

2018

CTWW Annual Report



Churches Together
in West Wight

CTWW OFFICERS AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE 2019

OFFICE	NAME	CHURCH
Chair	Richard Harding	St James' CofE, Yarmouth
Vice – Chair	Mike Hackleton	Freshwater Methodist Church
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Hon Secretary	Doreen Dace (minutes) Hazel Britton (publicity)	Freshwater Methodist Church Christ Church Totland Bay
Other members	Pam Bird Andrew Tilt	Colwell Baptist Church All Saints/St Agnes CofE, Freshwater

REPRESENTATIVES WITH SPECIAL RESPONSIBILITIES 2019

RESPONSIBILITY	NAME	CHURCH
Worship and Vision Team	Richard Harding	St James, Yarmouth
Christmas Leaflets	Worship and Vision Team	
Lent Discussion Groups	Worship and Vision Team	
Lent Brunches	Janet Hart	Freshwater Methodist Church
Reflections	Peter and Margaret Byatt	Christ Church
Foodbank	Janet Grimwood	Colwell Baptist Church
Oasis	Sallie Boulter	All Saints/St Agnes, Freshwater
Our Place	Hazel Britton	Christ Church
Ministry to the Elderly	Anne Linington – those affected by Dementia Sheila Spivey – Residential Homes	All Saints/St Agnes, Freshwater
Youth Project	Doreen Dace	Freshwater Methodist Church
Holiday Bible Club	Dan Wells	Kerith Community Church
Open the Book	Penny Tilt and Louise Collins	All Saints
Christian Aid	Janet Harding	St James, Yarmouth
World Day of Prayer	Janet Harding	St James, Yarmouth
CTWW Newsletter	Gerry Palmer	Freshwater Methodist Church
Safeguarding	Vacancy	
Men's Breakfasts	Vacancy	

7.1 Chair's Report February 2018

This has been another year of great activity for Churches Together in West Wight with plenty of opportunities for united praise and worship in our member churches as well being able to work in partnership with other groups in our local communities. These are reported on in more detail in this collection of reports. However, I must particularly mention the summer family activity afternoon at the end of August and the Christmas Lantern Parade, both on Colwell Common, as amazing outreach events and wonderful times for people of all ages to come and meet together, have lots of fun, entertainment and fellowship together.

It has also been a year of welcoming new clergy to CTWW as Reverend Leisa Potter became Vicar of St James' Church, Yarmouth as well as of All Saints and St Agnes Churches in Freshwater. Recently, she also has taken on responsibility for Christ Church at Totland Bay. Dave Burton has also joined the West Wight clergy as Pastor at Colwell Baptist Church. We are delighted and privileged to have them and their families living amongst us. Both have already become involved in the work and activities of CTWW and we look forward to their ministry here. Sadly, Lucie Bell stood down as CTWW Rep for Christ Church after many years of faithful service and we welcome their new Rep, Jackie Holdoway, on our Committee.

At the beginning of this year, we were all very shocked to hear of the sudden passing to glory of Carole Walker, one of our former Chairs of CTWW. Carole was always so energetic, very supportive of and actively involved in all aspects of CTWW. She was truly ecumenical, well known in all our churches, visiting them regularly and supporting their activities. However, Carole was also involved in the wider community of West Wight, especially remembered for her liaising and setting up our close partnership working with WWSCC for our Youth Project. We miss her so much and send our condolences to Neal and all their family.

One of the main tasks this year has been to review the 2004 CTWW Constitution. Looking at the original document, it was obvious that there needed to be some changes especially as the awarding body of Churches Together in Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, no longer exists. In addition, Wellow Baptists have made the brave but difficult decision to close and Totland Methodists have moved into their new church in the centre of Freshwater. We welcome a new church in West Wight, Kerith as they become a member of CTWW. The official signing and acceptance of our new Constitution will take place at one of our united services in a few months' time.

As I begin my last year as Chair of CTWW, I pray that during the months ahead we will continue to work and grow together, enjoy fellowship together and above all walk together in the steps of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Richard Harding Chair CTWW February 2019.

7.2 Safeguarding and Data Protection

Safeguarding and Data Protection (GDPR) are agenda items at each of our monthly meetings.

Safeguarding – Each member church has a named Safeguarding Rep and as necessary these individuals will meet together to discuss policy and good practice as well as any particular concerns - especially any updating that needs to be raised. The Safeguarding Policy of CTWW is agreed and signed at the September Committee meeting.

GDPR – Hazel Britton has offered to be the link person at CTWW if any problems arise or if any Reps need advice.

7.3 Worship and Vision Group Report 2018

The Worship and Vision Group has met three times this year and once again our main focus has been to review and plan the various CTWW united services, including the Good Friday Walk of Witness which was held in Yarmouth this year and included a short but extremely moving Easter drama. It poured with rain and so although the noble thespians carried on as well as they could, stopping at strategic places around the town, the final scenes of the crucifixion had to be performed in the warmth, comfort and dryness of St James' Church. Thanks to Geoff Kirk and Mike Hackleton the impact was so well received that the Easter drama may well become a CTWW tradition. In complete contrast, the Sunrise service, welcoming our risen Lord, was ably led once again by Janet and Richard Harding on a dry, sunny Easter morn. The open air services at St James' Church, Yarmouth was well attended but sadly the planned Freshwater Bay service on Bank Holiday Monday, at the end of August, was held indoors at St Agnes, due to the heavy rain storms and winds on that day. The Celebration of Community in October at WWSCC was very successful with more than ever attending and the children's choir of the Federation of Yarmouth and Shalfleet Schools was very much appreciated. All these services are organised in partnership with various community organisations and this working collaboration and outreach is so encouraging. We give thanks to God for his blessings and all the opportunities he opens up for us, as we seek to get alongside people in our community and beyond, in order to spread the good news of the gospel message.

We chose a York course for The Lent Discussion Group material in 2018 entitled, On the Third Day. We are most grateful to Andrew Tilt who led the review of this relevant but challenging course and has written a separate report (page 4).

Our second CTWW Alpha course attracted three people on a regular basis, who together with the leaders, Ben Britton, Mike Hackleton, Pauline Clayton and Doreen Dace, explored

questions of faith. There were very useful and purposeful discussions whilst enjoying delicious suppers and having a great time of fellowship together.

During this year it became obvious that we needed to review our original March 2004 Constitution due to Wellow Baptist Church closing, Freshwater Methodists opening a new church and Kerith Church joining as a member of CTWW. The Worship and Vision Group took a recommendation to the CTWW Committee and the amended Constitution was agreed and will be formally signed during 2019 at one of the united services.

Doreen Dace January 2019

7.4 Christian Aid

The week in May 2018 was busy with envelopes, street collections, the Service, Big Brekkie and Lent Count Your Blessings

The total raised in West Wight was £2083.86.

7.5 Women's World Day of Prayer (now dropping the "Women's")

Our CTWW committee (at least one from every church) met twice in 2018.

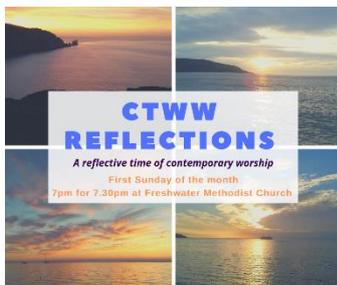
Unfortunately, the annual service in March had to be cancelled because of snow.

Janet Harding

7.6 Reflections 2018

2018 has been another encouraging year of Christians (regardless of denomination) coming together to be in the presence of the Lord. Praising, worshipping, praying, reflecting, being quiet, as one with our God. It has been very much a case of knowing and feeling God's Holy Spirit amongst us during these services.

Thank you to the different people who have put together and led these services through the year and to Richard (Britton) and Viv (Collins) whose playing has been an inspiration in our worship.



Hazel (Britton) continued to produce some of the graphics and visuals (of our lovely Island) with some additional input from Mike (Hackleton) to enhance our singing of God's praises. Margaret (Byatt) and team have provided the refreshments before the service, and Freshwater Methodist Church have provided the venue, so to them also a big thank you for all they have done.

Reverting back to the first Sunday of the month and starting at 7.00 for 7.30pm rather than 7.30 for 8.00pm has proved a popular move and numbers have increased over the previous year.

It is lovely to experience how good it is to be worshipping together regardless of which church we come from and is a great indicator as to why CTWW is able to work so well together in West Wight.

“ Praise the Lord all you nations. Praise him, all you people of the earth. For he loves us with unfailing love; the faithfulness of the Lord endures forever”. Psalm 117.

Peter Byatt

7.7 Lent Activities

Lenten Brunches 2018

The Brunches were well received again this year with steady attendance and good fellowship in spite of the "Beast from the East"!!!

We had to cancel St. Saviour Brunch on their allocated day due to snow, but the weather bucked up and we were able to have a Sunday Brunch at their Family Centre which enabled the promised food to be enjoyed, shared and not wasted. Grateful thanks to Alistair and Ann-Marie and their team for all the hard work in turning this Brunch around.

We were well supported again by all of the participating Churches and our regulars, but attendance was down a little due to the extremely cold weather. The Fair-Trade stall was greatly missed and many comments made, but this will be remedied for 2019.



The financial takings reflected the lower attendance, but the fellowship remained as buoyant as ever. £500 cheques were presented to each of the five nominated charities at the Presentation Brunch: CAFOD, Wessex Cancer Bus, Medecins Sans Frontieres, CTWW Holiday Bible Club and Youth Project.

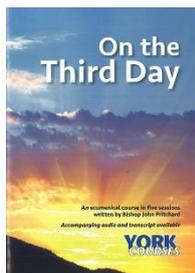
Thanks were given to Mark the Caretaker, and Debbie for their ongoing help and support with the Memorial Hall.

Thank you to all who participated with the Brunches in any way.

Janet Hart

March 2019

Lent Study Groups



The material used in 2018 was 'On the Third day' published by York Courses.

As expected, opinions were divided on some aspects of the course but general opinion was that it was highly appropriate in that it was Easter themed and challenging.

The theme of Resurrection was explored in a variety of ways which gave rise to personal reflection on how it should affect:

- a) personal life
- b) interaction with the local community
- c) church life.

Most agreed that the text in the study books was excellent although opinions varied as to the usefulness of the quotes in the side boxes. Opinions were also divided re the effectiveness of the CD. The speakers seemed ill-prepared and seemed to be talking 'off the cuff'. However, some groups found that this provoked good discussion. It was generally agreed that a transcript would have been useful.

All agreed that the sessions needed a good deal of preparation by the leaders as there was far too much material. Leaders needed to select questions and portions of the audio CD that would be appropriate for their group.

All agreed that ecumenical groups should continue next year as there is great strength in sharing and discussing with people from other traditions and denominations. A suggestion was made that next year's course should be Old Testament based focusing on the pointers to Jesus within it.

Andrew rounded off the review session by challenging us all with the following questions:

- Have you read the book again since completing the course?
- Have you made a decision to focus on the Resurrection during your church planning meetings?

We are an Easter people. We should think about the Resurrection every day, not just in the Easter season.

Andrew Tilt
April 2018

7.8 Ministry to the Elderly

Residential Homes

I have found my first year as co-ordinator for the residential homes challenging with many changes and unfilled vacancies. I have been encouraged by the willingness and enthusiasm of the CTWW Residential Homes Representatives and have enjoyed sharing in some of their Services.

We had a meeting of the Reps. at Christchurch in November when Revd Leisa Potter talked to us about some of her experiences of ministry to the elderly in her previous parish and the importance of Safeguarding and keeping ourselves safe. We also shared some of our own ideas and experiences. We are meeting again for an informal coffee and chat next month.

James Cook's retirement had left both Little Hayes and Eden House without a Rep. but I have been fortunate to recruit Jean Dyer to Little Hayes. Jean moved to Totland last summer from Surrey and comes with years of experience of working with the elderly. Unfortunately, we have been unable to find anyone willing to take on Eden House but I'm grateful to Geoff Kirk for leading a very enjoyable Christmas Service there.

Barry Williams stepped down as Rep. at Kinloch Tay after his Christmas Service in December. I should like to record my thanks to him for many years of service and the pleasure he gave to the residents with his music. This leaves two vacancies to fill in the two homes that principally care for people with Dementia. I'm hoping that, with help from clergy and church members, we can at least provide these homes with the three services a year - any offers of help will be gratefully received especially from musicians and singers.

My thanks must go to Anne Linington for her continuing support. She also very kindly organised the Christmas cards given to residents in the homes in 2018.

Sheila Spivey

Ministry to those affected by dementia

Memory Lane

This monthly group is now two-years old, with a team of volunteers drawn from various local churches.

The programme includes singing, music, quizzes poetry and shared memories linked by a theme, such as a colour e.g. Orange, or a material e.g. metals. Other groups may be seasonal or Saints days etc. Half-way through is the welcome cuppa and cake.

*Do you remember yester-year
more clearly than yester-day?*

Join us for a trip down



A reminiscence group

First Wednesday of each month
2-4pm at
The Annex, Christ Church,
Totland Bay.

Music - Quizzes - Reminiscence
Cuppa and Chat

For more information tel. 754803



Numbers peaked in the mid-twenties, a maximum due to the size of the Annex at Christchurch, but have dropped to around 12-15, sometimes because of people going into full-time care.

We have therefore made an effort to increase our advertising through posters, relevant websites and Facebook. We have welcomed some newly-diagnosed with dementia for a fun afternoon, and social interaction is known to benefit both those with dementia and their spouse/ carer.

We also support those rebuilding their lives after many years of caring, when their loved one moves to residential care or has died.

Dementia-friendly services

These three services per year at Easter, Harvest and Christmas continue to be well-attended, and the balance of familiar hymns, prayers using wool to link everyone together, and an illustrated talk seems to work.

There is increasingly a sense of “belonging” to this group drawn together by their shared experience of being affected by dementia- either as sufferers or carers.

We appreciate the support of the Alzheimer’s Cafe for refreshments, and Westview and The Gouldings for bringing folk along.



This year we introduced a “Memory Candle” made by Michael Wason, and this is lit to think of all who are no longer with us in person, or by virtue of their memory loss.

We appreciate the support from members of various churches, and their clergy as time allows, together with visits from Age UK.

Anne Linington
March 2019

7.9 Community Groups

Food Bank

The Foodbank continues to be a source of service to the local community in providing food at times of crisis, and an open door for folk to enjoy refreshments and a chat... and in some cases an opportunity to get warm!

The client numbers have been fairly consistent over the seven years since we began holding the Foodbank - that is about 130 vouchers a year.

The Foodbank operates under the auspices of the Trussel Trust, who train and ultimately take the responsibility for appointing supervisors and volunteers. They also support each Foodbank by providing a structure under which to operate safely, reviewed frequently to accommodate new legislation and changing culture. However, we are grateful to Churches Together for all the support we receive by prayer and concern, and for all the food donated through church collection boxes, harvest, and local shops.

We have been short of volunteers throughout the past year, and although we are in a slightly better position at the start of this year, are always on the lookout for people who sincerely feel that they would like to work with us.

Janet Grimwood

Foodbank supervisor Freshwater

JEG February 2019

Our Place

The Our Place Community Drop-In Café is for anyone, of any age, in any circumstance. Our clientele is mixed: some attend regularly for the social aspect; some attend occasionally or once only for specific support; some spasmodically for a mixture of socialising and support. At the time of writing, we average 45 – 50 people through the door each session (including advisors) and have links with 15 organisations some of which attend weekly, some fortnightly, some monthly, some more occasionally. Hazel attempts to coordinate the volunteer and organisation rotas so that we all know what is happening and can advertise dates when specific advice is available... unfortunately, theory and practice don't always match up and organisations will pull out at short notice (always for very good reasons) which can be a little frustrating to clients who have come in specially to see them. However, our valiant regular team of Citizens Advice, Just Ask Officer and Local Area Coordinator can usually offer some intermediate support to help plug the gap. These organisations also hold Foodbank vouchers

so those in need can be directed to the Freshwater Foodbank that same day – often Adam or Mel will arrange to meet them there. A great link.



In 2018, we were pleased to be runners-up in the Local Communities category of the IW Community Action Awards. In 2019, we were one of the organisations invited to the Totland and Freshwater Appreciation Evening. We feel that we are now on the map!

New volunteers would be very welcome, even if on an occasional basis to cover holidays. Please talk to Hazel Britton if you are interested and spread the word in your churches. A good listening ear, broad shoulders, and good tea-making skills are the basic requirements! Safeguarding is carried out under the umbrella of the West Wight Sports and Community Centre who ensure that all our volunteers have up-to-date DBS checks. These can be carried out by their own church, via CTWW or through the WWSCC but must be shown to the safeguarding officer at WWSCC.

There has never been a plan for developing Our Place; it has simply evolved. We have 'good ideas' from time to time some of which work and others that don't but overall it seems to have a life of its own. Praise God!

Hazel Britton February 2019

Oasis Drop in Centre

Oasis continues to go from strength to strength and is very much appreciated by a large group of mixed age folk. Some love to come and knit and natter, others come to challenge their brains with Scrabble and various other games we have on offer, some come for a jigsaw fix whilst others just come to enjoy the company, coffee and a chat. In the summer we had a brilliant three days of "Holiday at home" which included quizzes, lovely lunches, parachute games, beauty care and craft activities. All were very much enjoyed again by a group of mixed ages and the theme of our daily sing-a-long was Old Tyme Music Hall.

We continue to run every Monday morning (except for Bank holidays) from 10-12 and would love to see some new faces.

Traidcraft goods continue to be on sale every Monday morning although Rick who oversaw this for many years has decided to call it a day. We are determined to keep this going but would love to find a team of volunteers to keep shop each week. There is no ordering or accounting involved as this is all covered – just to oversee the shop!

Sallie Boulter Feb 2019

7.10 Children and Youth Work

Open the Book



Does the thought of helping children enjoy the Bible and have a right perception of God resonate with you?

If so, you might like to consider joining one of the Open the Book teams who regularly present dramatised Bible stories in our local primary schools.

THURSDAY TEAM

This is the team to join if you would like to support All Saints and Saint Saviours Schools and also have one week off in three! Our pattern of working is: rehearse on the Thursday of week one, do assemblies in both schools on the Thursday morning of week two and then have the following Thursday off. We also like to try and get together socially once or twice a year.

These were the titles of our assemblies this year: Jesus and the Children, The Lost Coin, Jesus and the Taxman, The Centurion's Servant, The Two Houses, An Important Meal, On the Road to Emmaus, The Helper Arrives, Goodbye for Now, The Beautiful Gate and Praying for Peter.

If you would like to come along to a rehearsal to see if you might enjoy joining the team or if you might be able to help make props occasionally, please speak to Penny Tilt (07947854423), Lois Cooper or Mike Hackleton.

Penny Tilt,
March 2018

MONDAY TEAM

There is also a Monday OTB team, that visits Shalfleet and Yarmouth schools, one drama a term, with a rehearsal or two factored in. We have lots of fun and are a friendly bunch who would be open to new members. Contact Louise Collins elsiecollins71@icloud.com or 07917 567001.

Louise Collins,
March 2018

Holiday Bible Club 2018

This report begins with a tribute to Carole Walker, who will be sadly missed by everyone involved in HBC activities. Carole helped us at HBC for many years and usually volunteered to head up the Sports and Games team, working with the Junior Team Leaders, (JTLs). These are young people who have experienced and grown through HBC, while developing their own faith and know the routine that works well. Carole loved working with them and she gave them so much encouragement by giving them the freedom to choose games and activities based on our annual theme. What our JTL's appreciated was her inspiration, energy, and utter enjoyment of being outside, alongside a group of talented and enthusiastic young people. What fun and laughter they had together. They were always a tremendously happy team. Perhaps our favourite and long-lasting memory of Carole is as the Parachute Game lady, out on the field at All Saints School playing a cat and mouse game or juggling with balls on the upper surface of the parachute. However, Carole was also the queen of junk modelling! So, whenever we had a HBC activity afternoon, she would be surrounded by lots of paper, glue, empty boxes and yogurt pots and lots of sellotape, helping the young people create amazing models.

We have once again had a successful year at HBC, organising a variety of activities for primary school age children. Annually, our main focus and teaching is in the first week of the school summer holidays and again in 2018 this was held at All Saints Primary School led so ably, energetically and enthusiastically by Dan Wells, our CTWW Youth Worker, closely supported by Ewan Brown, our Gap Year student. We followed a Scripture Union programme, called Landlubbers. Our theme was a pirate one which was extremely popular but actually centred on the teaching and travels of St Paul. Fifty-five children enrolled and our average attendance was 48 daily. The children, as well as the team of helpers, really entered into the spirit of this pirate theme, dressing up each day and bringing in relevant props. The children and leaders were stranded on a desert Island and through the week discovered clues which helped them find their way around the Island to the treasure! Through art and craft activities, Bible stories, games and the prayer corner the children explored what it is to be a follower of Jesus. They discovered that **'Nothing is more wonderful as knowing Christ Jesus, my Lord. I have given up everything else and count it all as rubbish. All I want is Jesus.'** **Philippians 3 v 8.**

Despite the weather, the Sunday worship time was well attended by families and friends from our churches, whose support is always appreciated. We also enjoyed a mid-week outing to the Archaeology Discovery Centre at Fort Victoria, and for the JTL's, organised a fish and chip supper followed by a trek up to Headon Warren, so we could watch the fireworks at the Needles Park.

Due to the dates of the school Christmas holidays, we were unable to organise a Christmas Messy day which we all missed but hopefully next year we can reinstate once again.

Our Sports Activity afternoon at WW Sports Centre in February half term was really popular again this year. The twenty-five places we were allocated were very quickly filled and we enjoyed a very energetic but fun afternoon of team building games. Then we processed over the road to FMC, where we enjoyed some cooling and welcome refreshments while relaxing and watching some short Veggie Tales films about Joseph and Gideon.

We are blessed by the help, generous financial donations and supportive prayers of our member churches at CTWW so we do extend a huge thank you to everyone in the local churches and all those who volunteer as helpers in so many ways.

We are beginning our plans for our summer 2019 Holiday Club but will need more volunteers. We have a great team of Junior leaders but will be recruiting some more adults to help with the games, crafts and the teaching groups. Please do contact any of the team or Dan Wells or me (Doreen) if you'd like to be involved.

Doreen Dace

West Wight Churches Youth Project (WWCYP)



Firstly, a big thank you to all of you for your support in encouraging us in the work that we are doing. Your prayers thoughts, conversations and financial generosity is hugely appreciated. God is doing great work amongst the young people in West Wight and it is a real privilege for us to serve them and Him through this ministry. We are all about seeing Young People's lives changed by Jesus. We want to share the

Good News of Jesus with every young person in the West Wight, and it's great that we have the support of the Church in the West Wight. Without you, none of what we would do would be possible without you.

It has been great to have Ewan, our gap year student, continuing to work with us in the West Wight. He is now heading up Rock Solid on Tuesday evenings, which is going really well, with between 10-17 young people each week.

RS2 on Wednesday evenings is really popular at the moment with up to 40 young people in regular attendance. We've recently introduced a prayer corner to encourage the young people to think more deeply about life and faith.

Last term we re-imagined The Pack, as we have morphed it into a young leadership group. We look at 3 different areas: Leadership, Life skills and Living like Jesus. It has been great to draw in the Junior Team Leaders from Holiday Bible Club and start growing together. One of the highlights last term was our Bonfire Party!

We had a great time at Soul Survivor Festival in the summer. It was great to hang out with young people from across the island and the country, worshipping Jesus together and we had the joy of seeing 2 of our young people from West Wight give their lives to Jesus! One of them said, “Just being with so many other people praising Jesus and feeling such a sense of love in me showed me that he really is there and does love me.”



We believe that in order to see young people’s lives changed by Jesus, the young people need to have meaningful relationships with Christian adults. We know that Rock Solid and RS2 already go part way toward this, but we want to accelerate this process and we believe that mentoring is an amazing way to develop these relationships and offer opportunities for *real* conversations about life and faith. In light of this we are hoping to recruit and train up 5 mentors to pair each of them with one young person to meet with on a weekly basis for between 30minutes - 2hours in either a coffee shop or an activity-based environment. If you are interested in making a profound impact on the life of an individual young person then please let me know. We will be providing training to equip you for mentoring, the first session is likely to be on Saturday 30th March, and we will help guide and encourage you throughout the process, including offering ideas for what to do/say! – **Please get in touch if you have any questions or are considering if this is something you could do!**

Please continue to pray for us, that we would be led by Jesus and that he would pour out His spirit to see lives transformed.

Thanks again for all of your support. You are so appreciated!

Dan Wells

February 2018

Report from IoW Youth for Christ about WWCYP

The Churches Together in West Wight Youth Project is an excellent example of a joint church youth initiative. The project draws funding, prayer support and volunteers from a wide variety of church traditions, all united by a common vision to see young people's lives changed by Jesus. The project is overseen by a dedicated and servant hearted management group ably led by Doreen Dace.

We were saddened by the recent loss of Carole Walker, who previously served as chair of the management team, a keen supporter, advocate and volunteer. The youth project would not be the success it is without her service and dedication. She will be greatly missed, but we celebrate and give thanks for the impact she made and the legacy she leaves.

Lead youth worker Dan Wells continues to lead with humility and wisdom. The volunteers enjoy working alongside him and the young people find him easy to relate to. He is a well-established figure in the community and has good links with other local agencies.

Gap year Ewan Brown liked the Island so much he has stayed around for a second year with a focus on West Wight. His leadership skills have grown and he has taken on additional responsibility, freeing Dan up to focus on other things.

The weekly groups run are well attended and engage well with young people from all different backgrounds. There is a good mixture of social and fun activities as well as opportunities to build relationships and explore faith.

Financially, the project is in need of further funding if it is to continue to operate at the current level of staffing and expenses.

Historically it has been well supported by individuals and church congregations, hopefully this will continue and grow, and the management team are looking to Parish councils and trust funds as additional sources of income.

Ultimately the goal of the project is that more young people in the West Wight might encounter Jesus and their lives would be transformed, let's pray that continues to happen.

Chris Reddecliff (Co-director IW Youth for Christ) February 2019

WWCYP Chair's report

During the past year, the Youth Project has once again seen the numbers of young people attending all the weekly clubs in WW grow. This is also the case for those participating in the All Island Youth for Christ monthly events and attending the residential weekends at the Westbrook Centre in Ryde. What a great opportunity for young people to meet with other

leaders and young Christians, hearing their personal testimonies as well as being able to explore, develop and grow their own faith and deepen their relationship with Christ.

Dan has continued to lead our project with energy, enthusiasm and commitment as he shares his deep, personal faith by example as well as his passion and dedication to bring the gospel message to all young people in West Wight. We are indeed truly blessed to have such an inspiring, young Christian leader heading up our CTWW Youth project. We were also absolutely delighted when Ewan Brown, our Youth for Christ gap year student decided to stay on the Island, working in West Wight for another year. Together they are an amazing team, both of whom are highly respected by our young people and also by all of us who volunteer as helpers. I know Ewan would be the first to admit that Dan's mentoring has given him so much more confidence and experience of working with young people before he begins his degree as a full time university student at Moorlands Bible College in September 2019. We thank Linda and Paul Wells, who have hosted Ewan for 6 months and also express our gratitude to Penny and Andrew Tilt, who have offered to host Ewan for the rest of the year.

The funding for this essential and valuable work continues to be an ongoing challenge. All member churches now contribute generously to the project and we also have a group of faithful, regular individual donors and supporters from our church communities, which is very much appreciated and covers Dan's salary. The other fund we administer is our Development Fund, which pays for any expenses such as transport for away days and weekends, but also subsidises young people who cannot afford the full cost of any of the activities on offer. It also now pays for the weekly hire of the Community Centre where two of the weekly groups meet each week during term time. We are grateful for one grant from a local Parish Council and have promises of grants from two more, as they recognise the importance and value of this local youth work. However, we realise as a Management Group that we need to increase our fundraising efforts as well as the number of individual donors in order to fund the continuation of this project. We are also looking at applying for further grants and ways of fund raising, together with our young people and their families.

Lois Cooper coordinates our bi-monthly prayer letter. If you would like to be added to her mailing list please do contact her. The meeting together on Wednesdays at 9am at FMC is another opportunity to pray for the project, the young people of WW and all the team of volunteers involved. You are always welcome to join us. We want our project to be underpinned with prayer.

We were delighted in September 2018, when Dave Burton, who had helped us set up the project 10 years ago, has joined us as a member of our Management Group. He brings encouragement, a wealth of experience in working with young people but also a quiet, reflective wisdom along with his strong faith.

At the beginning of February 2019, appreciation for and recognition of the work of CTWW in the local community and especially recognising the importance of the Youth Project, was given at a Celebration Evening hosted by Totland and Freshwater Parish Councils.

Thanks must be given to:

- the team of volunteers, who nobly and willingly sign up on the rota each term, provide refreshments, as well as willingly participating in the additional events.
- all the churches in WW and individual donors for their ongoing support, generosity and prayers for the project.
- our young people who regularly attend the groups and support the extra activities and to those who are willing to develop and grow in their faith
- to the staff at WWSCC for their partnership and willingness for us to use their facilities
- to all members of the Management Group who give of their time meeting together regularly, praying for the project, making difficult decisions and willingly offering help as required.
- to IoW YfC especially Chris Reddecliff, for the administration of the project, practical support and advice.
- to Ewan Brown for his commitment, energy and enthusiasm.
- to Dan, for his continuing leadership, inspiration, vision, dedication and hard work for the project
- to everyone involved in any way with the project for their discipleship, love of Christ and belief in this work amongst the young people of WW.



Carole with the Big Brekkie team

Finally, we want to pay tribute to Carole Walker, a former Chair of the Youth Project and always a willing volunteer for her loyal, faithful support and long service in working with young people in West Wight. Her energy, enthusiasm and commitment was absolutely amazing and she is sadly missed but we rejoice that she is now with her Lord and Saviour!

Doreen Dace, Chair of WWCYP on behalf of the Management Group -

Dave Burton, Pauline Clayden, Lois Cooper, Tom Eggeling, Chris Reddicliffe, Geoff Kirk (Treasurer).

February 2019.

CTWW Income and Expenditure Year ended 31.12.2018

Churches Together in West Wight Income and Expenditure Year ended 31.12.2018

	2018 £	2017 £	Expenditure	2018 £	2017 £
Income					
Church Contributions	970.00	585.00	Insurance	166.70	149.26
Contribution from Willow Baptist		500.00	Leaders packs for Lent courses	65.00	
Lent Brunches	2,874.73	3,479.38	Hire of Hall for Brunches	312.00	399.75
Contributions towards Easter Books for Schools		305.00	Donations		
Contributions towards Christmas Books for Schools		190.00	- Brunches	2,375.00	3,100.00
Contributions towards Christmas Books for Schools 2017	155.00		- Fwater Lifeboat (electricity for Open Air Service)	25.00	
Contributions towards Christmas Books for Schools 2018	135.00		- Fwater Lifeboat (Songs of Praise collection)	200.00	
Contributions towards Christmas Books for Schools 2016	178.10		- Cost of Large Print Carol Sheets	40.00	
Collector at Songs of Praise	1,125.00		Brunch Expenses	36.33	
Fun Day			Easter Books for Schools	260.00	
			Retirement Gifts	66.00	
			Cost of First Aid Courses	115.00	
			"Open the Book" Books	64.00	
			Christmas Leaflets	182.00	
			Contribution towards resources - Open the Book	60.00	
			Hire of Community Centre (Celebration of Community)	60.00	
			Wreath for Remembrance Service	25.00	
			Christmas Books for Schools	175.00	
			Christmas Books for Schools 2017	259.50	
			Christmas Books for Schools 2016	250.00	
			Fun Day	1,020.74	
Deficit	<u>5,437.83</u>	<u>4,998.38</u>	Surplus	471.01	146.97
				<u>5,437.83</u>	<u>4,999.48</u>

Notes
 £76.70 held on behalf of Men's Breakfast but not included in CTWW's financial accounts
 £104.26 Fun Day surplus to be carried forward to 2019 Fun Day