

Report from HWMC for Charities Commission

September 1st 2023 – August 31st 2024

During the last few months we have had quite a few people walking into our church, as a few have moved into the area. Those previously attending have returned nearly every week and even brought their friends along. Good to know that we are seen as a welcoming church. We were recently delighted to receive a new member by transfer, who had been worshipping with us for some months.

We began the new Connexional Year, by welcoming a lovely new Minister and his wife, Rev Robert and Shirley Maginley, who came to live in the Manse alongside our church. Numbers of worshippers remained steady and we celebrated Harvest Festival, with generous donations of food and money going to our local Foodbank. On October 8th we commemorated 115 years of Methodism in Harold Wood, with a deliberate 'in-house' service, followed by a celebration cake.

Members continue to enjoy the weekday groups which continue to meet and our resident drama group entertained us with performances of 'A Flea in her Ear' by Georges Feydeau, which was thoroughly enjoyed by their audiences. They also produced a Christmas performance in December. A 'Cake and Coffee' Morning was successful and the New Dimension Choir got the festive season off to a good start with their annual concert.

During February we were delighted once again to host the circuit's Study Day, mainly for all who lead worship in our churches and this was led by Rev Andy Lyons, who focused on the Lectionary and its use. It was a lively and interesting morning which took quite a different path from that which might have been expected. We were pleased to welcome friends from adjoining circuits who were able to join us. HWMC hosted the Ash Wednesday Service, led by Rev Rohama Asif, when all who attended were given a small glass heart to help with their reflections. Pamela Coles led our devotional service on Good Friday and we were blessed with a very joyful celebration on Easter morning, led by Tim Banks. The Guildonian Players produced another very entertaining play, 'Out of Sight...Out of Mind', by Fred Carmichael.

At the beginning of June we were delighted to witness the baptism of a lovely baby boy whose mother and grandmother have been worshipping with us for several months, welcoming his family and friends into our congregation.

Later that month our two Tuesday Lunch Club teams produced a wonderful cream tea to commemorate the 80th Anniversary of the D-Day Landings. The room was decorated with balloons and bunting and to provide a suitable atmosphere, a member of our Guildonian Players drama group played music from those wartime years in the background and two others put on a remarkable display of wartime artifacts, including uniforms, pictures and documents. Guests were encouraged to examine the exhibits and ask any questions. Later in June we held an outdoor 'Cake and Coffee Morning', with various stalls, which aroused local interest and was also an enjoyable social time. This was in part to show our neighbours that our church is not always contained inside a building. During this month we were also

treated to another play by one of our popular playwrights, Ken Ludwig, when the Guildonian Players produced 'Leading Ladies'. This was a slickly performed comedy with romance, keeping everybody happy. Our friends the New Dimension Choir brought us another of their splendid concerts at the start of July.

During the summer break, routine cleaning and maintenance jobs took place, with the annual spring clean of the kitchen, checking of our fire extinguishers and the replacement of church boilers, amongst other things. We thank all who are able to help with the running of our premises throughout the year. Last, but certainly not least, 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 continue to be grateful to all who are planned to lead our worship each week.

Pamela Coles [Church Steward]

Also on behalf of co-steward Evie Song

RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS - SEPTEMBER 2023 TO AUGUST 2024

Receipts					Payments		
2022-23		General Accounts	2023-24		2022-23	General Accounts	2023-24
£			£		£		£
495.00		Gift Day			22,022.00	Circuit Contributions	23,150.00
1,762.07		Tax Refund/Gift Aided	1,602.34			Circuit Donation	80.00
1,444 .00	9,576.39	Sunday Offerings:		9,375.71		Office Expenses	67.48
3,432.39		- Envelopes	1,210.10		257.34	Sundries	394.87
4,700.00		- Cash	3,785.61			TMCP Admin Fees	148.35
		- Standing orders	4,380.00		200.56		
557.28		Interest from CFB	1,261.37		270.30	Christian Copyright Licence	288.72
1,882.09		Interest from TMCP	2,861.37			Gifts for Housebound	
150.00		Weddings & Funerals	365.00		39.10	Gift Donations	77.00
		Donations	180.00		200.00	Audit Fees	200.00
		Circuit Reimbursement			42.50	Solicitors Fees	1,800.00
		Bequests – JF	6,253.29		1,604.30	Surveyor Fees	
14,422.83		Total:	21,899.08		24,636.10	Total:	26,206.42
83,108.01	B/forward		72,894.74				
97,530.84	Total		94,793.82		72,894.74	Balance in Account	68,587.40
		Property Accounts				Property Accounts	
150.00	20,995.00	External Organisations & HTN	1,460.00	27,275.00	4,291.44	Repairs & Maintenance	3,644.16
2,320.00		Parking Donations	2,675.00		3,376.38	New Equipment	9,132.73
2,190.00		Hire of Halls	2,320.00		2,993.47	Gas & Electricity	4,997.61
16,315.00		Preschool	20,820.00		1,511.52	Everflow	1,644.14
20.00		HTN			632.88	Telephone - XLN	814.08
					-	Telephone - BT	-
					532.14	Refuse waste – PF Ahern	542.24

2022-23		Property Accounts	2023-24		2022-23	Property Accounts	2023-24
£			£		£		£
	16,170.68	Donation from Church Groups:		12,833.29	2,156.40	Wages – Cleaner on PAYE	2,113.00
250.00		- Wesley Guild	125.00		3,656.09	Church Insurance	3,430.16
9,846.00		- Guildonian Players	6,000.00		-	Organ Maintenance	
850.00		- Table Tennis Club	1,500.00			Cleaning Materials	
1,350.00		- Tots & Co.	1,600.00		27.40	Sundries	
3,392.46		- Tuesday Lunches	3,608.29		189.42	HMRC - Tax	517.18
482.22		- Women's Own	-			Organ Maintenance	240.00
1,499.30		Fundraising & Donations	1,483.90				
		Utility Rebate					
38,664.98		Total:	41,592.19		19,367.14	Total:	27,075.30
27,714.81	B/forward		47,012.65				
66,379.79	Total		88,604.84		47,012.65	Balance in Account	61,529.54
		Benevolence Fund				Benevolence Fund	
0.00		Communion Offerings	5.00		25.00	Community Offerings	0.00
257.20	B/Forward	Total:	232.20		232.20	Balance in Account	237.20
		Appeals Account				Appeals Account	
272.00		Action for Children	156.50		272.00	Action for Children	156.50
		Easter Offerings	175.00			Easter Offerings	175.00
		Christian Aid	146.50			Christian Aid	146.50
205.00		World Mission (Easter Offerings)			205.00	World Mission (Easter Offerings)	

2022-23		Appeals Account	2023-24		2022-23	Appeals Account	2023-24
£			£		£		£
80.00		Water Aid	100.00		80.00	Water Aid	100.00
557.00		Total:	578.00		577.00	Total:	578.00
					0.00	Balance in Account	0.00
		SUMMARY OF BALANCES IN HAND				SUMMARY OF BALANCES IN HAND	
72,894.74		General Accounts	68,587.40		13,177.74	Central Finance Board Account	17,891.45
47,012.65		Property Account	61,529.54		54,908.21	TSB Current Account	51,442.74
232.20		Benevolence Account	237.20				
0.00		Appeals Account	0.00		68,085.95	Total:	69,334.19
					52,053.64	TMCP Account	61,019.95
120,139.59		Grand Total:	130,354.14		120,139.59	Grand Total:	130,354.14

THE METHODIST CHURCH
STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

Harold Wood Methodist	Church
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FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 August 2024

Circuit	Circuit no.	35/32
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Registered Charity - Charity Registration number	1127228
If not a registered charity His 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:

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SECTION A		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
		£	£	£	£
a1	RECEIPTS	Note			
a2	Offerings and Tax recovered	10,978	5	10,983	11,983
a3	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income	4,122		4,122	2,439
a4	Lettings	27,640		27,640	20,995
a5	Other receipts	20,751		20,751	18,228
a6	TOTAL RECEIPTS	63,491	5	63,496 (a7)	53,645

SECTION B					
b1	PAYMENTS				
b2	Circuit Assessment or Share	23,230		23,230	22,022
b3	Donations	77		77	64
b4	Repairs and Maintenance	16,399		16,399	7,668
b5	Utilities (Insurances, water charges, heating & lighting)	11,428		11,428	9,326
b6					
b7	Other payments	2,148		2,148	5,505
b8	TOTAL PAYMENTS	53,282		53,282 (b9)	44,585

SECTION C							
c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR (a6-b8)	10,209	5	10,214		9,060	
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year	119,556	584	120,140 (c6)		111,080	
c3	Sub total (c1+c2)	129,765	589	130,354		120,140	
c4	Transfers and adjustments				(c7)		
c5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR (c3+c4)	129,765	589	130,354 (c8)		120,140 (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				
d2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations			578	557
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations			578	557
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 2024 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	1,500	1,570	(70)		186	116
e2 Tots & Co	1,681	1,914	(233)		406	173
e3 Tuesday Lunches	6,180	6,180			675	675
e4 Guidonian Players	10,815	9,402	1,413		4,293	5,706
e5 Wesley Guild	1,120	1,058	62	30	247	339
e6						
e7						
e8 Sub total of Internal Organisations funds	21,296	20,124	1,172	30	5,807 (e11)	7,009 (e12)
e9 Church accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)	63,496 (a7)	53,282 (b9)	10,214	(c7)	120,140 (c6)	130,354 (c8)
e10 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	84,792	73,406	11,386	30	125,947 (x)	137,363 (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 2024**

	OPENING BALANCES	CLOSING BALANCES
f1 Cash in hand		
f2 Bank Current Account	54,908	51,443
f3 Bank Deposit Account		
f4 Central Finance Board	13,178	17,891
f5 Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes	52,054	61,020
f6 Other funds		
f7 SUB TOTAL - Church accounts	120,140 (c6)	130,354 (c8)
f8 Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance total from above) (e12)	5,807 (e11)	7,009 (e12)
f9 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	125,947 (x)	137,363 (y)

SECTION G**OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES**

	At 1 September 2023	At 31 August 2024
g1 Investments (include Endowments)		
g2 Land & Buildings (see notes re Insurance value)	4,420,000	4,565,822
g3 Other Assets	165,000	170,444
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 2024 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..... *01/02/2025*

Name and address of treasurer EVELYN SONG
6 ATHELSTAN CLOSE, HAROLD WOOD, ROMFORD
..... Post Code..... RM3 0QJ

Presentation to the Church trustees

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2024 were/will be* presented to the meeting of the Church trustees held on

Signature of the Chair of the meeting *Rev Dr Eleanor Jackson*

Name of the Chair of the meeting *REV DR ELEANOR JACKSON* Date *1.2.25*

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

..... HAROLD WOOD METHODIST

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 2024 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 9/1/2025

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