

SHIRLEY METHODIST CHURCH

Registered Charity No: 1127524

Annual Report 2022

Our Mission Statement

As followers of Jesus Christ, our mission is to honour God by our daily living as individuals and our corporate life as a church

Our Congregation

- ❖ To offer God worship which is both lively and dignified
- ❖ To stimulate one another to grow in our faith and develop our discipleship

Our Church

- ❖ To honour God by our daily living as individuals and our corporate life as a church

Our Community

- ❖ To offer welcome and care to all, regardless of age, status, gender, ethnicity, social class, sexual orientation, ability or disability
- ❖ To work with our fellow Christians in Shirley, to serve our neighbours and share with others our experience of God's love

MINISTER'S REPORT

The General Church Meeting is a time to look at the life of our church and an opportunity to share our thoughts on every aspect of it which is presented in the Annual Report. And I am always surprised to see how many people are involved and how many areas are covered by their skills, efforts, and commitment.

This year's Report is no exception, although we have been through an unprecedented time of lockdown for more than two years. In it you will find amazing joy, blessing and thankfulness, as you read through all the works and achievements we made. And I am so grateful for the faithfulness, dedication and enthusiasm shown by members of our church family in participating in God's mission through our church and community. It is always a great joy to see people just volunteer to take the job on and get it done almost professionally, yet anonymously. I am pretty sure that some of the work done may not be presented in this report, and I may have yet to discover some more volunteers whose work has been done in hidden corners of the life of the church and unexpected times. I strongly believe that our faithful God will remember them and their kind hearts and bless them as his children.

And I am also grateful to see our church being used by many community groups for a variety of purposes. After the pandemic, I gather that most of them have now come back to their activities. It must be a joy to see people come and enjoy their time on our premises, and we are glad that through this we serve both our community and the Lord.

What is important in the life of the church is that we are to work together under one name, in the name of Jesus Christ, and what we need to be aware of is that the church is not an organisation but an organism, of which every part is connected and takes a certain and unique responsibility for the 'Body'. And their individual participation makes the 'Body' alive, healthy, and growing. I hope we all encourage each other more to live together in unity as God's people and find more talents which God has granted for his glory.

I give all my sincere thanks again to all those who have been working hard over the year past and pray that they may continue to serve under the new leadership, as I am leaving you this summer

Every blessing to you all

Rev. SC Choi

LAY PASTOR'S REPORT

Since September 2013, I have been involved in 'ministry' here at Shirley Methodist Church. I've worked with 4 Presbyters in all – the longest being with Revd S Choi. However, my first pastoral visit to a member of this church was in November 2012 at the invitation of Revd Jane Cassidy who felt a 'man might be better suited to do the visit'.

This started a relationship with the church which has continued until the present day. My most recent pastoral visit was the week before I contracted COVID-19 and was to Jose in Mayday Hospital – I was supposed to take her 'home communion' but the hospital Chaplain beat me to it.

My health hasn't been too great of late and after getting over a rather troublesome chest infection I contracted Covid-19 and at the time of writing this report, am still testing positive. This is the first time in my life I've been so 'positive' over such an extended period of time. God willing it will soon go away and I'll be negative again!

However, the *positive vibes* have remained as I spent a 'good time' reminiscing and going back over emails and letters dating from early 2012. I feel blessed with all that I've been involved with here at the church during that time. What a journey down 'memory lane'! I am convinced that Shirley, as a congregation and church in this Circuit, can (and will) fulfil an even greater role in the leadership and development of the Circuit in the future.

I want to give thanks to God for the members of my 'Support Group' who have come from this church. Thank you for listening to me; for your care and understanding – especially when things were quite difficult; for the advice you gave and the time you so freely gave. I've appreciated it and benefitted from it immensely. Without your support I wouldn't have lasted this long.

I'm amazed at the number of our members who have 'not returned' since the Pandemic started. Are we aware of who they might be? Are their names on our lists as Pastoral Links? Is there anything we can do to contact them and encourage them – not necessarily to just return (although that would be nice)?

As a church we are still in desperate need of members to fill various positions which will become vacant shortly within the management and leadership of the church. Is there anything you can do to help? With that plea in the 'air' I will close. Thank you, Shirley Methodist Church, for being the avenue through which I have been able to renew my calling and serve God in what I love to do. May God richly bless you, each one.

Yours in His Service, **Bennie Harms**

OUR CONGREGATION – WHO WE ARE (RESOURCES)

CHURCH MUSIC AND POWERPOINT REPORT

- In the last year our church music has been led by David Tayler, Tau Wey and Hsin Wey. Mainly this has been on the organ, but at times our high-quality piano has been used to good effect. Their playing has enhanced our worship and we thank them for their dedication. Thanks also to Margaret King for kindly stepping in on occasion.
- A PowerPoint presentation has been used every Sunday in the last year and these have been produced by Bhu Kalsi and David Tayler. Sometimes a video or MP3 file has been added and this has brought variety and interest. We thank them for their work, but we really do need more volunteers who can devote a couple of hours preparation every few weeks. If you think you can be creative, just ask a member of the team what is involved.

David Tayler

CONSULTATION ON WORSHIP

- These meetings are held twice a year and everyone is welcome. They are chaired by the Minister. The last meeting was held on 2nd February 2022 and 19th May 2022. We reflect on services of the recent past, discuss how to improve them and share ideas.
- On reflection, the recent Good Friday service was slightly different from usual. *The Stations of the Cross* was organised in *The Wilderness* – the gardens behind Hall Grange. The weather was brilliant, and the service was well-attended.
- On Easter Sunday we had no Minister to offer Communion at our church. However we had an excellent ‘Extended Communion’ service led by Bennie Harms. We had 73 Communicants, including a few visitors, and it ended up being a very meaningful morning.
- We have touched on forthcoming services and talked about new suggestions and ideas on how to involve more members of our congregation.

Rohini Herat

THE GUILD

- The Guild has met on the 3rd Thursday of each month throughout our season (September 2021 – March 2022).
- In September we were pleased to welcome Caryl Rapps, who gave us a very interesting insight into her journey to becoming a local preacher. Then in October Malcolm Jennings took us through a wonderful kaleidoscope of photographs he had taken on the Gower Peninsula accompanied by his ever-knowledgeable commentary of the geography, flora and fauna of this beautiful corner of Wales. Jennifer Potter wound up our pre-Christmas sessions telling of her adventures 'Around the world (okay, let's say Africa mainly) in 50 years'. And it turned out to be exactly like that with chilling descriptions of the hill behind her bungalow being a haven for snakes!
- After Christmas, David and I guided everyone on a spot of armchair travel through Italy, Croatia, the Greek islands, and Israel - ending up in Athens. We hope everyone enjoyed it!
- In February, we were delighted and honoured to listen to Sarah Jones our local MP. She enthralled us by treating us to an insight into what life is like when an MP enters the Palace of Westminster, where you are allocated 2 hooks - one for your coat and the other for your sword. There was lots more we learned too - and we all sat thoroughly engaged through the whole evening. Sarah speaks so well - we were left feeling real pride that Sarah grew up at Shirley Methodist and had gone on to achieve high office.
- The dreaded Covid struck in March making us delay our last meeting but when Tau and Hsin Wey talked to us 2 weeks later we were fascinated by their presentation telling us about the growth of the Christian church in their homeland. It was a real education about a subject we knew very little about.
- So - starting in September 2023, there will be an opportunity for all reading this to be fascinated, educated and introduced to all manner of topics. Take the challenge to come to Guild in the Autumn.

Ruth Tayler, on behalf of the Guild Steering Group

HOUSE GROUP

- We continue to meet on the 3rd Thursday of each month at 10am to finish by Noon.
- Over the last year we have looked at one course entitled "Glimpses of God", and another called "Who are we praying to?"
- To accompany the course we all have a booklet and questions to discuss, as well some input on a CD from other people with their views.
- We now have about 8 people attending on a regular basis, but there is always room for more ... it would be good to have a second group.
- The value that I see from such a group as this is that we can learn from each other and grow stronger in our faith and confidence.
- You may wish to come on a Thursday and listen in and see if this style of group is for you.

NOTHING VENTURED NOTHING GAINED!!

Brian Sherrell, Worship Leader

PRAYER CHAIN

- The Prayer Chain is made up of two groups who circulate the names of anyone who is in particular need. Requests come from the Church Fellowship, the neighbourhood and much further afield and the Chain is much appreciated. Names are only put on the Prayer Chain with the consent of the person concerned and remain on the Chain for one week – unless otherwise requested. Consent forms are available from Elizabeth Smart. If the request is received by email, there would be no need to also complete a consent form. All information is treated in strictest confidence.
- If you feel you would like to be a member of the Prayer Chain, please have a word with Elizabeth Smart.
- Referrals may be made to Elizabeth Smart and are passed to both sides of the Chain.

Elizabeth Smart

PRAYER BREAKFAST

- We continue to meet on the 2nd Saturday of each month at 9-15 to finish by 10.00 am. Our numbers have grown, with more members attending.
- We use the time praying for the needs of the world, as well as for our local community. Just as important as these are that we have times of quiet and finish by quietly praying for each other.
- In our present age and busyness, I find this time of being together very powerful and feel it is important for us a church family to meet in such a way, to focus on what is very important as a church.
- Members may have concerns about praying in these situations, but prayers said in the quietness of your soul are just as powerful.
- Why not come along and see if this is for you?

Brian Sherrell

WORK WITH CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

- Further to the recent relaxation of COVID restrictions, Sunday Morning Club is now back operating in a fully 'normal' way.
- Although the pandemic did reduce attendance for an extended period, we're now noticing a gradual increase in the numbers. This includes some regular members, which is good to see! We are now averaging between 5 and 10 club members per session.
- Since our last report, we've run sessions on a diverse range of topics that include advent, John the Baptist, making Christingles, God's promises to us, the wedding at Cana, finding your voice, the recruitment of the disciples, lent and the difficulties associated with following Jesus. We also ran the circuit pancake party on 27 February, at which we not only hosted the superintendent minister, but also 30 young people from Shirley, Downsview and West Croydon. As always, we hope to see increasing numbers in the future.

- I would like to conclude by paying tribute to my Sunday Morning Club colleagues. Rosemary and Jenny have been stalwarts of youth work in this church for many years and it would be very difficult to run SMC without them!

Simon Tayler, Youth Committee Convenor

OUR CHURCH – WHAT WE HAVE (RICHES)

CHURCH COUNCIL

- Since the last General Church Meeting (29th August 2021), the Church Council has met on 29th September 2021 and 22nd February 2022. The Church Council received updates from all areas of work within our church, details of which can be found in the body of this Annual Report.
- The Trustees' Annual Report Form will shortly be submitted online by the Church Council Secretary, as stipulated by the Charity Commission, together with the Accounts and our Annual Return.
- The Leadership Team has continued to meet, and a separate report of its work is included in this Annual Report.
- On behalf of the Church Council, I would like to thank Revd Choi and Bennie Harms for their ministry to our church family – the last two years of which have been extremely difficult and challenging times. We are grateful for their commitment to the spiritual and pastoral care of our church and we wish them and their families well for the future.

Margaret Chan, on behalf of the Church Council

CHURCH LEADERSHIP TEAM

- The remit of this Team is to follow through and act on proposals from the CC and to be a 2-way channel of communication between church members and the CC meeting.
- The Leadership Team has continued to meet regularly.
- We have dealt with issues around property and safeguarding – in particular the continued commitment to ensure our premises are kept compliant with Covid protocols, ensuring safety for our congregation and for the various community groups who use them. We are particularly indebted to Ruth Tayler for maintaining an on-going dialogue with the leaders of the various user-groups as the covid protocols changed and were updated.
- Rosemary raised with the Leadership Team the possibility of having a Platinum Jubilee Garden Party on May 28th. It was agreed to take the idea forward and Rosemary offered to work with a small group of volunteers to plan it. We are very grateful to Rosemary and the Volunteer Group for their hard work.
- We are also very grateful to those who worked with the Stewards to organise a Leaving Party for Revd Choi and Bennie.

Margaret Chan, on behalf of the Leadership Team

PASTORAL REPORT

- The membership of the Church is 130 and there are 50 Friends of Shirley Methodist Church.
- In 2021 we were saddened by the loss of several members from our church family. We give thanks for their lives, for their Christian faith and witness that they shared and the memories that we hold dear. May they rest in peace and rise in Glory.
- As we returned to worship in Church it was good to see each other once again. We continue to warmly welcome all who worship with us.

- At the 'In Loving Memory' Service on the 6th November we remembered with their family those who had died during the Lockdown.
- We are mindful of our church family who are housebound or who are unable for other reasons to come to church. Keeping in touch with members of our church family is important and the Pastoral Links are a vital part of the pastoral care. They keep in touch in various ways which are chosen by the person whom they are linked with e.g. by email, telephone, visiting, sending a card or catching up over coffee at church. The Lockdown has shown how much this has been appreciated. If you would like to have a Pastoral Link/or would like to be a Pastoral link, please come and speak to me for more information.
- Please continue to let me know of any pastoral needs so that we can continue to support and care for our church family. The General Data Protection Regulations mean that we must have consent for prayers in the Notice Sheet or the family news in Shirley Methodist Matters. Also, for requests in the Prayer Request Box. I have consent forms available when required.
- Home Communion is taken to housebound friends and members by Lay Pastor Bennie or the Revd Choi.
- We give thanks for the ministry of Revd Choi and Lay Pastor Bennie to our Church family and hold them and their families in our prayers as they prepare for their retirement. We are truly blessed by their ministry.

Elizabeth Smart, Pastoral Secretary

PROPERTY COMMITTEE

- The period this report refers to, September 2021 to June 2022, was dominated by the Covid-19 pandemic, the effect that had on church life, the closure of the premises for periods of time and the restrictions and safety measures that had to be put in place to allow limited use of the premises for the congregation and lets when conditions allowed.
- Some remedial work on the flat roofs that had been held over from the 2019 Quinquennial had to be further postponed and will now be completed on 20th June.

- The regular maintenance schedule on things such as the fire extinguishers, fire alarm system, lightning conductor and so on were all completed albeit not at the normal intervals.
- Information was received in 2019 from the Forestry Commission that the large oak tree on the Wickham Road side of the site had been identified as being infected with Oak Processionary Moth and would to be treated free by the Forestry Commission with insecticides.
- No sooner had a date for the treatment of the OPM been set when we were informed by the insurers for the White Cottage at 15 Wickham Road that the cottage was suffering from structural damage. Soil tests indicated that the damage had been mainly caused by the roots of the oak tree. The church insurance policy with Methodist Insurance does not provide cover for this eventuality and they and TMCP advised that the tree should be felled in case of future claims. The tree was felled in July 2021. Half of the cost was paid by the White Cottage Loss Adjusters.

Grounds

- The gardening contractor continues to keep the grounds in good order.

Church cleaning

- The new cleaning company got off to a good start with the premises cleaned to a high standard.

General

- The church and ancillary buildings and grounds are all in reasonably good order but there is work to be done particularly as regards to decoration of the halls. This will be addressed when the church finances are back to a normal level

Bill Smart, on behalf of the Finance and Property Committee

CHURCH WEBSITE

- The re-vamped website became live just 4 months before we went into Lockdown. It enabled us to keep the congregation informed of services, both live and on Zoom, made both the Weekly Notices and monthly church magazine available as well as promoting

various church activities e.g., Lent with Leslie. The Sunday Services are recorded by one of the Sound Team each week and I upload that recording each Sunday afternoon – so that friends can listen if they had been unable to attend church.

- I regularly receive enquiries (particularly about lettings) via the ‘contact us’ page – so it shows that our readership is wider than just our members.
- Recently I have introduced an archive where back issues of Shirley Methodist Matters can be found. The photos at the moment are of our buildings and do not include people. Gaining permission to use people’s photos is an issue but I am hoping to simplify the process by having some photos taken at the end of a service – using our camera installed on the back wall. My plan is to ask everyone who is willing to stand in front of the Communion table and smile broadly – hopefully once masks are ‘a thing of the past’ and on a day when we have a large congregation! Then our website will truly show who we are.
- My thanks go to Steve Hunt at Poppy IT for the technical support and to my husband, who is my trouble-shooter.

Kate Marsden

SHIRLEY METHODIST MATTERS (SMM)

- At the start of the month, the editor, putting together the next church magazine, can feel a little intimidated at the prospect of at least 28 pages to fill with text and photos! No need to worry; it may seem miraculous, but by the deadline for copy there are usually plenty of items to include.
- The editors, Kate and Jenny, are so well supported by those who write regularly for SMM – Elizabeth Smart, Jean Beecher, Bennie Harms and Leslie Griffiths. But frequently other church members and friends offer or agree to write pieces which we are always pleased to include. Other contributions, such as photos, are most welcome too.
- Sometimes you may spot an acknowledgement to the Association for Church Editors at the end of an item in SMM. We pay an annual fee to belong to ACE; in return we receive a monthly newsletter, *Ideas Forum*, containing articles “*designed to be cut and edited to*

suit your needs and at ACE we don't tell you how to do things, we simply share suggestions based on the experience of our members." It's invaluable.

- Inspired by ACE and the opportunity to see other church magazines at the ACE annual conferences, we decided in the New Year to give SMM a bit of a makeover. Kate is responsible for the newer look SMM; we hope you noticed the changes – there may be more! Incidentally, the guest speaker at the ACE conference in June this year is one of our regular contributors, the Lord Griffiths of Burry Port, who is the Patron of ACE!
- During the lockdowns of the past two years, we only printed a few copies of the magazine to distribute to church members with no internet access. Over the past six months or so, due to demand, we've printed more hard copies. Through the church website the magazine is also available online, where there's also an archive of previous issues

Jenny Crook, SMM joint editor

SAFEGUARDING

- This has been a year in which church activities have gradually resumed following the pandemic. This has meant identifying people who are perhaps no longer active in what has been their role and keeping an eye on others who have taken on a role. Much work is going on behind the scenes to ensure DBS checks are up to date.
- In due course there will also be a new round of Safeguarding Training, which will include all those in qualifying church roles who have not trained since 2016. Since the role of Circuit Safeguarding Officer was ceased, local churches have had the challenging task of taken on a bigger role, along with locating data, of which some is incomplete. Please bear with me as I identify people who need training and be forgiving if I need to ask individuals if they remember when they last did so.
- I would like to thank everyone in advance for your time and co-operation in undergoing Safeguarding Training if required. Training is supposed to be done every four years. Whilst we all recognise the important and serious nature of safeguarding in churches, such frequent DBS checks and training does put a burden on local churches and its 'volunteers', with its inevitable bureaucracy. It has been challenging and I do thank

those involved for their perseverance and particularly their ongoing service to the church community.

- Please do bring to my attention if anyone has taken on a new church role, so I can advise whether it may need safeguarding provisions. And as ever, if you are aware of any safeguarding concerns or incidents, please do make sure it is reported through the right channels. The minister and lay pastor can be approached, or Fran Byard and myself. Please see the SMC website or the noticeboard for full details. I would like to note my thanks to Fran for assisting me so ably as Safeguarding Officer.
- ***Tau Wey, Safeguarding Officer***

STEWARDS' REPORT

- This year has seen a gradual relaxing of covid restrictions and a return to meeting together, both in services and on other occasions. It has been a liberating experience for many as we mix with our friends in the Church family again. We appreciate that there are some who, for a variety of reasons, don't yet feel able to come together and we try to maintain contact with them. The continuation of the zoom services has been very important in keeping links alive and we certainly see no reason to discontinue these. They have proved invaluable for friends who are housebound or who have moved away, and we know they are enjoyed.
- Numbers at our gathered worship have continued to grow and there were over 70 communicants at our Easter Day service. On Good Friday, Bennie led a walk of meditation focused on the Stations of the Cross art works which had been placed around the Wilderness Gardens. It was a glorious day, and the experience was enjoyed by many people from our own Church and others from around the Circuit. Through Lent on Sunday evenings, we had a series of Bible studies led by Leslie Griffiths and the lounge was full for these. One more experience from Lent that is worth mentioning was Mothering Sunday. The appointed preacher was unable to take the service because of a covid infection and many people from among the congregation, at quite short notice, helped to lead a service which was truly inspirational. We are blessed.

- Shirley Methodist is very fortunate in having a multi-talented Church family and this is well illustrated by the services over Christmas. The evening Carol Service involved readings that had been pre-recorded outside near the crib. This had been constructed on the bank outside the Church. There was great singing both inside and finally outside the building. The service was zoomed and leaflets had been delivered to houses around containing the zoom link. When you consider the many and varied talents involved in making all of this happen it is remarkable.
- We are very anxious as a Church to be seen to be a welcoming place for the local community and with that in mind we decided to hold a Jubilee Garden Party at the end of May. At time of writing this has not yet taken place - but we hope it will be a fun event for our Church family and our neighbours. The lets have been invited to take part and many stalls organised by Charities are planned. Tea and cakes and children's activities have also been organised. We look forward to the opportunity to showcase our Church and introduce our neighbours to some of the things we do.
- Finally, we have to acknowledge the enormous debt we owe to Choi, our presbyter and Bennie, our Lay Pastor. Both, as we know, are retiring at the end of the Methodist year. We have a farewell event planned for June 18th, when we will have the opportunity to tell them both how much they are valued. To have two such talented and different Church leaders has been a joy. We are fortunate that a new presbyter will be joining us, and we look forward to welcoming Richard Lowson in September.

Rosemary Jones, Senior Church Steward

OUR COMMUNITY – WHERE WE WORK

CROYDON CHURCHES FLOATING SHELTER 2021/20

- SMC hosted its last Shelter on 31st December 2019 and CCFS hosted its last Shelter on 24th March 2020. All homeless people were then moved into hotels/hostels under the 'Everybody in' Government protocol.
- Since then, CCFS has not been permitted to operate in the usual way because of Covid-19 implications. Instead CCFS provided 8/10 loaves of assorted sandwiches for Nightwatch with all 21 host churches providing their sandwiches on the nights they would have hosted the Shelter. So, SMC supplied their sandwiches on Sunday's nights in November and December. CCFS also supplied 5 hot meals to the Croydon Hub for assessment of rough sleepers.
- It seems unlikely that communal night shelters such as CCFS will be able to operate in the future in which case CCFS will have to consider closing down but in the meantime CCFS are investigating what help they may be able to provide for drop-ins at churches in the Borough.

Jonathan Baxter – CCFS Trustee/Company Secretary

HALL GRANGE MHA

- Hall Grange the local MHA home has been in and out of lockdown for some time. The staff have coped very well but the volunteers have been sometimes unable to attend at short notice. There has been general turnaround of residents over this time. Also, the staff are seeing changes the last is the activities support worker who will have left by the time you read this report. The head gardener Adam Fuller left in April as per the article in Shirley Matters. The Advert for a replacement head gardener has now gone out but this could take up to 2 months to complete.
- It has been difficult for events in the home itself due lockdowns happening the management and staff support the residents with activities including music therapy.

- There was a Wilderness *Communi -Tea* Party on the 2nd April which was a great success with Easter Egg Hunt, Face painting and various entertainment and a special cream tea. It was a bit cold with snow! Enjoyed by all.
- The Wilderness are planning a Street Party for the Queens Platinum Jubilee on the 4th June just prior the church AGM.
- The Wilderness Garden will be open every Saturday and Sunday between 10am and 4pm.
- The Rhododendron in Bloom event took place on the 21st and 22nd May
- The Good Friday mediation with Stations of the Cross was on a lovely sunny day led by Bennie and well attended by our church members and people from across the Circuit.
- It is hoped there will be a special Circuit service for MHA Sunday.

Fran Byard, MHA Representative

WORLD SERVICE AND NEIGHBOURHOOD COMMITTEE

- The WSN Committee meets annually in the Autumn and mainly to discuss the church's financial allocations to charities, on-going social responsibility issues and hear reports re Christian Aid and Neighbourhood Issues. As only £1,250 of the £15,800 allocated in 2020/21 had been given away due to cash flow problems, the Committee proposed that the Church Council draw a line under last year's allocations and ask for a new figure based on the current financial situation.

Jonathan Baxter – Chair WSN Committee

CHRISTIAN AID

- Our Sunday Christian Aid stall re-opened on October 2021, with the sale of home-made marmalade, after a long break due to Covid. The cake-makers of earlier years were thanked for their contributions.

- £80 was raised from the sale of Traidcraft Christmas cards and this was shared equally between the Leprosy Mission and Christian Aid.
- In response to an appeal from Afghanistan, £250 was sent from the sale of marmalade, teabreads and crumbles (some delivered to people's homes during the Pandemic).
- A retiring collection after the Covenant Service on 9th January 2022 raised £353.90. This was sent to provide clean drinking water and tolls for farmers in South Sudan.
- This year's Christian Aid week (15th – 21st May) focused on providing support for women farmers in rural Zimbabwe whose crops are often ruined due to the effects of Climate Change. Envelopes were provided in church, together with a Devotional booklet, 'Hungry for Justice' for use during Christian Aid week.
- This year's Christian Aid Sunday will be on 30th October, when we welcome Revd Cameron Kirkwood, a retired Methodist minister and long-term Christian Aid volunteer, to take our service.
- Thank you for your support during a challenging year.

Jean Beecher, for the Christian Aid Committee

LEPROSY MISSION

- Heather Tarling has now taken over as church rep for the Leprosy Mission.