



**Church
Accruals Accounts
2023-24**

THE METHODIST CHURCH

**STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS
ACCRUALS BASIS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024**

<div>Loughton Methodist</div>	Church	Church no	<div>35/33</div>
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Registered Charity - Registration number	<div>1126831</div>
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Church Chair	<div>Revd Sue Creighton</div>
Church Stewards	<div>Sharon Heather</div> <div>Paul Davies</div> <div>Stephen Murray</div> <div>Margaret Donoghue</div>
Church Treasurer	<div>Martin Howarth</div>

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TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

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Introduction

- 1.1** The Loughton Methodist Church serves to enable and support the local community. The Chair - Revd Sue Creighton works together with a team of paid and voluntary officers to support and develop the life of the Church.

On 20 November 2008, the Church was entered into the Register of Charities and the Charity Number is 1126831.

The Managing Trustees of the Loughton Church are the members of the Church Council which meets generally 3 - 5 times per year to consider the work of God in the Church and the general management of the Church and its business. The membership of the Council is governed by the Standing Orders of the Methodist Church. The officers of the Church who are appointed by the Church Council to act upon its behalf comprise the Minister, the Ministerial Staff Team, the Church Stewards and the Church Financial Steward (treasurer).

2 Objectives and Activities

2.1 Aims and organisation

The aims of the Church Council through its officers are twofold:

- to secure and sustain the Church's viability and future
- to give assurance to the general public that the Church, which is a charity, intends to use all of the money coming into its care for the purpose of the charity.

2.2 Loughton Methodist Church Calling and Vision

The Church's vision and calling document states "At LMC we are committed to sharing life, doing mission and building community. We believe this honours Christ's call, builds God's Kingdom and brings transformation." The church will achieve this by:

- Sharing life through worship, small groups, rites of passage, pastoral care, listening, encouraging one another and social activities
- By engaging in God's mission of justice, hope and peace for the world. The church listens and responds to God's call to bring change and transformation
- Building community through welcome, respect, acceptance, tolerance, inclusivity and providing a sense belonging

During the year ended 31 August 2021 the Loughton Methodist Church council took over the responsibility for the Loughton Trinity Debden Church. The income and expenditure relating to the church is included in the SOFA on page 9.

3 Review of progress and achievements

3.1 Loughton Methodist Church Annual Report

A verbal report of the Loughton Methodist Church was presented to the Annual Church meeting, which gave full details of the activities of the Church.

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3.2 Plans for future years

- To develop our 5 year calling and vision by promoting the use of the upgraded community café and welcome area to develop a community hub
- Promote and encourage new leadership across the life of the church and equip, train and support new and existing leaders

4 Financial Plans and Review

- The Church's financial requirements are reviewed each year in the context of the aims listed above and the local congregation are invited to make offers of a share in meeting the total cost.
- The annual budget includes a provision for the general maintenance of the Church property, however, if large expenditure is needed within the year to maintain Church property, the work needed will be agreed and authorised on a case by case basis. The funding of large capital requirements is reviewed on a case by case basis and grants applied for where necessary.
- Church income is drawn primarily from the offerings and letting. During the year offerings increased to £94,871 (2023: £86,333).
- Rental income was received during the year from the letting of halls to external groups. During the year letting income increased to £94,721 (2023: £83,246).
- Expenditure reduced to £288,798 (2023: £291,350) as the property expenses regarding the Wesley café refurbishments were largely completed in 2023.
- At 31 August 2024, unrestricted reserves, excluding the property fund, stood at £293,533 (2023: £269,445).

Unrestricted Funds

- General Fund – this fund together with other unrestricted funds represent at least six months expenditure of the Church's general activities and whilst this represents a significant sum, it is considered important that this level of funding be maintained to meet unexpected expenditure. The balance at the year end was £9,452,597 after adjustments for accruals, including £9,159,064 relating to the Church property within the Church but where the title lies with the Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes.
- Designated Fund - For specific purposes, but not restricted by document or deed to that purpose only. Balance at the year end was £Nil (2023: £7,847).

Restricted Funds

- For specific purposes and restricted by document or deed to that purpose only. The balance at the year end was £96,954 (2023: £6,971).

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4.1 Investment Policy

The investment of surplus funds is operated through the Central Finance Board (CFB) of the Methodist Church. CFB aims to provide high quality investment service seeking above average returns for long term investors, whilst ensuring that the securities held by all its funds are in line with the ethical policy of the Methodist Church. The Church has its funds in a deposit account with CFB.

4.2 Reserves Policy

Our Reserves Policy relates to our unrestricted funds which are freely available for any or all of the purposes of the Church. It is our policy to hold at least six months expenditure in hand to enable us to meet any calls for funding requirements.

5 Trustees Responsibilities

For each financial year ending 31 August, the trustees are required to prepare financial statements that give a true and fair view of the Church's financial activities during the year and of its financial position at the end of the year. In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees must:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare accounts to comply with the Charities SORP;
- follow applicable accounting standards subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the accounts;
- prepare the accounts on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for ensuring that sufficient accounting records are kept which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Methodist Church - Loughton Church and enables them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the law and Standing Orders of the Methodist Church.

They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Church and hence taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

5.1 Risk Management

The Church has been considering the various risks facing the Church and the impact and the likelihood of issues happening, which will be reviewed every few years.

The headings under which the risks are being categorised include:

- Governance Risks including Trustees' Responsibilities
- Operational Risks including Resources, People and Property
- Financial Risks
- External Risks and Legal Risks

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6 Structure, governance and management

6.1 Structure

The Loughton Methodist Church is an unincorporated association and is governed by the Methodist Church Act 1976, the deed of Union and the Model Trust Deeds of the Methodist Church. It was registered with the Charity Commissioners on 20 November 2008.

Churches are the coordinating charities for local public. Most decisions are made at or ratified by the Church Council. The Methodist Conference meets once each year as the supreme denominational body for all Methodist Churches.

- 1 Overall regulatory authority rests with the Methodist Conference.
- 2 The Connexional office implements decisions made by Conference and is also responsible for the stationing of presbyters and deacons (collectively known as ministers) in individual Churches within the Circuit.
- 3 The Church Council passes regulatory control down to church councils for local implementation by the presbyter, the Church Stewards, and other officers, and this regulatory authority is then exercised by church councils as Managing Trustees of their charity.

6.2 Purpose of the Church

The purposes of the Loughton Methodist Church are and deemed to have been since the date of the union the advancement of:

- a the Christian faith in accordance with the doctrinal standards and the discipline of the Methodist Church, and
- b any charitable purposes for the time being of any connexional, District, Circuit, local or other organisation of the Methodist Church, and
- c any charitable purpose for the time being of any society or institution subsidiary or ancillary to the Methodist Church, and
- d any purpose for the time being of any charity being a subsidiary or ancillary of the Methodist Church.

The primary purpose of this Church is to advance the mission of the Church in the local community.

- 1 providing opportunities for Churches to work together and support each other
- 2 offering to Churches resource of finance, personnel and expertise.

6.3 Governance

Detailed governance arrangements are outlined within the Constitutional Practice and Discipline of the Methodist Church by the order of the annual conference (CPD).

Day to day management of the Church is undertaken by the Church Leadership Team, the Church Finance and Property Committee and the Church Coordination Group.

6.4 Public Benefit Requirement

The trustees had due regard to the guidance published by the Charities Commission in compliance with its duties under section 4 of the Charities Act 2011.

This guidance sets out two key principles:

1. The organisation must have an identifiable benefit.
2. The benefit must be to the public or a section of the public.

The Church exists to:

- increase awareness of God's presence and to celebrate God's love;
- help people to learn and grow as Christians, through mutual support and care; and
- be a good neighbour to people in need and challenge injustice.

The trustees consider that for these reasons the charity meets these public benefit requirements.

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6.5 Related Parties

The Church is part of the Forest Methodist Circuit and is also accountable to the Methodist Conference.

7 Reference and Administration Details

- 7.1** The full name of the Charity is Loughton Methodist Church.
- 7.2** The Loughton Methodist Church is registered as a charity with the Charity Commission in England and Wales. The organisation's Charity No is 1126831.
- 7.3** The address of the Church for correspondence is 260 High Road, Loughton, Essex, IG10 1RB. The name of the person to whom correspondence should be addressed is the Minister.
- 7.4** The trustees who served during the year are listed on the last page of these financial statements.

The Church's Bankers are: CAF Bank, Barclays Bank Plc and the Central Finance Board of the Methodist church "CFB".

- 7.5** Investments managed by the Church are held by Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes "TMCP"

7.6 Trustee Training

A range of guidance produced by Methodist Connexion to support the effective running of the Church, specifically the leaflet 'The role of a Trustee in the Methodist Church' is given to all new Church Council members as induction to their role as trustees.

7.7 Disclosure of information to auditors

In so far as the trustees are aware:

- there is no relevant audit information of which the Charity's auditors are unaware; and
- the trustees have taken all the steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the auditors are aware of that information.

7.8 Auditors

The auditors Clay Ratnage Strevens & Hills had been reappointed as auditors to the Church for this year.

Martin Anthony Howarth
Approved by the managing trustees on and signed on their behalf by:

M. Howarth
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Martin Howarth
Treasurer

LOUGHTON METHODIST CHURCH

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE LOUGHTON METHODIST CHURCH

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Loughton Methodist Church (the 'charity') for the year ended 31 August 2024 which comprise Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charity's affairs as at 31 August 2024, and of its incoming resources and application of resources, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011.

Basis of opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the ISAs (UK) require us to report to you where:

- the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is not appropriate; or
- the trustees have not disclosed in the financial statements any identified material uncertainties that may cast significant doubt about the charity's ability to continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting for a period of at least twelve months from the date when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Other information

The trustees are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the trustees' annual report, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT (CONTINUED)

TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE LOUGHTON METHODIST CHURCH

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 require us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- the information given in the financial statements is inconsistent in any material respect with the trustees' report; or
- sufficient accounting records have not been kept; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the trustees' responsibilities statement set out on page 3, the trustees are responsible for the preparation of financial statements which give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charity or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

We have been appointed as auditor under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and report in accordance with regulations made under section 154 of that Act.

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

To identify risks of material misstatement due to fraud ("fraud risks") we assessed events or conditions that could indicate an incentive or pressure to commit fraud or provide an opportunity to commit fraud. Our risk assessment procedures included:

- Obtaining an understanding of the legal and regulatory frameworks applicable to the charity.
- Obtained an understanding of how the charity is complying with those legal and regulatory frameworks by making enquiries to the trustees.
- The susceptibility of the charity's financial statements to material misstatement caused by fraud or other irregularities were assessed with the following procedures:
 - Identifying and assessing the design effectiveness of controls which trustees have in place to prevent and detect fraud
 - Understanding how those charged with governance considered the potential for override of controls and management biases
 - Identifying and testing journal entries, in particular any journal entries posted with unusual account combinations

Potential fraud risks that had been identified throughout the planning and commencement of the audit were communicated to the audit team.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT (CONTINUED)

TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE LOUGHTON METHODIST CHURCH

Because of the inherent limitations of an audit, there is a risk that we will not detect all irregularities, including those leading to a material misstatement in the financial statements or non-compliance with regulation. The risk increases the more that compliance with a law or regulation is removed from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, as we will be less likely to become aware of instances of non-compliance. This risk is also greater regarding irregularities occurring due to fraud rather than error, as fraud involves intentional concealment, forgery, collusion, omission or misrepresentation.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with Part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charity's trustees those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's trustees as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Clay Ratnage Strevens & Hills

Clay Ratnage Strevens & Hills

Chartered Accountants

& Statutory Auditors

Suite D, The Business Centre

Faringdon Avenue

Romford, Essex RM3 8EN

Date: 2 / 4 / 2026

Clay Ratnage Strevens & Hills is eligible to act as an auditor in terms of section 1212 of the Companies Act 2006.

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Church No. 35/33

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024

	Note	General Fund (Unrestricted)	Designated Funds (Unrestricted)	Other Funds (Restricted)	Endowment Funds	Total 2023-24	Total 2022-23
		£	£	£	£	£	£
Income							
Donations and Legacies	2	43,586	-	85,760	-	129,346	42,839
Interest and Investment Income		6,944	-	-	-	6,944	3,009
Other income	3	28,822	-	-	-	28,822	27,068
Offerings and Tax recoverable	4	94,871	-	-	-	94,871	86,333
Connexional Advance and Property Fund		-	-	-	-	-	-
Capital Receipts		-	-	-	-	-	-
Grants	5	2,875	-	45,290	-	48,165	22,585
Lettings		94,721	-	-	-	94,721	83,246
Total Income		271,819	-	131,050	-	402,869	265,080
Expenditure							
Grants and Donations	6	4,670	-	-	-	4,670	5,770
Salaries and associated costs	7	61,030	-	36,142	-	97,172	91,759
Property (incl Ins., C tax, utilities etc)	8	64,581	-	-	-	64,581	76,083
Office Expenses (Admin., tel. travel etc.)	9	7,887	-	-	-	7,887	8,358
Circuit assessment		75,332	-	-	-	75,332	71,594
Depreciation		12,750	-	5,588	-	18,338	18,063
Other Expenditure (incl training)	10	16,282	-	-	-	16,282	15,319
Audit	11	4,536	-	-	-	4,536	4,404
Capital Expended		-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Expenditure		247,068	-	41,730	-	288,798	291,350
Net Income/(Expenditure)		24,751	-	89,320	-	114,071	(26,270)
Transfers between funds		7,184	(7,847)	663	-	-	-
Sub Total		31,935	-	89,983	-	114,071	(26,270)
Gains/(losses) on revaluation of fixed assets		-	-	-	-	-	-
Net investment in funds		31,935	-	89,983	-	114,071	(26,270)
Total funds brought forward from last year		9,420,662	7,847	6,971	-	9,435,480	9,461,750
Total funds carried forward at end of year		9,452,597	-	96,954	-	9,549,551	9,435,480

For information only: Money received and passed on to External Organisations

Balance brought forward from last year

Offerings/Gifts - received for External Organisations

Offerings/Gifts - passed to External Organisations

Balance still to be paid

(423)	(110)
(5,104)	(5,316)
4,699	5,003
(828)	(423)

The notes on pages 11 to 16 form part of these accounts.

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Church No. 35/33

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 AUGUST 2024

Notes	General Fund (Unrestricted)	Designated Funds (Unrestricted)	Other Funds (Restricted)	Endowment Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£	£	£

Tangible Fixed Assets

Church Property and other fixed assets	12	9,188,355	-	41,989	-	9,230,344	9,247,585
Investment properties		-	-	-	-	-	-
Investments		-	-	-	-	-	-
Total fixed assets		9,188,355	-	41,989	-	9,230,344	9,247,585

Debtors and Prepayments	13	30,414	-	5,000	-	35,414	103,380
Central Finance Board and Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes deposits etc	14	196,329	-	54,965	-	251,294	66,774
Cash at Bank and in hand	15	48,456	-	-	-	48,456	96,016
Total current assets		275,199	-	59,965	-	335,164	266,170

Creditors and Accruals (due in under one year)	16	10,957	-	5,000	-	15,957	78,275
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Net current (liabilities)/assets		264,242	-	54,965	-	319,207	187,895
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Total assets less current liabilities		9,452,597	-	96,954	-	9,549,551	9,435,480
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Long term liabilities

Loans to the Church		-	-	-	-	-	-
Grants Payable	17	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other liabilities due after one year		-	-	-	-	-	-

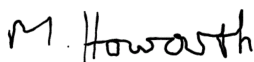
Net assets		9,452,597	-	96,954	-	9,549,551	9,435,480
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Funds of the Church

General Fund (Unrestricted)	18	9,452,597	-	-	-	9,452,597	9,420,662
Designated Funds (Unrestricted)	18	-	-	-	-	-	7,847
Total Unrestricted funds		9,452,597	-			9,452,597	9,428,509
Other Funds (Restricted)	18	-	-	96,954	-	96,954	6,971
Endowment Funds (Restricted)	18	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Restricted funds				96,954		96,954	6,971
Total Funds		9,452,597	-	96,954	-	9,549,551	9,435,480

27 March 2026

Approved by the managing trustees on and signed on their behalf by:



Martin Howarth

Treasurer

The notes on pages 11 to 16 form part of these accounts.

LOUGHTON METHODIST CHURCH**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS****FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024**

1 Accounting framework and accounting policies**i Accounting framework**

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland issued in October 2019, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), the Charities Act 2011 and UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

ii Public benefit entity

The Church meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102.

iii Basis

These accounts have been prepared on the basis of historical cost except that Church Property is shown at their market value at the end of the year, on the accruals basis to show a true and fair view of the Church's financial position and activities. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy notes below.

iv Content

The financial information presented is relevant, reliable, comparable and complete. Where estimates are used these are based on experience, research and judgement. The accounts are expressed in £Sterling, rounded to the nearest pound.

v Going concern

Based on the monetary assets and human resources available at 31 August 2024, the trustees believe that the Church is a going concern.

vi Income recognition

Income is brought into account when it is more likely than not that the economic benefit of the income will accrue to the Church. No attempt is made to measure the value of services donated by volunteers. In accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102), the time of volunteers is not recognised.

vii Expenditure

This is recognised when a liability is incurred, or a constructive obligation arises, that results in the payment being unavoidable. Liabilities are recognised as soon as an outflow of economic benefit is considered more likely than not under the legal or constructive obligation committing the Church to pay out resources.

viii Grants

Grants are recognised annually only as and when any performance conditions attaching to the award are met, even when the award is for a recurrent grant over more than one year. All grants awarded for payment in future financial years are conditional on the Grants Committee being satisfied, on the basis of progress reports from the grantee, that the grant's achievements to date justify the payment of further instalments of that grant. Such commitments are noted as contingent liabilities and included within other relevant designated fund in these accounts.

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

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ix VAT

Since the Church is not VAT registered, all input VAT is charged with the expenses to which it relates.

x Tangible fixed assets

These are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year. The Church Property is shown in the accounts at market valuation at the end of the financial year.

Other fixed assets have been depreciated using the straight-line method over their estimated useful life of either four or ten years.

xi Debtors and creditors; bank and cash

Debtors are stated at the amounts owed to the Church or prepaid. Creditors are initially recognised at settlement amount after any trade discounts, where normal credit terms apply, or amount advanced to the Church. Subsequently creditors that are current liabilities are measured at the cash or other consideration expected to be paid. The liquid funds of bank balances and deposit account balances are shown at the realisable values.

xii Ministers' manse costs

The Church is not required to provide accommodation for the Minister and his / her family. This is the responsibility of the Circuit.

xiii Financial Instruments

The Church has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

xiv Church information

The Loughton Methodist Church is an unincorporated Charity in England and Wales. The principal correspondence address is 260 High Road, Loughton, Essex IG10 1RB. The Church's objectives and activities are detailed in the Trustees' Report.

LOUGHTON METHODIST CHURCH**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS****FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024**

2	Donations and legacies	2023-24	2022-23
	Donation and gift day	20,401	6,703
	Donation (Flower fund)	-	519
	Church Vision Fund	-	3,000
	Special donations (Northriver)	R 50,000	25,000
	Legacies	23,185	-
	Bosnia Fund	-	3
	Café refurbishment donations	-	2,267
	Cheerful Giving - Children	R 34,390	2,320
	Cheerful Giving - Building for future	R 977	2,364
	Cheerful Giving - Calling and vision	R 393	663
		<u>129,346</u>	<u>42,839</u>
3	Other income	2023-24	2022-23
	Welcome area receipts	26,239	24,981
	Children youth and families	-	12
	Bookstall fund	21	60
	Flower fund	442	-
	Holiday club	2,120	2,015
		<u>28,822</u>	<u>27,068</u>
4	Offerings and tax recoverable	2023-24	2022-23
	Offerings	78,023	72,579
	Tax recoverable	16,848	13,754
		<u>94,871</u>	<u>86,333</u>
5	Grants and donations received	2023-24	2022-23
	Grant - Epping Forest District Council	2,875	2,875
	Grant - DAF and Circuit re café refurbishment	45,290	19,710
		<u>48,165</u>	<u>22,585</u>
6	Grants and donations paid	2023-24	2022-23
	Donations paid	4,670	5,020
	Contributions to Connexional and circuit funds	-	750
		<u>4,670</u>	<u>5,770</u>

LOUGHTON METHODIST CHURCH**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS****FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024**

7	Salaries and associated costs	2023-24	2022-23
	Gross Pay	80,053	78,641
	Employer's National Insurance Contribution	6,026	5,913
	Employer's pension contribution to the defined benefit scheme	4,803	4,663
	Casual wages	5,410	-
	Back pay for 2022/23	-	1,669
	Apprenticeship levy	400	393
	Administration cost	480	480
		<u>97,172</u>	<u>91,759</u>

The average monthly number of staff employed during the year was 4 (2023: 4).

There were no employees whose annual emoluments were £60,000 or more.

None of the trustees have been paid any remuneration or received any other benefits from an employment with the Church nor received payment for expenses.

Pension costs

The total pension cost for the Church for the year ended 31 August 2024 was £4,803 (2023: £4,663).

There were no outstanding or prepaid pension contributions at 31 August 2024 (2023: £Nil).

8	Property costs	2023-24	2022-23
	Church repairs	12,483	15,834
	Insurance and utilities	12,732	14,445
	Property management and cleaning	25,055	23,336
	Heat and light	13,460	10,633
	Café refurbishment	851	11,835
		<u>64,581</u>	<u>76,083</u>

9	Office expenses	2023-24	2022-23
	Telephone	1,773	1,161
	Computer expenses	3,377	870
	Copier expenses	1,741	4,733
	Postage and stationery	996	1,594
		<u>7,887</u>	<u>8,358</u>

10	Other expenditure	2023-24	2022-23
	Pastoral work	2,992	2,799
	Sundries (incl bank charges)	1,154	222
	Professional fees	768	-
	Training cost	547	233
	Welcome area cost	7,581	7,626
	Flower fund	319	466
	Youth work projects	1,007	1,139
	Holiday club money	1,522	2,002
	Minister's discretionary fund	20	60
	Trinity - Expenses	372	285
	Trinity - Publicity	-	487
		<u>16,282</u>	<u>15,319</u>

11	Fees for examination or audit of the accounts	2023-24	2022-23
	Auditors' fees	2,759	2,679
	Other fees (e.g.: advice, accountancy services)	1,777	1,725
		<u>4,536</u>	<u>4,404</u>

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12 Total Tangible Fixed Assets

	Land and Buildings	Other Fixed Assets	Total
Cost or valuation			
Balance at 1st Sept 2023	9,159,064	241,114	9,400,178
Additions in the year	-	1,097	1,097
Write off in the year	-	-	-
Revaluations in the year	-	-	-
Balance at 31st August 2024	9,159,064	242,211	9,401,275
Depreciation			
Balance at 1st Sept 2023	-	152,593	152,593
Charge in the year	-	18,338	18,338
Depreciation on write off	-	-	-
Balance at 31st August 2024	-	170,931	170,931
Net Book Value @ 31 August 2024	9,159,064	71,280	9,230,344
Net Book Value @ 31 August 2023	9,159,064	88,521	9,247,585

The Land and Buildings (Church Property) were revalued in the year by the Trustees and there was no change in value. No depreciation is provided on the building because the trustees consider the current fair value of the church buildings (on the assumption that it had reached the end of its useful economic life by the year-end) to be not less than its current value. Any depreciation would not be material. The church property has been reviewed for impairment.

13 Debtors and prepayments

All sums paid in advance at 31 August 2024 were for purposes required during 2024-25.

	2023-24	2022-23
Prepayments and accrued income		
Circuit assessment paid in advance	18,187	18,833
Gift Aid tax refund due	12,227	14,147
Deposit paid for Iona trip	-	400
Grants receivable	5,000	70,000
Total	35,414	103,380

14 Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes

The funds that support the Vision Fund are held by TMCP. TMCP is the legal owner and Custodian Trustee of all Methodist Model Trust property, including Legacies, Endowments and Accumulated funds. TMCP ensure that, through providing guidance and acting under their direction, the Managing Trustees comply with charity law and Methodist law and policy as determined by the Methodist Conference.

15 Central Finance Board (CFB) and cash at bank

The Church has accounts the following banks, Barclays Bank Plc, Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church "CFB", CAF Bank and Shawbrook Bank, all are authorised institutions. The account with Shawbrook Bank was closed during the year. The sums held on the account are immediately available. In addition, the Church has one deposit account at CFB. Interest is earned on this CFB account and credited monthly.

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16	Creditors and accrued expenses	2023-24	2022-23
	Audit and accountancy fees	4,536	4,404
	Owed to other charity	828	423
	Cleaning accruals	2,040	1,651
	Electricity and gas accruals	678	12,764
	Clean air system accruals (final 10%)	-	2,993
	EBAC Grant - Livestreaming	2,875	5,750
	Deferred grant income	5,000	50,290
		15,957	78,275

17 Grant commitments

There were no future commitments at 31 August 2024

18 Church funds (Unrestricted and Restricted)

The Church maintains a number of separate funds. The purpose, type, movement and state as at the end of year is documented below.

The funds held constitute: General Funds for any purpose, Designated Funds for specific purposes, but not restricted for that purpose only and Restricted Funds for specific purposes and restricted for that purpose only. Details of each material fund are disclosed in the notes below.

Project		2023-24	2022-23
General Funds - Unrestricted	For use at the discretion of the trustees in the furtherance of the objectives of the Church. This excludes funds which have been designated for a specific purpose.	9,452,597	9,420,662
Designated Funds - Unrestricted	For specific purposes, but not restricted by document or deed to that purpose alone.	-	7,847
Other Funds - Restricted	For specific purposes and restricted by document or deed to that purpose alone. 2023-24 Cheerful Giving £54,965 (2022-23 £4,684) and Café refurbishment grant £41,989 (2022-23 £2,287)	96,954	6,971
		9,549,551	9,435,480

19	Transfer between funds	2023-24	2022-23
	Designated funds	7,847	22,320

During the year ended 31 August 2024 funds were transferred from the Trinity Church's National Westminster Bank reserve account into CAF bank (General fund) to pay for the installation of a boiler and new doors at Trinity church.

20 Volunteer contribution

Every entity (Connexion, District, Circuit, Church) within the Methodist church in GB is heavily reliant on volunteers who contribute their skills, time and money in the furtherance of the work of the Church. It is the volunteers who are involved in every activity in the church and without them the church would not function. We are grateful to all of them for their help and commitment.

21 Related Party Transaction

Loughton Methodist Church is part of the Forest Methodist Circuit and The London District and is also accountable to the Methodist Conference, the ultimate controlling body. Related parties also include Ministers, other Churches and Circuits, Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church and The Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes ("TMCP").

During the year ended 31 August 2024, the Church recognised grant income of £45,290 from Forest Methodist Circuit towards the cost of the cafe and welcome area refurbishment. Included in debtors at the balance sheet date is £5,000 grant owed from Forest Methodist Circuit.

During the year P Davies, a Trustee, was paid £820 (2023:£820) for gardening services to the Church. During the year £5,410 (2023:£1,601) was paid to R Howarth for services provided in the running of Wesley's café. R Howarth is the daughter of Trustee Martin Howarth.

LOUGHTON METHODIST CHURCH DECLARATIONS

Treasurer

I confirm that I have prepared the accounts from the records of the Church and that they include all funds under the control of the Church Council .

Signature of Treasurer

M. Howarth

Name

Martin Howarth

Date

27/3/2026

Address

16 Marjorams Avenue, Loughton, Essex IG10 1PT

Presentation to the Church Council for approval.

I confirm that the Accounts have been ~~or will be (*)~~ presented to the Church Council on

10 Oct 24

and were ~~or will be (*)~~ approved on

10 Oct 24

Signature of the Chair of the meeting

Sue Creighton

Name of the Chair of the meeting

Rev Sue Creighton

Date

1/4/2026

* Delete as appropriate

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TRUSTEES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024

Andrea	Moles
Chris	Beament
Christine	Baker
Christine	Watson
David	Hobbs
Jill	Angold-Stephens
Jill	Geddes
Keith	Aldred Dr
Margaret	Buttress
Margaret	Donoghue
Martin	Howarth
Mary	Knapman
Paul	Davies
Peter	Moles
Sharon	Heather
Stephen	Perry
Sue	Creighton
Stephen	Murray
Julie	Maule
Paul	Hay