

## Dear LW Partner

As I look back over the previous year there is much to celebrate and to thank God for. Living Waters Church continues to expand in many different ways, not least in spiritual strength, with strong vision and seeing many new people come to Christ and lives transformed. I decided some years ago that this AGM report and meeting would not be the major vehicle by which we share vision and prepare the way for change. This happens most weeks.

I therefore hope that in reading this, that you are aware of our current vision and preparations to reach Preston with the Gospel, how we are developing prayer and biblical study and, how the community and outward facing areas of the church are making a difference to those in need within our town.

I want to thank the Leadership Team here at the church for their unwavering support and professionalism, their spiritual support and guidance is a huge factor in our stability and onward vision. I also want to thank all of our staff team who make so many amazing things happen in so many areas every week! You are all highly valued and appreciated.

One area that has grown as a resource to the Church this year has been the area of our building hire, but I could not let this opportunity pass without thanking those who coordinate this area and look after our building. My thanks also go to all who lead and work in the area of church finance for their unwavering commitment and faith filled support.

Finally, a note of thanks to every person who calls Living Waters home, who serves with diligence, is open to the challenge and who is with us for the long haul. This is a fantastic church to lead, primarily due to the phenomenal people like you whom God has placed in my path to work with. May God bless you, your family, your homes and your endeavors.

This year I have limited the reports to major areas of the Church, there are many groups and initiatives that have not provided reports but do equally brilliant things. I have asked the staff to make the reports short, informative and to try and write as informally as possible to make a light read. I trust that in reading these brief reports you will have a thankful heart!

God Bless

Pastor John Lacy

## **LIMITLESS YOUTH**

The last year has been both challenging and encouraging. Challenging with regards to a changing season within youth and the transitions and space needed to house them. But also encouraging, as we seem to be seeing young people getting more involved in the wider life of LWC. We have now split the age groups on a Sunday, which has been the aim during this last year. Our next focus turns towards getting the youth band and dance troop up and running and would appreciate prayer as we do so! One of the key aims for Limitless is to provide opportunity for the young people at LWC to express their faith, and to grow in identity within the wider church community. My thanks go to all the young people, and leaders for continuing to journey together. In particular many of the young leaders that have done an excellent job in leading events such as Ignite. Kirsten Price will be joining myself in a duo role of leading Limitless into the next season. She has always been a great support to myself in youth and I'm certain that there is a hidden depth of gifting that will impact young people, so please also pray for her and encourage her during the coming years.

Pastor Jonathan Holt

## **ROCK SOLID**

Rock Solid's provision for children of primary school age has continued to grow.

Highlights have included:

### ***Children's Alpha***

Taking the Youth Alpha Program and creating our own children's version, covering all the same elements.

### ***Transition***

Forging links throughout the year with both youth and tots aiding in smoother transition as they journey through Church.

### ***Team***

A small team, with a big audience to support, their commitment to team and to the children has made way for God to flourish and grow in our young people. It has been great to welcome old team members back and new faces in! I am so thankful for what each one brings to the team.

## ***Rock Tots***

The birth of Rock Tots has been long awaited. A lot of work has gone in from this team and we have begun to reach out to parents, care givers and little ones within our community.

### **Moving forward:**

#### ***Dynamics***

Dynamics have changed in this academic year both through number and age groups. This has meant some restructure and resettling, but provided great opportunity to adapt and focus again on what is most important in our work.

#### ***Monthly Midweek***

Following the success of our holiday club, 'Discovery Lab' using experiments and science to learn more about God, we hope to establish a monthly midweek 'Discovery Lab' as an after school club.

#### ***Parents***

We hope to at some stage provide a program to support parents as we raise our children in a Godly way.

Prayer points:

- **Team:** for growth in strength, passion, training and number
- **Structure:** as we settle into our new format
- **Worship:** greater freedom and engagement

Emma Price

## **TOTS AND BABIES**

This year tots and babies have continued to run well due to having a great team who have served faithfully.

We have gained more volunteers over the year, which is always a blessing but sadly we have seen some of our team have to take a step back for various reasons. One of the main reasons has unfortunately been due to ill health.

This year the team have really stepped up to ensure the Tots and Babies programme has continued to run as smoothly as always.

Up until September this year we would see approximately 15 children regularly attending on a Sunday. Eleven of our Tots have now moved up to school which means that we are back to having a smaller group.

This coming year we will be continuing to build capabilities within our team so that we are in a position to help facilitate the tots and babies programme as Church looks to build further.

Prayer points:

- Healing for those on the team who are currently unwell
- That God would help us all to be open to and embrace change

Sonia Lacy

## **CONNECT CAFE**

Connect cafe remains a hub and place to connect and meet up during the week within the Church for both the Church family, but also the wider community. We have a large number of regular customers who wouldn't usually enter our Church building, also local businesses, plus people who access the courses that take place in the two buildings during the week will come into the cafe to purchase food on the days we are open. We work alongside the storehouse to provide a free meal to everyone who comes to collect a food parcel.

Two notable positives during this year have been:

- Retaining our 5\* food hygiene rating with Environmental Health office
- A member of our team of volunteers has undertaken and passed his food hygiene certificate and is being up-skilled to take on other aspects of the roles within the kitchen.

This summer has been challenging with staffing the cafe due to holidays, sickness and childcare, we are always on the lookout for people who could commit to 2-4 hours per week to volunteer in the cafe, the only qualification needed is a desire and willingness to serve, we can teach the rest! Please pray for that or prayerfully consider whether you could be that person.

Finally, we would like to say a big thank you to all our volunteers for the time and commitment you give each week, without we couldn't operate in the way that we do in providing quality food and a good level of service.

Julia Bass and Marie Walker

## **LW STOREHOUSE**

*LW Storehouse .....The food bank with the added extras!*

We thank God for His continued blessing and abundance in the work of the Storehouse.

A huge thank you to all our volunteers who make it happen every week, not just in keeping the rotation of food to an excellent standard but the way they welcome and nurture so many who come to help. Some of these were previously clients themselves and the Storehouse has given them a new lease of life.

We are continuing to see large numbers of people coming through the Storehouse for food parcels and a hot meal.

Our cookery sessions are becoming very popular with people signing up from all walks of life. The people who attend claim they have so much fun whilst learning new skills, and the gift of a slow cooker at the end is an added bonus!

We have continued to support the Maths and English classes through referrals and lunch provision, and the children's holiday club. This year we have linked up with Inspire Kids team to promote the food bank through school assemblies. Our first one is in Coppull in September

We offer free places at all our organised events for example the cream tea, fashion show, kids' club events and of course, Alpha to everyone collecting a food parcel.

We continue to partner with over 20 churches and 40 support agencies, two of these agencies sit in our cafe on food bank days to offer an advice service.

Thank you to the Council who continue to help financially with funding towards our work.

Our aims for the year ahead are: -

- To raise funds to build a new facility on the car park so that our volunteers no longer have to work in the cellar conditions. £15,000 is needed.
- To see more people healed of emotional wounds and giving their lives to Jesus and coming to church.
- To give out over 800 bags of food to schools and agencies to bless families over the Christmas period.
- To continue to promote good working relationships with all our partners.

Carol Halton

## **LW WORSHIP**

Over the past 12 months, the Worship and Media departments have worked each week to provide the best possible standard of music, sound and visuals to help lead the Church in worship. Aside from the main Sunday morning services, music has been provided at many smaller group meetings that take place during evenings and weekends. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those involved for their servant hearts and consistency in leading the Church in worship in various settings.

We have seen investment in the visual aspects of the stage area and this has not only benefitted worship times but also been an aid for sermon illustrations and scriptures. There has also been investment in training in the team, which has yielded benefits far beyond the cost.

We have held several 'open rehearsals' to provide an opportunity for people to come and see how the team works and if it may be an area in which they could serve. Further development in the area of recruitment is needed over the coming months. Ideally, the team would benefit from more talented musicians who understand the values and ethos of Living Waters Worship.

Matthew Lacy

## **FINANCE**

You will find three supplementary documents to be read alongside this finance report. One of these provides a summative report reflecting all income and expenditure, whilst a second shows areas of budget spending/income as percentages in graphic form, which I hope, will make the financial picture clearer to understand. These reports provide all the information we need to present to you, showing our financial position at the end of this last financial year, which ran from 1<sup>st</sup> October 2017 to the 30<sup>th</sup> September 2018.

The other sheet shows the totals regarding our Capacity Offering this year. Some people choose to give their capacity offering before the actual day, which was banked before the 30<sup>th</sup> September. This means their giving is recorded in these 2017-18 accounts, whereas the majority of the monies, though received and counted on the 30<sup>th</sup> September was not banked until after the close of accounts for this year. These then, together with any subsequent giving will be included in next year's accounts.

Please note that the total of over £18K includes the Gift Aid amounts to be claimed.

### **General points and observations:**

## **INCOME**

Building income is significantly less this year due to the various building projects being completed.

Uncategorised income includes capacity monies given last year as well as ticket sales for various events and our young people's Gathering event, which involved youth from other churches from further away using our premises and contributing towards our costs for hosting them.

Rental income has risen significantly due to the premises being used by an increasing number of groups in the area. Well done all concerned for some brilliant marketing – helped of course by the wonderful food and drink served in our café!

Cash Payment Income: This is made up of two amounts, £20K of this was left as an inheritance to the Church in the last financial year. The other amount in this cost centre was money given specifically for the Zambia missionary visit in May this year.

Please may I encourage you to covenant if you are a tax payer if you aren't already doing so. Forms are available from the connect desk. Covenanting brings in a further 20% on what you give at the government's expense!

Giving by standing order ensures regular income that the Church can depend on, and there is less money to count on a Sunday. Again account information is available from the connect desk. If you want to give specifically to missions

there is a separate account to do this, though often money from our main general account goes to missions too.

## **EXPENDITURE**

Café expenditure includes additional food for events and the lease of the coffee machine.

Elim receive 10% of our general offering as our contribution to being part of the Elim family. We also pay bank charges to them for their administration and maintenance of our bank accounts.

Staff costs have risen to 57% of the church expenditure – these are likely to increase as the Preston Campus project evolves. The Capacity offering is there to support this.

The outturn position therefore gives us, with the miscellaneous income included, a small surplus of £2705. Our mortgage debt with Elim is now well under £200K – praise God!

Should you have any questions, please, submit them in writing to the Church office or hand them to me, so Pastor John or I have time to ensure you get the best answer! Thank-you.

Ian Spencer



# MISSIONS

*Living Waters Church Mission  
serving the wider church to equip and serve*

## INDIA

The work is continuing to grow with the development of the Bible School and its on-going building project. We have both male and female students.

Children that we originally had from Orissa in 2008 have now finished their time with us and returned to their own state to look for employment. They have all done extremely well and graduated with good results equipping them well for their future.

The children's home has now taken in more young children and we continue to support them and teach them the Christian way of life with schooling, medical care and of course a substantial home to live in.

The Missions conference in Chorley last November was very profitable and forged links between the countries we are involved in, not the least the setting up of the Living Waters Church Mission Bible School in Zambia.

The floods in Kerala this year have brought terrible devastation to the region with homes washed away and many people losing their life. We have sent what aid we can and Pastor Prince has coordinated aid relief to help those around our area in need.

The total amount of finance this year sent to run Living Waters Ministries India was £17,585. In addition to this we have funded the build of a new accommodation block for students at the cost of £14,000

We are grateful to God for the continued support you give to Missions.

Our goal for this coming year is:

- To see the work of the Bible School developing further to release students to teach and preach Christ in India.
- To complete the building for the students.
- Continue to support the children's home in caring for, educating and giving opportunity to young lives that otherwise would have had no hope for the future.

## **LIBERIA**

Pastor Moses' reports,

In the midst of mountains of difficulties here in Liberia, we praise God for the many blessings we enjoy as a people and as well as the body of Christ.

Here are just few of the things we praise God for:

- The church continues to grow; from the original seven people we have planted over seven congregations
- Our members continue to grow in the word of God and their prayer life; people continue to give their lives to Christ. Last month for example five persons gave their lives to Jesus.
- We have just planted another school to help children in the north of Monrovia and we have over 480 students across our schools.
- More ministers have been to help with the work.

Problems and Needs:

- We have no electricity- the Church in Monrovia needs a portable generator
- Pray that God would convict the Muslims in our community to come to Christ
- Children very often come to school without any food
- We need stationery and school supplies

Praise God for my Dad and Mom Rev. Tony and Jennifer Lacy and the Living Waters Family.

## **ZAMBIA**

Stir the Fire Ministries Zambia continues to thrive under the leadership of Pastors John & Judith Kiseba

It was a privilege to take a team of six people including Pastor Prince from Living Waters Ministries India to work alongside Stir the Fire. Stronger links were forged with Pastor John & Prince, which led to a productive time with the recently established Bible School under Prince's leadership.

Stir the Fire has six member churches in the Copper belt, which are growing numerically and spiritually. They now have three new Pastors on board after receiving intensive training in the Bible School

## **SCHOOLS:**

Stir The Fire is running two community schools in two locations namely Twapia and Baluba. The schools are doing well and has seen a lot of improvements in the children. Twapia has five teachers and four assistants. We feed 215 children every day. Another teacher is needed and we would value your prayers for this provision. Baluba has a total of 198 children with three teachers and two assistants. Another teacher is also needed here to take a fifth class.

## **LAND/GARDEN:**

Due to the growing number of children, God has blessed Stir the Fire with land to cultivate and grow vegetables to supplement on the funding received to feed the children. Varieties of vegetables are growing and last season yielded 35x 50kg bags of maize for the feeding. Including white corn, cabbage and bananas.

## **BIBLE SCHOOL**

Pastor John Kiseba writes:

"This is a miracle project God provided. This has been a huge challenge to the Ministry and the whole church in Zambia. Training is very expensive in Zambia and most men and women have had the passion to serve God but are limited in terms of knowledge. Not only that, it has become a requirement from the Government that for a Pastor to run a church they must hold a Diploma, a Degree or have a Masters. This year Living Waters organised an International Conference and invited pastors from Zambia, India and Romania. This was the most amazing conference I have ever attended in my life. We were connected to Living Waters Institute of Theology India and PRAISE God we are training 22 Pastors not only from Stir the Fire but other Pastors from other denominations. This is their first year and they will be finishing their diploma courses next year in December 2019 God willing. We are praying that our International partners from Living Waters will be able to come and officiate at our first graduation.

Tony & Jennifer Lacy  
Carol Halton

## LW Church AGM 2018

### BANK BALANCES (30.9.2018)

Current account	£3,823.57
Deposit account	25678.12
Missions account	1231.36
	<b><u>£30,733.05</u></b>

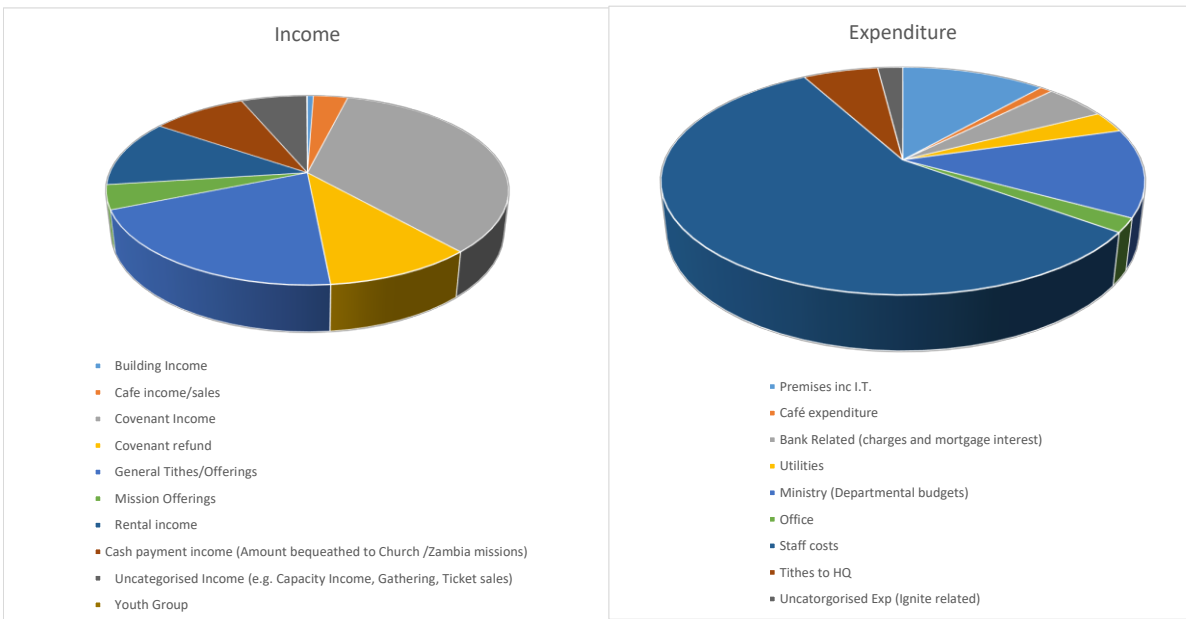
	<b>Total</b>	<b>% of Income</b>
<b>Income</b>		
Building Income	1,320.00	0.58
Cafe income/sales	7,458.92	3.3
Covenant Income	77,945.23	34.51
Covenant refund	22,767.46	10.08
General Tithes/Offerings	45,942.71	20.34
Mission Offerings	9,391.25	4.16
Rental income	26,125.65	11.57
Cash payment income (Amount bequeathed to Church /Zambia missions)	20,533.90	9.09
Uncategorised Income (e.g. Capacity Income, Gathering, Ticket sales)	14,223.97	6.3
Youth Group	150.00	0.07
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>£ 225,859.09</b>	<b>100</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>£ 225,859.09</b>	

		<b>% of Expenditure</b>
<b>Expenditures</b>		
Premises inc I.T.	27437.19	11.5
Café expenditure	2948.56	1
Bank Related (charges and mortgage interest)	12920.47	5
Utilities	7849.95	3
Ministry (Departmental budgets)	30,400.73	12.5
Office	5,941.45	2
Staff costs	129903.43	57
Tithes to HQ	13643.22	6
Uncategorised Exp (ignite related)	4907.95	2
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b><u>235952.95</u></b>	<b>100</b>

**Net Operating Income** **-10,093.86**

**Other Income**  
 Bank Interest & other misc income (eg Ignite) 12,799.04  
**Net Income/(Expenditure)** **2,705.18**

**MORTGAGE** 196,599.50  
 (as of 30/9/2018)



Capacity offering 2018

	General	Covenant	
Total	£4643.89	£12465.00	
Gift Aid		£2804.63	
Final Total	£4643.89	£15269.63	£19913.54