

STAINBECK CHURCH (UNITED REFORMED)

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Sunday 6th February 2022 held within Morning Worship

BOOK OF REPORTS FOR 2021

SECRETARIES' REPORT

Another year dealing with Covid. Hopefully, we are beginning to see a drop in the number of people who are suffering with the virus, but it is still out there, and we must keep ourselves safe. Stainbeck is slowly opening its doors again and we are happy to report that along with Zoom we are also worshipping on Sunday mornings in our Church followed by tea and coffee after worship. If there is anyone who would be prepared to make the tea and coffee could they please let Brian or myself know.

As you will see from the various reports, even though we were still troubled with having to wear masks, keep our distance and wash our hands regularly a lot of interesting work has happened and is continuing to be undertaken by our local Churches in and around Chapel Allerton and Meanwood.

Whilst most of our meetings are still held online, we opened our Lunch Club in September and although numbers are low, we enjoy a lovely meal and a lot of laughter on a Monday morning.

Our Thursday Café is also up and running. We are blessed with two excellent volunteers, Janet and Kelly, who cover two cafés per month. If there are others out there who would like to help making tea, coffee and toasties, again please let Brian or myself know. The numbers attending are rising slowly and Maureen Lillywhite is there to offer support to those who need help with any issues that are worrying them. We must also thank John Harrison who has quietly kept a check on the book cupboard at the back of café, making sure that it contains a good selection of books for you to purchase.

It is good to note that we have not had any funerals this year and our membership remains strong. There have not been any Baptisms, but

Angela officiated at the wedding of her grandson Ben to Helenka in April.

During Lent, Stainbeck, along with other URC Partnership Churches, attended a Lent course entitled 'Cover to Cover – The Prayers of Jesus' and during Advent, a course entitled 'Journeying with the Magi.' Both these events were held via Zoom.

We must also thank the IT Team for keeping us connected and our Minister Revd Angela Hughes for her spiritual care and guidance over the course of another difficult year.

Stainbeck is looking forward to being part of the Leeds URC Partnership. It is sad that we have had to postpone the inauguration and the induction of our Ministers into the Partnership, but it was felt that this should take place later in the year when people are feeling much happier about meeting together in larger numbers and the weather has improved. All the Churches and their members and friends need to come together and be part of this significant event and own it.

We invite you to take time to read this booklet, it contains much information about what we, as local Churches, are doing in the area to bring the love of Jesus Christ to everyone. Our love and prayers to you all.

Avril and Brian Bellwood - Joint Church Secretaries



WORSHIP REPORT 2021

In settling to compile this report I really do feel that I could simply write the words ‘see last year.’ Little did we know in December 2020 that in 12 months’ time we would still be worshipping ‘together though apart’. It is however good to be able to acknowledge that we have in fact moved on thanks particularly to the skill of those who operate, who understand the possibilities of the available technology. Here I name with gratitude Adrian, Richard, Donald, Liam, Dan Morrell, (from Synod) and of course, Angela who has created all our hybrid services for us.

‘Hybrid ??’ -- - - Yes, our services are now attended in person, socially distanced and masked in church, via Zoom and by telephone at home. How life has changed. How good it has been to continue to share worship with our Stainbeck friends on holiday across the country, friends from other fellowships in the Leeds partnership and even sharing with us across the world – from Korea, from Boston in the US to name but two locations. The Word is spread!

I would like also to acknowledge the contribution Emmanuelle has made by reaching out to our church families, week by week, with the provision of Fun bags - a bible story, a picture or an activity to let the families know we are thinking of them. Thank you to those who deliver the bags too.

2021 was of course the 90th Anniversary of Stainbeck Church when we were pleased to welcome Revd Jamie Kissack, Yorkshire Moderator and friend to lead our celebratory worship. We are praying that in this coming year we can reccelebrate with a real in person coming together and a typical Stainbeck ‘food fest’!



It has been good to continue to welcome speakers to Sunday services from the Partnership and from further afield. I am grateful to all those who willingly and carefully prepare to bring our readings each week.



Thanks too to Liam who has accompanied our singing week by week and who has recorded some music for us to use when he is elsewhere. It has been good to sing accompanied by the trumpet on occasions too...thank you Helen.

We have followed the gospel of Mark in our services this past year,

now we move on to travel with Luke. There are still some copies of 'Jubilee' the URC Prayer handbook for 2022 which focuses on the weekly Lectionary readings. Do ask Angela or myself if you would find a copy helpful.

Thursday prayers have continued on Zoom throughout the year, with a small group of regular participants who would love to welcome **you** to this quiet half hour reflecting on the week past and the week ahead. Members, friends and concerns of the church family are regularly held in prayer. This year we are delighted to welcome Karen Benjamin to the group of those who lead this time week by week.

These are changing times, who knows what lies ahead for our Church, but we do know that worship will continue. We plan to have a number of services throughout the year led by elders and members. If you would like to be a part of this plan, not necessarily to present but to be involved in the planning and preparation, if that is what you would prefer, please do speak with Angela or myself. Everyone's faith matters.



As in every year I must record our gratitude to Angela for all that she has done to hold us together by enabling us to continue to worship with one another wherever and how ever we are. This has been a particularly challenging time, a year in which Angela has resolutely encouraged, inspired and loved us and we thank her for it. Please continue to hold her and Donald and the family in your prayers.

Ann Coates – Worship Co-ordinator

SUNDAY CLUB REPORT 2021

Another year and sadly still no Sunday Club as we would wish. Rather we have supplemented MESSY CHURCH activities with our own **FUN BAGS** (thank you Emmanuelle). Each week from **LENT '21** to **ADVENT '21** and **CHRISTMAS** bags have



been faithfully delivered. Our rewards have been photos and many doorstep conversations. Thank you all. Just a few reminders below.

We hope that by early Summer this year we will be able to move on from this remote way of being CHURCH and enjoy sharing and learning together in person. If anyone out there would like to work with us to make this happen please talk to Emmanuelle or Angela. All thoughts welcome.



**Emmanuelle Bastide-Wilson
&
Angela Hughes**

STAINBECK LUNCH CLUB REPORT 2021

Monday 20th September 2021 was the day we continued with our Lunch Club after being closed from March 2020 due to the Covid pandemic. Our wonderful group of volunteers met on Monday 13th September 2021 to discuss whether we would continue with the lunch club. It was a very positive 'Yes'. Since that meeting, we regularly gather each Monday in the café room.

Due to the generous grant we received from Leeds City Council, we decided to provide the meals from another source. This was mainly because our regular driver for many years, Maurice Pilsworth, is now unable to undertake the task of collecting the meals from the Council Kitchens at Knowsthorpe Green. We have decided to buy the meals from the Cook shop which is situated at Moortown Corner. Even though our numbers are low, we do have six regular attendees and one or two others who have not yet committed to coming back. However, there may not be as many members as before but those who have come each week are really enjoying their few hours in mixed company and there is much laughter and good banter. The Christmas lunch was well received by everyone and we all, volunteers and members, sat down together to enjoy an excellent meal. Maurice is now a regular diner.

Sadly, two of our members died in 2021, Jean Bridge and Michael Kimber, three others are now in residential care homes, Georgina Bainbridge, Elizabeth Walton and Robin Dove. Two others have not yet returned to join us but have said they would like to come in the Spring. We look forward to that. During the pandemic we kept in touch with all our members by regular Monday morning telephone calls, cards and small surprises at Christmas and Easter.

Brian and I would like to thank our volunteers, Sandra Smith; Pamela McFetridge; Helen Inglis; Tom Malloy; Christine Robson; Marion Strange; Frances Affleck and Sue Moule. Also Revd Angela Hughes and the Church Family for their prayers and support.

Avril and Brian Bellwood – Lunch Club Organisers

CHRISTIAN AID 2021

Christian Aid Week, 10th-16th May 2021



Christian Aid celebrated 75 years of helping to give people an equal chance in an increasingly unequal world. The focus in 2021 was on the climate crisis. In Kenya, millions of people are struggling to get enough food and water because they do not have access to a reliable source of water.

In the daily reflections we learnt about Florence who is courageous, kind and a survivor. After the death of her husband, she had no water to grow crops and her children were hungry. She had to walk for hours on a dangerous journey to collect water. Thanks to Christian Aid Week donations and with the help of CA partner ADSE, Florence and her community have built a dam just a short walk away from her village. The dam provides a reliable water source, during long droughts or relentless rainstorms. Florence can now grow tomatoes, onions, papayas and chillies and keep honeybees. Her children can eat healthy, nutritious vegetables. The dam is her source of life and joy.

The money donated in 2021 was used to help communities build better earth dams to provide a reliable source of water to help families withstand long drought or relentless rainstorms and provide seeds for drought-tolerant crops that grow with very little water. An earth dam built near to the community is life changing, still a long way from the piped clean water that we enjoy, but a great improvement on walking for hours to fetch water then carrying it back home again.

Christian Aid Week, as we know remained digital in 2021 due to the coronavirus restrictions. We delivered some envelopes to allow our neighbours to raise awareness. All our giving was online or by telephone, so there are no local figures to report.

Helen Booth- Christian Aid Organiser

AFTER 8's REPORT 2021

This could be the shortest report since we started Church Report Books. Sadly, the After 8's met just once in 2021.

We met at Golden Acre Park on 18th August 2021. The weather was kind, and we had a nice walk around the lake. There were ten After 8's, just about half the membership. It was good to see each other after such a long time. The lunch in the café afterwards was very good. There was lively talk and plenty of laughs. I had tried to book for a visit to York Gate Garden but that did not work out, but Golden Acre proved to be a good alternative.

We are missing so many activities. I hope these can resume this year. We will certainly be doing our best to keep going. It would be great to get together for a meal, but I think that will be on hold for a while.

In the meantime, stay safe and well everyone.

I will keep you updated on the After 8's progress.

Sandra Smith – After 8's Secretary



CLIMATE JUSTICE REPORT 2021

It is slowly dawning on most of us that the planet is warming, we are despoiling it with waste and pollution, using fossil fuels extravagantly, and depleting resources in the environment in an unsustainable way. And this will leave a very different and challenging world for our children and grandchildren. We have begun to take steps to inform ourselves and to find what we can do to make positive changes to save our wonderful planet, part of God's Creation. To care for it, rather than plundering it.

In April 2021, the URC Yorkshire Synod Elders' conference (actually open to all) had the title **"Wise and Wonderful – the Gift and Responsibility of God's Creation."** This provided a place to reflect on the natural world, to think about how the churches could respond. Many ideas resulted *eg* thinking about their buildings and land; what personal lifestyle changes we can make and how we can campaign and influence decision makers.

By Summer 2021, **CTCAM*** drew up a Climate and Environment Emergency Recognition document, agreeing that we should each make an Action Plan by Sept 2022 of steps we are going to take to mitigate our impact on our planet.

In September our theme, as part of the **Chapel Allerton Arts Festival**, was again, Climate Change. We had a stall with info and things for children to do, and on Sunday, St Matthews brought us a lively, musical and thoughtful service - held carefully distanced, on the lawn outside the church.



ON Oct 3rd This was our first **Climate Sunday at Stainbeck**. We linked Harvest and Climate Change. As canaries warned miners of toxic air and

the need for fresh air so we used paper Canaries to write steps we could take to make our environment better – with illustrations from some of our congregation! See the Board in Café Room

At this time, a **Climate sub-group** was formed from CTCAM to



consider our response to COP 26 World Climate Summit in Glasgow. Although no-one from the group went to Glasgow, we joined the **World Action on Climate Change March** through Leeds on **November 6th**. We had a bold banner **NO COPPING OUT**, and marched with several hundred others around Leeds City Centre.

The Climate subgroup plans to share actions such as recycling efforts, looking at the carbon footprint of our churches with a view to becoming Eco churches, share monthly messages in our Newsletters, hopefully to have a Soup Night together on a Climate Change theme, and link with other groups both in Leeds and elsewhere to share ideas of how we can work together.

***CTCAM** (*Churches together in Chapel Allerton and Meanwood*) comprises St. Matthew's; Chapel Allerton Methodists; Chapel A Baptists; Meanwood Valley Baptists; Stainbeck URC; St. John Mary Vianney (Immaculate Heart) and Holy Trinity Meanwood.

***Christine Robson, Helen Booth and Revd. Samantha Sheehan
Stainbeck Representatives for Climate Change***



InterACT Report 2021

2021 feels very much like a year of two halves for InterACT. The first half was dominated by COVID hub activity, as we continued to work with Leeds City Council and Voluntary Action Leeds. This meant coordinating volunteers in our area to deliver food, pick up prescriptions, make befriending phone calls and carry out other helpful tasks for people struggling with the impacts of the pandemic. It was useful to have a room at Stainbeck where we could store food and other essentials ready to bag up and take out to those in need. Thanks also to church members who made calls and visits to those who had been referred to us.

We were not entirely limited to the Hub role in that first part of the year. We loved working with the Barn Café at the beginning of the year to make food boxes with prepared ingredients and recipes, which we delivered each week for 8 weeks to around 15 different households. We ran it as a pilot to see if it was something we could do in future – a treat delivery which also helped people try out new foods and recipes. It was very well received and certainly something we would love to do again.



We did follow up with something similar at Easter, with food deliveries that included fresh chicken or a vegetarian alternative. Churches Together helped pay for this, which we felt was a great way to celebrate Easter at a time when we still couldn't be together in the usual ways. Easter blessings were sent out with each hamper.

Throughout the year, we were working with Thrive Leeds, Carr Manor School and Community Action to Create Hope (CATCH) as we work towards a new youth project for the area that we hope will have a base in a modular building on the grounds of Stainbeck. The project will give

young people an opportunity to take a lead, volunteering and taking on roles that will earn them badges and privileges. Thrive will be the lead partner. There should be some significant developments with this in 2022, so watch this space!

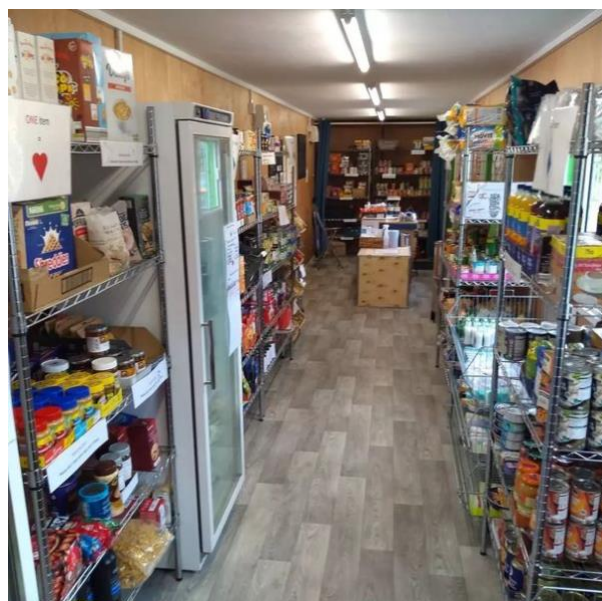
Also, throughout the year, Holy Trinity Community Café, a joint activity with InterACT, managed to stay open, albeit with a limited menu of hot drinks and biscuits for much of the year. It was good to be able to keep the space available for those who wanted/needed it.

In April we erected a mammoth 32x12ft shed at the allotments in Meanwood Farm, the base for Meanwood Men Shed. By the end of the year, the shed was electrically powered and ready for a steady programme of activities as we go forward. Following a few low key but very enjoyable social



events (COVID waves preventing anything larger), a group of men worked on our first project – making the structures for nativity scenes exhibited at the Farm over Christmas. Dressings for the structures were created by a very talented group of ladies meeting at Stainbeck each

week in the later part of Autumn, making for some wonderful life-size nativity characters and a lovely community enterprise at the end of another difficult year.



In July, shortly after we finished our role as the Moortown and Meanwood Hub, we opened our food Pantry in a converted shipping container on the grounds of Meanwood Community Centre. It was hard work to get to

opening day, but it has definitely been worth it. The Pantry holds to the ethos of dignity, choice, hope, different from a Food Bank in that it is

not intended to be an emergency provision but a community shop and hub. It is a space where members make significant savings on the cost of shopping, have an opportunity to help run the shop as a volunteer, receive help and advice where needed, and pick up recipe ideas (or share their own with others!). The shop is open three times a week and is run by volunteers from the churches and the community, some of whom joined us after working with us through the pandemic. There were around 50 members by the end of the year, and now the team are confident in running this new venture, we look forward to welcoming more in 2022!



Vanessa Brown - InterACT Co-Ordinator
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THRIVE

CHAPEL ALLERTON YOUTH PROJECT The story of 2021

There are Christmas celebrations aplenty, as we finish this year at Thrive! Trampolining, nerf battles and meals to mark what has been a full up term and a year which has required much of us all.

One special celebration is the meal we are having with the Year 9 leaders from Totally Tuesday, who have been brilliant at leading upfront and getting alongside the group on a Tuesday night. We have been really encouraged to see them grow in confidence and see how what they bring really adds to our time together. As they continue with TT, we will be looking at the individual goals that they would like to achieve, so they can continue to develop over the year.



We had the opportunity to join in with the Living Advent calendar in Chapel Allerton again and the Thrive window was first lit on 3rd December. A beautiful creation by Helen and the chance to have conversations as people enjoy it.



It has been great to be back together at Messy Church since the summer, with one session outside in September and two back indoors in October and November. We have really enjoyed being able to be back inside and feel like 'normal' Messy Church,

including eating a meal together. We have welcomed back lots of our old families, as well as some new ones. It has been fun and really busy. It feels like relationships are being built again and it is good!

We have been lucky to have two residentials this term and really enjoyed



the opportunity to be away together again, after having a year off over lockdown. In October we took **Totally Tuesday** to the West End Centre and nearly filled it with 23 young people! It was a great chance to get to know one another and welcome new members at the start of the academic year and a good foundation for the group to build on. We enjoyed exploring the local area around Thruscross reservoir and

even adopted a local duck for some of the walk, who we named Dave! Our weekly sessions are full of fun and activity, and we are looking for opportunities to put into practice some of our learning about inclusion, so that the group can be a good and welcoming place for everyone who wants to come. Increasing the range of options and being more intentional about communicating the structure of the session have been helpful starts.

We also went to the West End centre with **WOW** in November and had quite the adventure! A snowstorm resulted in a power cut, which meant we had to start the Saturday in an unexpected way – cold waffle, anyone?! We managed a good morning together till lunchtime, then had to head home to continue the rest of the day with heat and cooking facilities at Stainbeck church – amazing to see the grace and flexibility that the young people and team showed to find our



way through that. It was special to cook and eat together on Saturday night and see everyone getting stuck in. We have re-established a pattern of meeting altogether every week, rather than splitting the group, which means that everyone has the chance to come along more frequently, which is great! Small groups are happening again, and they give an opportunity for conversation and chance to get to know one another on a deeper level.

It has been good to be back in **schools** this term and we have had a brilliant group of Year 7 girls to meet with each week at Carr Manor Community school. We gather to reflect on how they are settling in at school, give a chance to meet new people and have conversations about their wellbeing. To begin with, everyone decorated a bag and at the end of the sessions they were filled with everything that the girls had taken part in (as well as some treats!), so that they could take them home as a reminder of what we had explored together. On the last session the girls evaluated their time being in the group and some shared that they had been helped by the ‘listening’ they experienced, feeling ‘less stress,’ with ‘coming to school’ and ‘meeting new people,’ which we were encouraged by. We are reflecting with the school about how to follow up this support in the new year.

We are continuing to make steps with the **youth development** around Stainbeck and have a small group of young people who are meeting together to plan events for their peers, which will take place in 2022. We are currently looking at running a family sports day, so will share information about that as the group moves plans along. The idea



for a building is also progressing as we fundraise and work with an architect to move this forward in the best way. We are excited about working alongside local partners InterAct and developing the work with Carr Manor and CATCH – there’s lots of possibility to be hopeful about in the coming year.

Thank you for being alongside us and children and young people who are part of Thrive Leeds, through caring, giving time and money, praying and being open to taking new steps. We are proud to have been able to stay connected and try new things, as well as exploring new possibilities, as we come to the end of 2021. Thank you for your support as we do that!

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Helen Greenwood: Children and Families Worker
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Just a few of the many MESSY BAGS sent out. Thank you Helen!



LEEDS CITIZENS 2021

We have not been involved with the wider Leeds Citizens group in 2021 other than re-registering our membership.

Team Beckhills

For most of the year, all communication with members of Team Beckhills has been by email. This has included passing on Neighbourhood Watch and Council information, trying to assist with general issues on the estate, such as parking and litter, and issues with the Taylor Wimpey development.

15th October - Members of Team Beckhills, at the request of the Council, attended the opening of the Hill Top Play Area.

Tom Chigbo, who was the leader of Leeds Citizens and gave us a lot of help with Team Beckhills, moved from Community Organising to government so found a new job with FutureGov.

3rd November - Team Beckhills met for the first time in 2021 to say ‘goodbye and thank you’ to Tom and celebrate in a small Covid-safe way with tea and cake. We presented Tom with a card detailing our successes under his leadership. We also said ‘hello’ to our new Leeds Citizens helper, Graham Brownlee.

24th November – planning for the next meeting with Taylor Wimpey and the Council.

15th December – Team Beckhills meeting with Taylor Wimpey and the Council to discuss many issues with the new development including road safety, parking, unusable footpaths, mud etc. We meet with Taylor Wimpey again on 19th January 2022.

Helen Booth - Leeds Citizens Representative

MANAGEMENT and PROPERTY REPORT 2021

The Management & Property Team meet on the 2nd Wednesday of each month to discuss all aspects of the Church Property. Members: Brian Bellwood, Adrian Booth, Angela Hughes, Peter Moore, Doreen Moore (Minute Secretary).

FEBRUARY 2021

Work on the Building Project was under way and details of the work was sent to 3 Contactors. Building Regulations were of concern as this is a large project.

Hirings – Weight Watchers stopped their meetings because of Covid and Karate went online on a Monday, Wednesday and Saturday.

Cliff and Lynnette's bench was delivered on 28th January but in view of the planned external work at the front of church it was decided to keep the bench at the back of the church until the external work was complete.

It was decided to approach a company called 'Safety Group' about our Health & Safety Policy. This was with a view to this company acting as our named competent person for H&S. Safety Group are based in Otley – a family firm and references look good. This is an ongoing project.

Fire Safety Updates were reviewed by Helen Booth, these included testing the fire alarms to make sure the Nursery can hear the alarms and the requirement to install additional call points.

MARCH 2021

Regarding the Building Project, it was decided to approach Ian Mitchell who has a business named 'IRM Commercial Services' – Ian provided a Budget Fee Proposal which gives details of the project broken down into Pre-Contract and Post-Contract Services.

Weight Watchers and Karate are still in lockdown.

The 'Right of Way' notices have been updated by Adrian Booth. We now have 3 red notices, 2 at the front and one at the rear of the church.

It was agreed to go ahead with Safety Group who will create a bespoke Health, Safety and Environment Policy to comply with legislation. We need to appoint someone to be the contact for H & S.

A Defibrillator was installed at the front of the church on 26th March. Adrian Booth is our Defibrillator Guardian, and he will send weekly reports to the Ambulance Services.

APRIL 2021

Building Project – Ian Mitchell (IRM Commercial Services) produced 3 documents:

A - External Works Package (General Conditions)

B - External Works Package (Schedule of Proposed work)

C – External Renovation Package (Breakdown of Costs)

We can now forward these to our Contractors.

Karate returned on April 12th and Weight Watchers started their classes on 17th April.

Fire Safety – Helen Booth established that a new Call Point is necessary for the Toddler Room in the Nursery, also a new sounder in the Nursery area. These were installed on April 21.

Chapel A used our lawn for their Adventurers Group on Sunday 18th April 2-3pm.

The first Lift Service took place took place on April 28th and everything was ticked off regarding the lift. There were some recommendations: 24 hour notices required for Isolator and panel electric shock notice required adjacent to panel.

MAY 2021

Leeds City Council Local Elections took place on Thursday 6th May. Richard Hamlin opened the Church at 6am and closed the building at 10pm.

AH organised a church service at Stainbeck on Sunday May 16th.

Emmanuelle and Adrian commenced working on the ‘Loss of Income’ we had suffered during the Pandemic. When this is completed, it will be submitted to Williams Pitt Chartered Loss Adjusters.

The 2nd Allianz Lift Inspection took place on the 7th May. The engineer explained that we should test the lift periodically by doing a test whilst the lift is on the 1st floor. The lift should go down to the ground floor

when the alarm is tested. Glenn Riley does one of these tests every 6 months.

Refurbishment of the Office commenced in May. Chris Noad (painter) started the painting on 22nd May.

The Nursery informed us of damp problems in their toddler room (which is under the South entrance steps and has an outside wall). Rob Beevers from RAJB Constructions Ltd (damp proof specialist) provided a quote which was accepted – he used treatment to eradicate Blackspot mould around the sink unit. Procedure was to clean off the mould, apply sterilising solution and paint with anti-fungal additive.

We were informed by Alan Abbott that the Movie Makers were not meeting at Stainbeck anymore. Alan thought the screen was worth at least £200 and other items £50. After discussions it was agreed that we would pay £120 - this will cover the amplifier and the screen.

JUNE 2021

ART for ALL started on 8th and 9th June (9 people each day) and finished their term on 11th August.

Update on Refurbishment of Office: Chris Noad completed the painting and PM started fixing a new work bench in the Office. AH, DM and PM went to Discount Warehouse to choose new carpet.

AH mentioned a new initiative which was to be a Youth Group headed by Thrive, Interact and Carr Manor School. Two portacabins (containers) will be set up on the grass at Stainbeck This will be a base for Young People to meet led by InterACT and THRIVE.

JULY 2021

Church Services:

Dan Morrell, Adrian, Angela and Liam met to discuss what equipment we will need to broadcast the service in church and on Zoom. We need better microphones. This was funded through the Synod Mission Fund. Dan is pencilled in to install new equipment on Friday 20th August. A new sound mixer will be purchased.

Progress on refurbishment of the Office:

PM has installed the new bench and fitted new shelves. Discount Carpets (Meanwood Road) supplied and fitted the new carpet, AB sourced some new filing cabinet handles and has ordered new blinds.

Work in the Office is now complete

PAT testing has taken place at Church (includes the Interact equipment).

AUGUST 2021

Church Services: Angela is waiting for the new audio/video equipment to be installed, following which arrangements will be made for starting church services (indoor and outdoor).

New notice boards have been fixed in the church.

A burst pipe in the nursery kitchen was replaced by Trevor Burnell (plumber) and Peter had to provide a new shelf under the sink.

Adrian has set up 'One Drive' so that we can transfer files into there, and these can then be shared by all of us. The Map meeting notes, and the Lift Inspections and Lift Services details will be posted into the 'One Drive.'

Rentokil – Angela received a report from Rentokil giving details of the routine pest control inspection carried out on 23rd July 2021 at Stainbeck Church and Angels Nursery. Full details of the visit are in the Report and a copy of this will be posted to the 'One Drive.' A comment was made regarding the storage of equipment around the church and that we need to keep this to a minimum.

The 12 months annual service of the boiler and water heater in the Nursery kitchen took place on August 31st.

SEPTEMBER 2021

Building Project - We have not managed to find a builder yet however we are considering doing the pointing work to the North, South and front of the church first before the other building work (walls, steps, etc).

Angela has been approached by Emma Sutton from Leeds City Council (Children's Social Work Service/Fostering-Support Care Scheme), who would like to use the café room for their group meetings twice a term. It

was agreed that they will meet on Wednesday 13 October and Wednesday 8th December (evenings 6-9pm). They will pay £15 per hour.

Arrangements have been made for the Leeds Concert Band, of which Helen Booth is a member, to use the church as a rehearsal venue over the next 6 months whilst their regular space at The Mount remains unavailable. The proposed rate is £10 an hour and they will need 3 hours which will be after Glenn Riley has finished his Karate (18.45). A set of keys will be provided for the Leeds Concert Band Chair (Emma Jacques). Commencement is Monday 13th September.

Purdy's Roofers came to fill the holes in on the flat roof outside the Café and found that there was a wasp nest in the black pipe on the flat roof. With the help from Glenn, the wasp nest was eradicated.

The 'Friends of Stainbeck' plaque has been fixed on the wall in the left alcove. Thanks to Andrew Wilson for providing us with the new plaque.

The Lunch Club will commence on Monday 20th September.

OCTOBER 2021

We are now holding weekly services on a Sunday morning at church as well as Zoom meetings for those who prefer not to go into church.

NOVEMBER 2021

Trevor Burnell (Plumber) has supplied and fixed an outside tap (fed from the piping in the disabled toilet).

DECEMBER 2021

The notice board at the front of the church has been replaced. Adrian sourced a piece of pin board and polycarbonate sheet for refurbishment and Peter made a new board.

Regarding the 'Loss of Income' due to Covid lockdowns, Emmanuelle reported that the Insurance Company have now made a first payment of £12,000 into our bank account (on 24/12/21). Emmanuelle thinks they will look at 2021 over the next few months and hopefully we can make a further claim. Also, Emmanuelle has caught up with the gift aid claim to HMRC since August 2020 and we have now received £4,446.96 from HM Revenue & Customs which is excellent news.

Doreen Moore – Property Minute Secretary

Solutions

Food bank vouchers, benefits advice, family issues, mental health concerns, finding work, getting out more...

We all face times of difficulty. If you need support with something that's affecting your life, why not **call in to your local community café** for a chat with one of our dedicated team?

Whatever challenge you're facing, we will listen without judgement: And if we don't have the expertise to provide all the support you need, we'll do our best to help you find it.

Drop in at

Stainbeck Community Café

Stainbeck Church, Stainbeck Road, LS7 2PP
(opposite Sainsbury's Local)

Thursdays, 11am-1pm

Or contact Maureen to book an appointment:
07877 394 816