriage of a same-sex couple which has already been solemnised being conducted in the building known as Heaton Moor United Church, situated at Stanley Road, Heaton Moor, Stockport, SK4 4HL*

The third resolution concerns 'Authorised Persons'. Authorised persons are responsible for ensuring that all the legal requirements for a marriage have

been fulfilled and that a correct record of the marriage is made and securely stored. An 'Authorised Person' must be present at every marriage ceremony. We currently have one 'Authorised Person' who is Raj Patta. This resolution proposes an additional Responsible Authorised Person: the church administrator, Sharon Heginbotham. The resolution is : *The Church Council of Heaton Moor United Church, meeting on 21st November 2021, resolves that Sharon Letitia Heginbotham be certified to the Registrar General and the Superintendent Registrar as a Responsible Authorised Person to be present at marriages between a man and a woman in accordance with Section 43 of the Marriage Act 1949 and between same-sex couples in accordance with Section 43B of the Marriage Act 1949 solemnized in the building known as Heaton Moor United Church situated at Stanley Road, Heaton Moor, Stockport, SK4 4HL , with Rev Dr Raj Bharat Patta continuing as an additional Authorised Person, and authorises Roy Dudley-Southern and Carol Jack, being Trustees, to sign and submit this certification.*

To allow for confidentiality on voting, the voting for these resolutions will be done via Google forms, to vote please click the link :
<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfRIE14MdHb971VRtkpjOCsO8ZhTAAcTG0IOYndrmqvMHuxgA/viewform?vc=0&c=0&w=1&flr=0>

There will be paper versions of the voting form available in church, to be returned by the 21st November .

Circuit News

United Stockport Circuit was a year old in September. This was celebrated here at Heaton Moor, with the first face to face service as the new circuit took place here. As things start to open up more, the circuit is starting to hold regular monthly services which are streamed live .

Tivot Dale church is still a Covid Testing Centre, however the circuit office is now based there , with a full time administrator working there. They have been joined by a part time property officer who is looking after Trinity and St Johns buildings, which have ceased to be used for worship this year. Christchurch has also ceased to be used for worship this year . Their members are finding new homes in churches across the circuit.

The circuit has started talks about joining the Community Sponsorship Scheme in which refugees are housed and cared for by a church community. There will be more information about this at the Mission Forum meeting in November.

In response to the Conference asking every church, Circuit and District to consider giving freely, generously and according to their ability, towards a target of 15% of all balances held across the Church (which equates to £45m of the estimated £300m balance) to provide additional contributions to the Pension Reserve Fund and to transfer the funds to the Connexion by 31 December 2021. The Circuit has agreed to give 15% of it's financial holdings at the end of last financial year.

Missional Partnership News

The Missional Partnership is still finding it's feet and trying to establish a format in which to operate. A minister has been appointed , Rev Jonnie Hill. There are still vacancies for the Partnership.

There are plans for more information sharing across the partnership, details will be issued via the newsletter .

Autumn 2021 Fund Raising Report

A meeting of the Sub Group Fund Raising Team for Heaton Moor United Church took place on 11th October 2021. Normally meeting every 6 months, this was the first time our group had chance to meet for 18 months, due to Covid.

The meeting provided 2 main topics for discussion. `Home` and `Abroad` Church Charities to be chosen for 2021/22 and a proposal that Saturday Coffee mornings be run by different Charities independently once a month in our Church, hopefully creating community contact and less Church volunteers be required.

`Home` and `Abroad` Charities

The previous 2 years we had helped support Samaritans and Motor Neurone as `Home` Charities with help also being given to Shelter (India) and Leprosy as Charities `Abroad`.

With regard choosing a `Home` charity for 2021/22, due to possible winter hardship, for instance, energy price rises and withdrawal of universal credit additions, it was decided we should wait and see which charities we consider may be best suitable for our help. With regard the `Abroad` charity, it was decided to contact Christian Aid and hopefully find a sector where similar help can be given.

Charity Reports

Some Charity Church events have obviously not been held due to Covid. However, during this year our Church charities, Action for Children, Christian Aid, Leprosy and JMA have carried on as before and worked their magic as well as a `Boycott the Bed` event in Church which raised money for `Action for Children`. A `Sponsored Silence` raised £1000 for Motor Neurone Disease. Our Church has been involved in food collections and organising drop offs at Mersey Vale Primary school. A Community Children`s Christmas fair is also in the process of being arranged at our Church for late November.

Action for Children.....£1045.70 raised so far in 2021, including monies from `Boycott the bed` and the Church retiring collection.

Leprosy.....`Harvest our Pennies` jar set up outside the Worship area.

Christian Aid.....Christian Aid week raised £1912.76. After adding online giving, Harvest thanksgiving service and Gift Aid, a grand total of £3497.76 has so far been reached this year.

JMA.....Obviously difficult job through Covid for box collections, however, £100 collected.

Future events

A few Church events have recently been placed back on the calendar for 2022. Appearing at our Church will be the Royal Northern College of Music, Stockport Schools Brass Band and the previously named Cantus Bravura Choir (will be changing their name).

Garry Evans

Heaton Moor United Church

Finance Committee Report

Church Meeting Sunday November 21st 2021

Members: Ian Anderson, Sharon Heginbotham (Administrator/finance officer), Beryl Jones, Jim Lowe (Chair), Deborah Symmons (Secretary). Ex officio: Raj Patta (receives the papers).

The Finance Committee meets four times a year and reports to the Leadership Team. The regular agenda includes reviewing the current financial position of the church, reviewing the annual accounts, setting the reserves policy, making recommendations on withdrawing from reserves to cover current expenditure, advising on investments, setting the lay workers' salaries (in line with circuit recommendations), and considering financial matters relating to the property committee.

Since the last Church Meeting in January 2020 there have been seven meetings including an 'extraordinary' meeting in September 2021 to consider the church investment strategy.

The meeting in February 2020 was held in person before the first lockdown. On 1st April 2020 Sharon circulated a statement summarising the church's financial position to the Finance Committee and Leadership Team. Authority had been given in November 2019 to withdraw £65,000 from reserves to cover additional staff and building works. With this there was sufficient in the account to cover commitments until the end of the financial year (31st August 2020). The Finance committee did not meet in May 2020. As no fundraising activities were possible, the committee agreed to hold a Gift Day on 6th June. Donations, plus the associated Gift Aid, were distributed to church charities in proportion to the amounts raised in previous years. The total raised for charities in 2019-2020 was £4400 (compared to around £5000 in 2018-9).

The Finance Committee met via Zoom in August 2020, November 2020 and February 2021. It met in person in May 2021 and August 2021. The extraordinary meeting in September comprised the Finance Committee in person with presentations via Zoom from an ethical investment bank (Castlefield) and the investment branch of the Methodist Church (Epworth).

In addition to the regular review of finance the following decisions/recommendations have been made.

- Approval of job descriptions for the role of Finance officer (held by Sharon Heginbotham) and Honorary Church Treasurer (held by Jim Lowe)
 - A recommendation (in November 2020) for the Leadership Team to approve the withdrawal of up to £60,000 from reserves for 2020-2021. This was to cover the employment of lay workers and the decrease in lettings and giving during lockdown.
 - Change of the 'authorised person' for Gift Aid from Malcolm Earnshaw to Sharon Heginbotham
 - Recommendation to the Leadership Team of the reserves policy (Feb 2021):
 - Reserves policy for General Funds: £103,000 (designated – what is needed for next year's expenditure), £443,649 (undesignated)
 - Reserves policy for Contingency Fund (what we may need to spend in the future): £55,000 (50% of current annual outgoings excluding salaries); £180,000 (roof replacement – reserves held from the sale of the manse); £74,000 (2 years lay worker's salaries); £10,000 (boiler repairs)
 - Receipt of information on the annual circuit assessment for 2021-2 (May 2021): £55,000 – 16% of the Circuit Budget. The Circuit plans to use its reserves for specific capital and mission projects. JoAnne has applied for 'Space at the Table'
 - Donations 'button' on the church website to enable people to donate to church charities
 - The same percentage increase in salary for our lay workers as was approved for ministers at the Methodist Conference in June 2021.
 - All works planned by the Property Committee were agreed.
- The most recent meeting of the Finance Committee took place on 29th September 2021. The only item on the agenda was a consideration of our investment strategy. The meeting was prompted by David Wyke, Finance officer of the North West URC Synod who felt that the return on our investments with Castlefield was disappointing at present. We heard presentations from the Investment Advice team of Castlefield and representatives of Epworth Investment Management. Both teams advised that we develop an investment strategy based on our projected income and expenditure over the next five to ten years. Money needed for planned expenditure over the next three years should be held on deposit with money not needed for at least 5 years being invested. Representatives from Epworth will be visiting Manchester in early December and offered to meet with us then (free of charge).

Deborah Symmons
October 2021

Accounts

2019/2020

These accounts have been audited and approved by the Independent Examiner.

These were the first accounts to be affected by Covid and the closure of the building.

Resolution 1

The Church meeting approves the accounts for 2019/2020, which have been audited by an independent examiner.

2020/2021

These accounts are yet to be audited and approved by the Independent Examiner.

These accounts were the second year to be affected by Covid and the closure of the building.

Resolution 2

The Church meeting provisionally approves the accounts for 2020/2021, prior to being audited by an independent examiner

THE METHODIST CHURCH STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31 August 2020

Circuit	Circuit no	1902
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Registered Charity - Charity Registration number

1134270

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Customs Gift Aid number**

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Raj Patta

Church Stewards:

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Mark Field
Ian Shore
Sue Jones
Arnold Jones
Carol Jack

Treasurer:

Jim Lowe

SUMMARY OF CHURCH ACCOUNTS AND INTERNAL ORGANISATIONS REPORTING TO THE CHURCH COUNCIL
SECTION E

Please follow the Guidance Notes to complete this page

Summary of the Church accounts for the year ended 31 August 2020 and Internal Organisations reporting to the Church Council/Church Meeting. Note that the funds of an Internal Organisation would normally be Restricted funds unless it could be clearly shown that they could be used for any Methodist purpose. This section must be completed to arrive at the gross income and expenditure totals of the Church. If gross income exceeds the Accruals threshold, then the Accruals method of accounting AND A DIFFERENT FORM must be used to report the accounts (see Methodist website). Please refer to the guidance notes regarding transfers between the District and connected District Organisations.

	INTERNAL ORGANISATIONS	Receipts	Payments	Net Receipts/ Payments	Adjustments	Opening balances	Closing balances
e1	Lebone	2,088	2,055	33		43	75
e2	Toddler	537	564	(26)		94	68
e3	Mens Fellowship	123	203	(80)		161	81
e4	Dementia Friends	1,180	1,500	(320)	63	10,000	9,743
e5							
e6							
e7							
e8	Sub total of Internal Organisations funds	3,928	4,322	(394)	63	10,299 (e11)	9,968 (e12)
e9	Church accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)	81,523 (a7)	136,827 (b9)	(55,304)	180,971 (c7)	652,015 (c6)	777,682 (c8)
e10	TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	85,451	141,149	(55,698)	181,034	662,314 (x)	787,650 (y)
	Continue on a separate sheet if necessary and bring the totals forward	TOTAL RECEIPTS	TOTAL PAYMENTS				

SECTION F
STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
CHURCH - CASH FUNDS HELD at 31 August 2020

		OPENING BALANCES	CLOSING BALANCES
f1	Cash in hand		63
f2	Bank Current Account	10,697	4,732
f3	Bank Deposit Account		
f4	Central Finance Board		
f5	Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes	47,506	47,507
f6	Other funds	593,812	724,379
f7	SUB TOTAL - Church accounts	652,015 (c6)	776,682 (c8)
f8	Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance total from above) (e12)	10,299 (e11)	9,968 (e12)
f9	TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	662,314 (x)	786,649 (y)

SECTION G
OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES

		At 1 September 2019	At 31 August 2020
g1	Investments (include Endowments)		
g2	Land & Buildings (see notes re Insurance value)		
g3	Other Assets		
g4	Loan(s) - show amount outstanding at year end		
g5	Other Liabilities		

f4 Include only Funds held at the Central Finance Board

f5 Include only Funds held at Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes

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

SECTION A			Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
		Note	£	£	£	£
a1	RECEIPTS					
a2	Offerings and Tax recovered		47,716	125	47,841	55,393
a3	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income		10,142		10,142	10,288
a4	Lettings		13,398		13,398	41,045
a5	Other receipts		8,588	1,555	10,143	10,619
a6	TOTAL RECEIPTS		79,843	1,680	81,523 (a7)	117,345

SECTION B			Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
		Note	£	£	£	£
b1	PAYMENTS					
b2	Circuit Assessment or Share		50,000		50,000	50,000
b3	Donations		4,775		4,775	5,239
b4	Repairs and Maintenance		26,232		26,232	27,447
b5	Utilities (Insurances, water charges, heating & lighting)		7,157		7,157	8,170
b6			32,309		32,309	4,446
b7	Other payments		16,354	1,000	17,354	46,548
b8	TOTAL PAYMENTS		136,827		136,827 (b9)	141,850

SECTION C			Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
		Note	£	£	£	£
c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	(a6-b8)	(56,984)	680	(56,304)	(24,505)
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year		652,015		652,015 (c6)	680,104
c3	Sub total	(c1+c2)	595,031	680	595,711	655,599
c4	Transfers and adjustments		180,971		180,971 (c7)	(3,584)
c5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR	(c3+c4)	776,002	680	776,682 (c8)	652,015 (c6)

SECTION D			£	£
FOR INFORMATION ONLY: MONEY RECEIVED AND PASSED ON TO EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS				
d	(these amounts are not to be included in total receipts/payments figures above)		£	£
d1	Balance brought forward from last year			
d2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations		4,413	
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations		4,413	
d4	BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID	(d1+d2-d3)	(0)	

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Mark Field	
Bob Docherty	

Treasurer:

Jim Lowe

SECTION A		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
		£	£	£	£
a1	RECEIPTS	Note			
a2	Offerings and Tax recovered	38,240		38,240	47,841
a3	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income	5,004		5,004	10,142
a4	Lettings	8,626		8,626	13,398
a5	Other receipts	1,756	912	2,668	10,143
a6	TOTAL RECEIPTS	53,626	912	54,538 (a7)	81,523

SECTION B					
b1	PAYMENTS				
b2	Circuit Assessment or Share	50,000		50,000	50,000
b3	Donations	4,015	1,000	5,015	4,775
b4	Repairs and Maintenance	17,574		17,574	26,232
b5	Utilities (Insurances, water charges, heating & lighting)	6,141		6,141	7,157
b6	Wages	39,746		39,746	32,309
b7	Other payments	10,298	50	10,348	17,354
b8	TOTAL PAYMENTS	127,774	1,050	128,824 (b9)	137,827

SECTION C					
c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR (a6-b8)	(74,148)	(138)	(74,286)	(56,304)
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year	776,682		776,682 (c6)	652,015
c3	Sub total (c1+c2)	702,534	(138)	702,396	595,711
c4	Transfers and adjustments	75,000	(38,799)	36,201 (c7)	180,971
c5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR (c3+c4)	777,534	(38,937)	738,597 (c8)	776,682 (c6)

SECTION D			
FOR INFORMATION ONLY: MONEY RECEIVED AND PASSED ON TO EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS			
d	(these amounts are not to be included in total receipts/payments figures above)	£	£
d1	Balance brought forward from last year		
d2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations		4,413
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations		4,413
d4	BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID (d1+d2-d3)		

SUMMARY OF CHURCH ACCOUNTS AND INTERNAL ORGANISATIONS REPORTING TO THE CHURCH COUNCIL
SECTION E

Please follow the Guidance Notes to complete this page

Summary of the Church accounts for the year ended 31 August 2021 and Internal Organisations reporting to the Church Council/Church Meeting. Note that the funds of an Internal Organisation would normally be Restricted funds unless it could be clearly shown that they could be used for any Methodist purpose. This section must be completed to arrive at the gross income and expenditure totals of the Church. If gross income exceeds the Accruals threshold, then the Accruals method of accounting AND A DIFFERENT FORM must be used to report the accounts (see Methodist website). Please refer to the guidance notes regarding transfers between the District and connected District Organisations.

	INTERNAL ORGANISATIONS	Receipts	Payments	Net Receipts/ Payments	Adjustments	Opening balances	Closing balances
e1	Lebone					75	75
e2	Toddler		68	(68)		68	
e3	Mens Fellowship					81	81
e4	Dementia Friends	912	1,050	(138)	(188)	9,743	9,417
e5							
e6							
e7							
e8	Sub total of Internal Organisations funds	912	1,118	(206)	(188)	9,967 (e11)	9,573 (e12)
e9	Church accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)	54,538 (a7)	128,824 (b9)	(74,286)	(c7)	777,682 (c6)	703,396 (c8)
e10	TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	55,450	129,942	(74,492)	(188)	787,649 (x)	712,969 (y)
	Continue on a separate sheet if necessary and bring the totals forward	TOTAL RECEIPTS	TOTAL PAYMENTS				

SECTION F
STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
CHURCH - CASH FUNDS HELD at 31 August 2021

	OPENING BALANCES	CLOSING BALANCES
f1 Cash in hand	63	
f2 Bank Current Account	4,732	5,043
f3 Bank Deposit Account		
f4 Central Finance Board		
f5 Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes	47,507	51,046
f6 Other funds	724,379	682,508
f7 SUB TOTAL - Church accounts	776,682 (c6)	738,597 (c8)
f8 Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance total from above) (e12)	9,967 (e11)	9,573 (e12)
f9 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	786,649 (x)	748,170 (y)

SECTION G
OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES

	At 1 September 2020	At 31 August 2021
g1 Investments (include Endowments)		
g2 Land & Buildings (see notes re Insurance value)		
g3 Other Assets		
g4 Loan(s) - show amount outstanding at year end		
g5 Other Liabilities		

f4 Include only Funds held at the Central Finance Board

f5 Include only Funds held at Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes

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

HEATON MOOR UNITED CHURCH

Property Report for Church Meeting November 21st 2021

The contents of this report are taken from the minutes of meetings held between the 28th January 2020 and the 27th July 2021.

The following works have been carried out.

Two TV screens have been installed in the worship area. These greatly enhance the viewing capability from all seating areas, especially when the sun's rays cross the original dropdown screen.

Cupboards and shelving have been built in the Quiet Room, which has also been redecorated.

An extra lighting strip has been installed in the Coffee Lounge.

New doors with visibility panels have been fitted to the Main office and the Ministers office.

The lift has had door sensors fitted which will prevent the doors closing whilst people are still entering or exiting the lift. There is upcoming work planned to make the liftshaft area a safer environment for engineers to work in and bringing the lift operation up to date.

All the internal doors for the Main Hall, Coffee Lounge and the doors between the Coffee Lounge and the Worship Space have been overhauled in order to make their operation safer.

The microwave oven in the kitchen has been replaced. A commercial dishwasher has also been fitted in the kitchen. The kitchen also had a deep clean during lockdown.

We kept our cleaner on during lockdown to carry out deep cleaning to all areas. She also agreed to differing hours in order to accommodate our post lockdown cleaning regime.

A new window cleaning contract has been signed and new hours agreed with Ian, our gardener.

During the lockdown there was a break in. All items lost have been replaced and Methodist Insurance have settled our claim.

Our portable electric appliances have been tested and any failures removed. Likewise our firefighting bottles have been serviced, as has the fire alarm system and our

lightening conductors.

In response to the continuing incidences of leaks from the church roof our Quinquennial Inspection has been carried out 6 months early. And, as a result it has been agreed by both the Leadership Team and the Finance committee that it is time to resolve these problems. Thus an architect has been engaged, an initial drone inspection of the roof carried out, and upto date digital plans of the whole building drawn up. A contractor has been contacted and scaffold plans will be produced in order that a more thorough inspection of the lantern and roof can be carried out in the spring of 2022.

During the lockdown periods when the building was not in use, all checks that were mandated by The Methodist church, were carried out on a weekly basis in order to ensure that the build was safe to return to. Once we were allowed to start re-using the building Risk Assessments were carried out and signage agreed along with seating arrangements.

It has been a difficult time for all involved with maintaining our building and I would like to thank all members of the Property Group for their diligence these past 18 months. I would like to thank our Administrator, Sharon, for all the extra work that she has done to assist us.

I would also like to thank Albert Wynne and Margaret Field for their many many years of service to the Property Committee. Both have decided that they would like to retire, but both have indicated that they would be happy to advise, in the future, if it was felt that their input and experience was needed! It has been a pleasure for me to work alongside both Margaret and Albert these last 10 years. Thank you both.

Ian Anderson
Chair of Property Group
26th October 2021

Worship Group Report: Church Meeting November 21st 2021

Members : Raj Patta (Chair), Graham Adams, Carol Jack (Local Preacher), Louise Lee, Deborah Symmons (Worship Leader), Sharon Heginbotham (Secretary)

Since the last church meeting in February 2020, all worship meetings have taken place over zoom.

The worship group meets 6 times a year and reports to the Leadership Team. The main agenda is to plan 2 months services, filling in what we can prior to sending it to be added to the Circuit Planning process. We are fortunate to have 2 ministers, Raj and Graham, who are allocated services prior to the plan going to Circuit.

The Circuit requests that 1 service in the 2 month cycle is a local arrangement service. We learned recently that these services are the responsibility of the steward/leadership team. They are usually lead by a worship leader.

At the moment, Deborah is the only worship leader at the church, following Linda's resignation from the role last year. Sharon has been doing services with Deborah, and has expressed a wish to train as a worship leader.

It has been agreed that the reading out of the names from the book of remembrance will now take place on the 3rd Sunday of the month when communion takes place.

The church meeting is required to ratify this.

Resolution:

The Church meeting approves Sharon Heginbotham , to train as a worship leader for Heaton Moor United Church.

If you have questions relating to any of the reports in this booklet, there will be some time allocated at the meeting to ask them, or you can email

office@heatonmoorunitedchurch.org.uk

To raise your question.