



The **Methodist** Church

# AGM Reports SHMC 2019

*'To make disciples and join in God's mission for change'*



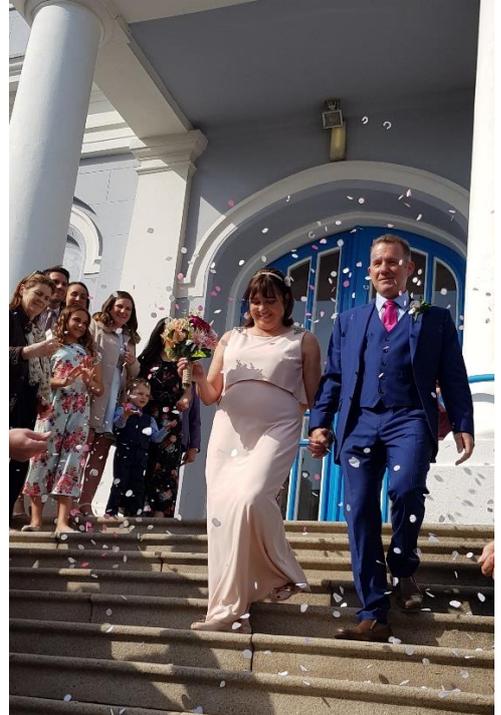
**All ages, All nations, All stages of faith**



**the  
Centre**  
ST HELIER METHODIST

## Minister's Preface

What a lot has happened since last year's AGM! We have been visited by Bala Gnanapragasam, the Vice President of the Conference, and his wife Sylvia, entertained by members of the London Revue Company and supported Christian Aid work in the Philippines. There have been challenges of replacing rusty gutters, repairing windows on the west side and, with the generous support of the Brick Foundation, our Café has been refurbished.



We have said goodbye to Idrys Buesnel & Jan Woods whose witness and zest for life we cherished. There have been times of joy: births, baptisms, Helen and Mick's wedding and new members joining our fellowship. For some, health has been a worry, for others there is the excitement of seeing children grow and thrive. These reports trace the past year and include the flow of finance that enable our common life to flourish.

But here lies a danger. Reports tend to focus on events planned in the diary, monies that can be counted and the number of people attended. That is all good and laudable but they only tell half the story. Most of Jesus's encounters appear to be spontaneous conversations such as the woman at the well and Zacchaeus up a tree. These were not planned in his diary! His ministry appears to be a pattern of interruptions within which he lingered in new opportunities.

Let me suggest that alongside the quantifiable measurers of the past year there are also the numerous acts of kindnesses such as the phone call to enquire about someone's health, the smile of encouragement, praying with someone or chatting to someone new in the Cafe. These are not easily recorded in a report. They exist below the surface- but they make all the difference.

So, while I commend these reports to you I do so with the caveat that they are the surface of the visible iceberg. We also acknowledge all the generous words and actions that you offer to make church possible.

Finally, I express our thanks to all our staff: Sarah for her caring presence of administration and friendship, Jackie for the meticulously produced accounts, Teresa's ministry around the buildings, Annie and Fiona's hospitality within the Café, Sally and Ellen's nurturing among families, and Hilary & Louise's outstanding work in the Nestling Nursery.

For all that that has been planned and measurable we give thanks to God, but we also give praise for all the spontaneous Christ filled moments of freedom.

Tony





## Stewards Report 2019

### **Church Stewards:**

**David Hicklin, Pam Marett, Ann Paul, Kay Papworth, Simba Mashiri & Val MacDonald**

We meet on the third Monday of each month with Rev Tony Morling and it has been a busy year with planned events and many highlights.

Two Away Days were arranged; one in June at Bethesda Methodist Church and the other in November at St. Martin – both enjoyable “times out” together. A big thank you to Ann, David and Nance, and Kay, our lovely catering team.

A summer outing which included a Lorry Ride was held in August. A fun time was enjoyed in beautiful sunny weather.

Many church services were held on weekdays throughout the year; JCG Prep and VCP had Christmas services in December and JCG held their Leavers’ Service in June. In September St. Johns Ambulance were in church for their Prize Giving Service and Highlands College/University College Jersey for their Graduation. On the 9<sup>th</sup> of December De Gruchy Undertakers held a Bereavement Service which was so important for those who attended. This year the Girl Guides held their “Thinking Day” Service in February. It is good to be part of these special occasions.

Donations from the 10% Fund agreed: £2,000 towards travel expenses for Cathy’s Talitha trip to Bolivia, £1,000 to the Bible Society and £500 to the Leprosy Mission (UK will match this donation).

A highlight in the year was the grand re-opening of the café in November. After the Brick Foundation (Builders Trade Charity) completed their splendid refurbishment we celebrated with many café users. Dion Elliott and Steve Jewell joined us as representatives of the Brick Foundation. Our thanks and gratitude to Dion and Steve and all the workers.

Another highlight that we are enjoying this month is the visit of the Watoto Children’s Choir from Uganda.

This year both David and I will be stepping down as Stewards having completed 6 years. I have learnt so much during my time and it has been a privilege and joy to serve our Church family.

Pam.

## Pastoral Review 2018/9

Again, this year it has been good to welcome members of the World Church into the life of SHMC, including from the Philippines, Zimbabwe, Ghana and Pakistan. Please forgive some of us if we do not always immediately remember your names but be sure we are delighted to get to know you and you are very welcome!

As a Pastoral Committee we meet regularly to keep up to date with news of members and we hope you will continue to share your news with us and feel part of this church family.

As in all families we have our ups and downs and so this year we take the opportunity to bring news of new life: Willard and Tapiwa (Vernah) Muvengerwi with Tinashe, Francis Junior, to Francis & Grace, and Manaka's baptism, daughter of Rhoderick and Gloria Chatikobo. What a joy! And Pam Marett celebrated her 90th birthday in October.



Sadly, we must record the death of our oldest member Idrys Buesnel, who worshipped every Sunday with us almost to the end of her life and died in December last year. It was strange that her great friend, Daryl de Gruchy, who had been in poor health for some time, died in May last year. Both were remembered with love and thanksgiving for their lives of faithful service to the church.

We remember also Jan Woods who died in February. Jan was so brave and courageous to the end. Having discovered faith in the last few years in this church she so much appreciated and enjoyed the friendship and fellowship she found here.

Helen Parker, whose mother and father died soon after each other in the last year, was married here in April and we also congratulate Fungayi and Tendai Rukarwa following their wedding in Zimbabwe.

Congratulations also to Leiden and Ajay who marry in July, Menna & Jenna Treleven who have both become engaged in the last year and we look forward to a wedding next year.

Some of our members have been in and out of hospital or been ill during the year and we want you to know that you are remembered in our prayers, and visited when we are able. Eunice Le Breton is now our oldest member at 102 and keeps good health at the Little Sisters.

Please let us know so that we keep you in our thoughts and prayers.

Pat Tourtel.

## Children's Report 2019

Looking back, the pattern of our work during 2018-2019 has been very similar to the past few years.

We continue to make relationships with parents and children at the Toddler Groups on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday. And with children at 7up and on Sundays.

Toddler Church on a Monday morning is now so well attended that we keep having to make the square of chairs bigger. Many of the parents come and go, but we do have quite a few regular families. Every session is different according to who is there that day. Our little team of helpers seem to be diminishing all the time, which as the numbers are increasing makes our work load more and more challenging. So, if anyone is free on a Monday morning to make tea, move chairs, get toys out, or just to be there as a role model, we would make you very welcome.



The Tuesday Group is large in numbers and noise, and as always is very popular. We have run it the same for years but as it works so well there is no reason to change it. The lunchtime Wednesday Group is also very busy now. We think that for some young families this time, 12-2pm, suits well.

“7up”, has also taken on a new lease of life. We now have around 14 children attending each time. More people to help here would also be very helpful.

Our Sunday Children are still, and I think always will be, very variable. We never know how many children we will have, what ages they will be, or if what we have planned will be suitable. Generally, we get it more or less right, but planning is not easy. We can never carry a theme over from week to week as we never know who will be there. We do feel that at this moment of time we are seeing a few more regular families, which we are so grateful for.

In the not so far off future we will need to provide something for our new babies. How exciting!

During the last year we have ventured something new -Messy Sunday. We have only had two so far but are planning one for 28<sup>th</sup> April. Both the previous ones were very well attended, and great fun. We had all the activities and the worship in the Church, then the entertainment and food downstairs. This next time we plan to have all the activities downstairs, go upstairs for worship, then come back down again for food. We are not having any entertainment this time so we will see if it makes a difference to the attendance.

Last year in the summer we ran our annual all age Holiday club, which seems to work well. Having families together enjoying activities and worship is always so worthwhile.

In August we went on Lorries as we have done for a few years. This attracts families from the edges of our community, and there are always more people wanting to come than there are Lorries. A fun time on the beach having a picnic in the sun, what could be better?



On Christmas Eve our Sunday children, and a few others who we gathered in, performed “A Little Nativity”. The children loved doing this, and it was very much appreciated by everyone. As every year Sunday rehearsals are not always well attended, but the two rehearsals we have a few days before is when it all comes together. To say thank you for taking part in the play we all go bowling in the New Year. This is another family event, which is also very popular.

Although in general the groups and events are the same, nothing stays the same for ever. We welcome last year's changes with Messy Sunday, and also the new babies, who have arrived into our congregation. We look forward to what God has in store for us during this year and thank him for all his blessings of the past.

Sally and Ellen



## Youth Work Annual Report 2019

It has been a great year for growing the leadership team by 100%, from just Cathy Morling, to the addition of Marcia Lee. She brings a natural ability to relate to the age group and a powerful humility to serve. This will be transformative going forward.

Sunday Youth on a Sunday morning can regularly see five attending, with more when we have a specific project. The age-span is ten to eighteen, which is a stretch and a challenge when considering topics and issues to discuss. The group's sense of belonging to the Church has deepened this year, helped by participating in a number of special services with music and drama. "The Spirit of Christmas" was a highlight, performed at the New Year's Banquet Service, adapted from a piece written by Naomi Bidmead for Bethesda's children and youth. We used film, puppets and 12 young people were involved in multiple roles.

The young people washed cars one Sunday to help raise funds for the Higher Tour – a mission in secondary schools that took place in September 2018 - and a number attended the Beetle Drive to fundraise for the Island to Island Christian Aid Appeal. We would like to engage the group with more projects where they can see faith in action. There is an appetite for more social gatherings and although the annual Garage Club Cinema Outing in the Christmas holidays was very popular, with a group of 23 going to see 'Spiderman: Into the Spider-verse', we have limited capacity to arrange much more.

Our Sunday morning material is usually from Youth For Christ Resources, but has been supplemented by videos from the New Good News Edition of the Bible and exploring the "Talk Jesus" videos. Group games are an important feature alongside discussions, and one week we all wrote to the orphans we support as a Church, from Watoto in Uganda, in the hope to build relationships and hope.



There are fewer regular musicians and singers attending at the moment, but there have been occasional sessions preparing music for Sunday services led by Ben Shaw, Libby Farnon and supported by Sue De Gruchy when they can. The Youth Band would benefit from new musicians, perhaps from within the whole church family in the future.

Garage Club - Sunday evenings once a month, means lots of fun for tens to teens, but following last year of exploring different venues, we have returned to the original model of the Centre as the base. We still go to other locations, like the beach, and once supported an all age event at St. Andrews, but the core group only feel secure at the Centre and prefer less change. A guest speaker, Vusa, from Christians in Sport, led dodgeball for the group when he visited Garage Club, and this has set a new favourite activity for the group. We are grateful to Rev Mark Barrett for his support of our leadership team, with various parents helping out, and Rev Tony Morling a regular facilitator. On Easter Sunday our BBQ on the beach with volleyball gathered 20 young people and some of their families for games and a time of reflection.

We hope to find ways for our youths to deepen their spiritual lives in the coming year. An opportunity to explore membership, or creation of a clearer promotion pathway into Youth would be beneficial. There will be no Jersey Keswick or New Wine this year, so it would be good if we can plan an overnight trip in Jersey or join another church for a UK trip in the coming year to broaden their faith experiences and increase their potential encounters with Jesus.



### Women's Ministry at The Centre

The distinctive and intentional ministry for women at the Centre continues in the shape of 'Recharge' – a morning of time to receive, reflect and recharge the spiritual batteries. Numbers are around 30 drawn regularly from, on average, eight different churches. This is a team-inspired ministry, involving Cathy Morling, Lou Hicklin, Helen Parker and Naomi Bidmead from Bethesda.

There have been three 'Recharge' gatherings this year. The first in June 2018 was an exploration of 'Truth', with Helen Parker and Naomi Bidmead speaking and helping us to consider how God's truth sets us free, looking at Ephesians 6 and putting on the armour of God, including the belt of truth. The second was in November 2018, focusing on imagery of hands in the Bible, particularly within Psalm 91: *"his angels...will lift you up in their hands"* and Cathy Morling shared images and testimony of God's hands at work and Him using her hands in the mission trip to Bolivia with the charity Talitha. The third was in March 2019 with the theme of 'Breath', exploring Ezekiel 37, reflecting on our own breathing and what might be blockages to breathe in more of God's Spirit into our lives. We've been grateful to Catherine Baudains for supporting us periodically on the piano for our times of worship, the hospitality has been supported by different members of the Centre and then more recently Café Manager, Annie Vatcher. Lou Hicklin's creative input and insights are invaluable.

Each gathering is unique and meaningful for those attending. We encourage each morning to include discussion, Bible study, prayer, personal reflection and opportunities to respond or explore themes creatively. It is increasingly less dependent on the input of one speaker, often having multiple voices. The feedback is very positive and we have a database of contacts which we use to inform of the next gathering. We find that emailing reminders are essential, as well as producing high quality publicity postcards with all three dates for the year ahead printed on them.

The expenses for each morning are relatively small, but a basket for donations towards the cost of the refreshments offsets the expenses.

'Recharge' brings women at the Centre closer together, creates opportunities to grow in fellowship with women from other churches and across denominations. There is plenty of room for growth in this area, as it is distinctive to most women's breakfasts. We look forward to another year of special ministry, releasing gifts, hearing from more women's voices, deepening our spiritual journeys and taking the opportunities to stop and listen to God in our busy lives.



### Report from Management and Finance

Whilst the repair and maintenance of the Centre is one of the main responsibilities of the Committee the welfare and employment of the staff is another important role which is also part of the Committee's remit. The Committee acknowledges the hard work carried out by the dedicated team at the Centre without which the current activities run by the Church and others at the Centre could not be sustained at such a successful level.



The repair and maintenance of the buildings continues with the repair of the window on the West side being completed and important repairs to the interior of flats 1 and 2 Ruby Ferguson House also

carried out. The organ is another item which needs to be maintained and whilst some upgrades have been agreed we are advised that the organ would benefit from one or two more substantial pieces of work.



The refurbishment of the café by the Brick Foundation has greatly enhanced the facilities of the Church and the Committee is looking at improving the Youth Room.

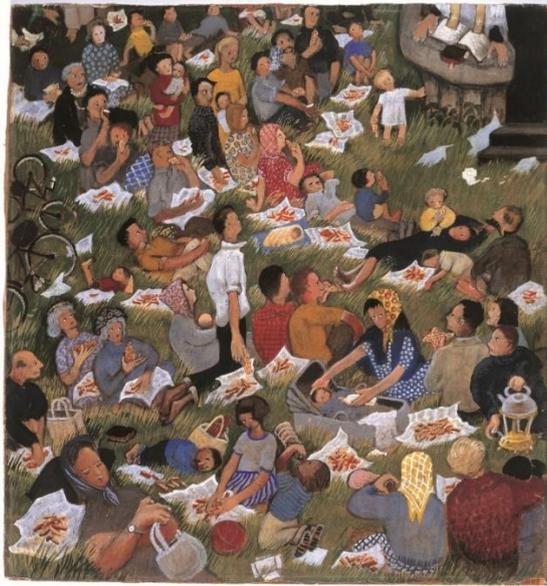


The use of the Centre is ever increasing, and this is greatly welcomed but it does mean that more work is needed to keep it in a good and functional condition. The Church awaits the report of the quinquennial inspection being carried out this year.

The Committee was pleased to welcome David Vasselin as a new member and we are grateful for his assistance. There is always room for new members on the Committee and we would greatly welcome any Church member who wishes to join.

Finally, the Committee is extremely grateful to all the volunteers who assist in the successful running and maintenance of the Centre. They play a vital role in the life of the Church without whom it could not function as at present.

Peter Luce

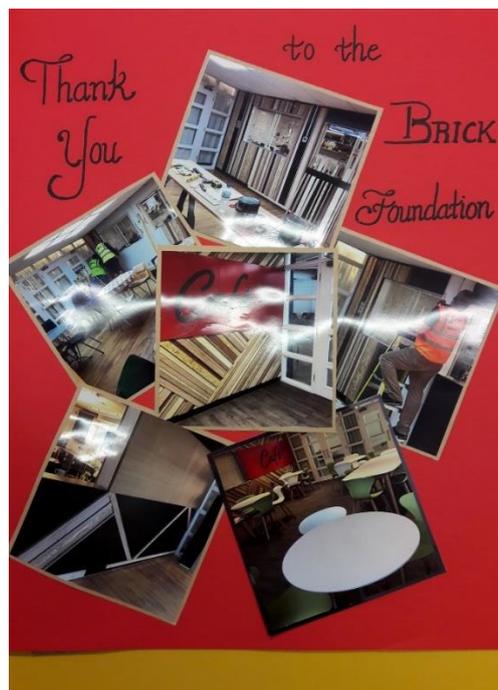


### Café report

Well, it has been a great year in the café seeing the complete renovation and decoration of the Café @ the Centre finished to a very high standard. Everyone is delighted with the new look. It's modern and comfortable whilst still being suitable for young children.

The project was instigated by Tony and designed and carried out by the Brick Foundation. We celebrated this event with an opening day supplying a buffet lunch to over a hundred people. Everyone who was involved with the project was invited and most of them attended including representatives from local churches and regular visitors to the café.





Sadly, one of our regulars, Tim, passed away in October. He came to the café every day, shared a joke, read his paper, ate a cheese omelette and commented on anything happening in the Centre. He would often say how much he valued both the food and the company. He liked to order steak, and on his birthday we surprised him with a plateful of steak, jacket potato and salad. Very satisfying for all concerned.

Presently we have a young trainee who helps every Tuesday.

A big thank you again to all our volunteers, especially Therese who is an invaluable regular helper.

We would love to meet more church members so please come along for a cuppa and natter. It would be great to welcome you and get to know you.

Annie Vatcher



### Comments on the Accounts

Attached are the audited accounts for the Church as well as the Nursery for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> August 2018.

The Church accounts show a surplus of £12,505 as against a budget deficit of £44,864

There are a number of factors which have brought this about, namely

An increase of £7,785 over budget in the income from room hire

The sum of £39,253 spent on repairs and maintenance as against a budget figure of £65,000

An increase of £20,099 over budget in miscellaneous income as a result of an increase in the anticipated transfer from the nursery

The budget for the current year shows an expected deficit of £70,186. The grants from the Circuit and the District have expired.

As last year the sum of £65,000 has been allocated for repairs and maintenance.

The audited accounts for the Nursery give a surplus of £59,714 as against a budget surplus of £42,890 and this despite undertaking a major refurbishment of the garden costing approximately £50,000.

The two main reasons for this are the increase in income due to the nursery being full for most of the year and the continued very tight control of expenditure especially wages.

Peter Luce.

## ST HELIER METHODIST CENTRE

## GENERAL FUND

## INCOME &amp; EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR TO 31 AUGUST 2018

2018/2019										
Budget	INCOME	Note	2018 Actual		2018 Budget		2017 Actual		2017 Budget	
52,800	Cash collections & covenants			50,725		51,000		54,562		49,000
10,000	Inc tax refunds on covenants			9,978		10,000		9,977		10,000
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62,800				60,703		61,000		64,539		59,000
6,280	Less tf to 10% reserve fund			6,070		6,100		6,454		5,900
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56,520				54,633		54,900		58,085		53,100
20,700	Rent from flats 1&2			19,620		20,000		16,752		19,413
30,000	Room Hire	4		36,085		28,300		33,109		27,540
3,600	Donations			3,556		4,000		1,900		4,000
84,000	Nursery rent			78,000		78,000		72,000		72,000
1,000	Bank deposit interest	5		1,300		1,000		1,121		1,000
-	Quoted investment income			19		-		-		-
	Grants from Circuit & District	9		20,993		20,993		43,763		-
4,000	Catering			3,941		4,000		2,123		4,500
-	Holiday club			- 29		-		( 229)		-
-	Fund raising			-		2,000		-		2,000
55,000	Miscellaneous income			80,099		60,000		81,695		80,000
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254,820	<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>			298,217		273,193		310,319		263,553
	<b>EXPENSES</b>									
4,200	Accountancy/treasurer fees	6	2,818		4,000		3,096		3,800	
79,345	Circuit Assessment		89,362		84,362		87,095		87,095	
109,248	Staff salaries	9	102,456		104,193		98,941		67,498	
7,104	Staff soc sec Er costs		6,364		6,800		6,211		6,534	
10,200	Oil		9,561		8,500		7,424		7,000	
9,000	Electricity		7,875		9,000		7,697		8,500	
2,400	Water		2,094		2,600		2,117		2,500	
290	Rates		293		290		289		290	
480	Telephone		485		650		569		650	
8,000	Insurance		7,140		8,000		7,380		8,000	
2,400	Cleaning - Agencies		2,189		2,500		2,211		4,800	
1,800	Cleaning - Materials		1,621		1,700		1,664		1,600	
4,200	Printing, Stationery & Postage		2,688		4,200		3,740		3,250	
15,000	Repairs & maint - routine	7	15,000		15,000		15,000		15,000	
55,000	Repairs & maint - planned		24,253		50,000		11,431		50,000	
3,500	Professional fees		2,500		3,500		2,500		3,500	
300	Jr Church & Youth work		-		500		323		1,500	
480	Sundry Equipment		-		500				500	
300	Messy Church		272		350		302		150	
1,412	Connexional Funding		1,412		1,412		1,412		1,412	
10,347	Miscellaneous expenses	8	7,328	285,711	1610,000	318,057	6,015	265,417	10,000	283,579
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( 70,186)	<b>RESULT - PROFIT/(LOSS)</b>			12,505		( 44,864)		44,902		( 20,026)

ST HELIER METHODIST CENTRE					
BALANCE SHEET					
31 AUGUST 2018					
	Note	2018		2017	
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>					
Cash at banks	1	90,829		68,384	
Cash at Central Board of Finance		308,425		307,126	
Petty Cash		884		228	
Debtors	2	2,295		1,836	
Prepayments	2	21,443		21,702	
Stock	2	1,652	425,528	1,285	400,561
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>					
Creditors	2	22,850		10,800	
Accruals	2	3,330	26,180	5,767	16,567
			399,349		383,993
<b>REPRESENTED BY</b>					
General Fund (Unrestricted)	3		370,822		358,316
Minister's Discretionary Fund			1,019		796
General Property Fund (Restricted)			6,611		6,475
In & Out Collections (Restricted)			-		426
Mrs L S Nicolle Endowment Fund (Restricted)			1,250		1,247
Advertising Fund (Restricted)			430		430
Parking Fund (Restricted)			429		429
10% Charities Fund (Restricted)			7,143		5,338
Little Rascals Fund (Restricted)			1,000		1,000
Esperado Fund (Restricted)			3,475		2,398
M Tourtel Memorial Fund (Restricted)			7,170		7,139
<b>TOTAL CHURCH FUNDS</b>			399,349		383,994



<b>ST HELIER METHODIST CENTRE</b>					
<b>OTHER FUNDS</b>					
<b>31 AUGUST 2018</b>					
General Property Fund			10% Charities Fund		
31.8.17	Balance b/f	6,475	31.8.17	Balance b/f	5,339
	Tf from inc/exp	136		Transfer from Minister's Discretionary Fund - food vouchers	2,380
	Closing balance	<u>6,611</u>		Donation	49
				Transfer from General Fund	6,070
Parking Fund				Less paid to:	
31.8.17	Balance b/f	429		Action Aid	180
	No movement in period			Kabutu in Zambia	500
	Closing balance	<u>429</u>		Hurricane Irma	1,050
				Bible Society	1,000
				Christians Together	50
				Christian Aid	400
Minister's Discretionary Fund				Benevolent Fund (vouchers)	3,515
31.8.17	Balance b/f	796			
	Add various donations	1,653		Closing balance	<u>7,143</u>
	Add tf from General Fund	1,000			
	Santa sacks	-	Advertising Fund		
	Tf to 10% fund for vouchers	2,380	31.8.17	Balance b/f	430
	Food bank costs	50		No movement	
				Closing balance	<u>430</u>
	Closing balance	<u>1,019</u>			
			Little Rascals Fund		
			31.8.17	Balance b/f	1,000
In & Out Collections				Add net receipts for period	872
31.8.17	Balance b/f	426		Less tf to General Fund	872
	Various receipts	3,344		Closing balance	<u>1,000</u>
	Less paid to:				
	Hurricane Irma	138			
	Action for Children	1,261	Michael Tourtel Memorial Fund		
	All We Can	50	31.8.17	Balance b/f	7,139
	Zimbabwe Project	259		Add bank interest received	31
	Jersey Hospice	185		Closing balance	<u>7,170</u>
	World Mission Fund	62			
	Christian Aid	1,737			
	Leprosy Mission	78			
			Esperado Fund		
			31.8.17	Balance b/f	2,398
				Receipts for the period	1,677
	Closing balance	<u>0</u>		Less:	
			18	Tf to Esperado project	-
Mrs L S Nicolle Endowment Fund				Monthly funding	600
31.8.17	Balance b/f	1,247		Closing balance	<u>3,475</u>
	Bank interest	3			
	Closing balance	<u>1,250</u>			

**ST HELIER METHODIST CENTRE  
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS  
31 AUGUST 2018 (CONTINUED)**

Miscellaneous expenses (over £100) include:

CCLI Licence

TV licence

Freedom Media - web hosting & domain renewal

Purchase of 6 bibles

Replenishment of First Aid boxes

Course costs for office administrator

Journey/Christmas books and posters

St Martin and Bethesda for use of facilities for Awayday

Giving Envelopes

Methodist Recorder subscription

Transfer to Ministers Discretionary Fund to support food bank expenses

120 Prayer books

Staff Christmas gifts

St John Ambulance - First aid courses for staff

Freedom media for 2 banners

Cash paid for lorries August

Staff salaries

Gross salaries for the year

Less:

Circuit grant for Family worker (3rd of 3 annual payments)

District grant for Family worker (3rd of 3 annual payments)

Circuit grant for additional Family worker (3rd of 3 annual payments)

District grant for additional Family worker (3rd of 3 annual payments)

We continue to be grateful for the ongoing support of the Circuit and District with regards to their contribution towards staff costs, and acknowledge that the grants paid in this period will complete the 3-year cycle.



## Nestling Day Care Centre Income & Expenditure account – year ended 31 August 2018

2018/2019				2018 Actual	2018 Budget	2017 Actual	2017 Budget
Budget	INCOME	Note					
683,808	Fees recvable	1		663,032	631,600	621,766	616,000
124	Interest recvable	2		149	240	217	350
-	Other income			42	-	79	-
<u>683,932</u>				<u>663,223</u>	<u>631,840</u>	<u>622,062</u>	<u>616,350</u>
	<b>EXPENDITURE</b>						
460,584	Staff costs	3	427,758	441,450	420,217	440,000	
2,400	Training (net of grants received)	3	- 290	5,000	3,723	5,000	
18,240	Toiletries & Food	4	18,403	17,000	14,019	14,000	
1,500	Art materials		1,456	1,500	1,128	1,500	
3,500	Equipmnt repairs & maint.		986	3,500	2,767	3,500	
84,000	Meth. Church service chg.		78,000	78,000	72,000	72,000	
1,700	Rates		1,569	1,700	1,657	1,700	
1,500	Advrtisng /printing/ sttnery		1,279	1,500	1,324	1,200	
600	Phone & postage		556	820	649	820	
-	Motor Expenses		-	180	-270	1,170	
1,800	Bin servicing		1,388	1,800	1,355	1,785	
11,400	Cleaning		10,325	11,400	10,497	11,100	
4,200	Accnancy	6	3,410	4,200	3,690	4,100	
25,000	Property maintce & repairs	11	50,852	10,000	10,911	12,000	
6,000	Professnl fees	10	6,648	6,400	6,400	5,300	
2,000	Sundries	10	1,168	2,000	3,286	2,140	
2,500	Toys & books & equipmnt		-	2,500	727	2,500	
<u>626,924</u>				<u>603,509</u>	<u>588,950</u>	<u>554,080</u>	<u>579,815</u>

<u>57,008</u>	<b>NET INCOME BEFORE GRANTS</b>	<u>59,714</u>	<u>42,890</u>	<u>67,982</u>	<u>36,535</u>
<u>57,008</u>	<b>NET INCOME FOR THE YEAR</b>	<u>59,714</u>	<u>42,890</u>	<u>67,982</u>	<u>36,535</u>
Balance brought forward		190,543		202,561	
Transfer to SHMC Reserves		<u>- 80,000</u>		<u>- 80,000</u>	
Balance carried forward		<u><b>170,257</b></u>		<u><b>190,543</b></u>	



**the Centre**  
BY HELIER METHODIST

## NEW SONG 6pm

Fresh Contemporary Worship  
Pechakucha  
Hot chocolate & doughnuts

### “Standing on the Shoulders of Giants”

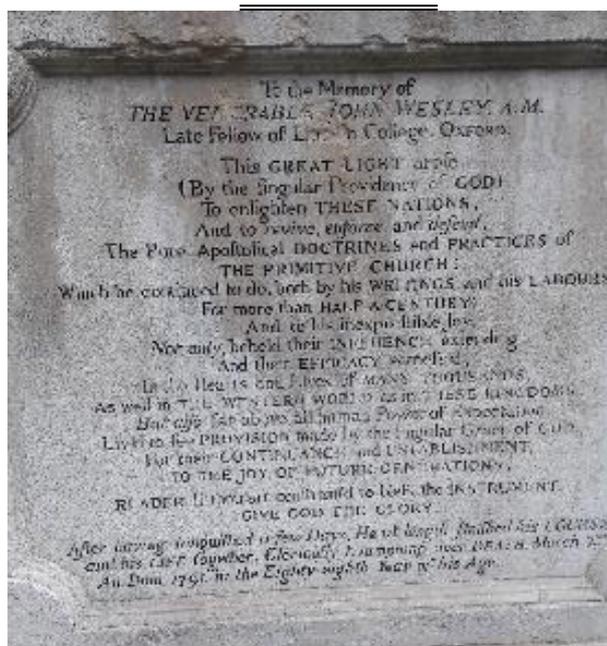
Diary Dates  
21 October 2018  
3 February 2019  
12 May 2019  
30 June 2019

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St Helier Methodist Centre  
Rahbett Place



## Nestling Day Care Centre Balance sheet – as at 31 August 2018

		2018		2017	
	£	£		£	£
Note					
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>					
Debtors and prepayments		2,708		905	
Stock	5	-		30	
Cash at bank	7	220,180		239,680	
Cash in hand		125		20	
		223,013		240,635	
<b>LIABILITIES: Amounts due within one year</b>					
Fees received in advance		19,529		21,976	
Parents deposit fund	8	13,250		12,250	
Sundry creditors and accruals	9	19,977		15,866	
		52,756		50,092	
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<b>170,257</b>		<b>190,543</b>	
Represented by:					
<b>UNAPPROPRIATED SURPLUS</b>		<b>170,257</b>		<b>190,543</b>	



## Nestling Day Care Centre Notes to the accounts for the year ended 31 August 2019

1 Fee income is above that anticipated. The main reason for this is that the Nursery was nearly full for the whole year (we budget for having two spaces). Each space generates income of approximately £14,300 (average) per year.

2 The majority of interest received is from the Central Finance Board (£100). The remainder comes from Lloyds TSB in Jersey. Interest rates remained very low for the year.

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. One member of staff was required to repay training costs incurred in previous periods and that is the reason for a negative expense in the current financial year.

4 Food and toiletries expenditure remain tightly controlled and the result is pleasing considering that the Nursery was forced to find another new source for hot meals in the period which resulted in a cost increase. 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.

7 Cash at bank is made up of:	<b>2018</b>	<b>2017</b>
Central Finance Board monies	28,911	28,790
Lloyds TSB Jersey	191,269	210,890
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	220,180	239,680

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	8,481
Allowance for accountancy costs	868
Allowance for food bills for August	2,313
Allowance for cost of art materials	264
Allowance for cost of toiletries	7
Allowance for telephone for Aug	37
Allowance for various cleaning invoices	169
Allowance for property refurbishment expenses	7,563
Allowance for equipment replacement costs	17
Allowance for postage costs	15
Allowance for stationery and printing expenses	243
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	<u>19,977</u>

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0 The Nursery has agreed a regular payment plan with Law at Work to cover the cost of various personnel and staffing advice and assistance.

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1 The Nursery has refurbished the garden area during the year and these costs of £49,993 are included within Property Maintenance and Repairs.



## [A report from the office](#)

It has been busy in the office again this year with several changes.

The States Adult Day Services (the Le Geyt group) are changing the hours they rent the Youth Room. From the beginning of the summer term they will be coming in on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. They have identified that it may be time for them to look again at community bases they access as the needs of their client group change.

Jackie, who does such invaluable work as Treasurer, has been working from home more often as her other responsibilities have increased. She is now in the office about once a fortnight.

As always, volunteers have contributed greatly; particularly Michael counting teabags and Sean doing building maintenance.

New legislation in 2018 has had specific implications for the office:

The General Data Protection Regulations came into force in May 2018. These affect the collection, use and storage of all personally identifiable data. Moving into compliance with GDPR is an ongoing process in the office and is the reason we have not printed the useful names and addresses section in the Year Book and Prayer Diary 2018-2019. It is also why we now have two very smart red filing cabinets in the office - they are lockable.

The Centre (including the Nursery) has submitted to be officially registered as a charity - as required by a new law. *The charity register contains key information about each charity and, with some limited exceptions, is fully open to public inspection so that people can, if they wish, understand more about the purposes, finances and public benefit delivery of the charities that they wish to support.*

The Food bank has not taken up as much of my time this year but is still active. When people are referred to us – particularly from Citizens Advice – we give them groceries and vouchers for electricity. Thank you so much to everyone who donates tins and packets.

Finally, of course, the renovation of the Café was fascinating to watch, and it is great to enjoy the result. Such a difference from the office window!

Sarah



## Report from Nestling Day Care Nursery

### **Nestling Day Care Nursery Committee**

Chair                      Hilary Bullock  
Secretary                Gill Luce  
Finance                   Jackie Ollerenshaw  
Committee:              Rev Tony Morling, Peter Luce, Jane Pointon, Enid Davis, Nance Hicklin.  
Hilary Bullock

**Nestling, formerly known as Aquila Nursery, is now in its 42<sup>nd</sup> year and the longest established Childcare Nursery on the Island.**

We have evolved into a much-needed full time childcare facility catering for babies from 3 months to preschool age as more mothers feel the need to return to the workplace.

During the past year many of our loyal staff undertook extra study workshops outside of working hours in order to keep up to date with the many changes in Education.

This has been acknowledged in the recent Registration Review. Much credit was expressed of the leadership skills of the Nursery Manager Louise Jones-Butel whose enthusiasm has been inspiring for the Nursery Staff. We wish to record here our sincere thanks to Louise who has extended her knowledge and management skills again this year.

The day to day management of the Nursery is a complex mixture of juggling acts in order to ensure the smooth running of the business and most importantly that our child/ratios are met. Safeguarding has been a very serious issue.

Last year we welcomed the birth of a baby daughter for one of our Team Leaders. Jade is returning this April after a six-month maternity break. It has been difficult to find cover staff during such breaks. Many of our staff worked extra hours to cover this six-month maternity period and we are most grateful to all of them. A second member of staff is beginning her six-month maternity break.

Qualified Nursery officers are in short supply. It is perhaps one of the most challenging aspects of recruitment.

We have been supported greatly during the past year by Tony, the Nursery Committee, Sally, Sarah and Jackie for her financial advice and we must not forget David Hicklin who performs the duties of Father Christmas each year.

Last August we commenced the refurbishment of the Nursery Garden. This was a large project and an expensive undertaking. Please take a look at the result of which we are very proud. We are in action again this Spring to complete the purchase of plants and some necessary play equipment.

Finally, thanks to Martin and David for all their DIY skills. There are always jobs to be done in the Nursery which they carry out in such a cheerful manner.

Hilary Bullock



### **Minutes of the St Helier Methodist Centre Annual General Meeting held on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> April 2018**

Welcome & devotions: These were led by Rev Tony Morling (TM) which offered praise and thanksgiving to our living God in Jesus who shows us Grace and Peace- followed by Hymn 564

Attendance: The attendance sheet was circulated and returned with 52 members in attendance and no apologies

Our young people joined us for creative activities so all members could attend the AGM.

Thanks to Lou Hicklin for taking the Minutes and thank you to Sarah Keenan-Fox for all her hard work in compiling and printing the Reports which were distributed prior to the meeting.

1. Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> May 2017 have been circulated, agreed and signed off by TM.
2. Membership Changes: New members have joined SHMC and we rejoice in receiving people from the world church (all names are at the bottom of page 5 of the AGM Report).

Deaths: Shirley Cauvain, Russel Lucas, Marlene Foster, Ken king. Tony offered a beautiful prayer of blessing for those we have lost.

3. Church Stewards & elects to church council: David Vasselin (Senior Steward) is standing down as Steward after his 6-year term. DV spoke about Val MacDonald joining as Steward from today and what a blessing she will be to the team. Val was presented with her keys to the building as a token of her union with the Stewards. Thanks to all the other stewards, each mentioned and blessed for their own offerings. DV gave a brief overview of the team for the coming year: David Hicklin, Pam Marrett, Kay Papworth, Simba Mashiri, Ann Paul & Val MacDonald.

DV gave an overview of what a steward does. (Refer to page 5 of the AGM Reports) and asked the members to remember that this is not the stewards church but OUR church, therefore, if there is anything you wish to achieve or that the church could be doing please speak to the stewards.

All members were in agreement for the stewards to continue.

Pam Marrett offered a few words in thanks for the work of David Vasselin: -

**“We have enjoyed David’s leadership over the last year and we will miss you sitting in your favourite chair in the corner at our meetings at the manse, your deep sincerity. We want to show our appreciation to you by offering this gift”.**

**David Hicklin said that he was going to miss DV’s presence and hopes that he will still continue to drop in for coffee with David & Nance whenever he is passing.**

**DV expressed his thanks for the gift and best wishes.**

**TM presented DV with a street sign of FRANCIS STREET which he had been admiring in TM’s garage. TM said he was going to miss it but that he knew it was going to a good home.**

**The members offered thanks to DV for all he has done over the last 6 years.**

**Election to church council: DV has now been elected to Church Council along with those who already sit: Gill Luce, Libby Farnon, Enid Davis, Martin Le Boutillier, Jan Le Boutillier, Nance Hicklin, Sue de Gruchy, Pat Tourtel, Roy Picot and Maureen Rayson, Helen Parker and Arthur Kembo. This was voted unanimously by the members.**

- 4. Presentation of Reports: Printed reports were distributed to all members one week before the AGM in order that all had the opportunity to familiarise themselves. No comments were received in relation to the reports; therefore, all were agreed. Thank you to all those responsible for submitting a report.**
- 5. TM asked Peter Luce to come forward to give an overview of the Finances.**

**Financial Overview – Peter advised that the majority of the financial work is done by Jackie in the office who does both the church and the nursery accounts. Jackie is a real blessing to us, and thanks were offered to her for all her hard work, as without her we would really struggle.**

**Accounts: Prior to the accounts being read PL advised that the copy of the accounts in the circulated report were in fact last years and an up to date 2018 financial report was circulated to all members at the meeting.**

**Church: Peter advised that the audited accounts show a surplus of £44,902 as against a budget deficit of £20,026 (see comments on handout).**

**Financial report accepted and unanimously agreed.**

**We are approaching the last year of a three-year grant scheme with the Methodist Circuit. As we are now showing surplus finances SHMC would not be asking the circuit to contribute by way of grant for the forthcoming future.**

**Nursery: Nursery accounts professionally audited and agreed by all present.**

**TM expressed thanks to PL and the management team for all that they do. PL asked to express our thanks to Jackie for all she does. Thank you to PL for all he does with this huge undertaking.**

**TM commented appreciation to so many who invest in the life of the church and thanks to management for all you do in the course of the year and with the upkeep of the property. The church has a fantastic staff team: Sarah, Sally, Ellen, Teresa, Annie & Fiona. The members showed their appreciation.**

6. Ministers Comments – TM asked the members to consider some of our current mission activities:

- Greater participation in worship
- Introduction of Talitha Jersey Hub
- Men's Meeting
- New Song
- Discipleship pathway

PT commented that there is so much going on in the Centre during the week. He commented that it was important to remember all those who use the building regardless of not actually being members of this church. The fact that they come into the Centre is 'Planting the seed'. Perhaps more church members could find some time to come into the café to witness this and share time there.

Pat Tourtel expressed the view that we were very impressed with our President of the Methodist Church. Pat would like us to think about whether we are part of a declining church and not a declining Gospel as written by the President in an article in Connection Magazine, and that it is too easy to sit still rather than take risks, so let us consider the radical to remain positive going forward.

Roy asked for evidence of our efforts to 'research social exclusions in Jersey and to offer real change to those in need'. Sarah talked about the continuation of the Food Bank and how often it is used. TM has been to Scotland with a party of 15 including the Chief Minister, Ian Gorst, to discuss and witness how Scotland achieve engagement with those brought up in Care and to find out how they achieve the results that they do. Scotland are considering visiting Jersey to continue trying enable us to find a way to deal with local social exclusion. Along with that, the JEC recognise the need for supplements to those in need of costly and unaffordable electricity. What we do as church is to ask questions and be a voice for the less fortunate in our community and this is how we can all play a part in bringing these issues to light.

7. Sally & Ellen children's work - SV explained that Messy church is having a break. So instead of continuing it has been decided to embark on a new venture called Messy Sunday. This will be held once a quarter during an All Age Worship. The first one will be taking place on 24<sup>th</sup> June and it is hoped that families who would normally enjoy Messy Church will join us for the Messy Celebration on a Sunday.

8. Hymn 489 – All I Once Held Dear

9. Closing blessing TM gave closing blessing

10. Next AGM: May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2019





11.15 am

**Annual Church Meeting Agenda**

Welcome & Explanation

Per Year Book

Hymn 169

*Come, thou long-expected Jesus*

Apologies

Attendance/apology record will be circulated

Minutes of April 29<sup>th</sup>, 2018

Membership changes

Appointments

Church Stewards (Including elections and thanks)

David Hicklin & Pam Marett to step down after six years

Reps to Church Council: Current: Enid Davis, Sue de Gruchy,  
Libby Farnon, Nance Hicklin, Jan & Martin Le Boutillier,  
Helen Parker, Roy Picot, Maureen Rayson, Pat Tourtel,  
Arthur Kembo, David Vasselin

Presentation of Reports

As distributed

Financial overview

(including nursery accounts)

Peter Luce

Thanks to Jackie Ollerenshaw & Peter Luce

Minister's comments

Time for sharing

Hymn 661

*Give me the faith which can remove*

Closing prayer

Bless this house and those within.

Bless our giving and receiving.

Bless our word and conversation.

Bless our hands and recreation.

Bless our sowing and our growing.

Bless our coming and our going.

Bless all who enter and depart.

Bless this house, your peace impart.

THE SON OF MAN IS COME  
TO SEEK AND TO SAVE  
THAT WHICH WAS LOST  
THE GOOD SHEPHERD  
GIVETH HIS LIFE FOR THE SHEEP †



Ralph Beyer '61