

CENTRAL METHODIST CHURCH LAUNCESTON
Annual Church Meeting - 4th February 2018 - Church Reports 2017

THE MINISTER

Nationally the Methodist Church was alerted to the steady decline in church membership over the past century, but more urgently over the last 3 years. The Revd Lorraine Mellor our current President spelt it out in her conference address and asked every church to put in place an 'End of Life' or 'Growth' plan during this year.

There are Signs of Hope here at Central, but the reality of losing an average of 10 people a year through death, and only attracting perhaps 4 or 5 per year in their place, has a big impact on our membership figures, but also has been noticeable as we meet together for worship. The Prayer Course and follow up monthly Power Praise has given us a sense of togetherness in going forward but we cannot rest on past glories, we have to truly examine what we are doing and consciously plan for growth, being prepared to invite friends and neighbours to attend groups or worship with us. Jesus had these stark words in Luke 13:6-9 "Then he told this parable: 'A man had a fig-tree growing in his vineyard, and he went to look for fruit on it but did not find any. So he said to the man who took care of the vineyard, "For three years now I've been coming to look for fruit on this fig-tree and haven't found any. Cut it down! Why should it use up the soil?"'

"Sir," the man replied, "leave it alone for one more year, and I'll dig round it and fertilise it. If it bears fruit next year, fine! If not, then cut it down."

We must be willing to take risks, to make sure that we offer a quality experience for those who are new amongst us – we may well have more than one year to see signs of growth, but change will be needed to accomplish this.

Malcolm

CHURCH STEWARDS

Your Stewards are gratified by the response and support from the congregation to all new initiatives. There is an aroused sense of expectation at Central, arising from fellowship and a deeper prayer life and it is felt that the future can be faced with some confidence.

It has been pleasing to see new faces joining our congregation. The work of our Church has moved forward and although our mission to children and young people has not yet resulted in large numbers, all of us must acknowledge with deep gratitude the enthusiasm of those working in that field.

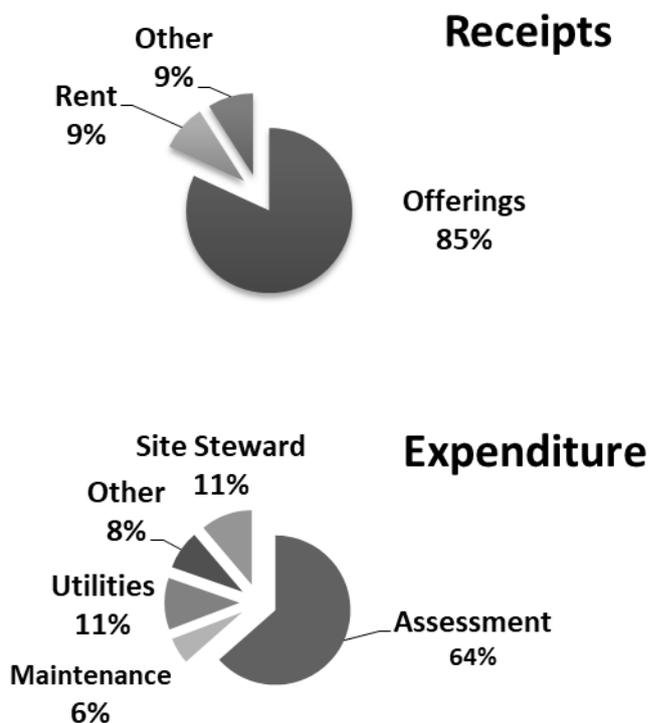
There are many challenges ahead in reaching out to our local community and in our ministry to children and young people and additionally, as a town centre church, we should endeavour to reach out to the vulnerable in the community.

My fellow stewards have been a great team and I thank them heartily for their support. I shall be standing down as a steward on 31May. Graham Chester Senior Steward

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR SEPTEMBER 2016 TO AUGUST 2017

The Church accounts for the financial year ending 31st August 2017 have been audited and accepted as correct and are on the board in the Church Porch. From the accounts it can be seen that income exceeded expenditure by £2,258.31. This is in a year when we have no Gift Day. We no longer have a families' worker which means our expenditure is decreased. Regrettably we now we have very few families in the Church and our congregation is elderly but generous.

Thank you to all who give so generously throughout the year; from the graphs we can see that our giving is 85% of our income. We ask you to continue to give as much as you can so we can continue to serve God and the community in Central.



PASTORAL REPORT

Our numbers are less due to some members and adherents transferring to The Bridge. Once again I wish to thank our Pastoral Visitors for their care and attention for the people in their classes.

Our thanks to Joan Cottrell who does great pastoral work when she takes our Church flowers on Mondays to people who are sick or unable to attend our services. I know this is greatly appreciated by the people who receive them.

Thanks are due to David Rogerson for keeping our photo album up to date which is displayed in the Church Porch. Do use this to recognise the people in our Church.

Please let me know if we have new people attending our services. Give them a warm welcome and if they have moved into our area please let me know.

Summary of Membership for October 2016-2017

Transfer In

Mr. Chris Gaunt	
Mrs Julia Gaunt	2
Transfer Out – Members	
Mrs Rita Prout	
Mrs Jude Jones	
Mr Dave Banks	
Mrs Lyn Banks	
Mrs Mandebe Beazley	
Miss Alison Bunkum	
Mrs Rose Greenaway	
Mr Scott Tucker	
Mrs Emma Tucker	
Mrs Jennie Kerwin	
Mrs Jane Rusden	
Miss Emma Rusden	13

Ceased to meet

Mrs Carol Parsons	
Mrs Elizabeth Penwarden	2

Transfer to adherent

Mrs Enid Broad	
Mr Nicholas Gannon	
Mrs Frances Wood	3

Out by death – Members

Mesdames Mary Heal, Mary Davey, Muriel Stanbury, Doris Barriball, Elsie Penhale, Josie Glead, Phyllis Osborne Aileen Snook Heather Morrish, Gladys Harvey.	
Messrs. Ron Gilbert, Denis Jones, Harry Glead	13

Membership at November 2017	184
Transfer In	2
	186
Transfer Out and by death	31
Total membership November 2017	155

Jacqueline Robbins

PROPERTY REPORT

The project to refurbish the gents' toilets which is now completed was the major property item carried out last year, and has been much appreciated by members and others using our church.

The Property stewards have spent time to improve the heating in the chapel.

We are grateful to David Rogerson for setting up WiFi in the Epworth room, and installing new projection methods and updates to our computer.

We also thank Eric Rowland for helping with sound and projection for evening 245 services.

Thanks to David Allen for painting the whole passage way to the toilets, and for putting up the exterior Christmas lights.

We appreciate everyone who freely gives their time in many ways, for example arranging flowers and displays.

We are concerned about the amount of cleaning required in the premises and volunteers have been helping in this respect, some on a continual basis, for which we are very grateful.

We are arranging to have a display board fitted outside, indicating rooms which are in use.

We have ordered a redecoration of the main hall, and decoration to parts of the chapel.

Thanks to Glenn for the work he does.

Barry Greenaway

ACTION FOR CHILDREN

Due to the wonderful response by so many of our church members following the appeal for help with the buffet lunch on Action for Children Sunday in July it was an extremely successful and enjoyable occasion. £1239.70 was raised on that one day, including retiring collections from four chapels, for the work of Action for Children and our thanks go to all those who helped to make this possible.

The Coffee Morning in February raised £260.91 The jar in Central porch collected £47.70 during the year so thank you to those who keep popping in some of their change.

Thanks also go to Pat White for dealing with the collecting boxes which this year raised £235.89 making a total for the year of £1934.20 Well worth the effort, thank you.

Margaret Baker and Joan Helme

CEDAR GRANGE MONTHLY SERVICE

The Methodist monthly services at Cedar Grange have taken place as planned with Rev Malcolm Jones conducting a communion service once every three months. The remainder of the monthly meetings are conducted by members of our regular team. The Methodist team works well with the staff at Cedar Grange. This has been enhanced by the appointment of a dedicated member of care staff who is responsible for providing activities for the clients at Cedar Grange.

We have co-ordinated activities to celebrate the major festivals and all made poppies as part of our Remembrance service last November.

Although we only see the residents once a month we believe it is important that a Christian input is available for those who have worshipped regularly throughout their lives but are now unable to continue to travel to their home chapels.

All will be very welcome to share the service with us and our friends at Cedar Grange on the second Thursday afternoon of each month - please consider joining us.

CHATTABOX

Chattabox continues to be well supported, with an average weekly attendance of 20 pre-school children, and several babies, together with Mums and Carers .

The children have numerous activities available to them, always a craft activity, a sand/pasta tray, drawing and painting, as well as toys and climbing equipment. Snack time is always popular too and their Mums enjoy coffee and chat.

Rose Greenaway felt that she could not continue to help on a regular basis as her family required help and support with 2 new babies, but she very kindly left us with loads of prepared activities – thank you , Rose!.

Fortunately Gillian Goodman stepped in and has been a real blessing to the group. For most sessions we have a willing extra pair of hands in Lorna, whose children used to attend Chattabox before they started school.

The TV in the Epworth was stolen last year which was very disappointing as the children loved to end the session with the wide selection of action songs on YouTube. However we understand that David has organised a replacement for us – thank you, David!

Please pray for the group particularly that we have the opportunity of sharing with them the Christian message.

The Chattabox Team (Gillian, Maggie and Lorna)

ACTION GROUP

We met in September after the summer break to discuss the Harvest arrangements. With Gift Day on the Saturday and also a concert arranged for the evening it was difficult for Sue and her team to decorate the church as they would have liked. However the ladies did an excellent job and the church looked wonderful.

It was decided to revert to the Monday service and tea after the break last year, also to accept donations rather than sell tickets. Produce was auctioned by John Langdon.

Barn Dance – John Fitzpatrick organised this as usual, returning to the Eagle House after it's reopening last year. It was an enjoyable evening, and as usual just managed to cover our costs. It is hoped that the next Barn Dance will be in February as this seems to be a more popular time with those who have attended in the past.

Christmas late opening was well attended with the Bridge organising activities for all ages, together with the Bouncy Castle. Coffee and mince pies were served. People were entering through the church to give them an opportunity to see the tree and decorations and this seemed to be appreciated.

St Piran's Day on 5th March and Les has arrangement already in hand.

Film Nights continue to be enjoyed – many thanks to Jacqueline and Graham.

Our thanks to all and if you have ideas for fund raising or social activities, or would like to be on the committee, please have a word with Les or any of the committee.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Holiday Club was another big success this year, with some great activities and a good group of helpers running things.

Our pattern on Sundays is for a Family Service on the 1st Sunday and for Sunday Club to be on the 3rd Sunday. This is now in place and helping those who prepare to expect at least a group of children.

We have met as a group with Mark Blencowe who has under 11's expertise, and the outcome from the meetings suggest an after school club to begin with. We are suggesting a Tuesday from 4pm until 5.30pm starting after the Summer Holiday Club. Mark will help us to get started but the group felt strongly that we should be praying for a leader who could take this forward.

LAUNCESTON AREA CHRISTIAN AID ACTION GROUP

During the past year we have been very well supported by groups of people from various churches, individual contributions by supporters from across the area in terms of time and fundraising, and support from C/Aid Staff when we've been inspired by the work of our Partners in different parts of the World.

We were able to send the magnificent total of £10,764 to Christian Aid, in the period from January - December 2017. These amounts came from Lent Lunches, Special Events, C/Aid Week Fund Raising including Retiring Collections, Coffee Mornings & Bring & Buy Sales, Soup & Sweet Lunches and donations from a local charity specifically for work among Syrian refugees.

Christian Aid Week this year takes place from May 13th - 19th. The Country focus will be Haiti, and the work carried out by our Partner Group KORAL in building houses for local people following extensive hurricane damage.

Boyton Chapel Coffee Morning & Bring & Buy will be held on Saturday May 19th from 10am to 12 noon - an occasion not to be missed.

The next Launceston Area Christian Aid Action Group will take place on Monday Feb 5th 2018 at 7pm at the Porch in Central Methodist Church Launceston.

We shall have the opportunity to meet Jill Stone, Christian Aid Regional Coordinator for Cornwall and the Scilly Isles, and look forward to her support and advice as we plan for the future. When we talk about the future, we need to be thinking about new people who would be willing to play an active part in identifying new and relevant activities which reflect the challenging values and principles of Christian Aid in the present age. This will not be easy, but is a necessity for the future, to continue the generous support in terms of time and finance from committed people, irrespective of denomination or faith.

Please pray for God's guidance for the future development of the work, and encouraging new people enthused by the vision of Christian Aid's work among the world's poorest people.

Should you be unable to attend the meeting please contact me, to let me know your thoughts and opinions on these important issues. Many thanks for your support for some of the world's poorest people.

Trevor Cook

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN THE LAUNCESTON AREA

Churches Together in the Launceston Area represents the Methodist and Anglican Churches in the town and surrounding villages, The Gateway to New Life and Launceston Community Churches, Launceston Salvation Army, Launceston Roman Catholic Church and Tregadillett Local Ecumenical Partnership.

The congregations of Central and the Bridge, Ladycross, Coats Green, and South Petherwin Churches, St Mary's, St Thomas, St Stephens, the Gateway Centre, St Josephs, (where the Community Church meets), The Salvation Army Hall, North Hill Parish Churches, St Cuthbert's and Tregadillett are therefore represented. We receive reports and support the work of Launceston Foodbank, Money Advice Centre, Christian Aid and Street Pastors, the first 2 of which were formed from Churches Together but are run as separate, independent organisations.

We were short of potential officers during the year after so many retirements and departures amongst the clergy but now have Revd Malcolm Jones as our Chairman, Tony Carter as Secretary, and Graham Chester as Treasurer.

Since Central's General Meeting last year we have had the Walk of Witness on Good Friday morning, Bible Study Classes, our stand at Launceston Show, the Christmas card, the Christmas Day lunch and the recent united service.

The Christmas card is paid for and delivered by the town and Tregadillett churches and we have so much for which we thank David and Janet Rogeerson and Sam and Mande Beasley in getting the card designed and printed and twisting arms to ensure delivery to over 6000 homes in Launceston and Tregadillett.

Churches Together continues to meet regularly and encourage united events and services. The recent United Service at the Town Hall saw around 300 people worship pray and hear the Word preached. We are grateful to Trevor and Connie from Oriel and Abbie from the Bridge for stepping in at late notice to lead us, and for an inspiring address by Revd Simon Cade, the Diocesan Director of Discipleship and Education.

The Foodbank continues to operate and meet the needs of many families who find themselves in crisis. The Shop which is run largely by volunteers has been a great success and means that we are one of the few self-funding Foodbanks in the country.

Street Pastors continue to patrol the town's streets and help to defuse any potential flashpoints on Saturday nights. Money Advice also meet regularly with around 25 clients to help them stabilise their finances.

COSTA COFFEE BIBLE STUDY

We have been meeting at Costa on Monday afternoons for over a year now. There have been eleven different people attending, but we usually average five at a time. Studies are led by several of us in turn, using group study books from the Christian Bookshop, and during the year we have explored Ephesians, parts of Isaiah and Jeremiah, some of the parables, and two sections of the 'Square Mile' which applies faith to daily living.

Prayer for those present and those around us opens the session, and if we have felt prompted by what we have learnt also ends it. However our main aim is to be visible in the town, to make people wonder why we are meeting and what we get out of it.

So far we have only been approached by one person in the cafe, but we hope that will increase as folk get used to seeing us there. To that end, we would encourage you to join us, at 2.00pm on a Monday, in term-time.

CRADLE ROLL

At present there are 2 boys and 2 girls on the Cradle Roll. (These are children who have been christened at Central and are currently up to and including the age of 3). I send each of them a card for their birthday from the Church.

During 2017 we have had three Christenings at Central

Jean Cavey
Cradle Roll Secretary

CRECHE REPORT

There has been very little need for the crèche facilities during the past year although there has been a rota and people are ready if the need should arise. There have also been a few occasions where toy bags have been offered at Family Services.

The question now is whether to organise a new rota or whether to just respond if small children are present.

At Family Services some facilities are available for older children although sometimes the person leading the service prefers not to have activities put out as they are intending to include the children in activities within the service.

Thanks go to all those who have served faithfully on the crèche rota over the years.
Val Carpenter

THE LAUNCESTON CENTRAL FAMILY ALBUM 2017

The Central Family Photograph album has been kept up to date over the year thanks to the hard work and diligence of Jacqueline Robbins who coordinates church member's photos for the album. The final artwork and printing is done by David Rogerson.

As well as containing photographs of the church family, there is also information and the names of the current church council representatives.

The 'In Memoriam' section at the back of the album is a source of comfort for many church members. If you have a photo of a family member or friend who you would wish to be included in the 'In Memoriam' section of those who died prior to 2012, please do speak to Jacqueline Robbins (contact details below).

This album is a living and sensitive document and every effort is made to ensure it is kept correct and up to date. To help in this process please do not hesitate to report any errors, omissions or photographs that require changing to Jacqueline Robbins (01566 772446), David Rogerson (01579 370412) or any of the church stewards.
David Rogerson & Jacqueline Robbins

FLOWER REPORT 2017

This year we have introduced silk flowers into the Church arrangements once a month to enable us to have flowers every Sunday in the Church Sanctuary.

Quite a few have said what lovely flowers, not realising that they are artificial.

There are still some vacancies on the flower rota and we have one new member of the team. Don't be put off volunteering if you feel you cannot arrange flowers, Sue or I can always do them for you, and all gifts in respect of flowers is greatly appreciated.

At Easter, Harvest and Christmas there have been some lovely displays on the window ledges and the porch and platform and we are grateful to all those who spend time making the Church look so beautiful.

I am very grateful to Sue Hindley and Pat White for all their help on special occasions and to Joan Cottrell for distributing Sunday flowers to those who are unwell or in Rest Homes.

You may notice that Sue and I are not actually on the list, but we both do flower arranging on average once a month for those who prefer us to do the arranging, there are also times when we are requested to do flowers for funerals etc.

Elaine Wright.

JMA REPORT

With only a few children currently attending Central services and therefore limited opportunity for them to contribute to JMA, it is very impressive that many adults are still faithfully supporting this organisation week by week.

The amount collected between the end of the last financial year (August 31st) and December 2017 is £127.09.

Christmas card gifts came to £82.00 making a currently total so far this year of £209.09. Thank you to everyone who is helping with this.
Sue Hindley

LADIES FRIENDSHIP GROUP

The Friendship Group was formed two years ago now as a small group of ladies who felt it would be good to take time out from our usual routine and meet up for a coffee and chat and get to know each other better.

We remain an informal group of around 15 who meet on the first Thursday of each month. Sometimes we have met just for morning coffee but we have also enjoyed lunches and various activities including a walk and a "5-minute beach clean" at Widemouth. As most of us have an interest in a variety of crafts, we have enjoyed some craft demonstrations and have visited a quilt exhibition.

We would welcome both church and non-church ladies to any or all of our meetings.
Julia Boundy

MILLTOWN FARM HOUSE GROUP

We continue to meet fortnightly (usually) in term time at Mill Town Farm where Jacqueline makes us very welcome with tea and cake. This provides an opportunity to catch up on each other's news and share concerns.

Bible study follows this time of fellowship, with a passage to read and discuss and apply to our own situations. The year began with looking at the final chapters of Ephesians, a book we had been working through since the previous autumn.

We then moved on to use 'The Living Cross' by Amy Boucher Pye, which is a series of meditations meant as a Lent course and focussing on forgiveness. It provides the chance to look at the lives of Old and New Testament characters to see how they received and reacted to the need for forgiveness from God. It has enabled us to look at some well known passages and stories and perhaps see them in a slightly different light. We looked at the lives of Adam and Eve and their children, through to the end of Abraham's life. In the summer term we switched to New Testament characters where we saw God's forgiveness demonstrated in the life of Jesus. It was very appropriate that we reached Matthew 6 and the Lord's Prayer just at the time that the Prayer Course was being completed in Morning Services and helped us think through all that we had learned on Sunday Mornings.

There have also been times when we have shared and discussed something special which the Lord has shown us. Study time is followed by a time of prayer and this too has become very important as we remember those in need and the also the future of our church.

Numbers remain around 10, although we miss seeing Jane Rusden, who moved to Truro in the summer. We have enjoyed several social occasions with meals together throughout the year.

We are very grateful to God for the close fellowship and support such groups provide and we would love to welcome anyone else who is free on a Thursday afternoon to join us.

OPEN THE BOOK

Open the Book is the most exciting, enjoyable and fulfilling thing I have ever done as part of my Christian service and it's taken nearly 70 years to discover it!!

There are 3 groups working in and around Launceston, meaning that all the town primary schools hear a Bible story every week. Our group go to St. Catherine's and Egloskerry, the second group cover Windmill and St. Stephens.

The third group visit 5 village schools on a different rota going to them twice a term. These schools are Coads Green, South Petherwin, Trekenner, Lewannick and Lewannick nursery.

Our group consists of 2 people from Egloskerry C of E, one from Broadwoodwidge C of E, 4 from Launceston Community Church and Margaret Baker and myself from Central.

We go to St. Catherine's at 9.15am, and then on to Egloskerry at 10.15. The schools have a copy of our programme so they know exactly what we are going to say. Quite often children from different classes take part in the drama.

After that it's back to someone's house for coffee, prayer and practise for the following week. (When we arrive at each school we always have a short prayer before the children arrive.) Please pray for us as we present a different story each week, always ending with a thought and an invitation for the children to join in a prayer. Please pray for the children that they will

remember the stories as they progress through their education and that they will want to know more. Also for the teachers as they hear God's word .

Recently Lewtrenchard school has expressed an interest in having a group visit them, so we are going to go and give them a "taster".

Please pray that a new group will be formed and trained to take on Lewtrenchard and possibly Lifton schools- several people have expressed an interest in doing so.

PRAYER

Those who attended the 24/7 Prayer Course during Lent last year expressed a desire to continue to meet and share fellowship together and this led to the monthly meeting we now call Power Praise.

On the third Monday each month we meet in the Dingley Hall (7.30-9pm) for a time of worship, prayer and sharing as we seek the Holy Spirit's guidance and direction for our ministry as a town centre church.

The Prayer Course was repeated in the autumn for six Sunday mornings. Many people have commented that that they read the Bible more and pray with greater confidence whether privately or in one of the Prayer Triplets which continue to meet regularly.

We are thankful for the renewed sense of prayerfulness and purpose in our Church fellowship and pray that this will be strengthened in 2018. Pauline Smith

PROJECTIONISTS FOR SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP - 2017

The Duty Projectionists role at Central is to liaise with the worship co-ordinator and/or preacher for any given Sunday morning (and some evening) services to discuss the details and requirements for their service.

This detail is used to create a 'schedule file' in the Easy-Worship program for the computer. Over the year the upgraded Easy-Worship program has proved to be more robust, particularly when video items are required and I must take this opportunity to thank the projection team for their patience in meeting the challenge of the new program.

The team for the reporting period was as follows:

- Jenny Cook
- Steve Dolley
- John Fitzpatrick
- Joan Helme
- Janet / David Rogerson
- Pat White
- Maggie Macoun (pm services)

There is a real need for new helpers to join the team, so if you feel you could help you would be most welcome. This important job may seem a little daunting at first, but anyone with a basic knowledge of computers and with some simple training is able to undertake the task. It is not too onerous and is a real contribution to the life of the churches worship.

If you have any questions please speak to David Rogerson (01579) 370412 or david@lamc.org.uk
David Rogerson

ROYDON ROAD HOUSE GROUP

The house group has met regularly on the 2nd and 4th Thursday evenings each month at 7.30pm from September to May during the last church year. We have a break roughly corresponding with school holidays.

Numbers have been steady and we were pleased to welcome 2 new members – Chris and Julia who've been regular. Each meeting last for about 90 minutes including a time of prayer and followed by refreshments.

Since September we have been using two study aids under the guidance of a selected leader. The first was a series of studies centred on aspects of the Second Coming of Jesus and provoked a lot of thought, discussion and speculation! It was well enjoyed but, at times, a bit of a challenge in a thought provoking sense. (No harm in that then!).

Equally challenging was a DVD of sermons by Charles Price – a British biblical expositor who is a former Principal of Capernwray Bible College in the UK but currently Senior Pastor at Toronto Baptist Church in Canada. In his 45-minute teaching sermons to a packed church, his subject was the life of Joshua. Charles is a God-given, gifted and inspired teacher who brings biblical analysis and amazing application for Christians in today's world even from the Old Testament. This was a challenge to us all whether academically inclined or not. That's the strength of a mixed group.

The sense of fellowship, prayer and friendship is a great feature and we have been well blessed as we have ministered to each other. Although we are currently at near ideal capacity for a housegroup – throw us a challenge to adapt and develop in the coming year as we unveil how the Lord leads us. New members always welcome.

Chris Paxman

245 REVIVE

245 Revive meets on the 2nd, 4th and 5th evenings of each month when we are joined by friends from other Circuit chapels and local churches.

We have had many challenging and inspiring preachers during the last year and contemporary worship songs have been led by singers and musicians from Coads Green, Central, the Bridge and Oriel Ministries.

We are delighted that our Worship Band led by Jennie Kerwin will be leading worship on the 4th Sunday of each month during the coming year. Most of the Band will be involved in leading worship at the Bridge on Sunday mornings so we are grateful to them for taking on this extra commitment and look forward to their involvement.

The 5th Sunday, when it occurs, is usually an informal social evening in the hall with a bring-and-share tea and time for worship and fellowship. A dedicated and enthusiastic team meet regularly to plan and facilitate all these evenings. Do come along and experience this uplifting time.

Pauline Smith

SOUND SYSTEM OPERATORS FOR WORSHIP/CHURCH ACTIVITIES - 2017

The Duty Sound System Operators role at Central is to liaise with the worship co-ordinator, musicians and/or preacher for any given Sunday morning (and some evening) services to discuss the details and requirements for their service.

Currently the team is as follows:

- Barry Greenaway
- David Allen
- Eric Rowland
- (Andi Smart) - 245 Revive

We are always on the lookout for new helpers of all ages for the team, so if you feel you could help you would be most welcome. This responsible job is really important but not too onerous and is a real contribution to the life of the churches worship.

If you have any questions please speak to Barry Greenaway or a member of the team.
David Rogerson

TUESDAY GROUP

We have 20 members with an average of 16 attending each month. A variety of subjects were given by our speakers including art and hat making. Visits from representatives from Shelterbox and Rodda's Creamery were also enjoyed.

In June we spent an interesting afternoon at Charlie Bears followed by tea and cakes at the Talking Donkey.

The two coffee mornings in June and December were successful and provided us with funds to give some donations to local charities and send a substantial amount to help with a young girls education on India.

We are looking forward to our 2018 programme and would welcome some new members who would like to join us.

Margaret Friend.
Secretary

CENTRAL'S PRESENCE ON THE INTERNET 2017

The Central and Circuit web sites -

www.central-methodist.org.uk

www.lamc.org.uk

The Central and Circuit web sites continue to provide a modern, informative presence on the Internet, enabling people in the local community and indeed across the world to be aware of our work and fellowship. The sites are hosted and run at a very low cost and have proved to be very useful in keeping people informed about what is on at the church, our work and worship.

A daily diary of Central's events, the weekly bulletin, a quarterly list of the preachers, organists, readers, coffee rota, flower rota and Coordinators at Central together with the circuits 'Spotlight' magazine are always available. The site includes full information on what is on at Central with news of forthcoming events as far ahead as the summer holiday club. You can also catch up on most recent sermons at Central which are available online.

The full circuit plan can also be accessed on both sites with all documents being in an easily printable format. There are also a number of links to other sites including the Methodist Church web site.

The greatest challenge is to keep the sites vibrant and up to date with the news of what is happening. Indeed it is hoped that it truly reflects everything about what happens at Central, so if you have any information, articles or photographs for inclusion on the web sites please don't hesitate to contact David Rogerson on 01579 370412 or by email at david@lamc.org.uk
David Rogerson

WEDNESDAY FELLOWSHIP

Members of the Wednesday Fellowship have enjoyed another year's varied programme and have shared fellowship with one another both at our meetings in the Dingley Hall and on our summer trips.

During the past few months we have enjoyed a visit to Bude Methodist Church where we were welcomed by Deacon Debbie Marsh and shared a cream tea. (It was surprising that only one of our group had ever visited the church before!), we again visited Trethorne for our Christmas lunch, and, to continue the Christmas theme, Elaine Wright helped us all to make table decorations. (There is a photograph of our efforts on the Central website.)

From our funds we have made donations to Central Methodist Church, Shelter Box, Salvation Army, Launceston Food Bank and Launceston Refugee Support Group.

We all thank our many speakers who have made our meetings so enjoyable, and the friends who have provided transport for those who can no longer get around so easily. If you would like to join us please come along or let us know and we will arrange transport – a warm welcome awaits.

Jenny Worth and Angela Noakes

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP - MUSICAL SUPPORT 2017

The Family Service on the first Sunday of the month, as with other services uses audio tracks (as required) and the organ for musical support.

The '245 Revive' evening services are now well established with music support using tracks from the iPad based iSingWorship application. We have also been grateful for the monthly support of the Bridge Church worship group and other visiting music groups that have provided support for these services.

David Rogerson also provides iPad based iSingWorship tracks for the third Sunday in the month at the evening 'Praise & Learning' (PAL) service, as well as other morning services as and when required.

Opportunities are always taken to explore new songs and, in consultation with the preacher, decisions are then made on the music to fit the service theme and readings.

David Rogerson

WORSHIP CO-ORDINATORS FOR SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP - 2017

The Worship Co-ordinator liaises with the preacher for the Sunday morning service to discuss worship, music, facilities and other requirements for their service. This specific role is very similar to that undertaken by a steward in other Methodist churches and has successfully been in place since 1997 when the specific need for continuity was identified due to the differing styles of Central's worship.

The current Worship Co-ordinators are, Maggie Macoun, Pat White and David Rogerson. Graham Chester helps Malcolm with his services.

The co-ordinators for the quarter are listed in the worship contacts collated by John Beare and available on line at www.central-methodist.org.uk. The list is also promulgated on the notice board in the vestry. If you would like a personal copy please speak to a steward or David Rogerson. Please note the online version is always the most up to date version as, inevitably changes do happen.

We are always on the lookout for new helpers, so if you feel you could help you would be most welcome as, currently with just three co-ordinators, the team is often stretched to fulfil all the needs. The job is important but not onerous, requiring a little time on the phone during the week to contact the preacher, organist or musicians and the readers to ensure they are all aware of the details of the service.

If you have any questions please speak to David Rogerson (01579) 370412 or david@lamc.org.uk
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