

Report from HWMC for Charities Commission

September 1st 2022 – August 31st 2023

We began the new Connexional Year in September almost back to normal, with all our remaining weekly meetings continuing, plus Sunday morning worship, when worshippers enjoy staying after the services to chat and share each other's company. We have a team of valuable helpers who prepare the church for worship and see that all is as it should be afterwards.

We are delighted that the group of Guides which met on our premises and which ceased to meet during last year was reinstated. Following an idea from the West Cluster Meeting in July our stewards decided to welcome all organizations that meet regularly on our premises by giving them a card and sweets or biscuits, to show them that we were here for them if they needed us to be and not just there to collect their hiring payments. We received a lovely card back from the Brownies which each of them had signed.

In the light of the current financial situation, with costs rising so steeply, the decision was taken by the leaders of our Tuesday Lunch Club not to raise the weekly amount paid for their two-course lunches. As the Women's Own group no longer meets, anyone who joins us has been told that they are very welcome just to stay and chat with their friends if they do not have to hurry home.

A lovely Harvest Festival service led by Rev Karen Bell, when some of the uniformed organizations joined us. There was an excellent response to our appeal for items for our local Foodbank. During the pandemic, when celebration of life services had been either limited or unable to be held at all, we decided to hold a memorial service for church friends and loved ones affected by this as soon as we could. Rev Diane Smith kindly agreed to lead this on the Sunday nearest to All Souls' Day, during which tributes were paid and candles were lit for each person remembered. Autumn at HWMC concluded with an uplifting Remembrance Sunday Service led by Joan Pugsley at which an appeal went out for food items for our local Foodbank and clothing items for Whitechapel Mission, both to be dedicated at our annual Gift Service, which Deacon Sarah Jane Rigby led. People were very generous and the plentiful donations were acknowledged by the Foodbank and by Tony Miller at Whitechapel Mission.

A Cake and Coffee Morning in late-November was an enjoyable and relaxing time for those who attended. We also hosted and enjoyed the annual Christmas Concert by the New Dimension Choir and were royally entertained by our in-house theatre group, the Guildonian Players' production of A Christmas Carol, by Charles Dickens. Following our Gift Service we enjoyed some lovely Advent and Christmas worship, including a Christingle Service for our Tots & Co group, who were joined by members of the Preschool which meets on our premises. We were pleased to host the Circuit New Year Social, when quizzes, a game and plenty of lovely food were appreciated by those who came. We were very grateful for the generous support from attendees in helping with the setting-up and clearing-up afterwards.

Tuesday Lunch Club continues to thrive and meals are always enjoyed. At Easter our dining guests found an Easter card plus a bag with an Easter egg and a small chocolate rabbit or similar at each place setting as a gesture from the church. We continue to be very grateful for the ladies who form our two catering teams.

We progressed from Christmas to Easter enjoying a variety of preachers and services. We were pleased once again to host the circuit service on Ash Wednesday. The devotional service led by Rev Karen Bell on Good Friday was particularly poignant and appreciated.

Our in-house drama group, the Guildonian Players entertained us with an extremely enjoyable Variety Show in March. Those attending were left wondering how all those swords could pierce through the box with the attractive young lady stowed inside without piercing her!

The health of some of our older members has been a cause for concern as some of them have been in and out of hospital, but we resolutely uphold them in our prayers.

HWMC celebrated the King's Coronation with a wonderful Coronation Cream Tea, enjoying lots of splendid cakes and sandwiches to enjoy Tea at the Ritz. Everyone who came received a celebratory bookmark and special coronation chocolates.

At the beginning of June we hosted the annual Circuit Study Day, which was led this year by Rev John Proctor, who focused on aspects of Matthew's Gospel. During June we followed this year's Bible Month series, with services based on the Book of Revelations.

Our excellent in-house drama group, the Guildonian Players, produced a particularly funny and entertaining play by Ian Hislop & Nick Newman entitled 'A Bunch of Amateurs'. This play involved most actors enduring several costume changes each and there were a great number of scene-changes too, each carried out extremely slickly by cast members. Further entertainment was provided by the New Dimension Choir's summer concert.

Following on the success of an outdoor Cake & Coffee Morning last August another was held at the beginning of July, enabling us to witness to neighbours and passers-by that church isn't only an 'inside the building' happening. Stalls were well-supported; sales went well and all the cakes were gone in record time.

During June we held our General Church Meeting. Following discussion, it was agreed that we change from holding different committee meetings, which then reported to Church Council comprised of pretty-much the same people, to do away with these and instead simply have a Leadership Group, to cover all that needs to be done and which then reports simply to the Church Council. Our property continues to be well-maintained and several necessary tasks will be undertaken during the long summer break while our premises are less-used. This will include a high-clean of our main kitchen, regularly in use throughout the year by the Tuesday Lunch Club teams.

We continue to enjoy our Sunday acts of worship, with consistent numbers each week, though, as with other churches, not as many as we would like and we are grateful to all who are planned to lead our worship each week. Though we cannot report any weddings or baptisms, at the start of August we have a couple married at our church fifty years ago, celebrating by coming for a service of blessing on their marriage. We look forward to welcoming the new minister to our circuit in September and trust that he and his family will be happy in the manse next to our church. We thank God for everyone who makes HWMC what it is and hope that we are seen as a warm and welcoming church.

Pamela Coles [Steward]

RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS - SEPTEMBER 2022 TO AUGUST 2023

Receipts					Payments		
2021-22		General Accounts	2022-23		2021-22	General Accounts	2022-23
£			£		£		£
-		Gift Day	495.00		21,496.00	Circuit Contributions	22,022.00
1,476.07		Tax Refund/Gift Aided	1,762.07		5,300.00	Circuit Donation	
1,856.00	9,794.37	Sunday Offerings:		9,576.39	627.60	Office Expenses	
2,978.37		- Envelopes	1,444.00		179.37	Sundries	257.34
4,960.00		- Cash	3,432.39			TMCP Admin Fees	200.56
		- Standing orders	4,700.00				
75.65		Interest from CFB	557.28		254.89	Christian Copyright Licence	270.30
255.12		Interest from TMCP	1,882.09		20.00	Gifts for Housebound	
200.00		Weddings & Funerals	150.00		60.00	Gift Donations	39.10
434.53		Donations			200.00	Audit Fees	200.00
600.00		Circuit Reimbursement				Solicitors Fees	42.50
69,891.15		Bequests – JJ & JF				Surveyor Fees	1,604.30
82,726.89		Total:	14,422.83		28,137.86	Total:	24,636.10
B/forward			83,108.01				
			97,530.84			Balance in Account	72,894.74
		Property Accounts				Property Accounts	
700.00	19,968.00	External Organisations	150.00	20,995.00	6,615.69	Repairs & Maintenance	4,291.44
3,838.00		Parking Donations	2,320.00		13,783.12	New Equipment	3,376.38
1,730.00		Hire of Halls	2,190.00		4,480.39	Gas & Electricity	2,993.47
13,700.00		Preschool	16,315.00		990.90	Everflow	1,511.52
		HTN	20.00		436.16	Telephone - XLN	632.88
					124.32	Telephone - BT	-
					505.32	Refuse waste – PF Ahern	532.14

2021-22		Property Accounts	2022-23		2021-22	Property Accounts	2022-23
£			£		£		£
	6,965.00	Donation from Church Groups:		16,170.68	2,231.20	Wages – Cleaner on PAYE	2,156.40
		- Wesley Guild	250.00		3,280.83	Church Insurance	3,656.09
2,500.00		- Guildonian Players	9,846.00		-	Organ Maintenance	-
575.00		- Table Tennis Club	850.00		73.40	Cleaning Materials	-
1,100.00		- Tots & Co.	1,350.00		30.41	Sundries	27.40
2,690.00		- Tuesday Lunches	3,392.46		372.00	HMRC - Tax	189.42
100.00		- Women's Own	482.22				
						(Less rebate of £992.64 for G&E)	
422.64							
603.50		Fundraising & Donations	1,499.30				
27,959.14		Total:	38,664.98		32,923.74	Total:	19,367.14
B/forward			27,714.81				
			66,379.79			Balance in Account	47,012.65
		Benevolence Fund				Benevolence Fund	
0.00		Communion Offerings	0.00		0.00	Communion Offerings – Oct 2022	25.00
257.20	B/Forward	Total:	257.20		257.20	Balance in Account	232.20
		Appeals Account				Appeals Account	
300.00		All We Can – Ukrainian Appeal			300.00	All We Can – Ukrainian Appeal	
71.00		Action for Children	272.00		71.00	Action for Children	272.00
110.00		Easter Offerings			110.00	Easter Offerings	
41.30		MIB & Home Mission			41.30	MIB & Home Mission	
125.00		World Mission (Easter Offerings)	205.00		125.00	World Mission (Easter Offerings)	205.00

2021-22		Appeals Account	2022-23		2021-22	Appeals Account	2022-23
£			£		£		£
100.00		Water Aid	80.00		100.00	Water Aid	80.00
700.00		Wennington Fire Appeal			700.00	Wennington Fire Appeal	700.00
1,447.30		Total:	557.00		1,447.30	Total:	557.00
						Balance in Account	0.00
		SUMMARY OF BALANCES IN HAND				SUMMARY OF BALANCES IN HAND	
83,108.01		General Accounts	72,894.74		12,730.39	Central Finance Board Account	13,177.74
27,714.81		Property Account	47,012.65		27,977.52	TSB Current Account	54,908.21
257.20		Benevolence Account	232.20				
0.00		Appeals Account	0.00		40,707.91	Total:	68,085.95
					70,372.11	TMCP Account	52,053.64
111,080.02		Grand Total:	120,139.59		111,080.02	Grand Total:	120,139.59

THE METHODIST CHURCH
STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

Harold Wood Methodist

Church

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31 August 2023

Romford

Circuit

Circuit no.

35/32

Registered Charity - Charity Registration number

1127228

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:

The Reverend Dr Eleanor Jackson

Church Stewards:

Evelyn Song

Pamela Coles

Treasurer:

Evelyn Song

SECTION A		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
		£	£	£	£
a1	RECEIPTS	Note			
a2	Offerings and Tax recovered	11,983		11,983	11,270
a3	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income	2,439		2,439	331
a4	Lettings	20,995		20,995	19,968
a5	Other receipts	18,228		18,228	80,529
a6	TOTAL RECEIPTS	53,645		53,645 (a7)	112,098

SECTION B					
b1	PAYMENTS				
b2	Circuit Assessment or Share	22,022		22,022	21,496
b3	Donations	39	25	64	5,360
b4	Repairs and Maintenance	7,668		7,668	20,399
b5	Utilities (Insurances, water charges, heating & lighting)	9,326		9,326	9,810
b6					
b7	Other payments	5,505		5,505	5,435
b8	TOTAL PAYMENTS	44,560	25	44,585 (b9)	62,500

SECTION C					
c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	(a6-b8)	9,005	(25)	9,059
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year		110,551	529	111,080 (c6)
c3	Sub total	(c1+c2)	119,556	504	120,139
c4	Transfers and adjustments				(c7)
c5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR	(c3+c4)	119,556	504	120,140 (c8)
					111,080 (c6)

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			£	£
d1	Balance brought forward from last year				35
d2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations			557	1,412
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations			557	1,447
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	Table Tennis Club	972	920	52		133	185
e2	Tots & Co	1,671	1,572	99		308	407
e3	Tuesday Lunches Club	4,916	5,385	(469)		1,144	675
e4	Guildonian Players	8,453	8,720	(267)		4,559	4,292
e5	Wesley Guild	334	526	(192)		439	247
e6	Women's Own		482	(482)		482	
e7							
e8	Sub total of Internal Organisations funds	16,346	17,605	(1,259)		7,065 (e11)	5,806 (e12)
e9	Church accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)	53,645 (a7)	44,585 (b9)	9,060	(c7)	111,080 (c6)	120,140 (c8)
e10	TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	69,991	62,190	7,801		118,145 (x)	125,946 (y)
		TOTAL RECEIPTS	TOTAL PAYMENTS				

Continue on a separate sheet if necessary and bring the totals forward

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	27,978	54,908
f3	Bank Deposit Account		
f4	Central Finance Board	12,730	13,178
f5	Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes	70,372	52,054
f6	Other funds		
f7	SUB TOTAL - Church accounts	111,080 (c6)	120,140 (c8)
f8	Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance total from above) (e12)	7,065 (e11)	5,806 (e12)
f9	TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	118,145 (x)	125,946 (y)

SECTION G**OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES**

		At 1 September 2022	At 31 August 2023
g1	Investments (include Endowments)		
g2	Land & Buildings (see notes re Insurance value)	3,709,994	4,420,000
g3	Other Assets	474,263	165,000
g4	Loan(s) - show amount outstanding at year end		
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 HAROLD WOOD 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 *Evelyn Song* Date... *01/2/2024*

Name and address of treasurer
Evelyn Song
6 Athelstan Close, Harold Wood, Romford RM3 0QJ

Presentation to the Church trustees

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2023 were presented to the meeting of the Church trustees held on ...1ST FEBRUARY 2024.....

Signature of the Chair of the meeting *Robert Maginley*

Name of the Chair of the meeting Date *1st February 2024*
REV DR ROBERT MAGINLEY

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

..... HAROLD WOOD METHODIST CHURCH

Charity Number . 1127228

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the *Harold Wood Methodist* 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 HAROLD WOOD 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 CATHY SIMMONS

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner FCCA

Name of firm (where appropriate) LAM SIMMONS AND COMPANY LIMITED

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Date 21/2/2024

* delete or circle as appropriate