

WELL HILL MISSION CHURCH

REPORT FOR 2020

In common with all churches in 2020, our regular programme of services was badly affected by the Covid-19 pandemic. The normal pattern of services is for a service of Morning Prayer on the 2nd Sunday of the month, and Holy Communion on the 4th Sunday. Prior to the national lockdown in March 2020, 5 services were held, with an average attendance of 16. No services were held after that until the end of July, and during the summer months a total of 3 services, including a celebration of Harvest, were held in the grounds outside the church, with an average attendance of 15. On each occasion we were blessed with good weather, and all very much enjoyed the experience of worshipping outdoors, listening to the birdsong and country sounds - as well to Rev'd John's sermons of course!

The very small size of the church meant that only a maximum of 9 people could be accommodated inside whilst adhering to the restrictions on social distancing. An indoor service for this number was held at the end of October, just before the second lockdown was imposed. A further two services were held just prior to Christmas to cater for who wished to take Holy Communion at the season of celebration. We were unable to sing carols but listened to recordings of some favourites.

A further report on proceedings at Well Hill follows from Gerry Walker, who, amongst other responsibilities, has been the Honorary Treasurer for Well Hill Mission church for very nearly 70 years!

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HON TREASURERS REPORT FOR THE YEAR 2020

Well, what a year 2020 has been for surely every one not least how it has affected our churches in so many ways without the usual gettogethers at the services and other activities but we are all thankful for the many ways via the latest technology some form of worship has continued.

I know that this report has to be for 2020 but I feel that in these special times I should mention our financial situation for 2019 should be mentioned as it truly makes a great deal of difference in my 2020 report regarding our financial position. I thought that from my own and family position 2019 was rather a sad year as many of you dear friends know that my beloved wife VERA passed away on 4th May 2019. She was my rock and steadfast companion having supported me and helping me with my various church responsibilities at Well Hill Mission Church over so many years. However from the financial position during my long time as HON Treasurer having been appointed on 3rd May 1951 it was the best ever regarding our income. Just to recap we had no less than three council elections - a record by the way from which we received the much needed income from The Sevenoaks District Council (none in 2020 due to the virus) The wonderful sum of £667.50p from our now annual musical concert being the best ever to date and the great donation from The Chelsfield Village FAIR OF £650.00p (I understand this is unlikely to be held this year) Also the lovely gifts/donations folk gave at my very dearest Veras funeral which amounted to £1,430.00p and around £3,000.00p from the church services collections. Our expenses were also very reasonable which included donations to our four charities to around £800.00p. We were able to transfer £1,500.00p to the investment account giving us a good balance of £8,000.00p (The highest ever) with a welcome bank balance of just over £2,000.00p. Little did I or anyone else realise how much we needed this credit for 2020 finances. So coming to the finances for 2020, as I have previously stated our full statement account shows all the necessary details but I will mention relevant figures.

To start with sadly due to the legal restrictions we weren't able to have very many services and those we did have were severely limited in attendance and the total services amounted to 10 (22 in 2019) the total collections being £1,350.00p. Also for the same reason we did not have our musical concert and as previously mentioned the council election was cancelled and the village fair wasn't held so our total income was considerably reduced. However we still had to pay certain expenses such as the insurance, the annual servicing of the fire extinguishers and to our annual commitment for our contribution for the parish pledge including the rector's expenses all amounting to approx £2,900.00p. Also we decided to still donate to our four charities being £800.00p which matched our 2019 figure. We were thankful that folk were able to donate over the year the truly great sum of £2,450.00p so we ended the year with a bank balance of £1,700.00p without drawing on our investment account giving us a reasonable start to 2021. However with the awful restrictions still in force I AM QUITE OBVIOUSLY rather concerned about the income for 2021 so hopefully folk will still be able to give their most welcome donations to save us from drawing on our investment account which has taken many years to build up.

Due thanks must go to our dear Rev John and wife Janet for their joint ministry with us over the past few years and we would wish them both a very happy 'retirement' and well deserved and not forgetting Ken and Brian for the various ways in the continuing ministry for OUR DEAR LORDS WORK FOR WELL HILL MISSION CHURCH. Not forgetting all those folk who have in their own way continued to worship and other tasks in the work of our dear little church.

G B WALKER K.A.L.C.

HON TREASURER AND DEPUTY CHURCH WARDEN

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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2020 ..

<u>2021</u>		<u>GENERAL FUND 2020</u>		
<u>RECEIPTS</u>				
JAN 1	TO balance at BANK	2051.67	DEC 31 BY Utilities	230.46
"	" Cash in hand	13.09	" Insurance	534.09
DEC 31	" General church collections	1368.56	" Parish Pledge	2627.00
"	" Tax rebate - Gift Aid		" Rectors expenses	245.00
"	" (PCC) part 2019/20	412.50	<u>Donations</u>	
"	" <u>Donations</u>		" Demelza Hospice	150.00
	VARIOUS Anon	1465.00	Christian Aid	140.00
	C Walker	985.00	Fegans	300.00
			ROYAL Brit Legion	250.00
			Sundries	73.51
			CASH IN HAND	9.58
			BALANCE AT BANK	1719.18
		<u>6275.82</u>		<u>6275.82</u>

<u>INVESTMENT ACCOUNT</u>		
JAN 1	To balance C of E Deposit a/c	8003.72
DEC 31	" Interest for year	33.99
		<u>8037.71</u>

THE INDEPENDANT EXAMINERS REPORT

I have examined the above receipts and payments account with the books and vouchers and find same correct

Alan

INDEPENDANT EXAMINER
21 JANUARY 2021

Alan Walker

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