

Melville Methodist Church report to Farlow and Oretton Parish Council 2022

On behalf of Melville Methodist Church, thank you for inviting me give this report on the Churches work during the past twelve months.

I would also like to begin by expressing some thanks firstly for the grant awarded to us by the Parish Council towards the building work that needs to be done.

We are still awaiting quotes for some of the specialist work that needs doing, before we can proceed any further.

To Farlow farm Nursery for the tree we displayed outside Chapel at Christmas.
Farlow C of E Primary school for their support with various activities.

During the past twelve months we have slowly been emerging from all the restrictions of Covid, whilst still being aware that this virus as not gone away.

Worship

It was decided when we began to worship again on the premises that we would share some of our services with our near neighbours Hopton Bank Methodist Church.

We now meet at Melville three Sundays of the month, with members from Hopton Bank joining us for one of these services, on the second Sunday of the month we join members at Hopton bank.

This means numbers are boosted at these services, this system is working well.

Please see our notice board or the Shropshire and Marches web site for times and place of service.

We are also happy to look at having occasional services with our friends at Farlow Parish Church and hope that something can be arranged in the Autumn

Activities

Since we have returned to our building we have held several coffee Mornings, at a recent one we raised funds for the Ukraine appeal this was very well supported and I express Melville thanks to all who attended and for their generous donations.

During late autumn and also in the Spring this year we held Soup Lunches, these remain popular and at the last one we had a full house.

In September we will review about holding these again.

On Mothering Sunday we gave out primulas to those at Church.

At the end of June 2022, we are holding an event to celebrate the Queens Platinum Jubilee, there will be a cream tea on the afternoon of the 25th, with a competition on the theme of Our Queen.

Prizes will be awarded for the best in each category.

I have brought some flyers along.

We are also hoping to hold a quiz night in the Autumn.

Planning is also taking place for other events.

We are donating money to the PTA towards the eggs given to Farlow School children at Easter and will buy the books given from the Open the Book team to the leavers.

I close my report by again thanking all those who support us to maintain a presence in the community.