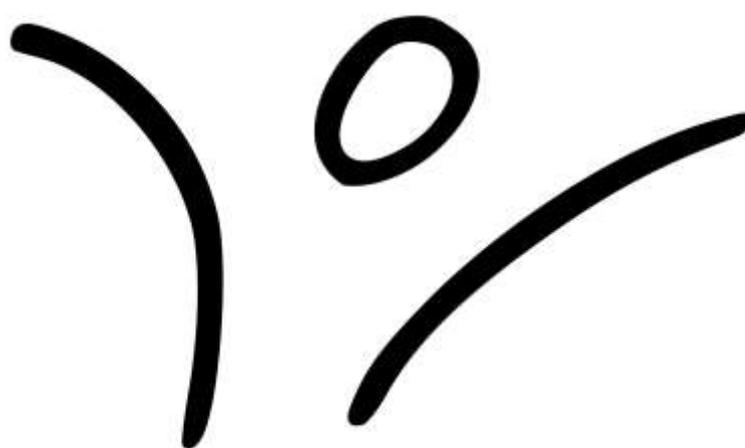


# **Great Hollands Free Church**

**because Jesus sets us free**



**Annual Report  
&  
Accounts for 2019**



## **Message from the Pastor**

**Mark Wigston**

### **God's Wonderful New Creation**

Have you ever thought about our creator God? Have you ever considered His wonderful creation? Have you studied the waves crashing on the rocks around our beautiful coastline? Have you gazed at the magnificent trees that surround us here in Bracknell Forest? Have you wondered how the Red Kites stay up there, as they soar majestically over Great Hollands?

Have you ever thought about our creator God? Have you considered the rules and the structure of the universe that He has put in place: gravity, day and night, seasons, and that wonderful commodity – water: that can exist as a solid, a liquid or as a gas?

Have you ever thought about our creator God? Have you ever considered the two greatest institutions on earth today that our God put in place: the Family and the Church?

There is something wonderful about the Family, and there is something wonderful about the Church. We are enthusiastic about both, here at Great Hollands Free Church. Jesus loves us as individuals, as families and as a Church. Furthermore, the Church is a family, and those of us who love Jesus, have become brothers and sisters.

We continue to encourage everyone within our Church family, to spend time alone with God, regularly, with an open heart and an open Bible. Building on that, we also encourage everyone to take part in one of our many small groups, together with our brothers and sisters. We invite you to discover new things about God on your own, and then to come to your small group and share your discovery or ask those questions that have come to mind. In these small groups, we can also pray for each other and thank God for answered prayers. Then, when we come together for our Sunday Celebrations – let us celebrate what we have been learning alone with the Lord and in our small groups, and what God has been doing in us and for us.

Thank you to all my brothers and sisters, for being family with us here at our Church. Thank you to all of you who serve, in so many ways: in prayer, in worship, teaching and encouraging each other. Thank you to those who serve with the children and youth, organising events, setting up and putting away,

with admin and with the ever popular catering. Thank you also, to all of you who give to the Church.

This year, we have been reaching out to each other within the Church and also reaching out to our community with a variety of exciting initiatives. I commend this Church report to you, and suggest that you make yourself a cuppa, sit back and read with thanksgiving about what God has been doing in our midst. Please continue praying for our Church, and consider whether God may be calling you to serve in a new and fresh way. Please also pray about our financial situation as a Church - as you can see from the treasurer's report - we do need extra finance.

Most of all: Thank you, Jesus, for your Church in Great Hollands.

*If anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come:  
the old has gone, the new is here!  
2 Corinthians 5:17*

## **Church Secretary's Report**

**Peter Burch**

A big thank you once again for everyone that volunteers and gives up their time in many different ways serving at GHFC.

At the beginning of 2019, due to the fact that we didn't have any Elders (other than Mark), the deacons and Mark contacted David Magowan, the Co-Pastor of Carey Baptist Church in Reading, for advice on how we could work better to support Mark and Gabi. David met with us on a couple of occasions with the outcome being a Leadership Team being formed. Instead of holding 6-weekly deacons' meetings we have met together with Mark and Gabi once a month since May to provide support on pastoral issues whilst also discussing other Church matters.

## **Stay & Play – Stay & Pray**

**Liz Malunguza**

As a Church, we believe in the power of prayer. Stay & Play – Stay & Pray started in 2018 with the aim of calling all the adults to pray whilst children play organised games. We meet once a month soon after the Sunday Celebration service from 12:15pm to 1:00pm.

We get straight into prayer after a brief Bible reading with prayer points to focus on. Points always include praying for our community, Church growth and any other issues. We had the opportunity of being joined by John and Liz Barringer from Open Doors and focused on praying for the persecuted Church around the world.

It might seem like 45 minutes is a long time to pray but the prayers just keep moving and time is always up before we know it. We are excited about what God has in store for our Church and the community - so please come and join us to pray.

Praise God as we have seen answers to prayer.

Praise God as our children cherish playing together.

## **One 2 Free**

**Fiona Marston**

This year we started One 2 Free with two age groups, and ended with three, due to increased numbers at the top end of the year groups.

We have been looking at people of faith in the Bible, Jesus: I am..., being genuine in our faith, the pattern of the world, the gospel of John, awesome God, and questions young children ask about God and faith. We have also changed the format slightly, so that the older groups stay in the service more frequently, which enables them to access and experience the same Bible teaching as the adults, as well as the opportunity to take communion.

Praise God for His blessings and please pray for the young people to continue to walk in faith and build good relationships with God and each other.

## **One 2 Free Xtra**

**Fiona Marston**

One 2 Free Xtra is aimed at our young people from Year 8 and upwards. We meet (when possible) during term time once a month, on Sunday evenings at various homes. Between 6 – 10 young people usually attend.

Our aim is to encourage the young people to form bonds of trust and friendship, and to ask the, sometimes, difficult questions that they may have about life as a teen, or about faith applications in the world. Our time together includes a meal (extremely important for teens!) and fellowship, as well as a time for discussing the chosen topic for the evening, and sometimes a quiz.

Please pray for our young people – our future Church leaders! We are extremely blessed to have them in our Church.

## **Children's Events**

**Fiona Marston**

This year, we hosted three events for primary aged children in the local community – an Easter party, a summer event and BBQ, and an Advent craft party. Each party/event had various activities for the children, including games, crafts and a Bible story, and also included refreshments.

The summer party was held on the school playing field and included team games and garden games. The other two events were held in the community centre, where we also had a café for the parents who wished to stay. The number of children who attended these events varied, but averaged around 25 children.

Praise God for this opportunity to reach our community. Please pray for the three events planned for 2020 – that they are well attended by community children and that they bring glory to God.

## **Brothers-in Arms**

**Rob Mead**

We are the men of the Church who get together once a month to pray and have some fellowship. We pray for each other, families, social and spiritual issues that are on our hearts – anything(!) in a relaxed atmosphere.

We meet once a month at 8:00am on a Saturday and we encourage all men to join us. All the details are on the Church calendar – hope to meet with you all.

## **The Truth**

**Mark Wigston**

We meet on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday every month, in various people's homes, at 8:00pm. It is a great place to come if you want to look at a passage of scripture and discover what it means for us today. Over the last year, we have been looking at a course of studies *The Big Picture* exploring the basics: creation, mankind, sin, grace and salvation. The group is informal and friendly, and we offer tea and coffee at the start. If you would like to learn together with your brothers and sisters, this may be the group for you.

## **The Life**

**David Warrilow**

The aim of the group is to provide fellowship and mutual support for those who are available during weekdays. We meet in the afternoon in various homes on the second Thursday of each month during school term times and attract up to about 12 people per meeting.

We have continued with a varied programme looking at spiritual and societal issues. Our speakers have come from both inside and outside GHFC. Topics in 2019 included: “Why am I homeless” about the Bracknell night shelter for the homeless, by Theresa McDougall (St Joseph's); “Plymouth to High Wych - a Journey of Faith” by the Rev Anthony Giles (High Wych CoE) – one time GHFC Church Secretary; “Rottweilers give them back!” on the realities of

social work by Sue Allwright; Richard Elsbury's journey of faith and "From Zimbabwe to Bracknell" by Liz Malunguza.

On the social side, we had a cream tea garden party in August and a very enjoyable Christmas Party, including a repeat of the game, in which we were asked to link surprising pieces of information to specific individuals in the group.

If you are available during the afternoon on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday each month you would be most welcome to join our friendly group to enjoy fellowship and stimulating discussion. All details are on the Church calendar and are also announced in Church the preceding Sunday.

## **Belovèd**

**Fiona Marston**

Belovèd is a Bible study, prayer and fellowship group for ladies - presently up to 12 of us - who meet in various homes on Fridays at 10am (term time only), to study God's word and to build our faith and relationship with Him.

This past year we have been looking at a number of different books of the Bible. In the spring term, we looked at both letters to the Thessalonians and the encouragements and struggles of the early Church. In the summer term, we studied a number of Psalms, particularly focussing on the praise, thanksgiving and sovereignty of God. In the autumn term, we discussed the wisdom found in Proverbs. We ended the year considering the book of Jonah (as part of Jonah, Joel and Amos study) – his disobedience and subsequent obedience to God.

The group is a source of encouragement for all of us who meet together for prayer, study and reflection.

## **Mums in Prayer**

**Clare Bumpass**

2019 was another busy year for our local Mums in Prayer (MIP) groups. In February, we had a visit from Kathrin Larson, the European Director for MIP, and as always, she was a great encouragement to us and really helped us think about how we could be seeking God's direction for MIP UK. Clare was invited to a retreat in Amsterdam in June, which was aimed at strengthening leadership in various European countries which currently do not have a MIP national leader. She was also invited to write an article about her involvement with MIP for Woman Alive magazine, a Christian publication for women. A mother from Bournemouth got in touch after reading it and was encouraged to start her own group, which is now thriving. A large group is also meeting in Thorpe.

Locally, Sarah's group in Harmans Water continues to meet on Wednesday afternoons with around four or five mums gathering to pray for several primary and secondary schools. These mums are all teaching assistants and so are really well informed about the issues that our local schools and students are facing!

Clare's Tuesday morning group was joined by a lovely mum from Japan, along with her delightful toddler daughter, she had moved into the area and was so happy to find a group of Christian mums to pray with. We continue to be blessed by our international sisters joining MIP groups.

In November, we had a small retreat for MIP UK leaders joined again by Kathrin and other key leaders from MIP Europe. St Andrew's Priestwood kindly loaned us their building for the Friday and on the Saturday, we were again able to gather a larger group of about thirty mums at Binfield Free Church where we had a wonderful time of teaching and fellowship together.

We continue to pray for 'multiplication' of MIP groups both locally and nationally and prayer has been answered for a group to start in Wokingham. Fiona felt led to start her own group in January 2020 and has already been blessed with three mums to pray with. We all continue to pray for the vision of Mums in Prayer International – that every school in the world is covered by prayer!

## **Our Mission Partners**

**Mark Wigston**

I started this report by talking about Church and Family, and said that those of us who love Jesus, have become brothers and sisters. As the family of God, we have to be compassionate about situations close to home, but we must also be willing to help others, much further away too.

### **Locally**

Here in Bracknell, we have continued to support the *Food Bank* over the last year, providing for local people who are struggling financially for a whole variety of reasons.

We have also been supporting *Yeldall Manor* drug and alcohol rehabilitation centre, which offers healing, hope and practical support to those struggling with substance abuse. Some of us went to their celebration evenings of worship and testimony throughout the year, and one of our members took part in a sponsored cycle and has volunteered in other ways too. We gave them a substantial gift as a Church, including donations received at our Barn Dance and from card and craft sales with items donated by folk from the Lunch Club.

We also give to *FIEC* every year. This is the group of over 600 Churches in the UK, to which we belong. They are committed to seeing healthy, independent evangelical Churches, sharing the good news of Jesus, across our land.

### **Around the world**

We have continued to pray for our brothers and sisters around the world who are suffering for their faith. It was great to welcome John and Liz Barringer again, from *Open Doors* at one of our Sunday celebrations, for the second year running. Their visits help us to relate to this need, making our prayer and financial gifts so much more relevant.

We continue to support Eyerusalem, a student living in Ethiopia, through *Compassion UK*. Our donations enable her to continue her education.

We ran a special appeal following *Cyclone Idai*, which affected various countries in Africa, and sent £1,000 to *World Vision* to bring relief to those affected in Zimbabwe.

Thank you to all of you who have given to the Church over the last year. Your generosity has enabled us to be generous to others too.

### **Off-Road Walking Group**

**Gareth Jenkins**

Throughout the year, we have held our monthly walks, usually on the last Saturday of the month (though one or two were cancelled due to poor weather). Our numbers have remained stable, however we would be pleased if anyone else would like to join us.

As usual, we had a slightly later walk in July where we stopped off for lunch in “The Bounty” (near Cookham).

### **Quizzes**

**Gareth Jenkins**

Great Hollands Community Association has continued to organise a quiz three or four times a year and a number of people for GHFC have participated (and even won). This is a good opportunity to meet the local community as well as having an enjoyable evening.

### **Lunch Club**

**Mark and Gabi Wigston**

When we started our Lunch Club in March, we did not imagine how popular it would be. We meet on a Thursday, at 12:30 pm, once a month, at the Silver Birch Restaurant and Pub in Birch Hill, next to Aldi. We get up to 24 diners each time we meet, and we estimate that about 40 people have joined us for meals over the months.

We offer a diverse menu, including vegetarian and vegan options all for just £5 with the addition of a self-service drinks station offering tea, coffee and water at no extra cost. We are very grateful to the restaurant staff for making us so welcome.

We are in a great location, easy to get to, on foot, bike, mobility scooter or bus, with plenty of parking nearby too. This is a great way for our Church to serve our community. What about getting involved? If you have never joined us, please look on our Church calendar and put a date in your diary. Try it – you might like it! If you would like to serve on the team, there may be a place for you as a befriender, or perhaps you can help by taking orders and distributing cutlery and condiments.

This is your Lunch Club: Good Food and Good Company! We invite you to come, relax, chat and enjoy!

## **Barn Dance**

**Mark Wigston**

It was probably over seven years ago, when someone first suggested that we hold a Barn Dance. At first, I was quite uneasy about the idea. Could we make it work? Would people come? What about the food? What should we do about drinks? And... most importantly... who would provide the music and caller for the dance?

All those years later, and our annual Barn Dance has become, probably, the biggest community event held in the Community Centre each year.

We held our 6<sup>th</sup> annual Barn Dance in May and it was another wonderful event. Our dear friends, the Scamping Rogues came again from Reading, and provided the caller and music with authentic instruments. Despite the event clashing with the FA Cup Final, which meant that some people did not show up, we still had the hall buzzing with a mixture of folk, 75 in all, both from the Church and from our local community. These Barn Dances truly are a great community event, and we raise a lot of money for Yeldall Manor, whilst reaching out to local people. When I meet people around the estate, they talk enthusiastically about the Barn Dances, and ask me about the date for the next one. A number of people from the Barn Dance came to our Celebrate Christmas event too.

Thank you to everyone who makes the Barn Dances possible.

## **Celebrate Christmas**

**Mark Wigston**

On the 15<sup>th</sup> of December, we hosted our annual community Christmas event: Celebrate Christmas. We had a wonderful evening together and it was a true Christmas Festival.

There was so much going on! Thank you to everyone for playing your part: drama, readings, prayer, music and singing, PA, laptop, lots of food, mulled wine and drinks, welcome, setting up and clearing away, showing love to our guests, and being part of the crowd.

It was great to see so many of our friends from the Lunch Club and the Barn Dance, and many people commented about the children and young people – whose drama was loved by all.

## **School Lessons**

**Mark and Gabi Wigston**

As a Church, in a local community, it is important that we find ways to support others in our community, in a way that really works for them. We continue to support one of our local primary schools, teaching RE lessons. We offer the school one week every term and teach 7 classes during that week, taking each class for a 45-minute lesson. This gives us a great opportunity to explore a subject that is relevant to us all, from a Biblical perspective.

The lessons are designed to be fun and interactive, using role-play, drama, stories, slides, video clips, activity sheets and plenty of Q & A sessions. We choose the subject for each term in agreement with the school staff. This year we taught on Forgiveness, Self-esteem and Anti-bullying. We teach the children that Jesus loves us, and the lessons are done in such a way that everyone, regardless of their beliefs, feels comfortable and is able to fully engage with the subject.

We are so grateful to the children and staff for their very friendly welcome and their positive feedback too.

## **School Gardening Club**

**Gabi Wigston**

Children spend so much time with technology these days, with gadgets and in front of screens. We talk about Virtual Reality – but sometimes they need to be exposed to Old Fashioned Reality. We cannot all go back to the good old days and work on the land, for a living, but we can teach our children to understand where their food comes from, and how things grow.

We work with about 10 children at a time, in the same school where we teach the RE lessons, taking them into the school garden, planting and tending vegetables and flowers. The children have to be patient: plants don't grow instantly in the real world! It is wonderful to see their faces, when they discover new shoots appearing, and it was fun measuring our sunflowers, week by week.

## Church Membership on 30<sup>th</sup> November 2019

Beth Allwright	Jean McCandless
Clare Bumpass	Rob Mead
Peter Burch	Gill Mead
Sarah Burch	Lawrence Millwood
Nikolay Dachev	Kyoko Millwood
Radoslava Nestorova	Jolame Nalumisa
Richard Elsbury	Asena Nalumisa
Sue Elsbury	Val Pheney
Peter Goodson	Emily Pheney
Richard Greenidge	James Pheney
Sheila Hopkins	Kelly Scott
Gareth Jenkins	Pam Simmonds
Anne Jenkins	David Warrilow
Andrew Lawson	Sheena Warrilow
Pavlina Lawson	Dave Weston
Chris Malunguza	Dawn Weston
Elizabeth Malunguza	Mark Wigston
Fiona Marston	Gabi Wigston
John Marston	

Total membership: 37

Trevor and Sue Allwright resigned their membership in January 2019.

# Treasurer's Report: Year ending 30<sup>th</sup> November 2019

Notes

Summary	2019	2018	Budget 2020	
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Opening Balance 1/12	£31,544.43	£38,208.08	£23,647.58	
Income	£44,757.60	£44,077.20	£42,180.00	
Expenditure	-£52,654.45	-£50,740.85	-£51,712.82	
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Closing balance 30/11	£23,647.58	£31,544.43	£14,114.76	
<b>Income</b>				
Freewill Gifts	£36,960.15	£36,067.89	£34,480.00	2
Refund from Inland Revenue	£7,550.23	£7,529.09	£7,500.00	3
Miscellaneous	£0.00	£187.00	£50.00	4
Bank & Building Society Interest	£247.22	£293.22	£150.00	5
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Total	£44,757.60	£44,077.20	£42,180.00	
<b>Expenditure</b>				
Employment Costs	£42,009.56	£38,098.86	£40,534.42	7
Gifts	£3,597.00	£4,446.00	£3,374.40	6
Miscellaneous	£2,816.89	£2,927.49	£3,400.00	8
Hire Fees	£4,231.00	£5,268.50	£4,404.00	9
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Total	£52,654.45	£50,740.85	£51,712.82	
<b>Decrease in Funds</b>	<b>£7,896.85</b>	<b>£6,663.65</b>	<b>£9,532.82</b>	

Notes

Current Balance	2019	2018	
Various Floats	-£2.68	-£0.93	10
Cash in hand	£14.93	£32.88	11
Current Account	£115.21	£1,687.71	12
Deposit Account	£5,683.30	£2,225.30	
60 Day Account	£17,836.82	£27,599.47	
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Total	£23,647.58	£31,544.43	
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Liabilities	-£599.42	-£1,371.82	13

## Notes on the Accounts

1. The 3 columns of figures represent the following:
  - a) The first column shows the amounts for the year ending 30th November 2019
  - b) The second column shows the amounts for the previous year (ending 30th November 2018) for comparison
  - c) The third column represents my estimate for the current year (ending 30th November 2020) for budgetary purposes
2. This represents all freewill offerings made to the Church. They can be further broken down as follows:

	2019	2018	Budget 2020	
Designated (External)	£1,272.42	£427.42	£600.00	a)
Designated (Internal)	£464.07	£612.07	£400.00	b)
Regular Gifts	£20,820.00	£20,850.00	£19,980.00	c)
Collection	£6,546.95	£7,655.53	£6,500.00	d)
Other Donations	£7,856.71	£6,522.87	£7,000.00	e)
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<b>Total</b>	<b>£36,960.15</b>	<b>£36,067.89</b>	<b>£34,480.00</b>	

- a) ‘Designated (External)’ represents gifts that were received specifically for the support of other Christian organisations (see note 6 for details). In some cases, these gifts were also received such that the tax is reclaimable by the Church and passed on to the relevant organisation.  
Also included in this category is the small change collection, which is designated as being a contribution towards the support of Eyerusalem in Ethiopia.
- b) ‘Designated (Internal)’ represents gifts that were made for the support of specific activities within the Church. This year it was partly cash gifts towards food for the Barn Dance and Children’s parties and partly gifts to purchase equipment for the sound system.
- c) ‘Regular Gifts’ represent those gifts that are made by regular donations. The majority of these are subject to reclaims from the Inland Revenue. Since April 2000, any gifts made by a taxpayer can be ‘Tax Efficient’ provided that they are not made anonymously.

- d) 'Collection' covers the money in the collecting box each Sunday. Since April 2013, any small change in the collection box (which means any amount less than £30) can be assumed to be subject to Gift Aid. However, if the amount is greater than £30 (for example a bundle of notes that have been put in together), then Gift Aid cannot be reclaimed. During this year, £4,970 has been put in the box for which Gift Aid is not claimable. If this money **had** been given Tax Efficiently, then a further £1,242 could be reclaimed from the Inland Revenue.
  - e) 'Other Donations' covers other one off gifts made which, although not regular each month, do tend to be made each year. Gift Aid is reclaimable on all of these.
3. This represents the money that the Church has been able to reclaim from the Inland Revenue and corresponds to the tax paid on gifts made to the Church using the Gift Aid Scheme. This year I have made a reclaim for Gifts received during the 2017 - 18 Financial Year, and so we are up to date on our Gift Aid reclaims. If anyone would like to know more about how to make their giving 'Tax Efficient', then please speak to me about it. Note that higher rate taxpayers should ensure that they declare any Gift Aid donations on their Income Tax returns, since they will receive tax relief on such gifts.
  4. This represents payments received by the Church for a specific purpose. This year there were no such receipts, but last year it represented money received for Bible Notes used by Belovèd and payments for the purchase of the storage boxes that we used in the Infant School, whilst the main hall was being refurbished. I am expecting receipts for Bible Notes used by Belovèd in my forecast for next year.
  5. This represents the interest we receive on our bank accounts.
  6. This represents gifts made to other individuals or organisations. The following table gives details of all the gifts made and indicates where part of the gift had been given to the Church specifically for that purpose. Note that if money is given specifically for a cause, then at least that amount of money is always passed on. In most cases, Gift Aid is claimable on such gifts and the anticipated Gift Aid claim is also passed on to the intended organisation.

The ‘Collection for Eyerusalem’ has been used towards our payments to Compassion for the support of Eyerusalem in Ethiopia. This year there was a shortfall of about £50 between the money collected (and the Gift Aid reclaimable on that) and the money we are committed to giving in support of Eyerusalem, (£25 per month). Please note that the commitment to Eyerusalem is increasing to £28 per month from March 2020.

Gifts For / To	Totals	
	Received	Given
Collection for Eyerusalem	£204.88	£300.00
Yeldall Manor		£700.00
Barn Dance (receipts for Yeldall)	£244.34	
Harvest	£151.60	
Sale of Cards	£31.60	
Open Doors		£300.00
World Vision (Zimbabwe)	£640.00	£1,000.00
Binfield Free Church		£50.00
Fellowship of Independent Evangelical Churches		£967.00
External Speakers		£280.00
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<b>Totals</b>	<b>£1,272.42</b>	<b>£3,597.00</b>

The total amount given during the year represents about 8% of our income. Following discussions at the Church meeting in April 2019, it is no longer the Church’s policy to give away a tenth of our income to other organisations each year as a tithe.

- This represents the Employment costs of the Church, namely the Salary and Pension contributions we pay to Mark and Gabi Wigston including Tax and National Insurance. From April 2016, there has been a special dispensation for most organisations such that the first £3,000 of Employers’ National Insurance contribution each year doesn’t need to be paid. In our case, that covers all of our Employers’ National Insurance and this saving should apply in future years.

8. This covers all the other expenditure. The following provides a more detailed breakdown:

	2019	2018	Budget 2020	
Annual	£890.90	£874.42	£900.00	a)
Banking	£60.00	£80.00	£60.00	b)
Printing	£149.58	£80.54	£150.00	c)
Magazines, Books etc.	£93.75	£75.00	£90.00	d)
Allowances	£259.75	£340.50	£420.00	e)
Belovèd	£28.93	£49.85	£50.00	f)
Publicity	£100.00	£100.00	£150.00	g)
Youth Work	£316.73	£197.93	£450.00	h)
DBS Checks	£233.20	£162.00	£250.00	i)
Capital Fund	£130.98	£428.87	£300.00	j)
Internal Gifts	£120.00	£68.00	£100.00	k)
Refreshments	£300.99	£322.62	£300.00	l)
Stationery and Stamps	£25.37	£13.88	£30.00	m)
Other	£106.71	£133.88	£150.00	n)
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<b>Total</b>	<b>£2,816.89</b>	<b>£2,927.49</b>	<b>£3,400.00</b>	

- a) 'Annual' represents one-off annual charges such as Insurance, our PO Box and our Copyright Licence.
- b) 'Banking' represents our monthly bank charges and the cost of sending money to Moldova (in 2018).
- c) 'Printing' represents the costs for Bulk Printing and consumables for the Church Printer.
- d) 'Magazines, Books etc.' represents the costs of purchasing Evangelicals Now.
- e) 'Allowances' represents mileage payments made to Mark plus costs of books and an allowance for his phone.
- f) 'Belovèd' represents the cost of Bible Notes bought for the Belovèd.
- g) 'Publicity' covers the cost of publicity for the Church. The main cost now is for our ongoing advert in Great Hollands Matters.
- h) 'Youth Work' represents the cost of materials for the children's and youth work on Sundays. This includes the cost of the Children's parties (which is where most of the money was spent).
- i) 'DBS Checks' represents the cost carrying out DBS checks on youth workers.

- j) 'Capital Fund' represents one-off capital expenditure. The main expenditure was for sound equipment in the hall.
  - k) 'Internal Gifts' represents gifts to members of the fellowship to mark special occasions.
  - l) 'Refreshments' represents the cost of refreshments on Sundays and for special events. In many cases, the costs have been donated to the Church.
  - m) 'Stationery and Stamps' also includes payments made to people for printing on their own printers.
  - n) 'Other' covers anything that doesn't fall into any other category. The main cost were for renewal of our Website domain name and for anti-virus software on the Church's PC.
9. This represents the costs of hiring the School, and the Community Centre each Sunday and on other occasions. The forecast represents 12 month's hire at current rates.
10. A number of people who regularly spend small amounts of money are given cash floats which are topped up when necessary, and accounted for at an appropriate time. This sum represents the money which is held in these floats but which has not yet been spent. The fact that this is negative indicates that people were then owed money by the Church.
11. This represents cash (and possibly cheques) that I have received, but not banked yet.
12. This represents the amount nominally in the bank.
13. This represents payments that are due, but which have not yet been made. The outstanding payments were: rent to the school and Community Centre for November 2019; the Tax and NI deducted in October and November but not yet paid to IR; and money received from the sale of cards that has not yet been passed on to Yeldall Manor.

**Financial Outlook for 2020:** As can be seen from the summary on page 11, the projected income for 2020 is expected to be about £9,500 less than the expenditure. In other words, we are spending more than we are getting in each month. We need to close this gap moving forward, as our reserves are being rapidly used up. Therefore we all need to consider increasing our giving towards the work of the Church (tax efficiently wherever possible!).

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to thank Peter Goodson and Elizabeth Malunguza for carrying out an independent examination of the accounts. I would also like to thank those who have helped in checking the collection each Sunday.

**Gareth I Jenkins**

# **WHAT WE BELIEVE - THE FIEC BASIS OF FAITH**

## **1. GOD**

There is one God, who exists eternally in three distinct but equal persons: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. God is unchangeable in his holiness, justice, wisdom and love. He is the almighty Creator, Saviour and Judge who sustains and governs all things according to his sovereign will for his own glory.

## **2. THE BIBLE**

God has revealed himself in the Bible, which consists of the Old and New Testaments alone. Every word was inspired by God through human authors, so that the Bible as originally given is in its entirety the Word of God, without error and fully reliable in fact and doctrine. The Bible alone speaks with final authority and is always sufficient for all matters of belief and practice.

## **3. THE HUMAN RACE**

All men and women, being created in the image of God, have inherent and equal dignity and worth. Their greatest purpose is to obey, worship and love God. As a result of the fall of our first parents, every aspect of human nature has been corrupted and all men and women are without spiritual life, guilty sinners and hostile to God. Every person is therefore under the just condemnation of God and needs to be born again, forgiven and reconciled to God in order to know and please him.

## **4. THE LORD JESUS CHRIST**

The Lord Jesus Christ is fully God and fully man. He was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of a virgin, and lived a sinless life in obedience to the Father. He taught with authority and all his words are true. On the cross he died in the place of sinners, bearing God's punishment for their sin, redeeming them by his blood. He rose from the dead and in his resurrection body ascended into heaven where he is exalted as Lord of all. He intercedes for his people in the presence of the Father.

## **5. SALVATION**

Salvation is entirely a work of God's grace and cannot be earned or deserved. It has been accomplished by the Lord Jesus Christ and is

offered to all in the gospel. God in his love forgives sinners whom he calls, granting them repentance and faith. All who believe in Christ are justified by faith alone, adopted into the family of God and receive eternal life.

## **6. THE HOLY SPIRIT**

The Holy Spirit has been sent from heaven to glorify Christ and to apply his work of salvation. He convicts sinners, imparts spiritual life and gives a true understanding of the Scriptures. He indwells all believers, brings assurance of salvation and produces increasing likeness to Christ. He builds up the Church and empowers its members for worship, service and mission.

## **7. THE CHURCH**

The universal Church is the body of which Christ is the head and to which all who are saved belong. It is made visible in local Churches, which are congregations of believers who are committed to each other for the worship of God, the preaching of the Word, the administering of Baptism and the Lord's Supper, for pastoral care and discipline, and for evangelism. The unity of the body of Christ is expressed within and between Churches by mutual love, care and encouragement. True fellowship between Churches exists only where they are faithful to the gospel.

## **8. BAPTISM AND THE LORD'S SUPPER**

Baptism and the Lord's Supper have been given to the Churches by Christ as visible signs of the gospel. Baptism is a symbol of union with Christ and entry into his Church but does not impart spiritual life. The Lord's Supper is a commemoration of Christ's sacrifice offered once for all and involves no change in the bread and wine. All its blessings are received by faith.

## **9. THE FUTURE**

The Lord Jesus Christ will return in glory. He will raise the dead and judge the world in righteousness. The wicked will be sent to eternal punishment and the righteous will be welcomed into a life of eternal joy in fellowship with God. God will make all things new and will be glorified forever.

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