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Care for Uganda

Report Name	Care for Uganda
Lead	Gill Robinson / Deb Tovey
Summary of last 12 months – achievements /focus/ changes etc	<p>Care for Uganda is extremely grateful for the prayers and on-going support given by Christchurch members over the past year – through donations, collecting boxes, buying alternative Christmas gifts or supporting fundraising such as our quiz night or cake sales.</p> <p>Particular thanks to those who sponsor individual children to attend school or vocational training – over twenty children are currently sponsored by Christchurch members. Overall there are 260+ children benefiting from sponsorship, which pays for school fees, uniforms, meals and often other welfare support for the family.</p> <p>Individual schools are often given support by donations of text books, desks or other equipment. A local school in Bbowa, attended by 40 of our sponsored children was recently given a donation to replace its lean-to buildings with some permanent classrooms – a bore hole for water, toilet block and tippy taps were also constructed. Particular support has been given to support a school with a unit for children with special educational needs. 650 girls have been supplied with Afripads (washable sanitary towels) to ensure they are able to attend school during periods.</p> <p>Community support continues to distribute vital items such as mosquito nets and solar lamps to those who need them. A livestock project and construction of keyhole gardens helps families to improve their incomes.</p> <p>CFU's sub charity, FLOW continues to train Village Health teams – volunteers who offer advice on hygiene and health and provide a vital link to those who need more help. Through the teams many homes have had tippy taps constructed, which has helped to reduce the incidence of diarrhoea in the area. FLOW also fund and maintain the motorbike ambulances, of which a fourth will soon be provided – these are well-used in maternity and other emergencies.</p>
Challenges for the area of work	<p>CFU works in a very poor, rural area of widespread villages with little infrastructure – roads are mainly rough tracks so monitoring the work brings many difficulties, particularly in rainy seasons.</p> <p>One of the biggest challenges CFU faces is the future employment of our sponsored children, as opportunities are limited in poor, rural areas.</p>

<p>Plans over next 12 months</p>	<p>To expand a current project seeking to ensure the homes of all our sponsored children have pit latrines, tippy taps, washing lines, kitchen drying racks, solar lamps and mosquito nets.</p> <p>It is hoped to build and equip a couple of workshops at Bbowa that could be used by sponsored children who have completed vocational training to help them on their road to employment.</p> <p>Another hernia trip is planned for September, with volunteer doctors, anaesthetists and nurses from UK visiting for a week to perform operations.</p>
<p>What would you like us to pray about in relation to your work</p>	<p>For the dedicated staff of CFU in Uganda, who are committed to the project despite working with many challenges.</p> <p>For all the sponsored children and particularly for the future work prospects of those completing the programme. For new sponsors to come forward to support those who currently are not able to attend school.</p> <p>For those with special needs or disabilities, for whom life is particularly hard in a developing country.</p> <p>For everyone in the rural areas in which CFU works to have access to clean water, latrines and tippy taps.</p> <p>For the Village Health teams and ambulance drivers – for their safety and impact.</p>

Children and Families Projects at Christchurch

Kate Dommett

Highlights of the past year:

The Fridge is now run by a fantastic team of people who enable this great project to happen and the young people who come have a great time: they invite friends along, chill out together, play games, eat food and listen to a visitor give their testimony through interview/or have a thought provoking space at the end. We have seen more and more children/young people from our local schools coming along over the past year.

F@CT has a wonderful team that enables this monthly space to be open, welcoming, fun and very positive experience of church for families who come. The young people who the key members of this team (look out for the T-shirts!) plan the content, run the activities, welcome the younger children and lead worship and prayers. The focus is a space for parents with young families to get to know one another, build community and sharing God's love.

5 fantastic teams run the 5 groups on **Sunday mornings**: Bubbles, Splash, Extreme, Rapidz and Shine. These spaces are for children and young people to build relationship with God and one another.

The **two toddler groups**/teams at Christchurch (Thursday and Friday) continue to grow and serve our community and we welcome so many new people from the local community throughout the year. We also offer meals to mums who've just had new babies and it has been really amazing to see the team of volunteers on the meal rota double this year – thank you. We've cooked and delivered a lot of food between us and it is hugely appreciated.

The **site and building** is often buzzing with children and parents/carers coming along to the many groups that use it throughout the week and a huge thanks goes to Jess McManus for her fantastic skills as bookings/site manager.

We are very thankful to all those who go in and listen to readers in **Yeo Moor** school and have started listening to readers in **St Nick's** too.

We signed up to partner with the education charity **TLG** from the summer of 2017. 9 Members of Christchurch then trained as coaches in July 2017 and began working in St Nick's from October 2017. We have seen a further 13 coaches train over the past year and we are now coaching in Yeo Moor and St John's as well as St Nick's. The

coaches build relationship with the school, the children and the families and the love and care that they show in their role as coach is a joy and a privilege to see. A huge thanks goes to this team truly Transforming Lives for Good in our local community.

We delivered **Christmas and Easter services** to 4 Nurseries in the town and continue to welcome St Nick's here to do their school services too. This year Yeo Moor also joined us for their Christmas Service.

We have spent another year updating our already robust **Safeguarding** procedures in the Children/Youth team and huge thanks to Margaret Sutherland for her work in this area. We are committed to best practice in all our Safeguarding processes and continue to ensure that this is a high priority in all our work with Children and Young People.

Thank you to all the incredible team that continues to grow and enable all of this (and so much more!) to happen. Thank you everyone – for your time, energy, love for families and children in our community and prayers. Thank you God.

Youth Work at Christchurch

Will Alvarez

Highlights of the past year:

The Fridge second session (11-14s) is run by a fantastic team of people who enable this great project to happen and the young people who come have a great time: they invite friends along, chill out together, play games, eat food and occasionally listen to a brief talk. Over the past year the demographic has changed, with many more young people coming from the YMCA due to our close links there.

Sunday mornings – Shine and Rapidz. These spaces are for a young people to build relationship with God and one another. A massive thank you to Jo and Martha who have been running the Shine group for the girls and the feedback has been very good!

We have renamed what was formally known as **CU as Soul Café**, with the CU moving to Tuesday lunchtimes. We have seen the numbers grow to approximately 20-25 people on average a session, which we then ask questions about God to each week to the young people.

Rock Solid club in St Nics has continued again this year through me and Ashlee in order to explore faith with the young people and transition them into Clevedon School. This link has been brilliant in regards to explore and the Soul Café as these close links has seen us retain contact with many of the young people.

The **Explore team** has been into **Clevedon School** (for 3 weeks in March/April this Year) to work with the whole of Year 7, delivering the RS programs using the Explore Christianity material. Feedback has been very good and many of the young people have been drawn to the Soul Café as a result.

We have increased our links with the YMCA and our **Table tennis club** has now moved down there. Through this we have been able to reach out into the community and have allowed conversation about God and young people's self worth. These increased links with the YMCA have seen one girl baptized and three other young people invite God into their life, a big hooray for that!

Christchurch also partnered with the YMCA to do **detached youth work last summer** and reached out to young people in the community, who still recognize us and say hi when we are in and around Clevedon School.

We have begun running **bible studies/groups for 11-14s, 15-18s and 18-30s**. We have run the 11-14s on a Wednesday night for a year and weekly get 10+ young people on average. The 11-14s and 18-30s have just begun on Thursday nights.

We have since last year hosted **two Movement pop up worship events** and have attended the movement in Wells cathedral with 500+ young people.

The **Football team** has had a good year and although we have found the league much tougher, we have continued to bond well together.

We have also done a few one off events such as kayaking with the football lads, another nerf war, the GO weekend in Weston and we have visited Guvna B in Bristol.

Thank you to all the incredible team who have been supporting the youth work, you have been amazing!

Deanery Synod 2018

John De Borde

The Deanery Synod met 4 times in 2018. Apart from the essential business (accounts, election to Diocesan Synod, etc.) all the meetings were concerned with the progression of the Diocesan vision in the Deanery. The Deanery Vision was issued as a pamphlet and circulated to all churches in the Deanery with copies for everyone.

The meetings were focused on encouraging the churches in the Deanery to reach out into the community and in particular to families and children. There were a number of outside speakers emphasising on “telling the story” and activities to reach out. In addition there were a number of presentations from churches within the Deanery on activities they were undertaking. Included in these were presentations by Kate Dommett on what Christchurch are doing.

The hope is that the churches in the Deanery will make bold steps in reaching out into their communities.

Finance Report

Report Name	Finance Report
Lead	Les Turner as head of the Finance Team
Summary of last 12 months – achievements /focus/ changes etc	<p>The Finance Team has grown in the year and now comprises Eamon McManus, Briony and John Hyde, Dan Sewell, John de Borde and myself and we meet with the Clergy from time to time.</p> <p>During the year Christchurch has finally been registered as a Charity in our own right after a long period which included the updating of our Constitution and prolonged interaction with the Charity Commission.</p> <p>We present the Accounts for the Year ended 31 December 2018. Please note the following:</p> <p>Income</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The income for the year totalled £184,437 (2017 - £183,620) of which £21,073 was for restricted purposes. • Despite the fact that we lost a few generous donors who gave by standing order, Unrestricted Income was maintained throughout the year due to some generous one-off donations. • We have also had many donations of goods and time which have all helped to reduce costs. • Church and room hire totalled £21,550 (2017 - £14,896) and continues to go from strength to strength due in no small part to the efforts of our Booking manager, Jess McManus, who has secured even more bookings for the current year. This does not come without a cost however. • The sale of the old “eagle” lectern for £1,400 also added to our income for the year. <p>Expenditure</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expenditure totalled £171,409 (2017 - £168,449) of which £21,822 was in respect of restricted funds. • The largest outgoings for the year are our contributions to the Gordano Valley Methodist Circuit and the Bath & Wells Diocese. These continue to increase as a result of increased pension and other commitments faced by the central finance of each church denomination. • Last year the ECC took the decision to split the administration and bookings roles and to increase the

	<p>hours available for the latter. The increase in admin costs of c £2k has been more than covered by the increased revenue.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The increased occupation of the building and our commitment to giving a warm welcome results in continuing high costs of heating and lighting. <p>Overall</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The overall net surplus amounted to £13,028 (2017 - £15,171) with a net reduction in restricted funds of £749 and an addition to unrestricted funds of £13,777. • Retained reserves therefore total £83,020 at the year end (2017 - £69,243) and this exceeds out budgeted figure of £60,000. No reduction is proposed at this stage due to uncertainties with the 2019 position.
Challenges for the area of work	<p>Your finance team have set a budget for 2019 which continues to reflect the following challenges:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Standing order and regular income is anticipated to be below committed levels of expenditure by around £20,000. • The grant funding for our Families Co-Ordinator and Youth Worker will cease this summer and we have committed to continuing to fund these roles. This will need to be funded out of regular income going forward. • Our contributions for Circuit assessment and Parish share continue to be under pressure to increase although this year the overall increase is anticipated to be modest. • Last year we had our Quinquennial inspection which identified a programme of work to be undertaken over the current and following four years. Whilst we have funds put aside for some of this there will inevitably be further costs over and above those set aside.
Plans over next 12 months	<p>The leadership Team are continuing to explore the ways in which God is calling us to help the community of Clevedon and the surrounding area.</p> <p>Your Finance Team continue to explore opportunities as to how we can ease the financial burden on the church and also free up funds for mission opportunities as they arise.</p> <p>Currently we are looking at the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Encouraging an increased regular giving by standing order. • Giving members the opportunity to set up direct debits.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The use of technology to receive income eg, text giving, card readers, Churchsuite etc. • Further opportunities to ensure that our building is utilised more fully and if possible to generate further income. <p>We encourage all members of the congregation to consider if and how they could leave a legacy for the ongoing work and mission of Christchurch.</p> <p>We are also continuing to look at ways of reducing our essential costs whilst ensuring that we can give visitors to the building a warm “Christchurch welcome”.</p>
<p>What would you like us to pray about in relation to your work</p>	<p>Please pray for wisdom in our stewardship of the funds made available to us.</p> <p>Pray that we will be given sufficient resources to achieve God’s plan for Christchurch and the community of Clevedon.</p> <p>Individually we all pray for God’s prompting as to how we can be involved in the mission of Christchurch, whether by giving of our time, money or talents.</p> <p><i>‘Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God love a cheerful giver.’</i></p> <p>2 Corinthians 9:7</p> <p><i>‘But who am I, and who are my people, that we should be able to give as generously as this? Everything comes from you, and we have given you only what comes from your hand.’</i></p> <p>1 Chronicles 29:14</p>

Growth Groups

Report Name	Growth Groups
Lead	Carolyn Waite
Summary of last 12 months – achievements/focus/changes etc	<p>This has been an interesting year for the growth groups within Christchurch. There are many groups that meet that perhaps are not strictly a "growth group" but they are groups that meet together under the umbrella of Christchurch.</p> <p>There are new groups for the 11-14's and the 18-30s run by Will and Ashlee</p> <p>There are only 2 regular fortnightly evening groups meeting, these are on Monday and Tuesday. And one fortnightly Thursday afternoon group. All these groups have been following study material related to the sermon series. There is also an ecumenical group following the Spring Harvest material, run by Tony and Izzy Parker.</p>
Plans over next 12 months	A men's study group is being formed by John de Borde.
What would you like us to pray about in relation to your work	<p>Thank you for the groups that meet and the fun, study and exploration of faith that takes place.</p> <p>More leaders and facilitators to come forward as more groups will provide more opportunities for growth.</p> <p>More opportunity for folk to explore their Christian faith and to grow in this.</p>

Men's Group

Group Name	Men's group
Leaders/Facilitators	Matthew Fowler/Steven Hargreaves
Objectives of group	Encourage friendship, Encourage a band of brothers, and introduce to the basics of Christianity, go deeper in key areas affecting men..work relationships etc.
Format and frequency of meetings	Second Tuesday of each month.
Target membership	Men that don't go to church, on the fringe of church, regular attenders.
Communication with group	Email
Group membership size and average attendance	Around 20 regularly attending, 60 receiving group email.
Resources used	
Summary of last 12 months – achievements/focus/ changes etc	Relationships have deepened and friendships formed, regular social meet ups including kayaking,axe throwing bbq, pub meets.The group enjoyed manning the “24/7 prayer shop” during the week it was open in Queen Square and some significant times were had.
Challenges for the group	Encouraging more ownership of the group and the content from those attending.
Plans over next 12 months	Going deeper on key areas such as prayer, relationships deepen, more fun!
What would you like us to pray about in relation to your group	God is at the centre of all we do, we honour him in everything.

MONDAY LUNCH & COMMUNION

Sonia Eggleston and Jo Sims

Monday Lunch and Communion takes place on the 3rd Monday of the month, except December, and it continues to be a source of fellowship and enjoyment for those who attend.

Our team of helpers continues to grow, and we do say a big thank you for all their hard work. There is always room for more, especially those who can help with lifts, so do approach a member of the team if you feel led to help.

We provide a freshly cooked two course meal which is funded by the people who eat it.

We would like to encourage more people to join us for a lovely meal and a good chat, so if you know of anyone who may benefit please let Sonia Eggleston know – don't let transport be an issue, do have a word.

The short thoughtful communion service is optional – **not** everyone who comes for lunch stays – and it also works the other way round so if you would like to come to the service only – it starts at 1.30pm and you will be very welcome.

We are self financing and give £10 a month to the church for the tea and coffee we use at the Lunch and Tea & Chat. Our Christmas Lunch is held in January and this year we were able to send £150 to Clevedon Food Bank from donations given.

Our aim is to grow the group, and keep it as accessible as possible to all who want to come and enjoy fellowship as well as a nourishing meal and Communion. Therefore finding people to provide transport is one of our challenges. Please pray especially for transport volunteers, on the third Monday of the month, as well as the continued enthusiasm of our helpers and that all who attend may enjoy the fellowship.

Music report

Report Name	Music Director
Lead	Julian Sawyer
Summary of last 12 months – achievements /focus/ changes etc	<p>As in previous years, Christchurch has been blessed by the willingness of volunteers to commit in both practicing beforehand and leading the congregation in the sung worship each Sunday. We aim to offer a contemporary style in our worship, using a band format with members ageing from teenagers to senior citizens. We use songs and hymns old and new to encourage the congregation to lift their voices giving praise and worship to our heavenly Father.</p> <p>There is a vast resource of new songs emerging within the worldwide church - some good, some not so good. We hopefully discover ones which are relevant, well written and easily learnt, becoming memorable for our all-age congregation at Christchurch. We hope that the songs and hymns encourage and enable us to worship, not just during the Sunday service but to 'lift us' in the following week in whatever situations we may encounter.</p> <p>We are enthusiastic and have a passion to use the musical gifts God has given us, giving them back to God in our service through leading each Sunday. We are blessed to have had with us some musically gifted Trinity Students and through David, Jay and Lydia, we have been able to explore and develop our sung worship ministry. We have served at weddings, CTIC services and other events throughout the year, each time aiming to offer a musical lead to help people encounter God through the sung worship at that event.</p> <p>We normally meet on a Thursday evening to practice at 7.45pm and then again on Sunday morning at 9.30am.</p>
Challenges for the area of work	To maintain the enthusiasm. To build the team, equipping them musically and spiritually in using their gifts. To have fun in our serving and practice. To encourage existing and new members to challenge themselves, experiment and to become better and more skilful musicians and singers.
Plans over next 12 months	To add new members. To improve our practice/rehearsal times. To have social events to build up the group.
What would you like us to pray about in relation to your work	Each week, the planning and preparation and finding the right mix/balance of songs and arrangements for the sung worship. The practice/rehearsal times, commitment to attend. For an ever-growing enthusiasm and desire to serve in this ministry. For new people to be challenged to serve using their musical gifts. For a greater freedom and confidence in my leading of the worship group and in the services on a Sunday.

Refresh

Group Name	Refresh Café Coffee Morning
Leaders /Facilitators	Helen Pett, Kathy Fowler and Cathy Pope Kate Dewfall, Jane Bird, Sophie Moran, Tash Ford Plus new Team Member replacing Mary Alvarez
Objectives of group	To provide a welcoming café style environment for women between the ages of 18 and 100+ where they can be physically and spiritually refreshed.
Format and frequency of meetings	1st and 3 rd Friday of each month except in school holidays. 10 until 12 noon with a short 10 minute talk at 11am. The talk is planned to be accessible to both Christians and non Christians giving an insight into what it means to be a Christian, often including personal stories and testimonies.
Target membership	Women of all ages who are either in the church family or maybe on the fringes of church or even those that are not connected to church but are in the local community. We have all invited various women we meet going about daily life, ranging from neighbours to local friends, mums from school etc.
Communication with group	Church Newsletter articles, Flyers available at church and the team have them available to hand out. We have started to collate members names for future email updates etc.
Group membership size and average attendance	Approx. 20 to 25 coming including team of 6/8 on regular basis. Varies week to week. Some are there every time and others make it occasionally.
Resources used	All resources we have needed have been provided by the team and covered by the voluntary suggested donation from the visitors for their coffee and cake. We use church coffee and tea and milk. Cake is baked for us by volunteers or bought.
Summary of last 12 months – achievements /focus/ changes etc	<p>When we met as a team to plan this Coffee Morning we were all clear we would just start with the vision we had and prayerfully ask God to lead us and help us to shape it depending on the people coming. We have been enormously blessed by the regular support of women coming and team wanting to be involved and support it.</p> <p>As there is always a mix of church and unchurched ladies there, we have to make sure that the talk in the middle of the morning is accessible and non threatening, but also contains enough content and challenge/encouragement for those who have been Christians many years. Helen Pett oversees the content of the mornings and often delivers the talks with other members of the team taking other weeks. It does feel like a real family where women have made new friends and are gathering to journey together and support each other.</p>

	<p>We have looked at themes such as:</p> <p>Identity – Who am I? Choosing life and what that means -Flourishing in every season -Hope -We reap what we sow Jesus Light of the World Jesus stands at the door and knocks</p> <p>I think in summary we have felt that God has given us a huge heart for these women and said to us “I haven’t finished with this generation yet!” There are signs of God moving and stirring hearts afresh and fruit in friendships and conversation and people bringing neighbours and those that are definitely seeking. There is a real sense of God’s presence when we meet and real fun and laughter too. The team dynamic is also incredible. After working on teams and in ministry for many years, this is one of the most effortless, fun and ‘God crafted teams’ I have ever been on.</p>
<p>Challenges for the group</p>	<p>Every Team member has quite serious challenges with either work commitments, teenage children or young children, family situations or health issues that they are dealing with. There have been some Fridays when we all arrive feeling pretty empty and drained and like we’ve been waging war in some cases.</p>
<p>Plans over next 12 months</p>	<p>To remain prayerful and willing to adapt and follow the Holy Spirit’s lead with this group. We only want to keep investing in this ministry as it is if that’s what God wants. If we have quite a few ladies who are seeking and want to get to know more about what it means to know Jesus then we may consider running an Alpha group alongside refresh, or maybe an offshoot group to follow up on that. We would talk to the church leadership team to get advice and wisdom before embarking on that.</p> <p>We can definitely cater for more ladies and we would love to see more ladies from the church coming and supporting the morning and also catching the vision that refresh is an amazing stepping stone into church for those who find Sundays too hard or overwhelming at present or have maybe never even been to church.</p>
<p>What would you like us to pray about in relation to your group</p>	<p>Physical and spiritual protection for the Team as I think we all feel this is a real ‘front line’ ministry and we are really sharing our stories and lives with these women. We have many of us with quite serious physical stuff going on which would be wonderful to see God heal so we are strong and able to keep doing this amazing work. Also that the relationships that have formed will continue to grow and strengthen and that the love for Jesus that is being fanned into flames will have a knock on effect in the wider church community and further afield. Finally that the women that have come that don’t know God would want to know more and that we will see them come to know Jesus personally/.</p>

Safeguarding

Report Name	Safeguarding
Lead	Margaret Sutherland
Summary of last 12 months – achievements /focus/ changes etc	<p><u>Churchsuite:</u> All DBS and Safeguarding Training information has now been moved over to Churchsuite, which means I no longer have this information stored on my computer. We are now able to view dates of issue of DBS clearance with Certificate numbers, when renewal is due and what training has been completed.</p> <p><u>DBS applications:</u> All applications are now on-line. The system works really well with certificates being received very quickly, sometimes within a week. Most members of the Youth Team (including TLG coaches) have now been cleared, with one outstanding application.</p> <p><u>Training:</u> C0 – Basic Awareness module – available on-line. This should be undertaken by everyone who is part of a team at Christchurch, and is a pre-requisite for the C1 module. A large number have completed this, though there are still some outstanding. Any member of the congregation is welcome to access the module – please ask me for details.</p> <p>C1 – Foundation module (and refresher) – required for everyone engaged in a role that needs DBS clearance. I have delivered several face-to-face sessions during the past year and will arrange more in the Autumn when sufficient numbers have completed the C0.</p> <p>C2 – Leadership module - Kate and Will have attended this session, which should also be completed by the Wardens.</p> <p>It is the aim of the Diocese that everyone who needs training will have completed at least the C0 module by the end of March 2019.</p> <p><u>Domestic Abuse:</u> Clive and I have attended a seminar considering the role of the Church and have booked to attend the S3 – Responding to Domestic Abuse module, in May</p> <p><u>Contact with teams:</u> I meet with the clergy and youth workers as necessary to discuss any issues or concerns.</p>

	<p>I have regular monthly liaison meetings with Kate (Safeguarding Lead on the ECC).</p> <p>I also link with team leaders as required (eg Prayer ministry, Welcome team, Coffee team, Transport) – to check requirements for DBS or Confidential Declarations).</p> <p><u>Diocesan service:</u> I attended a Safeguarding Service at Wells Cathedral in September 2018. This was led by Bishop Peter and was well attended. It was a lovely service recognizing and supporting the Safeguarding work within the Diocese.</p> <p><u>Further information:</u> The Diocesan website has a lot of information that can be accessed, including the Safeguarding Policy and training schedule: bathandwells.org.uk</p> <p><u>Contact details:</u> We now have a dedicated Safeguarding email address for Christchurch: safeguarding@christchurch-clevedon.org.uk</p>
Challenges for the area of work	Encouraging people to complete / attend training
Plans over next 12 months	<p>To attend the Domestic Abuse module in May – and to see how this relates to us at Christchurch.</p> <p>To arrange some face-to-face C1 training for the Autumn.</p> <p>For all who need safeguarding training to be up-to-date, at the required level.</p>
What would you like us to pray about in relation to your work	For members of Christchurch to have a greater awareness of Safeguarding and to recognise that the protection of children & vulnerable adults is everyone’s responsibility

Tea and chat

Group Name	Tea and Chat
Leaders/Facilitators	Carolyn Waite
Objectives of group	An opportunity for people to get together to chat and enjoy homemade cake providing an important community link.
Format and frequency of meetings	Meet on the first Friday of the month
Target membership	The group is ecumenical and open to anyone and we encourage people to bring friends and neighbours, particularly those who may not get out much.
Challenges for the group	Transport is an issue for those who attend
What would you like us to pray about in relation to your group	To have more people coming to the group To thank the faithful few The great friendships and conversations that take place

Uganda Concern UK

Report Name	Uganda Concern UK – supporting the work of Uganda Women Concern Ministry in Mbale, Uganda.
Lead	Terry Game
Summary of last 12 months – achievements /focus/ changes etc	<p><i>We are the sole funder of the following projects and a small group from the UK visit in January each year to take part and to monitor the projects.</i></p> <p>Annual Children’s Camp: <i>a 5 day residential camp for approx. 70 disadvantaged young people, most from very rural communities. The camp offers an opportunity to raise the children’s self-esteem and emphasise how much God loves and values them. The days are filled with singing, dancing, bible teaching, games, craft activities and teaching sessions relevant to their needs. Some children, especially orphans, can feel isolated but as they make new friends and realise that others have endured similar experiences, their isolation is reduced. The children go home better equipped to cope with life and its ongoing challenges. We have funded these conferences for 13 years now and it’s encouraging to meet up with young adults who attended years ago and readily testify to the benefits and positive impact it had on their lives.</i></p> <p>Prayer and Porridge Programme: <i>Currently about 200 children & young people are registered with the project which is run by Pastor Matiya and a team from his church. We have been supporting the project for many years by sending funds for porridge, school exercise books & pens, play equipment, Bibles and, when possible, individual educational sponsorship. It is so encouraging to see how such a modest but regular donation is having such a positive effect within the whole community. In September 18, one young woman we had been funding through university graduated with a degree in Computer Science and 3 young girls we are funding are due to complete their Pre-School teacher training courses this September.</i></p> <p>Sarah’s Shelters: <i>This fund enables UWCM’s community volunteer groups to assist vulnerable families (usually a mother with children) to buy a small plot of land and construct a traditional home. Members of the communities donate the wooden poles and work together to build these new shelters. Our funding enables them to buy the land, if necessary, plus the iron sheets and other materials. Currently we fund, on average, 2 homes each quarter but there are many others in desperate need of new shelters.</i></p> <p>Community work: <i>We also contribute towards UWCM’s work with Women’s Groups and over the past year there has been an increase in the number of groups requesting training on microfinance, gender based violence, adult literacy, shelter</i></p>

	<p>construction. Microfinance is a particularly effective way of enabling individuals and groups to support themselves rather than depend on hand-outs. During this last year, we have also been researching the most effective way of providing rainwater harvesting tanks and are currently funding a pilot scheme which will be replicated if it is successful.</p>
<p>Challenges for the area of work</p>	<p>Lack of funding. The work that UWCM are doing is incredibly effective and many thousands of individuals and families have had their lives changed through their work since they began in 1991 but the need is still great.</p>
<p>Plans over next 12 months</p>	<p>These next 12 months could bring about a change in the way we support UWCM. Tearfund's funding came to an end in January 2019 and we are now the main donor for UWCM's work. However, our funding is not sufficient to maintain the organisation in its current form and our Trustees held several meetings with the staff and Board of Directors of UWCM during their visit in January to discuss the way forward. We are liaising closely with UWCM to find solutions.</p>
<p>What would you like us to pray about in relation to your work</p>	<p>For the future of UWCM and for wisdom and guidance for us as Trustees of UCUK as to how we can continue funding the projects we currently support. Prayer, too, for the staff of UWCM as they face this period of uncertainty.</p>

Warden's Building and Facilities Report

Report Name	Warden's Building Report
Lead	Jess McManus and Alex Pett
Summary of last 12 months – achievements /focus/ changes etc	<p>Christchurch remains not just a place of worship but a fantastic venue that can be hired out to many different groups. By doing so, it enables us to financially support the mission of the Church. It is fantastic seeing so many different ages and stages feel so comfortable and welcome while they hire Christchurch and we pray that by being here during the week they will want to know more of who we are and who we worship.</p> <p>Achievements</p> <p>Our 'Love your Church' day held in September last year, lots of support and attended by not just Church members.</p> <p>A steady but significant increase to our bookings revenue.</p>
Challenges for the area of work	Keeping the building/site safe and tidy.
Plans over next 12 months	To hold our now annual Love your Church day and to build on having a large team/contact base of tradespeople/members we can call on for repairs.
Vision Day	<p>In September 2018 we spent a day together with Clive, Russ, Kate and Will to consider our aspirations for the future of life in Christchurch. We first spent time reviewing the past 10 years and all that has happened in and around Christchurch. We then prayed and explored together what we each thought important for the future of Christchurch and what it could look like as we live out the vision of being a community of disciples serving God.</p> <p>This session affirmed the vision and mission we believe in and three themes surfaced;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -The desire to see growth with new people coming to Christ with the possibility of church planting -The need to increase the sense of community with a vibrant experience for all ages -That being spirit filled and Christ like as a congregation is critical to the Gospel being a reality in our lives and for our wider community
What would you like us to pray about in relation to your work	We would like prayer for all of the new faces we see each week using our building, that they would feel at home and eventually come to know God and make Christchurch their home too. And we would like people to come forward to offer time and join our repairs team.