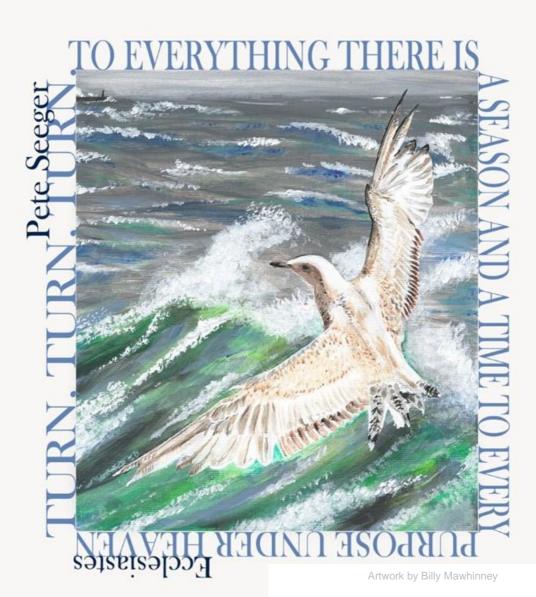
REPORT 2022-23





## **Worship Team**

The Worship team work closely with Calvin and stewards from Rochford and Rayleigh to plan the services and invite preachers. We usually work at least a quarter in advance and sometimes even more, as for Calvin's forthcoming sabbatical. Once a month we have to run a service ourselves, which is when Anne usually leads. This is because there are insufficient local preachers



available to fill in the gaps on the plan. This is also one of the reasons why we have section services, when we meet together as Calvin's three churches.

So, looking back, Easter 2022 followed a standard pattern but after two years of the pandemic, this was welcome. Anne led the Mothering Sunday service; Pam Smith took the Palm Sunday Eggstravaganza and Parade; the Maundy Thursday joint service was held at Hockley and Good Friday was at Emmanuel. Calvin led Easter Day Communion.

After that it was full steam ahead for the five in one service for the Church Anniversary, when we celebrated Pentecost, the establishment of Hockley Methodist Church nearly 140 years ago, the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, the life of Ken Smith (uncle to Peter Cogar) who left us a legacy and the birthday of Mabel Markham. It turned out that Peter Cogar had celebrated his 70th birthday the previous week as well. We had All Age Worship led by Rev Calvin Samuel. Invitations were sent out to the Cogar family as well as the other Churches in Hockley and all friends and family. The Cogar legacy was used to purchase two new lectern falls and a new Bible for the pulpit which were dedicated during the service. Mabel and the church both had birthday cakes.

A lunch was organised and a good number of willing helpers decorated and laid out the hall the day before. There were 60 people booked in and although there were some issues with the food, especially the dessert, everybody enjoyed the time together. The cost of the meal was almost entirely covered by donations from the guests and a couple of surprise sources. Ray provided a quiz to keep us occupied and interactive, both during and after the meal and there was a sing song to finish.

All Age Worship continued on the first Sunday of the month, which has included focusing on climate change, communion, teddy bears, All We Can, Remembering and room for all. When Anne as a Worship Leader, has led a service, we try to link it in with other notable dates, like Mothering Sunday, Fathers' Day, Remembrance Sunday All We Can etc so that there are plenty of resources available. We owe her a big thank you for her dedication in leading our worship on such a regular basis.

A Cup of Song at 4pm on any fifth Sunday in the month was reinstated in July, and by the time you read this there will have been three of them, July, October and January. The other churches in Hockley were invited to join us and the challenge to work together to provide warm spaces during the winter months was issued. The one is October celebrated the start of the project and we are hoping to have another after the project finishes. The January service went back to the original idea of worshipping through music and song and becoming more familiar with some of the new hymns in Singing The Faith.

The Harvest Festival saw us welcoming the Uniformed organisations. These all-age worship services are planned in a zoom meeting along with the leaders of the various groups, who also help with decisions on seating arrangements and presenting the flags. The tinned and packet food the young people brought was taken to the homeless charity, HARP in Southend and adults were asked to donate to All We Can. The next time we saw the Uniformed Organisations was at the December Toy and Gift

service. The recipient of the gifts was safe Steps, a domestic violence charity based in Southend. We have supported them now for a number of years. They were previously known as the Dove Project. The CEO paid a visit to Warm Spaces when the gifts were collected.

In between these two services, we had Remembrance Sunday and then a special service to remember those who had died, particularly members and friends, whose church lives we had not been able to celebrate because of pandemic restrictions. We named Kath Walker, Eunice Burge, June Waterfield, Chris Holloway, Jean Pitt, Vicky Mawhinney and Ian McKenzie. We were able to welcome their families, some of Kath's coming from as far away as Australia. This was a memorable service, put together by Anne and Calvin.

The Carol Service was able to return to an afternoon slot and the Christingle was held "in person" for the first time since Christmas 2019. Both were led by Calvin. We had no idea if the intervening years of the pandemic would change attitudes and habits around these services, particularly the Christingle, when we held our breath but there was an influx of people just before the start, to make a comfortable number, if not the squash we have had in the past.

The annual Covenant service took place in January and as I write, the next AAW is being planned.

A big thank you goes to...... Peter and John, for playing, to Ros leading either by singing to us, or leading from the front with her clear voice, to all those who help with services, (readers, door stewards, communion stewards, tea and coffee makers) to David and Mike running the multimedia, but not least to Anne and Gill who complete the Worship team.....for all their support, cheerfulness and downright hard work!!

Muriel - also on behalf of Anne and Gill who make up the Worship Team



#### **Messy Church**

It seems amazing that we have shared our tenth Messy Christmas with a lovely group of families. Our nativity may not be polished but it allows all the children and adults to share in the wonderful magic of the Christmas story.

The tea party that follows is also much enjoyed. Here, it is important to record grateful thanks to everyone who helps, in any way. It would be impossible without our many helpers. Rev Calvin has been a great support. It gives him an opportunity to meet and talk with our young families and I think he really enjoys sharing in the activities with the children.

Messy Church has a regular structure which starts with a welcome, then activities related to the story, the telling of the story and worship followed by sharing a meal together. Our numbers fluctuate and we have been trying to build up our numbers but I still think that many of our congregation would be amazed at the number of children and their families who are welcomed at our church, through the week to learn more of the Christ's love for us and to hear bible stories that we all grew up with.

Messy Church is every third Tuesday at 4pm-5.30pm at the moment. There are a wide variety of arts and crafts and we have suitable toys and books for any little ones. We have a faith tea and everyone bring something to add to the table. Special thanks to June, Sandra, Colin, John, Lianne and Clare who have all been amazing. We are all very tired by the end of a session, but it is certainly very fulfilling. Thanks ,too, to Nicola, who makes sure that we have a Facebook presence.

Please remember Messy Church in your prayers.

Anne Sains - Messy Church Leader

## **Treasurer's Report**

Last year, as a result of a legacy and local authority grants, I was able to report a substantial increase in total Church Funds. This year the reverse is true. However, it is pleasing to be able to say that the amount received from offerings and donations is £4,000 higher this year, reflecting the commitment of



members and friends of the Church which is such a worthy and commendable feature of our fellowship.

A key factor in raising the amounts we do is the sum raised by standing orders. When this way of giving entered our financial world in 2020 it amounted to £645 per month; the figure is now £750.

A commendable amount of the money raised comes from activities such as bazaars, teas and quizzes. These do not just happen and I take this opportunity to thank those who have given time and energy to organise these events which have provided welcome times of fellowship as well as finance.

A copy of the balance sheet follows this report and a full copy of the accounts is on the coffee room display board. Personal copies can be made available.

As always I express my gratitude to David for reconciling the accounts with the bank statements, a daunting task. And to Nicola for typing the accounts and other documents and for her constant and willing support in so many ways throughout the year.

Stan Rae - Church Treasurer

#### **Balance Sheet**

#### HOCKLEY AND HAWKWELL METHODIST CHURCH Balance Sheet as at 31st August 2022

|                                  | 2021 - 2022 | 2020-2021  |
|----------------------------------|-------------|------------|
| Current Assets                   |             |            |
| Bank Account                     | 14,796.07   | 13,333.07  |
| Less - not presented for payment | 340.00      |            |
|                                  | 14,456.07   |            |
| CFB Accounts                     | 11,366.17   | 26,043.45  |
| TMCP                             | 62,231.74   | 62,117.25  |
|                                  | 88,053.98   | 101,493.77 |

#### **Representing Accumulated Funds**

| william Potter Legacy               | 02231.74            | 101,491.86            |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|
| Admin Fund<br>William Potter Legacy | 3948.19<br>62231.74 | 4,532.41<br>62,117.25 |
| Youth Fund                          | 725.11              | 640.81                |
| Benevolence Fund                    | 282.43              | 287.60                |
| Building Reserve Fund               | 12,671.09           | 12,573.98             |
| Property Fund                       | 316.33              | 366.03                |
| Church Fund                         | 7879.09             | 20,973.78             |

I have examined the books and vouchers presented to me and I certify that these accounts represent a true statement of the funds for the Hockley and Hawkwell Methodist Church as at 31st August 2022

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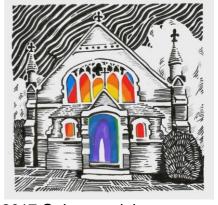
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## **Property**

Our committee is made up of:-Rev Calvin Samuel (Chair) Stan Rae (Treasurer), Carolyn Sturgess (Lettings) June Parkhurst, Colin Allison

#### Quinquennial

Our quinquennial survey was held in November 22nd 2022. Mr Michael Downing, the surveyor, complimented the Property Committee for having



completed all the major works from the 2017 Quinquennial.

The most urgent works now are outlined in the report and are already being dealt with. These are smaller items but also include appointing a fire safety officer..

The costs for the works, overall, were estimated at £5000.

Works for the next twelve months are listed and include addressing any issues arising from the risk assessment that Mike Pregnall organised for the committee. Our thanks to him for all the work he put into this and to all the people who helped in any way. Estimated cost £3000-£4000

Works that are essential within the next five years are very important for making our church buildings more energy efficient and for keeping the building in good order. Estimated cost £10,000

The committee will use the Quinquennial report for the next 5 years as a guide for future works.

#### Regular checks

There are a number of regular checks that take place throughout the year. These include:-

Annual checking of the fire extinguishers

Annual boiler service

Annual servicing of the automatic doors

Quarterly check by Instakil

We also have the electrical appliances PAT tested. This is a requirement every 3 years. The last one was in August 2022.

#### The heating

Colin Allison does a great job to make sure that the heating is on for the various activities within the Church and the Hall. He has worked hard to get it working as efficiently as he can, but this can be very difficult in extreme weather conditions.

#### The cleaning

We had a number of problems with finding a new cleaner. We were lucky to find someone to cover until we were able to secure the services of our current cleaners. At the time of writing this is going well.

#### The grounds

We are very grateful to Anthony who has been working on the grounds and keeping them neat and tidy. It is a huge job and has required a great deal of effort. Our thanks to Anthony.

#### Lettings

There have been minor changes in our lettings and there are still many people requesting slots. Our thanks to Carolyn.

#### Final thought

Anne has now stepped down from the committee and would like to pay tribute to the committee and all the support she received from them at all times. Special thanks to Stan Rae Grateful thanks to all the members of the committee who give up their time to help to ensure that the church premises are kept up to date. Grateful thanks, too, to the people who step up when things need doing, it couldn't be done without you!!

Anne Sains Property secretary



## Mission Planning

We have been encouraged by the Circuit to start Mission Planning, a follow-up to the Methodist Way of Life.

The first step was to do a Community Audit. In August Council members approached five different people (not members or friends) and asking them to complete an audit questionnaire. One of the responses, to the question about what people expected a church to be doing, was that we should be supporting those in need.

Simultaneously, a Gordon Brown article in The Guardian reported that churches were preparing for a disastrous winter of high fuel bills and food poverty and Church Council agreed that Hockley Methodists should be planning for this too. Out of this came the Warm Spaces project, where the URC, St Peter & St Paul and Emmanuel church all agreed to work together to provide warm spaces in our area. We plan to continue working together under the banner of Churches Together. The Circuit are looking at how it can support our aims and aspirations. As Peter Moorhouse keeps telling us, doing nothing isn't an option!

The next step is a "Visioning Day" on 12th July, where we can concentrate on looking to the future and planning on how we achieve our aims and fulfil our vision.

Muriel

## **Cradle Roll**

In July 2022 on the occasion of her Baptism, we welcomed Mabel Markham into our Church family. A lovely happy morning, and a very special family time.

Cradle roll children continue to be involved in our Church life, for example, as members of: Brightstars and Messy Church. They form a very special part of our Church Family



Gill Cross - Cradle Roll Secretary



#### **Eco Church**

We have been working towards an Eco Church Bronze award and over summer we completed the Eco Church online survey to establish what actions were needed to receive a Bronze award.

To achieve 'Bronze' status overall, we needed to achieve at least Bronze in 5 categories. We scored Gold in the Worship category but had some work to do on several other sections.

The Land aspect of the survey was an area where we thought we could make progress. It relates to things such as wildlife, growing plants that benefit birds, bees, butterflies etc, and we felt that we could introduce.

- bird boxes, bat boxes, bug hotel, hedgehog boxes etc
- bird feeders
- plants to attract butterflies, wildflowers and native plants.

Church Council suggested that the uniformed organisations might like to be involved and feedback has been positive. Beavers have a program for the spring to plant up a small section of the Church garden with wildlife friendly plants as well as bug hotels which they are making.

This work, along with inputting additional information about our buildings and reviewing the survey questions, enabled us to reach Bronze status.

Church Council has decided that we will donate of £50 to the work of Eco Church and press on with working towards a Silver award.

#### Ros Hayman

## **Pastoral Visitors**

There are 6 Pastoral Visitors and between them they have 48 members and friends of the Church to keep in contact with. Some of our Church members and friends are unable to attend Church or come along to any activity so they appreciate a visit from us giving them all the latest news. We are also available to help if they require help with shopping or transport.



The Church held a Remembrance Service for those who had died during the last three years of the Covid infection. Inviting the families to share time together and to light a candle in memory of their loved one and to take home a daffodil bulb and plant it either in a pot or in the garden and share the memory of their loved one when it turns into a bright yellow flower.

Just before Christmas the Pastoral Visitors delivered a small present from the Church to those who are unable to attend.

In last years report I reported that Billy had moved to Ireland. Since then, Billy is now spending time here as well as being in Ireland (we might get the drums back!). Mavis Nicolas who moved to Scotland still keeps in contact with me and sends her regards to all of you.

So please, if you need help or support, or you think someone else does need our help, please just contact me.

Carolyn Sturgess - Pastoral Secretary

## **Fundraising**

Our first Social and Fundraising event for 2022 was our Pancake and Coffee morning. The Scouts cooking pancakes, and others did a BRILLIANT JOB. Thanks to all who made this such a success.



Then in July, thanks to Ray and Mike, who helped us organise a Quiz, we had five tables, that included some friends from the Bramerton Road Community Church. An enjoyable evening, that we hope to repeat this summer.

Then on to the Bazaar which was a huge success, wonderful to have a LOT of Brightstars families support. Also The uniformed organizations with their. stalls, including our youngest stall holder with his "Make food for the reindeers" and once again, the Scouts, this time cooking bacon rolls! Thanks to all who supported these events, committee member, stall holder or customer. THEY WOULDN'T HAPPEN WITHOUT YOU!!!!!!!!!!!

#### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- Pancake and coffee morning Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> February 10am until noon
- Summer quiz more information to follow.
- Christmas Bazaar Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> November 10am until 1pm

June Parkhurst and Gill Cross

# Hire the Hall

## **Church Hire**

Due to the rising cost of the gas and electricity and having

to employ contract cleaners, we have had to increase the cost of the hire of the hall. There are still some afternoons and Thursday and Friday evenings available to hire.

The 1<sup>st</sup> Hockley Cub pack during Covid held their meeting at Belchamps and have now decided to stay there. They have held their meetings for over 70 years in the Church and we are very sorry to lose their support.

Carolyn Sturgess - Lettings

## **Thursday Club**

We are gradually getting back to normal and managed to get back on track with almost a full programme of events in the past year.

Our varied programme comprised of a trip to The Cherry Tree Public House at Stambridge for a New Year's Meal, and also visits to Morley's Garden Centre at Great



Wakering and Meadow Croft at Rettendon for their German Christmas Market. Scotts Nursery in Sutton Road was also visited for their Victorian Market.

Though most of us are keen gardeners we also managed to visit Battlesbridge Antique Centre and closer to home, the Rayleigh Town Museum.

Chris and Olive entertained us with some brain teaser quizzes and during the summer treated us all to a fabulous Strawberry Tea.

Kay and Michael hosted two afternoons of slide shows firstly capturing the impressive sights at The Chelsea Flower Show and secondly recalling their many holidays in Cornwall. We also got to know each other better by a number of afternoons of "This is me...", where we gave short accounts of our life stories.

I would like to thank everyone who helped to make this an enjoyable year of our Thursday Club by either hosting or taking part in our meetings.

#### **Ray Williams**

## **Communication**

Through Zoom, email, Facebook, our website and the various notice boards we've continued to keep members, friends and users of the premises up-to-date with our activities and let the local



community know what was happening at the Church.

Thanks to Nicola we've made increasing use of Facebook to contact younger friends.

Church Council has decided that the Wednesday Chat and Ray's Quizzoom should now be brought to a close as numbers have dwindled. The Wednesday chat has in any case been absorbed into Warm Spaces for the last few months. Ray has done sterling service over the last few years – over 80 Quizzooms! – and we are grateful for all his hard work and imagination. "Five rounds of five questions each" has become part of the lexicon!

The Link is now as and when there's enough material!, but trying to focus on the main Christian festivals. The Notices are also now produced on an as-and-when basis. Both are almost entirely distributed by email with Ray taking round the few paper copies.

Another three videos were added to our video library and can be seen at

https://www.hockleyhawkwellmethodist.org.uk/video/. Billy "playing" the bagpipes in honour of Kay's birthday is the star production. I'm trying to record more activities on video, but shortage of time and safeguarding issues make that difficult.

The multimedia system in the Church is continuing to play a vital part in services. David and I are sharing the preparation of services on the laptop and presenting them in Church. The laptop has been replaced and we're still looking at ways of enhancing the system, but it's an expensive business.

Church Council has decided that we need to make more use of posters, leaflets, the photo board and the screen in the Coffee Room to engage with all users of the premises and ideas for that are under consideration.

Thank you to Ray, Nicola, Keith David, Muriel and, of course, Billy for their help over the last year. Billy is continuing to provide design advice and material from a distance.

Mike Pregnall



#### **Brightstars**

Brightstars is now in its 13th Year since starting in January 2011, It continues to provide a very active stage for toddlers and offers a warm and social space for their Parents, Grandparents or Carers. Attendance has grown to an average of 43 adults and 46 children and one notable increase has been in the amount of buggies now parked in the hall.

The increase in numbers has helped towards a healthy intake in the amount of donations we receive enabling us to make occasional contributions to the Church, purchase Tea, Coffee and other Kitchen essentials together with supplying toilet rolls, hand soap refills and other essential items.

We have not made any significant purchases of toys as we experience a generous offering of unwanted toys that prove very useful to us and if there is any excess especially near Christmas that we cannot accommodate, we confirm that we are allowed to sell them at the Christmas Bazaar for fundraising purposes.

Our new programme of making up snack bowls rather than placing items on the table for 'self-service' is popular and more hygienic. It also allows some control over their content to assist with any allergy problems.

As always, we continue to be truly grateful for the help we receive from our dedicated helpers - Eleanor, Lianne and Clare and thank them for their time and support that they give also to Ray for his perfect car park attendant skills.

Sandra, June, Colin and John.

## Flower Arranging

Linda has produced some lovey displays this year using a variety of silk flowers and foliage supplemented with fresh flowers for some special occasions throughout the year. We received a donation of £35 this year and have spent a total £186.42. Most of this expenditure



was on silk flowers which can be reused many times in the future.

We used the plan we made last year to provide the church with some colourful arrangements.

**Mothering Sunday**: Linda and Ros visited Moreley's garden centre and bought some silk Tulips to be arranged in the large vases with some of the spring flowers we already had.

**Easter**: Linda purchased two floor standing artificial arrangements of spring flowers and grasses which stood at the front of the church. We added fresh daffodils on the windowsills.

For the summertime vases Linda used some beautiful artificial yellow roses which she combined with some of the purple spring flowers, they looked very realistic.

**Harvest:** Linda's Daughter In law, Angela, was a great help in creating a harvest scene for the front of church including a hand painted rural scene and our very own scarecrow. Linda did a fresh fruit and veg display in a big basket and gave us some autumn colour with chrysanthemums in the big vases.

We hope to purchase some silk sunflowers this year to add to our collection to use in the late summer and at Harvest.

**Remembrance Sunday**: Just as we did last year we used the paper homemade poppies which some of our young people had helped to make. Although these are fragile they are easy and inexpensive to refresh for next year.

**Christmas:** Linda arranged the two big vases with beautiful dark red Poinsettia flowers and some sparkly foliage, she has kindly donated them to our stock for use in future arrangements.

We are very pleased that the silk flower arrangements have worked so successfully this year providing both colourful and seasonal displays.

## Ros Hayman and Linda Clarke



## 1<sup>st</sup> Hockley Beaver Colony

Whilst Covid in 2021 put a hold on many Scouting activities, we can definitely say that we made up for lost time in 2022.

January saw the Beavers return to the Church Hall, with Lianne (AKA

Robin) taking over the helm, assisted by Margaret (AKA Raksha) and Diane (AKA Fox). We also gained an enthusiastic young leader, Abigail, and we started the new year with 7 new Beavers, taking our total head count to 18.

Throughout the spring term the Beavers undertook many activities, including a night hike through Hockley Woods, celebrating the Chinese New Year, we learnt about different methods of communication to gain the Communication Badge. For our Health and Fitness Badge, the Beavers learnt about the different food types and the importance of a balanced diet and we

also did an experiment to investigate how different food and drink can affect our teeth. We finished the end of the spring term with a viewing of the Rochford District Heritage Tapestry Exhibition that was being held at the Church.

The Summer term has been equally as busy, starting with a visit to the Hawkwell fire station, with the Beavers learning about fire safely, a tour of the fire engine and having a go at using the fireman's hose. In April, the Beavers had the opportunity to take part in the District Fun Day and Renewal of Promise service held at Belchamps Activity Centre, where the Beavers were able to take part in the many activities that Belchamps host, including archery, go-karts, wall traversing, caving simulation, assault course and tomahawk throwing. They also had a chance to practice some of their skills such as fire lighting, making s'mores, circus skills, woggle making and stone decorating. They were also able to visit the 1st Hockley Cubs who were camping on the site. Also, in April, 1st Hockley Beavers joined forces with 1st Ashingdon Beavers to have a sleepover at Ark Lane Scout Hut.

For the summer term we made the most of the sunshine. We visited Hockley Woods with our magnifying glasses to go on our Minibeast Scavenger hunt and made bird feeders as part our world and outdoors challenge badges. We cooled off at Belchamps with a water games evening, celebrated the Queens Platinum Jubilee with a Royal Garden party and 7 Beavers joined the Cubs, sleeping in tents for their summer camp. We finished the term on a high with a visit from some feather friends from the Birds of Prey centre. We also saw our 6 eldest Beavers being awarded the Chief Scout Bronze Award.

The pace didn't slow down for the Autumn term, with litter picking, recycling and making water filters for our Global Issues badge, crabbing in Hullbridge and fireworks at Belchamps. As we came

to the end of the year the Beavers turned their hand to making Santa sweet cones and hot chocolate reindeer to sell at the Church Christmas bazaar and we closed the year with the Belchamps Christmas Elf Hunt.

1st Hockley Beaver Leadership Team

#### 1<sup>st</sup> Hockley Scout Group

2022 was a great year for scouting with a closer return to normality and more importantly a return to camping.

The scout group has been rebuilding and regaining numbers that dropped off during covid. We are now back to stronger numbers than pre covid.



We have also been spending as much time outdoors as possible to make up for lost time during the pandemic and getting back to teaching scouting skills.

Sam Read - Assistant Cub Scout Leader (1st Hockley Scout Group)



# 2<sup>nd</sup> Hockley Brownies

We have had an exciting year. Working our way through several Brownie badges, special Christmas badges and interest badges.

We have had Christmas carols sung to us by the Brownies and short plays performed. We enjoyed the Harvest service and the Christmas Fete which we participated in.

Lots of new life skills experienced for our 15 girls and lots more planned for the rest of the year.

We are also very lucky to have a young Duke of Edinburgh volunteer with us for her 3 months community service section and a young Leader from Guides helping out.

June will see our Brownie camp with warmer and lighter evening's which we excitedly await.

Thanks for having us.

Kat & team

## 1st Hockley Rainbows Unit

1st Hockley Rainbows has had a busy year with a full unit of 24 girls. We take girls from Hockley, Hullbridge and Rochford, spread across four local schools. We actively fundraise via grants to make sure that no girl misses out on the experience and opportunity



on the experience and opportunity that Rainbows offer due to financial reasons.

Over last year we have handed out over 150 badges, including our very first gold award, the highest any Rainbows can achieve. We celebrated Chinese New Year with a colourful craft and Easter with an Easter egg hunt at the park. In the summer, along with the rest of the Guiding community, we celebrated the Queen's platinum jubilee by working on the county challenge badge and attending a big celebration event together with all the other young people from the district. In the autumn, we worked on our First Aid skills and completed a Christmas challenge badge, with lots of edible crafts! This was kindly presented by Calvin, our minister during Christmas party at the end of term. This term we are focusing on knowing ourselves, which includes lots of creative drawing and teamwork.

Some Rainbows and their families have attended church parades and have enjoyed their time at the service.

In the last year, we have had Helen join our leadership team, allowing the girls to experience fun opportunities using her wealth of knowledge, particularly her edible craft skills. We also had an amazing Duke of Edinburgh volunteer join us as part of the award, but having loved it so much, she has made the decision to continue to support the girls around her studies. We also welcomed a Guide helper to support the Rainbows.

We still have an extensive waiting list and as soon as girls move up to Brownies, we invite new girls to join the unit.

I would like to thank the church for their support this year, especially Colin who ensures we are warm (but not overheated!).

Thanks also go to Sandra, Sarah, Andrea and Georgina for their continued support, without them, the unit would be unable to run.

Sally-Ann Elkington

## **Outreach**

This role is still vacant. In the current circumstance locally, nationally and internationally it is one that should not be forgotten as it is a crucial element of our mission. In the past it has involved keeping in touch with other churches in Hockley and our involvement in issues like Fairtrade, aid



and development and human rights. If you're interested in any of these or similar issues please speak to Muriel 01702 204748 or Calvin 07411 289 469



## **HOCKMIRA**

Unfortunately, HOCKMIRA has not revived this year. The idea of publicising our own walks and invite anybody who's interested to join us did not turn out to

be practical.

Muriel & Mike Pregnall