

**Church
Accruals Accounts
2019-2020**

THE METHODIST CHURCH
TEMPLATE REPORT AND ACCOUNTS
(ACCRUALS BASIS)
for the year ended 31 August 2020

Chandler's Ford Methodist

Church

Registered Charity - Registration number

1127449

Winchester, Eastleigh & Romsey

Circuit No

26/2

Minister

Rev Sue Keegan von Allmen

Church Stewards

Barbara Ackroyd

Diane Pugh

Dawn Wood

Church Treasurer

Chris Goodhead

Name of Church

Chandler's Ford Methodist Church

Charity No. 1127449

Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) for the year ended 31 August 2020

	Notes to the accounts	General Fund (Unrestricted) £	Designated Funds (unrestricted) £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2019-20 £
Income					
1 Offerings including Gift Aid	4	150,442			150,442
2 Gift day appeal					0
3 Donations and legacies	5	17,669		630	18,299
3a Grants including furlough		16,273		8,000	24,273
4 Investment income	6	928			928
5 Property income	7	33,768			33,768
6 Internal organisations				133,255	133,255
7 Other charitable income	8	5,315			5,315
8 Total income		224,395	0	141,885	366,280
Expenditure					
9 Circuit assessment		130,081			130,081
10 Grants and donations			14,041	1,312	15,353
11 Property maintenance		12,898		82	12,980
12 Insurance, utilities etc		19,396			19,396
13 Depreciation		3,817			3,817
14 Staff costs	11	62,381		8,000	70,381
15 Other expenditure		6,769	230	1,329	8,328
16 Internal organisations				120,464	120,464
17 Total charitable expenditure		235,342	14,271	131,187	380,800
18 Gain/(loss) on monetary investments	13	-880			-880
19 Gain/(loss) on investment properties					0
20 Net income/(expenditure)		-11,827	-14,271	10,698	-15,400
21 Transfers between funds	17	7,710	15,744	-23,454	0
22 Other gains/(losses)					0
23 Net movement in funds		-4,117	1,473	-12,756	-15,400
24 Total funds brought forward		92,612	2,529,030	89,443	2,711,085
25 Total funds carried forward		88,495	2,530,503	76,687	2,695,685

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Balance Sheet as at 31 August 2020

		Unrestricted £	Designated (Unrestricted)	Restricted £	Totals this year 2020 £	Totals last year 2019 £
Tangible Fixed Assets						
	Notes					
Land & Buildings	12		2,500,000		2,500,000	2,500,000
Equipment	12	3,900			3,900	5,788
Investment properties						
Investments	13	22,116	26,900		49,016	49,896
Total fixed assets		26,016	2,526,900		2,552,916	2,555,684
Current Assets						
Debtors and Prepayments	14	56,050	2,520		58,570	52,900
Cash at Bank and in hand	14	29,068	1,083	76,687	106,838	124,600
Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes deposits						
Central Finance Board Deposits						
Other						
Total current assets		85,118	3,603	76,687	165,408	177,500
Creditors and Accruals (due in under 1 yr)	15	22,639			22,639	22,099
Net current assets (liabilities)		62,479	3,603	76,687	142,769	155,401
Total assets less current liabilities		88,495	2,530,503	76,687	2,695,685	2,711,085
Loans and creditors due after 1 year						
Provisions for liabilities and charges						
Net assets		88,495	2,530,503	76,687	2,695,685	2,711,085
Funds of the Church						
	17					
Unrestricted funds		88,495	2,530,503		2,618,998	2,621,642
Restricted funds				76,687	76,687	89,443
Endowment funds					-	
Total Funds	17	88,495	2,530,503	76,687	2,695,685	2,711,085

Name of Church

Chandler's Ford Methodist Church

Charity No. 1127449

SOFA for the year ended 31 August 2019 (previous year)

	Notes to the accounts	General Fund (Unrestricted) £	Designated Funds (unrestricted) £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2018-19 £
Income					
1 Offerings including Gift Aid	4	157,202			157,202
2 Gift day appeal			13,012		13,012
3 Donations and legacies	5	3,212		74	3,286
3a Grants				7,500	7,500
4 Investment income	6	1,422			1,422
5 Property income	7	47,058			47,058
6 Internal organisations				172,103	172,103
7 Other charitable income	8	4,425			4,425
8 Total income		213,319	13,012	179,677	406,008
Expenditure					
9 Circuit assessment		130,081			130,081
10 Grants and donations			24,461	289	24,750
11 Property maintenance		10,380		728	11,108
12 Insurance, utilities etc		21,955			21,955
13 Depreciation		3,172			3,172
14 Staff costs	11	64,984		7,500	72,484
15 Other expenditure		8,011	2,262	2,264	12,537
16 Internal organisations				143,498	143,498
17 Total charitable expenditure		238,583	26,723	154,279	419,585
18 Gains on monetary investments	13	611			611
19 Gains/(losses) on investment properties					0
20 Net income/(expenditure)		-24,653	-13,711	25,398	-12,966
21 Transfers between funds	17	18,592	8,620	-27,212	0
22 Other gains/(losses)					0
23 Net movement in funds		-6,061	-5,091	-1,814	-12,966
24 Total funds brought forward		98,673	2,534,121	91,257	2,724,051
25 Total funds carried forward		92,612	2,529,030	89,443	2,711,085

Notes to the Accounts

1. Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared under the Charities Act 2011 in accordance with the 2014 version of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with FRS 102 (effective from 1 January 2015) – the Charities SORP (FRS 102) – in replacement for the SORP's 2005 version specified in its related 2008 Regulations and in accordance with the 'true and fair override' provision contained therein."

2. Funds

The funds held constitute: General Funds held for any purpose of the Church which are Unrestricted. Restricted funds which are held for a narrower purpose including those for internal organisations. There are also Designated funds which have been earmarked by the trustees for particular purposes within Unrestricted funds. Details of each material fund are disclosed in note 17. Any funds may be represented by more than just cash.

3. Accounting policies

Basis

These accounts have been prepared on the basis of historical cost except that investments are 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.

Income

Income is included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) when the Church becomes entitled to it, the trustees judge it probable that they will receive it, and the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Expenditure

This is recognised when a liability is incurred, or a constructive obligation arises, that results in the payment being unavoidable.

Grants

Grants made by the Church from its own funds are recognised in full at the time of agreement or when the Church accepts that there is a legal or operational obligation to make the payment.

VAT

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

Tangible fixed assets for use by the Church

These are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year, and individually cost at least £1,000. The freehold property is shown at deemed historical cost. Other fixed assets are depreciated on a straight line basis over periods as set out in note 12.

Investment Properties

Investment properties - no property is currently deemed to not be held for the long term purposes of the charity.

Investments

Investments are valued in the balance sheet at market value at the year end. Investment income is included in the accounts when receivable and any gains or losses on revaluation at the year end are shown in the SOFA.

Debtors and Prepayments

Debtors include Gift Aid not yet received in respect of donations up to the balance sheet date, and prepayments such as Circuit Assessment paid for subsequent periods.

Creditors

Creditors include outstanding loan balances from church members which are repayable on demand and interest free.

Pension

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Costs are allocated to the Statement of Financial Activities when incurred.

Going Concern

The accounts have been prepared on the basis that the charity is a going concern.

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4. Offerings including Gift Aid	Unrestricted	Restricted	2020 Total	2019 Total
	£	£	£	£
Standing Orders	95,483		95,483	99,851
Collections and regular giving	23,346		23,346	31,231
Tax credits	31,613		31,613	26,120
Total	150,442	-	150,442	157,202

5. Donations and legacies	Unrestricted	Restricted	2020 Total	2019 Total
	£	£	£	£
Donations	16,669	630	17,299	2,258
Legacies	1,000	-	1,000	1,028
Total	17,669	630	18,299	3,286

6. Investment income	Unrestricted	Restricted	2020 Total	2019 Total
	£	£	£	£
Central Finance Board	887		887	1,387
Other	41		41	35
Total	928	-	928	1,422

7. Property income	Unrestricted	Restricted	2020 Total	2019 Total
	£	£	£	£
Lettings	30,612		30,612	44,031
Electricity generation	3,156		3,156	3,027
Total	33,768	-	33,768	47,058

8. Other income	Unrestricted	Restricted	2020 Total	2019 Total
	£	£	£	£
Fundraising events	4,365		4,365	2,176
Donations for other charities	-	-	-	-
Other	950		950	2,249
Total	5,315	-	5,315	4,425

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9. Payment to Trustees

	2020	2019
Payments made to trustees for additional services provided to the Church by agreement with the Church Council Meeting	£ 30,803	29,994
Number of trustees who were paid expenses	1	1
Nature of the expenses: Youthworker expenses		
Total amount paid	£ 359	842

10. Fees for examination or audit of the accounts

Independent examiner's or auditors' fees for reporting on the accounts	£ 650	480
Other fees (eg: advice, accountancy services) paid to the independent examiner or auditor	£	

11. Paid employees

Staff Costs paid during the year were:

Gross wages, salaries and benefits in kind	£ 168,402	186,576
Employer's National Insurance costs	£ 6,765	7,780
Pension costs	£ 1,973	1,478
Total staff costs	£ 177,140	195,834
Average number of staff employed during the year were:	21	23

The above totals include £106,759 (2019: £119,664) staff costs and 14 (2019: 16) staff relating to Peter Pan Pre-School which is classified as a church internal organisation.

No employees received emoluments over £60,000 during the current or prior year.

Volunteers

In accordance with FRS102, the value of volunteer time is not recognised in the accounts. However it is acknowledged that the church benefits greatly from all the work done by its many volunteers, enriching and expanding so many areas of our worship, service and mission. This includes the members of Church Council (trustees) who kindly provide time free of charge to oversee the church's operations and ensure compliance with our many obligations.

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12. Tangible Fixed Assets
Cost or valuation

	Church (non investment) land and buildings £	Other land and buildings £	Other fixed assets including motor vehicles £	Solar Panels £	Church display screens £	Total £
Balance brought forward	2,500,000		15,304	16,500	24,541	2,556,345
Additions			1,929			1,929
Revaluations (+/-)						
Disposals (-)						
Transfers * (+/-)						
Balance carried forward	2,500,000		17,233	16,500	24,541	2,558,274

Accumulated depreciation

Balance brought forward			13,642	12,374	24,541	50,557
Depreciation charge for year (-)			1,754	2,063		3,817
Revaluations (+/-)						
Disposals (-)						
Transfers* (+/-)						
Balance carried forward			15,396	14,437	24,541	54,374

Net book value

Brought forward 2019	2,500,000	-	1,662	4,126	-	2,505,788
Carried forward 2020	2,500,000	-	1,837	2,063	-	2,503,900

Depreciation rate/period:

nil

2-4 years

8 years

3 years

13. Investments

The funds that support the various funds are held by TMCP in Trustees Interest Funds on which interest is credited to the accounts each month. These are regarded as medium and long term investments.

TMCP is the legal owner and Custodian Trustee of all Methodist Model Trust property, including Legacies, Endowments and Accumulated Funds. Trust property is held for and on behalf of local Managing Trustees who are responsible for the day to day management of trust property. TMCP ensure that, through providing guidance and acting under their direction, the Managing Trustees comply with charity law and Methodist law and polity as determined by the Methodist Conference.

Analysis of investment movements

2020 2019

Change in investment values

	£	£
Carrying (market) value at beginning of year	49,896	49,285
Add: additions to investments at cost		
Less: disposals at carrying value		
Net gain/(loss) on revaluation	- 880	611
Carrying (market) value at end of year	49,016	49,896

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14. Analysis of current assets

	2020	2019
	£	£
Debtors and prepayments		
Pre paid assessments	-	-
Prepayments and accrued income	6,350	6,180
Other debtors	52,220	46,720
Total debtors and prepayments	58,570	52,900

Analysis of cash at bank

Bank balance held in Lloyds	26,508	37,611
Bank balance held in CAF & Chapel Fund	9,377	10,373
Bank balance held by internal organisations	70,953	76,616
Total Cash and Bank	106,838	124,600

15. Analysis of current liabilities

PAYE	1,401	1,991
Accruals and other creditors	21,238	20,108
Loans		
Total Current Liabilities	22,639	22,099

16. Capital commitments and contingent liabilities

At the 31st August 2020 the Church has no capital commitments (likewise for 2019).

No Contingent liabilities were identified at 31st August 2020 (likewise for 2019).

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17. Detailed analysis of individual fund movements

Unrestricted Funds

Fund Name	Opening Balance	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Revaluation gains/losses	Closing Balance
General fund	92,612	224,395	-235,342	7,710	-880	88,495
Development fund	26,200			700		26,900
Benevolence fund	80		-14,041	15,044		1,083
Gift Day - Young People's Work	2,750		-230			2,520
Church building	2,500,000					2,500,000
Totals	2,621,642	224,395	-249,613	23,454	-880	2,618,998

Restricted Funds

Fund Name	Opening Balance	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Revaluation gains/losses	Closing Balance
Internal organisations:						
Peter Pan Pre-school	67,543	114,070	-113,077	-3,988		64,548
Dovetail Café	1,229	14,150	-4,782	-10,000		597
Women's Fellowship	2,933	2,046	-1,626	-1,600		1,753
Drama Group	1,405	1,093	-132	-1,500		866
Others	3,506	1,896	-847	-1,366		3,189
Internal organisations total	76,616	133,255	-120,464	-18,454		70,953
Dovetail Doors	82		-82			
Southampton Methodist District re Youthwork		8,000	-8,000			
Legacy November 2017	12,624		-2,530	-5,000		5,094
Other grants	121	630	-111			640
Totals	89,443	141,885	-131,187	-23,454		76,687

Fund purposes

Development Fund: in case of major unplanned premises costs, set at 0.5% of buildings insurance value

Benevolence Fund: for giving to other charitable causes, funded by 10% of regular offerings income

Gift Day: fundraising for mission amongst children and young people; excess to general funds

Internal Organisations: funds held by groups reporting to Church Council

Dovetail Doors: funds raised for access doors to the Dovetail corridor, now used for ongoing maintenance

Legacy November 2017: received for specified use: Boys Brigade, local aid, youth/children's work & training

Other grants: funds collected on behalf of other organisations

Transfers between funds

A net total of £18,454 was received into general funds from internal organisations to recognise use of premises etc

18. Related party transactions

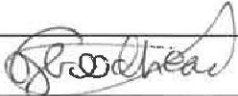
There were no related party transactions for 2020 or 2019. There are no donations from related parties which are outside the normal course of business or given with conditions.

DECLARATIONS

Treasurer

I confirm that these accrual based accounts for the year ended 31 August 2020 have been prepared from the records of the Church and that they include all funds under the control of the Church Council.

Signature of Treasurer



Date

29 May 2021

Name of Treasurer

Chris Goodhead

Address

13 Merton Avenue, Chandler's Ford, Eastleigh, Hants, SO53 1EH

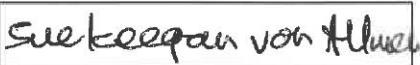
Presentation to the Church Council for approval.

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2019 were presented to the Church Council at its meeting on

08-Feb-21

and were approved.

Signature of the Chair of the meeting



Name of the Chair of the meeting

Rev Sue Keegan von Allmen

Date

3/6/2021

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

Chandler's Ford Methodist

Church

This Report is on the Church Accounts for the year ended 31st August

2020

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The Church's trustees are responsible for ensuring that the annual report and accounts for the year to 31 August 2020 present a true and fair view of the Church's income and expenditure for the year and of its assets and liabilities at the balance sheet date. The trustees consider that an audit is not necessary for this year under Section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under Section 145(5)(b) of the Charities act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Chandler's Ford Methodist Church

Basis of Independent Examiner's Report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items, in nature or scale, or disclosures in the accounts, seeking explanations from the Trustees concerning such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and, consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a true and fair view. My report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 130 of the Charities Act 2011.
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act

have not been met; or

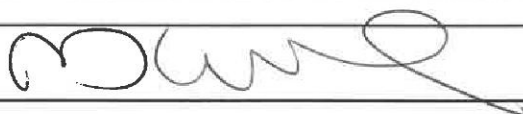
(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

(3) 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.

Name of independent examiner

Mary Wallbank

Signature of independent examiner



Relevant Professional qualification or body

ACIE

Name of firm (where appropriate)

Charity Management Services

Address

18 Park Road, Chandler's Ford, Eastleigh, Hants, SO53 2EU

Date

7.6.2021

Chandler's Ford Methodist Church

Annual Report for the year ended 31 August 2020

Chandler's Ford Methodist Church is a registered charity, number 1127449

Address: Winchester Road, Chandler's Ford, Eastleigh, Hampshire SO53 2GJ

Minister and Chair of Trustees: Rev. Sue Keegan von Allmen

The church has a total membership of 278 in November 2020, of which 32 served as trustees during the year.

Vision:

'Making more faithful followers of Jesus.'

Mission Statement:

Our purpose is to worship God and, helped by the Holy Spirit, to love each other, to care for those in need and to share the love of Jesus with those in the community around us.

The Methodist Church

We take our place as part of the wider Methodist Church, a Christian denomination. The calling of the Methodist Church is to respond to the gospel of God's love in Christ and to live out its discipleship in worship and mission.

Church priorities in 2020-21

In September 2020 we agreed on four church priorities. Worship, learning, caring and service.

Worship which nurtures people in different stages of life

Chandler's Ford Methodist Church continued to worship God each Sunday, both morning and evening and during a Friday 'Shopper's service', until the first lock-down in March 2020. Since then, worship has been different. Between 29th March and 12th July, a 'service at home' sheet was provided. We continue to provide this. We resumed worship in the church until the second lock-down when services – including a 'Mid-week service' to replace the Shopper's Service - were transferred to Zoom. We were able to hold traditional Christmas services in the church building, but between January and March our worship was on Zoom, or the services at home sheet. Throughout this time, services have changed to accord with Covid-19 restrictions. We shared in Bible Month in July 2020 and introduced the 'Methodist way of Life' in January. The ministers, supported by our supernumerary ministers, have conducted several funerals.

We have continued to explore the stages of spiritual life, with a focus on the first and second halves of spiritual life. In the first half we build our beliefs and learn how to live our faith in the

world. In the second half having experienced the realities of life, we become open to asking questions and move beyond our personal concerns to serve the wider world. This is now starting to shape our Worship, albeit this has been slowed down by the impact of Covid-19. Our work on the first half of life spirituality has recommitted us to working in greater depth with families with young children and young people. The monthly 'Messy Church' moved on-line in the late autumn and we continue to explore the possibility of 'Breakfast Church.' The involvement of musicians has been limited since March 2020, but we were blessed by the Boy's Brigade band playing before services at Christmas and Easter. Our plans for a Music and Worship Enabler are on hold.

The weekly meditations in Advent and daily meditations in Holy Week were moved on line in 2020 /21. A Quiet Afternoon was held at the beginning of Lent in 2020.

Learning which equips us as disciples to share God's love and our faith in the church and the world.

We launched Holy Habits as a way of deepening discipleship in January 2020 and are using the programme to reshape the life of the church. We began with 'fellowship'. 'Prayer' was launched just before the first-lock-down and study / prayer material was provided every week. 'Biblical teaching' followed and we provided the same. Before lock-down there were several house-groups and fellowship groups. In September we moved onto 'Serving' and after this had a break from Holy Habits for Christmas. During the first quarter of 2021 we took the opportunity to link 'The Methodist Way of Life' material generated by the Methodist Connexion to the four Holy Habits that we explored in 2020 as a way of helping us to consolidate the latter. Our next Holy Habit, 'Sharing Resources', was launched in April 2021.

Some of the house groups and the Young People's Fellowship continued on-line and met in gardens when that was possible. The Women's and Men's Fellowships have not been able to meet, but opening of activities for children and young people was given priority, and have taken place when they have been allowed.

We recognise that we struggle with evangelism. However, a membership class in the autumn of 2020 led to two people becoming church members, and during the year 5 more people have become church members. We hope that Holy Habits will help us to make more faithful followers of Jesus.

Caring which deepens our fellowship and enables us to be an inclusive community.

There is a wide range of people involved in this area of the church's life. Pastoral care is at the heart of the life of the church and has thrived during the last year. It continues to be shared between church members, ministers and lay employees. From the beginning of the first lock-down, our Pastoral Visitors and Pastoral team began to phone those they care for weekly, and we have ensured that everyone – not only members – has been included. Phone calls are now tailored to individuals. A weekly letter and notice sheet was provided with the service at home sheet from

March – August 2020 via email and personal delivery during daily exercise. A review of pastoral care begun as part of the “fellowship” theme of Holy Habits has created a new job description for Pastoral Visitors and we are exploring ways of appointing more. During the year we have reviewed our pastoral lists.

Service through which we share our faith by serving the local community and the wider world.

In June 2020 the church youth worker was furloughed on a full-time basis. From July 2020 this was then on a part time basis until his leaving the post in March 2021. Part time was typically 14 to 21 hours per week. Specific priorities were set by his line manager for the work carried out during this period.

The youth management team met regularly throughout the year. Work on Covid-19 risk assessments began in July 2020 meaning that Dovetots Plus (a group for parents with young children) was able to meet during the school summer holidays of August 2020.

The Dovetots parent and toddler group which meets during school term time was seen as a priority for reopening in September 2020 as it operates as a support group for parents. The Hand in Hand Puppet group was able to begin meeting again and to work towards a contribution to the church nativity service which was held on Christmas Eve. Although only a small number of families attended the nativity service this year due to the pandemic, those that did were very pleased to have been able to come.

The Young Peoples Fellowship which had been meeting online before September 2020 began meeting in person again and the support and encouragement given to them by this was very much appreciated by the young people.

Messy Church began meeting monthly online and this was welcomed and very much appreciated by around 6-8 families.

The ‘Who Let The Dads Out’ group, Senior Youth Club and Junior Youth Club ceased to meet on church premises in March 2020 and have not met since online or in person. Leaders have been in regular touch, however, with all those who previously attended these groups.

The newly appointed Minister with responsibility for co-ordinating the work with young people, children and families initially met online in October 2020 with leaders from all the groups including the uniformed organisations. The long-term aim which was shared at this meeting is to work towards producing and implementing a phased strategy for the work with young people, children and families across the Church.

The strategy will include the Church owned Pre-School group Peter Pan, the only group which has been meeting on the Church premises during much of the pandemic in line with government guidelines. Work has now begun on a review of the relationship between the Church and the Pre-School. A small group with members of all interested parties is to be appointed now to take this forward.

The pandemic will have had a significant impact on the lives of our children and young people. Meeting the spiritual needs of the children and young people with whom the Church already has contact, and which forms an important part of their overall health and well-being, will be one of the main aims of phase one of the new strategy.

Early in 2021 the current youth worker resigned from the post to relocate with his family to another part of the country. His full-time contract finished at the end of March 2021.

A job description and job specification have been drafted. The aim is for the Church to appoint a part-time youth worker who will work as part of a team with the Minister who has responsibility for this area of work and the pastoral worker for children.

The closure of the Dovetail café for large periods of the past year has been challenging for the community, particularly individuals seeking company, and we are grateful to those who enabled it to open between the first and second lock-downs. Curious Café has not been able to meet since March 2020. The closure of the Dovetail Café has also contributed to a loss of income. This has had an impact on the wider community as well as the church. Comments received from our customers and hirers show how much they miss meeting in our church.

The service action team coordinates our support for people suffering from injustice both locally and globally. Locally it has focused in particular on the Eastleigh Basics Bank, coordinating donations and volunteers, and also the work of the Chaplaincy to local businesses. We have also contributed to the support for families through the initiatives of the Parish Church. More Globally we support and promote the work of 'All We Can' and are active within the local ecumenical group in organizing fundraising and campaigning activities in support of Christian Aid.

Supporting the church's priorities

To support our vision and priorities, we employ part time staff, who are managed by church members in the following roles: secretarial, building services manager, lettings administrators, caretaking and cleaning. In addition, other members of the church lead on communication, GDPR, safeguarding, and youth and children's work management.

Resources

The church continued to be well-used by the community until March 2020 with stewarding provided by church members. Since March we have reopened the building for community use and the Dovetail café as restrictions have allowed.

Due to the pandemic risk assessments were prepared and procedures were put in place to ensure that when the premises were open, all touchable surfaces were regularly cleaned and sanitised. Sanitising hand gel was provided at all entrances and spare face masks provided for worshippers. The church has suffered from a significant reduction in income from room hire. We are grateful

to church members and the maintenance staff who have ensured that the building was cared for during lock-downs and worked to new risk assessments.

To the year end of 31 August 2020, the loss of income from external and church users was £21k. We have made use of the government's furlough scheme which has covered up to 80% of our employees' salaries when they are not working, income from this source being £15k to the year end.

Communication

On a weekly basis we email a large part of our congregation (and deliver to the rest) with important messages, a service sheet that includes hymns, prayers, bible readings and a message to develop the issues raised either by the bible passages or the issues of the moment.

We also publish a monthly magazine "The Link" which gives more in depth articles and messages about our church. This is available in written form in the church and as a PDF via our website.

Traditionally, we have depended on excellent notice boards to communicate with the wider community, but with few people using the building we have extended our communication. We now use our website, Facebook, Twitter and Instagram to engage with the whole of our church community both locally and across the globe. Each platform has people who interact with many of them and some who only know us through that channel. We endeavour to keep our messages mixed so as to keep engagement. We also encourage our community to like and share posts on social media so as to increase the reach of our communications.

The use of Zoom for church services and meetings has highlighted the benefits of modern technology. We continue to explore how we can make use of this in the future.

Oversight and Governance

The trustees are members of the Church Council. Members' representatives and Church Stewards are elected at the Annual Church Meeting. A number of committees take responsibility for specific areas of church life and report to the Church Council. There are currently 3 Action Teams focusing on Worship, Learning and Caring, and Service, plus a Resources Committee which oversees the management of staff, property and finance. The Church Council meets quarterly, to review the mission of the church and to discharge its duties as trustees. It maintains the highest possible standards in safeguarding children and vulnerable adults.

During the year, the new leadership structure has been embedded, although meetings have been held online since March 2020. Our work on a renewed vision for our mission and ministry and our priorities continues to be a work in progress. Facing the challenges of finding sufficient people with the time and energy to resource the work mission and ministry of the church has led us to

work on ways of restructuring the way we manage resources and staff. This also continues to be a work in progress.

From September 2019 to August 2020, the ministers were Revd Sue Keegan von Allmen and Deacon Rona Eastman. Working alongside them, were John Andrews (Youth Worker), Susan Gulliver and Jane Padley (Pastoral Assistants). In September 2020 we were delighted to be joined by Rev Ruth Fry.

Fulfilling aims and Public Benefit

The church mission statement is achieved through a wide variety of worship services, fellowship meetings, group activities, learning opportunities, and the presence of the church and its members in the local community. More details can be found on the church website www.chandlersfordmethodistchurch.org.uk By way of examples, the Dovetail Centre Cafe offers a friendly welcome to all for 6 mornings a week (when not closed due to the pandemic), and the Peter Pan Pre-School provides OFSTED approved education and care for 2-5 year olds. We confirm the trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

Finance and Reserves

Our main source of unrestricted income is the regular and committed giving by members and friends. The largest item of expenditure is the assessment paid to the Winchester, Eastleigh and Romsey Methodist Circuit. A significant amount of the circuit assessment is used to pay the stipends and related costs to Ministers, and the upkeep of their manses.

The unrestricted funds income (including designated funds) for the year was £224,395 (2019: £226,331). There was a deficit on general funds of £4,117 (2019: £6,061), after transferring 10% of regular membership giving to the Benevolence Fund which is used for donating to other charitable causes. Income for the year includes £14,772 of furlough grants, whereas 2019 included £13,012 from a gift day .

The electricity feed-in tariff from the solar panels installed in 2013 has continued to come in over budget, and consequently this investment has now been repaid.

The trustees are satisfied that the level of reserves is sufficient to enable the church to continue to meet its charitable objects. After excluding £2.5million which is the valuation of the church premises on the balance sheet, unrestricted reserves at 31 August 2020 were £118,998 (2019: £121,642). This includes a designated Development Fund of £26,900 (2019: £26,200) for major repairs and costs relating to the church premises, and General Funds of £88,495 (2019: £92,612).

Our reserves policy is to maintain at least 3 months' worth of general expenditure (approx. £59k) in our General Fund and 0.5% of the insurance value of our premises (approx. £26.9k) in our

Development Fund. Fund movements and balances are set out in note 17 to the accounts and are in line with the reserves policy.

The Covid-19 pandemic has continued to impact our finances after the year end, with very little income being derived from the church premises. Income from church members has held up well, but the loss of lettings income and the ongoing uncertainty about the timetable for opening up means that we are anticipating a significant financial loss for 2020/21, which will be met from reserves. There are several mitigating factors to limit the deficit:

- A gift day planned for June 2021
- The ongoing use of the furlough scheme
- The youth worker post being vacant in the latter part of the year
- A generous offer from the Winchester, Eastleigh and Romsey Circuit for repayment of 10% of the Circuit Assessment if needed

As a result the trustees are confident that there are no significant uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

Chris Goodhead FCA acted as the treasurer overseeing the day to day financial management and accounting for the church during the year.

Independent examiner: Mary Wallbank FCA, 18 Park Road, Chandler's Ford, SO53 2EU

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Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes

The Charity's annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2020 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 (FRS102) (effective 1 January 2015) – (Charities SORP (FRS 102)).

Signed on behalf of the trustees:

Sue Keegan von Allmen
Rev Sue Keegan von Allmen

Date: 3/6/2021

Trustees who served during the year and to date:

Rev Sue Keegan von Allmen
Rev Ruth Fry (from September 2020)
Jane Merryman
John Andrews (to March 2021)
Anne Heath
Derek Lowe
Chris Goodhead
Mark Downer
David Wrigton
Diana Masters
John Bronsdon
Barbara Ackroyd
Susan Gulliver
Jane Padley
Diane Pugh
Tony Hill
Sara Goodhead
Ruth Johnson
Nigel Fenwick
Rachael Hunt
Martin Napier
Alison Fenwick
Alison Cole
Keith Cole
Anne-Marie Jenkins
Deacon Rona Eastman (to July 2020)
Dawn Wood
John Evans
Barbara Lowe
Ken Richardson
Val Thomas
Geoff Thomas
Jenny Heal
Tim Padley (from September 2020)