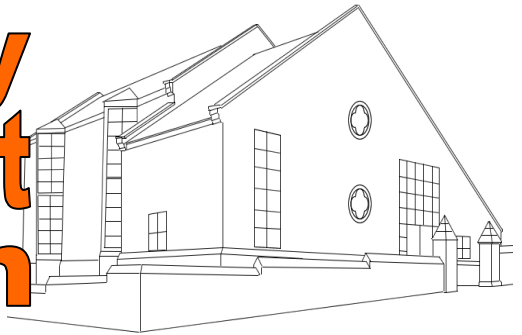
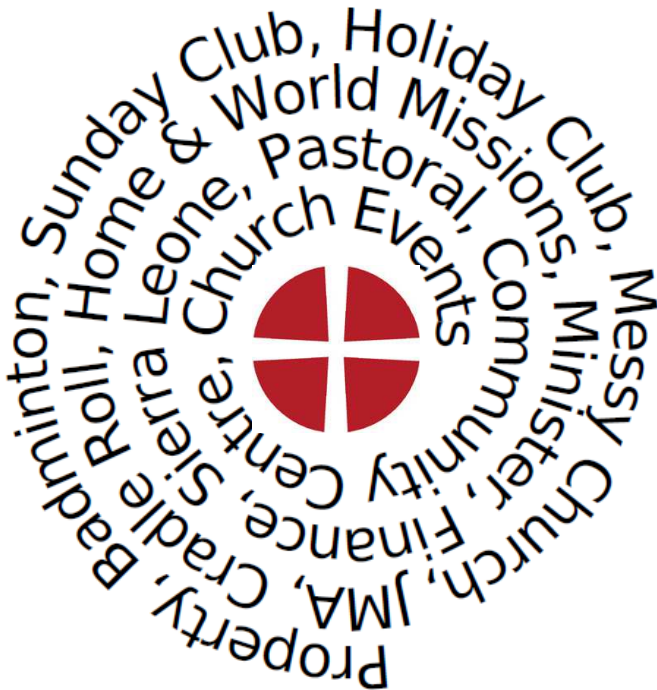


Bingley Methodist Church



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Annual Reports



Presented to the Annual General Meeting on 14 April 2013

Dear Friends,

Welcome to this year's presentation of our Annual Reports in which we give thanks for the way that God has been at work in the life of this church.

Although we have only been with you for 7 months it has been a real joy to join you at this point in your faith journey, for it is now our faith journey.

The warmth of welcome has been a delight to receive and we would like to thank you for your love and support since our arrival.

It is clear that God has blessed this church with many gifts and talents and this has been so evident in the various activities and occasions that we have shared in.

There is much to celebrate in the life of our church, from Messy Church, to the Wednesday Community lunch. The friendships that so many of you share and a desire to live as God's people here in Bingley.

I have been impressed with the commitment of so many people to the life of our church, for without you so much just would not happen. And such a lot of what is done, happens without a fuss and often occurs behind the scenes.

I would like to thank each and every one of you, but it would not be right to name just one or two individuals, and of course there is always the danger of missing someone out! So I hope that you will take this as YOUR thank you – you are wonderful.

I am excited about the future, we have a lot of work to do, and The Almighty clearly has not finished with us – He has work for us to do. Some of it will be familiar and comfortable, some of it will take us out of our comfort zones and some of it might even be down right difficult – but the good news is that He has already prepared the way for us and has promised to be with us always – so what have we got to lose!

So here's to the coming year, may we be challenged and encouraged, surprised and delighted at the things God will show us. But above all may his abundant blessings flow in us and through us.

Here are some words from St Paul to encourage us:

“Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, 21 to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.”

In Christ – Rosemary x



Pastoral

We currently have 79 members plus several others worshipping with us regularly.

Our weekly attendance at worship is between 50 and 55 each week, and so we continue to thrive.

We have one or two members who are unable to get to church regularly, but they are remembered in prayer and by the flowers from the Communion Table being taken to them.

We have 15 Pastoral Visitors who are visiting and generally “keeping an eye” on a group of people each, by visiting and keeping our Minister informed of anyone who needs a visit from her.

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Joyce Dykes

Messy Church

The children who come to Messy Church on the second Tuesday of the month are still enjoying the different activities which we do. We start with a group activity/game which the children can just join in with as they arrive. The children then go into Storytime while the parents enjoy a cuppa and chat.



After story the children and parents get involved with the various crafts, which are related to the story, and then it is “get-together time” for a re-run of what has happened. We then have a cooked meal together before it is time to go home.

In September we welcomed Rev Rosemary Nash into the group and although the things we do are roughly the same we have changed the format of when we do them, finishing with tea together so that the families can go home afterwards.

We are getting new families coming and families leaving as their children start different weekly activities. At present we have between 18 and 26 children coming each month. Messy Church is aimed at school-age children but younger brothers and sisters are welcome and toys are provided for them to play with so that the older children and parent can concentrate on the activities.

We let the families know of any Social/Fundraising events that we are holding at church and we find that they do support us.

Pam Butterfield

Sunday Club

Sunday Club meets each week, sharing in the service until after the second hymn or collection. The children then go upstairs for their own, more appropriate activities.

We have a lovely group of children who come when they are able. Their ages range from 2-12 years.

Thanks go to our loyal leaders who prepare interesting activities each week, never knowing how many children will be present, nor what the age range will be.

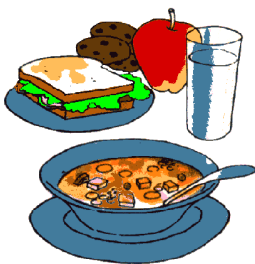
Crèche facilities are always available either in the Quiet Room or upstairs. Should a parent/carer wish to take a small child out of the service themselves they can go into the Quiet Room and still hear the service whilst entertaining the child.



Katherine Watson

Community Centre

Our Community Centre continues to flourish.



Each Wednesday morning we have a Coffee Morning from 10am. From 12 noon until 1 pm we serve light lunches, which include Soup, Jacket Potatoes, Sandwiches, Toasties, Salads and a dessert, all at reasonable prices.

The week before Christmas we have a full Christmas Dinner, which is very popular, and so needs to be booked beforehand.

Every Wednesday evening there is Sequence Dancing in the Church hall from 7.30 pm.

We also service coffee and tea on a Saturday morning from 10am to 12 noon.

Everyone is very welcome to all of these events – we will be pleased to see you. You can be sure of good company and a good chat!

Joyce Dykes

JMA

After the JMA awards presentation last November we had an upsurge of people requesting JMA collecting boxes, so we now have 14 collectors which is excellent.

As mentioned we had our JMA Awards ceremony in November as part of the All-Age Worship Service which was led by Rosemary and she presented the medals and certificates to the children and certificates to the adult collectors.



We collected £120.72 during 2012.

Two of our young collectors went to the Circuit JMA Beetle Drive, which is held as a "Thank You" to the collectors, and Jessica came second with 319 points and got mentioned in the Circuit News Sheet.

Pam Butterfield

Cradle Roll

The Cradle Roll is where we record all the details of the families who bring their children to our church to be baptised.



As Cradle Roll Secretary I try to keep contact with the children, particularly by sending cards on their birthdays, and inviting them and their families to join us in various events during the year. We also encourage them to join our Junior Church when they are old enough.

There are currently 7 children on our Cradle Roll, and we regularly see most of them with their families at our church services and Messy Church.

We look forward to welcoming more families over the coming years and can assure them of a very friendly welcome at any time, and ask for God's Blessing on all our children.

Barbara Beardmore

Holiday Club

Another successful holiday club was held August 2012 when we all joined the Sports Academy. It fitted well with the Olympic games going on at the same time.



This year we will be going on an 'Adventure Cruise' from August 5th to 9th. There have been 2 Fun Nights so far to keep contact with the children during the year and we hope to arrange another before August.

We have a really good team of helpers from Bingley Methodist Church and further afield. We are grateful for all who enable us to use this opportunity to tell the children more of the Gospel message in a fun and informative way.

Barbara Walls

Property

Routine maintenance has continued throughout the year.

PAT testing of the electrical equipment has taken place and the Entrance Hall carpet has been cleaned.

There was a leak in the central heating in the Main Hall which has now been sorted out.

The bin store in the car park has been neatly demolished to make the area less attractive to vandals.

The following items from the Quinquennial Report are next on our list for action:

1. External painting
2. Pointing of the external walls and facings
3. Securing the slabs on the path to the kitchen

We are very grateful to all the church members who help with the general up-keep, both internally and externally. Thank you.

Ann Walls

Sierra Leone

Towards the end of 2010 Church Council agreed to start a Partnership with Christian Aid to raise funds for farming and water projects in Sierra Leone. The deal was that if we raised £5,000 the European Union would make it into nearly £20,000 but we must do it within a certain time scale. Our church does like a challenge and with many different fundraising schemes happening £5,000 was raised by the end of October 2011.



Still full of enthusiasm and with surplus Sierra Leone funds we decided in January 2012 to sign up for another £5,000 project, which again would be raised to £20,000 by the European Union, this time for Maternal Health in the Kailahun area of Sierra Leone.

We have nearly completed this second project with just a few hundred pounds still to raise. We have two Galas which we have agreed to attend with our stall in May and June and hopefully we will raise enough to complete the project.

We couldn't have done this without the help of the whole church, who have baked, knitted, sewn, arranged and performed in concerts, done sponsored walks, organized fairs and galas, and done all the menial tasks that go with these events. Thank you all.

Pam Butterfield



Home and World Missions

Thank you to everybody who has collected for Home and World Missions over the last year.

All the collecting boxes have now been emptied and we raised £164.57 for World Mission, £86.83 for Home Missions and £141.20 in the Easter Offering 2012.

At the moment there are eighteen collection boxes in circulation and if anyone else would like to take a box please contact myself.

As a way of raising money for the forthcoming year, a box for loose change has been placed every Sunday on the table by the Hymn Books. Any money collected will be shared equally between Home Missions, World Missions and JMA.



Susan Atherton

Church Events

During the year we hold events which include the whole church.



One of these is the **Christmas Fayre** which is usually held in November and is a good opportunity to buy Christmas presents. We have stalls for Gifts, Crafts, Cakes, Books and Jars as well as running a Tombola and a game for the children.

We serve refreshments during the day from the Refreshment Table which has delicious cakes, buns and tray bakes all at reasonable prices as well as tea, coffee and juice.

We also serve lunches which can be hot or cold meals as you wish. As it is the cook's choice on the day the menu could be Meat and Potato Pie, Cornish Pasty, Filled Yorkshire Puddings, Various Salads or a Sandwich.

For many years we have also held a **Flower Festival** over the August Bank Holiday Weekend. We had a break in 2012 but we are in action again this year with the theme "A Good Day Out".

These events could not happen without the whole church taking part in some way, even if it just coming and supporting the rest of us.

So Thank You, everyone.



Pam Butterfield

Badminton

A group of us meet every Tuesday to play Badminton between 7.30 and 9.30pm.

We would welcome any one between the ages of 11 to 90 to come and join us. Tuition and helpful hints are provided as well as a cup of tea.



Ann Walls

Finance

This is a summary of the accounts for the year Sept 2011 to August 2012:

Income	
Collections	£ 23,666
Lettings	£ 22,419
Community Centre	£ 1,000
Donations	£ 913
Interest	£ 779
Saturday Coffee	£ 676
Total	£ 49,253

Expenditure	
Circuit Share	£ 32,500
Utilities	£ 7,797
Repairs	£ 6,177
Other	£ 3,598
Donations	£ 1,000
Total	£ 51,072

(the full accounts are on the church notice board)

Included in "Collections" is £3,947 we received from HMRC as **Gift Aid**. If you pay income tax and currently aren't in the scheme, please consider letting the Church claim **Gift Aid** on your behalf. Just speak to either myself or Joan Wright to make the arrangements.

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There's no commitment to give a set amount every week - and for every £1 you give we get another 25p from HMRC.



Over the year we made a loss of £1,819, mainly caused by the fact we didn't have a Christmas Fayre or a Flower Festival. We also increased our Circuit Share by £5,000 compared to the previous year.

But on 31 August 2012, we had £56,923 in the bank.

Anthony Butterfield