

2015 / 2016

# REVIEW

'Therefore, my beloved, be steadfast, immovable, always excelling in the work of the Lord, because you know that in the Lord your labour is not in vain.'

1 Corinthians Ch.15 v.58



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# What a Year!

Revd Dr Martyn Atkins writes ...

*“Lord for the years your love has kept and guided, urged and inspired us, cheered us on our way, sought us and saved us, pardoned and provided, Lord of the years, we bring our thanks today.”*

This, our 104th Annual Review, bears testimony to those words of Timothy Dudley-Smith. It tells of new ministries: a men’s fellowship, a young people’s trip to Palestine, our ‘Welcome Box’ project for migrants and refugees, and our continuing attempt to have a sculpture of ‘The Homeless Jesus’ placed outside the building, here in the heart of Westminster. In all these we feel ‘urged and inspired’ by the Lord.

This Review also includes updates on the many fine, more established ministries in which we are engaged as we seek to partner and serve a God of mission and compassion for all. Our ‘Digital Outreach’ ministry goes from strength to strength, as does our focus on Healing Prayer. Special gatherings and annual events have again been a source of blessing to many. Our partnering and support for Night Shelter, Homeless, Foodbank and Family support projects continues. The rich ministry of music and

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the varied weekly devotional life of the Church deepens our discipleship of Christ. Our relationship with Central Hall Westminster Ltd. – the Company – remains healthy and productive. God’s love has indeed ‘kept and guided’.

One year ‘in’ I am grateful to God for the privilege of serving in this special place, and for the mutual support of a great team. Thank you for your own prayers and support that ‘cheer us on our way’. Please continue to hold us before God that we might continue to honour Christ by our life together here.

**Revd Dr Martyn Atkins, Team Leader & Superintendent Minister**



# Outreach Work – Men’s Fellowship

Marko Joensuu writes ...

We launched Men’s Fellowship in the autumn 2015 and have since met roughly once a quarter. We meet on Sundays from 1pm to 2pm after the morning service.



So far, around fifteen men have been attending our meetings more or less regularly and altogether over thirty have joined the Men’s Fellowship mailing list.

Our focus has so far been in strengthening friendships, but as many of the other groups and ministries in the church are represented through the members of our group, we are beginning

to look for ways we will be able to support them in the church.

If you want to know more about Men’s Fellowship, attend or to join our mailing list, please email [markojoensuu@me.com](mailto:markojoensuu@me.com)

**Marko Joensuu, Leader, Men’s Fellowship**

*“So far, around fifteen men have been attending our meetings more or less regularly”*

Outreach Work –  
Men’s Fellowship



# Outreach Work – Women’s Ministry

**Ollie McEwen writes ...**

*What a fantastic, thrilling and successful Conference Westminster Women’s Outreach had on Saturday, 25th June 2016, as we tackled the topic, “Celebrating Women: Opening Doors and Smashing Glass Ceilings!”*



**Revd Dr Kate Coleman speaking**

Our inspirational Speakers, Dr Kate Coleman, Director of Next Leadership, engaged us with the story of ‘Faustina’ – the

woman at the well and Esther, who opened doors for her people. Kate taught of how we could draw inspiration from both stories, then prayed for us to walk through our open doors with confidence, and to permanently shut those that held us back! Revd Femi Cole Njie gave Testimony of her challenging role as a Superintendent Minister in the Forest Circuit, Sue Monckton-Rickett helped our understanding of our career choices, good or bad, and how to carve out a life balance!

Dana Rhodius, our soloist, penned the Conference theme into an unforgettable song which engaged us all into an enjoyable and energetic dance routine. Revd Ruth Midcalf led our worship and with testimonial participation from four members of our steering group, the day made for an unforgettable conference. Please join us next year, Saturday, 24th June 2017 when we shall be looking at “The Consequences of Brexit, a year on”!

**Ollie McEwen, Leader, Westminster Women’s Outreach**



**Westminster Women’s Outreach Conference**

# New Scheme – Welcome Box Project

**Nana Ocran writes ...**

*Welcome Boxes is a great project which enables churches to reach out to refugees and offer them friendship and assistance.*

It has been successfully run over the past six years in Derby and is a simple but effective model which equips and mobilises churches to get involved with some of the most disadvantaged people in their area. Trained volunteers deliver a Welcome Box, filled with small gifts, to the homes of people who have recently arrived in the area. They provide information about local groups and services. Just something simple like going to the local park together or visiting a group, can be a lifeline to people.

A Welcome Box may seem small but it means so much more than the gifts inside. It helps newly arrived families and individuals feel valued and accepted and extends a hand of welcome and friendship in the neighbourhood.

We, at Methodist Central Hall, got involved with this great project in October 2015, training coordinators and recruiting volunteers from our congregation. I am pleased to



report that after a slow start, we have now started receiving referrals from The British Red Cross. We will soon be delivering our first box to a lovely family in North London.

**Nana Ocran, Leader, Welcome Box Project**

*“A Welcome Box may seem small but it means so much more than the gifts inside”*

# Update re Homeless Jesus. Sign the Petition

Revd Tony Miles writes ...



## No Home for 'Jesus' in Westminster!?

Some readers may know that in early 2015 we were offered a beautiful, life-sized sculpture of 'The Homeless Jesus', created by internationally renowned sculptor Tim Schmalz.

The idea was to locate The Homeless Jesus – which is a figure laid on a park bench, covered with a worn blanket, identified as Jesus only by nail marks evident in his feet – outside the front of the building, clearly visible to the thousands who walk past each day.

Our application to Westminster City Council for permission was declined however, first on the grounds that the area was saturated with other sculptures and also on the basis that this sculpture would add nothing of merit to the area. As we put it when

making a press statement, the Homeless Jesus would not lower the tone of the neighbourhood. By contrast, we felt it would be marvellous if Jesus could be in Westminster!

So we started a petition and received a good deal of media coverage in various national and London papers, and even appeared on the BBC News – both on TV and radio. Consequently we are currently forming an appeal. If you want to support our petition to find the Homeless Jesus a home in Westminster, you can find it by putting "Homeless Jesus" using the search on our website ([methodist-central-hall.org.uk](http://methodist-central-hall.org.uk)), and of course, hold us in prayer.

**Revd Tony Miles, Deputy Superintendent Minister**



'The Homeless Jesus' created by Tim Schmalz

# Young People's Fellowship

**Sarita Lightfoot-Taylor writes ...**

*Once again, by Gods amazing grace and power, YPF has continued to grow from strength to strength.*

As a team of leaders, we see it as a blessing to witness our young people developing in faith and applying this faith in their daily lives.

As some of our members and leaders leave for pastures new, we are reminded that there is a season for everything. We pray that the foundations of faith built whilst in YPF are strengthened and increased, allowing for others to see the light of Christ shining in them and that light spreading wherever God is leading.

**Sarita Lightfoot-Taylor, Leader,  
Young People's Fellowship**



Members and Leaders of YPF

*“As some of our members and leaders leave for pastures new, we are reminded that there is a season for everything”*

# YPF Testimony about trip to Palestine

John Llego writes ...

*The Palestine trip, for me, will be an entirely new experience.*



One of the main reasons I wanted to go was because I would be helping those who are less fortunate than I am and those who have lost their homes due to the war.

Also, a trip to the Holy Land would enable me to experience and have a glimpse of what it was like back in the days of Jesus and this was something that I could not turn down. On top of that, I would be able to explore a completely new environment, culture, and meet new people along the way. From all these experiences, I hope to strengthen and share my faith with those who I encounter in my daily life.

I would like to consider myself as a food lover, so going on this trip would mean trying different types of food which is very exciting and is something I am looking forward to.

**John Llego, YPF Member**

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# Digital Outreach

Dan Forshaw writes ...

*Our Digital Outreach Ministry at MCHW has experienced significant growth since September 2014.*



We now have over 35,000 people interacting with us via our Social Media Channels and our new website, (launched in January 2016) has had over 15,000 hits since January 1st.

80% of our Social Media traffic is based in the UK with 10% in the US, 5% on the African Continent and 5% in the

Rest of the World. One lady from South Africa had been listening to our sermons online for two years, and because she was so impressed by the quality of our preaching, she made a point of attending a service when she visited London in May.

Integrated Digital Campaigns have the biggest impact. Our #HomelessJesus Campaign being featured on BBC TV News, BBC Radio, Russia Today, The Guardian, London Evening Standard and CT today website.

Over 3 billion of the worlds population have internet access - making our Digital Mission the 'Wesley's Horse' of the

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21st Century. Please continue to pray and support this vital mission as we seek new ways to impact people, bringing the light to shine on a place that can be consumed with darkness.

**Dan Forshaw, Digital Outreach Co-Ordinator**

# New Members

Deacon Kina Saunders writes ...

*New members are formally welcomed at the annual Membership service together with those wishing to transfer their membership.*



This is preceded by six weekly 1-hour sessions exploring the Christian faith and what membership of the Methodist church means. These classes also present an opportunity for questions to be asked and the group is enhanced by the variety of experiences individuals share of their own faith journey. Being connected – as part of the Body of

Christ and a member of the Methodist Church – invites a response and reminds us all at the Membership service of our calling to worship, service, learning and caring, and evangelism.

with Methodist Central Hall through the mailing list and the Gatherings. After listening to a Radio 4 broadcast from Central Hall I decided to return 3 years ago. It was like coming back home. I received such a warm welcome.

The worship is enriching and I am a regular member of the bible study group. This church has given me so much. When I was invited to consider becoming a member I wanted to give something back – not only to the church but in every aspect of my life. I want to serve God and am exploring what that will lead to.

**Deacon Kina Saunders**

## Bernie's testimony

I began attending the Wednesday lunchtime services at Central Hall in 1997 at the beginning of my Christian faith. The first Disciple course was being advertised here. I love to study the bible and I was privileged to be part of an exceptional group. I ventured to other churches after this but maintained contact



# The Sanctuary

## Tribute to Lisa Barrett & Michael Larbi

Revd Dr Martyn Atkins writes ...

*This summer sees changes in the leadership of the Sanctuary.*



We say a huge and grateful 'thank you' to Lisa Barrett and Michael Larbi, co-leaders of our Thursday alternative congregation for the past couple of years.

Lisa moves to Korea with her work and Michael to give a year to a church in an exchange programme: both follow a sense of the call of God on their lives. They have been a great blessing both to our Sanctuary congregation and the wider Church. They will be sadly missed but leave with our deep gratitude, our love in the Lord, and our prayers.

**Michael Larbi**



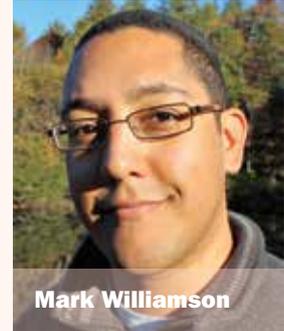
**Lisa Barrett**

## Welcome to Mark Williamson

We're delighted that Mark Williamson has been appointed to lead the Sanctuary into the immediate future, and the summer will be a time of transition as the congregation renews its focus and purpose as a worshipping place and space for young adults.

Mark, and his wife Joanna, work together for One Rock International ([onerockinternational.com](http://onerockinternational.com)), a Christian leadership training charity focussed on young adults and so brings experience and expertise to this role. Please hold Mark and all the congregation, past present and future, in your prayers.

**Revd Dr Martyn Atkins**



**Mark Williamson**



Daffodil Day 2016. Steve Wild & Jill Barber



Martyn Atkins - Christmas Crib



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# Special Moments Special

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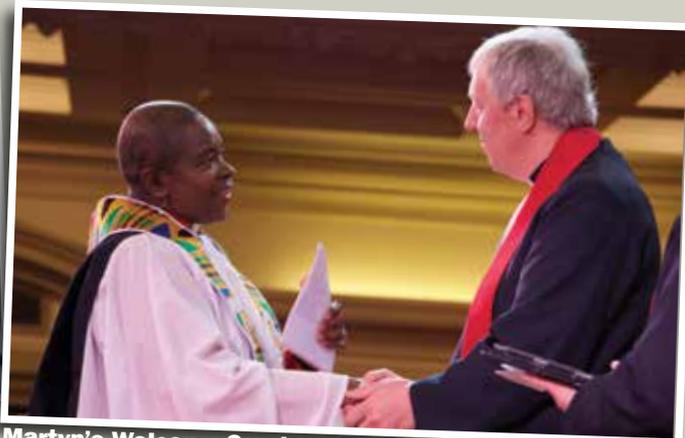
Confirmation Service



Awai Concert



Good Friday Walk of Witness



Martyn's Welcome Service with Revd Rose Hudson-Wilkin

# Moments Special Moments Special



Abdul Bah speaking



Easter Sunday 2016



The Walk of Witness arrives at Westminster Abbey

# The Healing Ministry

Revd Peter Edwards writes ...

*Healing ministry is of pastoral significance to those who seek it but it is also a means by which the Kingdom of God can break into human life.*



Each time we hear how prayer has been answered and lives improved or changed as a result of prayer, we give thanks and praise to God that his kingdom has come near. And the stories keep coming.

In the past year Healing Space, our monthly drop-in, has steadily grown with almost a hundred different people, apart from returnees, coming off the street to receive prayer.

At the Sunday evening healing service we regularly have people coming for the first time for healing prayer because they've heard about the service on Premier Christian Radio. We pray for a whole range of needs: physical, emotional, psychological and spiritual. Our healing team channels God's healing grace leading to wholeness of life. The same is true at our monthly mid-week service. Our online course "Healing Ministry Explored" has now gone live and is accessible at [healing-ministry-explored.org.uk](http://healing-ministry-explored.org.uk) This is part of our policy at MCHW to encourage and promote healing ministry across the connexion so that in more lives, places and situations the Kingdom of God may come.

## Healing Conference 2016: "Re-discovering the Power of Blessing"

At the end of an act of worship the preacher gives the blessing. When someone sneezes, we often say, "bless you" and often something similar is heard when a child does something that touches our hearts. But do we take the whole concept of blessing seriously enough? Revd Dr Russ Parker, the speaker of this year's healing conference, suggests we don't and put the case that God wants to bless us and others far more than we imagine.

He did this in three well-received talks followed by a healing service which sought to implement what Russ had shared with us about praying blessings through ministry from healing teams from MCHW and Premier Lifeline. Worship was led sensitively by songwriter Dave Bilbrough and his wife Pat, who will join us for next year's healing conference on 20 May 2017 when the speaker will be Wes Sutton, Director of Acorn Christian Healing Foundation.

**Revd Peter Edwards,  
Minister with Special  
Responsibility for  
Healing**



Healing Conference 2016: "Re-discovering the Power of Blessing"

# Special Events

## Selected highlights: events and services

### Revd Tony Miles writes ...

*Our first 'Gathering' was Jazz Vespers (25/10/15), celebrating 'Black History Month' and commemorating the visit of Dr Martin Luther King Jr to our Great Hall in 1964.*



We successfully explored suffering, lament and new hope through Jazz and drama, leading to a further smaller scale service with the Dan Forshaw quartet on 10/7/16. Our second '**Gathering**' was **A Man Called 'Billy' (31/7/16)**, scripted by Tony Jasper: a thanksgiving for the ministry of Billy Graham, from his first London crusade in 1954 to his preaching at MCHW a decade later.

Our young adult congregation, **The Sanctuary**, celebrated their 10th anniversary with a special service on **11/10/15**. The **Mariposa Trust** returned for another moving **Saying Goodbye Service (29/11/15)** for people who have lost a baby at any stage of pregnancy, at birth, or in infancy. On **10/1/16**, we remembered the 70th anniversary of the inaugural meeting of the United Nations General Assembly at MCHW. The ever-popular **Daffodil Day** rejoiced with 'Psalms, Hymns and



Daffodil Day 2016

Spiritual Songs' (**7/3/16**) with guests including Pam Rhodes, the President of Conference, Revd Steve Wild, Vice-President, Dr Jill Barber, and Methodist Women in Britain's president, Anne Browse. We co-hosted two events recorded for broadcast with Premier: a **Society Sunday Service (12/6/16)** marking our Queen's 90th birthday, and our Traditional Carol service (**13/12/15**). We were pleased to host **The Methodist Conference (30/6/16-7/7/16)**, including the Conference's Sunday worship and also an Ordination Service for Deacons. The diversity, breadth, and spiritual depth of our church family was evident at our three all-age worship services - always a great joy!

And finally, our ministerial team continue to broadcast regularly, with one past programme even shortlisted for an award.

### Revd Tony Miles



The Queen's 90th Birthday

# Outreach Programmes

## Food Bank, Night Shelter and The Passage

*Deacon Kina Saunders writes ...*

*“He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.” (Micah 6:8).*



This message was proclaimed 800 years before the birth of Christ, yet God’s demand for social justice stretches across the centuries and into every part of the globe. So how do we respond in 21st century Westminster?

Two of the social issues we are involved in are homelessness and poverty. We work collaboratively with other churches

and organisations as we engage with ministry to the marginalised.

Every week food is donated then transported to Westminster Chapel for distribution to those experiencing financial crisis. Food and clothing is also donated to The Passage who help homeless people to transform their lives. Our team of volunteers host the Winter Night Shelter on Friday evenings/ Saturday mornings for 3 months, and this year we served 180 2-course dinners and 180 breakfasts. The generous donations of the church and a local restaurant make this work possible.

We believe in the gospel of transformation, and seek to provide help and hope to those experiencing crisis in Westminster.

**Deacon Kina Saunders**



**Volunteers hosting a Winter Night Shelter evening**

# Our Visitor Hosts

*Paul Moynihan writes ...*

*Once again our team of volunteer Visitor Hosts have worked tirelessly to ensure that we warmly welcome all to this great Church.*



Over 11,000 people from over 60 countries as well as from all corners of the United Kingdom have been taken around and learned about its history and its on-going mission today. And in return, such comments as these are written in our visitor books: 'What a wonderful, peaceful place in the heart of our capital city'; 'I have felt God's presence today in this building and in the welcome I received'. So our thanks to our wonderful Hosts for making all this possible.

We still need additional people who are able to contribute their time and talents to this essential and valued work, so if you can help or would like to find out more then do please make contact with us. Tel: 020 7654 3826.

**Paul Moynihan, Visitor Services Manager**  
**Frank Waller, Assistant Visitor Services Manager**

*“What a wonderful,  
peaceful place in the heart  
of our capital city”*



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# Our Visitor Hosts

# Keep Working!

*Revd Gordon Newton writes ...*



## God at Work

Christian Discipleship is more than coming to Sunday worship! Last Autumn's "God at Work" Wednesday forums looked at four topics: Discerning God's will for my work. Hard Decisions in the work place. Handling Failure and Disappointment. Money: earning,

saving, spending and giving. Four evenings with excellent food and opportunity for reflecting and sharing!

## Wednesday Lunchtime Service

Our 30 minute Lunchtime Service every Wednesday is designed particularly for those who work locally, some of whom can attend regularly, others managing to come only spasmodically. Worship during working hours keeps us in tune with our Creator and challenges us to ask if we are putting Christ as Lord of our economic activity. During Lent, we focussed on the "I Am" sayings of Jesus.

## Wednesday at Westminster

If you would like to know Methodist Central Hall people better, come along on the 4th Wednesday evening of each month: Enjoy chatting over light refreshments for half an hour followed by talks on a variety of subjects, informative, challenging or entertaining (sometimes all three!).

**Revd Gordon  
Newton,  
Honorary  
Associate  
Minister**



**Social evening at the Central Hall**

*“Christian Discipleship is more than coming to Sunday worship!”*

# Music at Methodist Central Hall Westminster

*Gerard Brooks writes ...*

*Our choir at Methodist Central Hall Westminster plays a vital role in leading worship on Sunday mornings, not only by robust singing of the hymns, but by performing introits and anthems that point worshippers towards the themes of readings and services each week.*



## MCHW Choir & Band

This is an important part of the shaping of our offering to God and helps us all to worship meaningfully and effectively. We are grateful for the dedication and time given by our singers and instrumentalists and for the care with which our ministry team plan our services. We continue to maintain and develop a musical diet that embraces

both old and new, from the sturdy hymns of Charles Wesley and others to the very best of modern worship songs, and in so doing we seek to reflect the true spirit and direction of Methodism in the 21st century! Please continue to pray for us, that God will continue to send us vibrant and willing musicians to uplift our musical offerings week by week.



## Organ Concerts

Since our organ in the Great Hall was completely rebuilt in 2011, there have been many concerts played on it and we have welcomed distinguished musicians from all over the world, as well as students and other organists at the start of their profession. In addition, many organist associations from the UK and abroad have visited and played the instrument.

The monthly Organ Matinée concerts attract a loyal following and offer an ideal opportunity to hear the instrument in a concert setting. We are grateful for those who help to organise these events, not least our front-of-house, sound and tea/coffee teams. The modest admission charge enables us to provide a small fee for the visiting players. Please support the concerts!

**Gerard Brooks & Andrew Furniss**  
**Director and Deputy Director of Music**

# St. Vincent's Family Project

*Albie Stadtmiller writes ...*

*St. Vincent's Family Project was registered as a charity in 1996 by the Sisters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul to meet the needs of families in Westminster.*



This work continued the service begun in 1975 by the Spanish Sisters of Charity who had run a nursery for the children of Spanish-speaking immigrant families. SVFP maintains links with other Christian churches and organisations who share its values and concerns.

It is particularly pleased to share in partnership with the Methodist Church at the Central Hall, Westminster, who provide financial support and volunteer within the charity as Trustees and family support workers.

Throughout its history SVFP has earned a reputation for delivering quality direct services offering a community which inspires, supports, and builds resilient families. We have six Vincentian values that underpin our work: respect, inspiration, travelling with those whom we serve, professionalism, a holistic approach and compassion.

**Albie Stadtmiller, Director,  
St. Vincent's Family Project**

*“SVFP maintains links with other Christian churches and organisations who share its values and concerns”*



**Creative Arts at SVFP**

# Our Young People

## *Philippa Muir writes ...*



The crèche operates each Sunday for the very young children of Methodist Central Hall. We have a reliable body of helpers and a good amount of toddlers who frequent our lovely 'bouncy' inflatable crèche.

We provide toys, puzzles, books and crayons and paper to draw and occasionally video interaction with sing along nursery songs.

Parents are encouraged to sit with their child to settle in. For more information I can be found on Sundays in crèche.

**Philippa Muir, Leader, Crèche**

## *Esther Thomas writes ...*

JC Live is a fun and enjoyable place for children to come together and learn about Jesus and the bible. It's extremely rewarding to see the children develop their understanding of the bible and grow spiritually during their time with us.

This year, the children have been active in raising awareness and funds for Junior Mission for All (JMA). Through various events they have so far raised £750 so that other children are not excluded from supporting and learning about the mission of the church.



**Esther Thomas, Leader, JC Live**

*“We have a reliable body of helpers and a good amount of toddlers who frequent our lovely 'bouncy' inflatable crèche”*

# The Business Centre 2015-2016

## *Paul Southern writes ...*

*The Business Centre has had another wonderful year both in revenue and in profit.*



During the financial year 2014-15 the Business unit contributed £1.3m to the Trustees (for its charitable work) in addition to undertaking a number of improvements to the building, including painting the Great Hall. Central Hall Westminster is now recognised all over the world because of the high profile events that the Team have

hosted here.

These highlights included the BBC New Year's Eve (featuring Bryan Adams), the celebration of the 70th anniversary of the United Nations (Central Hall was the only English venue and was seen alongside the Eiffel Tower, The Great Wall of China and the Taj Mahal), a concert by Yusuf Islam (Cat Stevens) and many other international events and concerts.

Our clients expect a high quality service and our Team are delivering this requirement but are doing so commercially, ethically and generously.

**Paul Southern, Managing Director,  
Business Centre**

## *Revd Tim Swindell writes ...*

*I'm pleased to say that this year has, once again, been both challenging and rewarding for the commercial business.*



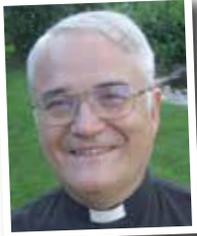
We have continued to service a wide range of clients, from ethical investment companies to government departments, from educational charities to rock stars, and from conferences of thousands to individuals escaping the rain. We have served people with many thousands of meals and probably hundreds of thousands of cups of tea and coffee.

Truly I expect that we will have entertained angels unawares, as Hebrews 13 would see it! Our staff of sales people, events staff, caterers, welcomers, cleaners, porters and others all work hard behind the scenes to ensure that this building is a wonderful experience to visit, and that indeed God may be worshipped in all his glory. If you haven't noticed them, then that is probably a sign that they have done a great job – but please say 'hello' if you see us around.

**Revd Tim Swindell, Executive Chairman,  
Business Centre**

# Our Anniversary Preacher

## Introducing Revd Dr Mark Wakelin



*Mark will be preaching at the morning and evening services of the Church Anniversary on Sunday, 2nd October 2016.*

Mark Wakelin is a minister in the Sutton Circuit of the Methodist Church. He was first stationed in 1982 and ordained in 1984. He has previously served in Circuits in Lincolnshire and Manchester. He has been the National Secretary of MAYC, Director of the Guy Chester Centre, Internal Relationships Secretary and President of the Methodist Conference.

Mark is married with three grown up children and four granddaughters. His hobbies include learning French, cooking,

studying horticulture and trying to be a gardener. He keeps chickens, is fond of newts, frogs, and insects. He remains academically interested in the world of adult education and in particular theological formation. It's all change this year as we celebrate with an Anniversary Lunch after the morning service. We hope you will support this new style of celebration, so please listen out for our pulpit notices about the Lunch and remember to invite your family, friends and loved ones to what is going to be a memorable afternoon.

# Our 104th Anniversary Appeal

A recent series of sermons on 'fruitful congregations' included one on 'Extravagant Generosity'. We reminded ourselves that God's generosity to us – supremely embodied in the self-giving love and sacrifice of Jesus, God's Son – is the model we seek to mirror in our own lives. We recalled that God loves us all but scripture specifically refers to God loving cheerful givers. We remembered our responsibility to support the work of God and seek to resource Kingdom ministries, laying up treasures in such things that really count.

Our Anniversary is an opportunity to prayerfully consider what we should give to support the mission and ministry of Methodist Central Hall Westminster. Only by the

generous giving of members and supporters is the rich and varied Christian ministry and service outlined in this Annual Review possible. As a Church we spend what we receive, we tithe our own giving and give to other Christian ministries, and we are aware of so many more ways in which we could join God in the Divine plan to Love people to Life were the resources available to us.



Our target this year is £12,500 an increase of £500 on the figure for 2015/16. It is our confident hope that each of us will pray about what they can and should give, making a thank offering to God for his love and the life of God's Church in this place. Bless you all.

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