

WATERLOOVILLE BAPTIST CHURCH

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Waterlooville Baptist Church Reports Year ended 31st December 2020

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Church Leadership (May 2021)

Minister – Vacant

Moderator – Rev. Jonathan Edwards

Secretary (Acting) - Mrs Wendy Evans

Treasurer - Mr. David Barnes

Deacons

Mr. Mike Davis

Mrs. Dorothy Earley

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 2021

Art Group	Leader Helper	Mr Steve Phillips Mrs. Pam Gray
Boy's Brigade	Captain Lieutenants Treasurer Warrant Officers Helpers	Mr Chris Ware Miss Pat Knowles Mrs Claire Shucksmith Mr Paul Merriman Mr William Robinson
Community Singers	Treasurer Musical Director	Mr Alan Perry Mrs Wendy Evans
Friday Rocks	Leaders Helpers	Miss Amy Tamblyn Mr. Steve Harding Mr. Ed Hasket Mrs. Claire Shucksmith
Girl's Brigade	Team Leader & Treasurer Lieutenants Helpers	Vacancy Mrs. Annie Harding, Mrs Claire Ware Vacancy
Junior Church	Co-ordinator Crèche Co-ordinator J Force Teachers Y Zone Teachers	Miss Amy Tamblyn Mrs Hazel Lapworth Miss Pat Knowles Mr Steve Harding Mrs Annie Harding
Life Groups	Leaders	Mr. Richard Ostler
Messy Church	Leader Helpers (Key Team)	Miss Amy Tamblyn Mrs Barbara Cariss Miss Pat Knowles
Mum's Matter	Leader Helpers	Miss Amy Tamblyn Mrs. Sue Longley, Mrs. Pam Vickerstaff Mrs Maureen Walker
Re-Tyred	Committee	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,

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
Women's Fellowship	Co-ordinator Deputy Co-ordinator Administrator Treasurer	Mrs. Mary Gleadle Mrs. Dorothy Earley, Mrs. Jan Cafferky Vacant
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 Wendy Bryant
Child Protection & Vulnerable Adults	Co-ordinator	Mr Mike Davis, Mrs Gill Phillips Miss Amy Tamblyn
Church Cleaning	Co-ordinator	Vacant – Mr David Barnes overseeing For Covid Requirements
Church Flowers	Co-ordinator	Mrs Maureen Walker
Communion	Co-ordinator	Vacant
DBS Verifier		
Door Stewards	Co-ordinator	Mrs Mary Gleadle
Fabric	Steward	Vacant – Overseen by Mr Mike Davis
Finance administration	Administrator	Mr Steve Foster
Fire Prevention	Officer	Responsible Deacon – Mr Mike Davis
Food Bank	Co-ordinators	Mrs Rita Pethick and Mr Alistair Pethick
Food Hygiene	Officer	Vacant
Garden and Grounds	Steward	Vacant
Health and Safety	Officer	Responsible Deacon – Mr Mike Davis
Joint Youth Service	Co-ordinator	Vacant
Leprosy Mission	Representative	Miss Pat Knowles
Marriage Registrar	Officer Deputy	Miss Pat Knowles Vacant
Membership	Registrar	Mrs Karen Foster
Operation Agri News	Co-ordinator	Mr Darrell Griffin
Pastoral Care Groups	Co-ordinator	Miss Pat Knowles
Video Projection System, PA And on - line services	Co-ordinators	Mr Mike Davis & Mr Steve Foster

Ministers' Report

“Make every effort to keep the unity of the spirit”

Ephesians 4 v 14 -16

There is no report due to WBC being in Pastoral Vacancy

Moderators' Report

We will never forget 2020! We might struggle to recall exactly what happened in the 2018 and 2019 but the extraordinary events of 2020 will always live with us. Never before, not even in war-time, have we been prohibited from meeting together to worship in church. Never before have we been told that we were not allowed to sing together or hug one another. Never before have we been legally obliged to wear masks. The pandemic has redefined our lives to an extraordinary extent but I want to pay tribute to the members of Waterlooville Baptist Church who have not merely kept the church going through these testing months, but come through it with strength and joy. For me, personally, it has been both a privilege and pleasure to walk so closely with the fellowship through this extraordinary year.

The success of 2020 for Waterlooville Baptist Church has been down to the hard work of a large number of people who have freely given their many gifts. Even though the pandemic has rewritten the shape of church life, many tasks continue as before. I want to say a big thank you to those who have given their administrative, pastoral, financial and practical gifts to support the church. I cannot name everyone but it is right to identify the remarkable service that Ray and Sian Evans have offered to the church over many years. Ray served as an efficient and caring Church Secretary and Sian threw herself into the work of the Girls' Brigade. They both served the church in a multitude of ways and we are deeply grateful to them and to God for their years of service, however, we respected their decision to move on during the year. Ray's technical skills enabled the church to take our Sunday service online, and those services have been a huge source of strength and encouragement for the church for which we are immensely grateful.

Waterlooville Baptist Church has always had a big heart for children's work and we have been very grateful for the loving ministry of Amy Tamblyn as our Children and Families Leader. Amy has been a great blessing to many families, and the church's confidence in her work was expressed by the church members' decision to make her appointment permanent. The church continues to seek a full - time minister and, although the process has been hampered by the pandemic, the deacons have become adept at interviewing candidates online. We pray that the church will soon be led to the minister who God has already set aside to lead the church forward.

Waterlooville Baptist Church is blessed with amazing premises, sound finances and a hard-working group of officers, deacons and members. I have every confidence in the fellowship as it seeks to serve the Lord in the coming year.

Revd. Jonathan Edwards

Newbury

Children and Families Leaders Report

It does not seem possible that as I write this report, I would have been working at the church for just over 3 years. 2020 was a year I am sure we will all remember. It was hard at first to adjust to a new way of work as well as moving everything online. It took a lot of prayer and thinking as to how to maintain contact with our families. It has also been difficult since losing my Nan just before Christmas and would appreciate your prayers and further support during this emotional time whilst I process my grief. Thank you to those who have sent kind words and cards to show that you were thinking of me. I would also like to thank all my lovely volunteers who continuously give up their time to help build this vital ministry here at WBC.

WBC Splat

Through this group I have been able to build strong relationships built with families who attended, as well as connect with the school. I am so grateful for the relationship we have with the school and headteacher. When Splat first started, the school was able to provide space for us because of it being a new building and they weren't at full capacity. However, 3 years later the school is full, and they are struggling with space. Due to this and restrictions faced with COVID and being unable to enter into the school building, Splat has sadly had to end which was beyond our control. I would like to express my thanks to Simon and Ed who helped each week with the group.

Mums Matter

This group continues to grow, and relationships are flourishing. Since Covid, I have been regularly keeping in contact with the mums via zoom and phone calls. When restrictions have allowed, I was able to make one to one visits. It has been vital I keep contact with this group as lockdown has been a real struggle for the mums and they have appreciated my support and time in ensuring they are ok.

Friday Rock

This group went online back during the 1st lockdown. We started off meeting on zoom weekly but soon saw disengagement due to commitments needed for online learning. We then switched it to every fortnight which seemed to work a

lot better. We average 4-5 children each week, but it has been good to build up solid relationships, as well as seeing confidence being boosted amongst the group. They have also engaged really well in discussions. This will continue to steadily grow over time.

Messy Church

Before the first lockdown, we were able to have one final Messy Church at the school, which saw attendance of new families. As we are not able to run physically, I have been sending out weekly Messy Church packs containing a Bible story, crafts activities, and other family discipleship items for families to engage with. We send these to around 70 families, not including Hartplain church and the families that connect to them. This has been a great way to maintain contact to so many families that connect with us as a church, so definitely worth continuing to invest time and energy into. Once restrictions have eased, Berewood school are keen for us to continue running Messy Church which is great news. It has also been good to work closely with Hartplain church and St Wilfrid's, to not only share ideas but to build one another's ministry by collaborating. Alongside Hartplain, we were able to run a face-to-face session in between lockdowns which was very successful and will look to do more alongside them and St Wilfrid's in the future.

Other things I have been doing in 2020.

I have been attending various training courses online, which have been helpful to develop my role and network with other children's and families' workers. One particularly stood out that I attended that was called 'The Emotional Rollercoaster' which incorporates all of the [Emotional First Aid](#) content and provides additional training specifically for those working with children and young people aged 8-14 years. Offering therapeutic responses, approaches and activities to explore emotional health, it is especially relevant for supporting children who have been impacted by lockdown and COVID-19.

I have also been working hard to finish a diploma in Child psychology and hoping to finish this within a few months.

I am also in regular contact with the regional minister Rev Clare Hooper and local children, youth and families' leaders, either via zoom or one to one meet ups so that we are able to support each other to share ideas and resources. I am

so grateful to have so much support from outside the church and they have been a lifeline for me during this difficult time.

I still maintain that the thing I love the most about my job is to build and strengthen relationships with so many different families. Building relationships takes time, hard work and perseverance and also needs the whole church to join with me to build this ministry. To build those relationships, it involves going and reaching out as well as meeting the needs of the community.

I quoted this bible reading last year in my report and I still stand by it Matthew 10:5-6 tells us, **Jesus** told the disciples how to witness or **reach out** to those within the community. We do need to reach out to those outside of our church congregation and to make relationships with people who have not yet heard the good news of Jesus.

That is all from me and I hope to be able to continue to work more closely with you all this coming year.

Amy
Children and Families leader x

Secretary's Report

I would like to start this report by saying a HUGE thankyou to you all, for being you, hanging in there, supporting each other and staying faithful to God.

2020 WHAT A YEAR and it continues with lockdown in 2021 as I write this, and I am reminded that Church is not a building, but the people within - We have proved this as we have continued to worship and fellowship through online services, social media, post and telephone.

We have much to thank God for:

- Many of us have developed skills that we have never even dreamt of, others have taken on roles and blossomed
- Re-connecting online with those who are unable to get to our building, and with those further afield.
- Steve Foster, Mike Davis our MISION CONTROL
- All those involved in our online services
- Co-vid Vaccination programme

As a fellowship we are grateful to Jonathan Edwards who continues to walk beside us during this time of Pastoral Vacancy. His wisdom, experience and ministry here has been a tremendous blessing, as he has given generously of his time and energy

As you read the reports please pray for all those involved - leaders and members, church and non-church folk that all may experience GOD, his grace and love in these challenging times.

I close with thanks to Ray Evans for his work primarily in the role of Church Secretary and also for his commitment to WBC in so many ways over numerous years.

Wendy Evans (Acting Secretary)

Registrar's Report 2020

Membership statistics

Membership on 31st December 2019 was 94

Membership on 31st December 2020 was 88

New members added in 2020:

Profession of faith 1

Total 1

Members lost in 2020:

Resigned 4

Deceased 3

Total 7

Sadly 3 long-standing members passed away in the early part of the year.

Mrs Joan Welch had been a member since 1968, Mrs Una West since 1979 and Mr Jack Houlston since 1983. They are all sadly missed.

In the latter part of the year 4 members resigned:

Ray and Sian Evans had been heavily involved for many years, more recently as deacon, Church secretary and GB team leader. They are now attending another local church.

Mrs Jan Peck had been a member since 1989. She had been involved in many ways over the years including as a deacon, on the finance team and the well-being team.

Mr Daron Blackmore had been involved with the senior age youth group during his time as a member.

Karen Foster

Art Group

The Art Group managed to meet for 8 weeks before the first lockdown due to Coronavirus. The group decided to close a week before the rest of the church groups did due to the age of the members!! We were just getting back into the swing of things, when it all came to a grinding halt, but the few weeks we did spend together were as usual fun, with much chatting, laughter and some artwork being done. The group usually have their 'Christmas' celebration in the early part of the New Year, and this was booked for February, but due to quite a few members being poorly at the time it was cancelled, and we never got a chance to rebook, so now we have two Christmases to celebrate when we eventually get back together.

We sadly lost one of our members David Hancock to Covid and he will be sadly missed, he was a great artist and I'm sure that many of you who supported the Art Group will know his amazing paintings.

We look forward to getting back together again when it is safe to do so.

Steve Phillips

B.M.S. Birthday Scheme

2020 has been, shall we say, an interesting year! But, although "the virus" put a lot of things on hold, it couldn't stop any of us having a birthday (even if some celebrations had to be a bit different.) There are many ways of sharing God's love, and the B.M.S Birthday Scheme is one of them. Through it, B.M.S. is able to provide life-saving medical treatment and care to some of the poorest and most marginalised people around the world.

During the year, BMS Birthday Scheme members carried on their great work of helping such people, unknown to them and in many different countries, spreading hope in a hopeless world. "We haven't received such support from anyone else during this crisis" said a mother of five, in Sri Lanka. "It's thanks to this hospital that my boy is alive" said a father in Chad. Other areas of help included the provision of PPE in Nepal, temperature screening being enabled in Chad and mental health care support for people in Afghanistan.

If this is something with which you feel you'd like to be involved, well, it's simple - come and join us in the Birthday scheme.

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 or send you a card enclosing a gift envelope. Any donation will be most gratefully received for the medical work of the B.M.S. It can be sent directly to the church bank account, a cheque can be posted to our treasurer or cash given to me, to forward.

Pat Knowles

Boys' Brigade

The new year started with a lot of exciting things in the pipeline for the boys to look forward to and take part in. We also had the encouragement of the prospect of new members joining us as we looked to grow the company during the second half of our 60th anniversary session.

Before we came an abrupt stop to our activities early in March, we had already taken part in a number of events in addition to our Monday meeting nights. January and February were both particularly busy with the first event being the Battalion Tchoukball competition in Fareham. Three of our members of the Company headed to Alice Holt Country Park to take part in Orienteering with other BB Companies from Mid-Southern England Battalion. This was a lot of fun on a chilly morning and again showing our boys that BB extends outside of Waterlooville.

We were presented with the Battalion Proficiency Shield, joint with Wymering at the Battalion Parade. This award was reinstated with a new set of criteria to determine the winners. After the parade the boys all went to Flip Out in Cosham for some bouncing on the trampolines. We managed to squeeze in two final activities in March. The Anchors had some indoor games in Copnor and our Company Section took part in the first round of the National 5-a-side football in Bedfordshire.

Our Monday evenings continued to be full of energy, variation in programme and allow the boys to express themselves, learn new things and build their friendships. We took the whole company to Gunwharf Quays for what is now an annual evening of 10-pin Bowling. Company boys took part in the Top Team Challenge with one of our teams getting in the top 80 in the country. As we met the last time at the beginning of the pandemic, I am reminded of watching our Juniors push a cabbage across the hall with their nose as we explored St Patricks Day.

Boys' Brigade provided a new format of activities once lockdown had begun called BBatHome. We saw a number of our boys taking part in these through the spring and summer. We haven't been in a position to hold any remote

meetings for a number of reasons, but we have kept in touch with our families and the boys during this time.

We had planned to take Company boys to Unite, some of us took part in an online event over the same weekend but as we expected this was not quite the same as heading to camp and be there at BB HQ. We had also planned to go to camp in Perranporth with the 8th Plymouth Company in August, this was not to be in 2020.

Our thoughts are to where we can be when we are given the opportunity to meet again. I'm sure there will be a chance to position BB as a place that boys will want to come to and enjoy everything we offer, whatever guise that comes in. We have registered to run The Duke of Edinburgh's award for the over 14's which we hope will add further quality to the programme. We have a small staff team which we will need to add to when we do restart so that we can offer a range of activities that is interesting, engaging and takes the opportunity we have of restarting refreshed and renewed.

Chris Ware Captain

Church Cleaning

Over many years the church has been faithfully cleaned by a group of volunteers who have taken on the considerable task of keeping the building and all the facilities, such as the kitchen and the toilets, clean and ready for use.

They have been organised by Jill Bowen who has been our cleaning coordinator. The team has included many people from across the congregation

Many thanks go to this hardworking team who have worked so diligently behind the scenes.

Recently Jill and many of the team have had to stand down during the COVID pandemic, so please pray for their protection.

When the time comes to reopen after the Covid restrictions are lifted please can other members of the congregation consider if they can come forward to help so the Church can reopen and be clean and welcoming as before.

David Barnes

COMMUNION

People prepared and people cleared,
There on the table
The Lord's meal appeared.

Covid 19 came to our shores,
The government said, 'close the doors.'
The bread was not broken; the wine not poured.

In the comfort of home, safe from Covid 19,
On our screens a familiar service appeared
To technical know-how, we all cheered.

We prepared and we cleared for ourselves
With our own bread and wine,
Each took the Lord's meal for themselves.

Thanks' given for past service to all who have helped,
To prepare and clear, when we had open doors,
With thanks and gratitude, we give our applause.

BUT

With no end in sight
We know in our hearts
God is holding us tight.

COMMUNITY SINGERS

Singing is a well-documented for its health benefits, let alone the opportunity to meet together and share. 2020 started so well with the excitement of new songs for our Easter and summer events, but along came COVID. It's not easy singing together over the internet, - so we stay in touch with phone calls/emails, and it's a delight to see some of our singers join our online Sunday services. We long for the day when we can meet again and sing for health and fun.

Don't forget new members are always welcome.

Wendy

Door Stewards

Two Door Stewards on each of the front and side doors provided a warm welcome to the Congregation each Sunday morning until 15th March 2020 when the last service was held at the Church.

The Door Stewards are looking forward to when they will be able to welcome the Congregation again, implementing the protective measures that the Deacons have provided to ensure the safety of everyone.

Mary Gleadle

Fair Trade Stall

It was successfully run by Sian Evans for many years but due to a decline in sales it was not viable to keep running, so was closed in the early part of the year.

Flower Ministry

Reporting for 2020 is not easy as so little was able to take place within Church except to say a big thank you to those who had already donated towards Church flowers for 2020 before lockdown.

Because of your generosity we have been able to give flowers to those celebrating special occasions and birthdays.

My grateful thanks to Pat who has organised and made sure people receive their flowers and cards.

It was a hard and difficult year for us all, but with trust and faith we look to a better year in 2021 and some "normal" life again.

You may contact me on 9225 7305 or email walkerm.ashby91@virginmedia.com if you have any queries or a special occasion to celebrate.

*May God Bless you all
Maureen Walker*

GIRLS' BRIGADE

The highlight of 2020 was going to be the 90th celebration of 1st Waterlooville Girls Brigade in July and preparations were well under when COVID restrictions halted our meetings.

During August 2020 Sian Evans stepped down from her role of Team Leader for 1st Waterlooville Girls Brigade, leaving Claire Saunders and Annie Harding as Lieutenants along with some helpers who have since stepped down.

Unfortunately, numbers of girls attending were falling and concerns for the viability of the group were expressed. Meetings are currently suspended, and we have communication with Helen Patis (District Commissioner for Solent District), who is available for consultation as and when our GB meetings can resume when covid restrictions are lifted.

Ladies Prayer Group

Prayer Group only managed about eight meetings last year before lockdown.

Because of a variety of equipment and a lack of technical knowledge

we did not manage to move our meetings on line, though we are keeping in touch by phone. We are looking forward to the time when we can start meeting again.

We would love to have more people joining us. Do let me know if you can spare a couple of hours to worship and pray on Monday mornings in termtime.

Gill Cawte

Pastoral Care Groups

Well, this has certainly been an unusual year for everyone in our church family, and the rest of the world too, of course! However, it's also been a very busy one for the Pastoral Care Group Leaders. When we met, on the 9th. March 2020 and discussed various items, including Harvest gifts, little did we know that, within two weeks, the country would be in lockdown and that there would be no Harvest service in our church building and, therefore, no pot plants to deliver. But, as I wrote in last year's report "The aim of our 12 Care Groups is to do just that - care," and an amazing amount of caring has gone on, through three lockdowns and the weeks between them. Regular phone calls, doorstep (and socially distanced) visits, cards, notelets and, where possible, offers of practical help, have all been provided. Harvest gifts had to be different, of course, but contact was made with those who would have received one, and Christmas gifts went out as usual.

Our 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

Re - Tyred Men's Group

Since starting some four years ago when six men gathered for lunch, the group had grown to involve nineteen, although sadly some have died but their friendship was valued and their memory honoured. Aimed at men who are available during the day, of which "seniors" are the most number but all ages are welcome.

The Covid-19 regulations meant that March was our last lunch. We continued with weekly Zoom sessions and late in the year moved to monthly sessions and are very grateful to Steve Foster who oversees the technology for them. As and when allowed to do so, we will resume meetings but, in the mean-time we encourage mutual phone calls etc. As an organisation we hold neither cash funds or bank accounts and Alan Perry, Derek Barkaway and I maintain supervision.

Elgan Evans

T@3

Early in 2019 we started a new initiative a monthly get together, to chat together, welcome visitors, play games, reminisce and indulge in Tea and cakes, primarily for the over 60's but all welcome. Early in 2020 the government closed our meetings down due to Covid - to keep us safe, but thanks to Julie our friendship continued, with poems sent, and notes to show we care, little gifts, and phone calls to our members reminding them that our thoughts and prayers are always there.

Thanks Julie

The Leprosy Mission

The Leprosy Mission, thanks to God's provision and the support of many faithful supporters has continued its work through the Spanish influenza outbreak of 1918, the Great Depression in the Thirties, frequent famines natural disasters and two World Wars. Soon after Covid arrived, in 2020, staff, trustees and supporters held a day of praise worship and prayer, during which they felt a "tangible confirmation of how much God loves people affected by leprosy and were encouraged to trust Him to continue to heal and comfort" such people in the same way.

While the pandemic has brought huge changes to our world and the way we live, it has been devastating to the poor, and in particular, people and families who are living with leprosy.

Leprosy is a mildly infectious disease that is easily cured, but, if neglected, often lead to blindness and disability. T.L.M., funded almost entirely by donations and prayer, works to bring knowledge, care and healing. 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

THURSDAY GROUP

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

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 2020 with Dave Allport MBE Warrant Officer 1 (C) Royal Navy Rtd, gave us a lovely Solent Cruise Part 2

Unfortunately, that was the only meeting for 2020 as Covid 19 swept the country and we were all put into lockdown!! We had been looking forward to a St Patricks Day Musical Evening with stories from Northern Ireland with David Mc Dowell in March, in May SASRA takes the Gospel to British Army and RAF Personnel with Jamie Campbell and in June "Icons" with John Bennett, and booked for the September return, Spirit of the 60's with Dave Allport

The impact of the virus is far reaching and the possibility of restarting this church activity are sadly in doubt for the future.

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

This was a very friendly supportive group who warmly welcomed all.

God Bless, Stay Safe, Rita Pethick.

Toddlers' Report

Oh dear, I can't really begin my report with "we've had a busy, happy year at Toddlers" as I did last January, can I? You-Know-What has seen to that! We did manage nine weeks, enjoying activities such as cooking, Messy Morning, dragon making and planting sunflower seeds, and were all set to make Mothering Sunday presents and cards, but, alas, had to close, temporarily, we very much hope.

Since then, we have tried to keep in touch with the children and their carers. Monthly, then since September, fortnightly e cards have been sent out and responses received. In the run up to Christmas, fifty envelopes were posted or hand delivered, containing a First Christmas story and sticker book, a wooden nativity tree decoration to colour and a Christmas card.

When we are able to restart, there will be changes to see. Babies will be crawling and those who were crawling will be walking. All our four-year olds will have started school in September but there are at least three new babies on the way.

Thank you for your past prayers and support for us, over the years. Please don't forget our precious Toddler family, as we look forward to that special day when we will be together again.

Pat Knowles

Waterlooville Food Bank

Living Waters Church

Kite Close, Wecock,

Cowplain PO8 9UJ

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

The impact of the pandemic has increased the requests for help in these extremely difficult and challenging times.

An amazing 188 special Christmas hampers, this is a record number were given out in December 2020.

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 also several recipients are self-isolating, so it has become necessary for parcels to be delivered to homes.

Collection points are in local supermarkets, some churches when open and offices in the area, we would be unable to do this work if it were not for the generosity and good will of all concerned.

Ongoing donations are received from local supermarkets Waitrose (now closed), Asda, Sainsburys, Lidl, Marks and Spencer and Morrison's.

Although WBC is no longer in partnership with the foodbank, many thanks to all who are continuing to support the food bank with donations either with goods or monetary, as a family we continue to manage the website and email accounts and have recently added a gift aid form for those that wish to gift aid their monetary donations.

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

God Bless Stay Safe

Rita, Brain and Alastair Pethick

Women's Fellowship

Women's Fellowship started back following the Christmas break, on 7th January 2020, with a full program of weekly meetings and events planned for the year. Unfortunately, due to Covid-19 our last meeting was held on 17th March 2020. During the few weeks we met we enjoyed interesting speakers, a Members Afternoon, a Bring and Buy and the Good News Library.

As the majority of our members are in the high - risk category, we were unable to have face to face contact. Women's Fellowship Committee and members have remained in contact with each other during the year by phone at regular intervals and where possible having door step conversations.

All Women's Fellowship members have received the WBC weekly either by email or a paper copy. Thank you to Barbara Cariss, Margaret Penson and Dorothy Earley for delivering the paper copies.

Thank you to Pat Davies, who with the help of her husband Mick, ensured that all members continued to receive a birthday card and gift throughout the year. Congratulations to two of our members who have celebrated their 100th birthdays. May Tyler on 10th June 2020 and Joan Geary on 4th January 2021.

As lockdown eased, we hoped we would soon be able to meet back in the Church but sadly this was not possible.

When the national guidelines allowed six people to meet in a garden, Barbara and Richard Ostler kindly offered for groups of six to meet in their garden. All members of Women's Fellowship were contacted and given information about the proposed meetings to see who would be able to attend. Fourteen members including Barbara and myself wanted to meet. From 1st September six of us met each week on a three-week rotation. Unfortunately, these stopped with the November lockdown. Everyone who came to these small groups enjoyed the time of fellowship we had with each other.

Thank you to Enid Morton, who has been our Treasurer for last six years, as she has decided to stand down.

During 2020, two of our members, Una West and Doreen Thomas went to be with the Lord.

Sharon Baker moved to Brighton in March to be close to her family.

We have 50 members including our friends from Eastfields Nursing Home, Liss. We now look forward to 2021, praying the vaccine will control the spread of Covid-19 so we can enjoy meeting again on Tuesday afternoons at 2.30pm at the Church.

Mary Gleadle

Anyone wishing to join or help with any of the activities mentioned in these reports should contact the person listed or any Church Officer for more information.