

# Bingley Methodist Church Annual Reports 2011



## Treasurer's Report

For the year ending 31 August 2010, our income was £45,578 and our expenditure was £44,498 – meaning we had a small surplus of £1,079 for the year.



These charts show that the income we receive from lettings covers the running costs of the building (utility bills and repairs). Our Circuit Share is roughly paid for by the money you give in the collection and from fund raising.

However, our Circuit Share for the current year (Sept 2010 to Aug 2011) has gone up by £7,000. If we still want to balance the books by the end of the year, then we'll need to see a similar increase in our income.

**Do you pay Income Tax?** If so – are you using Gift Aid? By letting our church claim Gift Aid on your collections, every £1 you give is turned into £1.25 by the Inland Revenue.

There's no commitment to give a certain amount every week – all you need to do is sign a form, available from Joan Wright. In return you'll be given a set of envelopes to put your collection in each week. Your envelopes have a number on – and there's only Joan who knows which envelope number belongs to which individual.

If you'd like to consider giving to the church by **regular standing order** (direct from your bank account to the church's bank account each week/month), please see me for the bank details. Standing Order is a convenient way to give regularly and it helps us to budget, as we know what money is due to come in.

*Anthony Butterfield, Treasurer.*

## **Property Report**

We have had another busy year in the upkeep department. As well as the regular work and servicing of equipment, since the last A.G.M. the following has occurred-----

- Lead stolen from the roof on two visits has been replaced with a substitute.
- Electrical remedial work has been done following the Periodic Inspection Report.
- All the electrical appliances have been PAT tested.
- Both halls have been decorated.
- Finally we had a Quinquennial Inspection. During the next five years we will be working through the various things mentioned in the report that need attention.

Thanks to all the people who help to keep the building and the grounds shipshape week by week. There are many.

*Ann Walls*

## **Sunday Club**

Sunday Club meets each week except for Creative Worship services when they remain in Church, and help the adults with the activities! Creative Worship is usually the second Sunday in the month. The art work produced by the children is on display in the upstairs room. Please take time to have a look.

Child-friendly facilities are available in the Quiet Room should a parent/carer feel the need to take a child out of Church. They will still hear the service. A crèche is always available for children under three.

*Katherine Watson*

## **Holiday Club**

It seems a long time since last years Holiday Club and now we are planning for this year – Junior Heroes.

We have our second Fun Night to keep in touch with the children on May 6th - and then the club August 1st to 5th. Thanks again to all who help and make this outreach activity possible

*Barbara Walls*

## **Messy Church**

Messy Church is still going strong. In our last Annual Report we had 35 children on our register, this has now increased to 61 but we do not get them all each time we meet. We are averaging 26 children but in October 2010 we did have 34 children. Messy Church is aimed at school-age children but their younger brothers and sisters are welcome to come and we have a special corner with toys for them.

Many of the children do not attend a church on a Sunday so coming to Messy Church once a month on a Tuesday is a good opportunity to tell them about the stories in the Bible. The children and their parents first do craft activities relating to the story which the children will have in the Quiet Room a little later. While the children have their story the parents have a welcome cup of tea and a chat to each other. After the story there are usually craft activities to finish before we all go to enjoy a meal together.

After tea we all get together and the children tell us the story which they have heard, news is exchanged and we have closing prayers. We all feel that Messy Church is a very worthwhile part of our church. The parents are given details of our church activities, Christmas Services, Flower Festival, Christmas Fayre, and they do support us.

*Pam Butterfield*

## **JMA**

We have eight collectors who each have a JMA collecting box.

In February we had our church JMA service when Barbara told us about Sierra Leone and showed us pictures of how the children have to walk a long way to get water for drinking and washing. Some of the money raised in our JMA boxes goes to help countries such as Sierra Leone.

In March we went to Wesley Place Church to the Circuit JMA Service when the theme was 'water'. We talked about what we use water for and how it is so easy for us to just turn on a tap. For the activity we built a wall for a well and then later we all made wells out of plant pots, lollipop sticks and card which we could take home.

The Circuit Walk is on May 14<sup>th</sup> and the Beetle Drive on 24<sup>th</sup> September.

*Pam Butterfield*

### **Cradle Roll Report**

When children are baptised in our church, their names are placed on our Cradle Roll. In order to maintain contact with the child and their family, I try to visit them and send a Birthday card until they reach 5 years old. They are included in invitations to special events such as the Christingle Service and Messy Church.

We invite them to join us at our Junior Church, which is held during our Sunday morning service, along with their family. We currently have 7 children's names on our Cradle Roll, and look forward to more families joining us at Bingley Methodist Church

*Barbara Beardmore*

### **Badminton.**

We continue to meet on Tuesday evenings from 7.30-9.30pm with a tea break in the middle. Our numbers vary from 6 to 12 people. You are welcome to join us. Training is provided for novices!

*Ann Walls*

### **Missions**

Thanks to everyone who collects for World Missions and Missions at Home. We made £226.06 for World missions and £142.44 for Missions at Home. At Easter we made £167.16 for Easter offering. I have boxes still if any one wants to start collecting for World Missions. Thanks again for all your support.

*Becky Johnson*