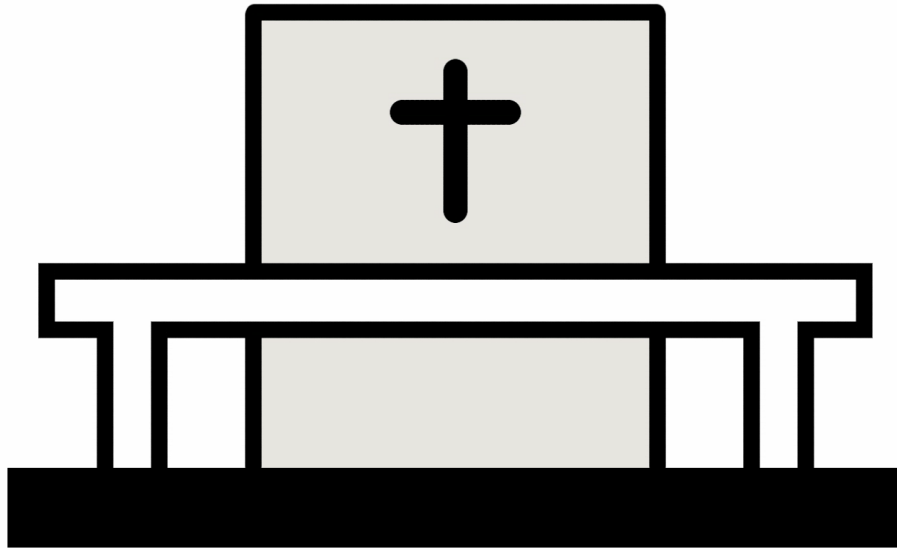


WATERLOOVILLE BAPTIST CHURCH



ANNUAL REPORTS 2019



Waterlooville Baptist Church

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Year ended 31st December 2019

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Church Leadership (May 2020)

Minister – Vacant

Moderator – Rev. Jonathan Edwards

Secretary - Mr. Ray Evans

Treasurer - Mr. David Barnes

Deacons

Mr. Derek Barkaway

Mrs. Barbara Cariss

Mr. Mike Davis

Mrs. Dorothy Earley

Mrs. Wendy Evans

Miss Pat Knowles

Mr. Richard Ostler

Miss Margaret Penson

Children and Families Leader

Miss Amy Tamblyn

ORGANISATION LEADERS AND CHURCH OFFICE HOLDERS

Organisation Leaders – May 2020

Art Group	Leader Helper	Mrs. Jan Peck Mrs. Pam Gray
Boys' Brigade	Captain Lieutenants Treasurer Warrant Officers	Mr. Chris Ware Miss Pat Knowles Mrs. Claire Shucksmith Mr. Paul Merriman, Mr. Nathan Taylor
Community Singers	Treasurer Musical Director	Mr. Alan Perry Mrs. Wendy Evans
Friday Rocks	Leaders Helpers	Miss Amy Tamblyn Mr. Steve Harding, Mr. Ed Haskett, Mrs. Claire Shucksmith
Girls' Brigade	Team Leader & Treasurer Lieutenants Helpers	Mrs. Sian Evans Miss Amelia Beattie, Mrs. Sandie Davis, Mrs. Annie Harding, Mrs Claire Ware Mrs. Barbara Cariss, Mrs. Rachel Nassif
Junior Church	Co-ordinator Crèche Co-ordinator J Force Teachers Y Zone Teachers	Miss Amy Tamblyn Mrs. Hazel Lapworth Mrs. Sian Evans, Miss Pat Knowles Mr. & Mrs. Steve & Annie Harding
Life Groups	Leaders	Mr. & Mrs. Derek & Lynda Barkaway Mr. Richard Ostler
Messy Church	Leader Helpers (Key Team)	Miss Amy Tamblyn Mrs Barbara Cariss, Mrs. Sian Evans, Miss Pat Knowles
Mums Matter	Leader Helpers	Miss Amy Tamblyn Mrs. Sue Longley, Mrs. Pam Vickerstaff Mrs Maureen Walker
Re-tyred	Committee	Mr. Derek Barkaway, Rev. Elgan Evans, Mr Alan Perry
SPLAT	Leader Helpers	Miss Amy Tamblyn Mr. Ed Haskett, Mr. Simon Mainwaring
T@3	Leaders Helpers	Mrs. Julie Barnes and Miss Margaret Penson Mrs. Mary Gleadle, Mrs. Jan Peck
Toddlers	Leader Helpers	Miss Pat Knowles Mrs. Barbara Cariss, Mr. Darrell Griffin, Mrs. Rachel Nassif, Mrs. Pam Nelson, Mr. & Mrs. Rob & Zina Robertson Miss Amy Tamblyn
Thursday Group	Chairman Treasurer	Mrs. Rita Pethick Mr. Darrell Griffin
Youth Space	Leaders	Mr. Daron Blackmore, Mr. and Mrs Darren and Helen Wishart
Women's Fellowship	Co-ordinator Deputy Co-ordinator Administrator Treasurer	Mrs. Mary Gleadle Mrs. Dorothy Earley Mrs. Jan Cafferky Mrs. Enid Morton
Women's Prayer Group	Leader	Mrs. Gill Cawte

Church Office Holders

Accompanists		Mr. Richard Wort, Mrs. Wendy Evans, Mr. Ron Forshaw, Mrs Karen Foster
BMS Birthday Scheme	Secretary	Miss Pat Knowles
Banners	Co-ordinators	Mrs. Lynda Barkaway, Mrs. Wendy Bryan
Care Groups	Co-ordinator Leaders	Miss. Pat Knowles Mr. Richard Ostler Mrs. Rita Pethick Mrs. Margaret Barker Mrs. Mary Gleadle Mrs. Gill Phillips Mr. Darrel Griffin Mrs. Enid Morton Mrs. Gill Cawte Miss Margaret Penson Mrs. Valerie Lindridge Mrs. Dorothy Earley Mrs. Elspeth Lynch
Child Protection & Vulnerable Adults	Deacon Responsible Responsible Person Deputy Responsible	Mr. Mike Davis Miss Amy Tamblyn Mrs Gill Phillips
Church Cleaning	Co-ordinator	Mrs. Jill Bowen
Church Flowers	Co-ordinator	Mrs. Maureen Walker
Communion	Co-ordinator	Mrs. Barbara Cariss
Door Stewards	Co-ordinator	Mrs. Mary Gleadle
Finance Administration	Administrator	Mr. Steve Foster
Fire Prevention	Officer	Deacon Responsible: Mr. Mike Davis
Food Bank	Co-ordinators	Mrs. Rita Pethick and Mr. Alastair Pethick Mrs. Maureen Walker
Food Hygiene	Officer	Mrs. Barbara Cariss
Garden and Grounds	Steward	Vacant
Health & Safety	Officer	Deacon Responsible: Mr. Mike Davis
Joint Youth Service	Co-ordinator	Mr. Daron Blackmore
Leprosy Mission	Representative	Miss Pat Knowles
Marriage Registrar	Officer	Miss Pat Knowles and Mrs. Sian Evans
Membership	Registrar	Mrs. Jan Peck
Operation Agri News	Distributor	Mr. Darrell Griffin
Organisation Accounts Examiners	Co-ordinators	Mr. Alan Perry, Mrs Jan Peck, Mr Derek Cooper
Sunday Refreshments	Co-ordinator	Mrs. Elspeth Lynch
Video Projection System and PA	Co-ordinator	Mr. Mike Davis
World Day of Prayer	Representative	Miss Pat Knowles

MINISTERS' REPORTS

Honouring and Serving Jesus – Caring for People – Building Community

No report since WBC in a Pastoral Vacancy.

CHILDREN AND FAMILIES' LEADER REPORT

It doesn't seem possible that as I write this report, I would have been working at the church for just over 2 years. During that time there has been some really good times as my confidence is growing all the time and I learn something new every day, I'm not going to say there hasn't been some challenges whilst at WBC but I really feel God challenges me with things but I know this is a good thing and am so thankful that he has called me to work at Waterloo Baptist church.

Part of my job I love the most is the fact I get to make **Relationships** with so many different people and families, Building relationships takes time and won't happen overnight, to make those relationships it involves going out in the community and reaching out to people, as Matthew 10:5-6 tells us, *Jesus* told the disciples how to witness or *reach out* to those within the community, This has happened from some of the mums from the Mums' Matter group, I regularly keep in touch with them and visit them in their homes when they need a bit of extra support, Also one family that comes to Mum's Matter now comes to church regularly, this wouldn't have happened if I hadn't have built a relationship with them in the first place, as well as a thanksgiving service for one of the babies from the group. Part of my job is to listen to them and try and help them in their every day struggles of life and be a support network for them, they know they can come and talk to me about anything and I will always try and help if I can, God teaches us to be good role models and this is what I like to think I am doing with all the families I come into contact with.

Leading on now to the groups I have been running in 2019

WBC Splat

This has been running since I started my job and we see regulars come each week, numbers vary each week and lately we have been a lot quieter, but it is a lovely group and am grateful to Simon and Ed for making it such an enjoyable group, the families that come love the fact I have two male helpers.

Mums Matter

I have already mentioned a bit about this group but, this really is a group where we have truly seen God at work, the mums love this group and value the time they can spend with each other, this group also all come to Messy church once a month and are now starting to ask questions about the church, which is where Table talk will start so this will allow the mums to talk freely about life situations and then we hope this will lead into a 10 week Alpha course and I am really pleased we will be running this group with Horndean Baptist Church. My thanks to Maureen, Sue and Pam who help with this group each week, it can be truly tough at times as some of the mums have lots to deal with, but together we make a good team and having God by our side makes it a lot easier.

Friday Rock

This group has been fantastic to run, the children we get each month are a real joy to be with and we have a lot of fun together, we see anything from 5-10 children most months, I always felt that was not enough children but actually I have realised that the numbers doesn't matter, in God's eyes we are reaching out to those children who are all unchurched and in my eyes that's all that matters, most months we will play games and then have a time of discussion, nothing too heavy due to the ages of children as most of them are 11, my thanks to Steve, Ed and Claire who help massively with this group.

Messy Church

I took over Messy Church late last year and since taking it over I have changed the layout of how it is run and it seems to work really well, I have also introduced a prep and prayer meeting the week before Messy Church, this seems to be working well and have had lots of support with prepping things and new ideas too.

My thanks to everyone who helps with Messy Church it is a real team effort and such a great outreach to the community, if you like the idea of helping then please come and see me and we can get DBS sorted asap, we always need lots of help and any help is always appreciated.

Some of the events I have run in 2019

We saw a very successful Easter craft morning which saw over 60+ children and parents attend, I do hope to do this again this year as it was a great outreach and we saw families come from all various areas, I see this as a positive as it's getting Waterloooville Baptist Church on the map and telling people we are there, my thanks to everyone who helped with this event.

Berewood Breakfast in Bethlehem

This was a fab morning of community and coming together as one, we enjoyed lots of bacon rolls, the choir singing and lots of crafts, it was a good turnout although a bit quieter than the previous year but this was due to a few other churches also doing something that day as well, this year I am moving the date so hope we won't clash with anything else, my thanks to all who helped with the morning.

Queens Inclosure Christmas concert

This year it was my job to do a talk at the end of the children's service, if I am honest I panicked a lot about doing this as knowing there would be over 200 children and parents, carers and grandparents in the sanctuary was nerve wracking, however I did it and truly believe God was with me that morning willing me on to do well, I had lots of positive feedback after even from a minister who had come to see the service, so the sleepless nights and worrying was totally worth it.

I regularly meet up with two children and family's leaders who are both in Portsmouth, it's really nice that we are able to do this and support each other with things.

I am also in regular contact with the regional minister and meet up regularly with the Rev Clare Hooper, it's such a blessing having the full support from her and others.

Plans for 2020

I have started a weekly coffee morning at Costa in Waterloooville, this is for anyone who would like to come and chat to me not just families, as I said earlier the reason I am doing this is because I want to reach out within the community, Costa now know who I am and what I am trying to achieve and the relationships that are being built just in one hour is incredible to see.

I will also be starting a monthly movie afternoon, my reason for starting this is because I would like to do more social things with you all, I would love you all to come and be part of it. Home Education group is another plan for this year and I hope to get this up and running by May, it is taking quite a bit of planning and putting certain things in place, if you would like to come onboard please do come and chat with me.

I am also keen to get Creative Hearts back up and running and trying to find space in my diary for when this will be possible.

Lastly I would just like to say thank you to each and every one of you for your prayers and support during my time of sickness, knowing you all cared meant such a lot to me, thankfully the operation was a success even if it took a while to be fixed, I am still having hand therapy but hopefully not for too much longer.

That's all from me I hope to be able to work more closely with you all this year

Amy Tamblyn

SECRETARY'S REPORT

The year of 2019 saw a number of things happening which were both exciting and in some cases challenging.

Initially Jonathan Edwards our moderator worked with us at Church Meetings to help us explore the type of minister that we were looking for and also the ministry that person would perform. As we headed into the summer, we had a fairly good idea on this, and a church profile was produced which in September the church meeting ratified and from thereon in we were part of the settlement process. As has been explained at the Church Meeting a number of times, to protect ministers currently in churches most of this has to be done respecting the privacy of the ministers and therefore little can be shared but it was a joy that one person we felt we should introduce to the church we were able to be open with due to him openly having to move on after his contract of three years would expire. He preached in very early January and sadly felt called to another church, but it was an interesting part of the process. In 2020 we will continue to receive names and explore who God is calling to ministry at Waterlooville Baptist and at the right time I am sure God will call someone to the church and I am fully expecting that by the time we come to have the next annual report we will know who that is.

It was unfortunate that Amy Tamblyn had to have an extended period of time off from the summer until late autumn to have surgery on her hand and then recover from the surgery but as she returned to work in the autumn she quickly picked up where she had left off and as you can see from her report earlier there are many good activities happening. We all need to remember that the purpose of Amy's work is to build bridges and connections with the community and to engage with people through the various groups she runs. It is recognised that this takes time, but we are already starting to see a number of people come into the church through these connections and it is a joy for us to see this.

One of the discussions points we had had for some while was the Baptist Union Pension deficit and that we as a church had a part in this and would need to find some money to pay this off. Due to various circumstances happening there was an opportunity to do this for something around £10,000 and the church was asked through a gift day to help fund this. This was to avoid a cost of in excess of £40,000 so clearly a very good return on investment. The church very much rose to the challenge and not only did we have from the gift day enough money to pay this pension deficit off but also make a significant contribution to the fabric project particularly the fire alarm and emergency lighting system.

One of the major fabric activities we did was to work on the building to install a fire alarm system and also comprehensive emergency lighting throughout the building. This was one of the things that we were very pleased to be able to get the support from the congregation in the form of the gift day and the final solution has been well received

Helen Wishart our church administrator handed in her notice over the summer and we thank her for all our hard work and commitment. Due to the church financial position we took the decision we did not wish to employ another person to do this and therefore her role was split up amongst various people in the church. I thank everybody who has taken on additional roles and responsibilities and particularly Elgan Evans who has done so much to help us in this matter.

As we look to the future and 2020 and reflect back on 2019 many good things have been achieved and this report details them but we also look forward to soon finding a minister and to continue our journey forward together reaching out to the community and the people that do not know the love of Jesus in Waterlooville.

Ray Evans

REGISTRAR'S REPORT 2019

Membership Statistics

Membership on 31st Dec 2018 was:

Active - 101.

New Members added in 2019:

Profession of Faith	3
Baptism	1

Total:	4
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Members lost in 2019:

Moved	3
Lapsed	1
Resigned	2
Deceased	5

Total:	11
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Membership on 31st Dec 2019 was:

Active – 94.

We were delighted to share in the Baptism of David McDowell in March and to add him to the membership list along with Carole Shelley in June, Julie Brown in July and Sarah Newell in November.

Sadly we had 5 members pass away in 2019, Ron Welch who had been poorly for some time, but a long time member of the church, Doreen Everett, also a member for many years and had served as Church Secretary and a Deacon, Flo Burnish, a member since 1988, Flo had been very involved in children's work during her time as a member, Murial Rickard, also a member for some time, and Lucie Whittaker, a member since 2002 and most recently Chairman of Women's Fellowship, these folk will be sadly missed.

Bill and Sue Longley transferred their membership to Emsworth, and Martin Brooks moved away. Two people resigned, Linda Lacey and John Fowler, both attending other churches, and one lapsed member, Laura Gray.

Janet Peck

ART GROUP

The Art Group continues to be well attended, with a waiting list of people wishing to join. We still manage without a teacher, but people continue to improve as we share our knowledge and tips. In early March the group had lunch at Southdown's College, this was instead of a meal just before Christmas, it was very enjoyable, and we all agreed to repeat it again next year. In early August we shared coffee and cakes at Blendworth tea rooms, this too has become an annual event. The group took part in the November Craft Fayre, exhibiting many great paintings, which were admired by those attending. We didn't hold an exhibition of our own this year, but many members have shown their paintings at other local exhibitions and been successful in selling them. The group continues to be supportive of one another and is a very happy group, singing and laughter often breaking out during the sessions. We look forward to another good year.

Jan Peck

B.M.S. BIRTHDAY SCHEME

As a child, birthdays seemed such a long time coming round. I don't know about you, but these days they seem to come much more frequently! But, whether fast or slow in arriving, there is something you can do, on your birthday, which will be a blessing to others, unknown to you, but often in desperate need.

BMS Birthday Scheme members have helped children like six-month-old Achta in Chad. With a tumour, on her arm, weighing as much as she did, an uncertain future awaited her. After an operation she can now look forward to a normal life. They have provided treatment for TB sufferer Sharma, in Delhi; love and care for children with disabilities in Thailand and helped struggling people in Uganda access speech therapy.

If this is something with which you feel you would like to be involved, well, it's simple – come and join us.

It's easy, all you have to do is let me have your birth date (don't worry, day and month only are required!), and, the Sunday before your birthday, I will give you a card enclosing a gift envelope. Any donation will be most gratefully received for the medical work of the B.M.S.

Pat Knowles

BOYS BRIGADE



1st Waterlooville Company

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2019 has been an exciting and progressive year for 1st Waterlooville with a lot of energy and 'firsts', either for individuals or for us as a company. We have also begun to re-establish elements of our programme that we have not been able to offer for a few years.

2019-20 session sees us celebrate our 60th anniversary. The parade in October was a great opportunity to have members young and old join us to reflect on and look forward to all the work that the BB has done here in Waterlooville. It was an honour to have Peter Reid join us and share with the congregation the beginnings of the company.

One of our objectives from last year was to grow, particularly the 5-11 year old age groups. Although our current numbers are fairly even, I'm delighted that in this area we have managed to achieve this and added 5 boys to Anchors and Juniors.

One addition to the activities this year was to offer a camp or residential for the boys again, as BB Camp has always been the highlight of a company's programme. It is a time where we get to get to know the boys the best and participate in different activities. 2019 gave us two camps to attend. Firstly, 7 boys and 3 staff, along with some girls from GB, attended Unite. Unite is a national camp held at the Boys' Brigade headquarters. The boys were able to enjoy a varied programme of sports, craft and worship for the long weekend with over 200 other BB and GB members. Then in September, 5 Company Section boys headed to the New Forest for an activity weekend camp at Tile Barn. This included Archery, Jacobs Ladder, problem solving, mountain biking and a night walk as well as all the camp related fun of campfires and BBQ's. This was a battalion camp with attendees from Portsmouth and Chichester.

We are heading to Unite again this year and we have also been invited to attend summer camp with the 8th Plymouth Company so hope to be spending a week in Perranporth, Cornwall in August.

Both BB and GB combined again in October to pack bags at Waitrose in Waterlooville, a great chance to show off our new banner and most importantly it gave us 2 new members who have settled in brilliantly. We raised a combined £330 which was split between BB and GB to help with activities and events.

Some of the other highlights of the calendar year include:

- Fort Purbrook activity morning
- Bowls at Waterlooville Bowls Club
- Go Karting at Eastleigh
- Visit from the BMS Action Team who worked in Kosovo
- Police & Fire Station Visits
- Family BBQ at Queen Elizabeth Country Park

We have 2 boys working towards their Queen's Badge, 2 Juniors progressing with their Gold award and try to recognise and celebrate the achievements of the individuals as often as possible.

We are laying the foundations to enable us to grow the number of boys that we are able to work with and reach out to, it is not a quick process but one that requires continual effort, reinvention and learning. I am thankful to the continued support and commitment of the staff team who come every week. We have begun to raise awareness of our offering in the local community and aim to do this further with the distribution of leaflets to schools and continuing our social media and web presence.

Chris Ware

CARE GROUPS

The aim of our 13 Care Groups is to do just that – care. Care Group members keep a look out for each other, and the leader stays in touch with every member of their group and is always available to share concerns.

Each year, at Harvest and Christmas, gifts are distributed, by the Group Leaders, to those in their groups who were over 80, and to others who had had significant life events (bereavement, serious illness etc.) At harvest time, the pot plants are distributed, this year over 50 people received plants, whilst, in the days running up to Christmas, 61 gifts were given out.

The Care Group system is open to all those who are part of our church family, whether or not a Church member. If you are not in a group and would like to be, or you would like to know more about the groups and how they function, please speak to me or one of the deacons.

Pat Knowles

CHURCH CLEANING

On behalf of the Church may I start by thanking the small band of volunteers who behind the scenes tirelessly clean our church premises. Several have had a difficult year health wise but have been covered by partners or colleagues. Most have returned to the fray unfortunately Mary Gleadle finds herself in the position that her recent accident has left her unable to return. Thank you, Mary, for the years of keeping the Lancaster Room and, recently, the Office clean and tidy and we will be praying for your return to full health.

We welcome Sarah Newell who, to her credit, has taken over one of the vacant positions in the toilet cleaning rota. This still leaves us with vacancies to be filled for the toilets, Lancaster Room, Church Office, Minister's Office, Creche and church galleries.

Until our numbers are replenished, I would ask all groups using our premises to please make sure they leave the rooms as clean as possible. Can I make a special plea to users of the Owens Hall to make sure that they leave the floor clean and that the bins are emptied as the hall does not appear on the cleaning rotas.

To the industrious team who have turned out in all weathers to make sure our premises are spotless for not just us but for the many other people passing through our buildings during the week a grateful vote of thanks.

If you do have some spare time, please think seriously as to whether you could help in any way. It does not have to be on a weekly basis. Please give me a ring or drop me an email - any help no matter how small will be gratefully appreciated.

Jill Bowen

COMMUNION STEWARDS

After many years of service, due to ill health, Joyce Nixon has had to resign from the washing up rota. We thank her for the many years that she has been able to serve the church in this way. In September, O'Linda Giles and Jan Cafferky have joined the team to help this very essential part of our worship to be administered smoothly for our morning services. The evening communion is now mainly prepared by Lynda and Derek Barkaway, who keep this service available in our church. Thank you to everyone who helps in preparation and washing up throughout the year.

Barbara Cariss

COMMUNITY SINGERS

Such Fun - I 'd like to say the Community Singers spend all their time singing , but to be honest we spend a lot of time laughing ! , both activities being good for our health. Another year has flown by, during which we were delighted to take part in the Christmas and Easter services at Waterlooville Baptist. Our year culminated in a very successful Good Old Days event, which raised over £200 for Rowans Hospice. The sanctuary was full, with many folk staying for refreshments.

Wednesday evenings have become a concrete date in many peoples diaries, with the promise of music, fun and friendship. New comers always welcome with no experience necessary !
Thanks for the Music everyone

Wendy Evans

DOOR STEWARDS

There are two Door Stewards on each of the front and side doors every Sunday morning, providing a warm welcome to the congregation each week, giving out the Weekly and other useful information.

The Door Stewards welcome the congregation on the outside doors directing them into the Sanctuary where a Duty Deacon is available to assist when necessary.

New visitors to WBC are welcomed by the team, they are given a 'Welcome Bag' which provides information about the Church and its many activities. They are shown into the Sanctuary and introduced to the Duty Deacon or Church Member.

During 2019 there have been some changes in the Door Stewards. A big thank you to those who have stepped down and a welcome to the new faces who have willingly joined the Door Stewards team. Thank you also to others who are willing to help at short notice when required.

Door Stewards also assist in covering door duties on other occasions including Candlelight Carol Service, Christmas Day, School Carol Service, Good Friday and Funerals.

Mary Gleadle

FAIR TRADE STALL

It has been increasingly difficult to run the Fair Trade Stall over recent years. Our main supplier was Created and they ceased trading at the end of 2016, leaving us with only Traidcraft as a buying option who were also struggling in the current economic climate. Last year Traidcraft restructured their organisation and greatly reduced the range of goods they supply, while also changing the trading terms so that buyers have to spend at least £500 each year to retain their discount. This means that there is little leeway for out of date items or things that don't sell quickly, and in 2019 the Stall has run at a significant loss. It therefore seems that the time has come to stop trading. There was a final Sale period in January and February 2020 for remaining stock to be sold to cover the trading loss for 2019 and any items left after this were taken to the Salvation Army Charity Shop.

The summary of trading for the life of the Fair Trade Stall is as follows:

2010	-£25.36
2011	£235.23
2012	-£117.69
2013	-£39.41
2014	£152.68
2015	£31.64
2016	£242.02
2017	£32.51
2018	£20.85
2019	-£152.96
2020	£279.00
Total	£658.51

So an overall contribution to church funds of £658.51 over the 10 years of trading. Please continue to buy Fair Trade wherever you can. If you wish me to order any particular items for you, this can still be arranged, although there is a minimum of £50 to get free P&P. Ask me for a current catalogue or go online to <https://www.traidcraftshop.co.uk/> to see the range.

Thank you for all your support over the last 10 years

Sian Evans

FLOWER MINISTRY

My grateful thanks to everyone who so generously donated to give us flowers during 2019, and to the team of helpers who kindly gave their time to arrange them. We had flowers provided for every Sunday of the year for which I appreciate very much that this was made possible.

Sadly we had several funerals where special flowers were provided as well as all those who hold special memories for various reasons so thank you to all of you for sharing with the Church in this way. Not forgetting the people who delivered them afterwards among our Fellowship because without your help this Ministry would not be possible.

It is an important part of our Church Ministry. Firstly to adorn the church then afterwards to give pleasure and an expression of love and care to those who are ill, housebound, or even have a special event to remember for which people are very appreciative.

If you feel your talent is flower arranging and would like to help in this way I will only be too glad to hear from you and add your name to the rota so please contact me on 023 9225 7305 or email walkerm.ashby91@virginmedia.com

Maureen Walker



GIRLS BRIGADE

2019 was a year of ups and downs. We started with 17 girls attending fairly regularly mostly in the older groups, did lots of fun activities, raised lots of money but lost a number of girls and a leader.

We sent three Brigaders, Rebecca, Rio and Laura, to Young Leader training in February, they had an interesting time

although around a third of the expected participants were unable to get to the venue due to snow! We also enjoyed a Pancake Party cooked by the Brigaders as part of their Domestic Goddess badgework.

In March we took part in the Rowans Hospice UV Foam Blast raising over £1200, and followed this with a Sleepover. As a reward for their charity efforts, we treated the girls to McDonalds breakfast before participating in the Parade Service on the Sunday. Another closer to home fundraising activity is the collection of crisp packets which are sent to GBEW HQ for recycling – so far this initiative has raised over £700 nationally so please keep placing your empty packets in the box in the front vestibule. We are very grateful for the 3 binbags full we have been able to contribute so far.

After Easter, we had our usual series of more social events this year including a Craft Evening, Wide Games in the Woods, and Video Night culminating in a Fundraising Evening when we had a Bake Off and Quiz Competitions and a Family Picnic in Denmead. We were challenged to raise £120 for GB nationally to continue the celebrations of the 120th Anniversary, and were very pleased to achieve this. We also took part in the national Spotlight evening programme. At the end of the summer, both Lauren Smith and Amelia Beattie stepped down as leaders as they were moving away, Lauren to Bournemouth and Amelia to Guernsey.

The first meeting of the term in September was as usual our Awards Evening, when Rev Sandra Platford came back to talk to us and present the girls' annual and termly achievement badges. Also in September, the Seniors and Brigaders went to Fort Purbrook for a District Activity Day including LaserQuest and Climbing and some of the girls helped with the joint BB/GB Bag pack at Waitrose which raised over £300 and gave us some publicity leading to new members for both Brigades.

Sadly for Amelia, but happily for us, the Guernsey job did not work out and she returned to Waterlooville in late September. We also welcomed Annie Harding and Claire Ware as trainee leaders. All three should complete their training and be commissioned early in 2020, so with Sandie, Rachel and Barbara we now have a strong team with regular leadership for each section as well as admin and practical help. We are also grateful for Barbara doing the Devotions each week.

The District Annual Meeting and Rededication Service took the form of a Retreat which was a very restful and inspiring time for those of us who attended.

In October we had a very wet Day Out to Paultons Park, but everyone enjoyed themselves and even some of the leaders went on the rides. We were grateful that the café staff said we could eat our picnics inside though. We returned to church for a welcome supper prepared by Rachel and another SleepOver, although again probably not much sleep was really had. On the Sunday morning, we shared in the BB 60th Anniversary Celebrations, including providing the craft activity and Puppet song.

After October halfterm, the eagle eyed among you may have noticed some UK Parliament Week bunting in the Hall. We took part in this national programme for the first time, which was particularly interesting in the current political climate. Also in November, half of our Explorers attended the District Party with a Superhero theme and some of the Brigaders attended the Church Craft Fayre to sell items which the girls had made over the previous term, as well as participating in the Remembrance Sunday Parade Service. We were also delighted to award Rebecca Taylor with her Brigader Brooch.

During December we arranged a SleepOut along with the BB when we slept in either the courtyard or the hall to raise money for Churches Aid Foundation Homelessness Action, this raised over £300 plus Gift Aid so thank you all for your support. Special mention to Jenny Evans who managed the whole night under her bivouac in the courtyard, when everyone else was driven indoors by the wind and rain. We were also grateful to Barbara to coming to cook breakfast for us on Sunday morning.

We finished the year with a Carol Service with a gameshow theme and some audience participation. Next year we are looking forward to commissioning new officers in March, celebrating our 90th birthday in July, and continuing to plan interesting activities to encourage the girls, especially those with no other church connection, to Seek, Serve and Follow Christ.

Sian Evans (Team Leader)

Sandie Davis (Leader)

Amelia Beattie, Barbara Cariss, Annie Harding, Rachel Nassif, Claire Ware (Helpers)

Sian Evans

LADIES PRAYER GROUP

Women's Prayer Group is still meeting on Monday mornings 9.30am to 11.00am (followed by coffee). We pray for individual people, our church, our country and worldwide matters.

This year finished on a very sad note. Lucie Whittaker, who has been part of our group for many years, and at whose house we usually met, became ill and passed away in November. We rejoice that she is with her Lord, but we miss her very much.

We would be very pleased to have more ladies join us. We now meet at:
2, Hunters Ride, Waterloooville. PO7 7JG.

Gill Cawte

THE LEPROSY MISSION

The Leprosy Mission, with its 141 years of experience, provides rehabilitation, education, practical help and hope every year, to thousands of the three million affected people in Nepal, Ethiopia, Mozambique, Sri Lanka and many other countries round the world.

Leprosy is a mildly infectious disease that is easily cured. However, associated as it is with poverty, small problems often lead to blindness and disability. T.L.M. works to bring knowledge, care and healing. The Mission is funded almost entirely by donations and prayer. Many people in our church have joined with T.L.M. over the years, in faithful prayer and giving, and this is much appreciated.

If you would like to know more about the Mission's work, receive an annual or quarterly Prayer Diary or make a monetary contribution, please speak me. Any help will be most gratefully received.

Pat Knowles

T@3

Early in 2019 Julie Barnes and myself with several helpers started T@3 once a month usually on the 2nd Saturday in the Owens hall. This group was started to encourage the over 60's from both within the church and those who used to join us for lunch club and any others that may wish to join us to meet socially in an informal way.

We have a regular group that now meet for a chat over a cup of tea and a homemade cake. We also have an activity each month such as, games, quizzes, reminiscing over days gone by, craft, and more.

Probably the highlight last year was a visit from Alice the Harp who taught us to play the harp. We are blessed that Wendy always very ably gives a 'Thought for the day' usually connected to our activity.

To round off the year we shared a meal together followed by familiar Carols and Christmas songs. Everyone seems to enjoy themselves so if you would like to join us then please do, we look forward to seeing you there.

Margaret Penson and Julie Barnes

THURSDAY GROUP

The numbers attending Thursday Group have varied but on average about 20 men and ladies each month.

During the year the talks are given by a wide variety of speakers from all walks of life telling us about different aspects of the Lords work, historical events, and places of interest, charities, the local area and hobbies.

We started the year in January 2019 with Peter Loveridge who told us all about Talking Newspapers, in February Richard Merefield gave us a history of scouting and his involvement up to the present day, March saw our valued member John Bennett give us a very interesting talk on "Chairs" and brought us some fine examples to look at, in May Trevor Vidler from Hampshire

Search and Rescue talked about this different type of volunteering and was on call as there was an incident in Gosport that he had come from to be with us. After the Summer break in September we had a Welcome Back Pizza Get together and discussed the future for the group because of falling numbers

In October Dave Allport MBE Warrant Officer 1(C) Royal Navy Rtd gave us a Solent Cruise Part 1, in November Ian Limb Head of HR at Portsmouth Water spoke to us about the Portsmouth Water Havant Thicket Project, in December we had a Christmas get together with food and entertainment from our members.

Meetings are on the third Thursday of each month September to May/June starting at 7.30 pm for a chat, tea, coffee and biscuits before the talk starts at 8 pm for about an hour.

When joining there is a membership fee of £10 to cover cost of speakers this is renewable annually in September and a monthly fee of £1 the first month is free.

Please join us you will be warmly welcome.

Rita Pethick

TODDLERS

Well, we've had a busy, happy year at Toddlers, which culminated in our Christmas party, although I hadn't actually anticipated sharing the date with a General Election! Still, the election officials seemed to enjoy their share of the leftover party food, and Santa was able to find space in the rather crowded carpark for his sleigh, when he called in with a sackful of presents.

We usually have between 25 and 35 children each week, plus their carers. Activities range from craft activities through dressing up, cooking, playing with dolls, cars, bricks, trains, dolls and puzzles, although the two-day old who came one week slept most of the time. Once the better weather arrives, so do the water tray, sand pit, tent, big slide, ride in cars, ball tube and other outdoor activities on the grass and patio to add to the fun.

Three times during the year, at Harvest, Christmas and Easter, we go into the church, for a short, informal service, and most of the adults and children come readily to join us for some singing and a short talk, which is a joy.

Rachel, Barbara, Pam and Amy are still regular helpers, and Zina and Rob, and Darrell take it in turn to help me set up before the children arrive. Their help, and that of our faithful and willing "tea ladies": Sandy, Jean, Margaret, Elaine and Pauline, is much appreciated.

Our Toddler group has been running for many years now, we have had mums bring their children who came themselves, as toddlers. It is lovely to be part of something that continues to reach out to our community, providing a safe place for children to play and learn together and also gives us the opportunity to share the Lord's love and care with them.

Do come and ask, if you would like to know more about the group or even come and help us from time to time, I would be more than happy to talk to you.

Thank you for your prayers and support for our Toddler family.

Pat Knowles

WATERLOOVILLE FOOD BANK

Address: Living Waters Church, Kite Close, Wecock, Cowplain PO8 9UJ

The food bank continues to give parcels of food and other daily essentials to those who have difficulty purchasing enough due to unforeseen circumstances.

An amazing 155 special Christmas hampers, this is a record number were given out in December 2019.

There are volunteers from churches and other walks of life who help to make this possible by making up the parcels for collection on Mondays between 9.30 and 11.30am and on Fridays between 12 noon and 2pm and collecting from the various collection points.

Collection points are in local supermarkets, churches and offices in the area, we would be unable to do this work if it wasn't for the generosity and good will of all concerned.

Ongoing donations are received from local supermarkets Waitrose, Asda, Sainsburys, Lidl, Marks and Spencer and Morrisons.

Many thanks to Maureen Walker who is taking your wonderful donations now to the foodbank as we found the times increasingly difficult to do on Mondays and Fridays.

Matthew 25:35 "For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat....."

Rita Brian and Alastair Pethick

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Firstly, we wish to thank Lucie Whittaker and Joyce Nixon who retired in March, for their seven years of dedication. They made the group a welcoming and friendly place to come to every Tuesday afternoon.

In April 2019 there was a change of leadership with Mary Gleadle as Coordinator and Jan Cafferky as Administrator.

Women's Fellowship meets most Tuesdays at 2.30pm. We begin with a time of worship followed by a speaker. Our speakers include some regulars and some new speakers, with many interesting messages. We have a varied programme which includes Member's afternoons, Easter Service and Songs of Praise. Also Bible ABC and Bring and Buys to support our charities. In 2019 we donated over £1000 to various charities including WBC. We thank Derek Cooper for playing the piano at some of our meetings, this allows more choice of music. We have also introduced some new CD's to vary and help with singing. Once a month Cedric Moppet brings a selection of greetings cards.

In March we had our Anniversary Service, Sue Smith was our speaker, followed by afternoon tea for 96 members and invited guests, including Women's Groups from various churches in the area.

Our outing on 2nd July to Green Pastures was a great success. It was a beautiful day, we travelled in private cars and were greeted by Janet Thornhill. Janet and her team provided a lovely tea, we listened to music, sang hymns and had an enjoyable time. Janet guided us around the grounds to see the lovely picturesque views.

After our August break, we came back to a cream tea.

In November we took part in Baptist Women's day of Prayer, led by Lucie Whittaker, committee members took part, we created bookmarks of the Baptist Women's day of Prayer and gave one to all those present.

At our Christmas Carol Service we welcomed many to an enjoyable afternoon, led by Dorothy with Deacon Mike Davies giving us a Christmas message. This was followed with Christmas tea for 70 members and invited guests.

We thank Richard Wort for giving us the pleasure of organ accompaniment, Rev. Elgan Evans providing the overheads, Richard Ostler for operating the sound system at both our Anniversary and Christmas Services.

During 2019 three of our members and two of our friends from Liss went to be with the Lord. We remember Daphne Davis, Muriel Rickard, Lucie Whittaker, Jean and Rosemary.

We have 42 members including 6/7 friends from Eastfield Nursing Home, Liss. We have 8 ladies on our housebound list.

Our average weekly attendance is 28/30.

Mary Gleadle and Jan Cafferky

YOUTH WORK

Rock, Joint Youth Service and Youth Space 2019

This year has seen major change in our youth groups for ages 14 plus, this change being University and it was a year of two halves the first half being Preparation and the later year changing and second half after the summer praying about the future and finding the balance which works for the youth attending.

For the first part of the year we had Jeremiah 29:11 in our hearts "For I know the plans I have for you, declares the lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope for the future"

Joint Youth Service

This shared youth worship is currently on hold, as the churches involved also have had changes in Youth leaving for university and along with some of the youth workers moving on to new challenges, which has meant the opportunity to proceed have become limited which led to the decision to place this on hold.

The Rock

The Rock is currently on Hold due to numbers attending, at the beginning of 2019 we had a core of seven which formed the basis of our youth alpha course (Freedom Generation) held at Darren's and Helen's house which we had 8 in regular attendance. The format was fun, worship and food, with lead activities based around a bible Theme. The Youth alpha course has given our youth a good base to move forward in their new adventures at University or working life and one which would be brilliant to run again.

Youth Space

Youth Space continues to meet monthly at Costa in Waterloooville town centre, it currently has a core of 5 and the aim is to share Gods love for us and to discuss day to day issues, one of the aims is to show that God is with us 24/7 not just Sunday morning and in everything we undertake, my fact for 2019 is we make around 35000 choices every day, and this was an excellent starting point when we discussed the latest General Election, we have also covered understanding choices by looking at some personality tests and most recently perception of failure turning the negative into a positive, which is leading towards resilience, pre summer we discussed Budgeting, Leaving home and driving to mention a few.

God has given us a fantastic opportunity to reach out to our youth in the community and with continuing to meet at Costa we are giving the opportunity to share time together which in the age of screens is key, we thank you for your continued support, prayer and look forward to the opportunities in change that God gives us in 2020.

Daron Blackmore and Darren & Helen Wishart

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any of the activities mentioned
in these reports should contact
the person listed or any Church Officer
for more information.