

St Helier Methodist Centre

The **Methodist** Church **AGM Reports 2022**

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



All ages, All nations, All stages of faith

Minister's Preface

This second year of Covid feels different from the first. Two years ago it felt like an emergency stop on a driving test. This year's experience has been more like a hill start on a slightly icy road! The government has required us to sometimes wear face coverings, undertake lateral flow tests, allowed forty to meet, then forty plus ten helpers, but no singing, maintain an attendance record for track and trace, and then it was singing as long as we were distanced from one another by two metres, then no face coverings, then face coverings again. And just recently the lifting of almost all restrictions... Hoorah!!

Throughout all this flux I want to pay testimony to the patience and grace of our church members, stewards and staff who have had to make a huge number of quick decisions in response to health regulations. These twelve months have required us to adjust to many changing circumstances and to be far more adaptable than we might previously have ever felt possible! We have journeyed through choppy waters with remarkable resilience, smiles and faith.

And amidst these peculiar times, church life and mission has continued. The amazing Daryl de Gruchy legacy has enabled us to undertake some important projects around the building: a new floor in the church hall and decoration, upgraded audio visual equipment in church, grants to mission partners like the Leprosy Mission, Bible Society and All You Can. In addition we were able to approach Cliff College with the hope of receiving one of their students and in August it was great to welcome Anna to Jersey.

The manse potatoes raised £235 for Christian Aid and three stewards now have young children- how wonderful! Deacon Sally Wheadon shared her testimony and was ordained at the June Methodist Conference and the Jersey Circuit extended the period of our appointment. Kairos Arts continues to flourish and offer restorative workshops around the Island and in September we started re-opening the Café. The food bank, which is so sensitively managed by Sarah, makes a real difference to people's lives, as do the valued mid-week children's groups led by Sally, Ellen and Maureen. And thanks too to Teresa for keeping the building so spotless and Jackie for keeping the accounts straight. There was a wonderful lorry ride to Gorey, picnics on the beach, Rascals starting up again and baptisms in the sea followed by warm blankets, bacon rolls and confirmation in church. Children & Youth work has been energised by a sleepover in church, Seven Up restarting, raising funds for a toilet twinning scheme, Ellen's excellent videos on Facebook, and an indoor camp at Les Creux.



In the early autumn some of us met the first recipient of our *Courage & Compassion Award* to a JCG student, while in London the Bible Society Psalm 23 Garden was awarded a Gold Medal at the Chelsea Flower show. The Thursday fellowship has worked through many of the Psalms and then swerved into 28 weeks studying the Book of Acts. We read carefully the *Marriage and Relationship Report*, thought, listened, prayed and lived graciously with contradictory convictions, and then wrestled with the big themes in worship before Church Council voted in favour of our building being registered for same-sex marriages. At St Aubin's we enjoyed 24 hours of prayer, but when Christmas came Covid numbers rose and for a second year we had no school Christmas services...But as a church we did sing our Christmas carols and celebrate *Immanuel- God with us*. I've conducted a fair number of funerals, including those of loved church members Joan Picot and John Johnson. There has been the joy of welcoming new friends into membership and also baptising four children in my arms.

In January, the church was awash with tv cameras for the funeral of broadcaster Gary Burgess. After many years of outstanding service to our Nestlings Nursery we gave huge thanks to Hillary Bullock for her ministry of care and administration. We collectively owe her a huge debt of gratitude and wish her and Gordon every blessing. I'm delighted that Jane Pointon, Rhoderick Chatikobo and Lou Hicklin have now joined the nursery management team. Within the Circuit our concern has been for staff members poorly in health and a sadness that we were not able to secure a new minister to replace Jenny Pathmarajah when she leaves this summer. This is an indication of limited resources which is particularly evident when it comes to available preachers on a Sunday. As a Circuit we have some big choices ahead of us if all our churches want to continue to all worship on a Sunday at 10.30am. Flexibility and innovation may be required by all of us.

Amidst all of the above has been the regular rhythm of Centre life, and here I pay tribute to all our teams for their commitment and dedication. Worship remains the engine of our life together, energising our collective life and service and it has been wonderful to see new friends joining us for worship- you are very welcome indeed.

My grateful thanks to all who contribute to the life and mission of the Centre and on our behalf may I offer our sincere appreciation to Sarah for gathering, collating and printing these reports.

Every blessing as we journey on in God's good grace together and may Jesus continue to be our Centre.

Tony



Stewards Report

Unfortunately, Covid is still with us, but thankfully some of the restrictions have been lifted. This has meant that we are not so restricted to our numbers as we were previously, and slowly our congregation has increased to the usual attendances. We were able to hold our Christmas services this year, much to the delight of many who attended and sang the Carols with great joy. The church was tastefully decorated once again by Jean Treleven and her Monday Group helpers.

It was decided to keep the café closed for after Church tea/coffee for the time being in view of the rising cases of Covid. As Stewards we know that this facility is greatly missed by many people, but hopefully it will not be too long in the future when it can resume.

In September Tony was able, at last, (due to delays because of Covid) to baptize Ajay, Amanda, and Anna in the sea at Ouaisne Bay. It was a lovely morning, albeit a bit blustery, and well-wishers also attended to support them. It was a very moving and meaningful ceremony for all those who took part.

Anna George has settled into her role as Youth/Mission worker very well. She is very popular and enjoying her work here in Jersey and has proved herself very capable of the role. Anna instigated our Church display at the 24Hr Prayer Day at St Aubin's Church last November. The theme was TSP.-Thank You, Sorry, Pray.

Mike Ellefson has been giving us inspirational talks on health and exercise once a month during our services. This gets us all moving in the right direction and is certainly a "wake up" for the following service!!

Tony manages to keep us inspired and is always approachable even though he is extremely busy having to stand in for Dawn Saunders while she is recovering from her surgery. We are very grateful to him for all he does as it cannot be easy to have two fulltime jobs on the go!

Betty and Tony Hefford celebrated their Diamond Wedding Anniversary at the beginning of March.

We also had a very uplifting service conducted by Ashley Cooper at the beginning of March.

Val



Pastoral Review May 2021 to April 2022

In spite of this being the second year of the pandemic, we are still able to meet as a church adhering to the restrictions imposed and particularly missing the singing and our tea and coffee after the service, and the opportunity of chatting together. But we were still meeting for our Bible Study on a Thursday, which kept us in contact and able to share our news.

During the year we met as a Pastoral Committee three times when we were able to keep up to date with our members who had not been able to get to church and those who were housebound.

Tony had still been busy with funeral services and the wooden crosses were still popular, requests being made from outside the church members.

Within this period, we have also met to give thanks for the lives of Joan Picot and John Johnson who we recall with gratitude for their Christian life and witness.

The suggested Memorial Service was held on the 7th of November when relatives and friends of members whose funerals Tony had taken and other members who had no connection with the church were invited and there had been a good response. The Service was well attended and much appreciated and those who came were happy to renew acquaintances, as they caught up with members whom they had not seen for long time.

There had been 4 baptisms of young people in church – Michael, son of Grace and Francis Quansah; Nathaniel, son of Tariro and Simba Mashiri; Zane, son of Leiden and Ajay Bherwani; and Jack Richard Beaugie, grandson of Pam and Vic. On 19th September we also had adult baptisms in the sea at Ouaisné – Ajay, Anna and Mandy. This was witnessed by some members of the congregation at 8 am and recorded on video to be shown during the Service later that morning.





Giles Wankling helped with the baptisms and with Ajay, Anna and Mandy was confirmed and welcomed into church membership. It has also been a delight to welcome into church membership by transfer Martin Delap, Sally, John and Angela Noel and see new and older friends worshipping regularly with us.

At Harvest time it was decided that instead of the congregation bringing food and other goods, we should ask for items of food for the food bank which would be more appreciated. Flowers could then be displayed in the vestibule and front of the church only.

We have been pleased to welcome Anna George who had been a student at Cliff College. Anna has come to help us with our work among young people and the community and to learn about how the Methodist church works. She has been very helpful and popular and has made friends both inside the church and in the community.

Annual membership cards were distributed as usual with Ann Paul being welcomed as a Pastoral Group Leader, due to the retirement of Enid Davis, Pam Marett and David de la Haye. We are glad to see Enid on Sunday mornings, supported by Val, and send our greetings to those who are no longer able to come - Dulcie who is now at Lakeside and Pam at St Joseph's who is regularly visited by Di.



Once again, we thank Sarah for producing our annual Yearbook and Prayer Diary and hope it will be used to remind us of our various meetings and other events listed within it.

Pat

[A note from Anna](#)

I started as the youth and community intern in September, after finishing my theology degree at Cliff College. Moving to Jersey from Stoke-On-Trent has been a massive adjustment but made much easier with the welcome that I have received from the Church family here.



This year has been so valuable to me as it has allowed me to dip into many different areas of ministry to discern where God might be calling me. My role includes planning and leading the Sunday youth, as well as planning activities such as the Church sleepover and our trip to Le Creux. When Covid allows, I make home visits to members of the church and get to learn more about their story. I am training to become a local preacher and with that have led a couple of services and talks on a Sunday, and I am looking forward to being able to share amongst the circuit in the future. I help at the Christian Union at JCG and am also working with a couple of students 1-2-1 in my placement in partnership with Kairos Arts to become a therapeutic art practitioner. I am currently doing a diploma with Cliff College called Mission in A Year, where I have assignments that encourage me to reflect on this year in mission and put my theory into practice.



It has been a brilliant postgraduate year and it has been an absolute joy to do it alongside you all in such an encouraging and supportive environment. I'm looking forward to the future and seeing what opportunities God has in store!

Anna

Family Workers Reflections of the past Year 2021 – 2022

This past year has been more normal, as we have been trying to gradually get back to our “normal”, or as many say our “new normal”.

With the event of most people being vaccinated we have all been confident to be more adventurous, obviously always keeping strictly within government guidelines.

By Pentecost, people were really showing interest in coming back to Church, so the AAW on that day was amazing and although numbers still were limited, the Church was full of very happy people. This was hugely promising. We have grown a few families since then, which is always encouraging.

Our weekday groups have been consistent since last April. Three groups held on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, for different age tots with their mums or carers. Our young baby group is the least well attended-which is strange, as during lockdown it was oversubscribed. We still think that it is a worthwhile group to keep running so we will continue and hope the numbers increase.

We are still allocating places, making it a great way to really get to know these families creating a sense of community with all who attend.

Although since Covid Toddler Church has not resumed, we feel our groups now are a better mixture of what parents want such as sensory creative activities and having an intentionally Christian focus and witness to these families. They are really happy to join in with our songs, stories and prayers, which we now bring them into the Church for. (Thank you to all the people who help with moving the chairs after Sunday Church!)

In the summer last year, we did a Teddy Bears’ Picnic in the park.

This was very popular, so we will repeat it this year when we can’t meet in the Centre due to the Dance exams.





We met up with some of our Sunday Church Families, on the Beach too. It is always a challenge to round them up, but when it happens it's amazing fun and they want another meet up the next week!

Thanks to Roderick and Gloria for some brilliant BBQs provided for us on these occasions.

In August Anna joined our staff team, enriching our Church fellowship and livening up our weekly staff meetings! She is such an asset to the Church life, with her deep faith and her theological knowledge. We love having her around, as she is also such fun!

Although she doesn't directly help us, she has made an immense impact on the Youth, and they love her.

We managed our annual Lorry trip in August. Only 2 Lorries were needed this time. Smaller numbers but still a very enjoyable afternoon's entertainment.

At Christmas we decided against a Christmas Eve Nativity Play, mainly because our Sunday children's numbers were so low. So, we changed things around and did a small excerpt in the Sunday Carol Service and a Christingle on Christmas Eve. People loved "Our Chris Tingle", It's always good to have a change and who knows what we will do this year.



We did a “7up Club” in November and then Covid numbers went up again, so we put it off until a few weeks ago. This has obviously been missed as we had 17 children. They are asking for another soon.

We have continued to post on our Facebook page: “*St. Helier Methodist Centre - Kids at the Centre.*” These songs and stories have been gratefully received and have had many reviews.

All in all, we have had a successful year. We look forward to being able to resume more of our events, and with even less restrictions. Please keep praying for our families as we endeavour to encourage them on their lifelong journey of faith.

Blessings, Sally and Ellen





Youth Work Annual Report 2020

Before Anna. It hardly seems possible to imagine! We were dreaming about a refurbished Youth Room, raising funds through a car wash for it, meeting on Sunday mornings with Marcia and Cathy sharing responsibilities, playing Petanque down at the Weighbridge, and enjoying Garage Club on the beach. However, the arrival of Anna as a designated Youth Leader has been such a blessing and offers consistency and fresh vision and insight. Here are her words as she takes up the story once she was in-post in September...

Cathy

Sunday Youth

Sunday mornings have been a great time for us to gather, play games, eat snacks and talk about faith! We have recently done a series on asking some of the big questions that surround having a faith, such as: Why does God allow suffering? Why should we forgive? and Where does God fit into a global pandemic? These have led to some interesting conversations that have been guided by the youth, where they have helped and encouraged one another to think about what it means to be a Christian today. Some of our youth did drama sketches for the Church over the Christmas period which were enjoyed by everyone!



Garage Club

Meeting up on a Sunday evening has been fun for all to play pool, table tennis, do craft, eat food and have different leaders and youth talking about being a disciple of Jesus. After not running in January and February due to the pandemic, we came back in March with a Church sleepover which was the best time! We had a lovely roast dinner cooked by Marcia, played hide and seek in the Church at night, then stayed up (too) late chatting and eating snacks. Although very tired for Church the next morning, we all really enjoyed ourselves.

Other Churches

We have joined forces with other Churches which has been great for the youth to meet more Christians their age. In October a few of us went to Jersey Scout Centre with some youth from Freedom and Lighthouse Church, and then at Christmas we joined St. Paul's for their youth social. We hope to do more with other Churches in the future!

Trips Away

After a successful time at Jersey Scout Centre, our youth will be going to Le Creux Scout Hall in April. We are already dreaming of other trips that we would like to go on.

Anna



Kairos Arts Report

What a year of growth it has been for Kairos Arts!

We have continued our commitment to run programmes for those affected by domestic abuse and sexual trauma, receiving referrals from Jersey Women's Refuge, Jersey Domestic Abuse Service and Jersey Action Against Rape. We have run three six-week programmes and the feedback is encouraging: *"It exceeded my expectations. I hoped for a group where I felt welcomed, comfortable and where I could actually process my emotions. I found all this and more."*



We facilitated four past participants creating an Art Installation for Domestic Abuse Week, inspired by their experiences of Coercive Controlling Behaviour, called "The Voyage". We were delighted by lots of impactful media coverage.

We also run two monthly drop-in sessions for past-participants of our domestic abuse programmes now and these are deeply appreciated.



This year we have facilitated two six-week programmes for Beaulieu students who have been identified as needing extra support with their mental health. One student reflected: *"I wanted to re-find myself and who I am meant to be, and it's happened! I know who I am!"*

We have made new partnerships this year, running a six-week programme for Youthful Minds (11–25-year-olds), and before the Summer we will be facilitating programmes for clients of Macmillan, Brighter Futures and trauma-supporting Community Navigators. Different settings, same Kairos Arts Approach – using the creative arts therapeutically to rebuild self-worth and hope.

Seven of our Practitioners began the Level 6 Diploma in Therapeutic Art Practice for Children and Young People this year and are currently working in five schools (primary and secondary) and Hospice, delivering one to one therapeutic arts sessions for children and young people with mental health concerns and one group programme. This is deepening and developing our work in really exciting ways.



When Covid-restrictions allowed we returned to creative Fundraising Events at SHMC such as the “We’re Better Together” Summer Piano Concert and the Advent Evening with Amity Singers. We are so grateful to be able to use the Church as our venue and we love sharing these moments with our Church Family. We have developed a regular friends giving scheme, sent out collection boxes into the community (let us know if you would like to put one in a local shop) and have benefitted from successful funding applications. We are so thankful for God’s provision.

We managed to find great opportunities this year, despite Covid, for selling our products and we have just received new deliveries from India and Bolivia, supporting artisans freed from exploitation, trafficking and the sex-trade. Our online shop is proving a great platform: www.kairosarts.org/shop.



Restoring hope one workshop and one product at a time is the tagline on our Kairos Arts Bag For Life. It’s our prayer for all areas of our work. The latest participant’s feedback read:

“I realised things can get better. I got hope again, even just a little.”

Cathy

Café Report

Tuesday Lunches are ticking on with our regular attendees and staff. We usually have around 12 but have been as many as 20. There is a rotating monthly menu which is always gratefully received. Kay and David H have been assisting on a Tuesday which is a great help.

Thursday Soup is always popular with Bible study attendees. Ellen creates a different soup each week along with French bread and butter, followed by cake. Maureen helps each week, often baking the cake as well. A few people drop in for soup in their lunch hour.

Wednesday and Fridays Tea & Coffee is prepared by Ann Paul and Di & Mirto with Michael being our regular coffee participant. He is always happy to have a chat. Occasionally we have had visitors pop in. It is good to be here to supply the staff with coffee and biscuits or cake and to see the mums with their babies and connect with the staff of SHMC. All café donations go to charities chosen by our regulars: we have supported Samaritans, The Band of the Island of Jersey, Phillips Footprints and Autism Jersey.

Lou



Report from Management and Finance

Whilst the Committee is responsible for the repair and maintenance of the Centre it is the hard-working team of staff and volunteers to whom we must express our thanks. Without their hard work and efforts the Centre would soon fail to function as it does and we are for ever grateful to them.

In addition to the general upkeep and decoration of the Centre, the provision of stairs to the loft is being looked at.

On a different note the Church has changed its bank from NatWest to Lloyds Bank as the former was proposing to impose unacceptable charges and at the same time, we now have online banking.

Peter

St Helier Methodist Centre NESTLING DAY CARE

INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021

2021/2022			2021 Actual		2021 Budget		2020 Actual		2020 Budget	
Budget	INCOME	Note	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
649,230	Fees receivable	1		663,668		727,400		571,792		672,683
80	Interest receivable	2		40		200		209		180
-	Other income (Donation)			25		-		1,250		-
649,310				663,733		727,600		573,251		672,863
	EXPENDITURE									
507,474	Staff costs	3	437,057		467,200		393,985		475,500	
3,000	Training (net of grants received)	3	899		3,000		652		1,200	
16,240	Toiletries & Food	4	16,094		18,740		15,525		18,240	
1,200	Art materials		1,014		1,000		742		1,000	
1,800	Equipment repairs & maint.		894		3,000		3,073		3,000	
90,000	Methodist Church service chg		96,000		96,000		90,000		90,000	
1,800	Rates		1,541		1,700		1,527		1,700	
1,600	Advertising/printing/stationery		1,562		1,400		796		1,300	
600	Telephone & postage		479		440		434		440	
1,500	Bin servicing		1,397		2,000		994		1,500	
18,000	Cleaning		13,428		18,000		10,037		12,000	
6,500	Accountancy	6	5,553		6,500		5,916		4,200	
15,000	Property maintenance & repairs		88		10,000		7,014		10,000	
8,500	Professional fees	10	7,973		8,500		7,763		8,200	
2,200	Sundries	10	1,634		1,500		1,420		1,500	
1,500	Toys & books & equipment		2,691		2,500		3,750		2,500	
676,914			588,304		641,480		543,628		632,280	
- 27,604	NET INCOME BEFORE GRANTS		75,429		86,120		29,623		40,583	
- 27,604	NET INCOME FOR THE YEAR		75,429		86,120		29,623		40,583	
	Balance brought forward		182,900				193,277			
	Transfer to SHMC Reserves	-	20,000				40,000			
	Balance carried forward		238,329				182,900			



ST HELIER METHODIST CENTRE

NESTLING DAY CARE CENTRE

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 AUGUST 2021

Note	2021		2020	
	£	£	£	£
CURRENT ASSETS				
Debtors and prepayments	1,232		2,419	
Stock	5	-	-	
Cash at bank	7	291,987	206,803	
Cash in hand		50	137	
		293,269		209,359
LIABILITIES: Amounts due within one year				
Fees received in advance		28,598	3,896	
Parents deposit fund	8	11,750	11,500	
Sundry creditors and accruals	9	14,591	11,063	
		54,939	26,459	
NET CURRENT ASSETS		238,329	182,900	
Represented by:				
UNAPPROPRIATED SURPLUS		238,329	182,900	



ST HELIER METHODIST CENTRE NESTLING DAY CARE CENTRE			
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021			
1	Fee income is below that anticipated. The main reason for this is that the COVID-19 pandemic has resulted in fewer children attending Nursery.		
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 toiletries 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 which the Nursery pays their calculated share. The utilisation of on-line banking is proving cost effective.		
7	Cash at bank is made up of:	2021	2020
	Central Finance Board monies	29,358	29,317
	Lloyds TSB Jersey	262,629	177,486
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		<u>291,987</u>	<u>206,803</u>
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		8,268
	Owing to TTS for toys		2,739
	Allowance for food bills for August		1,414
	Allowance for accountancy costs for August		1,249
	Allowance for bank charges		24
	Allowance for telephone for Aug		37
	Allowance for various cleaning invoices		860

			<u>14,591</u>
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 GENERAL FUND										
INCOME & EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR TO 31 AUGUST 2021										
2021/2022										
Budget	INCOME	Note	2021 Actual		2021 Budget		2020 Actual		2020 Budget	
56,667	Cash collections & covenants			56,435		56,667		56,057		56,667
10,000	Inc tax refunds on covenants			9,767		10,000		9,683		10,000
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66,667				66,202		66,667		65,740		66,667
6,667	Less tf to 10% reserve fund			6,620		6,667		6,574		6,667
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60,000				59,582		60,000		59,166		60,000
10,680	Rent from flats 1&2			10,320		10,320		19,370		20,220
20,000	Room Hire	4		14,932		20,000		23,990		30,000
3,600	Donations			1,344		3,600		466,888		3,600
90,000	Nursery rent			96,000		96,000		90,000		90,000
1,800	Bank deposit interest	5		681		2,300		2,223		1,800
-	Quoted investment income			1		-		5		-
-	Catering			(766)		-		(562)		1,000
-	Holiday club			(70)		-		-		-
50,000	Miscellaneous income			20,000		40,000		40,044		40,000
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236,080	TOTAL INCOME			202,024		232,220		701,124		246,620
	EXPENSES									
4,000	Accountancy/treasurer fees	6		4,118		3,800		3,540		3,600
88,891	Circuit Assessment			83,772		88,772		84,634		84,634
99,231	Staff salaries			93,956		93,000		104,955		115,000
6,456	Staff soc sec Er costs			5,827		6,045		6,410		7,500
12,000	Oil			10,477		13,000		11,193		12,000
6,000	Electricity			4,812		7,200		4,568		7,200
2,400	Water			2,391		2,400		1,925		2,400
480	Rates			396		300		295		300
600	Telephone			587		600		545		600
9,000	Insurance			8,154		8,500		7,737		8,000
3,500	Cleaning - Agencies			2,335		3,500		3,402		3,000
1,800	Cleaning - Materials			1,456		1,800		1,648		1,800
4,140	Printing, Stationery & Postage			3,745		2,930		1,953		2,700
15,000	Repairs & maint - routine	7		15,000		15,000		15,000		15,000
50,000	Repairs & maint - planned	7		35,398		50,000		19,132		48,000
3,000	Professional fees			2,575		3,000		2,575		3,000
360	Jr Church & Youth work			357		300		-		300
500	Sundry Equipment			-		500		-		480
150	Messy Church			-		150		17		120
1,412	Connexional Funding			1,412		1,412		1,412		1,412
6,158	Miscellaneous expenses	8		6,621	283,388	6,151	308,360	5,159	276,100	6,151
315,078				-----		-----		-----		-----
(78,998)	RESULT - PROFIT/(LOSS)			(81,364)		(76,140)		425,025		(76,577)

ST HELIER METHODIST CENTRE					
BALANCE SHEET					
31 AUGUST 2021					
	Note	2021		2020	
CURRENT ASSETS					
Cash at banks	1	63,208		493,307	
Cash at Central Board of Finance		622,015		312,758	
Petty Cash		362		179	
Debtors	2	11,167		1,209	
Prepayments	2	24,630		25,079	
Stock		1,161	722,543	1,308	833,840
CURRENT LIABILITIES					
Creditors	2	8,750		8,972	
Accruals	2	4,260		5,352	
			13,010		14,324
			709,533		819,516
REPRESENTED BY					
General Fund (Unrestricted)	3		247,119		779,107
Minister's Discretionary Fund			9,345		4,021
General Property Fund (Restricted)			18,138		13,368
In & Out Collections (Restricted)			293		265
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)			6,558		9,273
Little Rascals Fund (Restricted)			1,000		1,000
Esperado Fund (Restricted)			3,285		3,802
M Tourtel Memorial Fund (Restricted)			6,585		6,575
Daryl De Gruchy Legacy	3		415,105		-
TOTAL CHURCH FUNDS			709,533		819,516

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31 AUGUST 2021

General Property Fund			10% Charities Fund		
31.8.20	Balance b/f	13,368	31.8.20	Balance b/f	10,241
	Tf from inc/exp	4,770		Transfer from Minister's Discretionary Fund - food vouchers	120
	Closing balance	<u>18,138</u>		Transfer from General Fund	6,620
				Less paid to:	
Parking Fund				Action Aid	180
31.8.20	Balance b/f	429		Christians Together	50
	No movement in period			Watoto	552
	Closing balance	<u>429</u>		Benevolent Fund (vouchers)	1,191
				Bible Society	1,450
Mrs L S Nicolle Endowment Fund				All We Can - Beirut appeal	1,000
31.8.20	Balance b/f	1,246		Christian Aid	2,000
	No movement in period	-		Whitechapel Mission	500
	Closing balance	<u>1,246</u>		Whitechapel Centre	500
				All We Can - Ethiopia appeal	2,000
				All We Can - India COVID crisis	1,000
				Closing balance	<u>6,558</u>
Minister's Discretionary Fund			Esperado Fund		
31.8.20	Balance b/f	4,021	31.8.20	Balance b/f	3,802
	Add from Eden Chapel	-		Receipts for the period	83
	Add tf from General Fund	10,000		Less:	
	Add general donations	6,459		Tf to Esperado project	-
	Less Nursery fees / local children	8,006		Monthly funding	600
	Less Bereavement parcels	399		Closing balance	<u>3,285</u>
	Less tf for Giles Bartleman Fund	1,000			
	Less cost of 200 crosses/cards	800			
	Less tf Leprosy Mission	700			
	Less local family hardship exps	110			
	Tf to 10% fund for vouchers	120			
	Closing balance	<u>9,345</u>	Michael Tourtel Memorial Fund		
			31.8.20	Balance b/f	6,575
Advertising Fund				Add bank interest received	10
31.8.20	Balance b/f	430		Less church youth expenses	-
	No movement in period	-		Closing balance	<u>6,585</u>
	Closing balance	<u>430</u>			
			Daryl De Gruchy Legacy		
Little Rascals Fund			31.8.20	Balance b/f	-
31.8.20	Balance b/f	1,000		Tf from General Fund	439,656
	Less net costs for period	1,829		Add bank interest received	106
	Add tf Daryl De Gruchy Legacy	1,829		Less Flat 1 exps re Anna George	11,163
	Closing balance	<u>1,000</u>		Less Travel exps for Anna George	374
				Less Art Therapist course Anna George	3,510
In & Out Collections				Less Misc exps Anna George	136
31.8.20	Balance b/f	265		Less tf to Little Rascals Fund	1,829
	Various receipts	1,442		Less cleaning church/piano room carpet	270
	Less paid to:			Less 2 phones for Junior/Youth workers	718
	Leprosy Mission	10		Less Electronic equipment for church	6,656
	Human Need (Circuit)	611		Closing balance	<u>415,105</u>
	Christian Aid	518			
	T Morling b/day donations	275			
	Closing balance	<u>293</u>			

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

31 AUGUST 2021

1	We continue to maintain a balance of cash with Natwest 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 General Fund includes a transfer to the Daryl De Gruchy Legacy Fund in the sum of £439,656. The Stewards felt that this was prudent so that specific expenditure could be readily monitored.	
4	Room hire receipts were disappointing during the period but 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.	
5	Bank deposit receipts were disappointing but interest rates are currently very low with no immediate signs of recovery.	
6	The Treasurer's fees were slightly higher than budgeted. This is mainly due to considerable time spent on a Lloyds Bank account application.	
7	The total repairs and maintenance costs include £824 to replace a window in the Youth room, £2,476 to replace 2 cylinders in flats 1 and 2, £623 for general plumbing work in flat 2, and a transfer of £4,770 to the General Property Fund.	
8	Miscellaneous expenses (over £100) include:	£
	CCL Licence	546
	TV licence	221
	Freedom Media - web hosting & domain renewal	690
	12 Bibles	180
	Lead academy	900
	100 Holding crsres & prayer cards	400
	Replenishment of First Aid boxes	189
	Face masks	110
	Bereavement gifts / bags	480
	COVID Kindness packs	161
	Funeral bags	143
	Flowers for Christmas	105
	ZOOM fee - 1 year	144
	Staff Christmas gifts	150
	Giving envelopes	122
	Retirement gifts - Nance Hicklin	138
	Methodist Recorder	195
		4,874

Comments on the Accounts

Attached are the audited accounts for the Church and the Nursery for the year ending 31st.August 2021.The Church account shows a loss of £81,364 as against a budgeted loss of £76,140. This is mainly due to a sum of £20,000 being transferred from the Nursery being £20,000 less than budgeted while approximately £15,000 less than budgeted was spent on repairs and maintenance.

The Nursery had a net income of £75,429 against a budgeted profit of £86,120 which is a very good result despite the effects of Covid 19 resulting in the number of children attending the Nursery being down. Once again costs have been tightly controlled thanks to the excellent work of Louise and her staff.

As mentioned, the sum of £20,000 was transferred from the Nursery to the general Church account. As in past years I cannot conclude without expressing our sincere thanks to Jackie Ollerenshaw for her excellent management of both the Church and Nursery finances throughout the year.

Peter



Report from the office April 2021- April 2022

The year from April 2021 to April 2022 has been overshadowed by the ongoing Covid pandemic and the changing regulations with the aim of keeping the Centre staff and users safe.

Our long-term lettings have remained unchanged; Emma-Jane Dance Academy, AA, Backbeat, Street Pastors – and Kairos in Ruby Ferguson House.

Over the year a new floor has been laid in the Hall, the walls have been painted and the curtains changed for blinds.

Food bank work continued, with most referrals from Citizens' Advice and some from Domestic Abuse Support. We are always in need of tins and packets of food with long shelf lives. Thank you so much to those who regularly give, including those in the wider circuit.

Throughout the year two of the Nestling Nursery groups have been using the Centre front door between 8 and 8.30 am – for the parents to hand over their children. The Nursery staff are also using the Youth Room for their breaks. Although this overlap can have its challenges it has resulted in improved relations between Nursery and Centre; we have a chance to chat, and we know each other by name now and not just by sight.

In September Anna joined the staff as an intern Youth Worker. Her friendly energy and openness make her a very welcome addition to our tight-knit and supportive team. Plus, she has really helped reduce our average age.



In October 2021 we started keeping lateral flow tests in the Stewards' Vestry and reporting them through the workplace testing scheme. This scheme was discontinued in March 2022, but we continue to test at home.

For a second year rising Covid cases in December meant School Christmas services were not held in the Centre.

From Feb 1st the Gov de-escalation strategy meant that I am no longer required to keep a 3-week record of all names and contact details for everyone attending the centre.

Outside lettings of church and centre started up again in March 2022 with Come and Sing the Messiah followed by St Georges Prep School performance of 'Peter Pan'. Jersey Academy of Music hosted 2 concerts in April.

The Dance School pupils will be allowed to use the changing room (piano room) again after Easter. For the last 2 years, as a Covid precaution, they have been required to arrive ready changed for class. Parents wanting to stay in the Centre during the classes still need to book a table with Emma, so that numbers are limited.

Sarah



[Report from Nestling Nursery 2022](#)

The Nursery has continued to operate its normal service to children and their families even when Covid-19 cases were rising at an alarming rate in October/November/December 2021. We continued to change and adapt our policies and procedures to ensure continuity and that the staff, children and parents were constantly kept up to date with the new guidelines that were imposed on us by our regulators.

Operating through the pandemic we have faced many challenges which we have addressed by reflecting on our daily practices and the wellbeing of everyone who uses the Nursery, we have implemented many changes through our policies and procedures into our everyday practice. We are very mindful that we still need to be vigilant to enable us to control the spread of infection within the Nursery. Even though we are coming out of the pandemic we cannot be presumptuous and let all the hard work we have done left to just be written in policies and procedures, we need to be reflective and learn from this experience and be ready if we need to face this enormous challenge again in the future, we face it together as a team more confident and prepared.

We are registered for 47 children, and this declined slightly through the year due to many factors, families leaving the island, parents losing their jobs, parents working from home. New school nurseries opened across the island, and we were also faced with changes to (NEF) Nursery Education Funding, parents were offered an additional 10 hours making the total of 30 free hours of nursery education which many parents took the advantage of placing their child in school nursery. However, we have started picking up momentum again as parents returned to work meaning parents required full time care for their children. We are optimistic that this trend will continue, and our numbers will stabilize.

Staffing was also affected due to staff leaving to move to new experiences focussing on different aspects of child development. We also have four members of our team due to go on parental leave from early 2022. Three of these are senior members of staff so this has been something that we are still working through as recruiting new staff has been a challenge for everyone involved.

Our staff's health and wellbeing are very high on our agenda, and we continued to encourage the staff to talk about their experiences through appraisals, supervisions, one to one and small and large group meetings. We will continue to let staff know that they are valued and respected for all their hard work and contribution to the children's care, learning and development each day.

Louise Jones-Butel, Nursery Manager



Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the St Helier Methodist Centre held on 2nd May 2021.

Attendance: During this time of Covid-19, 39 members attended wearing masks and were socially distanced.

Apologies received: Kay Papworth, Tony Hefford, Peter and Gill Luce.

Welcome & Call to Worship: Offered by Ellen Davey You Tube Clip: *I Will Enter His Gates with Thanksgiving*

AAW Talk: Tony Morling and Ellen Davey offer “Well aren’t we a box of Liquorice Allsorts! God loves all sorts of people and welcome in his church”.

Hymn: Tell out my soul, the greatness of the Lord.

1. **Minutes of the Annual General Meeting** (Pg. 33) held on 1st November 2020 were circulated prior to the meeting agreed and signed off by TM.
2. **Promotion to Glory:** Kath Le Gallais and Alastair Scott who we remember with deep gratitude for their witness to our church. TM offered a prayer.

Prayers of Thanksgiving: Read Hymn 678 – Come, all who look to Christ today.

Gospel: Romans 8: 22-27 – “We have the Holy Spirit as the promise of future blessing” Romans 8:23.

Sermon: Three signs of the Spirit’s work among us giving us hope for future Blessing.
What we have learned during the past year: to adapt, change, and everyone to play a part.
What we have been entrusted with in the past year: legacies for future work.
The people that Christ is calling us to be in the forthcoming year: Christ focussed, celebrating equality, diversity and inclusion.

3. **Ann Paul (senior steward) presented the 36 pages of reports** as distributed, agreed and placed on the communion table.

Song – Adoramus Te Domine – Recorded Taizé and a time of quiet reflection.

4. **Election of Church Stewards:** Ann Paul (has agreed to stay on for another year), Val MacDonald (joint senior steward), Kay Papworth, Simba Mashiri, Sue De Gruchy, Libby Farnon, Francis Quansah. The members agreed and offered their thanks for their committed service.

Election to Church Steward: Ajay Bherwani – Tony Morling brought Ajay Bherwani forward to be accepted into his new post as a Steward.

Church Council Appointments: Nance & David Hicklin, Helen Higginson, Arthur Kembo, Jan & Martin le Boutillier, Gill Luce, Roy Picot, Maureen Rayson, Pat Tourtel, David Vasselin.
All proposed appointments were unanimously agreed with grateful thanks and appreciation.

Thanks and presentations were offered to Nance Hicklin on completing 36 years of playing the organ.

5. **Financial Overview** (including Nursery Accounts). In the absence of Peter Luce the accounts were presented as printed with two amendments:

Page 25 omitted to include Note 8 of the accounts page 22, which indicates miscellaneous expenses (over £100). The chairman offered a paper copy if anyone wanted to see the said items. Page 26 *"The Church accounts show a profit of £701,124"* was changed to *"The Church accounts show a profit of £425,025."*

The Church and Nursery Financial audited accounts and reports were unanimously accepted by the members of the AGM.

Sincere thanks were offered to Peter Luce and Jackie Ollerenshaw, and Hilary Bullock and Louise Jones-Butel for their outstanding hard work and commitment.

TM expressed how important individual dedication of time, talents and tithes remains for the continuing well-being of the church's ministry and mission.

Offertory - I went down to the river to pray

Daryl's legacy. Through Daryl's generosity we have a tremendous opportunity to further develop our vision *'To Make Disciples and Join in God's Mission for Change'*. Together we need to pray, listen, plan, dream and take risks...but what a glorious gift we are offered!

In all that we do, we look for God's guidance and support. Together, we will achieve much if we remember the adage; *'It is God who fills the sails.'* So let's us see where the wind of the Spirit takes us!!

Church Council agreed three areas to research and take forward.

1) Tithe. Earmark 10% for mission work beyond Jersey. Church Council was in favour of tithing £40k into 4 portions of £10k and the stewards should, in discussion, research and consider prayerfully which areas of Christian Mission work beyond Jersey should benefit. All organisations under consideration should be trusted, with well-proven governance, and have a Christian identity underpinning their work. It would be good to explore a balance between medical, humanitarian and evangelistic work and SHMC would look to build a longer-term living relationship with the chosen charities.

Ideas to be considered by individual steward's research, discussion at Stewards meeting and then brought forward to next Church Council on June 14th, 2021:

Simultaneous conversations need to be started with other church committees and key personnel to establish the way forward for these 2 equally important uses of Daryl's legacy. The stewards agreed to split into 2 teams:

2) Youth & Church Community Worker: Sue de Gruchy (co-ordinator), Ajay Bherwani, Val MacDonald, Francis Quansah, Tony Morling. Cliff College was mentioned as a possible organisation to approach for a suitable candidate. Several people mentioned that Daryl would be very happy with this idea. Flat 1 Ruby Ferguson House (2 bedroom) is available and could be used for accommodation with a suitable contract drawn up to satisfy the Population Office.

3) Property Improvements: Libby Farnon (co-ordinator), Simba Mashiri, Ann Paul, Kay Papworth. Create a priority list of property developments outside of the quinquennial report which will aid our continuing mission and ministry.

Members of the AGM were encouraged to feed their ideas to the stewards.

Hymn 51: Great is Thy Faithfulness

Children Return – Children have been painting the vine and learning about God when he said “I am the true vine”
Youth have been learning about the significance of the Lord’s Prayer
TM introduced Ajay Bherwani to the children and youth, who showed his keys to the church.

Hymn 81: Now Thank We All Our God

Blessing

6. **Next AGM:** Date in 2021-2022 Yearbook



Annual Church Meeting Agenda

Welcome & Call to Worship

You Tube

AAW Talk

Children leave

I Will Enter His Gates with Thanksgiving

Hymn 161

Speak, O Lord as we come to you

Minutes of AGM 2021

Promotions to Glory

Joan Picot & John Johnson

Prayers of Thanksgiving

Hymn 51

Great is thy faithfulness

Gospel

John 21:1-14

Sermon

Presentation of Reports

As distributed

Church Stewards Re-Appointments: Val Macdonald & Simba Mashiri,
Sue de Gruchy, Libby Farnon, Francis Quansah, Ajay Bherwani

Church Steward Appointment

Martin Delap (From September 2022)

Church Council Appointments

Read Hymn 680

Come, Host of heaven's high dwelling place

Financial overview

(Including Nursery accounts)

Offertory

Prayers of dedication

Lord's Prayer

Hymn 663

I, the Lord of sea and sky

Blessing



