

# St Helier Methodist Centre

## The **Methodist** Church **AGM Reports 2023**

***‘To make disciples and join in God’s mission  
for change’.***



**All ages, All nations, All stages of faith**

## Tony and Cathy's Sabbatical

On February 27 February Tony and Cathy caught the 'red eye' to London, followed by a flight to Cairo and then on to Aswan, arriving that evening at a guest house overlooking the Nile in the south of Egypt! This was the first leg of a sabbatical that explores the Biblical, spiritual and ecological importance of rivers.

Tony and Cathy are planning on reading the books of Genesis and Exodus in their context of Egypt, the Gospel of John by the Jordan and the book of Acts by the Zygakti river in Greece. Each location will also offer the opportunity of gaining from members of the Coptic church, Judaism and Greek Orthodox.

It should be a fascinating voyage of discovery to explore the importance of rivers, as the Nile, Tigris, Euphrates & Jordan are the backdrop of the Bible's great narrative. The presence of rivers in Genesis and Revelation is a sign of God's presence, and in the Psalms, Prophets and Gospels they are often a simile for the spiritual life (Psalms 1 and 23, Isaiah 43:2, John 7).

When you pass through the waters, I will be with you, and when you pass through the rivers, they will not sweep over you. Isaiah 43:2

On the last day of the feast, the great day, Jesus stood up and cried out, "If anyone thirsts, let him come to me and drink. Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, 'Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.'" John 7, 37-38



St Stephen baptised the first African Christian in a river, as did St Paul, Lydia, the first European convert, when he, 'left the city and went down to the river to pray' Acts 16:13.

After all the travelling Tony and Cathy will then walk the 100 miles of the Cumbrian Eden river from source to sea, and have time to meet two hydrologists who travel the world helping to irrigate dry places.

Tony and Cathy are looking forward to sharing some of their experiences with everyone on their return in June.

## Tony and Cathy's Sabbatical Plan

**'we left the city and went down to the river to pray. We sat down...and there we met Lydia' Acts 16:13.**

**Aims: Explore the Biblical, Spiritual and Ecological importance of rivers.**

Rivers such as the Nile, Tigris & Jordan are the backdrop of the Bible's great narrative. In Genesis and Revelation rivers are signs of God's presence, and in the Psalms, Prophets and Gospels they illustrate the spiritual life (Psalm 1, 23, Isaiah 43:2, John 7). St Stephen baptised the first African Christian in a river, and St Paul baptised Lydia, the first European convert in the river Zigaktis. Today, the environmental health of rivers is essential to almost every major city and this precious resource is increasingly the source of political tension between neighbouring nations.

**Potential Fruits:** Discover new insights as we read the Bible on the banks of some of its great rivers and locations  
Draw closer to God as we '*leave the city and go down along the river to pray*', and meet modern day 'Lydias'  
Learn about the importance of rivers and water for the world's future ecology, politics and justice

### **Feb 27<sup>th</sup>-March 16<sup>th</sup>**

Egypt	<i>River Nile: Aswan, Luxor (ancient Thebes), Cairo, Anafra</i>	Genesis & Exodus,
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### **March 17<sup>th</sup>-April 2<sup>nd</sup>**

Israel	<i>River Jordan: Jerusalem, Nazareth and Galilee</i>	John's Gospel
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### **April 3<sup>rd</sup>-14<sup>th</sup>**

Jersey	Family time together in Jersey	Easter
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### **April 15<sup>th</sup>-May 5<sup>th</sup>**

UK	<i>River Eden in Cumbria</i>	Read David Ford's The Gospel of John-A Theological Commentary
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### **May 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>**

UK	<i>River Thames for the Coronation</i>	
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### **May 9<sup>th</sup>-25<sup>th</sup>**

Greece	Rhodes	Acts
	Patmos	Revelation
	Thessalonica	I&II Thessalonians
	Philippi	Philippians
	<i>River Zigaktis</i> Baptism site of Lydia	Acts 16

### **May 26<sup>th</sup>-June 4<sup>th</sup>**

France	<i>River Vie</i> - Camping at LPO where Tony will baptise Bethan	
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### Pastoral Review May 2022 to April 2023

It is good to look back and find that winter has past, and Spring is well on the way. As a Thursday morning fellowship, we are making progress with the book which Tony left us to follow called River through the Desert by Richard Sewell and we have followed the itinerary as we prayed and thought of Cathy and him and the various places on the map some of which Martin was able to show us on the screen.

I mention the Thursday meeting where we had last year studied the book of Acts after we had finished the Psalms. Acts which were such an advantage in learning how the Gospel of Jesus has grown and been spread throughout the world.

During part of last year, we had been blessed with the presence of Anna who helped us in so many ways as she has said, the year has been so valuable to her as it had allowed her to dip into many different areas of ministry to discern where God may be calling her. She has followed roles of planning and leading the young people of the church as well as sharing visits to the elderly. It has granted to us so many blessings in having her experience as a young, yet serious minded young lady with such charm and grace as she became a friend to many people helping Tony in his pastoral work as well as Cathy with the young people and it was good to welcome her back on a short visit recently.

Our church is one that is not only physically in the centre of town but when we look around it has become involved in the community of the island. Tony has become known through his contacts with funeral directors and their families and follow up meetings, through schools' end of term services, school visits, children and parents from Sally's weekly sessions, contact with people using the Food bank, Cathy with her charity Kairos and also the groups meeting at Tony's house. The young people initiated a fund-raising event for a little-known charity called Toilet Twinning scheme which demonstrates their involvement with the community.

In my pastoral life I have found real value in the after-service Tea/Coffee sessions where I can talk to people in situ since I am no longer able to visit in their homes. Getting to know them as families asking them for help where necessary in the café has enabled me to continue my pastoral work.

Last year we supported those who had suffered hardships and used our Harvest produce to supplement our Food Bank. Looking back over the year we still held 3 pastoral meetings remembering and contacting those who are unable to get to church, making sure they are visited where-ever they are at the time.

Pam at St Josephs

Dulcie at Lakeside

Audrey at St Ewolds



Although last year we had some dramatic “in the sea” baptisms this year has been more traditional with the baptisms of Jasper – son of Jenna and Sabastian McNeilly in November and Asher – son of Rodney and Mildred in January.



We have remembered Giles Wankling in Vancouver, Bryan Harrison who has recovered from surgery being absent from church for most of the year, David De La Haye who has also been absent for some time and Ruth Le Breton who sadly died unexpectedly in the Spring.

With the membership cards being sent out recently, there has needed to be a reshuffle of members in some group. It is hoped that everyone will be happy in the pastoral groups if you have been moved.

For me, the highlight of last year was the Crib Service held in December where the church was well filled and it seemed that, as well as those taking part there were parents, brothers sisters, grandparents who were all involved with the service and this, to me demonstrates how much the church is part of the island community.

*Pat*



### Thursday fellowship

The Bible Study group is going from strength to strength. We meet every Thursday morning at 11 a.m. for coffee and study. After reading through many of the Psalms we embarked on studying the Acts of the Apostles written by St Luke, one of Paul's co-workers. We enjoyed discussing the journeys of Paul and the growth of the early Church. We enjoyed it so much that we decided to study Luke's Gospel and what he reveals to us about Jesus.

As we had finished Luke at the start of Lent and the beginning of Tony's sabbatical, Tony suggested that during Lent we read a book he had discovered called, 'Rivers through the Desert.' This is a wonderful book all about the Holy Land and its countryside, deserts, mountains and water. We are working our way through the six chapters contained in the book, which are accompanied by a Bible reading and a video for each chapter. It is lovely as we are sharing this at a time when Tony and Cathy are in the Holy land on their trek around the Middle East.

We have a good number at Bible study but there is always room for more, everyone is welcome. Following the Bible Study group most of us stay for lunch to enjoy the delicious soup made by Ellen and finishing with cake, which is sometimes made by Maureen. We also have the enjoyment of playing the odd game of dominoes whilst eating our lunch!

It would be wonderful to see more people at Bible Study, so if you are free on a Thursday morning please come and join us! It is very informal and full of fun as we find out more about the amazing word of God.

Carolyn





## Family Workers Reflections of the past Year 2022 – 2023

### Midweek Groups

Our weekday Groups continue to thrive, especially our Tuesday Baby group, which seems to expand weekly. We had 25 babies with their Mums or carers at the last session before Easter. Our Monday playgroup who were our 'lockdown babies' is also well attended, and such a lovely group. We will be very sorry to lose them in July when they go to nursery. Wednesdays are still a bit quieter and have not picked up as we had hoped. These are children who are from around 9 months to 2 years. We will continue as it is until September, hoping that a natural turn around will increase the numbers and then we'll decide what to do with this group going forward. The parents who come along enjoy the session, one Mum said that 'it's the best group they go to', so we must be doing something right! It's such a shame that the group is so small.

We try to keep the groups to a manageable number, so that we can get to know the families and try to build a community between everyone.

We use the hall for playing and eating, then we go upstairs to the Church for singing and story time. Recently we changed the chair lay out from the square (that some of you help to put out), to a smaller inward facing circle. This seems to work better, and the chairs stay the same way for all the groups. Be prepared that you may not see the square set up again!



### Christmas Nativity

On Christmas Eve we held a Nativity play, with a difference. For everyone who came, and there were many, you will know what I mean.

Some of the children had rehearsed, who were brilliant, but most of the cast came from the congregation who attended, who were also great. We had tables set up around the church with costumes and they could dress up as they wanted too, this worked really well. We also have a very special, very tiny Baby Jesus – Gilbert Benjamin, his first stage debut!



### Easter

Ellen and I took time off over the Easter Holidays whilst there were no midweek groups. The Good Friday downstairs session still took place with Ellen and Deacon Sally Wheadon leading the session, Easter Sunday there were no Children's Groups.

### Summer

Last year we had our annual lorry ride, all those who came along really enjoyed it. The summer would not be the same without the 'Lorries'.

Looking forward to the summer holidays this year, it is likely that we will hold a few pop in days, like we did last year, as these were well received. The whole holiday club is rather difficult now for many reasons.





## Sunday Children

We are delighted that some of our Sunday families are coming along more regularly. So, our work with the children is a little bit more predictable. It is lovely to see the very young children increasing in numbers. We make an area in the hall with toys for them to be entertained while we teach the older children on the other side. When it becomes too noisy, we take the older children into the café area for part of the session, which seems to work well. It is good to see the number of children attending on a Sunday rising.

The last time the congregation attended different Churches we held a mini-Messy Church around the theme of 'the woman at the well'. This was popular as a few families came along who would not normally have attended. This may be our way forward when combined services are being held. The hall was buzzing and the youth seemed to have a good time too.

On Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> September we took a visit to Woodlands farm as our harvest festival was about milk, this was well attended. Parents and children had a great time seeing the cows and hearing about how the milk is provided. We went back to the Church for the last part of the service and told everyone about our visit. Thank you, Jean, for letting us come along and providing us with so much information.

We took the 7-10year olds out for a New Year's treat to a shop called 'Love Bird Studios', where they painted clay models. We have never seen the children so quiet! We then came back to the church for games and tea, the children thoroughly enjoyed the experience.



### 7up

Our '7up' children's group meet on some Saturdays between 4:30 and 6pm. Children who attend are not only our Church children but some who come just for the group, so the group continues to grow. It's great to welcome them all and have fun. Some of the older 'Youths' have started helping out so we are making them official helpers!

### Ellen

Ellen is still creating her wonderful videos and will continue to put things on Facebook while Tony is away. If Ellen asks you to contribute anytime, please support her as these videos reach far and wide.

Thank you to everyone who supports and encourages us, we really do appreciate it.

*Blessings, Sally and Ellen*





## Youth Work Annual Report 2022 – 2023

Whilst it was sad to see Anna leave at the end of July last year, the Youth Group gave her a good send-off with a lovely evening of games and chat that also included a fish & chip supper and a sleep over at SHMC.



In August, 11 members of the Youth Group enjoyed an overnight stay at the hostel at “Jersey Zoo” where we celebrated Ronan’s success in gaining a place at the university of his choice.

A great deal of fun was had swimming at the beach, a bbq, playing word games and party games late into the evening and then completing a photo scavenger hunt around the zoo and creating some very creative videos ... and all this whilst most were sleep deprived after the loudest overnight thunderstorm ever!

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September, as well as wishing Ronan well at University, we welcomed some new members to the Youth Group from Sally and Ellen’s group and on Sunday mornings, the group enjoys spending time together and sharing Bible Study and prayer as well as cakes and games.



Fundraising continued towards our goal of twinning every toilet at SHMC and following a cake sale, a car wash and the generosity of the rest of the congregation, plus fund-matching from the 10% fund, enough money was raised for an additional 12 toilets which brings the total number of twinned so far to 17! Thank you everyone!



A sticky and creative morning in mid-December saw the Youth Group making gingerbread stables (complete with angels, donkeys, jelly baby characters, Percy Pigs and biscuit mangers) as well as a Christmas outing to the cinema (with popcorn) to watch "Matilda the Musical".



The Youth also contributed with sketches at the New Year service as well as joining in with music and singing during special services.

After many years, the cover of the pool table in the Youth Room has been replaced with a magnificent new design – many thanks to Sue for her artistic inspiration and skills.

Many thanks to all the adults who have helped through the year: Cathy, Martin, Lou, Matt, Jane and Sue.

*Marcia*

## Kairos Arts Report March 2022 – March 2023

This has been a remarkable year of new relationships, new partners, new staff and new areas of work!

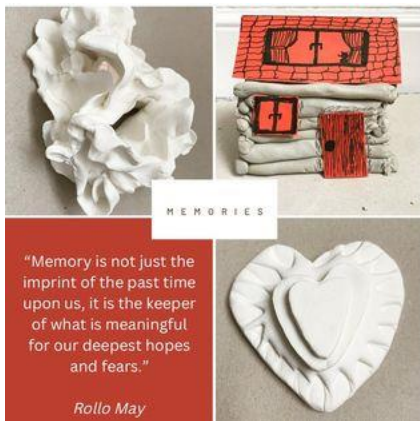


Kairos Arts group programmes continue to go from strength to strength. We are deepening our work with established partners and also breaking ground with new charities and community organisations.

### Kairos Arts Programmes:

Each programme lasts around 6 weeks and involves participants attending one session a week in a group setting, these groups can vary in size. In these sessions, all of the creative arts are used to help each participant to journey and explore. In the past year we have delivered two six-week D A Programmes (Domestic Abuse and Trauma). We also offered past participants from our programmes the opportunity to share some art work - telling their story - at the Creativity Festival in November.

To provide a continuing provision, those who have attended a six-week group programme are offered the opportunity to attend a monthly drop-in session and continue their journey with creativity.



Kairos Arts have also delivered two group programmes in the past year for Children and Young People and five 'community based' group programmes.

Each of our programmes are delivered in partnership with a charity, school or community organisation. We are delighted to be currently working with Jersey Women's Refuge, JAAR, JDAS, Macmillan, Grand Vaux, St Georges, HMP La Moye, Community Navigators and Brighter Futures. Excitingly we are receiving at least one enquiry a week about our services and regularly meet with organisations to look at future partnerships.

These group programmes have a huge impact on the self-esteem, confidence, hope and the self-worth of every individual who participate in them. 100% of participants say that their self-worth has improved because they have attended a Kairos Arts Group Programme.

One participant of a group programme shared that *"It's been a reminder of my worth, bravery and strength."*

Whilst another shared *"I realised things can get better. I got hope again, even just a little."*

### Kairos Arts One-to-One work:

In September 2022 we established a new area of work, that rose out of the training received on the Level 6 Diploma Course in 2021-2022. Kairos Arts now offer one-to-one Therapeutic Arts Interventions for Children and Young People (CYP). Five of our practitioners have completed this course and are now qualified to work one-to-one with Children and Young People offering individual Therapeutic Arts Practice sessions for up to 22 children each academic term.



### **Kairos Arts Training:**

Training has featured highly over the last year, with the appointment of our Training Director Marilyn Carré. We have delivered five CPD courses, an Initial training course and are working towards becoming an accredited Training Centre ready to deliver our own Kairos Arts Diploma in September 2023.

### **Kairos Arts Products:**

We continue to support Freedom businesses internationally and there are opportunities to buy our ethical products both online and through our pop-up shops as well. Last year we held a Creativity Festival in partnership with St Andrew's Church and this was a huge success as we not only had a pop-up Kairos Shop but we also provided community arts workshops and a space for creatives on The Island to connect and sell their work too. We have the Creativity Festival 2023 booked for this November!



### **Kairos Arts Community:**

We have been blessed with the growth of 'Stitch and Natter' which enables us to create beautiful blankets to gift to participants of our programmes. This is a valuable community where we meet at the Salvation Army and create together. The Salvation Army have hosted our 2022 Domestic Abuse Campaign week and are now hosting a pop-up shop once a month along-side 'Stitch and Natter'.



This growth has only been possible through the huge generosity of the church. We are very grateful for the wonderful office space, workshop room and also the use of the church building for events.

We very much value our current staff as they deepen their professional experience and bring stability and wisdom to our work. We praise God for the growth of our staff team with new core office staff and also a cohort of five new practitioners. We are thankful for God's generous provision of resources through our regular supporters, charitable grants and the generosity of the church community.

**Naomi**



## Café Report

The café is open Tuesday to Friday each week. It is a donations only café. Supporting various charities over the months. Di, with suggestions from others, decides on these charities and contacts them to let them know that we are raising money for them and to ask them for any leaflets etc to put next to our charity box.

Our aim is to offer the community a friendly, welcoming and warm space. With our new rugs, a homely and relaxed feel. New original 1970's lamps given to the café by Marcia, offering a soft ambience. It says in the café 'I felt my heart strangely warmed' (John Wesley 24<sup>th</sup> May 1738). We sang during the newly decorated café opening, 'all are welcome in this place' and we endeavour to offer this throughout the whole week.

Tuesdays: Sally and I continue to invite our mums/carers to stay following our new born baby group, to sit and enjoy our café area. Offering the opportunity for them to not rush off but to stay, chat and have tea and coffee together. A few have really enjoyed this greatly and we pray this number will grow.

Wednesdays: Open for teas and coffees, a place to come and unwind in a friendly warm space.

Thursdays: The café can have up to 15 people attend for bible study. A time shared by our Church family and a café regular, Michael. Bible study is followed by my freshly made soup with french stick and cake.

Friday: Since the beginning of November we have had Move More Jersey with Jersey Mencap come to SHMC with their clients, to use our hall for games. They sound like they have great fun! With lots of shouting and cheering. They then come into the café for tea, coffee, hot chocolate and biscuits served by Di and Mirto. This has been a wonderful opportunity, enjoyed by all. The café has a real buzz.



Hopes for the Future: For more volunteers in the café who like a good chat and can make a good cup of tea or coffee. For our Church members to take the opportunity to come and see the café during the week and it's offerings. We would really value their support.

*Many Blessings Ellen & Di*

### Report from Management and Finance

The canopy at the front of the Church is still a concern and further investigations are proceeding which will require the provision of additional scaffolding.

In the meanwhile the provision of stairs to the loft is still ongoing.

Julie has settled in well in the office in replacement for Sarah and Jackie has stated that she will be retiring in approximately 18 months' time and we will be seeking a replacement.

Whilst the committee is responsible for the repair and maintenance of the centre, we are heavily indebted to the team of staff and volunteers who undertake this task. We are forever grateful to them all.

*Peter*

### Comments on the Accounts

Attached are the independently reviewed accounts for the Church and Nursery for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> August 2022.

The Church accounts shows a loss of £112,994 against a budgeted loss of £78,998. This is mainly due to an unplanned one-off transfer to the Methodist Pension Fund in the sum of £80,000. We were fortunate enough to receive an unexpected anonymous legacy donation of £15,779 during the year. The planned Repairs and Maintenance budget in the sum of £50,00 was underutilised and only £20,933 was actually spent during the year.

The Nursery accounts show a net income in the sum of £45,341 which is an excellent result when compared to a budgeted deficit of £27,604. This is mainly due to staff costs being tightly controlled by Louise, along with the fact that staff numbers were reduced for much of the period in question due to maternity leave being taken by 3 employees. Their absence meant that the remaining employees worked tirelessly to ensure the efficient and smooth running of the Nursery as a whole, and we are extremely grateful to them.

The sum of £50,000 was transferred from the Nursery to the Church during the year.

*Jackie*

Thank you Jackie for your meticulous and excellent management of both the Church and Nursery finances throughout the year ended 31 August 2022.

*Rhodrick*

**ST HELIER METHODIST CENTRE - NESTLING DAY CARE CENTRE**

**INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022**

2022/2023			2022 Actual		2022 Budget		2021 Actual		2021 Budget	
Budget	INCOME	Note	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
740,589	Fees receivable	1		649,489		649,230		663,668		727,400
80	Interest receivable	2		123		80		40		200
-	Other income (Donation)			10		-		25		-
740,669				649,622		649,310		663,733		727,600
	<b>EXPENDITURE</b>									
560,104	Staff costs	3	435,480		507,474		437,057		467,200	
3,000	Training (net of grants received)	3	2,647		3,000		899		3,000	
18,240	Toiletries & Food	4	14,829		16,240		16,094		18,740	
1,200	Art materials		1,066		1,200		1,014		1,000	
1,800	Equipment repairs & maint.		2,402		1,800		894		3,000	
90,000	Methodist Church service chg		90,000		90,000		96,000		96,000	
1,800	Rates		1,580		1,800		1,541		1,700	
3,500	Advertising/printing/stationery		813		1,600		1,562		1,400	
600	Telephone & postage		449		600		479		440	
1,600	Bin servicing		1,326		1,500		1,397		2,000	
22,000	Cleaning		14,073		18,000		13,428		18,000	
7,500	Accountancy	6	6,286		6,500		5,553		6,500	
15,000	Property maintenance & repairs		20,515		15,000		88		10,000	
10,500	Professional fees	10	9,011		8,500		7,973		8,500	
4,000	Sundries	10	2,505		2,200		1,634		1,500	
1,500	Toys & books & equipment		1,299		1,500		2,691		2,500	
742,344			604,281		676,914		588,304		641,480	
- 1,675	<b>NET INCOME BEFORE GRANTS</b>		45,341		- 27,604		75,429		86,120	
- 1,675	<b>NET INCOME FOR THE YEAR</b>		45,341		- 27,604		75,429		86,120	
	Balance brought forward		238,329				182,900			
	Transfer to SHMC Reserves		- 50,000				- 20,000			
	Balance carried forward		233,670				238,329			





ST HELIER METHODIST CENTRE					
NESTLING DAY CARE CENTRE					
BALANCE SHEET					
AS AT 31 AUGUST 2022					
		2022		2021	
		£	£	£	£
	Note				
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>					
Debtors and prepayments		3,846		1,232	
Stock	5	-		-	
Cash at bank	7	279,127		291,987	
Cash in hand		-		50	
			282,973		293,269
<b>LIABILITIES: Amounts due within one year</b>					
Fees received in advance		26,173		28,598	
Parents deposit fund	8	11,500		11,750	
Sundry creditors and accruals	9	11,630		14,591	
			49,303		54,939
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>			<b>233,670</b>		<b>238,329</b>
Represented by:					
<b>UNAPPROPRIATED SURPLUS</b>			<b>233,670</b>		<b>238,329</b>



ST HELIER METHODIST CENTRE - NESTLING DAY CARE CENTRE									
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022									
1 Fee income is as anticipated. The budget was intentionally set relatively low as Covid was still evident.									
2 All of the interest received is from the Central Finance Board.									
The dividend from the Co-op was not claimed during the year and will be recognised when received.									
3 Staff costs have again been tightly controlled for the year which has resulted in another pleasing reduction in anticipated costs. The Nursery Manager is to be commended for her sterling efforts to control costs in an uncertain climate.									
4 Food and toiletries expenditure remains tightly controlled and the result is once again pleasing.									
Expenditure on both these items remains very low and wastage is tightly controlled.									
5 There were no items of value held in stock at the end of the year.									
6 St Helier Methodist Centre provides book-keeping and accountancy services via their own Treasurer, for									
7 Cash at bank is made up of:									
						2022		2021	
						Central Finance Board monies	29,480	29,358	
						Lloyds TSB Jersey	249,647	262,629	
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							279,127	291,987	
8 The parent's deposit fund is made up of deposits in the sum of £250 each.									
9 Creditors and accruals are:									
								£	
						Soc Sec - July & Aug		6,863	
						Allowance for food bills for August		964	
						Allowance for accountancy costs for July and August		1,069	
						Allowance for bank charges		23	
						Allowance for delayed payment of parish rates		1,596	
						Allowance for telephone for Aug		30	
						Allowance for art materials expenses		168	
						Allowance for Jersey Early Years subscription unpaid as year end		50	
						Allowance for printing costs		12	
						Allowance for various cleaning invoices		855	
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								11,630	
10 The Nursery has agreed a regular payment plan with Law at Work to cover the cost of various personnel and staffing advice and guidance.									

ST HELIER METHODIST CENTRE										
ST HELIER METHODIST CENTRE - GENERAL FUND										
INCOME & EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR TO 31 AUGUST 2022										
2022/2023										
Budget	INCOME	Note	2022 Actual		2022 Budget		2021 Actual		2021 Budget	
56,667	Cash collections & covenants			55,781		56,667		56,435		56,667
10,000	Inc tax refunds on covenants			9,727		10,000		9,767		10,000
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66,667				65,508		66,667		66,202		66,667
6,667	Less tf to 10% reserve fund			6,551		6,667		6,620		6,667
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60,000				58,957		60,000		59,582		60,000
11,520	Rent from flats 1&2			10,680		10,680		10,320		10,320
20,000	Room Hire	4		22,209		20,000		14,932		20,000
3,600	Donations			17,707		3,600		1,344		3,600
90,000	Nursery rent			90,000		90,000		96,000		96,000
250	Bank deposit interest	5		1,925		1,800		681		2,300
-	Quoted investment income			1		-		1		-
( 2,500)	Catering			( 2,517)		-		( 766)		-
-	Holiday club			46		-		( 70)		-
30,000	Miscellaneous income			50,000		50,000		20,000		40,000
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212,870	TOTAL INCOME			249,008		236,080		202,024		232,220
	EXPENSES									
5,500	Accountancy/treasurer fees	6		5,104		4,000		4,118		3,800
77,152	Circuit Assessment			88,891		88,891		83,772		88,772
102,388	Staff salaries			99,265		99,231		93,956		93,000
6,655	Staff soc sec Er costs			6,121		6,456		5,827		6,045
15,000	Oil			12,834		12,000		10,477		13,000
7,000	Electricity			5,548		6,000		4,812		7,200
2,400	Water			2,359		2,400		2,391		2,400
480	Rates			453		480		396		300
600	Telephone			584		600		587		600
9,000	Insurance			8,713		9,000		8,154		8,500
3,500	Cleaning - Agencies			2,355		3,500		2,335		3,500
1,800	Cleaning - Materials			1,195		1,800		1,456		1,800
3,620	Printing, Stationery & Postage			2,632		4,140		3,745		2,930
15,000	Repairs & maint - routine	7		15,000		15,000		15,000		15,000
50,000	Repairs & maint - planned	7		20,933		50,000		35,398		50,000
3,000	Professional fees			2,575		3,000		2,575		3,000
360	Jr Church & Youth work			96		360		357		300
500	Sundry Equipment			-		500		-		500
150	Messy Church			-		150		-		150
1,412	Connexional Funding			1,412		1,412		1,412		1,412
6,158	Miscellaneous expenses	8		85,932		6,158		6,621		6,151
311,675				362,002		315,078		283,388		308,360
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( 98,805)	RESULT - PROFIT/(LOSS)			( 112,994)		( 78,998)		( 81,364)		( 76,140)



ST HELIER METHODIST CENTRE					
BALANCE SHEET					
31 AUGUST 2022					
	Note	2022		2021	
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>					
Cash at banks	1	54,087		63,208	
Cash at Central Board of Finance		468,971		622,015	
Petty Cash		1,091		362	
Debtors	2	4,070		11,167	
Prepayments	2	24,298		24,630	
Stock		2,169	554,687	1,161	722,543
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>					
Creditors	2	10,580		8,750	
Accruals	2	7,519		4,260	
			18,099		13,010
			536,587		709,533
<b>REPRESENTED BY</b>					
General Fund (Unrestricted)			134,126		247,119
Minister's Discretionary Fund			2,966		9,345
General Property Fund (Restricted)			21,466		18,138
In & Out Collections (Restricted)			669		293
Mrs L S Nicolle Endowment Fund (Restricted)			1,246		1,246
Advertising Fund (Restricted)			430		430
Parking Fund (Restricted)			429		429
10% Charities Fund (Restricted)			9,289		6,558
Little Rascals Fund (Restricted)			1,000		1,000
Esperado Fund (Restricted)			2,685		3,285
M Tourtel Memorial Fund (Restricted)			6,314		6,585
Daryl De Gruchy Legacy	3		355,967		415,105
<b>TOTAL CHURCH FUNDS</b>			<b>536,587</b>		<b>709,533</b>

ST HELIER METHODIST CENTRE				
OTHER FUNDS - 31 AUGUST 2022				
In & Out Collections			General Property Fund	
31.8.21	Balance b/f	293	31.8.21 Balance b/f	18,138
	Various receipts	6,059	Tf from inc/exp	3,328
	Less paid to:		Closing balance	21,466
	Watoto	171		
	Action for Children	357	Parking Fund	
	Jersey Samaritans	483	31.8.21 Balance b/f	429
	Band of Island of Jersey	171	No movement in period	
	Toilet Twinning	475	Closing balance	429
	Side by Side - Ukraine appeal	2,143		
	World Mission Fund	291	Mrs L S Nicolle Endowment Fund	
	Lighthouse re Scout Hut	340	31.8.21 Balance b/f	1,246
	Leprosy Mission	20	No movement in period	-
	Autism Jersey	402	Closing balance	1,246
	Mind Jersey	264		
	Christian Aid	241	Minister's Discretionary Fund	
	Philips Footprints	325	31.8.21 Balance b/f	9,345
	Closing balance	669	Add from Eden Chapel	-
			Add tf from General Fund	-
Daryl De Gruchy Legacy			Add general donations	1,325
31.8.21	Balance b/f	415,105	Less Nursery fees / local children	6,365
	Tf from General Fund	-	Less Band of Island of Jersey	79
	Add bank interest received	-	Less tf for Giles Bartleman Fund	-
	Less Psalm 23 garden	680	Less local family hardship exps	200
	Less Anna George costs	20,768	Tf to 10% fund for vouchers	1,060
	Less Bible Society	10,000	Closing balance	2,966
	Less Church klaptop upgrade	666		
	Less Streaming equipment for church	932	Advertising Fund	
	Less All We Can	10,000	31.8.21 Balance b/f	430
	Less Refurbish Art room	774	No movement in period	-
	Less tf to Little Rascals Fund	317	Closing balance	430
	Less paid to Leprosy Mission	10,000		
	Less Sand & varnish hall floor	2,750	Little Rascals Fund	
	Less Replace blinds in hall	2,252	31.8.21 Balance b/f	1,000
	Closing balance	355,967	Less net costs for period	317
			Add tf Daryl De Gruchy Legacy	317
10% Charities Fund			Closing balance	1,000
31.8.21	Balance b/f	6,558		
	Transfer from Minister's Discretionary Fund - food vouchers	1,060	Esperado Fund	
	Transfer from General Fund	6,551	31.8.21 Balance b/f	3,285
	Less paid to:		Receipts for the period	-
	Action Aid	180	Less:	
	Mustard Seed	500	Tf to Esperado project	-
	Watoto	552	Monthly funding	600
	Benevolent Fund (vouchers)	2,010	Closing balance	2,685
	Calais refugee crisis	100		
	Christians Together	50	Michael Tourtel Memorial Fund	
	Toilet Twinning	439	31.8.21 Balance b/f	6,585
	Side by Side - Ukraine appeal	1,000	Add bank interest received	31
	Local family hardship support	49	Less church youth expenses	302
	Closing balance	9,289	Closing balance	6,314

ST HELIER METHODIST CENTRE						
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS						
31 AUGUST 2022						
1	We continue to maintain a balance of cash in Jersey (and now mainly use Lloyds Bank) to cover general running costs. The Central Board of Finance offer better interest rates on cash deposits and so the majority of funds are held there.					
2	Separate schedules for debtors, creditors, accruals and prepayments are attached.					
3	The Daryl De Gruchy Legacy Fund is being used for specific one-off projects/expenses and its use is controlled by the Stewards.					
4	Room hire receipts were pleasing during the period and we remain very grateful to the Street Dance Team for their continued support. COVID-19 and the resultant activity restrictions resulted in the Centre being underused for some time which meant that Room hire receipts were adversely affected over the previous two years but this trend has recently reversed.					
5	Bank deposit receipts were pleasing and interest rates are currently higher than they have been for some time. It is hoped that this trend will continue.					
6	The Treasurer's fees were higher than budgeted. This is mainly due to considerable time spent on a Lloyds Bank account application and the subsequent transition to on-line banking.					
7	The total repairs and maintenance costs include £6,887 as the final payment towards the cost of the new hall flooring, £6,896 for a new flue, £3,408 to re-paint the main hall and art room, and a transfer of £3,328 to the General Property Fund.					
8	Miscellaneous expenses (over £100) include:					£
	CCLI Licence					507
	TV licence					159
	Web hosting & domain renewal					1,071
	First Aid boxes top-ups/maintenance					132
	100 crosses and prayer cards					400
	Christmas tree for café					242
	Away Day meal for staff					180
	100 Welcome folders					169
	Transfer to Methodist Pension Fund					80,000
	Payment for church administrator's family dinner in lieu of payment for computer IT work					116
	AGM report books					216
	12 Our Faithful Queen books					140
	Church lunch costs at the Manse					180
	Staff Christmas gifts					180
	Giving envelopes					146
	Lorries for outing 21 August					120
	Church administrator leaving gift					250
	Methodist Recorder					209
						<b>84,417</b>



## Report from the Office September 2022 - April 2023

Taking on the role of Centre Administrator in the office in September last year was a rather daunting task as I knew I had some rather large shoes to fill following Sarah's resignation in August. Unfortunately due to timings, Sarah had finished before I started, leaving me with a list of tasks that I had to undertake and some processes to follow.

This was a steep learning curve for me, however with the support and guidance of the staff, Stewards and Management at SHMC it didn't take long before I felt part of the family and had a good understanding for the day-to-day duties. I'm sure new things will still pop up from time to time that I know nothing about but will deal with these when it happens.

We have a new long-term letting from Move More Jersey on a Friday morning where Jersey Mencap come along to the centre and play Boccia, a similar game to bowls, this is followed by teas and coffees in the café which Di and Mirto cater for, thank you Di and Mirto for your help. All other long-term lettings remain unchanged; Emma-Jane Dance Academy, AA, Backbeat, Street Pastors – and Kairos in Ruby Ferguson House.

So far this year the Church has been hired by Music in Action for their Jersey Chamber Orchestra 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary concert, followed by the Eisteddfod choir days in March and St. Georges Prep school performance of Camelot. We have several bookings for the coming year including the Jersey Island Singers, Music in action Festival choir spring concert and the JCG Leavers service.

Food bank work continues, with most referrals from Citizens' Advice, we have also been supporting a couple of families from one of the local primary schools. Back in November we received an overwhelming amount of donations from the Jersey Netball Association who collected items during their league game evenings. We also receive regular contributions from St Aubins. We are always in need of tins and packets of food with a long shelf life. Thank you so much to those who regularly give, including those in the wider circuit.

I enjoy working at St Helier Methodist Centre and have met some lovely people. I appreciate all the support and guidance I've been given since starting the role in September last year, I already feel like I have made some lifelong friends.

*Julie*



## [Stewards Report](#)

The Stewards report for this year will be a separate document.



### [Report from Nestling Nursery 2022 - 2023](#)

2022 continued to be a challenging year in the nursery, 4 senior members of staff were on maternity leave, and we were already low on staff numbers, those members of staff remaining worked tirelessly, forgoing days off in some circumstances and not always being able to take the holiday dates that they had wanted, Louise our manager was only able to take two weeks holiday during the year.

To ensure that the staff to child mandated ratio was maintained the nursery had to close on a Friday during July & August. This created real difficulties for parents, but the majority understood our dilemma, two parents complained but eventually all parents kept their children with us, and we were able to open full time in September.

Staffing is a problem island wide in childcare one reason being the increase in school nurseries that offer term time only employment which suits those with school age children who are returning to work. Secondly it is still a relatively low paid job despite the qualifications needed and as we know housing and the cost of living makes it prohibitive for people, in low paid employment to thrive in the island, this is a problem for all caring jobs which seem to be less appreciated than jobs in finance, but without private nurseries people would not be able to maintain full time work.

We were able to give all staff a 15% pay rise in February and a further 10% in September putting us in line with other nurseries, but despite the increase in salary we remain 3 staff down.

We have been able to change the roles of some of the senior staff so we now have 2 deputy managers and an assistant manager which means that when the manager is away, we will always have a senior member of staff with the appropriate experience to cover for her with back up, this gives some room for advancement of careers for other members of staff

We are now back up to 47 children, the number we are registered for.

We marked the departure of Hillary Bullock from the committee with a tea party organised by Sue De Gruchy, both Hillary and Gordon are missed, Hillary for her very hands-on approach to being chairwoman and Gordon's ability to mend anything.

Peter & Gill Luce have retired from the nursery committee, Peter having been on the committee as the treasurer from the inception of the nursery and Gill joined soon after and has been our minute taker, we thank both for their sterling work.

Enid de Gruchy and Nance Hicklin have both retired having given many years of service to the committee.



Lou Hicklin has worked tirelessly on the committee to ensure that all the renovations that were needed in the nursery have been completed including new flooring throughout, and the very welcome creation of a staff rest room where staff can take their breaks, she is now stepping down from the committee to take up stewarding amongst her other roles within the church.



We have welcomed Sue De Gruchy who joined the committee in 2022, as did Rhodrick Chatikobo he has taken over as our new treasurer, Sally Vasselin has agreed to join us, and she will be a great asset with her vast knowledge of childcare.

If there are any of you in the congregation who have an interest in being on our committee we would welcome you, or indeed if you are a Nursery Nurse or would like to train as one, we would welcome you with open arms onto the staff of Nestling.

*Jane Pointon, Chairwoman Nestling committee*



**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the St Helier Methodist Centre  
held on 1<sup>st</sup> May 2022.**

**Welcome & devotions:** Offered through Sunday Service.

**You Tube:** I will enter his gates of thanksgiving

**AAW Talk –** Light Water & Warmth

**Children & Youth Leave**

**Presentation to Lou Hicklin on passing her Worship Leading Course.**

**Attendance:** 57 members in attendance.

1. **Minutes of the Annual General Meeting** held 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2021 were circulated prior to the meeting agreed and signed off by TM.
2. **Promotion to Glory:** Joan Picot and John Johnson.

**Prayers of Thanksgiving**

**Hymn 51 Great is Thy Faithfulness**

**Gospel Reading: John 21: 1-14**

**Sermon**

3. **Presentation of Reports:** Printed reports had been distributed one week before the AGM in order that all had the opportunity to familiarise themselves. Val McDonald presented the Steward's, Café, Family Work Reports for agreement. All agreed. Thank you to all those responsible for submitting a report. Many thanks to Sarah for her dedication in compiling, printing, and distributing the Reports.
4. **Church Stewards Re-appointments** – Val McDonald & Simba Mashiri, Kay Papworth, Sue De Gruchy, Libby Farnon, Francis Quansah, Ajay Bherwani.  
**Re-election** - Kay Papworth has offered to stand for one more year and will be a great asset to the team.  
**Church Stewards Appointments** - Martin Delap (from September 2022)  
**Presentation to Ann Paul** as she stands down at the end of her year as Head Steward.  
**Church Council Appointments:** See names on page 9 of our Yearbook as standing members of the Church Council. Di Toole has agreed to become a member of Church Council.

**Youth Return**

**Read Hymn 680**

6. **Financial Report/Accounts** – Audited accounts were agreed by the meeting

Reflection and sharing - Is there anything we need to be aware of or wish to explore in the coming year.

Youth – have been reflecting on the last year and what they have enjoyed this year. Trips away and watching the group grow. Looking forward to more trips and increase in numbers. Having more sleepovers in the church, and scout hut and maybe a visit to guernsey.

Nursery - Prayers for recruitment of nursery staff much needed.  
Congratulation to Pat Tourtel for her 40 years of service as a Local Preacher.

7. **Any other thoughts** – Invitation to view the redecoration of the Art Room.

Lord's Prayer  
Hymn 663 & Offertory  
Blessing

8. **Next AGM:** Date in 2022/2023 Yearbook

### Annual Church Meeting Agenda

The meeting agenda for this year will be a separate document.



