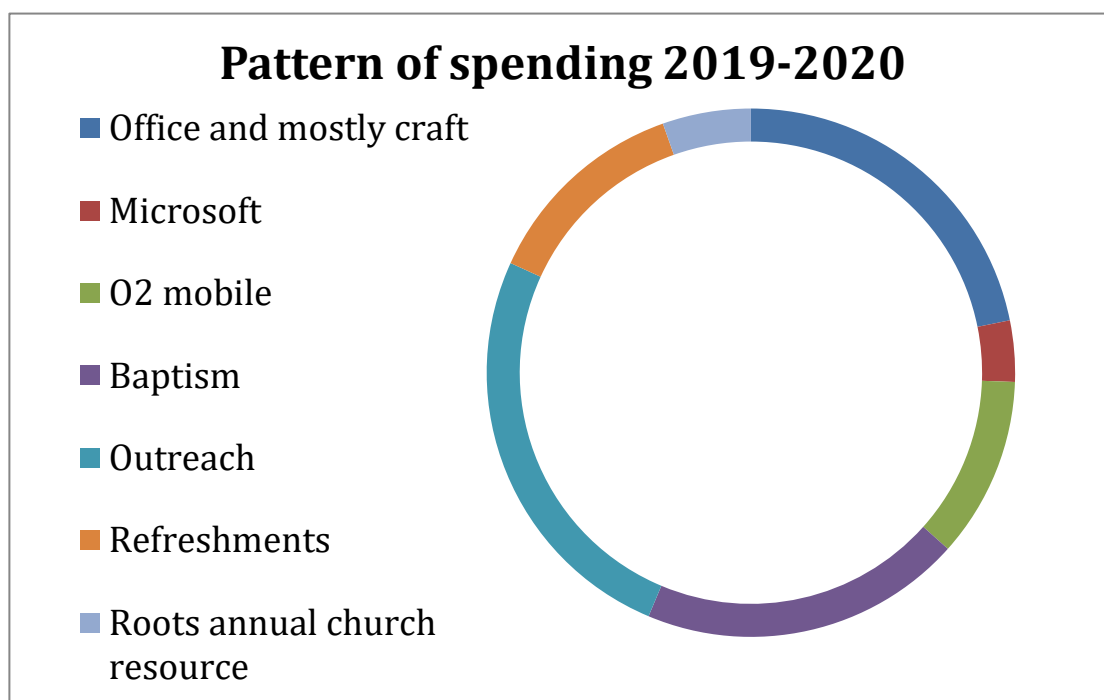


APCM 2020 Pastoral Assistant & School Pastors

Finances £1923.16 Spent in year April 2019 – March 2020. £619.16 overspent.



It has been a busy year. It can be seen from the pattern of spending that Outreach is still leading money and much time has been spent, which obviously includes major festivals and groups across the age range, Jellybeans, J Club and Grid. Craft materials are the next, which also span all the groups that operate every week, JB, J Club and Grid. Baptism continues to be high up on the spending, which included all our church supplies for Baptism, such as candles, certificates for candidate and Godparents, bibles and crafts. Refreshments also span all the groups I run (when it's my turn to provide), as well as the Sunday Children's Food when I am on the Rota. Some contributions to overspending: Things like the church baptism supplies, the annual teaching resource and the fact that all groups have grown in numbers (J Club had to operate a waiting list this year. Grid has grown in number and became weekly. Making disciples and baptizing is still at the centre of this mission, as is reflected in the spending.

J Club has thrived and welcomed new families and helpers, such as the Cross family. We had to operate a waiting list for J Club because we reached capacity at around 25 children per week. Some of the children have been coming since they started in Reception at Wadhurst Primary. J Club continues to attract families that do not attend church and they are part of church life in this way and contribute greatly at Christmas by being part of the nativity service. A fantastic team of volunteers.

Jellybeans is a buzzing family and easily has up to 30 families represented every week. Families and especially Mum's have valued the healthy snacks that have been provided as well as chocolate biscuits. Festivals have been celebrated with special outreach events. A safe space, and listening, caring ear for all. A wonderful team of volunteers across the age range.

Baptism enquires have stayed constant and, families with babies tending to wait until they've had a baby to engage with the church, despite living in the village for a few years. We could be doing more to attract these young adults, and therefore more likely that they will return to us after the baptism of their child.

Grid has had good engagement with Youth Alpha and young people have started to form relationships with each other and look forward to the weekly group and sometimes bring

friends. Good attendance at Mini May Camp and all eager to do May Map 2021. Volunteers for this group remains a struggle at times.

Stargazers is a very popular weekly lunchtime group at Wadhurst CoE Primary, it has become so large it was split into two groups. I run the Year 4 Stargazers, which is often 25 children each week, with a good mix of girls and boys of all different skills and interests. Some highlights have been bible story plays for AoW and whole school dance routines led by the Stargazers. Children look forward to being a year 4 so they can join this club and be part of leading and reflecting on acts of worship.

School Pastors recruited two new members and has provided support to Uplands CC for two lunchtimes a week and often support at two boxing sessions a week. We have been part of events such as Awards evening where we gave a talk, Year 9 careers day, Harvest, Shoebox appeal, Christmas Carol service in Wadhurst Church (the highlight). We are very much part of the Uplands Community and the school value our presence greatly, coming to us with appeals for help with events and changing needs within the school.

A fantastic year with great support from volunteers for most groups. All groups growing and relationships deepening.