

Church  
Accruals Accounts  
2021-2022

**THE METHODIST CHURCH**  
**TEMPLATE REPORT AND ACCOUNTS**  
**(ACCRUALS BASIS)**  
for the year ended 31 August 2022

**Chandler's Ford Methodist**

**Church**

Registered Charity - Registration number

1127449

Winchester, Eastleigh & Romsey

Circuit No

26/2

**Ministers**

Rev Ruth Fry

Rev Sue Keegan von Allmen (to August 2022)

**Church Stewards**

Barbara Ackroyd

Diane Pugh

Barbara Lowe

**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 2022**

	Notes to the accounts	General Fund (Unrestricted) £	Designated Funds (unrestricted) £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2021-22 £
<b>Income</b>					
1 Offerings including Gift Aid	4	151,705			151,705
2 Gift day appeal		24,246			24,246
3 Donations and legacies	5	14,321		3,153	17,474
3a Grants including furlough		873		5,200	6,073
4 Investment income	6	1,666			1,666
5 Property income	7	38,433			38,433
6 Internal organisations				105,400	105,400
7 Other charitable income	8	2,176			2,176
<b>8 Total income</b>		<b>233,420</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>113,753</b>	<b>347,173</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>					
9 Circuit assessment		129,264			129,264
10 Grants and donations			15,050	3,009	18,059
11 Property maintenance		6,083			6,083
12 Insurance, utilities etc		29,281			29,281
13 Depreciation		1,123			1,123
14 Staff costs	11	46,591		5,200	51,791
15 Other expenditure		5,832	1,014	60	6,906
16 Internal organisations				95,679	95,679
<b>17 Total charitable expenditure</b>		<b>218,174</b>	<b>16,064</b>	<b>103,948</b>	<b>338,186</b>
18 Losses on monetary investments	13	-3,645			-3,645
19 Gain/(loss) on investment properties					0
<b>20 Net income/(expenditure)</b>		<b>11,601</b>	<b>-16,064</b>	<b>9,805</b>	<b>5,342</b>
21 Transfers between funds	17	-9,663	30,481	-20,818	0
22 Other gains/(losses)					0
<b>23 Net movement in funds</b>		<b>1,938</b>	<b>14,417</b>	<b>-11,013</b>	<b>5,342</b>
24 Total funds brought forward		109,326	2,529,193	76,652	2,715,171
<b>25 Total funds carried forward</b>		<b>111,264</b>	<b>2,543,610</b>	<b>65,639</b>	<b>2,720,513</b>

# Chandler's Ford Methodist Church

## Balance Sheet as at 31 August 2022

Unrestricted	Designated (Unrestricted)	Restricted	Totals this year 2022	Totals last year 2021
£		£	£	£

### Tangible Fixed Assets

#### Notes

Land & Buildings	12		2,500,000		2,500,000	2,500,000
Equipment	12	480			480	1,603
Investment properties						
Investments	13	24,569	29,800		54,369	58,014
<b>Total fixed assets</b>		<b>25,049</b>	<b>2,529,800</b>		<b>2,554,849</b>	<b>2,559,617</b>

### Current Assets

Debtors and Prepayments	14	32,841			32,841	56,126
Cash at Bank and in hand	14	76,689	13,810	65,639	156,138	123,433
Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes deposits						
Central Finance Board Deposits						
Other						
<b>Total current assets</b>		<b>109,530</b>	<b>13,810</b>	<b>65,639</b>	<b>188,979</b>	<b>179,559</b>

<b>Creditors and Accruals (due in under 1 yr)</b>	15	23,315			23,315	24,005
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<b>Net current assets (liabilities)</b>		86,215	13,810	65,639	165,664	155,554
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<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>		<b>111,264</b>	<b>2,543,610</b>	<b>65,639</b>	<b>2,720,513</b>	<b>2,715,171</b>
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<b>Loans and creditors due after 1 year</b>						
<b>Provisions for liabilities and charges</b>						

<b>Net assets</b>		<b>111,264</b>	<b>2,543,610</b>	<b>65,639</b>	<b>2,720,513</b>	<b>2,715,171</b>
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### Funds of the Church

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Unrestricted funds		111,264	2,543,610		2,654,874	2,638,519
Restricted funds				65,639	65,639	76,652
Endowment funds					-	
<b>Total Funds</b>	17	<b>111,264</b>	<b>2,543,610</b>	<b>65,639</b>	<b>2,720,513</b>	<b>2,715,171</b>

Name of Church

Chandler's Ford Methodist Church

Charity No. 1127449

**SOFA for the year ended 31 August 2021 (previous year)**

	Notes to the accounts	General Fund (Unrestricted) £	Designated Funds (unrestricted) £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2020-21 £
<b>Income</b>					
1 Offerings including Gift Aid	4	150,304			150,304
2 Gift day appeal		24,749			24,749
3 Donations and legacies	5	2,045		810	2,855
3a Grants including furlough		25,861		5,400	31,261
4 Investment income	6	1,022			1,022
5 Property income	7	13,806			13,806
6 Internal organisations				104,309	104,309
7 Other charitable income	8	2,904			2,904
<b>8 Total income</b>		<b>220,691</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>110,519</b>	<b>331,210</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>					
9 Circuit assessment		130,081			130,081
10 Grants and donations			15,840	2,005	17,845
11 Property maintenance		2,713			2,713
12 Insurance, utilities etc		17,364			17,364
13 Depreciation		3,737			3,737
14 Staff costs	11	47,161		4,700	51,861
15 Other expenditure		3,709	500	306	4,515
16 Internal organisations				92,606	92,606
<b>17 Total charitable expenditure</b>		<b>204,765</b>	<b>16,340</b>	<b>99,617</b>	<b>320,722</b>
18 Gains on monetary investments	13	8,998			8,998
19 Gains/(losses) on investment properties					0
<b>20 Net income/(expenditure)</b>		<b>24,924</b>	<b>-16,340</b>	<b>10,902</b>	<b>19,486</b>
21 Transfers between funds	17	-4,093	15,030	-10,937	0
22 Other gains/(losses)					0
<b>23 Net movement in funds</b>		<b>20,831</b>	<b>-1,310</b>	<b>-35</b>	<b>19,486</b>
24 Total funds brought forward		88,495	2,530,503	76,687	2,695,685
<b>25 Total funds carried forward</b>		<b>109,326</b>	<b>2,529,193</b>	<b>76,652</b>	<b>2,715,171</b>

## Notes to the Accounts

### 1. Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared under the Charities Act 2011 and in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with FRS 102 (effective from 1 January 2019). The charity has taken advantage of the provisions in the SORP for charities applying FRS102 Update Bulletin 1 not to prepare a Statement of Cash Flows. The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

### 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. Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and impairment losses.

#### 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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<b>4. Offerings including Gift Aid</b>	<b>Unrestricted</b>	<b>Restricted</b>	<b>2022 Total</b>	<b>2021 Total</b>
	£	£	£	£
Standing Orders	99,477		<b>99,477</b>	99,314
Collections and regular giving	22,190		<b>22,190</b>	26,066
Tax credits	30,038		<b>30,038</b>	24,924
<b>Total</b>	<b>151,705</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>151,705</b>	<b>150,304</b>

<b>5. Donations and legacies</b>	<b>Unrestricted</b>	<b>Restricted</b>	<b>2022 Total</b>	<b>2021 Total</b>
	£	£	£	£
Donations	1,821	3,153	<b>4,974</b>	2,855
Legacies	12,500	-	<b>12,500</b>	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>14,321</b>	<b>3,153</b>	<b>17,474</b>	<b>2,855</b>

2021 included £810 of Restricted Donations.

<b>6. Investment income</b>	<b>Unrestricted</b>	<b>Restricted</b>	<b>2022 Total</b>	<b>2021 Total</b>
	£	£	£	£
Central Finance Board	1,243		<b>1,243</b>	805
Other	423		<b>423</b>	217
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,666</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,666</b>	<b>1,022</b>

<b>7. Property income</b>	<b>Unrestricted</b>	<b>Restricted</b>	<b>2022 Total</b>	<b>2021 Total</b>
	£	£	£	£
Lettings	35,208		<b>35,208</b>	11,023
Electricity generation	3,225		<b>3,225</b>	2,783
<b>Total</b>	<b>38,433</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>38,433</b>	<b>13,806</b>

<b>8. Other income</b>	<b>Unrestricted</b>	<b>Restricted</b>	<b>2022 Total</b>	<b>2021 Total</b>
	£	£	£	£
Fundraising events	1,924		<b>1,924</b>	2,353
Donations for other charities	-	-	<b>-</b>	-
Other	252		<b>252</b>	551
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,176</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2,176</b>	<b>2,904</b>

Unless otherwise stated all amounts included for 2021 in notes 4-8 above were Unrestricted.

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**9. Payment to Trustees**

	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
Payments made to trustees for additional services provided to the Church by agreement with the Church Council Meeting	£ 18,395	17,121
Number of trustees who were paid expenses		
Nature of the expenses:		
Total amount paid	£ nil	nil

**10. Fees for examination or audit of the accounts**

Independent examiner's or auditors' fees for reporting on the accounts	£ 650	550
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	£ 126,699	130,500
Employer's National Insurance costs	£ 4,824	6,000
Pension costs	£ 1,378	2,000
Total staff costs	£ 132,901	138,500
<b>Average number of staff employed during the year were:</b>	14	17

The above totals include £81,110 (2021: £86,639) staff costs and 10 (2021: 11) 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 £
<b>Balance brought forward</b>	2,500,000		16,993	16,500	24,541	2,558,034
Additions						
Revaluations (+/-)						
Disposals (-)						
Transfers * (+/-)						
<b>Balance carried forward</b>	2,500,000		16,993	16,500	24,541	2,558,034

**Accumulated depreciation**

<b>Balance brought forward</b>			15,390	16,500	24,541	56,431
Depreciation charge for year (-)			1,123			1,123
Revaluations (+/-)						
Disposals (-)						
Transfers* (+/-)						
<b>Balance carried forward</b>			16,513	16,500	24,541	57,554

**Net book value**

Brought forward 2021	2,500,000	-	1,603	-	-	2,501,603
Carried forward 2022	2,500,000	-	480	-	-	2,500,480

Depreciation rate/period:                      nil                      2-4 years                      8 years                      3 years



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### 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

2022

2021

#### Change in investment values

	£	£
Carrying (market) value at beginning of year	58,014	49,016
<b>Add:</b> additions to investments at cost		
<b>Less:</b> disposals at carrying value		
<b>Net gain/(loss) on revaluation</b>	- 3,645	8,998
Carrying (market) value at end of year	54,369	58,014

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**14. Analysis of current assets**

	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Debtors and prepayments</b>		
Pre paid assessments	-	-
Prepayments and accrued income	4,061	4,206
Other debtors	28,780	51,920
<b>Total debtors and prepayments</b>	<b>32,841</b>	<b>56,126</b>

**Analysis of cash at bank**

Bank balance held in Lloyds	86,147	26,873
Bank balance held in CAF & Chapel Fund	9,369	24,841
Bank balance held by internal organisations	60,622	71,719
<b>Total Cash and Bank</b>	<b>156,138</b>	<b>123,433</b>

**15. Analysis of current liabilities**

PAYE	1,115	301
Accruals and other creditors	22,200	23,704
Loans		
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	<b>23,315</b>	<b>24,005</b>

**16. Capital commitments and contingent liabilities**

At the 31st August 2022 the Church has no capital commitments (likewise for 2021).

No Contingent liabilities were identified at 31st August 2022 (likewise for 2021).

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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	109,326	233,420	-218,174	-9,663	-3,645	111,264
Development fund	26,900			2,900		29,800
Benevolence fund	273		-15,050	15,170		393
Gift Day - Young People's Work	2,020		-1,014	411		1,417
Solar panels fund				12,000		12,000
Church building	2,500,000					2,500,000
<b>Totals</b>	<b>2,638,519</b>	<b>233,420</b>	<b>-234,238</b>	<b>20,818</b>	<b>-3,645</b>	<b>2,654,874</b>

**Restricted Funds**

Fund Name	Opening Balance	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Revaluation gains/losses	Closing Balance
Internal organisations:						
Peter Pan Pre-school	66,066	80,487	-87,116	-5,754		53,683
Dovetail Café	745	19,406	-6,086	-12,750		1,315
Women's Fellowship	752	3,708	-1,784			2,676
Drama Group	867			-867		
Others	3,289	1,799	-693	-1,447		2,948
<b>Internal organisations total</b>	<b>71,719</b>	<b>105,400</b>	<b>-95,679</b>	<b>-20,818</b>		<b>60,622</b>
Southampton Methodist District re Youthwork		5,200	-5,200			
Legacy November 2017	4,788		-60			4,728
Other grants	145	3,153	-3,009			289
<b>Totals</b>	<b>76,652</b>	<b>113,753</b>	<b>-103,948</b>	<b>-20,818</b>		<b>65,639</b>

**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

**Solar panels fund:** 50% of gift day 2022 proceeds, towards new solar panels project in 2023

**Internal organisations:** funds held by groups reporting to Church Council

**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 £20,407 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 2022 or 2021. There are no donations from related parties which are outside the normal course of business or given with conditions.

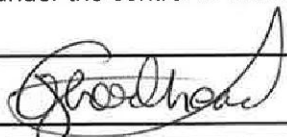
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## DECLARATIONS

### Treasurer

I confirm that these accrual based accounts for the year ended 31 August 2022 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

6 April 2023

Name of Treasurer

Chris Goodhead

Address

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

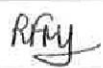
### Presentation to the Church Council for approval.

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2022 were presented to the Church Council at its meeting on

07-Feb-23

and were approved.

Signature of the Chair of the meeting



Name of the Chair of the meeting

Rev Ruth Fry

Date

6.4.23

### 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 31<sup>st</sup> August

2022

### 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 2022 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

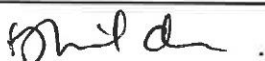
(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

(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

Frances Wilde

Signature of independent examiner



Relevant Professional qualification or body

FCCA

Name of firm (where appropriate)

Warner Wilde Limited

Address

4 Marigold Drive, Bisley, Surrey, GU24 9SF

Date

20 April 2023



# **Chandler's Ford Methodist Church**

## **Annual Report for the year ended 31 August 2022**

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. Ruth Fry

The church has a total membership of 249 in November 2022 (November 2021: 262), of which 35 served as trustees during the year. We take our place within the Winchester Eastleigh & Romsey Circuit and the Southampton District as part of the national Methodist Church.

### **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 September 2020 we agreed on four church priorities, which are ongoing:  
Worship, Learning, Caring and Service.

### ***Worship*** which nurtures people in different stages of life

Chandler's Ford Methodist Church has continued to worship God each Sunday, both morning and evening and during a Thursday midweek service. Both the Sunday 11 am morning service and the Thursday 10.30 am morning service continue to be available in hybrid form (both in person and online).

The 'Breakfast Church' service which meets at 9.30 am on the first Sunday of each month goes from strength to strength. This is a service in which those who come along share breakfast together followed by an informal, creative, and contemporary style act of worship. It is popular with people of all ages but particularly with families, children, and young people.

The weekly 'service at home' sheet has continued to be provided and is very much appreciated by those who would otherwise be unable to participate in an act of worship. The minister, supported by our supernumerary ministers, have conducted several funerals.

We have continued to explore the stages of spiritual life in relation to worship, 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. We continue to work on the balance of the services we are offering in terms of these stages. Our hope is to be able to increase the number of breakfast church services we can offer as these are the only services with a focus on the first half of spiritual life.

A climate Sunday service was held this year. In addition to this in December 2022 there were weekly meditations throughout Advent. We have also continued to focus on Holy Habits in our worship.

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

We have now completed our three-year study of Holy Habits, a programme based on Acts 2 v42-47 that is designed to deepen discipleship across a church community. During the period of this report, we have explored the final three (of ten) 'Holy Habits'; 'Breaking Bread' during May and June 2022, 'Eating Together' in Autumn 2022, and 'Making More Disciples' from January to March 2023.

'Breaking Bread' was an opportunity for us to learn more about the theological meaning and significance of Holy Communion to Christians. 'Eating Together' was originally planned to be our third habit back in 2020 but which was postponed because of the pandemic. It was fantastic to be able to eat and share fellowship together at the Harvest Lunch after being unable to do so for so long, and again after a Sunday morning service more recently. These along with our Hospitality Sundays where members of the church community host other members in their own homes are set to continue. We ended our 'Holy Habits' journey with 'Making More Disciples' in which we have been encouraged to become better equipped to 'Share our [Personal Faith] Story' with others and invite them to 'Come and see ... and encounter Jesus for themselves.'

Each habit has been accompanied by resources for use in either a small group setting or for personal study along with dedicated services in which we explore the habit as a congregation. Planning is now underway for a new learning programme to begin in Autumn 2023 which will follow a similar approach including the generation of material for both group and personal study.

Various Fellowship and House Groups continue to meet on a regular basis. Each is responsible for its own programme, but typically this includes a combination of outside speakers, bible study and topical discussion.



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

Pastoral Care is shared between ministers, lay employees and pastoral visitors (who are drawn from the church membership). In-person visits have resumed following the restrictions of Covid.

Pastoral visitors meet together three times a year to discuss common issues and receive training.

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

The service action team coordinates our support for people suffering from injustice both locally and globally. Locally it support the work of Eastleigh Basics Bank, coordinating regular donations and volunteers, and also supporting local community organisation SCRATCH in its Christmas toy appeals. Our Dovetail Café continues to provide a meeting place for individuals and groups within the community. More Globally we support and promote the work of 'All We Can' and Christian Aid and coordinate responses to Emergency appeals when these arise.

During 2022 we oversaw the introduction of a new initiative led by one of the Church housegroups to establish a community larder which takes the form of an open access store outside the church which members of the local community can access anonymously according to their need. This is stocked by donations from local stores and from the church and community. This has been much used as has received appreciative comments on local social media. In addition we have engaged with local Ukraine support group to host a collecting box for much needed items to be sent to those affected by the war in their country. We have continued to engage with the issue of climate change, achieving the Bronze Eco Church award and this links with our property team's ongoing work to reduce our fossil fuel usage.

### ***Work with children, families, and young people***

In September 2021 our part-time youth worker Ellie Carter was appointed. The youth management team met regularly throughout the year to support her and to oversee this area of the work of the church. Activities during the year included the following:

**DoveTots** DoveTots had a great year. We started the academic year with three regular families and by the end of July we were regularly seeing over ten families. We have welcomed over 15 new families throughout the year and we have a really lovely busy feel every session.

**WLTD** Who Let the Dads Out? Have had a successful year. A small amount of families regularly attended and there has been a positive response to the group. There are some things that can be worked on in order to re-grow this group and these have been identified including a need for more helpers.

**Breakfast Church** Breakfast Church has now been running for a full academic year. Whilst it was not known what to expect, we have been pleasantly surprised by the reception it has received

with numbers continuing to grow including new families. We would love to be able to grow this group, possibly even increasing it to more than once a month. However, this would need a larger team to enable this to happen.

**Activity Packs** The activity packs are our Sunday morning provision for children. The packs include a Bible story, reflection on the story with application, a craft, activity pages and a colouring page. The packs have been well received and have proved a positive way to provide an input for children within the main service which works well for many families. We are constantly reviewing our Sunday morning children's provision and we will make changes accordingly.

**One-Off Events** Throughout the year we were able to hold several events that were very well received by the many families who attended. These were:

- Christmas Craft Morning
- Christingle
- We had planned an Easter Craft Morning which had to be cancelled due to Covid
- Jubilee Celebrations
- Family Film Afternoons
- DoveTots Plus

We were delighted to make Ellie's role full time from September 2022, with support from the Circuit and District, and indeed one day a week is devoted to a wider Circuit role.

### ***Resources***

The year under review saw some significant staffing changes, the lifting of Covid restrictions nationally, and a gradual return to a degree of 'normality', although we remained rightly cautious about risk management in order to ensure ongoing protection for the vulnerable.

In September 2021, Katrina Neale was appointed to the new role of Church Administrator, working across reception, bookings and secretarial support for our ministers and based in the church office every weekday morning. In her voluntary role as Bookings Coordinator, Barbara Lowe also plays a significant part in line managing and working with Katrina and others to ensure the smooth running of the premises especially as this relates to bookings and events.

Thanks to the team's efforts and a return to a new Post-Covid 'normality' we have seen a real upturn in lettings with many of our previous regular community group bookings (including several music groups and self-help groups) coming back as well as one-off concerts and events.

All this, along with the reopening of the Dovetail Cafe (initially Tuesday to Saturday mornings, with Monday now added), means that at last the community 'buzz' is returning and that augurs well for the future of Chandler's Ford Methodist Church as a centre for our local community. The Cafe leaders and their teams have done an amazing job in getting things back up and running in

the Dovetail. Our overall aim is to ensure that we make the most of the wonderful facilities we have, offering support and hospitality to all, at a fair cost.

Since December 2021, costs of both gas and electricity have unfortunately increased dramatically. Lettings charges have been revised to reflect these increased costs, and we embarked on measures to manage energy consumption such as the targeted use of space heaters, use of timers, and minimising switch on times for the more costly gas fired boiler system. These can only be short term measures and work progressing to develop a phased strategy to modernize our heating and energy systems.

A successful Gift Day was held in June 2022 with a focus on Funding the Future. This enabled us to proceed with extending the Youth and Children's Worker role to full time, and to put aside a deposit for the proposed solar panels and battery storage project.

### ***Communication***

The church continues to publish a monthly magazine "The Link" that updates the church family on activities, services and upcoming events. As part of our Eco policy, we have greatly reduced the printed copies as we look to use the digital copy (via the website) more frequently. We also send weekly emails to the majority of our congregation which gives links to the weekly notices and the Zoom login for the upcoming services. A few members of our congregations also receive this in printed form.

Our website is undergoing an overhaul to make it easier to read, but remains an important part of communicating with our congregations. In addition we now have a specific website for the Youth and Children's work that we undertake. Use of Social Media remains important with our 4 Facebook pages all serving a specific part of our church family. We have a smaller presence on both Twitter and Instagram.

### **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.

The Church Council maintains the highest possible standards in safeguarding children and vulnerable adults. It continues to monitor safeguarding risks, as well as other risks relating to finance and operations (including use of the church premises) and to manage them in as effective a way as possible.

During the year, the leadership team has also continued to meet regularly, mostly via Zoom. From September 2021 to August 2022, the ministers were Revd Sue Keegan von Allmen and Revd Ruth Fry, ably assisted by Susan Gulliver and Jane Padley (Pastoral Assistants).

### **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.cfmethodist.church](http://www.cfmethodist.church) By way of examples, the Dovetail Centre Cafe offers a friendly welcome to all for 5 mornings a week, 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 £233,420 (2021: £220,691). There was a surplus on general funds of £1,938 (2021: £20,831), 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 £873 (2021: £25,861) of furlough grants, and £24,246 (2021: £24,749) from a gift day.

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 2022 were £154,874 (2021: £138,519). This includes a designated Development Fund of £29,800 (2021: £26,900) for major repairs and costs relating to the church premises, and General Funds of £111,264 (2021: £109,326).

Our reserves policy is to maintain at least 3 months' worth of general expenditure (approx. £65k) in our General Fund and 0.5% of the insurance value of our premises (approx. £29.8k) 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.

Post year end, in-person church activities and usage of our premises has recovered to something like pre-pandemic levels. However with vastly increased utility costs and further investment in staff, we are forecasting a financial loss for 2022/23. This will be met from existing reserves, as a

result of which the trustees are confident 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.

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The Charity's annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2022 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 2019) – (Charities SORP (FRS 102)).

Signed on behalf of the trustees:

  
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Revd Ruth Fry

Date: 6 - 4 - 23 .....

**Trustees who served during the year and to date:**

Rev Sue Keegan von Allmen (to July 2022)

Rev Ruth Fry

Rev Peter Rayson (from September 2022)

Jane Merryman

Anne Heath

Derek Lowe

Chris Goodhead

Mark Downer

David Wrighton

Diana Masters (to May 2022)

Barbara Ackroyd

Susan Gulliver

Jane Padley

Diane Pugh

Tony Hill

Sara Goodhead

Ruth Johnson

Nigel Fenwick (to May 2022)

Rachael Hunt

Martin Napier

Alison Fenwick (to May 2022)

Keith Cole

Anne-Marie Jenkins

John Evans

Barbara Lowe

Ken Richardson

Val Thomas (to May 2022)

Geoff Thomas (to May 2022)

Jenny Heal

Tim Padley

Alice Wrighton

Eleanor Carter (from November 2021)

David Jenkins (from November 2021)

Hilary Singer (from November 2021)

Brenda Syrratt (from November 2021)