

LAUNCESTON CENTRAL METHODIST CHURCH
ANNUAL REPORTS – SEPTEMBER 2022 TO AUGUST 2023

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Love Your Neighbour / Community Larder

We have been operational for around 3 years with a current footfall of around 120 a week

We pick up food from local supermarkets Tuesday, Thursday and Friday evenings at around 9.15 to 9.30 pm so that we may distribute and give hospitality to the community each Wednesday 10.30 to 11.30, Friday 3 to 4 pm, Saturday 10 to 11. And to also make home deliveries where applicable. We receive a weekly delivery from Fareshare SouthWest each Friday lunchtime. We receive from Cornwall Gleanings as and when produce is available.

We operate as part of Churches Together in Launceston
We are active participants of the Love Your Neighbour national initiative
We are active participants of the Launceston Community Hub
We are registered as a food provider with Cornwall Council

Our partner organisations are:

Fareshare South West with whom we have a rolling contract
Step into Learning who head our Wednesday larder and provide other support services
Cornwall Gleanings who provide locally picked surplus produce
Volunteer Cornwall
Launceston Town Council
Cornwall Council Time2Move team
Asda Launceston
Coop Launceston

We have connections with:

Launceston Library
Gateway Church
The Orchard Centre
Launceston Community Church
Cuthbert Mayne RC Church

We have informal connections with:

Launceston Foodbank
Money Advice
Addiction counselling
Mental Health organisations for both male and female clients
Homeless teams and support services

The team is headed by:

Mike and Val Carpenter

We have a dedicated and committed team of volunteers

Our volunteers are DBS checked safeguarding trained and have an up to date job role pro forma or are working towards this.

We have food hygiene level 2 certification where needed and are happy to comply with other legislation as and when needed

We have a 4 star EHO rating and our kitchens are now used by 'step into learning' for training purposes

We are grateful to Central Methodist Church for their continuing support, for allowing us the use of the premises and for overseeing our finance

Michael and Valerie Carpenter

Live Stream Operators for Worship Services 2022-23

The live streaming of services at Central on YouTube started as a result of the pandemic and recognised the changing needs of the church congregation and circuit membership. It is also used as a form of mission and outreach. It has been viewed 116,000 times for a total of 5,156 hours and we have 525 subscribers. Most of our streamed or recorded content is viewed by more people than attend the building in person. This is a social trend that needs to be evaluated and understood. Our audience is mainly in the UK, United States, India and the Philippines. Having an online presence opens up significant opportunities to share the gospel and a church with “glass walls” allows a non threatening way in for seekers.

The demands of the work and the limited human resources means that it is not available every week. Details are available on the websites and the circuit YouTube Channel.

A simple range of broadcasting and audio equipment has been obtained and donated to the church to enable this to happen.

Currently the team is as follows:

David Rogerson (Live Streaming when available).

Mike Carpenter (Recording and post event video uploads).

If you have any questions please speak to David Rogerson or Mike Carpenter.

David Rogerson and Mike Carpenter

Projectionists for Sunday Morning Worship 2022-23

The Duty Projectionists role at Central is to liaise with the worship co-ordinator and/or preacher for any given Sunday morning (and some evening) services to discuss the details and requirements for their service.

This detail is used to create a ‘schedule file’ which may include video links and PowerPoint files in the computer’s Easy-Worship program.

The iSingWorship program is also sometimes used to play song tracks with audio via the sound system. The projection team are very willing and I must take this opportunity to thank them all for their patience in meeting the challenges that new programs present.

The team for the reporting period was as follows:

- Jenny Cook
- Joan Helme
- Liz Miller
- David Rogerson (Janet Rogerson)

There is a real need for new helpers to join the team. If you feel you could help you would be most welcome. This important job may seem a little daunting at first, but anyone with a basic knowledge of computers and with some simple training is able to undertake the task.

The projectionist role is not too onerous and is a real contribution to the life of the churches worship.

David Rogerson

Sound System Operators for Worship/Church Activities 2022-23

The Duty Sound System Operators role at Central is to liaise with the worship co-ordinator, musicians and/or preacher for any given Sunday morning (and some evening) services to discuss the details and requirements for their service.

Currently the team is as follows:

- Andrew Johnson
- Eric Rowland
- Jennie Kerwin

The sound desk does present a challenge for us in the church and we really are always on the lookout for new helpers of all ages for the team, so if you feel you could help you would be most welcome. This responsible job is really important but not too onerous and is a real contribution to the life of the churches worship.

If you have any questions please speak to Eric Rowland or a member of the team.

David Rogerson

Musical Support – including 245 Alive & PAL Services 2022-23

Musical support for the various styles of services is provided by a team of organists, the Church Worship Group and a singing group that uses song tracks.

Our thanks for the time and commitment go to our organists Richard Cottrell and Jenny Worth.

The '245 Alive' evening services benefit from music support from the live worship band. Considerable thanks is due to the group, Alison Bunkum, Jennie Kernow, Robin Parnell, Ray Prout and Glenn Douce. The band rehearses every Saturday and are a very important part of the church's worship.

Our thanks is also due to Mike Carpenter who uses high quality tracks to support the singing group on the third Sunday in the month at the Praise & Learning' (PAL) service and also at some other services.

Opportunities to explore new songs are always taken by all the musicians. When possible, this is in consultation with the preacher. Decisions are then made on the music to fit the service theme and readings.

David Rogerson

The Launceston Central Family Album 2022-23

The Central Family Photograph album has now been removed due to the demand of GDPR requirements.

David Rogerson & Julie Boundy

Central's Presence on the Internet 2022-23

The Central and Circuit web sites -

www.central-methodist.org.uk

www.lamc.org.uk

The Central and Circuit web sites continue to provide a modern, informative presence on the Internet, enabling people in the local community and indeed across the world to be aware of our work and fellowship. The sites are hosted and run at a very low cost and have proved to be very useful in keeping people informed about what is on at the church, our work and worship.

A daily diary of Central's events, the weekly bulletin, a quarterly list of the preachers, organists, readers, coffee rota, flower rota and Coordinators at Central together with the circuits 'Spotlight' magazine are always available. The site includes full information on what is on at Central with news of forthcoming events. You can also catch up on most recent sermons at Central which are available online.

A reduced copy of the circuit plan showing preachers and services can also be accessed on both sites with all documents being in an easily printable PDF format. There are also a number of links to other sites including the Methodist Church and Cornwall district web sites.

Central has an excellent Facebook page which is run by Gillian Goodman. Running a Facebook page can be time consuming so we must thank Gillian for her work and her diligence with the page.

The greatest challenge is to keep the sites vibrant and up to date with the news of what is happening. Indeed, it is hoped that they truly reflect everything about what happens at Central and the circuit.

David Rogerson

Community outreach

The music group consisting of myself, Susie, Maureen and Trevor on invitation has been visiting residential homes in and around Launceston. We currently go to Bowden Derra Park every two weeks and Pendruccombe every 4 weeks. A combination of singing, acoustic guitar, drama and tracks with some amplification. We have a strong Christian ethos in what we present but in a fun and engaging way which may take us from amazing grace to rock and roll to sea shanties and back and often does. We are building on the excellent work that others have done in the past and it helps us to develop as a team. We keep getting asked back so we must be doing an ok job and are up for more engagements and more volunteers as we feel the Lord is leading

Mike Carpenter

Worship Co-ordinators for Sunday Morning Worship 2022-23

The role of the Worship Co-ordinator is to liaise with the preacher for the Sunday morning service to discuss worship, music, facilities and other requirements for their service. This specific role is to help visiting preachers with the differing styles of Central's worship.

There is currently just one Worship Co-ordinator to cover services - David Rogerson. This has meant that other help has to be provided by Mike Carpenter and Rev David Miller.

The co-ordinators for the quarter are listed in the worship contacts collated by David Rogerson and available on line on the church website at www.central-methodist.org.uk/worship.pdf

It should be noted that the online copy is always the most up to date version and every effort is made to ensure that changes to the listing are promptly made. It is inevitable that changes will happen during any given quarter.

The list is also promulgated on the notice board in the vestry. If you would like a personal copy please speak to a steward or David Rogerson.

The team is in real need of more helpers, so if you feel you could help you would be most welcome.

David Rogerson

Milltown Farm House Group

We meet at Milltown Farm on alternate Tuesdays at 2.30pm for study, discussion and prayer.

We have been meeting for over ten years but last year we lost our leader Pat White who moved to Truro. Pat had been with our Group from the start later helped by Pat Mogford who was also a wonderful leader.

We appreciate having our Minister to lead us now with Liz Miller and Pauline Smith to take his place if needed. You are very welcome to join us.

Wednesday Fellowship

Members met on 30 Wednesday afternoons from September to May, when a variety of speakers kindly gave of their time to join us. On two occasions we joined with MWIB, Christmas lunch was enjoyed at Trethorne and a cream tea at Jenny and Richard's house was again blessed with good weather.

The trip out this year was to Boscastle with tea at Boscastle Farm Shop. It was our turn to visit Tavistock and a very pleasant afternoon was spent in their company when they entertained us and gave us a very good tea.

We are always pleased to welcome anyone who wishes to join us – 2.30 pm in the hall.

Jenny Worth and Marion Allen

Stewards

Marion and I have been sharing the responsibilities of the Senior Steward's role for almost two years. We hope we have fulfilled this role satisfactorily. There have been several changes in that time.

Church breakfasts have been re-instated. We started with them the first Sunday in the month in the hall. As they were so successful we moved to fortnightly in the Church but we did not maintain the numbers so we have returned to the first Sunday in the month in the hall to run with the Family Services.

We are continuing to host Tuesday Coffee Mornings with an attendance of twenty to thirty and takings of about fifty pounds for our various chosen charities - LYN, Christian Aid, Action for Children and Link to Hope. Other organisations regularly book to run their own coffee mornings but far fewer than before Covid.

The harvest services were led by Mrs Jo Parsons in the morning and Mr Richard Heard in the evening.

The circuit put on a very good performance of the musical 'From Pharaoh to Freedom' which was followed by a very lively bring and share supper.

All our Christmas celebrations were successful and well attended with people commenting on how welcoming our Church is.

In spite of the weather and some electrical issues we had a very lively time at Launceston Show with Churches Together, the Pulse Bus, and support from other members of the circuit. There are plans to have an even bigger and better Churches Together stand this year - helpers needed! There have been several changes among our stewards - Maureen Jiggins moved away, Chris Gaunt has joined the Coads Green congregation but continues as the Christian Aid rep. for the circuit. Also Pat White, who was our 'go to' person for a myriad of tasks has moved to Truro to be nearer her family. As we have said goodbye to these stewards we have welcomed others - Andrew Stratton, John Harris and Rose Paxman. In addition we have introduced Welcome Stewards to assist the regular stewards by greeting people at the door. We hope that everyone will enjoy their time serving with us and thank them all for their help and commitment.

Irene Stanbury and Marion Allen

Ladies Friendship Group

The Friendship group meetings have continued on the first Thursday of each month from 10.30 am. We are usually a group of between 10 – 12 and often the times we meet just for a coffee and chat prove to be just as popular as when we meet for a walk at Roadford or some craft activity. The Christmas lunch at Trethorne is always popular.

All ladies are welcome to join any or all of the meetings – please ask for a programme.

The **Ladies Bible Study** on the third Thursday of the month has continued our fellowship and we have very much appreciated the time and care Liz Miller has put into preparing these studies. *Julia Boundy*

Pastoral

The annual Pastoral Committee meeting was held in October where it was agreed that the use of the word 'bubble' has perhaps lost its appeal, so we will now refer simply to the 'pastoral groups'. Thanks was expressed to the nominated group contacts, but it was felt that perhaps some are still unclear as to their role. A letter was sent to each nominated contact at the end of November to clarify this. The main responsibility of the group contact is to ensure they know that everyone within their group is ok and does not 'slip through the net' and lose contact with the church. But as church members we all share a responsibility to look out for each other. An updated list of all the pastoral groups has been pinned to the church porch noticeboard.

Summary of membership y/e 31.10.23

New members

George and Patricia Bode	2
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Transfer in member

John Hogarth	1
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Transfer Out members

Maureen Jiggins, Rosemary Dunning, Chris Gaunt, Julia Gaunt, Viv Sandercock, Evelyn Sandercock	6
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Out by Death Members

Douglas Furse, Hilda Jones, Barbara Pearce, Dorothy Dolley, Phyllis Crutchley, Sheila Brand, Gertie Baker, John Balsdon	8
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Adherent Deaths

Graham Chanter, Sally Campbell-Beattie, David Harley	(3)
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Membership at 31 October 2022	123
New members	<u>3</u>
	126
Transfer out and by Death	<u>14</u>
Total membership 31 October 2023	<u>112</u>

Children's Work

Sundays

The number of children attending Sunday morning Church services remains small, but we continue to provide activities and toys within the service and encourage the children to participate in songs, with musical shakers and ribbons, where it is appropriate.

Family Fun Events

These events take place approximately every 4 weeks on a Saturday morning and continue to be well attended, averaging about 25 children plus other family members. The team plan activities around a theme including crafts, food activities, challenges, quizzes, a short video and modern songs. We also provide sports equipment and toddler toys. There are always snacks, cakes and drinks available. We are seeing some families returning each month and there is some connection with Chattabox families and Love Your Neighbour families. It is encouraging to see some people who use the Love Your Neighbour larder offering to help on Family Fun Days; and lovely to see church members who continue to help or visit each time.

Chattabox

Chattabox toddler group continues to be busy, with between about 12 and 30 babies / toddlers attending each week with their parent/s or carers. Activities are planned each week around a theme and include craft, messy/sensory play, small world play, ride on toys and large blocks; and a song time. The children are provided with a healthy snack and parents enjoy tea/coffee and biscuits. We would like to take this opportunity to thank Cathie Slocombe for all her work over the last 2 years, managing the finances and preparing the snacks. Cathie decided to stand down from Chattabox in July 2023, but we are pleased to now have Ann Harris to prepare the snacks. Sarah Harris has taken over the management of the finances. We have also welcomed a couple of other church members who have come on occasions to chat with the mums. We would welcome other people who would like to get involved in any way.

Harris and Val Carpenter

Sarah

Property Report 05/02/24

Due to the fact we are custodians of a large ageing property our repairs and renewals are likely to be significant.

The last financial year was no exception with an expenditure of £23000

Some of the major items were window in the flat £6200 also the repairs to the roof of the Hall almost £ 5000 including scaffolding.

The lights in the passage way and toilets were renewed with LED lights on sensors to avoid lights being left on this has proved worthwhile with a positive comment from one of our member this cost £ 2450 but will save costs in the long term.

Because of a generous donation we were able to fit a power operated door to assist with disabled access at a cost of £3600.

The remainder is made up of items like gutter cleaning door maintenance and various electrical items.

Since the last financial year a new heating system has been installed in the Dingley hall at a cost of £6300 this has worked well for the warmspace initiative. The cost of this was covered by a grant for warmspace projects from the National Grid Thanks to David Rogerson for submitting this successful bid.

For almost 5 years we have been investigating upgrading and renewing our lights and heating system systems. Firstly the boiler is very inefficient by today's standards and there would be considerable cost savings in our running costs with a new energy efficient boiler.

The lighting system is failing and also very expensive to run by today's standards a new installation may be 80% cheaper to run and would also enhance the look and atmosphere of the building.

These two items are a significant investment in the region of £80000 to £100000 thankfully due to the generosity of our congregation and supporters we are in a strong position to receive financial support from the benefact trust who support church investment projects up to 40% of the total cost of the there may be other funders we can approach

Jeremy Ward the district grants officer will be putting in a bid in the next couple of weeks. Jeremy feels that the work we are doing in the community stands us in good stead to receive support for our work.

For this to go ahead we will need church council approval please pray that we can continue to fulfil our mission in the town.

For and on behalf of the Finance and property committee

THE METHODIST CHURCH STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

Launceston Central Methodist Church
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FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31 August 2023

Launceston Area Methodist Circuit	Circuit no.	43070
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Registered Charity - Charity Registration number

1126217

If not a registered charity **Her Majesty's Revenue and
Customs Gift Aid number**

(The HMRC number is equivalent to a registered charity number in terms of evidence of charitable status and may be used to give to donors or grant funders wishing to see evidence of the organisation's charitable status. Methodist charities in England and Wales that are not registered charities are excepted from registration under Statutory Instrument 2014 No.242)

Minister:

Rev. David Miller

Church Stewards:

Mrs Marion Allen	Mrs Irene Stanbury
Mrs Patricia White	Mr Christopher Gaunt
Mrs Maureen Jiggins	Ms Maureen Teixeira
Mr Andrew Statton	Mrs Rosemary Paxman

Mr John Harris

Treasurer:

Mrs Janet Rogerson

SECTION A		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
		£	£	£	£
a1	RECEIPTS	Note			
a2	Offerings and Tax recovered	94,109	6,068	100,177	103,014
a3	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income	1,453	2,057	3,510	365
a4	Lettings	14,373		14,373	2,935
a5	Other receipts	2,108	13,712	15,820	21,187
a6	TOTAL RECEIPTS	112,043	21,837	133,880 (a7)	127,500
SECTION B					
b1	PAYMENTS				
b2	Circuit Assessment or Share	62,000		62,000	69,687
b3	Donations		13,485	13,485	13,978
b4	Repairs and Maintenance	25,875		25,875	11,124
b5	Utilities (Insurances, water charges, heating & lighting)	18,142		18,142	16,877
b6					14,373
b7	Other payments	9,878		9,878	
b8	TOTAL PAYMENTS	115,895	13,485	129,380 (b9)	126,038
SECTION C					
c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	(a6-b8)	(3,852)	8,352	4,499
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year	38,775	43,041	81,816 (c6)	98,354
c3	Sub total	(c1+c2)	34,923	51,393	86,316
c4	Transfers and adjustments	Loan to Circuit			(c7)
c5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR	(c3+c4)	34,923	51,393	86,316 (c8)
SECTION D					
FOR INFORMATION ONLY: MONEY RECEIVED AND PASSED ON TO EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS					
d	(these amounts are not to be included in total receipts/payments figures above)			£	£
d1	Balance brought forward from last year				
d2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations				
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations				
d4	BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID	(d1+d2-d3)			

SUMMARY OF CHURCH ACCOUNTS AND INTERNAL ORGANISATIONS REPORTING TO THE CHURCH COUNCIL
SECTION E

Please follow the Guidance Notes to complete this page

Summary of the Church accounts for the year ended 31 August 2023 and Internal Organisations reporting to the Church Council/Church Meeting. Note that the funds of an Internal Organisation would normally be Restricted funds unless it could be clearly shown that they could be used for any Methodist purpose. This section must be completed to arrive at the gross income and expenditure totals of the Church. If gross income exceeds the Accruals threshold, then the Accruals method of accounting AND A DIFFERENT FORM must be used to report the accounts (see Methodist website). Please refer to the guidance notes regarding transfers between the District and connected District Organisations.

	INTERNAL ORGANISATIONS	Receipts	Payments	Net Receipts/ Payments	Adjustments	Opening balances	Closing balances
e1	Junior Church	5,051	7,014	(1,963)		5,269	3,307
e2	Benevolent	5,292	4,902	390		2,779	3,169
e3	Tuesday Group	385	385			5	5
e4	Flower Fund	205	40	165		117	282
e5	Chattabox	707	1,034	(326)		638	312
e6	Wednesday Fellowship	306	306			415	415
e7	Kids Club		81	(81)		81	
e8	Sub total of Internal Organisations funds	11,947	13,762	(1,815)		9,305 (e11)	7,490 (e12)
e9	Church accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)	133,880 (a7)	129,380 (b9)	4,499	(c7)	81,816 (c6)	86,316 (c8)
e10	TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	145,827	143,142	2,684		91,121 (x)	93,806 (y)
	Continue on a separate sheet if necessary and bring the totals forward	TOTAL RECEIPTS	TOTAL PAYMENTS				

SECTION F
STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
CHURCH - CASH FUNDS HELD at 31 August 2023

		OPENING BALANCES	CLOSING BALANCES
f1	Cash in hand		
f2	Bank Current Account	7,444	5,434
f3	Bank Deposit Account		
f4	Central Finance Board	74,372	80,882
f5	Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes		
f6	Other funds		
f7	SUB TOTAL - Church accounts	81,816 (c6)	86,316 (c8)
f8	Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance total from above) (e12)	9,305 (e11)	7,490 (e12)
f9	TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	91,121 (x)	93,806 (y)

SECTION G
OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES

		At 1 September 2022	At 31 August 2023
g1	Investments (include Endowments) TMCP	197,698	183,033
g2	Land & Buildings (see notes re Insurance value)	6,294,738	6,440,000
g3	Other Assets		
g4	Loan(s) - show amount outstanding at year end	18,000	18,000
g5	Other Liabilities		

f4 Include only Funds held at the Central Finance Board

f5 Include only Funds held at Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes

g1 Include any other investments (not the cash element of TMCP trusts accounts this is included in line f5)

Name of Church . Launceston Central Methodist Church

Declarations and Scrutiny

I confirm that these Receipt and Payment based accounts for the year to 31 August 2023 have been prepared from the records of the Church and that they include all funds under the control of the Church trustees.

Signature of treasurer J.D. Rogers Date 19/10/2023
Name and address of treasurer MRS J.D. ROGERSON
GLEBE HOUSE, LEZANT, LAUNCESTON Post Code PL15 9PP

Presentation to the Church trustees

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2023 were/will be* presented to the meeting of the Church trustees held on

Signature of the Chair of the meeting [Signature]
Name of the Chair of the meeting David Middle Date 19th October 2023

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

~~.Launceston Central Methodist.....~~Church

Charity Number ~~..1126217..~~

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Church for the year ended 31 August 2023 set out on pages ... to As the Church's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Church's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and, in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

* delete or circle as appropriate

Name of Church . Launceston Central Methodist Church

Independent Examiner's Statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below*) which give me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act; or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

I ~~have~~/have not* obtained independent verification of all investments with the Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes or held in other trusts, bank balances and funds at the Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church which are individually in excess of £10,000 (ten thousand pounds) at the balance sheet date.

Signature of independent examiner 

Name of independent examiner BEN WEVILL

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner CHARTERED ACCOUNTANT (ACA)

Name of firm (where appropriate) AZETS

Address 20 WESTERN ROAD, LAUNCESTON, CORNWALL

Post Code PL15 7BA

Date 13/12/2023

* delete or circle as appropriate