

Agenda item 2 Meeting Membership

Membership of Circuit Meeting as of 1st August 2015

Circuit ministers	Revd John Amankwatia, Revd Dave Dickinson, Revd Gill Long, Revd Mark Wakelin, Revd Mark Williams, Revd Des Williamson, Revd Nicola Wooller, Rev, Revd Rosemary Richter, Revd Ernest Yu.
Chair of district	Revd Jenny Impey
Circuit stewards	Miss Shirley Breeden, Mrs Janet Angel, Mr David Forty, Mr Chee Hong Fui, Mr Ravi Saravanamuttu
Circuit Treasurer	Mr Richard Smith
Lay workers	None appointed by Circuit
Meeting Secretary:	Miss Raj Kalsi
Secretary to LWP Meeting	Mr Nick White
Circuit Property Secretary	Vacant
Circuit Manses Secretary	Mr Philip Sandiford
Missions Secretary	Vacant
Circuit Treasurer for Connexional and other Funds	Mr Tom Styche
Risk Management Group Chairman	Mrs Sue Forty

Elected representative to Synod: Jacky Waite

Elected church representatives

Sutton	Deacon Treasurer Elected	Mrs Jacqueline John Mr Malcolm Booth Mr John Wroe, Dr David Gooch
St John's	Steward Treasurer Elected	Mr Richard Golding Mrs Eileen Rice
Wallington	Steward Treasurer Elected	Miss Judith Yates Mrs Christine Asirwatham Mr Stanley Jeyaraj
Epsom	Steward Treasurer Elected	Mr John Riley Mr Richard Smith Mr Tim Cheung
Cheam	Steward Treasurer Elected	Mr David Worthington Mrs Audrey Saunderson Mr Tony Brett Young
Carshalton	Steward Treasurer Elected	Mrs Caroline Kingsnorth Mrs Caroline Cook Mr John Kingsnorth, Mr Geoff Gunton
St George's	Steward Elected	Miss Kathleen Garner Mr Paul Masters, Mr Howard Hampton
Banstead	Steward Treasurer Elected	Mr Philip Sandiford Mrs Margaret Kercher Mr Gordon Fleming, Mr Vernon Tucker
Bandon Hill	Steward Treasurer Elected	Mrs Sally Palmer Mrs Maureen Patel Mr Alan Jameson
United Church of St Mark	Steward Treasurer Elected	Mr Colin Batty Mr Martin Trenaman Mr John Miller

Agenda Item 7 Report from Circuit Leadership Team

Circuit Stewards Report

We look forward to working with the Revd. Dave Dickinson as he officially takes on the work of Superintendent for the Sutton Circuit. We thank the Revd Mark Wakelin and Mrs Judith Wakelin for their generosity in agreeing to stay in a let property for 1 year to enable the superintendency to be transferred to another church. They will now be moving into the manse in Epsom and we hope they will soon feel settled in their new home.

We welcome Revd Rosemary Richter and her husband Philip to our circuit and hope that she will soon feel part of the team.

The invitation committee has met and profiling for the stationing process has started. The Revd John Amankwatia has indicated that he will be leaving in the summer of 2016. The Revd Nik Wooller has asked for a year's extension.

**Shirley Breeden
Senior Circuit Seward**

Agenda Item 8 Leaders of Worship and Preachers affairs

REPORT OF THE LEADERS OF WORSHIP & PREACHERS' MEETING TO THE CIRCUIT MEETING ON WEDNESDAY 9TH SEPTEMBER 2015

The Leaders of Worship & Preachers' Meeting reports the following items:-

Full Accreditation

We were pleased to hear the May Circuit Meeting's approval of our recommendation for Rabin Lok to be fully accredited.

We expect to recommend two more Local Preachers to September's Circuit Meeting - Shirley Leung and Nellie Showers. Both have completed their training, and will have had their final interviews at the Local Preachers' meeting on Thursday 3 September.

Local Preachers on Note

Tim Cheung has had limited opportunities for taking part in services, due to overseas work commitments, but he has said he will now be able to resume his training.

Abby Janes has continued to be indisposed, and we pray for health to improve.

Local Preachers on Trial

John Dawson has reached the midpoint of the London Course, and completed the transition to his second half tutor at a recent meeting at Wesley's Chapel.

Ernest Tsui has been moved from On Note to On Trial, having completed the first three Units of the Faith and Worship course, and continues to progress well.

Circuit Recognition Service

There will be a Circuit Recognition service for newly accredited Local Preachers at Sutton Trinity Church at 6.30 pm on Sunday 22 November (this Sunday has also been designated as Local Preachers' Sunday in the Circuit).

All are warmly invited to share in the celebration, which will also include recognition of Peter Thompson's 40 years as a Local Preacher.

Local Preachers' Meetings

A meeting for Local Preachers and Worship Leaders was held on Tuesday 12 May at St John's Belmont, when Communion was celebrated. A further meeting will have been held on Thursday 3 September by the time of the Circuit Meeting.

The next two Local Preachers' meetings have been arranged to take place at Cheam on Wednesday 11 November 2015 (including Worship Leaders), and at Wallington on Tuesday 19 January 2016.

NICK WHITE
Local Preachers' Secretary
18 August 2015

Agenda item 9 Circuit Manses Report

Report to the Circuit Meeting for the year ending 31st August 2015

OVERVIEW

There continues to be much less ongoing minor maintenance than has been required during recent years. This is largely as a result of the manses now being in generally excellent condition, with just a few major items still to be attended to

A vast amount of work has been necessary over the last few years to address the generally poor condition of the manses prior to 2010.

There are a few significant items of work outstanding, over and above general maintenance and redecoration. These include:

- new kitchen and windows at 29WHA (2015)
- new patio and major tree and overgrown shrub clearance at 29WHA (2015)
- new bathroom at 116MGR (2017?)
- some new windows at 35AR (2017?)
- new driveway at 16HR (2015?)
- 2 new electric fires at 37TW (2015)

The Quinquennial survey for 16 Hall Road took place in June 2015. Relatively few items requiring attention were identified, and most of these were addressed during the changeover preparation works during July 2015.

A Quinquennial survey was due for 37 Tattenham Way in June 2015 but was postponed to October/November 2015.

5 year electrical safety and certification surveys are due on all manses during October 2015.

NOTABLE WORKS 2014/15:

Hall Road 2014/15:

August 2014: The "changeover" decorations, new kitchen, heating and front/porch doors/windows at Hall Road were completed by 31st August 2014. This was in time for new tenants to move in during September for a 10 month letting contract prior to a new presbyter joining the circuit in August 2015.

July 2015: A further changeover has now occurred at Hall Road, with Rosemary and Philip Richter moving in on the 4th August. I am grateful to Paul Massingham for carrying out the minor

maintenance tasks and installing new study bookshelves prior to this move. I also took the opportunity to renew all the carpets that weren't renewed in August 2014.

West Hill Avenue changeover Aug/Sep 2015:

The Oborskis moved out on the 11th August 2015 and significant works have started to prepare the manse in time for the Wakelins to move in on 28th September.

The works include some major items that we were not able to carry out before the Oborskis arrived in August 2010.

These include:

- new kitchen, lighting, hob, flooring, power points and tiling
- major tree and overgrown shrub clearance
- new windows
- further new carpeting
- new curtains
- new office equipment
- replacement and extension of unusable patio area
- redecoration throughout
- new front fencing

The cost of these works is expected to be up to £50k.

Waverley way 2014/15:

Dec/Jan 2014/15: The student tenants moved out in December 2015 and the manse was prepared for a new letting during January 2015. Works included:

- New double oven
- Replacement of carpets not renewed before the previous letting
- Miscellaneous general maintenance items

LIST OF EXPENDITURE 2014/15:

£683.49 has been spent on minor maintenance (items < £200) and manse equipment, against a budget of £2,000.00 for the year.

£4,286.03 has been spent on significant maintenance (items > £200), against a budget of £4,000.00. This included approximately £2,000 of work recommended by the police following a burglary at 28 West Hill Avenue.

£590.50 was spent on annual gas safety inspections, plus garden waste wheelie bin contracts.

£2,309.97 was spent during July 2015 preparing Hall Road for the Richters, and addressing minor items raised in the Quinquennial survey.

£15,771.17 (out of a budget of approximately £50,000) has been advanced to suppliers towards the major renovations at 29 West Hill Avenue. This work is now in progress.

£5,802.12 was spent on carpets, minor maintenance, cleaning and decoration at 7 Waverley between the change over of tenants.

Total expenditure during 2014/15 - £29,443.28.

2014/2015	29 WEST HILL AVENUE:	
01.10.14	Epsom & Ewell Borough Council Brown garden bin	39.50
23.12.14	Security tasks following burglary, inc. new gates	1220.90
12.02.15	Security blinds to front windows	495.00
23.03.15	Clear/reduce all shrubs/trees in front garden for security	290.00
26.03.15	Clear room for blinds and reinstate, adjust garage door to enable opening	48.00
27.03.15	Sutton & East Surrey Water Service Landlord's gas inspection	108.00
16.04.15	Carbon Monoxide alarm	22.50
03.08.15	EEBC Brown Bin	42.00
	Items below - prep for changeover works Aug/Sep:	
03.08.15	Advance for major changeover works	10000.00
12.08.15	Advance for major changeover works	5000.00
17.08.15	Preparation for major changeover works - curtains; fire extinguisher; curtain track	771.17
17.08.15	Manse sec.2014/15 mileage	15.75
	Total for 29 West Hill Avenue	18052.82
2014/2015	116 MANOR GREEN ROAD:	
24.11.14	New motor mower	367.98
15.12.14	Toilet door handle	10.99
24.05.15	Sutton & East Surrey Water Service Landlord's gas inspection	36.00
08.06.15	New double driveway gate	390.00
26.06.15	New 10mm shower supply cable, rewire and install 2 linked mains smoke detectors	560.00
19.07.15	Install new 10kW power shower	470.00
17.08.15	Manse sec. 2014/15 mileage	11.25
	Total for 116 Manor Green Road	1846.22
2014/2015	35 ARUNDEL ROAD:	
24.10.14	Down-lighter bulb, drainage repairs, ease doors, kitchen door lock, drive gulley, guttering, damp	245.00
06.03.15	Repair radiator valves	13.84
26.03.15	Supply and install new radiator valves, apply exterior waterproofing cure	48.00
16.04.15	2 Carbon Monoxide alarms @ 35AR	45.00
20.05.15	Sutton & East Surrey Water Service Landlord's gas inspection	144.00
01.06.15	Garden brown bin	32.00
10.06.15	Cheam Kitchens - new basin, pedestal and taps	238.40
18.06.15	Methodist Insurance Claim on broken basin	-315.40
26.06.15	New basin – balance payment	133.50
17.08.15	Manse sec. 2014/15 mileage	3.60
	Total for 35 Arundel Road	587.94
2014/15	7 WAVERLEY WAY (LET PROPERTY):	
01.12.14	New front door lock and keys	30.00
	Items below – prep for tenant changeover in Feb 2015:	0
15.01.15	Supply and fit new electric cooker	469.99
21.01.15	Tight Fit Flooring Ltd 10% deposit for supply and fit new carpets	1115.00
27.01.15	2 front door keys	15.00
03.02.15	TFF Ltd Carpets for refurbishment	1115.00
19.02.15	Council Tax 2501882172	564.12
02.03.15	SSE Gas an electricity during refurbishment	86.71
06.03.15	Materials for general repair work	523.60
16.03.15	London Borough of Sutton council tax refund	-199.44
16.03.15	Southern Electric refund for electricity	-40.95
16.03.15	SE Gas between lettings gas	195.59
26.03.15	Interior and exterior work	1842.00
03.06.15	Sutton & East Surrey Water Service Landlord's gas inspection	72.00

17.08.15	Manse sec. 2014/15 mileage	13.50
	Total for 7 Waverley Way	5802.12
2014/15	16 HALL ROAD (LET PROPERTY):	
24.10.14	Ease/adjust 4 internal doors, investigate and solve leak under kitchen sink	40.00
31.10.14	New toilet seats	49.73
12.11.14	Energy Performance Certificate	90.00
03.06.15	Sutton & East Surrey Water Service Landlord's gas inspection	72.00
	Items below in preparation for changeover in Aug 2015:	
25.07.15	New study shelving	140.00
30.07.15	4 way cordless phone	69.99
06.08.15	TFF Ltd hall, stairs, landing, bedroom carpets	1170.00
14.08.15	General maintenance and cleaning – changeover	632.07
17.08.15	Further minor maintenance prep. items	126.91
17.08.15	Manse sec. 2014/15 mileage	22.50
17.08.15	New study desk & net curtains	148.50
	Total for 16 Hall Road	2561.7
2014/15	37 TATTENHAM WAY:	
15.10.14	Reigate & Banstead Brown Wheely Bin 10/18643/NSWCGC	45.00
12.04.15	Minor repair works	196.83
16.04.15	Carbon Monoxide alarm	22.50
16.05.15	New petrol mower	247.15
24.05.15	Sutton & East Surrey Water Service Landlord's gas inspection	36.00
03.06.15	Sutton & East Surrey Water Service Landlord's gas inspection	36.00
17.08.15	Manse sec. 2014/15 mileage	9.00
	Total for 37 Tattenham Way	592.48

MANSES BUDGET:

The table below shows a projection of expenditure against manse income budget up to 31st August 2017.

The budget makes allowance for the known manse “changeovers” in 2016 and 2017, together with provisions for changeovers at Tattenham Way and Manor Green Road.

It also allows for the replacement of the windows and kitchen at West Hill Avenue during the manse changeover in September 2015. Following these exceptional items, it is now anticipated that, from budget year 2016/17, the £30,000 annual manse budget and letting income will be sufficient to cater for ongoing maintenance and occasional ministerial “changeovers”.

REVISED BUDGET:	2014/15 Actual	2014/15 Budget	2015/16 Budget	2016/17 Budget
B/fwd from previous year:	-17,444.33	-£17,444.33	-£5706.62	-£23,706.62
Annual budget	£30,000.00	£30,000.00	£30,000.00	£30,000.00
Letting income 2014/15	£11,170.99	£11,170.99	£16,000.00	£16,000.00
TOTAL:	£23,726.66	£23,726.66	£40,293.38	£22,293.38
EXPENDITURE:				
Minor Maintenance (Items < £200)	£683.49	£2,000.00	£2,000.00	£3,000.00
Maintenance (Items > £200.00)	£4,286.03	£4,000.00	£5,000.00	£6,000.00
Gas safety checks +garden bins	£590.50	£1,000.00	£1,000.00	£1,000.00
5 year electrical testing	£0.00	£0.00	£1,000.00	£0.00

REVISED BUDGET:	2014/15 Actual	2014/15 Budget	2015/16 Budget	2016/17 Budget
16 Hall Road changeovers plus: kitchen; heating system; porch door/windows; front door/windows; garage rear door.	£2,309.97	£15,000.00	£0.00	£0.00
29WHA changeover (inc. new kitchen)	£15,771.17	£20,000.00	£20,000.00	£0.00
29WHA – bring forward window renewal from 2017	£0.00	£0.00	£15,000.00	£0.00
7WW letting and changeover expenses	£5,802.12	£5,000.00	£10,000.00	£2,000.00
37TW changeover Aug 2016	£0.00	£0.00	£10,000.00	£0.00
116MGR changeover Aug 2017	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£10,000.00
TOTAL:	£29,443.28	£47,000.00	-£64,000.00	£22,000.00
C/FWD TO NEXT YEAR:	-5706.62		-£23,706.62	£2,293.38
FUTURE EXCEPTIONAL ITEMS – DATES TBA:				
Replace some of 35AR windows – 2017?				£10,000.00
TOTAL – SAY:				£10,000.00

Philip Sandiford
Circuit Manses Secretary
20th August 2015

Agenda item 10 Circuit Finances

a. Preliminary Accounts for 2015/2016

Sutton Methodist Circuit					
Preliminary Accounts for 2015/2016					
	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
INCOME	2015/2016	2014/2015	2014/2015	2013/2014	2013/2014
Contributions from Churches	327,000	327,000	327,000	317,722	317,722
Lay Pastor Salaries	28,000	33,319	28,000	37,581	-
Bank Interest	-	-	-	10	
CFB Interest	1,500	1,074	1,500	1,399	2,000
Manse Lettings	6,000	38,044	21,000	19,300	6,000
Total Income	362,500	399,436	377,500	376,012	325,722
EXPENDITURE					
Manses Expenses					
Repairs & Renewals	30,000	30,400	30,000	61,721	40,000
Insurances	7,000	6,857	7,000	6,457	7,000
Quinquennials & Surveys	-	485	-	1,415	2,000
Removals	2,500	4,972	5,000	2,131	-
Council Tax & Water Rates	15,000	14,267	15,500	14,307	15,000
Letting of 7 Waverley Way	2,000	19,383	2,000	19,300	-

Renting costs		29,370	17,000	3,109	
Ministerial Expenses					
Stipend, Retirement Fund, NHI	173,200	170,088	171,400	166,901	173,200
Expenses	16,000	15,185	17,000	13,840	15,000
Connexional Funds					
Mission & Service	53,940	51,034	51,034	50,765	50,765
District Assessment	10,274	9,771	9,771	9,742	9,742
Circuit Expenses					
Lay Pastor Salaries	28,000	33,319	28,000	37,581	-
Circuit Plans	-	-	-	-	-
Local Preachers' Expenses	1,000	1,140	1,000	155	1,000
Supernumerary Expenses	1,000	578	1,000	1,157	1,000
Invitation Expenses	250	114	250	41	-
Secretarial Support, Stationery & Postage	12,000	1,340	1,800	1,699	1,600
Training	2,000	600	2,000	955	4,000
Accountancy and Audit	250	250	250	250	2,800
Sundry	-	-	-	-	-
Total Expenditure	354,414	389,153	360,005	391,526	323,107
Excess (Expenditure)/Income for year	8,086	10,284	17,495	(15,514)	2,615
Balance at end of year		150,551		140,267	
Chinese Ministry					
Income	42,000	18,000	10,000	10,000	49,000
Less: Salary and Expenses	58,800	(1,835)	2,000	1,813	57,600
Excess (Expenditure)/Income for year	(16,800)	19,835	8,000	8,187	(8,600)

b. Statement of Circuit Model Trust Fund

Circuit Model Trust Fund statement of accounts for year ending 31st August 2015			
Income		Expenditure	
Balance at 1st September 2014	135540.47	TMCP Administration 2014/2015	175.85
		District Levy 2014/2015	2198.15
Interest for 2014/2015	735.57	St Marks (Family Worker)	32580.00
		Epsom Families and Children's worker (2012-2015)	10000.00
		Wallington Families Worker	3010.00
		Sutton Circuit administrator	7632.00
		Balance at 31st August 2015	80680.04
	136276.04		136276.04
		Balance at 31st August 2015	80680.04
		Less outstanding commitments	
		Epsom Families and Children's Worker (2015-2018)	30000.00
		Wallington Families Worker	6020.00
		Available balance at 31st August 2015	44660.04

Please note: There is still the interest for August to add.

Agenda item 11 Circuit Safeguarding

Training Update

The next two Foundation Module courses will be held on 3rd October at Epsom Methodist Church and 28th November at Carshalton Methodist Church. All those who completed the Module A Training in 2010 and are still carrying out roles at their Churches are required to attend the course. Also all those working with vulnerable adults as well as children and young people must complete the Foundation Module within six months of starting their role.

Below is core list of people who are required to attend:

- Presbyters with an active preaching or pastoral ministry
- Deacons with an active preaching or pastoral ministry
- Pre-ordination students and probationers
- Lay employees & Volunteer Workers with pastoral responsibility
- Pastoral Visitors
- Anyone working with 0 – 18 year olds in the name of the church
- Anyone working in activities targeted at adults who are vulnerable (e.g. luncheon club for the housebound)
- Church stewards
- Circuit stewards
- Local preachers
- Worship leaders
- Those training for local preaching or worship leading
- Church and circuit safeguarding representatives
- Choir/music group/drama leaders – where there are 0-18 year olds or vulnerable adults in the group.
- District staff especially policy committee members, complaints and discipline, mediators
- Core teaching staff at Methodist Church Training Institutions
- Connexional staff with direct safeguarding links e.g. children and youth workers

Warmly invited but not mandatory

- Evangelism/mission enablers
- Leaders of other organisations, working with 0-18yr olds or vulnerable adults, who use church premises
- Remaining Choir/music group/drama leaders
- Any other group leaders within the church, who may have adults within their particular group who are vulnerable.
- Property stewards and other keyholders
- Caretakers
- Church/circuit meeting secretaries
- Church/circuit/district administrators
- Remaining District and Connexional staff
- Remaining teaching staff at Methodist Church Training Institutions

NOTES:

1. People in the above roles who have received safeguarding training in other roles (eg as a teacher or police officer) still need to attend. The training is specific to the church context. In the same way, such a person would NOT be exempt from education/police training, because they have done the church training. Their attendance is also valuable because of the expertise they can share with other trainees.

2. Property stewards/keyholders/caretakers. This covers a multitude of activities. Where these people have direct contact with vulnerable groups, it may be decided locally by the Church Council that they should attend. They are listed here in the second group to avoid unduly including people who have no apparent link at all with safeguarding.

3. Church and circuit stewards are included on the core list because of their important role in church life, and particularly their responsibilities in responding to adults who may be vulnerable, who might attend any church service on an ad hoc basis to access support. Where age or infirmity suggests that an exemption is needed, this should be the decision of the Church Council or Circuit Meeting.

However the key point is that it should be all those who come into significant contact with children and/or vulnerable adults (especially if there is the slightest chance of them being alone). It would leave individual churches vulnerable if someone was not included because 'they weren't on the list', but nevertheless had a role that included contact with these groups.

Raj Kalsi
Circuit Safeguarding Administrator

Agenda Item 12 Reports from Circuit Committees.

Connexional funds

Tom Styche reports that donations were made in the Connexional Year ending 31st August 2015 to The Property Division £4078.00 (£2454.00) Mission Alongside the Poor £1480.00 (£1043.71) Methodist Ministers Housing Society £2070.00 (£1155.00) Fund for Training £1410.00 (£745.00) Support for Presbyters and Deacons (formerly known as The Auxiliary Fund) £1055 (£558.20).

Fund for World Mission, embracing Mission in Britain (formerly known as Home Mission Fund).

Tom Styche advises that figures for the year ending 31st August 2015 will be reported at the next meeting following receipt of the relevant print-outs from the Finance Division Church House.

Circuit Model Trust Fund Committee

The committee of the Circuit Model Trust Fund met on Wednesday July 1st at Carshalton Methodist Church to consider an application from Epsom Methodist Church for a Family and Children's Worker. The proportion of the budget was well within the 50% maximum that is set for such projects and the balance to be raised by the Church internally. The Committee unanimously agreed to fund the proposal to the full amount requested of £30,000.

Raj Kalsi
Secretary to the CMTF Committee

Risk Management Group

The Risk Management Group met on Tuesday July 14th, attached is the new Risk Management report.

Sue Forty
RMG Chairman

Agenda Item 13 - Confirmation of sub-committee appointments

Current composition of Committees:

Circuit Model Trust Fund Committee		Risk Management Group	
Acting Chairman:	Dave Dickinson	Chairman	Sue Forty
Secretary:	Raj Kalsi	Secretary:	Raj Kalsi
Circuit Treasurer:	Richard Smith	Circuit Steward:	Dave Forty
Circuit Steward:		Elected:	
Elected:		Banstead	Phil Sandiford
Banstead	Philip Sandiford	Carshalton	Unrepresented
Carshalton	Jacky Waite	St Johns	Unrepresented
St Johns	Unrepresented	Wallington	Stanley Jeyaraj
Wallington	Vijendran Asirwatham	Cheam	Unrepresented
Cheam	David Worthington	St Marks	Unrepresented
St Marks	David Willock/ Martin Trenaman	Bandon Hill	Unrepresented
Bandon Hill	Jean Harvey	Epsom	Richard Smith
Epsom	Unrepresented	St Georges	Unrepresented
St Georges	Unrepresented	Trinity	Unrepresented
Trinity Church	Richard Cornwell	Ex-Officio:	Dave Dickinson

Agenda Item 14 Good News Reports

Kathleen Garner Writes from St Georges

Greetings from everyone at St Georges. Our Services on Sunday mornings have continued as usual, and we would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who come to lead our worship and to offer ministry and friendship.

In June we completed a year of charity fund-raising for 'Sense', who support deaf/blind children, adults and their families. We sent them a total of £430.00. For this current year we decided to support 'Water-Aid' again.

It has been our custom to make donations to 'Farm Africa' at our Harvest Thanksgiving Services and we hope to do this again this year.

The twins, Kate and Ella are now coming up to 18 months old. What joy it has been to watch their progress over this time. Kate has even started to help Aunty Norma carry the offering collection bag round to the congregation, raising many smiles as she does so.

We would like to thank Revd David Dickinson for his ministry and friendship, especially at the time when he was taking over many other responsibilities. We now look forward to welcoming Revd Rosemary Richter as our new minister.

Good News from Banstead

We were pleased to host the Banstead 5 Holiday Fun Week again on our premises at the beginning of August. As usual great fun and teaching took place during a very successful five days.

We are pleased to report that we have welcomed several new regular members to our services recently. We also now have a couple of youngsters who form an informal Sunday School most Sundays.

Our Harvest Festival takes place on the 28th September when we shall collect for the Epsom Food Bank and will also raise funds for an eye charity.

We are looking forward to Sunday, 30th November when we are planning an 80th Birthday Celebration Event for the Church. We hope to welcome many old friends back to the church, and also new friends and acquaintances.

Philip Sandiford
Steward

Good News from Carshalton

We are very much looking forward to welcoming and moving forward with welcoming Rosemary and Philip at Carshalton and thank God that he has brought them to us.

During the summer we held a Holiday Bible Club entitled Polar Explorers. We had 15 children and set off in search for Jesus by looking at how God used Simon Peter, Saul and Philip even though they all had weaknesses. This culminated with a presentation to the parents, when we told them what we had learnt and showed our crafts. We followed this with a cup of coffee and cakes decorated by the children with the Christian fish sign and gave us an excellent opportunity to engage the parents in conversation.

Caroline Kingsnorth
Steward