

Melville Methodist Church report to Farlow and Oreton Parish Council 2021

Thank you for inviting me to give a report to the Parish Council on behalf of Melville Methodist Church.

This last year has been difficult for many people, the impact of Covid and government restrictions during much of the last twelve months has affected, and changed things for many people.

At Melville the building has been closed for Worship, we have also been unable to hold our usual fund raising event so, this of course has impacted on our finances.

There are several things that will need to be done to our building in the near future, these include decorating both inside and outside the Church. We also have to meet our weekly assessment.

Our Church council will meet in late June to discuss this, patterns of worship, and possibilities for fund raising. If you have any fund raising ideas please speak to me or any member of the Church.

During the past twelve months our services have been over Zoom as part of the Ludlow Methodist Church.

Since April though we have been meeting fortnightly, patterns of worship over the next few months may change for up to date information see our Notice board or Shropshire and Marches web site.

Whilst we have been unable to meet in the Church the work of the Church continued in other ways.

Two of our windows and the outside of the Chapel were decorated for both Easter and Christmas. We express our thanks to Farlow C of E primary School for their Easter display, in one of our Windows.

They also provided us with pictures for our Facebook page, for Advent and the Easter season. Our thanks also go to Mark and Tess Link for the Christmas Tree, which last year we were able to display outside the Church.

During the past twelve months, on Mothering Sunday, we have distributed flowers to those who have regularly attended our Soup lunch. We have also distributed a book that was put together by Methodist Staff in South Shropshire, called "The little book of Advent". Christmas and Easter magazines have also been given out.

On VE day we took Cream teas to a couple of senior associates of the Church. People have also been supported by telephone calls, and a News letter has been produced which was distributed weekly, this is now fortnightly.

With the Government plans to ease restriction again in June we hope to be able to begin having some Coffee Mornings again, plus some other social events.