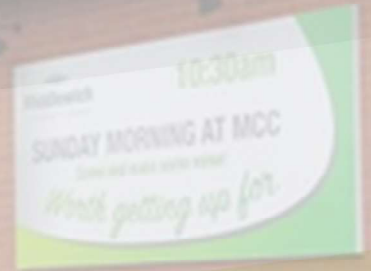




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OVERVIEW

Apostle Paul said to Philemon, 'if you consider me a partner,' I also welcome you as partners in the Lord to our AGM. Middlewich Community Church is the place where Jesus is Lord! We are passionate about not just meeting together but meeting with our King. In so doing we are refreshed spiritually as we also introduce the unchurched in our midst to His presence.

The church is not the building, but people, and it is with great humility and honour that I lead people whose heart is on the Lord's business. Yes, it is the responsibility for Leaders of God's flock to give account for those entrusted to their care and I take this office with the seriousness it deserves.

The vision is clear, the field is ready, the labourers are few but ready, let's do some exploits for our God and touch this generation with the love of God. These past 12 months we have seen new faces coming to church, but we realise we need to do better in our follow up in order to see a higher percentage coming back. Although the Covid 19 lockdown adversely affected Conferencing, the faithfulness of God's people saw the church's giving increasing and MoCoCo House had an excellent year. We are glad and excited about what God is doing.

As a church we have been intentional on being there for each other, especially those going through difficult times due to the current climate of lockdown. Whether it is providing evening meals, taking the sick to hospitals, encouraging, blessing those in need, financially or otherwise, it has been a blessing seeing the church being there for one another.

Every blessing,

Antony



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1. INTRODUCTION

Middlewich Community Church continues to serve the community in diverse ways, drawing its committed and enthusiastic congregation both from its home town and the adjacent communities of Winsford, Holmes Chapel, Crewe, Knutsford, Sandbach and beyond. The trustees wish to put on record their appreciation to the congregation, who have remained faithful throughout another year. Churches such as MCC depends on the commitment of both its staff and members to ensure that its programme is carried out. In particular the work of volunteers is greatly appreciated. The cornerstones of the regular church programme are the Sunday service, midweek life groups, and the children's & youth ministries to both church families & the wider community.

MCC is blessed to have a salaried youth and children's worker, ensuring that the church's programme on Sundays & midweek continues to be delivered to a high standard. The church successfully operates two areas of activity in addition to its regular church services. Canalside Conferencing continues to be a prime facility for day conferencing within the local community. Our Conference Manager continues to deliver a higher level of service to our clients which include local authorities and businesses. MoCoCo House was birthed out of a desire to provide safe accommodation for vulnerable young people. After several years, the facility is proving its worth, and has been achieving a high occupation rate. Over the years, the accommodation has been invaluable in meeting the needs of young people who have entered the UK as unaccompanied asylum seekers. In more recent months the needs of local vulnerable young people have increased in MoCoCo House and Middlewich Community Church are delighted to be able to meet such needs at this time. Its staff are highly valued within the care community. MCC continues to help and support projects and personnel working in different parts of the world. This has included supporting mission work in this country, Europe and Africa.

Finally, MCC continues to be a key member of Churches Together in Middlewich, being involved with various initiatives throughout the year. The trustees believe the church to be in a good place at this time, well positioned to continue to serve the community as well as all those who call Middlewich Community Church their spiritual home.

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2. OUR VISION, MISSION AND CORE VALUES



We aspire to be the community who are passionate about Christ resulting in times of refreshing coming from the Lord (*upward*) enabling us (*inward*) to refresh others by spreading the gospel (*outward*) from here in Middlewich to surrounding towns, villages, and hamlets of Cheshire.



To bring times of refreshing from the Lord in every meeting and event we hold as a church.



- Faithful - We are faithful to God
- Passionate - We are passionate in worship
- Hospitality - We love people
- Hope - We are full of hope
- Family - We are a relational church
- Generous - We are a giving church
- Compassion - We are there for the needy

MoCoCo

Hope is our value, supporting the community!

Canalside Conference Centre

Hospitality is our value!

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3. OUR DEPARTMENTS

3.1. The Church



Our services on a Sunday continued to be held successfully on the carpark until August this year, when we decided it was time to move back indoors following government safety measures. It has been great to see lots of the church family attending but also good to be able to welcome visitors

too!

Our new once a month family services have been well attended and enjoyed by all ages. It has been wonderful to see our youth and kids up at the front of church either on the worship team, dancing, helping with readings or activities. As our recent guest speaker Peter Gladwin said, “young people aren’t the next generation, but they are this generation” and we need to continue investing into them. We’ve also seen the launch of our women’s ministry, Woman of Worth (WOW), which you will read more about below, in summary they have started a Connect 50 group, coffee & chat evenings as well as an upcoming breakfast with a guest speaker.

Our men’s ministry, Called to Greatness, also continues to meet up and encourage the men within our church and surrounding churches too and enjoyed a morning with Peter Gladwin recently.

All our ministries are such a blessing to those who attend, but also to those who lead them. We are very grateful for all our volunteers who give up their time to serve the church, its congregation, and the community. Thank you!

Let’s continue to be... Passionate about God – Passionate about Life – Passionate about People!

- Caz Haylett (Church Leadership Team)

3.2. MoCoCo House



MoCoCo House continues to support young people in care, gearing them up for independent living. We have now created ten independence modules that are in place, that range from accommodation and housekeeping, internet safety, community and citizenship, and tenancy ready, to name a few. These modules ensure that all service users are getting a similar package of support, and once they are all completed, we can be confident in them moving into their own accommodation.

Now that we have come out of lockdown, we have been able to resume our normal activities, such as, a weekly house meal, and trips out of the house. This year the young people enjoyed days out at Chester Zoo, a shopping day out, tenpin bowling, and Alton towers.

We have also set-up a new in-house volunteer mentoring service for our service users, which is important in helping them achieve their goals, as well as having that extra support system in place.

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So far this has been going well and is currently being trialled with two of our current service users. We will be working more on this project, with the hope of recruiting more volunteer mentors.

– Kevin Pepper (Centre Manager)

3.3. Canalside Conference Centre



Welcome to Canalside, we are the Conference Centre that runs throughout the week here at MCC. 2020 – 2021 was a difficult year for Canalside, we unfortunately had to furlough our staff from September and had very little income coming in. Covid-19 hit us hard, but we carried on and local companies that needed more space started to use Canalside. God has been good to us, and we praise God that slowly bookings are coming in again.

– Sue Bridgeman (Conference Manager)

3.4. Trustees and Leadership Team

The trustees of Middlewich Community Church consist of Antony, Chris, Caz and Roy (who also make up the leadership team) and Sally and Sue. Despite the ongoing restrictions due to Covid, the trustees have continued to meet regularly via zoom, and communicate regularly by emails. The trustees have also recently been involved in training to develop our welcoming programme, along with leaders from ministries within the church. We look forward to watching what God has for us for the next 12 months.

3.4.1. Church Building and land on Centurian Way

The building on Brooks Lane we currently call our church home is technically not ours, we rent it. We do have a land on Centurian Way, Middlewich, where previous church leadership had a vision to build a church complex there. We believe that vision is for an appointed time, and when that appointed time has passed, we have to seek the Lord to find out what HE wants of us now. As a church leadership we believe our future is on Brooks Lane and as such we are in the process of purchasing the Brooks Lane church site whilst off-loading the Centurian Way church land via a promoter deal agreement. Whilst the final details of our agreement to purchase the Brooks Lane site and develop the Centurian Way field remain in discussion, the trustees are hopeful of being able to sign a deal in the near future. The trustees have now appointed a local expert to represent us in our discussions who has so far done a great job of negotiating terms to give us ownership of the building for a good price whilst maximising the value of the field. This will enable us to further develop or add to the Brooks Lane site with the aim of providing the best facilities we can for the people of Middlewich and expanding the Kingdom of God in the town. Please continue to pray into all aspects of this area.

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3.4.2. Towards the future

Vision is about the future. It is about where we want to be in 10 years' time. We want to make MCC the place where the presence of the Lord is, as such we are passionate about Jesus Christ. How do we get there? What is our mission? What should we be doing right to ensure we are on target for our vision? Through prayer a number of hurdles have been identified which are as follows.

Hurdle 1 – No more renting



We are to lend and not borrow as the scripture declares. This starts with our building. The vision the Lord has given us is right here on Brooks Lane and we will build the Lord an altar right here (metaphorically speaking). This includes shedding off what we do not need, i.e. the land on Centurion Way.

Hurdle 2 – Preparation for Growth



This phase has already started with the purchase of a number of items such as IT equipment with the future in mind. As a church we are intentional in investing for the future. The equipment we are getting is not just to help maintain what we have but to move with the times we are in. It is our intention that when the generation Z, as they are called, come to our church, they feel technologically at home, but the message of Christ remains as transformative as it always been. We will not dilute the message of Christ, but we will utilise the best technology in order to realise our goals. Challenges include: our main meeting room is small, our security camera needs updating, our heating system is ancient, etc. We need to have a long-term solution for these challenges as we prepare for growth.

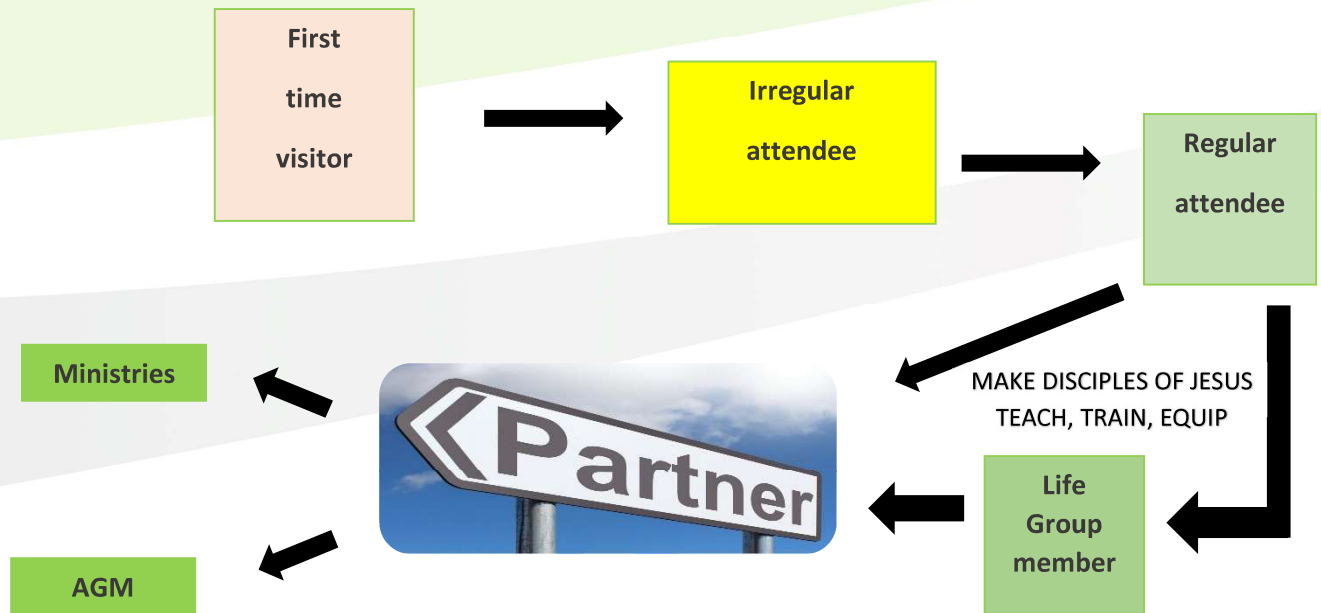
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Hurdle 3 – Growth

It is not about numbers, but it is about calling. We are called to Christ not just to sit and enjoy our relationship with Him but to be the salt of the earth. We are called to multiply and make disciples of Christ! We are called to lift him up and HE will draw men and women to himself – clearly increase. We should expect growth in our Life Groups, in our ministries/teams and in our church. The strategy is simple, make those who come for the very first time feel at home so that they want to attend again. Implement robust, non-intrusive follow up processes on first time attendees. With prayer and love encourage irregular attendees to eventually flip their status into regular attendees resulting in being invited to become part of a Life Group where possible. After having given their lives to Christ, the next step will be an invite to partnership. By being a partner, they will then be encouraged to participate by serving in at least one ministry of the church.



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4. OUR REGULAR EVENTS

4.1. Times of Refreshing Meetings



Our vision for the church is centred around relying on always allowing God, the Holy Spirit to guide and direct us. Life without church is already spiritually taxing and dry, as such we all need to be refreshed. This gives us the ability to refresh others, in our homes, communities, workplaces and schools. The worship and prayer night previously held on Thursday nights have been moved to the first Tuesday of the month and

whenever we meet, we expect to be refreshed. Without His presence we can do nothing.

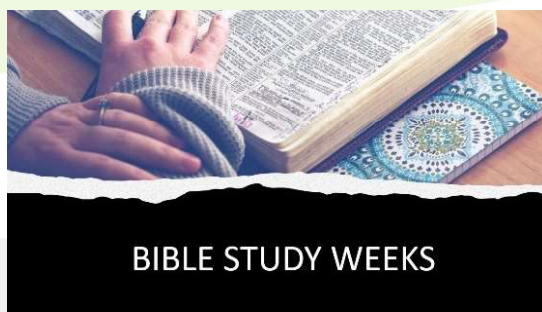
4.2. Day of Prayer



This year we have had 2 Days of Prayer meetings, one was in June and the next one will be in November 2021. During the day of prayer we sacrifice at least an hour of our time to meet at the church to pray for specific topics. At the June prayer meeting, points included praying for the purchase of the building and what to do with the

church land, amongst other things. Words of wisdom and knowledge were received.

4.3. Bible Study



In June of this year we introduced the first of our Church Bible Study weeks. During the two weeks of these Studies we cancelled our Life Groups and Thursday Prayer meetings, as they were intended to be for the whole church to be able to come together to focus on the same topics, to share opinions and ideas. It was decided that we would take a closer look at the statements under the heading of "What We Believe" on the AOG's

website. So, for the first study we focused on 'The Inspired Word of God' and for the second we looked at 'The Unity of the One True and Living God'. Both studies took place using Zoom and were well attended. Each session began with prayer and a short period of teaching, followed by discussions in Breakout Rooms in small groups lead by our Life Group leaders. At the end of each session everyone came back together to present the feedback from their discussions. It was good to see so many people joining in and taking part, and we look forward to our next Studies in October.

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5. OUR MINISTRY TEAMS

5.1. Pastoral Support Team

(Roy, Sue & Helen)

The Pastoral Team consists of Roy, Sue, and Helen. Here at MCC we value relationships, family and not doing church in isolation once a week but sharing fellowship and growing



together, thus becoming stronger in Him. Our desire is that no-one feels overlooked or unnecessary in our church. Together we want to demonstrate His love - meeting people at their point of need and bringing support, hope, healing, and care. We are not meant to do this alone but in relationship with each other. Covid19 has put big challenges on our Mental Health, and we are acutely aware of the need to support people as we come out of Lockdown. Please do not hesitate to contact the Pastoral Team if you need help or support in any way. We value confidentiality and would love to stand with you and pray for you.

5.2. Preaching Team

(Antony, Roy, and Amy)

Our services on a Sunday have continued to be held, in the main, on the car park, having been blessed with reasonably good weather over the past few months! It has been great to see lots of the church family attending but also good to be able to welcome visitors joining us too! The young people have led us in worship with kids praise, we have shared in communion together and enjoyed great times of worship and listening to the word of God being preached.



We have now held two family services, which is great for encouraging all members, young and those a little older to share in a full service together. The children certainly enjoyed the return of the puppets and the doughnut eating challenge. The BBQ held after the June family service was a lovely occasion, being able to share fellowship with one another properly after what seems like an eternity. Sadly, the July BBQ was rained off but I'm sure we all enjoyed a doughnut or too instead.

The MCC preaching team has gone a level up. The amount of time it takes to prepare a 30-minute sermon should never be underestimated. Most importantly the preacher's fear is to stand in front of people and preach his mind. To avoid this, time must be spent in the presence of the Lord being guided and given the right message which is in the season. Hours have to be set aside for this and

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as a church we are thankful to the team for their faithfulness to the Lord on this. Helen Burton also preached this year, and it is great to see the depth we have in our church.

5.3. Kids & Youth Ministry

(Kids & Youth Pastor – Caz Haylett)



It has been an interesting year because of the Covid-19 pandemic. Thankfully, our Sunday evening youth group, Ignite, was still able to meet via Zoom on Sunday evenings, where we enjoyed lots of online activities, competitions and fun and a 'God Talk' each week to encourage them in their faith.



As the rules have now lifted Ignite continues to meet at MCC where possible. Although our Kids & Youth ministries took a break over the summer holidays, we still arranged a couple of socials with our youth and enjoyed an afternoon at the Wild Shore Aqua Park near Delamere and a session of Foot Golf at the Woodside Golf Course.

Kids Church also continued during the lock down by providing online packs for the kids to work through each week, which included activities, bible lesson, videos to watch and a craft to make. However, this was later put on hold when I needed to take a 50% furlough earlier this year to home-school my youngest child. At the beginning of May, Kids Church was able to meet up again on a Sunday morning with safety measures in place and thanks to the help of our faithful volunteers. We purchased lots of brightly coloured bean bags to help keep the kids socially distanced and began a new series, Blueprints... Kids experience a lot of emotions, and God can help them deal with every emotion they feel! Through the series, the kids learnt how to identify their emotions and respond to them in the way God wants. We are now working through a new series called, Better than Gold. The theme for this series is pirates and how the bible, God's word, is much better than Gold or any other treasure.



Our older youth were encouraged to attend our mid-week online Ignite Life Group led by Jenny Cragg, and Amy Sellers who was also there to encourage the youth. However, as restrictions began to lift, we started meeting face to face again with the youth on a Sunday morning and worked through a bible study that was relevant to their age. As this was a huge success, we decided to make this meeting permanent and launched a brand-new Sunday morning Youth Church. Jenny has continued to work with our youth and heads this new ministry with the help of our wonderful volunteers. They have been working through the Alpha Youth series, which helps our youth to explore the fundamentals of our Christian faith.



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On the 9th June we were excited to re-launch our popular mid-week baby & toddler group, Microtots. It has been wonderful to be able to reach our community again and show them God's Love. For a time, as per the government guidelines we kept the group smaller than before, but there has still an average of 35 carers & kids with us each Wednesday. It is also thanks to the help of MCC's conference team at the Canalside Conference Centre that we have been able to run this group successfully. Our Conference Centre, run by Sue Bridgeman is not only there as a business of MCC but also to support our church ministries where possible and is a huge blessing.



During the Summer holidays we were also able to host our first community outreach event since the pandemic... Microtots Summer Fun Morning! This was a fun morning for children aged 11 and under, where they were given lots of activities, crafts, biscuit decorating, singing & dancing and lots more fun. It was well attended with 70 children and their carers.

Kids & Carers

By the time you read this we hoped to have been able to re-launch our Kids & Carers events which is similar to the Microtots Summer Fun and takes place in the half-term holidays. We also hope to have had our Glow Party which is a Christian alternative to Halloween where kids can still dress up (no scary costumes) and come and have a party with games, activities, crafts and lots of sweets.



It has also been wonderful to start up our Family Services which take place on the first Sunday of every month. Our Kids & Youth get involved with serving on the various teams such as the welcome & catering Teams, as well as taking an active role in the service itself by dancing and singing in our Worship Team.

The bible says we should "start the children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old, they will not turn from it." Proverbs 22:6. This is our aim with the kids & youth at MCC, we want to create a generation of kids & youth who are excited to **Grow** in their personal relationship with God, **Know** God and understand his word, and **Show** God's love to others.

I am excited to see what the future holds!

5.4. Worship, Sound & IT Team (Chris Sellers)



The team has continued to cope well with the dual requirements of live and streamed services and all members have developed new skills in these areas. On the worship side, we have recently seen more of our existing members leading worship and a new singer added. We are also slowly building the band numbers and instrument mix back up to where we were pre-covid where we can. On the sound and IT side we have invested in new equipment and have hopefully eliminated most of the early bugs from our streaming service. We have begun physical practices again following government guidelines. We

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are always looking for new members (particularly in the sound department at the moment), so please talk to Chris if you feel you have giftings in this area.

5.5. Life Group Ministry (Chris Shepherd)



We started the last year with three Life Groups meeting mid-week using Zoom. Each group has its own leader/s who direct and lead the meetings and discussions. They have all followed the same format with a time for Worship and prayer, and then a Bible Study taken from the resources on RightNowMedia. The groups have been successful in providing opportunity to develop friendships, and to support and encourage each other through the ups and downs of life. Ideas and opinions are shared in an atmosphere of friendship and confidentiality. Each group has a WhatsApp account so that group members can keep in touch between meetings. The groups have had 7 – 9 people attending each week. The topics chosen to study have been varied and have included Ephesians, Colossians, The Art of Neighbouring, the Forgotten God, the Names of Jesus, Philippians, Resurrection Peace and James. Within each of the groups, people other than the leaders have been encouraged to lead the study, the prayer time or to choose the worship song.

We also started the year with a Youth Group, for our older teenagers. This also used to meet regularly until the numbers fell and so it was decided to change this Group to a Sunday morning Youth church to include younger teenagers of high school age. It has been meeting successfully since and they have been following the Youth Alpha course.

It is hoped that in the future we will increase the number of our Life Groups, with new groups setting up in Winsford, Holmes Chapel, Sandbach and Knutsford.



5.5.1. Roy and Sue's Life Group



Roy and Sue started a new Life Group last year which is going really well! We have an average of 7-8 people turn up every Wednesday. We do lots of different bible studies such as spending time discussing the Book of James with Francis Chan through the RightNow Media Website which provides excellent Bible resourcing materials. Prior to that, we looked at the Resurrection of Jesus over the Easter period.

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Members of the Life Group lead the discussions and enjoy taking the meetings. From a Leaders perspective, getting people to take part in leading discussions and seeing them doing it well brings us a lot of satisfaction.

5.5.2. Paula & Faith's Life Group



Over the past year we have completed several studies including the book of Ephesians, the power of Jesus' names and are currently studying the miracles of Jesus. The studies have spoken into our everyday lives. There are six to nine of us who meet weekly on a Tuesday. We have grown together sharing the love of Jesus, honoring each other.

Several in the group have led different studies which have added meaning and value to the life of the group. New people are welcome; we have excellent prayer time and testimonies to answered prayer.

5.5.3. The worship team life group



The "worship" life group at MCC runs on a Tuesday night and is so called as it consists largely of members of the worship team and spouses. Group meetings currently take place on Zoom (although this may change in the future, we all miss Amy's cakes) with times of fellowship, prayer, and video-based bible studies. Example of topics we have looked at in the past year include being a good neighbour, the Holy Spirit, hearing from God and we have also studied two of

Paul's letters. Our meetings have proven to be fun, interesting and thought provoking with all group members able to share thoughts and personal experiences. We have also had some amazing prayer times and are able to support and encourage each other through the week using our Facebook and WhatsApp groups.

5.6. Men's Ministry (Roy Bridgeman)



"Called To Greatness" is our Men's Ministry Title and is taken from the story of Gideon in Judges 6:12: "The LORD is with you, Mighty Warrior!"

Our Vision is for men to realise who they are in Christ and to rise up and do great things for God. We want to cultivate an environment where men can be open and honest about themselves in a non-judgemental atmosphere.

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Covid19 restrictions meant we could only have zoom meetings, so our first Men's Meeting was held via zoom on 1st March. Gram Seed gave us his testimony of how God turned his life around from a life of crime and drugs to becoming a committed Christian. Gareth Cottrell was our 2nd zoom meeting guest and shared his story of his growing ministry as a radio presenter and his healing from stuttering. We had an average of 6-7 men turn up.

We had our last Men's Meeting in October, when we were able to meet up in the church Conference Centre and be served with a cooked breakfast and listen to our guest speaker, Peter Gladwin.



5.7. Ladies Ministry - Women of Worth

(Åsa)



Women of Worth (WOW) is the new Ladies Ministry here at MCC. Coffee & Chat and Connect 50 are also part of WOW. In November 2021 we are having our first major event which will be a delicious breakfast and an invited speaker. The next one will be in March 2022. The core team for the major events are Paula, Amy, Madina, Gemma and myself.

The purpose of WOW is for all women at MCC to feel valued, seen, appreciated and supported in whatever life throws at us. The foundation for this to happen is strong and genuine relationships which is why we have created these opportunities for us to get together, get alongside each other and share life together. Come and be part of the various parts of WOW, because you are so worth it!



5.7.1. Connect 50

(Helen)



Connect 50 was launched in August this year for ladies 50yrs and over. It is a meeting where we have opportunities to develop friendships within MCC and the local community based on trust, confidentiality and God's love for us. It's a time where we can share testimony; pray and support each other, grow stronger together in the Lord, have fun and of course enjoy tea and cake!

We meet monthly in the Juniper room and look forward to what God is going to do for us and our community.



5.7.2. Coffee and Chat

(Sue Bridgeman)

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MCC ladies coffee and chat is an off shoot from Wow our ladies ministry As its says it's a place where ladies can get together and chat! Chat together, laugh together and cry together if needed. A safe place to be together chatting and of course eating cake. You're more than welcome to join us once every quarter. Find more info on our website www.middlewich.org.



5.8. Hospitality Team

(Sue Steel)



As part of the hospitality team, we provide the tea and coffee after the service. Of course, the lockdown period prevented us from meeting indoors. Drinks were made for those who came early to set up and iced water was gratefully provided outside during the hot weather. Now we are able to meet indoors, and refreshments are provided after the service in the lounge. To enable everyone to socialize we are compiling a rota of people to help with this. Thank you for all those who have already volunteered.

What's involved? Arriving at church a little earlier to set up cups and fill the kettles etc. We will show you where to find everything. Just at the end of the service make the tea and coffee ready to serve. Clear away and wash up. Don't be phased by the dishwasher, if I can use it, anyone can!

The more volunteers we have the less times you will be on the rota. Finally, serving drinks is a great way to get to know people.

5.9. Welcome Team

(Davy)



"If anyone will not welcome you or listen to your words, leave that home or town and shake the dust off your feet. Matthew 10 v 14 "

Welcome to Middlewich Community Church! We are a church which is alive, passionate about God, passionate about life and passionate about people. God has commanded us to make our brother and sisters who walk through the doors for the first or 100th time feel the warm presence of the Holy Spirit. This year the welcome team has helped with the church in the car park and transitioned back into meeting inside. We have also seen our team grow. We encourage more people to join this amazing ministry as this is how we demonstrates our church vision and God's love for his people.

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6. OUR MISSIONS AND OUTREACHES

MCC partners with local churches on funding the Middlewich Local food bank and Street Pastors. In addition, to advance the objectives of our church we partner with the following ministries

6.1. The Lighthouse Centre (TLC) Crewe



TLC is a charity based in Crewe being run by a local church whose vision is about looking the homeless, the vulnerable, people with mental health problems, the unemployed and lonely. Their activities and services include the following:

- Providing free weekly evening meals
- Night shelter and emergency accommodation service to the homeless.
- External shower block and laundry for use all year-round.
- Clothes bank where service users can obtain free clothes



6.2. Kasupe (Davy and Sally)



Thank you to MCC for supporting Kasupe over the last 12 months. Our mission is to create a resilient and sustainable community. Your generous donations help us to minister the gospel by meeting people's physical needs. MCC has enabled us to develop several of our projects, including the vegetable gardens and permaculture. This enables us to teach skills and employment to local people and also provides food to the school, which is helping Kasupe move towards the school being self-sufficient.

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Another project which has been invested in over the last 12 months is our bee keeping program. We have trained 18 men and women and have started to refurbish all our hives. The wider ecosystem has been studied and plants have been planted to attract the bees and assist with the program. Honey has been harvested, and is sold to local hotels, again helping Kasupe to become more self-sufficient.

The children are now all back in school following the pandemic, and we have 6 newly qualified teachers gaining experience at the school. Our mushroom project is also thriving. The nursery school is in the process of being built once the building blocks are being made on site. We look forward to an exciting year ahead and thank you for your continued support. www.kasupe.org.uk and <https://www.facebook.com/Kasupecharity/> our Facebook page.



6.3. The Sunflower Trust (Melanie)



This year has been very enjoyable, and fruitful, regardless of all the present-day obstacles, that could stop us. By the Grace of God, we have been active and travelled all around the UK with the Gospel and giving our testimonies done street evangelising and held prayer meetings.

At the beginning of the year, you could find us in Piccadilly Gardens, Manchester City Centre, evangelising and witnessing for Christ. We've visited many places such as Hungary/Romania where we were able to hand out Christmas Boxes and other supplies in January, later than we wanted because of the lock down. We've also still managed to set up other ministries despite the lockdown and through this we have reached Pakistan and now are in 8 countries and putting on events in Wales, Chester, Liverpool, and Birkenhead.

We put on an event in South Wales called 'WALK FOR JESUS' in July with 70 people attending and it was a wonderful time. We have seen needs met because of faithfulness, people's generosity, and our support.

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There is so much more I can tell you, but I must give all the Glory to God for the work of The Sunflower Trust. A harvest of souls has been brought into His Kingdom, and we are still feeding many poor people. It seems God has bought us back to work in the UK.

My second book was published and released earlier this year. Bursting Forth with Fire, thanks to Ken and Sue Steel, and the Grace of God, that dreams are fulfilled.

It's been one amazing year of miracles and a harvest of souls. Thank you, Jesus.



6.4. Nick and Daisy Ministry



As a church, we sponsor Nick and Daisy Muriro who are part of the South African Youth With A Mission (YWAM) but their ministry has a reach to other countries in Africa. In YWAM, no one receives a salary for the work they do and they depend on the generosity of others to meet personal and ministry needs. They are able to raise 70% of their monthly support and we give them the rest. Following statement is from Nick, -

'Our vision is to contribute towards the transformation of Africa through evangelism, biblical teaching and discipleship. Statistics show that at least 30 000 people come to Christ every day in Africa and yet the narrative of Africa is that of tribalism, corruption, unemployment, bible poverty, etc

At one time I was teaching a YWAM program in Uganda. In the cohort, there were 12 students from South Sudan. These students came from 2 warring tribes, the Murle and Dinka tribe. They have been fighting for years. Their children are told that their sole purpose in life is to kill men from the other tribe. The government tried to bring peace and reconciliation between these 2 tribes but they couldn't so they asked the church to help. A church in the US sponsored these 12 students (6 from each tribe). When they first arrived at the campus for their training, they were fighting each other but biblical teaching challenged these men at the core. As I sat with them and listened to their stories, they told me that they no longer considered each other as enemies but brothers. This gives me hope for Africa.'

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6.5. Advancing the gospel

We have partnered with Christian Community Faith Church (CCFC)

led by Bishop Moses Chikuta based in Malawi and we will be sponsoring 2 pastors at £50 each per month per pastor to plant 2 churches in Malawi.



CCFC will be responsible for training and looking after the pastors' welfare ensuring that the churches as are healthy and progressing well. More details will be given at the next AGM IN 2022. CCGC have identified following pastors for the task.



Pastor Prince and Lifiness Pofera placed in Nkhotakota district, Malawi along the lake for church planting



Pastor Boston and Filipina Joseph - Placed in Mangochi district, Malawi along the lake for church planting.

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