



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1st September 2022 **Period start date**
To 31st August 2023 **Period end date**

Charity name: Shirley Methodist Church

Charity registration number: 1127524

Objectives and Activities

| | SORP reference | |
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| Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document | Para 1.17 | <p>a. The Christian faith in accordance with the doctrinal standards and the discipline of the Methodist Church;</p> <p>b. Any charitable purpose for the time being of any Connexional, district, circuit, local or other organisation of the Methodist Church;</p> <p>c. Any charitable purpose for the time being of any society or institution subsidiary or ancillary to the Methodist Church;</p> <p>d. Any purpose for the time being of any charity being a charity subsidiary or ancillary to the Methodist Church.</p> |
| Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts. | Para 1.17 and 1.19 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Weekly Sunday worship;• Premises are hired at reasonable rates to community groups.• Pastoral Care and Visiting; Prayer Chain;• Ecumenism – services and events with other local churches, through Churches Together in Shirley;• Work with Young People – Sunday Morning Club and Creche;• Outreach through community projects, bringing people of the neighbourhood together in fellowship. This has included this year: Film nights, bread |

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| | | <p>making, Christmas Carol service, Tree festival; Great Book Sale</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supporting the local Shrublands Foodbank. • Social Fellowship, such as The Guild and lecture series • Helping the world's poor through support for Christian Aid; • Support for older people and links with Hall Grange MHA; • Other charitable support through: Action for Children (NCH), The Leprosy Mission (TLM) and Tools with a Mission (TWAM). |
| Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit | Para 1.18 | All Trustees have been made aware of the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit. |

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

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| | SORP reference | |
| Policy on grant making | Para 1.38 | |
| Policy on social investment including program related investment | Para 1.38 | |
| Contribution made by volunteers | Para 1.38 | |
| Other | | |

Achievements and Performance

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| <p>Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.</p> | <p>Para 1.20</p> | <p>Shirley Methodist Church has continued to offer weekly Sunday worship to an average of 80 people in the congregation, a few on zoom, as well as providing a community for around 160 adherents in total.</p> <p>The premises are are popular and hired at reasonable rates to local community groups.</p> <p>The Christmas Carol service was popular and attended by the wider community. A one-off event the Tree Festival exhibited Christmas trees made by a wide range of local community groups, and drew together disparate parts of the community and neighbourhood.</p> <p>The following activities took place during the year:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The 'In Touch' Pastoral Scheme continues to offer pastoral support to members and adherents throughout the year. • Special one-off events included the Great Book Sale, which drew crowds from a wide region. Apart from selling second-hand books to raise money for the church, the event also offered tea, cake and fellowship to the local community. • Our support for TWAM (Tools with a Mission) continued, enabling tools and equipment to be donated and put to good use in the world's poorer communities. • Donations were made to Christian Aid, and also to NCH Action for Children and the Leprosy Mission. • We have continued to support Shrublands Foodbank throughout the year. |
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Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

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| <p>Achievements against objectives set</p> | <p>Para 1.41</p> | |
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| Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set | Para 1.41 | |
| Investment performance against objectives | Para 1.41 | |
| Other | | |

Financial Review

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| Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period | Para 1.21 | Receipts have grown slightly which is pleasing. Due to our temporary bank account closure, the payments appear lower than they should be. However, even when all payments are eventually made relating to this financial year there will be a slight surplus. So we are in a good financial position to carry out our charitable objectives. |
| Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held | Para 1.22 | General funds are held for any legitimate general expenses which the Trustees approve. We aim to have reserves in order to meet normal expenditure during the next six months. This year the reserves are currently larger than in the previous year, as due to our temporary bank account closure, some payments could temporarily not be carried out. Restricted Funds are held for the Minister to give to deserving individuals at their discretion, plus a small sum used for any expenses. |
| Amount of reserves held | Para 1.22 | £101,287 |
| Reasons for holding zero reserves | Para 1.22 | n/a |
| Details of fund materially in deficit | Para 1.24 | n/a |
| Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern | Para 1.23 | There is no uncertainty about the Charity continuing as a going concern. |

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

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| The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising) | | |
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| | Para 1.47 | |
| Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted | Para 1.46 | |
| A description of the principal risks facing the charity | Para 1.46 | |
| Other | | |

Structure, Governance and Management

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| Description of charity's trusts: | | |
| Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter) | Para 1.25 | DEED OF UNION (1932) AND METHODIST CHURCH ACT (1976) |
| How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO) | Para 1.25 | TRUST |
| Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees | Para 1.25 | Appointed by church council and/or General Church Meeting |

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

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| Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees | Para 1.51 | |
| The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works | Para 1.51 | |
| Relationship with any related parties | Para 1.51 | |
| Other | | |

Reference and Administrative details

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| Charity name | SHIRLEY METHODIST CHURCH |
| Other name the charity uses | |
| Registered charity number | 1127524 |
| Charity's principal address | ELDON AVENUE SHIRLEY CROYDON CR0 8SD |

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

| | | Trustee name | Office (if any) | Dates acted if not for whole year | Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any) |
|--|----|-----------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------------|---|
| | 1 | Rev Richard Lowson | Chair | | Ex officio |
| | 2 | Rev Stephen Day | Superintendent Minister | | Ex officio |
| | 3 | Miss Sukhvinder Kalsi | Treasurer | | Church Council |
| | 4 | MR J BAXTER | | | Church Council |
| | 5 | MRS E SMART | | | Church Council |
| | 6 | MR B SMART | | | Church Council |
| | 7 | MISS F BYARD | | | Church Council |
| | 8 | MRS M GEORGE | | | Church Council |
| | 9 | MRS R JONES | | | Church Council |
| | 10 | MRS R TAYLER | | | Church Council |
| | 11 | MRS H TARLING | | | Church Council |
| | 12 | MRS R DODOO | | | Church Council |
| | 13 | MRS R HERAT | | | Church Council |
| | 14 | MR R NISBETH | | | Church Council |
| | 15 | MR T WEY | Church Council Secretary | | Church Council |
| | 16 | MR S TAYLER | | | Church Council |
| | 17 | MRS J CROOK | | | Church Council |

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| | 18 | MRS C ELLIOTT | | Church Council |
| | 19 | MRS V RUTHERFORD | | Church Council |
| | 20 | MR DAVID TAYLER | | Church Council |
| | 21 | MRS SHARON ROUTLEDGE-BROWN | | Church Council |

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| | 22 | MRS DOREEN MOORE | | Church Council |
| | 23 | MR STEPHEN HUNT | | Church Council |

Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

| Director name | | |
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Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

| Trustee name | Dates acted if not for whole year | |
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Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

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| Description of the assets held in this capacity | |
| Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects | |
| Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets | |

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

| Type of adviser | Name | Address |
|-----------------|---------------------|---|
| Ind Examiner | Graham Marsden | 8 Edgewood Green, Shirley, Croydon CR0 7PT |
| Solicitor | Gowens Solicitors | Bourne House 475 Godstone Rd Whyteleafe CR3 0BL |
| Architect | Thomas Ford & Ptnrs | 177 Kirkdale, Sydenham, SE26 4QH |

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

Other optional information

Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees’ report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity’s trustees

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| Signature(s) | <div>Tau Wey</div> | |
| Full name(s) | Tzy-Tau Wey | |
| Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc) | Church council secretary | |
| Date | 30th June 2024 | |

THE METHODIST CHURCH STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

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| SHIRLEY METHODIST CHURCH | Church |
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FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31 August 2023

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| Circuit | Circuit no | 1129515 |
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Registered Charity - Charity Registration number

1127524

If not a registered charity **Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs
Gift Aid number**

(The HMRC number is equivalent to a registered charity number in terms of evidence of charitable status and may be used to give to donors or grant funders wishing to see evidence of the organisation's charitable status. Methodist charities in England and Wales that are not registered charities are excepted from registration under Statutory Instrument 2014 No.242)

Minister:

Revd Richard Lowson

Church Stewards:

Rosemary Jones

Ruth Dodoo

Christine Elliot

Sandi Kalsi

Mildred George

Treasurer:

Sukhvinder Kalsi

ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

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| SECTION A | | Unrestricted Funds | Restricted Funds | Totals this year | Totals last year |
|-----------|---|--------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| | | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| a1 | RECEIPTS | Note | | | |
| a2 | Offerings and Tax recovered | 54,626.63 | 229.46 | 54,856.09 | 63,395.24 |
| a3 | Bank and CFB interest and Investment income | 431.25 | 603.96 | 1,035.21 | 110.28 |
| a4 | Lettings | 44,731.02 | | 44,731.02 | 34,549.26 |
| a5 | Other receipts | 18,902.28 | | 18,902.28 | 6,510.14 |
| a6 | TOTAL RECEIPTS | 118,691.18 | 833.42 | 119,524.60 (a7) | 104,564.92 |

| SECTION B | | | | | |
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| b1 | PAYMENTS | | | | |
| b2 | Circuit Assessment or Share | 35,517.00 | | 35,517.00 | 54,148.00 |
| b3 | Donations | | | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| b4 | Repairs and Maintenance | 17,212.20 | | 17,212.20 | 50,033.89 |
| b5 | Utilities (Insurances, water charges, heating & lighting) | 19,430.20 | | 19,430.20 | 17,201.85 |
| b6 | | | | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| b7 | Other payments | 5,646.59 | | 5,646.59 | 7,651.45 |
| b8 | TOTAL PAYMENTS | 77,805.99 | 0.00 | 77,805.99 (b9) | 129,035.19 |

| SECTION C | | | | | | |
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| c1 | NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR | (a6-b8) | 40,885.19 | 833.42 | 41,718.61 | (24,470.27) |
| c2 | Total funds brought forward from last year | | 52,151.90 | 5,771.78 | 57,923.68 (c6) | 98,079.73 |
| c3 | Sub total | (c1+c2) | 93,037.09 | 6,605.20 | 99,642.29 | 73,609.46 |
| c4 | Transfers and adjustments | | 1,131.19 | | 1,131.19 (c7) | (15,685.78) |
| c5 | TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR | (c3+c4) | 94,168.28 | 6,605.20 | 100,773.48 (c8) | 57,923.68 (c6) |

| SECTION D | | | | | |
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| FOR INFORMATION ONLY: MONEY RECEIVED AND PASSED ON TO EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS | | | | | |
| d | (these amounts are not to be included in total receipts/payments figures above) | | | £ | £ |
| d1 | Balance brought forward from last year | | | 3,120.62 | 18,806.40 |
| d2 | Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations | | | 2,017.19 | 3,829.60 |
| d3 | Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations | | | 886.00 | 19,515.38 |
| d4 | BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID | (d1+d2-d3) | | 4,251.81 | 3,120.62 |

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SUMMARY OF CHURCH ACCOUNTS AND INTERNAL ORGANISATIONS REPORTING TO THE CHURCH COUNCIL

SECTION E Please follow the Guidance Notes to complete this page

Summary of the Church accounts for the year ended 31 August 2023 and Internal Organisations reporting to the Church Council/Church Meeting. Note that the funds of an Internal Organisation would normally be Restricted funds unless it could be clearly shown that they could be used for any Methodist purpose. This section must be completed to arrive at the gross income and expenditure totals of the Church. If gross income exceeds the Accruals threshold, then the Accruals method of accounting AND A DIFFERENT FORM must be used to report the accounts (see Methodist website). Please refer to the guidance notes regarding transfers between the District and connected District Organisations.

| INTERNAL ORGANISATIONS | Receipts | Payments | Net Receipts/ Payments | Adjustments | Opening balances | Closing balances |
|---|-----------------|----------------|---------------------------|---------------|------------------|------------------|
| e1 Church Concerts | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| e2 Church Guild | 327.95 | 157.00 | 170.95 | | 342.57 | 513.52 |
| e3 | | | 0.00 | | | 0.00 |
| e4 | | | 0.00 | | | 0.00 |
| e5 | | | 0.00 | | | 0.00 |
| e6 | | | 0.00 | | | 0.00 |
| e7 | | | 0.00 | | | 0.00 |
| e8 Sub total of Internal Organisations funds | 327.95 | 157.00 | 170.95 | 0.00 | 342.57 (e11) | 513.52 (e12) |
| e9 Church accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column) | 119,524.60 (a7) | 77,805.99 (b9) | 41,718.61 | 1,131.19 (c7) | 57,923.68 (c8) | 100,773.48 (c8) |
| e10 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH | 119,852.55 | 77,962.99 | 41,889.56 | 1,131.19 | 58,266.25 (x) | 101,287.00 (y) |
| Continue on a separate sheet if necessary and bring the totals forward | TOTAL RECEIPTS | TOTAL PAYMENTS | | | | |

NOTES

£84 cheque not cleared

SECTION F

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

| CHURCH - CASH FUNDS HELD at 31 August 2023 | OPENING BALANCES | CLOSING BALANCES |
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| f1 Cash in hand | | 61,508.66 |
| f2 Bank Current Account | 22,724.09 | 6,730.37 |
| f3 Bank Deposit Account | | |
| f4 Central Finance Board | 15,272.09 | 12,025.34 |
| f5 Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes | 19,927.50 | 20,509.11 |
| f6 Other funds | | |
| f7 SUB TOTAL - Church accounts | 57,923.68 (c6) | 100,773.48 (c8) |
| f8 Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance total from above) (e12) | 342.57 (e11) | 513.52 (e12) |
| f9 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH | 58,266.25 (x) | 101,287.00 (y) |

SECTION G

OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES

| | At 1 September 2022 | At 31 August 2023 |
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| g1 Investments (include Endowments) | | |
| g2 Land & Buildings (see notes re Insurance value) | 3,171,014 | 3,621,270 |
| g3 Other Assets | 1,519 | 1,565 |
| g4 Loan(s) - show amount outstanding at year end | | |
| g5 Other Liabilities | | 17,112 |

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)

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Shirley Methodist Church 2022-23 Financial Review

On 16 July Barclays closed the church bank account which had been open for more than 50 years and gave the church a cheque for the balance on the account. However, there was no easy way of using these funds to meet day to day costs of running the church or indeed of receiving offerings usually paid by direct credit (which are normally about 60% of all offerings).

As a result, these accounts which are prepared on the required receipts and payments basis:-

- Include a large "cash" balance which is primarily made up of the cheque from Barclays. This was not paid in as effort were going ahead to have the account reinstated.
- Include for the first time "other liabilities" which are the normal costs for the church, such as the circuit assessment or utility bills, which could not be paid within the year.
- Show a larger surplus than should have been the case for the year as the costs within "other liabilities" were not included in the year but actually paid in 2023-24, some only when the bank account was eventually reinstated.

Unfortunately, the bank account closure will also impact on the accounts for 2023-24 as financial performance for that year will be affected by the 2022-23 costs that had to be paid.

Looking at the performance for 2022-23 in more detail:-

- Offerings have continued to fall with £55k in the year which was reduced because of the inability to collect direct credits at the year end (2021-22 £63k and 2020-21 £70k)
- Lettings have again increased and are now above pre-Covid levels at £45k (2021-22 £35k and 2020-21 £10k)
- Payments have been affected to a greater extent than receipts by the bank issues with, for example, the final instalment of the circuit assessment (£12k) paid after the year end.
- Repairs and maintenance payments, given the age of some of the property, are always volatile and have also been impacted by an inability to pay bills (£17k, 2021-22 £50k) However, last year's figures included £28k on urgently needed boiler work.
- Energy price rises impacted on the accounts for the year (£19k, 2021-22 £17k) but would have been £2k higher if all liabilities had been able to be paid during the year.

Name of Church . Shirley Methodist Church

1129515

Declarations and Scrutiny

I confirm that these Receipt and Payment based accounts for the year to 31 August 2023 have been prepared from the records of the Church and that they include all funds under the control of the Church trustees.

Signature of treasurer SKALSI Date 16/06/24

Name and address of treasurer ...Sukhvinder Kalsi

.....58 Verdayne Avenue, Shirley, Croydon..... Post Code...CR0 8TS.....

Presentation to the Church trustees

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2023 were/will be* presented to the meeting of the Church trustees held on 24.4.24.

Signature of the Chair of the meeting R. LOWSON

Name of the Chair of the meeting REV RICHARD LOWSON Date 24.4.24

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

...Shirley Methodist..Church

Charity Number ...1127524.....

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Shirley Methodist Church for the year ended 31 August 2023 set out on pages 1 to 3. 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.

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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 Graham Marsden

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner
Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy

Name of firm (where appropriate) .. N/A

Address 8 Edgewood Green,

Croydon..... Post Code CR0 7PT

Date ..16 June 2024.....

* delete or circle as appropriate