



Annual General Meeting

Issue 2

Sunday 21st March 2021 (held via Zoom)

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Foreword

Dear members and friends.

What a year it has been! Little did we know when we held our previous AGM in February 2020 that the world was about to be turned upside-down due to the Covid-19 pandemic. Whilst we are seeing light at the end of the tunnel as a gradual easing has been announced by the Prime Minister, at the time of this AGM we are still limited by lockdown conditions and this consequently is a rather unusual meeting.

This year's meeting will be on-line only, via zoom. It will be the normal zoom details and these will be made available via our social media channels for members and regular attendees, via ChurchSuite Events and via church communication (email or SMS). Alternatively contact Bob if you are still not sure.

Because of the extraordinary year we have been through we have received dispensation from the church governing bodies to not hold elections this year as long as we are not appointing more than one new Board member, which we are not. Therefore the meeting will be mainly to hear the key reports, especially Pastor's report.

You will note that the Pastor's report page is blank at this time. This is because Erica wishes to deliver it to you verbally before you get to read it. It will be added to this document and re-published after the event should you wish to read it. We have also reduced reports to just the key ones since most departments have been unable to meet this year.

Please be in prayer for a good meeting and especially for Pastor Erica who has had a particularly difficult year. We ask God to bless us as a church family through this meeting.

Bob Dowty

Secretary.

UPDATED TO ISSUE 2 – 25th MARCH. Pastor's report has been added following what was a very good meeting and is now available for you to read.

Active Members March 2021

Appleby Josephine	Millar Jackie
Appleby Michael	Milligan Denise
Bale Alan	Milligan Paul
Brandon Bruce	Morse Ann
Brandon Hazel	Munday Hayley
Brookes Ann	Murphy Carole
Butler Andrew	Murray Moira
Capel Peter	Okewoye Adeola
Carr Eburn	Packham Janet
Carr Herbert	Roe Lorraine
Chapman Eileen	Samways Kamala
Christiansen Craig	Samways Paul
Christiansen Rochelle	Schofield Naomi
Cooper Sarah	Seddon Paula
Dowty Bob	Smith Norma
Dowty Carole	Stanbridge Ruth
Dowty Richard	Sweeting Brian
Endean Sarah	Sweeting Lynn
Finch Marian	Thirkell David
Fry Norman	Thirkell Jean
Fry Wendy	Thompson Joan
Gibbard Pat	Toth Judit
Goodman Catherine	Tranter Andrew
Gullotti Daniella	Tuxworth David
Hodder David	Tuxworth Erica
James Ann	Valentine Joanne
Lees Kate	Walker Betty
Lynwode Christopher	Wells Thomas
Maina Monica	Wilson Fiona
Males Charmian	Wilson Isobel
Mallaby Stuart	Wyatt Mary
McArthur John	

Note: this is not a complete list of members, this is last year's active list less those that have stood down since. It does not reflect regular attendees who are not members.

Minutes of previous meeting



**Annual General Meeting
23rd February 2020 5.00pm
Woodside Community Church**

Members Present: Rev Erica Tuxworth, Robert Dowty, Jo Appleby, Mike Appleby, Alan Bale, Bruce Brandon, Hazel Brandon, Anne Brookes, Andrew Butler, Esther Butler, Craig Christiansen, Rochelle Christiansen, Carole Dowty, Sarah Edean, Marian Finch, Catherine Goodman, Stuart Mallaby, Norman Fry, Janet Packham, Kate Lees, Christopher Lynwode, Monica Maina, Charmian Males, Jackie Millar, Denise Milligan, Paul Milligan, Ann Morse, Carol Murphy, Moira Murray, Adeola Okewoye, Lorraine Roe, Kamala Samways, Paul Samways, Naomi Schofield, Paula Seddon, Brian Sweeting, Joan Thompson, Andrew Tranter, Darren Travi, Betty Walker, Sarah Cooper, Tom Wells.

1.0	Welcome and opening:
ET	Pastor Erica welcomed all present and opened the meeting with the reading of Psalm 33 and a time of prayer.
2.0	Opening Business Session:
	There were 42 members Present. AOB Items: None.
3.0	Apologies for Absence:
	Apologies received from: Isobel Stanbridge, Richard Dowty, David Tuxworth, Lynn Sweeting, Wendy Fry, John Macarthur, David and Jean Thirkell, David Hodder, Isobel Wilson.
4.0	Minutes of Last Year's AGM:
BD	Church secretary read the minutes of 2019 AGM Moved for adoption: Ann Brookes Seconded: Lorraine Roe. Accepted: ALL

5.0	Nominating Committee Report:
ET	<p>There were ten members proposed for election to the Church Board. Since we are permitted more than this there was no competition for Board places and therefore knock-out ballots would not be required.</p> <p>Proposed: Jo Appleby, Bruce Brandon, Ann Brookes, Andrew Butler, Craig Christiansen, Sarah Cooper, Carole Dowty, Bob Dowty, Norman Fry, Moira Murray.</p> <p>A separate ballot to be held for Sunday School Ministries.</p> <p>Proposed: Paula Seddon.</p> <p>In addition three delegates are required to represent WCCN at the District Assembly at Mansfield Baptist Church on 27 & 28 March 2020.</p> <p>Moved for adoption: Lorraine Roe Seconded: Naomi Schofield Accepted: ALL</p>
6.0	Election of Board of Tellers:
ET	<p>ET proposed the following tellers: Dagmar Warman and Caroline Granger.</p> <p>Moved for adoption: Carole Dowty Seconded: Jo Appleby Accepted: ALL</p>
7.0	Secretary's Report:
BD	<p>The Secretary, Mr. Robert (Bob) Dowty, presented his report, the first as WCCN secretary and 23rd and final report as North Watford Secretary.</p> <p>Moved for adoption: Andrew Tranter. Seconded: Andrew Butler. Accepted: ALL</p>
8.0	Election of Children's Ministries Director:
ET	<p>The chair advised that this was to be a YES/NO vote. One nomination: Paula Seddon.</p>

9.0	Treasurer's Report:
AB	<p>Pastor pre-empted the treasurers report by explaining the large figure for miscellaneous expenditure and noted that she was able to provide a detailed breakdown should any member wish to see it. It was also noted there was a single 'other' category for income from the departments.</p> <p>Ann then presented the treasurers report and noted that this was a difficult year for finance reporting as three different people had managed the finances over the previous year with little or no handover. The overall figures are correct, but some of the detailed breakdown was not available. Ann expressed sincere thanks to Carole Dowty who had assisted in digging deep into the finances and bank statements to bring forward the figures presented and reconcile income and expenditure with the bank statements.</p> <p>Measures were in place to ensure future reports will keep any miscellaneous figures to an absolute minimum.</p> <p>Gift Aid amounting to £9,954.97 had been received for the 19/20 financial year.</p> <p>Full report in church booklet.</p> <p>Moved for adoption: Charmian Males. Seconded: Brian Sweeting. Accepted: ALL</p>
10.0	Election of Sunday School Director:
ET	Pastor Erica advised that Paula Seddon had been unanimously re-elected.
11.0	Health & Safety Presentation:
BB	<p>Bruce Brandon presented a Health & Safety report.</p> <p>Of note:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use of disabled toilets and use of nappy changing facilities. Kitchens and their specific usage, storage of chemicals, waste disposal facilities and procedures for recycling. Access for the disabled, to included restrictions on parking. Location and use of fire extinguishers and exits location of first aid kits. Use of telephone for emergency calls. Emergency exit procedures to include fire drill and assembly points. General rules for Housekeeping. <p>ET extended her thanks to BB for ensuring that we meet our H&S obligations.</p>

12.0	Trustees Report:
CC	<p>Craig Christiansen presented the Trustee Report to the meeting. He noted that no major repairs had been required to church or manse. Thanks to Bruce Brandon for much of the regular maintenance and repair tasks. New multi-purpose chairs had been purchased and a new stage purchased and built (thanks to Andrew Tranter).</p> <p>ET extended her thanks to CC on behalf of the church and the board for his continued hard work in this role.</p>
13.0	Election of Church Board:
	ET advised that all Church Board nominees had received significantly more than the required two thirds vote (i.e. 28 votes or more) and that therefore all are duly elected to serve on the Board for the 20/21 church year.
14.0	Election of District NMI / Assembly Delegates:
	<p>Assembly to be held 27/28 March at Mansfield Baptist Church</p> <p>Proposed delegates: Kate Lees, Carole Dowty and Lorraine Roe.</p> <p>Moved for adoption: Andrew Tranter Seconded: Paul Samways All in favour</p>
15.0	Adoption of Handbook Reports:
ET	<p>Pastor Erica asked the meeting to move to adopt the remaining reports detailed in the Handbook.</p> <p>Moved for adoption: Mike Appleby Seconded: Ann Morse All in favour</p> <p>Brian Sweeting requested that consideration be given to writing letters of thanks to those standing down from their roles. This was referred to the church board.</p>
17.0	Pastor's Report:
ET	<p>Chair of the meeting was handed to Bob Dowty who invited Pastor Erica to present her report.</p> <p>Pastor Erica presented her 11th report to the meeting. See booklet.</p> <p>The secretary extended thanks and appreciation on behalf of the church board, congregation and church members to Pastor Erica and moved for acceptance.</p> <p>Seconded: Naomi Schofield, Carole Dowty. All in favour.</p>
19.0.	Benediction and close: Singing of 'I stand amazed'. Thanks extended to the tellers, Dagmar and Caroline.

Nominating Committee

There was no nominating committee appointed this year, but the Board acted in that capacity given the unusual circumstances. Following the dispensations received from the British Isles South District Superintendent the current Board will serve for another year with the following exceptions...

Andrew Butler, Norman Fry and Sarah Cooper are standing down.

Christopher Lynwode was the only nomination received by the Board, was prayerfully considered and agreed to be a good candidate, and is therefore appointed to serve on the Board for the 2021/22 church year.

Your Church Board for 2021/22 is therefore:

Rev. Erica Tuxworth (ex-officio)

Mr. Bob Dowty. Secretary.

Mrs. Ann Brookes. Treasurer.

Mrs. Carole Dowty. Assistant Treasurer.

Mr. Craig Christiansen. Chief Trustee.

Mr. Bruce Brandon. Assistant Trustee.

Mrs. Moira Murray. Chief Steward.

Mrs. Jo Appleby. Steward.

Mr. Chris Lynwode. Steward.

Mrs. Paula Seddon. Children's ministries.

Normal elections are expected to be held once again at the 2022 Annual Members Meeting (AGM).

We will be asking for up to three delegates to attend the District Assembly, which this year will be held on Friday and Saturday, April 16/17. This will be held on-line over Zoom with three sessions each day of between 1 hr and 1hr 30 mins each session. See posters at the end of this document.

Secretary's Report 2021

Dear Pastor, Members and Friends,

This is my 2nd report as Church Secretary here at Woodside Community Church, and what a different year it has been. Less than 4 weeks after our last AGM the reality of the Covid-19 situation came home to roost and we found ourselves in the first of several lock-downs and all church activity ground to an abrupt halt. My role as secretary became rather abbreviated as we turned our focus away from running various church programmes and activities and towards how to keep the church alive and getting God's word out there; I have however, by the grace of God, sought to continue to perform the role of secretary to the best of my abilities over the course of the year.

So, where to begin? Well, this was supposed to be a short report, but in reflecting upon the year it really has been extraordinary and deserves a bit more explanation... At first we thought the lockdown would last a few weeks and all we had to do was muddle through for a bit and everything would quickly return to normal; how wrong we were. We did quickly realise that going on-line with services was going to be essential and our first service on Mothering Sunday was hastily put together by Chris, Esther and myself just using Chris's phone. That was the start of what has now been a year of streaming services on Facebook / YouTube, starting with pre-recorded services all done in our respective separate homes and continuing, as it is now, with live-streaming from Church with semi-professional equipment to bring a pretty slick presentation which enhances the service by not distracting from God's word. What a steep learning curve we had, but how essential it has turned out to be. Special thanks are due to Chris for his dedication to this over the whole year. We did have a brief window September to November where we were able to re-commence services in the church under strict covid rules, which were great, and now we are looking forward to being able to re-open again on Easter Sunday (unfortunately still under strict covid rules).

The other aspect that we have come to rely upon is Zoom meetings. Our Wednesday 'Oasis' time of prayer and reflection has been essential in keeping the church praying together and staying together. We also enjoyed Spike's quizzes every other Sunday for quite a while earlier in the year. And now here we are holding our 2021 AGM on Zoom. Praise the Lord for technology.

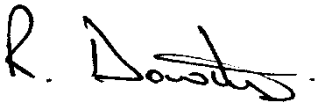
So, on to secretarial matters... Our church membership has shrunk a little this year. At the start of the year we had 79 members, but we unfortunately lost three by resignation: Andrew Wadl, Linda Howe and Alan Howe. We were sorry to see them go, but they had their personal reasons to do so and we wish them well for the future. That leaves us with 76 members going into the 21/22 church year – although I am aware of another leaver, but since I have already reported the numbers to the District that will be reported with any other additions or losses at next year's members' meeting.

The Church Board has continued to function as best as possible over the year with continued meetings via Zoom. The Trustees have kept the church infrastructure in good order, the Treasury team have kept our finances in good order, the Stewards have assisted with worship and with representing your interests on the Board and Paula has kept the children's work going through the Sunday services and various activities. A big thanks to everyone.

Our thoughts now turn to the re-opening of the church and, we pray, a gradual return to normality – or perhaps a new normal. Easter Sunday is the start, but will be under the same conditions as before. As we navigate our way through the government easing of lockdown we do see hope for services with more people, with the eventual re-introduction of singing and with the recommencement of some of our wider programs as more and more of us get vaccinated and rules are relaxed. I will do my best to keep everyone informed as things develop in this regard.

I will finish this report by offering sincere thanks on behalf of the Board, and all members and friends of the church, to our Pastor, Erica. What a difficult year she has had to endure. You all know the story, so I won't reiterate it here, just suffice it to say how incredibly grateful we are for her faithful service in this 'Annus horribilis' and how pleased we all were to see her back in the pulpit in the last couple of weeks. God bless you Erica, Tom and David; the prayers of your people go with you everywhere you go and in everything you do, as does our love.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. Dowty". The signature is written in a cursive style with a small flourish at the end.

Robert Dowty.

Secretary.

Treasurers Report

TREASURER'S REPORT 2019-2020

Members and Friends

I am pleased to report the Church's Account balance in the sum of £91,874.58 as at the 27th Sept 2020.

Due to the unrepresented restrictions in people gathering together for worship and hall lettings due to the covid- 19 virus, this has significantly affected our regular income. For example, tithes and offerings are down by £7,420 pounds and hall lettings are down by £8,121 in the year. This fall in income has been negated by a substantial financial transfer of £21,306.30 from North Watford Church and we also received a gift from a will of £8,666.61.

I wish to sincerely thank Carole Dowty for her support and help in bringing forward these figures and to fully reconcile the income with the bank statements. Thank you Carole.

Since March 2020 Carole and I have been visiting the Church on a weekly basis to collect any payments, tithes/offerings sent to the Church or by mail.

This is a timely reminder that all Gift Aid Rebate comes from tax paying members who give to the church and have also subscribed to the gift Aid scheme. I would encourage all of you who are tax payers firstly to tithe/give and secondly to subscribe to the Gift Aid Scheme so that we can get some money back from the Inland Revenue. There is a simple form to complete and this can be obtained from the office.

For example, the church can claim 25p for every pound a tax payer gives to the church. We can also claim gift aid for cash donations of £20 and under.

I am pleased to confirm that the Church has received Gift Aid in the sum of £11,738.13 for this financial year.

We wish to thank all those who continue to give generously throughout this difficult period and especially whilst the church building is closed.

Respectfully submitted

Ann Brookes

Treasurer

Woodside Community Church

Treasurers Report 12 months October 2019 to September 2020

Current bank account October 2019 £26,133.07

Savings account October 2019 £34,720.95

Totals £60,854.02

<u>INCOME</u>	2019/20	2018/19
Tithes and offerings	£45,742.00	£53,162.00
Gift Aid	£11,738.00	£9955.00
Lettings	£19,420	£27,541.25
Fellowship weekend	£605	£7762.78
Miscellaneous	£68.20	£2704.97
Other offerings	£1630.09	£1940.10
Transfers from N. Watford	£21,306.30	
Discretionary fund	£46.00	
HCC grant	£500	
Other grants		£7288.17
Gift	£8666.61	£1000.00
Catering for district assembly		£1248.11
TOTALS	£123,452.11	127,270.43

EXPENDITURE

Staff salaries	£48,046.57	£44,104.9
Admin fee	£156.00	
Utilities	£8617.19	£16047.45
Office	£818.54	£3777.85
CAW	£30.00	

Buildings/maintenance	£13537.72	£299.41
Budgets	£6529	£5582
CTNWG	£40.00	
Gifts/Charity donations	£1320.87	
Asda card/church supplies	£2673.86	£885.47
Training	£8.40	
Conference	£115.00	
Advent & Christmas	£124.82	
CCLI	£772.16	
Church activities & depts.	£3797.82	£5557.29
On line services	£3005.04	
Gift aid levy	£195.00	
Lettings	£769.19	
Hospitality	£323.14	£2894.59
Fellowship weekend		£11,764.87
Discretionary fund	£1595.65	
TOTALS	£92,475.97	£114,856.45

Current account 27 th September	£57,109.91
Savings account 27 th September	£34,764.58
TOTAL	£91,874.58

Trustees Report

Pastor, Members, Friends

The events of the past year has resulted in the Church building being used a lot less for most of the year. The main users have been the worship team for broadcasts, Naomi and Watford food bank.

Thank you to the team who navigated through all the new regulations to allow us to use the facilities and maintain collective worship the best way possible and thank you to you all who have adjusted and helped along the way.

I found engaging contractors to carry out essential works difficult due to their own circumstance.

The back stairs became squeaky so needed rebuilding; a couple of contractors were engaged but opted out, Chris repaired them. Chris also managed the stage repair and extension; the extra space allows us to maintain distance. The roof needed repairs in two areas, under the round window due to leaks and the front door ridge due to storm Darcy. The back kitchen has had a new tile floor replacing the rotting wooden floor. Further work is to be carried out in this area to make it more usable and useful. I finally binned all the old blue chairs, we had less than 10 that were not broken. The kitchen dishwasher was replaced along with other minor works such as installing a new letter box.

We have versatile facilities that are put to good use, currently the back hall is used for the Watford food bank.

Bruce has faithfully visited the building weekly to carry out safety maintenance and minor works and Naomi has reported issues which keeps us focused.

The manse has had all the certificates and necessary repairs carried out. We have received another full year of rent and are thankful for good tenants.

Please see maintenance spend in the financial report, noting this is Oct 2019 - Sept 2020.

No doubt, when we do return to something like normality, we will find there are various “spring cleaning” tasks that are necessary to keep the building in good order.

Although the building has been effectively closed there are still running costs to be met. These include electricity, water, heating (to protect the building from freezing), refuse disposal, annual testing (fire extinguishers, etc.) and so on. So your faithful giving of tithes and offering has been greatly appreciated.

Respectfully submitted

Head Trustee

Craig Christiansen

Stewards Report

Head Steward's Report

February 2021

Pastor, members and friends

I'm sure many of our reports will say this has been an unprecedented year in the history of Woodside Community Church, and so it has.

As we adhered to governments guidelines and closed our church, our pastor and worship team continued to deliver the word by providing us with online services which have benefitted many within the fellowship. Additionally this method of delivery has allowed others, beyond our fellowship or living a distance away to access our church.

On average our YouTube views are approximately 121 per week.

We had a brief interlude when restrictions were relaxed and with a booking system in place we were able to offer a 'socially distanced' worship in the sanctuary. Sadly this was short-lived.

I am sure like me you are missing the face to face contact with each other and the camaraderie which we associate within the Woodside Church community.

Hopefully in the not too distant future we shall gather again.

Until that time comes. Remember the words of Matthew 28:20

"And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age"

Respectfully submitted

Moira Murray

Children's Ministries

Children's Ministries Report March 2021

The coronavirus pandemic over the last year has affected all the ministries that we usually provide for our children. This means that we have been unable to provide Sunday School, Kid's Club, Holiday Club, Babies and Toddlers, the Christmas Musical, the Light Party and the Easter Extravaganza.

Each Sunday during the online service, we have shown a short Bible story (Saddleback kids) followed by an action song to encourage the children to get involved at home. It has been great to see the videos showing the children doing the actions.

Also, I have kept in touch with the children throughout the year by delivering craft activities and sending an accompanying letter of encouragement.

Here are some of the activities and the ways we have involved the children:

- Easter 2020 - scratch art crosses
- Father's Day June 2020 - videos of children sending messages to their Dads
- Remembrance Sunday 2020 - designing a wooden cross
- December 2020 - advent calendars, making a Christingle, nativity scratch art and nativity tea light holder
- Valentine's Sunday February 2021 - card and 'love' snow globe (remembering how much Jesus loves us)
- Mother's Day March 2021 - card and craft as a gift for mums, video messages to Mums

Thank you to the parents who sent photos in of the children's crafts so that the rest of the church family could appreciate seeing the children and what they had made.

One of the highlights was when the children wrote and said their prayers and the videos were shown during the service. Many were greatly touched by this. It was great to hear Maddie and Alex and Jayden read the Bible passages in Church. Also, we were blessed when Jasper read the beautiful poem about God's love.

We miss all our children greatly and they are constantly in our prayers. We look forward to the day we can all meet up again in Church and it will be a great time of celebration.

Respectfully submitted,

Paula Seddon

Church Caretaking and Administration

Since our AGM last year, we were already in a National Lockdown. Since then to present day, the Church has only opened for around 8 or 9 Sunday Services. Before having to close again.

In this time we have had no bookings with groups, and as yet will not be setting a date for them to return until we are completely cleared to stay open.

One group during lockdown we lost, but still have three regular bookings waiting to come back. In the time we have been closed I have still been working in the building deep cleaning, sanitising and freeing the building of copious amounts of cobwebs. Also we have had some works carried out mainly to the back kitchen, with a new floor and fresh coat of paint. Also our stairs to the back hall have been strengthened by Chris Lynwode, and he has carried out similar works on the stage. Many thanks Chris for all your hard work.

Administration has still been carried out with weekly Day by Days, Mother's and Father's Day gifts. I have also managed to liaise with Northampton Kings Conference Centre, and rearrange our weekend away to this time next year.

We have much to look forward to in this next year, let's pray we are together again in God's House without closures.

Respectfully Submitted

Naomi Schofield

Caretaker/Administrator

Pastor's Report

Pastors Report

AGM 21st March 2021

Members and Friends

I bring to you my 13th Report as your Pastor. What a year this has been. We could never have known what was about to happen last year at our AGM, that a month later we had to close the church doors and were all plunged into lockdown due to Covid 19, Corona Virus.

Although we have not been able to meet together, this situation has brought us to a place where we have discovered the wonders of technology. Zoom is our faithful friend for Oasis, Quizzes, gatherings after the services and Board Meetings. Live streaming the services on You tube and Facebook, this has been a whole new experience. We started by recording at home, preaching to myself in the dining room was rather unnerving. It is much easier to preach to an empty church building, however when we have a congregation in situ that is the ultimate blessing.

Technology is a wonderful thing BUT there needs to be someone who knows and understands it. I can't find words to express my thanks and appreciation to Chris Lynwode and Bob Dowty for all the hours they have put in to enable our services to go out in a very professional and efficient way. Thank you so much. Our online services have gone far and wide across the country and beyond and we are humbled by this and know that God is at work.

Staffing

Naomi continues to clean and maintain the building and looks after the administration for me. She produces the Day By Day every week and often this goes unnoticed. At the beginning of lockdown she developed a contact tree to keep people engaged, The NazFam WhatsApp group for chat and prayer needs and organised the quiz nights we had with Spike. Naomi regularly phones or highlights to me people who may have dropped off the radar. This has become her ministry and for that I am truly grateful. Thank you.

Church Board

Andrew Butler, Sarah Cooper and Norman Fry are stepping down from the board this year I want to thank them for their work over the years. We have welcomed Chris Lynwode to the board this year and I look forward to working with them all.

Highlights

Unfortunately, there haven't been too many highlights this year. I think the only one that springs to mind is the 5 weeks we were able to open between lockdowns. We are now looking forward to Easter Sunday where we can do that again.

Thanks

I want to say a massive thank you to Chris, Bob and Rochelle for putting together and leading the services. Dave Hodder who has stepped in to preach at very short notice and has done an amazing job. Paula who has kept the children's work alive, with the videos and songs and dedicated delivering of crafts, encouraging the children to engage. Jo for stepping into leading Oasis. Andrew Tranter for the Remembrance Service and of course many of you have done a reading or reflection to contribute. The church board once again have been an amazing support and encouragement to me and have supported the work of the church to the best of their ability in what has been a very strange time. I say Thank you to you all from the bottom of my heart.

Membership/Church Family

We sadly lost members and friends who have all received their reward in heaven, David Whitton, John Hodder, Chris Burch and David Lewis.

We have seen some of our family re-locate, Lynn and Brian Sweeting to Scotland, Isobel and Fiona Wilson to Norfolk.

Other Ministry

I continue to serve on the District Advisory Board and as a Trustee for Christians Across Watford.

Future

As we look forward, the greatest excitement is meeting together again face to face. It is hard to know what the new normal will look like. I along with the Church board will be re-evaluating the ministries of the Church to ensure that everything we do has Kingdom value. This is a very exciting opportunity to see what God will do in a new season.

Personal

This year has been difficult for everyone. I seem to have said this every year the past 5, and true to form this year is no exception. At the beginning of lockdown we lost my Dad, I have only seen David 3 times in the year, but I do have an appointment to see him face to face on Tuesday. My own health continues to be a battle, but this latest episode has really wiped me out.

I am here today to testify that God IS Good, He has brought me through again and has not finished with me yet. I am so blessed with a wonderful family, an amazing Church family and many good friends around the country.

Thank you for your prayers for Tom, he is his father's son and I am watching his become the rock for me that his Dad always was, please keep praying for him.

I delight in shepherding such a wonderful flock, God has called me and has not released me from this calling. Let's pray that in 2021 we will see the new things that God brings and that we will all draw closer to Him and one another.

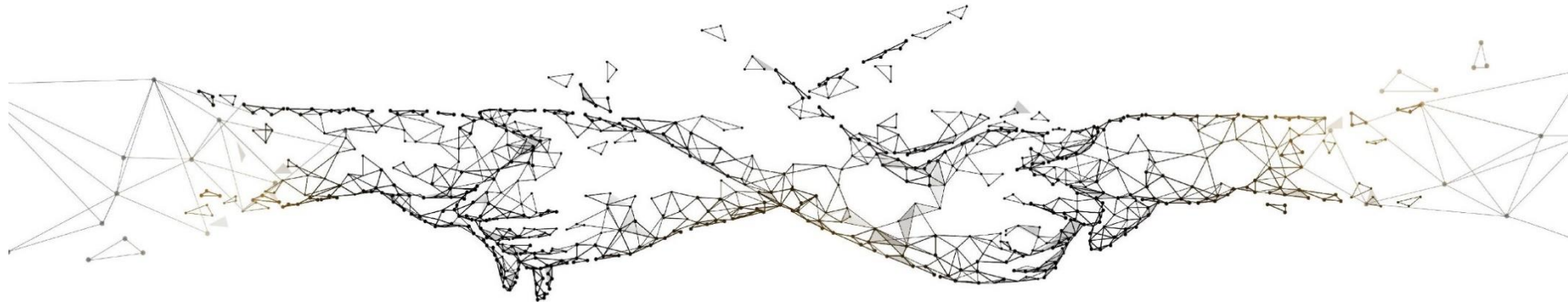
I close with Psalm 116.

Yours in His service

Respectfully submitted

Rev Erica Tuxworth

Appendix – District Assembly Information.



District Reports & Elections

10 - 11:15am

11:45am-12:45pm

16th + 17th April

Broadcast live via Nazarene BISD FB and Youtube

Registered Official Church Delegates will receive a private zoom link to ensure a recognised voting area

Reports & Prayer for local churches

7 - 8:30pm,

16th+17th April

Live via zoom. All are welcome

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Meeting ID: 830 4958 3029

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BISD Assembly 2021

Prayer Emphasis services

come and hear from, and pray for our local Pastors, Chaplains and churches



Friday April 16th, 7pm

Speaker: Regional Director, Rev Jim Ritchie

Saturday April 17th, 7pm

Speaker: DS, Rev Carl McCann