

SALTASH WESLEY METHODIST CHURCH

England & Wales · Charity number 1127542

Details

Status	Registered
Legal form	Previously excepted
Registered	2009-01-15
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

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Activities

Objects: The purposes of the Methodist Church are and shall be deemed to have been since the date of union the advancement of -(a) the Christian faith in accordance with the doctrinal standards and the discipline of the Methodist Church;(b) any charitable purpose for the time being of any Connexional, district, circuit, local or other organisation of the Methodist Church;(c) any charitable purpose for the time being of any society or institution subsidiary or ancillary to the Methodist Church;(d) any purpose for the time being of any charity being a charity subsidiary or ancillary to the Methodist Church.

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Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** Religious Activities
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** UNDEFINED. IN PRACTICE, LOCAL.
- Cornwall

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-08-31	£209,515	£133,352	-	-
2023-08-31	£129,262	£95,872	-	-
2022-08-31	£140,594	£126,497	-	-
2021-08-31	£116,380	£125,039	-	-
2020-08-31	£139,951	£135,800	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Revd Jonathan	Chair	2014-09-01
ANITA ELAINE THOMPSON		2015-02-03
Caroline Mary Hambly		2015-05-01
Catherine Noakes		2022-03-13
Craig Stuart King		2015-05-01
DAVID ROBERT LAMBOURNE		2011-07-18
Derek Holley		2024-10-17
Dr Philip Henry Jordan		2025-05-01
ELSPETH MARY GRACE NICOLLS		
Gillian Matthews		2024-06-13
JO LAMBOURNE		2013-03-07
Judith Allen		2025-03-01
Linda Eastlake		2022-03-13
Marguerite Smith		2020-05-01
Noel Gordon Morgan		2026-05-01
PHILIP RICHARD TAYLOR		
ROBERT AUSTIN		2024-03-13
Robert Paul Hambly		2015-05-01
Roger Thompson		2022-03-13
STEPHEN WILLIAM JAMES TAIT		

Accounts



Saltash Wesley Methodist Church

Annual Church Meeting

Annual Reports
2024 – 2025

Sunday 2 March 2025, 12 noon

SALTASH WESLEY METHODIST CHURCH (Charity Number 1127542)
MEMBERS OF THE CHURCH COUNCIL

		Date elected.
MINISTER:	Rev Jonathan Budd	
CHURCH COUNCIL SECRETARY:	Caroline Hambly	07/03/21
CHURCH TREASURER:	Anita Thompson	01/05/15
CHURCH STEWARDS: (Senior Steward)	Joy Amies	13/03/22
	Elspeth Nicolls	01/05/19
	Rosemary Witts	07/03/21
	Sandra Kowalski	12/03/23
	Bob Austin	17/03/24
	Jo Lambourne	17/03/24
CIRCUIT STEWARDS:	Julian Langston	26/04/23
CIRCUIT STEWARD REPRESENTATIVE:	Linda Eastlake	13/03/22
MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE:		
Chairman	Bob Austin	01/01/24
Representative	Roger Thompson	13/03/22
MISSION COMMITTEE:		
Representative	Elspeth Nicolls	
PASTORAL COMMITTEE:		
Secretary	Gill Matthews	
FAMILY AND YOUNG PEOPLE:		
Representatives	Robert Hambly	01/05/15
MEDIA AND COMMUNICATIONS:	Craig King	
MBARE/SALTASH PARTNERSHIP:		
Representative	Marguerite Smith	
SAFEGUARDING:	Catherine Noakes	
DIRECTOR OF MUSIC:	Phil Taylor	
CHURCH COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES:		
	Kirsten Riches – 01/05/12	
	Peter Clements – 01/05/14	
	Don Phillips – 01/05/14	
	David Lambourne – 01/05/17	
	Steve Tait – 01/01/24	
	Derek Holley – 17/03/24	

Oct 2024

Introduction from the Minister

Another year has come and gone in the life of our church, 2024 being a year which brought many surprises and changes and for many difficulties, but we continue to move on together. Once again, it is my pleasure to write an introduction to the annual church meeting reports add to thank all those who've contributed to the reports but also, of course, all those whose work these reports represent. Wesley has a broad and varied programme of activities which reach into our local community as well as serving those who are part of our worshipping congregation. In these reports you will find a reflection of that.

A year ago, I wrote to you as we were preparing for a press launch of our newly decorated areas in the foyer and Room 3. Over the past twelve months the change in those spaces has proven a huge boost to our welcome, and people enjoy being in them. With such a large footfall through the building and many opportunities to offer hospitality and host groups, this is one part of our life that is going from strength to strength (and if you have any doubts about that, just walk past on the Tuesday morning when the Little Fishes toddlers and their parents are enjoying tea and toast served up by our volunteers!)

The change of circuit into a new expanded group has seen new people around leading our worship, and in September we were able to host a magnificent launch service for the South East Cornwall Circuit. The presence of the chair of district, Revd Dr Dan Haylett, who preached, and several District 'Mission Leads' and numerous ecumenical and community guests gave us a great start together and I know the way Wesley hosted the event was widely appreciated.

Practical considerations continued to be dealt with by the stewards, the management committee, our very able treasurer, our Pastoral secretary, and others. One change upon us now is in administration, and you will know that Joanna Couch who has served us as Wesley administrator for over a decade is moving on from that position to work full time for the circuit. We will say our thanks at the annual church meeting, but it will be very hard to sum up how much Joanna has been able to help us achieve as a church, and the hugely positive impact she has had as the welcoming, pastorally sensitive and responsive presence in the office day by day. Very much a hard act to follow in that role, nevertheless we are hoping soon to appoint someone to fill the post. Meanwhile, our volunteers will help keep things ticking over.

In the morning service before our Annual Church Meeting, we will be thinking about the story of Philip 'the Evangelist' from the Book of Acts. Philip was a person chosen to serve a very practical need in the early Jerusalem church, of organising food distribution among a part of the community that had been neglected. He was chosen, says the Bible, because he was full of the Holy Spirit and wisdom. He served at tables but went on from that important ministry to become a tremendous witness for Jesus much further afield. It strikes me that as a church we will always need people to fill roles, but the greatest qualification for the Christian servant is to have the life of God evident in them as they offer their service. Work and witness go hand in hand and always have

done in the life of church. And we never know what God might have in store for us in the future, new roles, new opportunities.

As I close this introduction, I want to pay tribute for a moment to members who have 'passed into glory' in 2024. Among them, Mel Wallis, for example, was someone who understood being servant and having a godly heart, being practical and seeking God, and along with the others we miss him and continue to pray for Dot and all who feel acutely the absence of a loved one, recently or long since departed.

As circumstances change and life moves on, being willing to move where God spirit is leading and adapt is essential, and maintaining our spiritual fitness is a priority, even as we look for more to help join the work. We all have a part to play, and we thank God for those who have helped us to where we are. In faith, we look for what is next.

With love in Christ,
Jonathan
Revd Jonathan Budd, Minister.

Report from the Senior Steward

It was good that we started our year with six stewards. It was sad to see Derek leave us, although he has been a great support for me this year in many ways. We were pleased to welcome Jo Lambourne as a new steward. Jo had been my vestry steward, and we work well together, so I was especially pleased that she agreed to be a Steward.

We have had new people join both the 9.15 and 10.30 services. Thank you for welcoming them. I often go to speak to them only to be told that they have been welcomed as they came in, or by the person next to them. It is lovely to see new faces, and hopefully you will all get to say hello to them all too. There is an opportunity to meet at the 10am services when it is 'All Church Together' service.

Our church has had a makeover both outside and inside. The refurbishment of Room 3 was celebrated with an event attended by congregation, and visitors with links to the project, and the mayor came too. The Foyer also had some refurbishment, including a new carpet which must be taken up as a fault has appeared. However, the Lounge is now going to have a makeover and some of the good carpet will go in there.

Our Church has hosted various events SEA Environment Day, Hustings for the Election, and the towns Lantern Parade. Wesley was the venue for the Launch of SE Cornwall Circuit Service. As well as the various, Clinics, Concerts, Music Festivals and our Annual Carol Service. The feedback from these events this year has been very positive, not only on the facilities offered, but the friendly welcome received. To extend this welcome we have produced a welcome card, which can be given to anyone who would like to know more about us, and to leave their details if they would like to be contacted by us.

Both Harvest and the Advent Services were well supported, both with attendance, and gifts of food, toys and money. We would like to acknowledge the generous giving over the last year to various causes. Your gifts have been greatly received. Also, to the generous amount of time you give to Wesley Church, not just on a Sunday, but during the week. I could fill a few pages with a list of things that are supported by you the congregation. Just know that we, as a group of Stewards, do appreciate what you do, and thank you. It is your actions that help make Saltash Wesley Church the Church it is. That just leaves me to thank, my Stewards for their support this year, we each have our strengths, and together we have covered each other's weaknesses. It has been a great team to work with alongside Jonathan. To my Vestry Stewards Jo and Ann, and all the vestry stewards, they are often overlooked but highly valued. Thank you to Elspeth and the ex-Stewards for their advice, and guidance. To my team of non- stewards who have helped me in many ways, especially those who have looked for things for me in the loft, and brought them down, or took them back up!

It is a privilege to be voted to be a Steward by the congregation, thank you for your support over the last 3 years and your continued support for Saltash Wesley Church. I know you will support Bob Austin as he takes my place.

Joy Amies

Pastoral Report

In the past year I've taken over the role of Pastoral Secretary. The membership numbers have increased slightly during the year and now stand at 109. This is due to people moving into the area. However, Revd Jonathan is planning to run membership classes later this month as there has been some fresh interest expressed, particularly since the covenant service, so hopefully this should lead to a further increase in the numbers.

We now have 'Welcome to Wesley' cards which invite new people attending the church to complete if they want to know more about church activities. They are available at the church and can also be given out by Links when visiting if appropriate.

We are still looking for new Pastoral Links, to keep the group sizes manageable, especially as membership increases, so if this is something you think that you might like to do, please contact me. We have a strong tradition of pastoral care at Wesley and would like to encourage more people to be involved.

Gillian Matthews



Membership

becoming a member of the
Methodist Church



9:15 AM – Services at Wesley

Over the past year, 09:15 Worship has continued weekly at Wesley, enjoying the 10 o'clock All Church Together services too. We have been 'on tour' at Landrake each quarter, and the worship there is well attended both by 09:15 usuals and those from the village. Given enough notice, St Michael's join for those services too, and the chapel then is full. We've also had a couple of testimony services which have been so positive.

This time last year we were in the middle of our lent series on the 'I am' sayings of Jesus. Between Easter and Pentecost we learnt about different aspects of the Holy Spirit. This was followed by a dip into the Old Testament, on the ups and downs of David. After a break for August, we began a longer series on the Methodist Way of Life, a refresher on all those things we do as individuals and as church as we follow Jesus. We had an Advent interlude finding 'calm and bright' aspects in the stories of different nativity characters. More recently we've looked at Peter, Stephen and Paul from Acts, as a lead into a lent series on the book of Colossians.



It has been really encouraging to see the children's work developing particularly and I am grateful to those who co-ordinate and help the young people learn each week. The band continues to help us learn new songs and we've gained a guitarist recently too.

Three band members are training to be Worship Leaders, and the course is a big undertaking - they will value your prayers as they progress.

A big thank you to Caroline, Paul, Robert & Michael for regularly serving breakfast and clearing up too – it's a big sacrifice, and the breakfast team is looking for new members!

Fiona Budd – 09:15 Coordinator

Café Church

Since the last Annual Church Meeting Café Church has taken place at 5 p.m. on the 2nd Sunday of each month except August.

We have had guests on 10 occasions, and they have either given us a presentation or been interviewed. They were: Penny Whitell; Louise James, Callington Methodist Church Child and Family worker; representatives from Storybook Dads; Rev Darren Middleton, on the Methodist Church 'New Places for New People'; Phil Jordan; Simon Privett, of Epilepsy Action; Rev Laura Bushell Hawke, of Saltash Church of England Team Ministry; Penny Bishop, Head of Newton Ferrers C of E Primary School; Kennedy and Tendai Mutesva, of Eagle Healthcare; Rev Stuart Reed.

In addition, in December The Mustard Seeds Choir gave us a rendering of 'The Inn Crowd'.

From the donations received at the tea we have made donations to Storybook Dads, Parkinsons, Epilepsy Action, and Wesley Gift Day.

During the year we mourned the loss of Mel Wallis, who was instrumental in the original setting up of Café Church and had been responsible for inviting many of our guests over the years.

Bob Mahy

A poster for Café Church at Saltash Wesley Methodist Church. The background is a solid light brown color. In the top right, there is a white line-art illustration of coffee leaves and cherries. In the bottom right, there is a photograph of a cup of coffee with a heart-shaped latte art on a wooden tray. The text is arranged as follows: 'CAFE CHURCH' in large, bold, black capital letters; 'AT SALTASH WESLEY METHODIST CHURCH' in smaller, black capital letters below it; 'EVERYONE WELCOME' in green capital letters below that, underlined; a list of activities in bold black text: 'Short informal worship', 'Guest speaker', 'Full afternoon tea', and 'Warm conversation'; and at the bottom, 'IG | FB' and 'OFFICE@WESLEYWEB.CO.UK' in small black capital letters.

**CAFE
CHURCH**

AT SALTASH WESLEY
METHODIST CHURCH

EVERYONE WELCOME

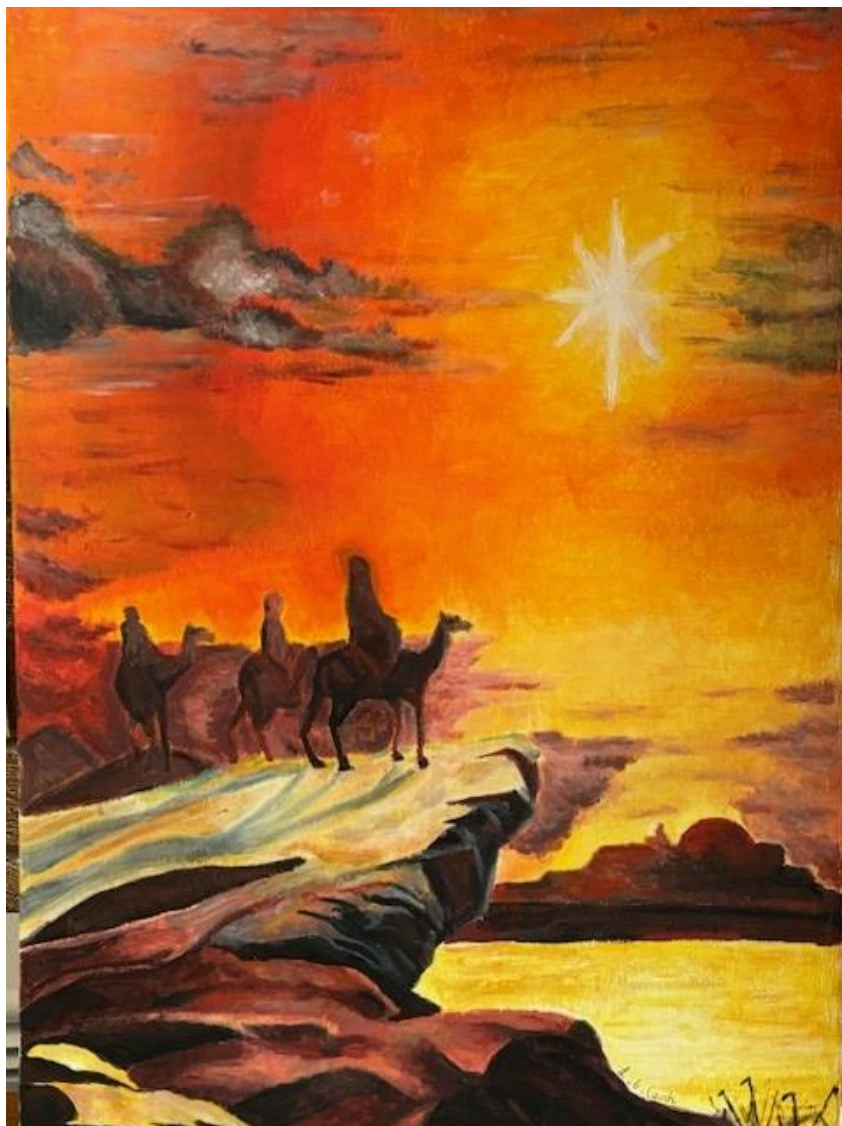
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Mbare/Saltash Partnership

The Partnership Committee continues to meet bi-monthly to share and publish news from Mbare, to promote the links between Saltash Wesley and Mbare Methodist Church, to organise the monthly prayers, to arrange fund-raising events and to send much-needed help to Zimbabwe.

We have continued to send money to Mbare three times a year for food and health relief and for school fees for the children, and an extra amount for food parcels just before Christmas. We do receive regular reports from Mbare on the Partnership 'WhatsApp' about how the money has been used, with videos of the recipients and illustrative photographs.



This has been made possible by the very generous regular donations made by many members of Wesley. Also, we have organised several fund-raising events during the year, and these have been most enjoyable social occasions and have involved people from the Saltash community.

We also support the Matthew Rusike Children's Home in Harare, which has been going through a very hard financial time. For example, they have had to cut down the number of children they support and have not been able to pay the staff for several months. Our main fund-raiser for this being the Christmas Card in the foyer, and we give thanks to Lily Couch for designing the card displayed at Christmas. We have also allocated to the Home some of the money raised at events.

We are now due to send a group from Wesley to Mbare in 2026. We are hoping that this will give the opportunity for anyone to understand the reality of the Partnership – and have a very exciting experience!

Ruth Mahy

Little Fishes- Baby and Toddler group

Little Fishes parent/carer, baby and toddler sessions are busier than ever, with 25-35 children each week. About half these families also regularly enjoy Tea and Toast upstairs before the session.

The monthly Saturday morning Coffee, Cake and Play sessions are becoming more popular and it is lovely to see so many past and present Little Fishes families attending.



A couple of our church families are regular attendees of Little Fishes, and it has been good to see some other Little Fishes families attending the carol service and the 9.15. service.



Thank you as always to everyone who enables Little Fishes to be such a valuable part of Saltash Wesley. A special thank you to Table Tennis club for putting the mats, tables and chairs out each Monday evening, the great team of volunteers who help with tea and toast, drinks and fruit preparation, planning, setting/ clearing up and, of course, all who help within the sports hall during the sessions.

Little Fishes Team



Tuesday Youth Group (11-18yrs)

We meet every week during term time, 6:30 – 8:00 PM, in the Sports hall and coffee bar at Wesley. We currently have up to 6/7 young people aged 15-17.

Our aim is to create a safe space where young people can hang out, socialise, and have fun. Through our Christian focused activities and discussion time we encourage the young people to look beyond their own worlds, past what is comfortable, and into a world of faith, challenge, and following Jesus.



Summer Beach BBQ

The session starts with sports in the hall or playing games and pool in the coffee bar. We then share a meal of pizza, chips, cakes, and fruit. After the meal we have a short time of Christian focused activities and discussion time, usually finishing with a prayer.

Youth Group Team

Holiday Club (4-11yrs)

Holiday Club We have been working in partnership with the Time2Move holiday Club initiative through Cornwall Council. This aims to provide a limited number of spaces completely free, to children who are eligible for free school meals, aged 4 – 11 years. This year we have had an Easter, Summer holiday and Christmas Kids Clubs, with an average of 40 children attending per session. We usually have 20 paid spaces (open to everyone) and 20 funded spaces for FSM children.

This is a great way to build links with our local community and help to support local families in need. At each Kids Club we provide sports activities, games, arts and crafts, a hot nutritious meal for lunch, stories and singing, all with a Christian based story and theme. Thank you to our amazing Children's work team for all that they do!

Wesley Children's Work Team



Holiday Club – summer 2024

Tuesday Lunch Prayers

Every Tuesday at 1 PM we have a WhatsApp group video call of currently up to 6/7 people, we usually have quick catch up and think about our focus for the prayers, then we have a timed 10 minutes of prayer. This group was originally set up to pray for the 9:15 AM service, for growth and a deeper understanding of the Christian Faith. If you would be interested in joining this group call, please contact the Wesley Church Office.

Wednesday Morning Prayers

12 individuals or couples pray at home every Wednesday morning between 8.30 AM and 9.00 AM (or as near to that time as they can). Every Tuesday an email is circulated suggesting prayer topics, starting with Wesley and the Circuit, going on to national and international situations, and ending with names of individuals in particular need of our prayers. If you would like to join us, please let me know, and if you would like us to pray for you or someone else, please contact me.

Bob Mahy

Thursday Bible Study

One of several house groups and Bible studies that run at the church, our Thursday morning online bible study continues. In December we completed 18 months working through the Acts of the Apostles and have now moved into the Gospel of John. We meet twice per month (usually on 1st and 3rd Thursdays), and if you would appreciate some good discussion and learning about scripture you would be very welcome to join in, even if you feel you are a real beginner with the Bible. You will find the Zoom links often on the weekly notices or contact a Church steward for more information. We meet from 10-11.30 AM.

Wesley Community Coffee Shop and Warm Spaces

The Wesley Community Coffee Shop is open to the whole of our community Monday to Saturday from 10.00 am to 12.00 noon. Since the refurbishment of the foyer area attendance has increased with many regulars who meet to enjoy hot drinks, pastries and biscuits, conversation and fellowship.

We prioritise sourcing Fairtrade products and continue to purchase our filter coffee from Indigo Coffee, an ethical, sustainable and carbon neutral supplier. We also try to ensure that products purchased locally from Waitrose or Co-op are Fairtrade. It has been great to again open our church premises for longer hours this winter by offering freshly cooked nutritious soup and a warm crusty roll on Wednesdays and a Jacket Potato Lunch with a variety of fillings on a Thursday. Most weeks we are also able to provide cakes and occasionally fruit which has been well received. The lunches

have been well supported by both our congregation and many in our community who may otherwise be lonely or in need. Attendance has risen compared to last winter, with over 70 participants recorded over the two days in the last week of January. It's delightful to hear the buzz of lively conversations following the meal.

Once again, we were grateful to receive a grant from National Grid via Local Giving towards our energy costs owing to the extended opening hours. We have also been able to work in partnership with Saltash Foodbank to whom we are most grateful for the provision of fresh vegetables and our local Co-operative store who have been able to provide surplus bread, rolls and occasionally vegetables and fruit which may otherwise have gone to waste. Without the support of these organisations our Warm Spaces lunches may not have been able to continue. The lunches operate on a pay as you are able basis, so that no-one feels excluded. Remarkably during the winter of 2023-24 we received surplus donations totalling £1,367 which have been allocated to our Benevolent Fund to assist those in need.

Through our Warm Spaces project we are continuing to support disadvantaged individuals in our community, particularly those facing homelessness. This year there has been a demographic shift because Cornwall Council now utilise the Travelodge and the Croft as temporary accommodations, significantly reducing rough sleeping on the streets. However, these individuals often lack cooking facilities making our provision of hot breakfasts featuring bacon or sausages, eggs, beans and toasts with a hot drink vitally important. We can also offer sandwiches, pasties, cup-a-soup or pot noodles to take away.

Warm space is a gateway to HOPE



"Having a meal here is a huge help."

Justin arrives at Saltash Wesley Methodist Church's warm space

As the winter weather bites, many community members are turning to church-run warm spaces for daytime refuge. For Justin, a warm room inside his local Methodist church has become the gateway to a renewed sense of hope.

"The things this church is doing have impacted me in many ways," says Justin, as he finishes his meal in the pop-up warm space cafe inside Saltash Wesley Methodist Church.

With its Scandinavian-style furniture and friendly volunteers who chat gently with the familiar faces who come and go, the cafe has a chilled vibe that many high street coffee shops would envy.

Having heard about the warm space through a local food bank about a year ago, Justin has since become a regular at several of the community outreach activities launched by the church to meet community needs.

NUTRITIOUS FOOD

"First of all, having a meal here is a huge help," he says, explaining that using this simple service, which provides many with the only nutritious food they will eat that day, has led to him being offered other types of support.

"I've also been given help to sort out my bills and admin work, such as getting hold of my birth certificate so that I can start to get back on track," he reveals, adding that while these things may seem small, they can make a big difference in helping people to navigate an increasingly complex world.

Justin adds that he has also received emotional support, along with help to build his self-confidence, from volunteers at the church. After pausing for a moment, he reflects: "It's nice to know that I can come here if everything else fails. There are people here who will help, and this gives me new hope for the future."

WARMTH AND MORE

Jo Couch, administrator for the church and for the South East Cornwall Methodist Circuit, part of the South West Peninsula District, said the church's current outreach programme had grown organically from its original offer of a warm space.

It was estimated that at least 13 per cent of people living in England experienced fuel poverty last year, while many more felt that they could only justify putting on their heating during the most severe spells of weather.

The Warm Welcome Campaign website, which lists around 4,000 of the community warm spaces across the UK, including the one at Saltash Wesley Methodist Church, can be found at: warmwelcome.uk



Church administrator Jo Couch chats with visitors



A volunteer serves breakfast

While Saltash wasn't among the communities to be hardest hit last year by fuel poverty (when someone on a low income can't keep their home warm at a reasonable cost), the region as a whole had the biggest gap, on average, between the cost of the energy bills people in fuel poverty were being asked to pay and what they could afford.

"We saw the terrible effects that this had on our local community, including an increase in homelessness," said Jo.

"We knew that, while the warm space was vital, it wouldn't be enough on its own so we opened shower facilities and laundry services, and we act as a mailing address for people without a permanent place to live." Supported housing places and addiction support groups are in the pipeline.

The success of the church's initiatives relies heavily on the dedication of volunteers. "Around a dozen help with the regular warm space lunches," said Jo. "We are blessed with some of the best."

"We knew that, while the warm space was vital, it wouldn't be enough on its own."

We are committed to developing connections with various support agencies, including St Petrocs, With You (a charity aiding those experiencing drug and alcohol addiction), council housing officers and mental health support professional officers enabling us to effectively signpost those in need. We are grateful to the members of our congregation and community who have provided clothes and shoes which are passed on to the needy when required.

This past year we were honoured to be invited to become a Warm Welcome Champion Space which involves participating in online meetings with other organisations engaged in similar initiatives to share ideas and experiences. It was particularly encouraging to read in the Warm Welcome online publicity recently a quote from one of our regular attendees which states:-

"It's nice to come here, knowing there are people in the community that can help. Most of all, I think the best part about Wesley church is the friendly atmosphere and the willingness to help people that are disadvantaged".

We were also fortunate to receive a £1,000 grant from Warm Spaces, which allowed us to purchase a coffee machine, new coffee flasks, mugs, latte glasses, cappuccino cups, and soup plates. As a result, we can now provide a selection of specialty coffees. Finally, we would not be able to run our coffee shop and Warm Spaces project without the support of our dedicated team of volunteers for whom we are immensely grateful. Some of team are elderly and facing health challenges, so if you would be able to spare about 2½ hours of your time once a month to help it would be very much appreciated.

Please continue to support our coffee shop so we can continue to reach out and welcome the whole of our Saltash community into our building. This outreach is especially valuable to the needy members of our society including those who are currently homeless, lonely or disadvantaged and is a significant aspect of our Church's mission and outreach.

**The Warm
Spaces Team**



S.T.A.R.T Ecumenical Men's Group



We are an ecumenical group of Saltash Christian Men who meet on a social basis. Our membership at the end of 2024 was 24 with an average monthly attendance of around 13. We have very diverse set of Christian faiths amongst us which always make for a good conversation piece during our times together.

During the winter months, we tend to meet for inside events such as museums, talks and most importantly "eating out". The Summer months we go out and about. We then finished off the year with a Christmas meal. We always meet on the 3rd Friday of each month.

My thanks to all those who arranged these visits – it is our ploy for members to arrange

twelve meetings per year between us. We had our AGM in January 2025 meetings were arranged.

Our programme is as follows: -

Date	Meeting & Activity	Time	Organiser
17 Jan 25	Lunch @ Ploughboy Inn - AGM @ Wesley	1200hrs	Bob A
21 Feb 25	Lunch @ Community K - Dr Phil Jordan @ Wesley	1200hrs	Bob A
21 Mar 25	Lunch @ Saltram House - Visit House & Gardens (NT card)	1200hrs	John W
25 Apr 25	Visit Strawberry field Farm Lifton (Wesley Car park)	1200hrs	Geoff M
16 May 25	Red Bus @Wesley to Engine House Kit Hill -View Dartmoor	1200hrs	Bob A
20 Jun 25	Saltash Station Train to Looe with pasty lunch	1200 ish	Don P
18 July 25	No 2 Bus to Mount Batten — Lunch @ Mountbatten Inn	1200 ish	David L
15 Aug 25	Train to Bere Ferris - Visit BF Station with Bruce Hunt	1200 ish	Bob A
19 Sep 25	Trip up the Tamar by boat	1200 ish	Don P
17 Oct 25	Lunch @ Community Kitchen - Talk by Sue Hooper	1200 ish	Bob A
21 Nov 25	Devonport Market - Lunch @ William Yard	1200 ish	Bob C
17 Dec 25	Christmas Lunch with Probus @ China Fleet club	1200 hrs	Roger R

Gentlemen. If you feel this is for you and you would like to join us then please contact Bob Austin (Chairman) 01752 844666

Wesley Table Tennis Club

Wesley Table Tennis Club continues to meet on a Monday evening from 7.00 until 9.00 pm in the Sports Hall. Our membership remains steady, and we have recently welcomed a new member to our group from our Church congregation. Although we are getting older and may finish a little earlier or take longer for a coffee and a chat, our enjoyment of table tennis remains strong. At the end of the evening, we also prepare the Sports Hall for Little Fishes for the following morning. We invite you to join us if you want a fun evening - no equipment is required.

Roger Thompson

Bible Study/Home groups at Wesley

Bible Study/Home groups can enrich our spiritual life and provide a supportive community where we can grow, learn, and encourage one another. It's an opportunity to experience the beauty of Christian fellowship and apply biblical truths to everyday living.

Life can be challenging, in a home Bible study group, you can find encouragement, prayer partners, and friends who walk alongside you during difficult times.

Here at Wesley, we have different groups that meet on different days and times. If you would like to join a small group, please contact one of the leaders listed below for more information.

Most house groups meet every other week or twice in a month:

Monday, 10:00 AM, at 430 New Rd – Bob Mahy – 01579 351311

Wednesday, 10:00 AM, at Wesley – Linda Eastlake - 07711389125

Wednesday, 7:30 PM, on zoom – Noel Morgan – 01822 832952

Thursday, 7:30 PM, various homes – Fiona Budd – 01752 842788

Thursday, 10:00 AM, on Zoom – Revd Jonathan Budd – 01752 842788

PALS

Those of you who have started attending Wesley more recently may not have heard of PALS. This group was originally set up many years ago as a social group to enable the young adult members of the church to meet together, with some of the older members offering their babysitting services. Now many of us are grandparents ourselves, but the group is still thriving. We like to think that we remain nimble of brain even if not necessarily of body!

To this end, we meet fortnightly on Wednesday evenings, although now most of us are retired we sometimes hold our events earlier in the day. In July we compile our programme of events for the following year – these can range from inviting speakers to our meetings (often from Heritage or various charities), Desert Island Discs, enjoying

meals out together, quizzes (keeping it simple), games evenings, visits to gardens and local places of interest. We try and make good use of the lighter summer evenings and both the annual Treasure Hunt and the croquet/summer nibbles evening at Cotehele are always highlights. The group is open to all and there is a copy of our programme in the corridor. We will also be advertising forthcoming events via the church notice sheets, so please come and join us. We are a friendly bunch – speak to Bernard Melling or myself, to find out more.

Jo Lambourne

Property Report

Yet another year of good work by our helpers who ensure that our church and property are kept clean, tidy and in good repair thanks to everyone.

We have the benefit of several skilled technically competent volunteers amongst us who are also able to carry out improvements and risk assessments which not only enhance our surroundings but also ensure they are a safer place for everyone, be they very young, visitors through to the aged and those with disabilities.

Noteworthy items this year include the resurfacing of the car park, roof repairs, major work to the kitchen dishwasher, upgrading of the central heating controls and upgrade to sports hall showers and washing facilities (for the homeless). Wesley has also had its Quinquennial (5 yearly) Inspection of the premises carried out by the Circuit's independent Surveyor. We again, passed with flying colours. Well done to all concerned!

David Lambourne Property Steward

TREASURER'S REPORT ANNUAL CHURCH MEETING 2 MARCH 2025.

Accounts year ended 31 August 2024

The Management accounts for the Saltash Wesley Methodist Church for the fiscal year ending 31 August 2024 were presented to the Church Council during the meeting held in October 2024. These accounts were subsequently consolidated with those of the Internal Organisations and presented at the February 2025 meeting, receiving approval from the Church Council. I am pleased to report that the accounts have now been thoroughly examined and signed off by our auditor, David Trill. David has diligently fulfilled this important role for well over 15 years and has expressed his desire to step down. On behalf of Saltash Wesley and personally, I extend our thanks to him for his unwavering commitment and dedication in ensuring that our financial records are meticulously maintained to ensure they are accurately filed with the Charities Commission on an annual basis.

Turning to the accounts, one of our primary sources of income comes from offerings which totalled **£38,304** reflecting an increase of **£649** compared to **£37,655** in the previous year. In addition, donations received from individuals on Gift Day amounted to **£4,479**, while contributions from church organisations totalled **£3,227**, bringing the overall donations to **£7,706**. However, this represents a decrease of **£545** from the previous year's income of **£8,251**. Our donations are significantly enhanced by our Gift Aid claim which in the year to 5 April 2024 amounted to **£10,874** compared to **£13,081** in the year ended 5 April 2023. It is important to note that we did not receive the Gift Aid Small Donations claim for the year ended 5 April 2024 of **£1,990** until September 2024 which will be reflected in next year's accounts. Furthermore, the previous year's figures included **£742** of GASDS for 2021/22. Taking these factors into account the actual claim for 2023/24 amounted to **£12,864** compared to the actual figure of **£12,338** for the year 2022/23.

The other significant source of income comes from room hiring which amounted to **£30,614** compared to **£24,546** in the previous year, reflecting an increase of **£6,068**. We now enjoy regular bookings from various NHS clinics, including Diabetic Eye Screening, Covid Vaccination Clinics, the Respiratory Clinic, Podiatry Assessment and Diabetes Prevention courses. Additionally, we have hosted several classical concerts organised by Salt Arts. We extend our gratitude to Joanna for her dedicated efforts in securing high-quality bookings from the current hirers using our premises. Weekday coffee mornings have experienced a rise with total income emerging at **£4,086** up from **£3,484** in the previous year, reflecting an increase of **£602**. Sunday coffee income also increased by **£144** and reached a total of **£846**.

Income from investments and bank interest amounted to **£4,976** comprising **£3,270** received from the investments with Brewin Dolphin which manage the Henwood Trust funds, **£1,490** from TMCP and **£216** from the Central Finance Deposit fund. This represents a decrease from the previous year's total of **£6,385**. The significant decline is attributed to the Management Committee's decision to cease income withdrawals from Brewin Dolphin investments from April 2024, opting instead to capitalize any dividends.

The solar power payback amounted to **£4,599** a modest increase of **£9**. Given the inclement weather experienced last summer, it is remarkable that any increase occurred at all.

We were blessed to receive a bequest towards the end of the year as stipulated in the Will of Mrs. Brenda Taylor deceased amounting to **£50,000** for which we are very grateful.

I am also pleased to report that our application for a grant from the Cornwall Council's Community Levelling Up Programme was successful resulting in a total award of **£33,592**. This amount was entirely expended on the redecoration and refurbishment of the foyer and room 3. We have received numerous positive comments relating to the outcome of this project.

Additionally, our application for a grant of **£8,500** from National Grid towards our energy costs was successful, significantly alleviating our concerns in being able to meet our utility costs while energy prices remained exceptionally high. A grant was also received of **£1,000** from Warm Spaces with which we were able to purchase a coffee machine, new coffee flasks, mugs, cups and other crockery items.

Income was also received by our Internal Organisations totalling **£18,026**.

Thus, our total income for the year ending 31 August 2024, as reported in the Standard Form of Accounts, reached **£209,515**, a significant increase from **£129,262** in the prior year, mainly owing to the bequest and the grants received.

In terms of expenses, our primary expenditure was the Circuit assessment, amounting to **£48,689**, which reflects a decrease of **£1,319** from **£50,008** in 2023.

Utilities totalled **£14,121** which includes water rates of **£1,208** (2023 - **£1,021**), electricity costs of **£5,668** (2023 - **£3,721**), gas **£3,320** (2023 - **£2,351**) and insurance **£3,925** (2023 - **£3,765**) overall this reflects an increase of **£3,263**.

During the year we invested significantly in the maintenance, redecoration and refurbishment of our building which overall amounted to **£49,887**. The primary expenditure was on the foyer and room 3 which accounted for **£33,653**. Additionally, we undertook various roof repairs costing **£1,383**, plumbing necessitated by leaks - **£2,253**, re-rendering exterior walls **£2,350**, replacement of front fascia boards **£727**, repairs to back door **£466**, repainting the cross **£1,480**, cleaning debris from gutters **£200** and cleaning solar panels **£195**. It is now 35 years since our church premises were constructed, so we anticipate higher repair costs in the future.

The repairs and maintenance costs encompass various equipment-related expenses amounting to **£4,781** (**£5,790** for 2023). Significant expenditure in this category includes boiler repairs and servicing - **£1,406**, sound desk - **£1,291**, fire extinguisher servicing - **£544**, carpet cleaners - **£334**, cordless lawnmower - **£240** new shredder **£140**, renewal of parts for the defibrillator - **£156**, and underlay and fitting for the office carpet **£180**. Additionally, the office photocopier was replaced at a cost of **£2,021**, although payment for this expense will occur in the current year. The cost of organ and piano repairs and tuning emerged at **£1,280** compared to **£564** in 2023. The increase was attributed to the necessary remedial works on the capture system and the corrosion affecting the circuit boards of the organ.

The total expenses for the year reached **£133,352**, an increase from **£95,872** in the previous year. This rise is primarily attributed to the expenditures on the foyer and room 3.

The total surplus of income over expenditure for the year ending 31 August 2024 amounted to an impressive **£76,163**. However, it is important to note that without the bequest, as well as the National Grid and Warm Spaces grants, the surplus would have been **£16,663**, which is still remarkable.

Total funds held in the Management account and the Designated accounts as of 31 August 2023 and 31 August 2024 were as follows: -

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
General account HSBC	£37,340	£68,924
Designated accounts bank	£25,526	£17,849
TMCP 2 accounts	£25,986	£25,835
Central Finance Board	£100,216	-
Designated accounts cash	<u>£423</u>	<u>£568</u>
Total	<u>£189,491</u>	<u>£113,176</u>

In addition, the restricted Endowment Fund valuations as at 31 August 2023 and 31 August 2024 amounted to:-

	2024	2023
Henwood Bequest	£245,656	£222,123
TMCP 2 accounts	<u>£14,146</u>	<u>£13,038</u>
Total	<u>£259,802</u>	<u>£235,161</u>

Our total funds as at 31 August 2024 (excluding those held in the Mbare/Saltash Partnership and the Music Foundation amounted to **£449,293** compared to **£348,337** at the end of the previous accounting period, an increase of **£100,956**. This is made up of the total surplus of income over expenditure of **£76,163**, the accumulated income on one of the TMCP accounts of **£152** and the unrealised gains on the Henwood Trust money and the two endowment funds with TMCP amounting to **£24,641**.

The value of land and buildings at **£4,938,563** and other assets **£249,574** disclosed in the Standard Form of Accounts are based on the insurance valuations prepared by a representative from Methodist Insurance as shown in the insurance renewal documentation in September 2024.

Turning to our current position for the first 5 months of the current financial year, the total income passed through the general account excluding internal organisations, restricted funds and the amounts passed through the bank accounts for the Circuit, amounted to **£41,401** compared to **£36,908** in the comparable period last year.

Expenditure totalled **£36,816** up from **£30,705** in 2024.

Thus, the net surplus of income emerged at **£4,585** a decrease from **£6,204** in the same period in the previous year.

It is encouraging to note that our offertory in the period to January 2025 amounted to **£18,322** reflecting an increase of **£2,233**, and demonstrates our congregation's ongoing commitment and generosity. However, the loose cash collections in the period decreased by **£690** compared to the previous year. On a positive note, hirings increased by **£565** and emerged at **£12,556** up from **£11,991** in 2024. It was disappointing to learn that Cornwall Council has recently notified us of their inability to continue funding the Link into Learning courses held in room 1 over the past seven years. This hiring significantly contributed to Wesley's income and the Management committee is actively seeking ways to replace this lost revenue.

Turning to expenses water rates emerged at **£598**, reflecting an increase of **£162** from the previous year. Our electricity costs totalled **£1,722** a decrease from **£2,445** in 2024 resulting in a saving of **£723**. This reduction can be attributed to the lower electric prices negotiated under the new contract, which took effect in August 2024, dropping from **£0.3495** to **£0.2367** per kWh. Gas charges rose to **£1,178**, up from **£1,030** the previous year, marking an increase of **£148**. Please note however our application to National Grid for a grant this winter was unsuccessful, which we believe was mainly because one of the criteria this year required applicants to provide warm packs, such

as energy saving light bulbs, electric blankets and advice to the community regarding energy saving tariffs and not specifically to assist the applicant's energy costs. We have however received a total of **£18,500** from National Grid over the last two years, which significantly alleviated our energy costs whilst prices were extremely high. We have however recently received notification from the SW Peninsula Methodist District that our application for a Warm Spaces grant of **£1,000** was successful and this was received in February 2025.

Equipment additions and servicing in the period emerged at **£3,455** which mainly related to the purchase of the new office photocopier and printer at a cost of **£2,021** and a new loft ladder at a cost of **£546**. The cost of building maintenance totalled **£6,913**, which included **£4,500** spent on re-tarmac a section of the car park, **£525** on the parking white lines, **£983** on repairs to the west elevation roof and **£391** on part of the roof over room 1.

The Circuit assessment amounted to **£12,172** (paid in advance to 28 February 2025) and currently remains at the same rate as in the previous year.

As at 31 January 2025 there was a balance of **£68,281** held at HSBC of which **£39,238** related to the General Fund and **£29,043** to Internal Organisations. Separately a total of **£103,303** was held in the Central Finance Board Deposit Account.

Whilst we are extremely fortunate to have a surplus of cash available at the present time, there several major projects being considered by the Management committee with a view to ensuring that any decisions and expenditure align with the best interests of Saltash Wesley Methodist Church.

Finally, we have recently received notification from the late Revd. Jake Watson's family that he has left a bequest to Saltash Wesley Methodist Church. Jake and his wife Margaret were much loved and respected members of our congregation, and we are truly blessed that he chose to remember us in this way.

I would like to express my gratitude to our Church family for their remarkable generosity and unwavering commitment—spiritually, practically, and financially to the ongoing work at Wesley, within our local community and the broader Circuit. Additionally, I appreciate their continued financial support for the charities we endorse each year, as outlined in the accompanying list of charitable donations.

Anita Thompson
Church Treasurer

SALTASH WESLEY METHODIST CHURCH
SCHEDULE OF DONATIONS YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024

	£	
Action for Children	127.33	Christmas Day Collection
Action for Children	304.29	Collection Boxes
Saltash Foodbank	303.25	Collection Covenant Service
Matthew Rusike Children's Home	282.40	St. Eustachius Church Tavistock
Matthew Rusike Children's Home	358.32	Holley's 2024 Cream Tea
Matthew Rusike Children's Home	235.00	Plant Sale
Matthew Rusike Children's Home	140.41	Wesley Christmas Card
Mbare Methodist Relief Fund	238.50	Line Dance
Mbare Methodist Relief Fund	971.07	Coffee Mornings
Mbare Methodist Relief Fund	317.50	St. Eustachius Church Tavistock
Mbare Methodist Relief Fund	1,224.74	Personal Donations
Mbare Methodist Relief Fund	383.00	Christmas Card Gifts
Mbare Methodist Relief Fund	269.00	Table Top Donations
Mbare Methodist Relief Fund	124.95	Carol Service Collection
Mbare Methodist Relief Fund	7.89	J. Allen Cards and Recipes
Mbare Methodist Relief Fund	358.33	Holley's 2024 Cream Tea
Mbare Methodist Relief Fund	160.00	Film Night
Mbare Methodist Relief Fund	110.55	Quiz Night
Mbare Methodist Relief Fund	100.00	Traidcraft
Mbare Methodist Relief Fund	587.25	Gift Aid
Mbare Methodist Relief Fund	1,000.00	Transferred from Visit Fund
Mbare School Fees Fund	3,860.54	Personal Donations
Mbare School Fees Fund	100.00	Traidcraft
Mbare School Fees Fund	225.00	Table Top Donations
Mbare School Fees Fund	54.10	Coffee Morning
Mbare School Fees Fund	588.00	Gift Aid
Morocco Earthquake Appeal	50.00	Table Top
Morocco Earthquake Appeal Cash (inc. Gift Aid £86.25)	486.25	Retiring Collection
Parkinsons	60.00	Café Church
Parkinsons	20.00	Pals
Saltash Heritage	40.00	Pals
St Petrocs (inc. Gift Aid £77.50)	520.50	Retiring Collection
St. Petrocs	50.00	Table Top
St. Petrocs	100.00	Café Church
Story Book Dads	75.00	Café Church
Wateraid	310.75	Lent Collection Boxes
Womens World Day of Prayer	208.00	Collection
TOTAL	<u>£ 14,351.92</u>	

THE METHODIST CHURCH
STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

Church

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31 August 2024

SALTASH	Circuit	Circuit no.	12/22
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Registered Charity - Charity Registration number

1127542

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Appointed 1.5.2024

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Mrs. Anita Thompson

SECTION A		Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
		£	£	£	£	£
a1	RECEIPTS	Note				
a2	Offerings and Tax recovered	49,178			49,178	50,736
a3	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income	1,452		3,524	4,976	6,385
a4	Lettings	30,614			30,614	24,546
a5	Other receipts	63,629	18,026	43,092	124,747	47,595
a6	TOTAL RECEIPTS	144,873	18,026	46,616	209,515 (a7)	129,262

SECTION B						
b1	PAYMENTS					
b2	Circuit Assessment or Share	48,689			48,689	50,008
b3	Donations		1,045		1,045	860
b4	Repairs and Maintenance	14,913		34,974	49,887	10,235
b5	Utilities (Insurances, water charges, heating & lighting)	9,071		5,050	14,121	10,857
b6						
b7	Other payments	12,448	2,883	4,279	19,610	23,912
b8	TOTAL PAYMENTS	85,121	3,928	44,303	133,352 (b9)	95,872

SECTION C							
c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	(a6-b8)	59,752	14,098	2,313	76,163	33,390
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year		94,760	18,235	181	113,176 (c6)	79,702
c3	Sub total	(c1+c2)	154,512	32,333	2,494	189,339	113,092
c4	Transfers and adjustments		9,088	(8,998)	62	152 (c7)	84
c5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR	(c3+c4)	163,600	23,335	2,556	189,491 (c8)	113,176 (c6)

SECTION D					
FOR INFORMATION ONLY: MONEY RECEIVED AND PASSED ON TO EXTERNAL					
d	(these amounts are not to be included in total receipts/payments figures above)		£		£
d1	Balance brought forward from last year		7,886		8,187
d2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations		28,106		25,270
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations		27,766		25,571
d4	BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID	(d1+d2-d3)	8,226		7,886

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

SECTION E

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INTERNAL ORGANISATIONS	Receipts	Payments	Net Receipts/ Payments	Adjustments	Opening balances	Closing balances
e1 Music Foundation					85	85
e2 Saltash Mbare Partnership	85	1,514	(1,429)		4,500	3,071
e3						
e4						
e5						
e6						
e7						
e8 Sub total of Internal Organisations funds	85	1,514	(1,429)		4,585 (e11)	3,156 (e12)
e9 Church accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)	209,565 (a7)	133,402 (b9)	76,163	152 (c7)	113,176 (c6)	189,491 (c8)
e10 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	209,650	134,916	74,734	152	117,761 (x)	192,647 (y)
	TOTAL RECEIPTS	TOTAL PAYMENTS				

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

SECTION F

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

CHURCH - CASH FUNDS HELD at 31 August 2024

	OPENING BALANCES	CLOSING BALANCES
f1 Cash in hand	568	423
f2 Bank Current Account	86,773	62,866
f3 Bank Deposit Account		
f4 Central Finance Board		100,216
f5 Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes	25,835	25,986
f6 Other funds		
f7 SUB TOTAL - Church accounts	113,176 (c6)	189,491 (c8)
f8 Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance total from above) (e12)	4,585 (e11)	3,156 (e12)
f9 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	117,761 (x)	192,647 (y)

SECTION G

OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES

	At 1 September 2023	At 31 August 2024
g1 Investments (include Endowments)	235,161	259,802
g2 Land & Buildings (see notes re Insurance value)	4,780,837	4,938,563
g3 Other Assets	241,603	249,574
g4 Loan(s) - show amount outstanding at year end		
g5 Other Liabilities		

f4 Include only Funds held at the Central Finance Board

f5 Include only Funds held at Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes

g1 Include any other investments (not the cash element of TMCP trusts accounts this is included in line f5)

Name of Church: **SALTASH WESLEY METHODIST CHURCH**

No: 12/22

Declarations and Scrutiny

I confirm that these Receipt and Payment based accounts for the year to 31 August 2024 have been prepared from the records of the Church and that they include all funds under the control of the Church trustees.

Signature of treasurer A. Thompson Date 15 February 2025

Name and address of treasurer ...MRS.ANITA THOMPSON.....

26 Long Park Road, Saltash, Cornwall Post Code PL12 4AH

Presentation to the Church trustees

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2024 were/will be* presented to the meeting of the Church trustees held on 13 February 2024.....

Signature of the Chair of the meeting Rev. Jonathan Budd

Name of the Chair of the meeting: Revd. Jonathan Budd..... Date 25/2/25

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

SALTASH WESLEY METHODIST CHURCH

Charity Number 1127542

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Saltash Wesley Methodist Church for the year ended 31 August 2024 set out on pages 1 to 5. As the Church's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Church's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and, in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

* delete or circle as appropriate

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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 MR. DAVID TRILL

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner ACIB

Name of firm (where appropriate)

Address 35 Mount Wise Crescent.....

.....Plymouth.....

Post Code PL1 4TJ.....

Date

21st Feb. 2025

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e2 Saltash Mbare Partnership	85	1,514	(1,429)		4,500	3,071
e3						
e4						
e5						
e6						
e7						
e8 Sub total of Internal Organisations funds	85	1,514	(1,429)		4,585 (e11)	3,156 (e12)
e9 Church accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)	209,565 (a7)	133,402 (b9)	76,163	152 (c7)	113,176 (c6)	189,491 (c8)
e10 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	209,650	134,916	74,734	152	117,761 (x)	192,647 (y)
	TOTAL RECEIPTS	TOTAL PAYMENTS				

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

SECTION F**STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES****CHURCH - CASH FUNDS HELD at 31 August 2024**

	OPENING BALANCES	CLOSING BALANCES
f1 Cash in hand	568	423
f2 Bank Current Account	86,773	62,866
f3 Bank Deposit Account		
f4 Central Finance Board		100,216
f5 Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes	25,835	25,986
f6 Other funds		
f7 SUB TOTAL - Church accounts	113,176 (c6)	189,491 (c8)
f8 Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance total from above) (e12)	4,585 (e11)	3,156 (e12)
f9 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	117,761 (x)	192,647 (y)

SECTION G**OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES**

	At 1 September 2023	At 31 August 2024
g1 Investments (include Endowments)	235,161	259,802
g2 Land & Buildings (see notes re Insurance value)	4,780,837	4,938,563
g3 Other Assets	241,603	249,574
g4 Loan(s) - show amount outstanding at year end		
g5 Other Liabilities		

f4 Include only Funds held at the Central Finance Board

f5 Include only Funds held at Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes

g1 Include any other investments (not the cash element of TMCP trusts accounts this is included in line f5)

Name of Church: **SALTASH WESLEY METHODIST CHURCH**

No: 12/22

Declarations and Scrutiny

I confirm that these Receipt and Payment based accounts for the year to 31 August 2024 have been prepared from the records of the Church and that they include all funds under the control of the Church trustees.

Signature of treasurer A. Thompson Date 15 February 2025

Name and address of treasurer ...MRS.ANITA THOMPSON.....

26 Long Park Road, Saltash, Cornwall Post Code PL12 4AH

Presentation to the Church trustees

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2024 were/will be* presented to the meeting of the Church trustees held on 13 February 2024.....

Signature of the Chair of the meeting Rev. Jonathan Budd

Name of the Chair of the meeting: Revd. Jonathan Budd..... Date 25/2/25

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

SALTASH WESLEY METHODIST CHURCH

Charity Number 1127542

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Saltash Wesley Methodist Church for the year ended 31 August 2024 set out on pages 1 to 5. As the Church's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Church's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and, in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

* delete or circle as appropriate

Name of Church:

SALTASH WESLEY METHODIST CHURCH

No: 12/22

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 MR. DAVID TRILL

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner ACIB

Name of firm (where appropriate)

Address 35 Mount Wise Crescent.....

.....Plymouth.....

Post Code PL1 4TJ.....

Date

21st Feb. 2025

* delete or circle as appropriate

Accounts



Saltash Wesley Methodist Church

Annual Church Meeting

Annual Reports
2023 – 2024

Sunday 17 March 2024, 12 noon

SALTASH WESLEY METHODIST CHURCH (Charity Number 1127542)
MEMBERS OF THE CHURCH COUNCIL

		Date elected.
MINISTER:	Revd Jonathan Budd	
CHURCH COUNCIL SECRETARY:	Caroline Hambly	07/03/21
CHURCH TREASURER:	Anita Thompson	01/05/15
CHURCH STEWARDS:(Senior Steward)	Derek Holley	01/05/18
	Elspeth Nicolls	01/05/19
	Rosemary Witts	07/03/21
	Joy Amies	13/03/22
	Sandra Kowalski	12/03/23
CIRCUIT STEWARDS:	Julian Langston	26/04/23
CIRCUIT STEWARD REPRESENTATIVE:	Linda Eastlake	13/03/22
MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE:		
Chairman	Bob Austin	01/01/24
Representative	Roger Thompson	13/03/22
MISSION COMMITTEE:		
Representative	Elspeth Nicolls	
PASTORAL COMMITTEE:		
Secretary	Jo Lambourne (Circuit Mtg ; Charities. C Link)	
FAMILY AND YOUNG PEOPLE:		
Representatives	Robert Hambly	01/05/15
MEDIA AND COMMUNICATIONS:	Craig King	
MBARE/SALTASH PARTNERSHIP:		
Representative	Marguerite Smith	
SAFEGUARDING:	Alison Clark	
DIRECTOR OF MUSIC:	Phil Taylor	
CHURCH COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES:		
	Kirsten Riches – 01/05/12	
	Peter Clements – 01/05/14	
	Don Phillips – 01/05/14	
	David Lambourne – 01/05/17	
	Catherine Noakes – 13/03/22	Feb 2024
	Steve Tait – 01/01/24	

Introduction from the Minister

As I write to you, I am in the midst of preparing a sermon in a series from John's Gospel based on what are called the 'I am' sayings of Christ. Jesus used this phrase to teach understanding of who he is, and his significance. Many of these you will be very familiar with, 'I am the Good Shepherd', 'I am the True Vine', 'I am the Resurrection and the Life', and so on. Elsewhere in scripture, God is heard declaring through the prophets, 'Behold, I am doing a new thing'. That was true for the people of Israel two and a half thousand years ago and it may be true for us in 2024 in small ways too. New things arise.

Church is not a static thing, even though some aspects seem to last through generations. Those attending now may be a mix of people who were with us twenty, thirty, or more years ago and others who have just started. Songs and hymns we sing may sometimes be those our grandparents might have sung along with others that were written since the youngest in our church was born.

Sometimes change is what we in things around us as the years go on, and over time these need to be renewed. The Management Committee, the Stewards, our treasurer and our administrator, and numerous able volunteers – between us we continue to look after these needs. Our finances are robust and well looked after, and wise decisions have again been a feature in committees and teams. In the past year, we have looked at plumbing and heating, not necessarily apparent to the congregation, but also we have done work in more visibly obvious areas. The cross outside the church had faded and collected moss and lichen so it was right to renew it. The paint and décor in the foyer was showing its age not so much as a mature patina but as décor which had dated and we have taken the opportunity to renew this too thanks to a Cornwall levelling-up grant and some huge effort and sacrifice of time and energy by some of our members. We have also overhauled our church PA equipment, and big thanks to those who helped design, build and fit that. It will help our worship and sound resources tremendously.

These reports show that much work continues as it has for years, but there are also again signs that God sustains us and is encouraging us to new things. In the coming months, our Circuit will be changing to form with others the Southeast Cornwall Methodist Circuit. Our District is joining with Plymouth and Exeter to form a new Southwest Peninsular District. We do not know all of what these changes will mean, but it is important that we keep looking for what God is saying to us as a church during these shifting times.

God has much yet for us to do together with him, and as I am looking forward to beginning my eleventh year with you in September, I am happy to commend these reports to you and share in looking forward to what comes next in the Lord, and at 'the Wesley'.

With my thanks to all who make this possible and my prayer for God's blessing on us.

Revd Jonathan Budd

Report from the Senior Steward

We were glad to welcome Sandra Kowalski as a new steward last May, especially as a representative of the 9.15 service, and to have Bob Austin join the team at the beginning of this year.

The Warm Spaces programme has been running since the end of October, with hot lunches provided on Wednesdays and Thursdays. Massive thanks to Roger and Anita, and Anne Melling and her team for the love and care given in these meals. They have been welcomed by many, and provided a time of fellowship as well as food, and much appreciated. The help and support given to the homeless people who come to us continues; Anita and Roger, Jo, Derek and Jonathan are all involved in this support of these vulnerable visitors.

We were able to celebrate Harvest, and to remember the work of All We Can, thinking of parts of the world where harvests are not good. The services at Christmas were meaningful as always, with the Carols by Candlelight, the midnight communion, and the Christmas morning celebration all adding to the joy of the season.

We have lost some dear friends over the year but have also had the thrill of welcoming people into membership.

The church was able to welcome four visitors from Mbare. This was due to have been a larger group, of 10 members, but there were problems in obtaining visas. The members at Wesley gave them a great experience of life in Cornwall, and there were good conversations.

A lot has been discussed about the change in circuit boundaries; not much will impact on the normal church life, but Jonathan and the circuit stewards have been in endless meetings and discussions, with much work done behind the scenes, to make sure this will be a positive move forward. We are greatly indebted to them. It is a real blessing that Jonathan and Fiona have agreed to stay a further two years at this time of new challenges and opportunities, to see this change through. We are very aware that they will be needing our prayers and support.

The work on the vestibule and Room 3 has been completed, if the tables for the vestibule have arrived by the time you read this. It has involved a lot of work for some people, and again their work has been in the background, but has been quite challenging at times. We trust that the people from the community will not just pass by, but come and share the welcome that awaits them, in the week, and we do pray, for Sunday worship as well.

As Derek comes to the end of his term of being a steward, I would like to give heartfelt thanks for his support and advice. (When he has had a few weeks off, perhaps he could start again.....?) Thanks to the rest of the team too, to Rosemary and Joy and Sandra and Bob. Each has brought their own gifts and graces to the leadership of the church.

Elspeth Nicolls

Pastoral Report

Pastoral Report for Annual Church Meeting on Sunday 17th March 2024

The membership figure reported to the recent Church Council on 22nd February 2024 stood at 108. As is the trend within most Christian communities, our numbers are slightly down on this time last year, although we are encouraged that we have welcomed 8 new members over the past 12 months.



Welcoming new members into the Church.

Several of our more elderly members have died during the year and a few people of ceased their membership for a variety of reasons. However, since the inevitable knock-on effect of long closures during Covid 19, we are pleased to see that numbers worshipping at both our 09.15 and 10.30 morning services have gradually increased.

Although generally newer attendees seem more reluctant to consider membership of the Methodist church, we endeavour to allocate those who attend regularly into one of our existing pastoral groups. We have lost a few of our stalwart team of Pastoral Links this year and volunteers are always welcome. We try and keep the groups small and

being a PL is a very worthwhile and much appreciated responsibility within our church. There are many ways of keeping in touch now as most of us (yes even us “oldies”) embrace some form of technology. So please consider whether this is something you would like to investigate further.

Wesley prides itself on our reputation of being a very open and welcoming community. We all play our part in caring for those with whom we come in contact, both within our church fellowship and amongst those who use our building throughout the week. Thank you all for your pastoral support once again throughout what have been, and continue to be, difficult times for many of us. Our network of care is much valued, and we need to continue to work together to nurture it.

Jo Lambourne Pastoral Secretary

Café Church

Since the last Annual Church Meeting Café Church has taken place at 5 p.m. on the 2nd Sunday of each month except Easter Sunday and August.

We have had guests on 8 occasions, and they have either given us a presentation or been interviewed. They were: Lorraine Mellor, Chair of the Cornwall District; Alison Humphreys, recycling for charity; Margaret Tanner, on the work in Chad; Margaret Warne of the Plymouth Lee Abbey Community; Anne Redfern on her faith journey; Penny Jennings on her work in the Democratic Republic of the Congo; Paul Whitell, a Christian in business; Sir Gary Streeter MP, on his faith journey and as a Christian in Parliament.

In addition, on Remembrance Sunday in November we had a discussion on a Christian’s attitude to military service, and in December people shared their stories and thoughts about Advent.

From the collections at each session, we have made donations to the work in Chad and to St Petrocs.

Mel Wallis & Bob Mahy

Mbare/Saltash Partnership

The highlight of the past year was the visit of four members of Mbare Methodist Church to Saltash last July. Originally ten members were due to come in May, but the refusal of the UK Government to grant visas to six of them was very disappointing and caused delays to the visit. In the end, however, it was a very positive experience and enhanced the effectiveness of the Partnership. We now plan a visit from Wesley to Mbare in 2026.

The Partnership Committee continues to meet bi-monthly to share and publish news from Mbare, to promote the links between Saltash Wesley and Mbare Methodist Church, to organise the monthly prayers, to arrange fund-raising events and to send much-needed help to Zimbabwe.

We have continued to send money to Mbare three times a year for food and health relief and for school fees for the children, and an extra amount for food parcels just before Christmas. We have also this year made a special donation to help with the repair of the wall around the church property, which is vital for the security of the church, and another to help with items for the Sunday School. We do receive regular reports from Mbare on the Partnership 'whatsapp' about how the money has been used, with illustrative photographs.

To be able to do all this we have organised a number of fund-raising events during the year, and these have also been most enjoyable social occasions. But of equal importance are the regular generous donations made by many members of Wesley...

We also support the Matthew Rusike Children's Home in Harare, the main fund-raiser for this being the Christmas Card in the foyer and we would encourage Wesley members to use this opportunity to send greetings to each other and support the Home.

The economic situation in Zimbabwe is, if anything, even worse than it has been, and this is compounded by the worst drought in Southern Africa in living memory. This is likely to lead to poor harvests and food shortages.

Ruth Mahy



Little Fishes- Baby and Toddler group



In the 2 ½ years that Little Fishes has been running we have had over 150 families attend our weekly groups, with weekly attendance of 20 to 35 children. Tea and toast [& pastries!] upstairs in the foyer from 8.45am has really taken off over the last few months, with so many families really enjoying this time.



The session down in the sports hall starts at 9.15 with plenty of time to play, followed by snacks and hot drinks, more play before tidying up for a song time, generally with Rev. Jonathan and his ukulele, and finishing about 10:45 AM.

Little Fishes has developed into a great friendship and support group for families, as shown by some of the messages shared on the WhatsApp group. A strength of the sessions is the opportunities that arise for interactions between the adults - parents, carers, and volunteers alike.



Our summer picnic in Longstone park, and the currently monthly Little Fishes Saturday morning Coffee, Cake and Play sessions have also become a great way for the families to become more involved in life at Wesley.

Thanks, as always, to the ever-increasing number of people who help to make activities for Little Fishes happen.

Tuesday Youth Group (11-18yrs)

We meet every week during term time, 6:30 – 8:00 PM, in the Sports hall and coffee bar at Wesley. We currently have up to 8/9 young people aged 13-16.

Our aim is to create a safe space where young people can hang out, socialise, and have fun. Through our Christian focused activities and discussion time we encourage the young people to look beyond their own worlds, past what is comfortable, and into a world of faith, challenge, and following Jesus.



Christmas party



Summer BBQ – in the manse garden

The session starts with sports in the hall or playing games and pool in the coffee bar. We then share a meal of pizza, chips, cakes, and fruit. After the meal we have a short time of Christian focused activities and discussion time, usually finishing with a prayer.



Summer trip to BRF Adventure Centre – team building activity day (funded through Cornwall Council)

Joanna Couch

Holiday Club (4-11yrs)

Holiday Club We have been working in partnership with the Time2Move holiday Club initiative through Cornwall Council. This aims to provide a limited number of spaces completely free, to children who are eligible for free school meals, aged 4 – 11 years. This year we have had an Easter, Summer holiday and Christmas Kids Clubs, with an average of 40 children attending per session. We usually have 20 paid spaces (open to everyone) and 20 funded spaces for FSM children.

This is a great way to build links with our local community and help to support local families in need. At each Kids Club we provide sports activities, games, arts and crafts, a hot nutritious meal for lunch, stories and singing, all with a Christian based story and theme. Thank you to our amazing Children's work team for all that they do!

Wesley Children's Work Team



Holiday Club

Tuesday Lunch Prayers

Every Tuesday at 1 PM we have a WhatsApp group video call of currently up to 6/7 people, we usually have quick catch up and think about our focus for the prayers, then we have a timed 10 minutes of prayer. This group was originally set up to pray for the 9:15 AM service, for growth and a deeper understanding of the Christian Faith. If you would be interested in joining this group call, please contact the office.

Joanna Couch

Wednesday Morning Prayers

11 individuals or couples pray at home every Wednesday morning between 8.30 and 9.00 (or as near to that time as they can). Every Tuesday an email is circulated suggesting prayer topics, starting with Wesley and the Circuit, going on to national and international situations, and ending with names of individuals in particular need of our

prayers. If you would like to join us, please let me know, and if you would like us to pray for you or someone else, please contact me.

Bob Mahy

Thursday Bible Study

One of a number of house groups and bible studies that run at the church, our Thursday morning online bible study continues. In December we completed 18 months working through the Acts of the Apostles, and have now moved into the Gospel of John. We meet twice per month (usually on 1st and 3rd Thursdays), and if you would appreciate some good discussion and learning about scripture you would be very welcome to join in, even if you feel you are a real beginner with the Bible. You will find the Zoom links often on the weekly notices, or if not ask at the office and Joanna will be able to send you details. We meet from 10-11.30am.

Wesley Community Coffee Shop and Warm Spaces

The Wesley Coffee shop is open to the whole of our local community Monday to Friday and Saturday mornings from 10.00 am to 12 noon. Regrettably Traidcraft ceased to trade during the year, but we are continuing as far as possible to source Fairtrade products. We still purchase our filter coffee from Indigo Coffee, who only choose Fairtrade and Rainforest Alliance certified products and who are an ethical, sustainable and carbon neutral supplier.

We have been pleased to welcome several new regular attendees at our coffee shop who meet to enjoy hot drinks, pastries, and biscuits and perhaps more importantly conversation and friendship.

It has also been wonderful to again open our church premises for longer hours this winter by offering freshly cooked nutritious soup and a warm crusty roll on Wednesdays and a Jacket Potato Lunch with a variety of fillings on a Thursday. The lunches have been well supported by both our congregation and many in our community who may otherwise be lonely and in need. Attendees have increased from the previous winter, although we were sad to lose a couple of our regular members recently. The lunches are provided on a pay as you are able basis so that no-one need to feel excluded. We were very grateful to receive a grant from National Grid via Local Giving towards our increased energy costs because of the extended opening hours. We have also been able to work in partnership with the Saltash Foodbank to whom we are most grateful for the provision of fresh vegetables and our local Co-operative store who have been able to provide surplus bread and rolls thus avoiding food waste. Without the assistance of these organisations our Warm Spaces lunches may not have been able to continue.

We are also continuing to support the disadvantaged in our community, particularly those experiencing short or longer periods of homeless. We have been able to provide cooked breakfasts of bacon, eggs, beans, and toast together with a hot drink and sandwiches or pasties to take away. In addition, we have developed contacts with

St. Petrocs together with substance addition professionals and are thus able to signpost those in need of support.

We would not be able to run our coffee shop or the Warm Spaces project without the support of our loyal team of volunteers to whom we are most grateful. If you would be able to spare 2½ hours of your time, once a month to help, it would be most welcome. Please support our coffee shop so it can continue to reach out and welcome the whole of our Saltash community into our church building. This is especially valuable to the needy members of society including those who are currently homeless, lonely or in need and is an important part of our Church's mission.

We were especially honoured to receive an accolade early this year by being named as "Warm Welcome Heroes" of the week on the National Warm Welcome website.

Warm Welcome Heroes of the Week: Saltash Wesley Methodist Church

This week we are celebrating Saltash Wesley Methodist Church. The church is in regular contact with people experiencing the impact of the cost of living crisis. Their space is popular with older people, especially pensioners living alone, and also couples and young families. Last year in partnership with Warm Spaces, they were able to offer hot meals during the week and a space to relax, get warm and recharge phones.

"The need is as great, perhaps greater than ever."



Roger Thompson

S.T.A.R.T Ecumenical Men's Group



We are an ecumenical group of Saltash Christian Men who meet on a social basis. Our membership at the end of 2023 was 29 with an average monthly attendance of around 13. We have very diverse set of Christian faiths amongst us which always make for a good conversation piece during our times together.

During the winter months, we tend to meet for inside events such as museums, talks and most importantly “eating out”. The summer months we go out and about. We then finished off the year with a Christmas meal. We always meet on the 3rd Friday of each month.

My thanks to all those who arranged these visits – it is our ploy for members to arrange twelve meetings per year between us. We had our AGM in January where the 2024 meetings were arranged, and our programme is as follows: -

19th Jan	Community kitchen for lunch AGM then Wesley
16th Feb	Garden Ctr lunch - Talk Dr Phil Jordan on Bees
15th Mar	Community K - Wesley -Talk Railway Bridges
19th April	Wesley CS Buckfast Abbey Lunch at the Abbey
17th May	Trago Mills Newton Abbot - Meet @ Wesley for car share.
12th Jun	Meet @ Wesley Lunch TBD - Antony House
19th July	Wesley CS - Bovey Tracy - Lunch @ Café
16th Aug	Wesley CS -Tamar Bridge visit - Lunch@Ferry inn
20th Sep	Wesley CS Devonport Market - Lunch TBD
18th Oct	Community k – lunch. Bruce Hunt-Heritage - Wesley
15th Nov	Community k - then Wesley- Woodside Talk
18th Dec	Christmas Meal - With Probus @ China Fleet

We always meet on the 3rd Friday of the month and usually start with a meal in the closest hostelry to our meeting place and anyone who is interested in joining us please call me on 01752 844666 you will be most welcome.

Bob Austin (Chair)

Management Report

The announcement of Steve Tait's retirement from the Chair of the Management Committee came to us as a bit of a shock (although, he is staying on the committee) so, on behalf of the committee, I would like to give our thanks to him for all the hard work he has done over the years he has held the post. I was honored to take up the reins and hope I can do as well for the foreseeable future; Derek Holley will deputize in my absence.

Over the past 12 months it has been a hard job keeping up the maintenance of our beautiful building - as it gets older the upkeep is getting more difficult.

Our major completed jobs in 2023

- Outside rendering of the Bostraze side of the sports hall
- Repair of roof leaks above the small hall, vestibule & room 1
- Emptying and redecoration of Chris Clark's office - now converted into a counselling room for one-to-one meetings. Thanks to Colin Oakes for his help with redecorating.
- Complete main boiler service

Our major jobs to be completed in 2024.

- Men's downstairs toilets rerouting central heating pipes to overcome underfloor leakage. Decorating will then commence.
- Complete the refurbishment work in the vestibule & room 3 (under "level up" grant) Thanks to Marguerite Smith and others for all their time painting room 3 and the vestibule "Snug"
- Purchase and installation of loft ladder to replace unsafe one. (Health & Safety)
- Repair of doors at the back entrance (complete)
- Complete the repainting of the outside cross.
- Complete the new sound desk. Thanks to Craig King & Co for all their hard work on this.
- Purchase and installation of a new heating control system. Thanks to Paul Hamley
- Replace the photocopier in admin office.
- Decorate and recarpet admin office.
- Re rendering of wall at the back entrance

Thanks to our Treasurer Anita Thompson, who keeps the management team in financial order.

Building usage – you may have noticed how much more the building is being used. Much of this is due to the hard work of our Administrator who works tirelessly on getting new hirings. The revenue the church receives from this helps the committee finance most of the above projects so special thanks must go to Joanna Couch. Thanks also to the cleaning teams who have an increased workload because of the increased use of the building.

Workdays held every month for minor jobs – Thanks to all who turn up regularly for hard work, which is rewarded with pasties. All welcome to come and help.

Bob Austin - Chairman of the Management committee.

Wesley Table Tennis Club

The Wesley Table Tennis Club was formed in 2015 and meets every Monday in the Sports Hall from 7.00 pm to 9.00 pm, with a short break for tea, coffee, and biscuits, which seems to be getting longer as we get older! The number of members now attending has remained constant but new members will be made most welcome. No equipment is required as we have tables and several bats. Please come along and enjoy an evening of fun and fellowship.

Roger Thompson

Bible Study/Home groups at Wesley

Bible Study/Home groups can enrich our spiritual life and provide a supportive community where we can grow, learn, and encourage one another. It's an opportunity to experience the beauty of Christian fellowship and apply biblical truths to everyday living.

Life can be challenging, in a home Bible study group, you can find encouragement, prayer partners, and friends who walk alongside you during difficult times.

Here at Wesley, we have different groups that meet on different days and times. If you would like to join a small group, please contact one of the leaders listed below for more information.

Most house groups meet every other week or twice in a month:

Monday 10:00 AM, at 430 New Rd – Bob Mahy – 01579 351311

Wednesday 10:00 AM, at Wesley – Linda Eastlake - 07711389125

Wednesday 7:30 PM, on zoom – Noel Morgan – 01822 832952

Wednesday 7:30 PM, various homes – Fiona Budd – 01752 842788

Thursday 10:00 AM, on Zoom – Revd Jonathan Budd – 01752 842788

TREASURER'S REPORT ANNUAL CHURCH MEETING 17 MARCH 2024

Accounts year ended 31 August 2023

The Saltash Wesley Church General accounts for the year ended 31 August 2023 were presented to the Church Council Meeting in October 2023. The accounts subsequently combined with those for the internal organisations were presented at the February 2024 meeting and have been agreed by Church Council. The accounting records have now been passed to our auditor, and once again I would like to extend my thanks to David Trill for his thorough review of the records. I must also record my thanks to all those who have prepared and checked the accounts of the Church's Internal Organisations.

Regarding the sources of income, our room hiring amounted to **£24,546** compared to **£19,485** in the previous year, i.e. an increase of **£5,061**. In addition to providing a facility for Adult Education via Link into Learning, we now have regular bookings from various NHS clinics, including the Diabetic Eye Screening, Covid Vaccination Clinic and Respiratory Clinic. We also have regular bookings from Diabetes Prevention courses and a Podiatry Clinic. We must thank Joanna for all the effort she makes in obtaining the quality bookings of hirers currently using our premises.

However, offerings were down by **£2,268** and emerged at **£37,655** compared to **£39,923** in the previous year, although this decrease was anticipated owing to the loss of members of our congregation over the last 18 months for various reasons.

Gift Day receipts amounted to **£5,595** from individuals and **£2,656** from internal organisations, a total of **£8,251**, an overall increase of **£779** on the previous year which partly compensates for the fall in offerings.

Weekday coffee mornings have shown a steady increase and the total banked emerged at **£3,484** compared to **£2,190** in the previous year, an increase of **£1,294**, although some days (particularly Thursdays) have been quiet. However, it is good to see a few new regular attendees at our Community Coffee shop. Income from catering activities (mainly funerals) and Sunday coffees has also increased to **£1,725** compared to **£568** in the previous year.

Income from investments was up by **£965** and amounted to **£6,385**, with **£5,375** being received from investments via Brewin Dolphin and **£1,010** from TMCP.

The Gift Aid Tax reclaim amounted to **£13,081** of which **£742** related to the GASDS for 2021/22. Thus, the claim for the tax year 2022/23 only amounted to **£12,339** including the GASDS for 2023. The accounts therefore reflect only a small decrease in overall income of **£54**.

The solar power payback amounted to **£4,591** (2022 - £4,055) an increase of **£536**.

Please note that **£2,018** of the total of **£4,591** was not received until 4 September 2023, but has been included within the accounts to be consistent with previous years (would normally have been received mid- August). The amount received was much higher in the last quarter owing to the very sunny conditions in June 2023.

I am also extremely pleased to report that we received a grant of **£10,000** from National Grid via Local Giving during the year which had mainly to be used towards alleviating our

energy costs following the large hike in energy prices in the autumn of 2022. This grant did however mean that we could offer a Warm Welcoming Space together with hot nutritious meals on two days a week.

We have also received grants from Cornwall Council Time2Move programme which have been utilised towards providing hot meals, craft and physical activities at our very successful children's holiday clubs which are aimed particularly at targeting needy families.

In addition, we obtained a grant of **£2,000** from the Feeding Britain Project which was fully utilised in providing recipes and the required ingredients enabling families to prepare five healthy nourishing meals.

Total income including that of the Internal Organisations therefore amounted to **£129,262** which was in fact down from **£140,594** in the previous year, **mainly** because no grants were received for the Children's and Families Worker, following Chris Clark's departure.

Turning to expenses, our major outlay was the Circuit assessment which amounted to **£50,008** compared to **£59,313** in 2022 a decrease of **£9,305**, which is owing to the fact that Saltash Circuit has only had one ordained minister during the last financial year. Utilities which include water rates, electricity, gas and insurance costs amounted to **£10,857**. However, our gas contract ended in July 2023 and was changed to Octopus Energy, but owing to the energy crisis the best tariff obtainable was double that paid in the previous year, so in the current year expenditure on heating our premises is likely to double.

Building maintenance emerged at **£3,880** compared to **£1,568**, in the previous year. You will be relieved to know that the re-rendering of the Sports Hall wall adjacent to Bostraze has been completed at a total cost to **£2,600** after some negotiation with the builder. Repairs to the guttering have also been carried out at a cost of **£570** and the balance paid of **£389** on the new window in the foyer.

Equipment additions and repairs totalled **£5,791** (£10,230 – 2022). The major items included in the expenditure were the costs of the carpet and chairs for the consulting room being **£310** and **£411** respectively, the purchase and installation of new radiators in the foyer at a cost of **£2,332**, the installation of new showers at a cost of **£794**, the new safeguarding cabinet - **£314** and a scanner for the office at **£418**. A new fridge and freezer have also been purchased at a total cost of **£404**. The cost of organ and piano repairs and tuning emerged at **£564** compared to **£2,874** in 2022 when extensive repairs were required to the organ following the long periods of lock down.

Telephone costs emerged at **£738** compared to **£1,441** in the previous year following the change of contract to Virgin Media.

Overall our expenses amounted to **£95,872** considerably down from **£126,497** in the previous year because of the reduced cost of the assessment and the loss of our Children's and Families Worker.

Total income disclosed on the Management account is therefore **£129,262** and expenses **£95,872** resulting in the overall surplus of **£33,390** for the year to 31 August 2023 compared to the surplus in the previous year of **£14,097**. This was an amazing

outcome, and it was good to know that we could proceed with the refurbishment of the foyer/community café and the meeting room (room3) which had initially to be financed by us and which might otherwise have caused cashflow difficulties.

The bank and cash balances held locally as at 31 August 2023 amounted to **£87,341** which comprised of **£68,924** held in the general account and **£18,417** for internal organisations. This compared to a total of **£53,952** at the end of the previous accounting period.

The total value of the investments as at 31 August 2023 amounted to **£260,996**. The valuation of the Henwood bequest amounted to **£222,123** compared to **£226,706** in August 2022, a fall of **£4,583**. The amount held by the Trustees for Methodist Church purposes as at 31 August 2023 amounted to **£38,872** compared to **£39,161** as at 31 August 2022 a decrease of **£289**. Therefore total funds including bank and cash balances (but excluding Mbare and the Music Foundation) as at 31 August 2023 amounted to **£348,337** compared to **£319,820** in 2022, an increase of **£28,517**.

Separately, I have recently prepared a draft income and expenditure account for the six months to 28 February 2024 for the General account. Excluding the internal organisations and amounts passed through the bank accounts for the Circuit and others, the total income amounted to **£44,953** and expenses of **£47,186** resulting in a net deficit for first half of the year of **£2,233**. This does however include the quarterly assessment of **£12,172** paid in advance to 31 May 2024. In the comparable period in the previous year a deficit of **£5,308** arose, so this year's deficit to date is not currently of any concern.

At last the redecoration and refurbishment of the foyer/community café and room 3 meeting space is reaching completion, despite a number of hold-ups which have been outside our control. However, we are now hopeful that the final costs will be within the grant originally awarded from the Cornwall Council Levelling-Up fund. However, a big thank you must be extended to all who assisted in the completion of this major project and I am pleased to report that the results have on the whole been very well received.

Finally, I would like to sincerely thank all our Church family not only for their tremendous generosity and commitment both spiritually, practically and financially to the continuing work at Wesley, in our town community and the wider Circuit but also for their ongoing financial assistance to the charities supported each year as detailed separately in the list of charitable donations.

Anita Thompson
Church Treasurer.

SALTASH WESLEY METHODIST CHURCH
Charitable Donations year ended 31 August 2023

	£	
Action for Children	230.08	Collection Boxes
Action for Children	284.25	Christmas Day Collection
Action for Children	287.67	Collection Boxes
Jeremiah's Journey	60.00	Café Church
Margaret Tanner's Work in Chad	130.00	Café Church
Matthew Rusike Childrens Home	120.00	Café Church
Matthew Rusike Childrens Home	156.62	Wesley Christmas Card
Matthew Rusike Childrens Home	60.46	Donations
Mbare for Christmas Food Parcels	599.66	Sale of Calendars
Mbare Methodist Relief Fund	298.75	Plant Sale
Mbare Methodist Relief Fund	1,007.58	Coffee Mornings & Soup Lunch
Mbare Methodist Relief Fund	468.70	Jenny Hannaford - sale of paintings
Mbare Methodist Relief Fund	1,054.50	Personal Donations
Mbare Methodist Relief Fund	102.11	Christmas Gift Cards & Calendars
Mbare Methodist Relief Fund	243.15	Table Top Sales
Mbare Methodist Relief Fund	131.65	Carol Service
Mbare Methodist Relief Fund	53.51	Judith Allen Cards
Mbare Methodist Relief Fund	304.00	Holley's Cream Tea
Mbare Methodist Relief Fund	100.00	Transfer from Kopje Project
Mbare Methodist Relief Fund	248.40	Sale of Calendars
Mbare Methodist Relief Fund	662.00	Gift Aid
Mbare School Fees Fund	3,714.00	Personal Donations
Mbare School Fees Fund	303.80	Holley's Cream Tea
Mbare School Fees Fund	225.00	Table Top Sales
Mbare School Fees Fund	98.17	Coffee Morning
Mbare School Fees Fund	660.50	Gift Aid
Saltash Foodbank	408.12	Covenant Service Collection
Saltash Foodbank	60.01	Harvest Cash collection
St Petrocs (includes Gift Aid £82.50)	322.50	Retiring Collection
Tear Fund	219.71	Quiz Evening
Transform Trade	91.42	Traidcraft
Turkey Syria Earthquake Appeal	100.00	Table Top Sales
Turkey Syria Earthquake Appeal (includes Gift Aid £5	550.00	Retiring Collection
Water Aid (includes Gift Aid £40.42)	312.87	Jars of Change
TOTAL	<u>£13,669.19</u>	

THE METHODIST CHURCH STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

SALTASH WESLEY METHODIST

Church

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

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Treasurer:

Mrs. Anita Thompson

SECTION A		Unrestricted Funds	Designated Accounts	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
		£		£	£	£
a1	RECEIPTS	Note				
a2	Offerings and Tax recovered	50,736			50,736	53,057
a3	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income	660		5,725	6,385	5,420
a4	Lettings	24,546			24,546	19,485
a5	Other receipts	14,144	21,451	12,000	47,595	62,632
a6	TOTAL RECEIPTS	90,086	21,451	17,725	129,262 (a7)	140,594

SECTION B						
b1	PAYMENTS					
b2	Circuit Assessment or Share	50,008			50,008	59,313
b3	Donations		860		860	1,640
b4	Repairs and Maintenance	6,842		3,393	10,235	14,672
b5	Utilities (Insurances, water charges, heating & lighting)	6,470		4,387	10,857	8,069
b6	Children's and Families Worker					20,818
b7	Other payments	10,098	4,050	9,764	23,912	21,985
b8	TOTAL PAYMENTS	73,418	4,910	17,544	95,872 (b9)	126,497

SECTION C							
c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	(a6-b8)	16,668	16,541	181	33,390	14,097
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year		69,604	10,098		79,702 (c6)	65,002
c3	Sub total	(c1+c2)	86,272	26,639	181	113,092	79,099
c4	Transfers and adjustments		8,488	(8,404)		84 (c7)	603
c5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR	(c3+c4)	94,760	18,235	181	113,176 (c8)	79,702 (c6)

SECTION D				
FOR INFORMATION ONLY: MONEY RECEIVED AND PASSED ON TO EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS				
d	(these amounts are not to be included in total receipts/payments figures above)		£	£
d1	Balance brought forward from last year		8,187	7,830
d2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations		25,270	17,420
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations		25,571	17,063
d4	BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID (d1+d2-d3)		7,886	8,187

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

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INTERNAL ORGANISATIONS		Receipts	Payments	Net Receipts/ Payments	Adjustments	Opening balances	Closing balances
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e2	Saltash Mbare Partnership	3,381	8,347	(4,966)		9,466	4,500
e3							
e4							
e5							
e6							
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e8	Sub total of Internal Organisations funds	3,381	8,347	(4,966)		9,551 (e11)	4,585 (e12)
e9	Church accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)	129,262 (a7)	95,872 (b9)	33,390	84 (c7)	79,702 (c6)	113,176 (c8)
e10	TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	132,643	104,219	28,424	84	89,253 (x)	117,761 (y)
Continue on a separate sheet if necessary and bring the totals forward		TOTAL RECEIPTS	TOTAL PAYMENTS				

SECTION F

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

CHURCH - CASH FUNDS HELD at 31 August 2023

	OPENING BALANCES	CLOSING BALANCES
f1 Cash in hand	549	568
f2 Bank Current Account	53,403	86,773
f3 Bank Deposit Account		
f4 Central Finance Board		
f5 Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes	25,750	25,835
f6 Other funds		
f7 SUB TOTAL - Church accounts	79,702 (c6)	113,176 (c8)
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	At 1 September 2022	At 31 August 2023
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No: 12/22

Declarations and Scrutiny

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Signature of treasurer *A Thompson* Date... *20/2/2024*

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Presentation to the Church trustees

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Name of the Chair of the meeting *REV JONATHAN BIDD* Date *25.3.24*

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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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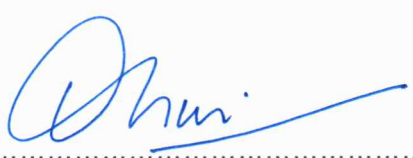
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Accounts



Saltash Wesley Methodist Church
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2022 – 2023

Sunday 12th March 2022, 1:30 PM

SALTASH WESLEY METHODIST CHURCH (Charity Number 1127542)

MEMBERS OF THE CHURCH COUNCIL

		Date elected.	
MINISTER:	Rev Jonathan Budd		
CHURCH COUNCIL SECRETARY:	Caroline Hambly	07/03/21	
CHURCH TREASURER:	Anita Thompson	01/05/15	
CHURCH STEWARDS:	(Senior Steward) Derek Holley	01/05/18	
	Elspeth Nicolls	01/05/19	
	Rosemary Witts	07/03/21	
	Joy Amies	13/03/22	
	Sandra Kowalski	12/03/23	
CIRCUIT STEWARDS:	Bernard Melling	26/4/09	CIRCUIT STEWARD
REPRESENTATIVE:	Linda Eastlake	13/3/22	
MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE:			
Chairman	Steve Tait		
Representative	Roger Thompson	13/3/22	
MISSION COMMITTEE:			
Representative	Elspeth Nicolls		
PASTORAL COMMITTEE:			
Secretary	Jo Lambourne	(Circuit Mtg; Charities Com Link)	
FAMILY AND YOUNG PEOPLE:			
Representatives	Robert Hambly	01/05/15	
MEDIA AND COMMUNICATIONS:	Craig King		
MBARE/SALTASH PARTNERSHIP:			
Representative	Marguerite Smith		
SAFEGUARDING:	Alison Clark		
DIRECTOR OF MUSIC:	Phil Taylor		
CHURCH COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES:			
	Kirsten Riches – 01/05/12		
	Peter Clements – 01/05/14		
	Don Phillips – 01/05/14		
	David Lambourne – 01/05/17		
	Bob Austin – 13/3/22		
	Catherine Noakes – 13/3/22		March 2023

Introduction from the Minister

There is a verse often read at Christmastime in the book of the Prophet Isaiah, , which begins, “Comfort ye, comfort ye, my people, says the Lord”. This prophecy came to Israel after many years of struggle and exile and it brought them a sense of consolation, comfort as God’s reassuring presence rather than, say, the comfort of a new 3-piece suite or a warm fire. In 2023, many are experiencing great struggle and exile of one kind or another. Buying basics, let alone new furniture is hard with the state of the economy and the cost of living. Heating our homes has been more and more expensive in recent months. And for some, even the language of home is difficult, be that for Ukrainian’s fleeing the war in their home country or the many homeless who have found their way to Wesley since last summer.

Wesley is not immune to the increasing costs. The impact may not be so drastic in the short term as it can be for the smaller churches in our circuit, but it is no less real. Once again in these reports you will see the financial realities laid out for us by Anita in careful detail, and once again these represent both generosity and challenge. Once again, we have been able to give substantial sums to charitable causes, including to support the community of our partner church in Mbare, Zimbabwe. However, as Jo Lambourne and Anita note we have lost several members who had previously contributed to the offerings. Though numbers have declined again, I am hopeful that in the coming few weeks we can welcome some of our young people into membership.

If you happen to notice in one of the pictures in the youth group report below that I am wearing a hat, scarf and gloves in the downstairs coffee bar, it is not because it was cold, but a game we were playing. Nevertheless, we are all grateful for the improvements to heating that are being made in the building. New radiators have appeared to upgrade the old ones, and we have been able to provide for some very needy people a ‘warm space’, helped by the funding you will see reported below. Well done to members of the management team for seeing those upgrades through, and to the volunteers who have given so much time and prayer to helping.

There is so much more encouragement to read below, and I urge you to linger over the various reports and appreciate the wide range of ministry and activity that we are involved with. There is so much that we can be thankful for; even in unexpected places there are blessings to find. I am often reminded how relatively ‘comfortable’ (in the warm fire sense) life can be, at least for many of us, and yet to be able to give back something, or help people who are struggling is a great privilege which God gives us. Though needs around us certainly can throw up challenges for us, discipleship, and a ‘Methodist way of life’ (which we will discuss at the ACM), leads us, “each others’ needs to prefer for it is Christ we’re serving” (*The Servant King, G.Kendrick*).

Together we have much to celebrate, and much yet to do. So once again, I commend these reports to you and invite you with me to give glory of God for what he is doing in and through us and our church.

Revd Jonathan Budd

Pastoral Report

The membership figure reported to the Methodist Church for their statistical report as of 1st November 2022 stood at 115. However, since that date, two of our long-standing members have died, so our current membership is 113. Life is gradually returning to some sort of normality since the Covid pandemic, but as far as our church life is concerned, we are still experiencing lower numbers at Sunday worship than in the past. This is partly due to our ageing congregation of course and it is good to know that we still have a regular small attendance at our weekly Zoom sessions on Sunday mornings. In fact, one of our previous members, who is now well into her nineties, regularly joins us from her family home in France.

Our Annual Membership Tickets were distributed just before Christmas by our stalwart band of Pastoral Links. As always, I encourage them to use this opportunity to have conversations with those on their Pastoral Lists, particularly those who have not been attending worship for a long while. It is important to keep our lists updated in order that they portray an honest snapshot of the members and adherents at Saltash Wesley. As always, Rev Jonathan and I have been so grateful for the network of pastoral care provided throughout the year, throughout all aspects of our church life. Although our Pastoral Links are the mainstay of our care system, each one of us have opportunities to support each other through the good times and the more difficult ones. We aim to be a loving, caring church community and are pleased to have welcomed several new folk recently into our fellowship.

Jo Lambourne
Pastoral Secretary

9:15 AM - services 2022-23

We relaunched 'live' worship in January 2022, with a pattern of themed services, and approximately alternate weeks of recorded and band led worship for all ages. Themes over the past year have included looking at the 'In-Between Time' from Easter to Pentecost with Bible Society materials, studying the book of James, making our way through the Sermon on the Mount and recently the book of Esther. Acting out the story of Esther.



Some services have a short sermon, sometimes there are discussions, we've done crafts together, put on dramas and all sorts of other things. The service is usually preceded with a bacon sandwich breakfast, but we're not always at Wesley.

Around once a quarter we meet at Landrake, and we have regularly met at DOWNDERRY for 'Church on the Beach' or got out in the fresh air for 'Church on a walk'. We also are glad to meet with 1030 regulars for All Church Together services. All in all, we hope to bring the Bible to life, grapple with some of the difficult bits and grow closer to Jesus.

Church on a Walk – January 2023



Café Church

Since the last Annual Church Meeting Café Church has taken place at 5 p.m. on the 2nd Sunday of each month except August and December, when it had to be cancelled because of the icy conditions.

We have had guests on 8 occasions, and they have either given us a presentation or been interviewed. They were: Sarah Redford of the Salvation Army; Rev Richard Magrath, Priest-in-Charge of the Anglican Saltash Team Ministry; Geoffrey Archer, our organ tuner, and his wife Merril and friend Bernard, who played the organ; our own Judith Allen who spoke about the Bible Reading Fellowship; Nikki Phillips, the treasurer of the Friends of Matthew Rusike Children's Home; Rev Andy Chislett-McDonald, Superintendent Minister of the Plymouth and Devonport Circuit; Dave Wood, guitarist and singer; John Naismith of the charity Jeremiah's Journey.

In addition, on Palm Sunday in April we had a Taizé style service, and on November 11th we had readings about answers to prayer in the 2nd World War and talks about countries suffering from warfare at the present time.

Mel Wallis & Bob Mahy

Wesley Community Coffee Shop and Warm Spaces

The Wesley Coffee shop is open to the whole of our local community Monday to Friday and Saturday mornings from 10.00 am to 12 noon and is committed to serving Fairtrade products. We source our filter coffee and tea from Indigo Coffee, who only choose Fairtrade and Rainforest Alliance certified products and who are an ethical, sustainable and carbon neutral supplier. Other products have been sourced from our Traidcraft outlet within our coffee shop area.

Hot soup and roll lunch



It became apparent throughout last summer and the early autumn that owing to global increased energy prices and the cost-of-living crisis the 2022-23 winter would be a difficult one for many. As a result of publicity on national media and requests by the Methodist Church at a national level it was agreed by the Church Stewards that we should respond to the appeal for churches to provide warm welcoming spaces. After some discussions with other local community groups, it was agreed to extend our Coffee Shop opening hours on a Tuesday and Wednesday until 4.00 pm and to provide hot healthy nutritious soup and a warm crusty roll as part of our Warm Spaces project. This is run on a pay as you are able basis.

We have been able to work in partnership with the Saltash Foodbank to whom we are most grateful for the provision of fresh vegetables and our local Co-operative store via the Real Junk Food Project who have been able to provide surplus bread and rolls thus avoiding food waste. We were also very thankful to receive a grant from National Grid via Local Giving towards our increased energy costs as a result of the extended opening hours without which our project may not have been able to proceed. The soup lunches have been well supported by both our congregation and many in our community who may otherwise be lonely and in need.



Making the soups



Advert for publicity on community Facebook pages

It is also worth mentioning that prior to June 2022, we had not had any incidents of homelessness for several years. The situation is now escalating as we are seeing new people in crisis entering our community coffee shop every week and we have in fact supported nine homeless persons over the last 6 months, some for several weeks, with cooked breakfast being provided.

We would not be able to run our coffee shop or the Warm Spaces project without the support of our loyal team of volunteers to whom we are most grateful. If you would be able to spare 2½ hours of your time, once a month to help, it would be most welcome.

Please support our coffee shop so it can continue to reach out and welcome the whole of our Saltash community into our church building. This is especially valuable to disadvantaged members of society including those who are currently homeless, lonely or in need and is an important part of our Church's mission or if you want some quiet time the church is open throughout the morning.

Roger Thompson

Youth Group

The Youth group meet every Tuesday evening during termtime, 6 – 7:30 PM. We use the Sports Hall for plying various sports and share a meal with small group discussion/Bible study time in the coffee bar. We have a small team of dedicated helpers who are on a rota system, with nine young people on the register. We are currently using some great resources from 'Urban Saints' exploring the theme of identity. Our aims as a youth group – to help the young people become aware of God as revealed in Jesus Christ, growing together, sharing food and fellowship.

Joanna Couch



Christmas party games

Holiday Club

We have been working in partnership with the Time2Move holiday Club initiative through Cornwall Council. This aims to provide a limited number of spaces completely free, to children who are eligible for free school meals, aged 4 – 11 years. This year we have had an Easter, Summer holiday and Christmas Kids Clubs, with an average of 40 children attending per session. This is a great way to build links with our local community and help to support local families in need. At each Kids Club we provide sports activities, games, arts and crafts, a hot nutritious meal for lunch, stories and singing, all with a Christian based story and theme. Thank you to our amazing Children's work team for all that they do!



Christmas Holiday Club



Decorating biscuits



Craft activity – making a shepherd

Little Fishes – Baby and Toddler group

The baby and toddler group, re- started in September 2021, continues to go from strength to strength, in fact it is going swimmingly! Attendance averages twenty children with their accompanying parents/carers/ grandparents, and over 90 families have registered with, and attended, this group over the last 18 months. It has been lovely to watch friendship groups develop and the network of support within the group is very special.



Little Fishes – Tuesday mornings

The success of this group would not have been achieved without the support of so many from Wesley, the Monday evening Table Tennis group for putting out the tables, chairs and playmats, the early morning 'Tea and Toast' team before the session, the fruit, snacks and drinks helpers during the sessions, not forgetting the team themselves for running the sessions. The inclusion of Rev. Jonathan within the team is a great blessing for us all.

The team have been very encouraged by our involvement with the 'Little Fishes' group and pray that God will lead us on, providing opportunity for our Christian witness along the way.

Caroline Hambly

Wednesday Morning Prayers

10 individuals or couples pray at home every Wednesday morning between 8.30 and 9.00 (or as near to that time as they can). Every Tuesday an email is circulated suggesting prayer topics, starting with Wesley and the Circuit, going on to national and international situations, and ending with names of individuals in particular need of our prayers. If you would like to join us please let me know, and if you would like us to pray for you or someone else please contact me.

Bob Mahy

Management Report

The Management team has been working very hard this year trying to keep the building in a good state. Anita and Roger Thompson work well looking after our finances and the rotas. There have just been two heaters installed in the foyer and the showers are being refurbished. We are grateful to Marguerite Smith for the painting she has done in the building.

We are waiting for rendering on the side of the Church to be done.

Most of the management team are well over 70 and some over 80, so we need some younger men or women to help.

If this is not rectified it means, we will have to start paying for all the work that is being done voluntarily!

Steve Tait
Chairman

Mbare/Saltash partnership

The committee continues to meet bi-monthly to share and publish news from Mbare, to promote the links between Saltash Wesley and Mbare Methodist Church, to organise the monthly prayers, to arrange fund-raising events and to send much-needed help to Zimbabwe.



Fundraiser - Cream tea afternoon at Cliff Cottage with members of the Youth group waiting on tables.

Several of our members keep in touch with those at Mbare through emails and WhatsApp. The news from Zimbabwe has been bad with shortages of food, medical care, electricity supply and water and turmoil in advance of the elections in July. The faith of the Methodist congregation in Mbare, however, remains strong.

In order to be able to send money for special help for those in most need three times a year, we have organised a few fund-raising events during the year, and these have also been most enjoyable social occasions. In addition, many members make regular generous donations, particularly for school fees for children who otherwise wouldn't receive an education. We also sent money for food parcels just before Christmas from the proceeds of the sales of calendars devised and arranged by Rev Jonathan. We receive reports back from Mbare on how the money has been used.

We also support the Matthew Rusike Children's Home in Harare, the main fund-raiser for this being the Christmas Card in the foyer.

We are now eagerly looking forward to a visit from 10 members of Mbare, including the minister and his wife, in May. The main hurdle for the visit is for them to obtain visas from the British Government. We have sent them several documents to help with this, including a letter from MP Sheryll Murray. We will know by the middle of this month whether they have been successful.

Ruth Mahy

Wesley Table Tennis

Table Tennis continues to meet every Monday in the Sports Hall from 7.00 pm to 9.00 pm. The club has four tables with an average of 8 people attending each week. We break for refreshments and a chat and new members are always welcome. We hope that Anne Nicholas will soon be back with us and able to play again after her injury.

Roger Thompson

PALS. (Pleasure and Leisure Society)

PALS continues to meet fortnightly with a varied programme of interesting and fun activities including meals, theatre visits, talks, and games. We recently led a Songs of Praise Sunday service. We usually are about 20 people and welcome new members.

Bernard Melling

Traidcraft Shop

The sales from the Traidcraft shop has gradually decreased during and since the pandemic and I am very sad to report that I have had confirmation of the fact that Traidcraft plc is no longer trading.

I have been managing the Traidcraft shop on behalf of the church since 2010 with the help of many dedicated supporters and I thank you all for that. The work has kept my spirits up during a very difficult time, thank God for that.

Transform Trade (previously Traidcraft Exchange) has stepped up to the mark and they say 'Our name change is a promise to keep standing up against an unjust and broken system, fighting for radical change with a global community, for a world where trade values people more than profit.'

I pray that we can support that, Kirsten Riches

Thursday Bible Study

One of several house groups and Bible studies that run at the church, our Thursday morning online (at the moment) Bible study continues with good attendance. We are working our way through the Acts of the Apostles, and though we have now moved back to twice per month (1st and 3rd Thursdays), rather than weekly, we continue to be surprised and delighted at how much we can find to discuss in the stories of the first Christian churches. All are welcome, and you will find the Zoom links often on the weekly notices, or if not ask at the office and Joanna will be able to send you details. We meet from 10-11.30am.

Revd Jonathan Budd

TREASURER'S REPORT ANNUAL CHURCH MEETING 13 MARCH 2022

Accounts year ended 31 August 2022

The Saltash Wesley Church General accounts for the year ended 31 August 2022 were presented to the Church Council Meeting in October 2022. The accounts subsequently combined with those for the internal organisations were presented at the February 2023 meeting and have been agreed by Church Council. The accounting records and the combined Standard Form of Accounts have now been audited by David Trill and agreed. Again my thanks to David for his speedy but thorough review of the records and also my thanks to all those who have checked the accounts of the internal organisations.

The majority of the internal organisation figures are now shown as designated accounts on the Standard Form of Accounts in order to reflect accurate total income and expenditure figures. The accounts for the Saltash/Mbare Partnership and the Music Foundation which are restricted funds have remained outside these figures and have been shown in the restricted organisations summary.

I am pleased to report that offerings emerged at **£39,922** compared to £39,910 in the previous year, an increase of **£12**. Please bear in mind that it was not possible to hold services at Wesley for a considerable number of weeks in the previous year. However, during the past year we lost several members for various reasons, who have in the past generously contributed to our offerings and this will have a continuing impact in the current year.

Our room hiring amounted to **£19,485** compared to only **£7,205** in the previous year, i.e. an increase of **£12,280** as we started to recover from the pandemic.

Income received for our Church Families Worker for the year amounted to **£27,068** which is after repaying **£2,667** to the District representing one-third of the grant originally received. **£10,000** was received from the Circuit which was two-thirds of the amount originally promised owing to the fact that Chris Clark regrettably departed for pastures new at the end of April 2022.

Gift Day receipts amounted to **£5,320** from individuals and **£2,152** from internal organisations, a total of **£7,472**, down on the 2021 figure of **£14,216** when two Gift Days were held as it was not possible to hold any Gift Day in 2020 owing to periods of lockdown.

Sundry donations amounted to **£2,181** compared to **£1,640** in 2021. Included under this heading is the kind donation of **£1,252** being the cost of the defibrillator for which we are most grateful. We were also grateful for the generous bequest of **£10,000** under the terms of Patricia Lewis's Will which accounts for the large increase in the amounts received from bequests and funerals which totalled **£11,163** compared to **£105** in the previous year. It was possible to slowly resume some of our church activities following the pandemic and it was good to see that our Table Top sales restarted in October 2021, which generated a contribution of **£800** to the general account **£400** to the Mbare account and a further **£200** in charitable donations. After a quiet restart in September 2021, weekday coffee mornings have gathered momentum and income of **£2,190** was received during the year.

Income from investments was up by **£541** and amounted to **£5,419**, with **£5,071** being received from investments via Brewin Dolphin, **£347** from TMCP and **£1** bank interest!

The Gift Aid Tax reclaim amounted to **£13,134** and was down by **£148** on the previous year when **£13,282** was received.

The solar power pay-back received amounted to **£4,055** and was up by **£59** from the previous year and the initial capital outlay has certainly paid dividends in view of the current record high energy prices.

Turning to expenses, our major expense was the Circuit assessment which amounted to **£59,313** compared to **£57,652** in 2021 an increase of **£1,661**.

The second largest outlay was for our Children's and Families Worker and amounted to **£20,818**, down by £9,380 as Chris Clark was only with us for 8 months of the 2021/22 financial year.

Utilities totalled only **£4,297** being water rates **£649** (2021 - £175), electricity **£2,103** (2021 - £582) and gas **£1,545** (2021 - £745) overall an increase of **£2,795**. This was however lower than in 2019 when the total cost of utilities was **£5,063**.

Building maintenance totalled only **£1,568** (2021 - £1,173,) which included repairs to the foyer roof, the rendering of the corner exterior wall and a deposit of **£334** for the replacement foyer window.

Equipment additions and repairs totalled **£10,230** (£6,240 – 2021). The major items included in the expenditure were **£1,252** for the defibrillator, **£4,017** for the new cooker and fitting, **£1,763** on the media computer upgrades and **£1,715** on boiler servicing and repairs, **£780** for the gas interlocker and **£470** on 4 new Go-Pak Tables.

Telephone costs emerged at **£1,441** compared to **£1,427** in the previous year, but should reduce in the future, as most of our calls are now included in our telephone and broadband rental contract following the change from BT to Virgin Media.

The cost of organ and piano repairs and tuning emerged at **£2,874** an increase of **£2,348** which was necessitated by the extensive repairs required to the organ following the long periods of lock down when there was very little heating in the church causing mould to accumulate in the chamber.

We are still managing to cover the cleaning with voluntary help for which we are most grateful saving **£546** compared to the cost in 2021 and **£1,571** in 2020).

Shell and Youth Club has not re-opened in its previous form following the pandemic thus the costs of the Shell and Youth Club worker have reduced the expenditure. However, Youth Alpha has recommenced in a slightly different format and is also managing well with voluntary help.

Total income for the year ended 31 August 2022 as disclosed in the Standard Form of Accounts which include the internal organisations amounts to **£140,594** and expenses amount to **£126,497**, resulting in the overall surplus of **£14,097** for the year to 31 August 2022 compared to the deficit of **£8,659** in the previous year.

The bank and cash balances held locally as at 31 August 2022 amounted to **£53,952** compared to **£39,254** at the end of the previous accounting period.

Turning to our investments the valuation of the Henwood bequest as at 31 August amounted to **£226,706** compared to **£246,047** in August 2021, a fall of **£19,341** as a result of the global economic crisis. The amount held by the Trustees for Methodist Church purposes as at 31 August 2022 amounted to **£13,411** in Endowment Funds (2021 - £14,420) and **£25,750** (2021 -£27,748) in Model Trust Funds. Therefore total funds (including bank and cash balances and those held in restricted funds) amounted to **£329,371** as at 31 August 2022 compared to £329,687 in 2021, a decrease of **£316**, which comprises **£20,349** reduction in investments less the surplus on the income and expenditure account of **£14,097**, the Mbare account of **£5,933** and **£3** accumulated income.

Separately I have prepared a schedule of donations made to various charities during the year ended 31 August 2022 which totalled **£12,385** including those made to our partner church in Mbare. In addition **£5,632** was raised towards the proposed visit by members of our partner church in Mbare.

Current position.

I have recently prepared a draft income and expenditure account for the six months to 28 February 2023 for the General account, which disclosed total income of **£44,278** and expenses of **£53,452** resulting in a net deficit for first half of the year of **£9,174**. This does however include the quarterly assessment of

£12,765 paid in advance to 31 May 2023. It is however difficult to compare figures with the previous year, because of the grants received and expenditure incurred for our Children's and Families' Worker which are no longer applicable and amounts paid for the Circuit which will be recovered before the end of the accounting period. Our financial situation at the end of February through to the end of May annually is usually the worst time in the year, so I am not unduly concerned at present as it should recover by 31 August 2023 once the Gift Aid tax reclaim has been made.

We have been very fortunate and are most grateful to receive a grant from National Grid, via Local Giving towards the additional costs of energy required to open our Church for longer hours under the Warm Welcoming Safe Spaces project.

Finally, I would like to sincerely thank all our Church family not only for their tremendous generosity and commitment both spiritually, practically and financially to the continuing work at Wesley, in our town community and the wider Circuit but also for their ongoing financial assistance to the charities supported each year.

Anita Thompson
Church Treasurer.

SALTASH WESLEY METHODIST CHURCH
Charitable Donations year ended 31 August 2022

	£	
Action Aid	15.00	Traidcraft
Action for Children	52.85	Christmas Day Collection
All We Can - Harvest Appeal (includes Gift Aid)	431.30	Retiring Collection
All We Can - Ukraine	100.00	Table Top
All We Can - Ukraine (includes Gift Aid)	949.96	Retiring Collection
Christian Aid	94.00	Café Church
Christian Aid (including Gift Aid)	800.00	Mahy - Bread and Cheese Lunch
Cornwall Air Ambulance	100.00	Tuesday Circle
Guide Dogs for the blind	100.00	Tuesday Circle
Matthew Rusike	307.50	Wesley Christmas Card
Matthew Rusike	60.00	Personal Donations
Mbare - School Fees Fund	3,467.00	Personal Donations
Mbare - School Fees Fund	25.00	Sale of Plants
Mbare - School Fees Fund	75.00	Traidcraft
Mbare - School Fees Fund	200.00	Table Top
Mbare - School Fees Fund	500.00	Gift Aid
Mbare Methodist Church Relief Fund	31.00	Plant Sale
Mbare Methodist Church Relief Fund	619.75	Coffee Mornings
Mbare Methodist Church Relief Fund	31.00	Wesley Walk
Mbare Methodist Church Relief Fund	1,624.00	Personal Donations
Mbare Methodist Church Relief Fund	75.00	Traidcraft
Mbare Methodist Church Relief Fund	665.00	Christmas Gifts
Mbare Methodist Church Relief Fund	200.00	Table Top
Mbare Methodist Church Relief Fund	124.95	Carol Service
Mbare Methodist Church Relief Fund	33.72	Cards J. Allen
Mbare Methodist Church Relief Fund	23.00	Cake Sales
Medecine Sans Frontiere (Afganistan Crisis)	50.00	Table Top
Mercy Ships	100.00	Tuesday Circle
Methodist Homes for the Aged (includes Gift Aid)	242.25	Retiring Collection
Rev T Higgins - India Project	25.00	Café Church
Saltash Foodbank	10.00	Personal Donation
Salvation Army	50.00	Café Church
Shekinah	100.00	Tuesday Circle
St Lukes Hospice, Plymouth	90.00	Tuesday Circle
St. Petrocs Christmas Appeal (includes Gift Aid)	378.50	Retiring Collection
Traidcraft Exchange	73.13	Traidcraft - Coffee morning
Traidcraft Exchange	300.00	Traidcraft Shop
UNHCR for Syria	50.00	Table Top
Water Aid (includes Gift Aid)	210.64	Lent Appeal - Jars of Change

TOTAL

£12,384.55

THE METHODIST CHURCH STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

Saltash Wesley Methodist

Church

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31 August 2022

Circuit	Circuit no.	12/22
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Registered Charity - Charity Registration number

1127542

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:

Reverend Jonathan Budd

Church Stewards:

Mr. Derek Holley

Mrs. Anne Melling

Mr. Christopher Gittins

Miss Elspeth Nicolls

Mrs. Rosemary Witts

Mrs. Joyce Amies

Appointed 1 May 2022

Treasurer:

Mrs. Anita Thompson

SECTION A		Unrestricted Funds	Designated Fund	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
		£		£	£	£
a1	RECEIPTS	Note				
a2	Offerings and Tax recovered	53,057			53,057	53,193
a3	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income	47		5,373	5,420	4,878
a4	Lettings	19,485			19,485	7,204
a5	Other receipts	22,975	12,589	27,068	62,632	51,105
a6	TOTAL RECEIPTS	95,564	12,589	32,441	140,594 (a7)	116,380

SECTION B		Unrestricted Funds	Designated Fund	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
b1	PAYMENTS					
b2	Circuit Assessment or Share	59,313			59,313	57,652
b3	Donations		1,640			1,005
b4	Repairs and Maintenance	14,429		243	14,672	7,939
b5	Utilities (Insurances, water charges, heating & lighting)	8,069			8,069	5,152
b6	Children's and Families Worker			20,818	20,818	30,198
b7	Other payments	11,828	5,027	5,130	16,958	23,093
b8	TOTAL PAYMENTS	93,639	6,667	26,191	126,497 (b9)	125,039

SECTION C		Unrestricted Funds	Designated Fund	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR (a6-b8)	1,925	5,922	6,250	14,097	(8,659)
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year	61,254	3,748		65,002 (c6)	73,654
c3	Sub total (c1+c2)	63,179	9,670	6,250	79,099	64,995
c4	Transfers and adjustments	6,425	428	(6,250)	603 (c7)	7
c5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR (c3+c4)	69,604	10,098		79,702 (c8)	65,002 (c)

SECTION D		£	£
FOR INFORMATION ONLY: MONEY RECEIVED AND PASSED ON TO EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS			
d	(these amounts are not to be included in total receipts/payments figures above)		
d1	Balance brought forward from last year	7,830	4,579
d2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations	17,420	15,902
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations	17,063	12,651
d4	BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID (d1+d2-d3)	8,187	7,830

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 2022 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	Music Foundation	1		1	(600)	684	85
e2	Saltash Mbare Partnership	6,010	78	5,932		3,534	9,466
e3							
e4							
e5							
e6							
e7							
e8	Sub total of Internal Organisations funds	6,011	78	5,933	(600)	4,218 (e11)	9,551 (e12)
e9	Church accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)	140,594 (a7)	126,497 (b9)	14,097	603 (c7)	65,002 (c6)	79,702 (c8)
e10	TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	146,605	126,575	20,030	3	69,220 (x)	89,253 (y)
	Continue on a separate sheet if necessary and bring the totals forward	TOTAL RECEIPTS	TOTAL PAYMENTS				

SECTION F**STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES****CHURCH - CASH FUNDS HELD at 31 August 2022**

	OPENING BALANCES	CLOSING BALANCES
f1 Cash in hand	557	549
f2 Bank Current Account	1,731	53,403
f3 Bank Deposit Account	33,775	-
f4 Central Finance Board		-
f5 Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes	25,748	25,750
f6 Other funds	3,191	
f7 SUB TOTAL - Church accounts	65,002 (c6)	79,702 (c8)
f8 Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance total from above) (e12)	4,218 (e11)	9,551 (e12)
f9 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	69,220 (x)	89,253 (y)

SECTION G**OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES**

	At 1 September 2021	At 31 August 2022
g1 Investments (include Endowments)	260,467	240,118
g2 Land & Buildings (see notes re Insurance value)	3,677,183	4,561,875
g3 Other Assets	967,679	230,538
g4 Loan(s) - show amount outstanding at year end		
g5 Other Liabilities		

f4 Include only Funds held at the Central Finance Board

f5 Include only Funds held at Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes

g1 Include any other investments (not the cash element of TMCP trusts accounts this is included in line f5)

Name of Church: **SALTASH WESLEY METHODIST CHURCH**

No: 12/22

Declarations and Scrutiny

I confirm that these Receipt and Payment based accounts for the year to 31 August 2022 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 A Thompson Date 30/1/2023

Name and address of treasurer: Anita Thompson

26 Long Park Road, Saltash, Cornwall.

Post Code PL12 4AH

Presentation to the Church trustees

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2022 will be/were presented to the meeting of the Church trustees held on 2 February 2023

Signature of the Chair of the meeting Jonathan Budd

Name of the Chair of the meeting Revd. Jonathan Budd

Date 4.3.23.

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

Saltash Wesley Methodist Church

Charity Number 1127542

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Saltash Wesley Methodist Church for the year ended 31 August 2022 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.

* delete or circle as appropriate

Name of Church: Saltash Wesley Methodist Church No 12/22

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:

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- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records.

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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 David Trill

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner ACIB

Name of firm (where appropriate)

Address 35 Mount Wise Crescent,

..... Plymouth Post Code PL1 4TJ

Date 22nd Feb 2023

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Saltash Wesley Methodist Church

Annual Church Meeting

Annual Reports

2021 – 2022

Sunday 13th March 2022, 4 PM

Introduction from the Minister

Once again, it is a pleasure as your minister to write an introduction to the reports of our Annual Church Meeting. Despite still having to contend with Covid restrictions and lack of face-to-face services through much of 2021, as you will see from the reports there has been much going on at Wesley in and around the church and congregation. I want to thank Anne Melling who as well as writing a wonderful summary in her report below has led the stewards so ably this year. I thank the whole steward's group too for working so effectively together on the wide range of things that have cropped up or needed attention. Adapting to the need for Covid-safe carols by candlelight is just one of innumerable examples I could give of this.

The general level of activity maintained has shown once again the commitment of our members and volunteers to do good in God's name and shown how God has continued to take that offering of service and bless it.

As Anne says, it is sad to be saying goodbye to Chris Clark soon. It is impossible to really put into words what Chris has achieved in his role as Children and Families' worker over the past ten years and we will miss him very much. Chris' last Sunday with us will be Easter Day, and so we will say more then, but we know he will be a great blessing to those he works with in his new post in the South Lakes.

Please take the time to read through the reports; thank you to those who have written about one or more aspects of our church life and thank you to all who have been part of these activities too. Let's look for even more in our next year's reports and pray that we might see more coming into our fellowship and joining in the work and worship in the Lord's name.

With my thanks and prayers for you,

Revd Jonathan Budd

Senior Church Steward Report

As I near the end of my time of being Senior Church Steward I'd like to thank all the church community who have supported us in the difficult times of coming out of Covid restrictions. There have been some difficult decisions to make but I hope you feel we have kept you safe during this time. As normal worship was resumed it has been good to see our congregation numbers slowly rising, with Zooming, thanks to our talented tech team, allowing participation by those not able to attend Wesley Sunday by Sunday. Over the next few months we will have fewer people to lead our services with the Revd Iris and Chris Clark leaving us and several local preachers not taking appointments so we need to think carefully and prayerfully about the way ahead.

It is wonderful to see our church social activities starting again, allowing friendships to be rekindled and new ones formed. Sadly, Tuesday Circle has disbanded after 65 years. At the other end of the spectrum it has been rewarding to be a small part of Little Fishes, our newish parent and toddler group. This has grown from strength to strength with parents and grandparents attending with their children and grandchildren, with a record number of children this week: 16. Many friendships have been built and it's fantastic to see the children playing, eating, and singing to Jonathan's ukulele and the parents chatting to each other each week. Things very much missed during the pandemic.

My thanks go to the Management Committee who keeps an eye on the upkeep of our church building week by week. The new lighting has brightened our lives and we await the arrival of our new cooker, allowing us to satisfy our hunger at social events and our defibrillator which will be available to the whole community! These two examples are only a few of the maintenance tasks that are continually being monitored. We are indebted to those who continue to clean our building week by week.

Pastoral care has been paramount during Covid. We thank our ministers and other leaders and pastoral leads for their diligence in ensuring that everyone is kept connected to our church life. These times have made unusual demands on us all and I especially thank the Revd Jonathan for his ongoing commitment to the life of this church, our Administrator, Joanna, for her help and kindness, and our Treasurer, Anita, for coping capably with the financial challenges. We are very sad that Chris Clark is leaving us to pastures new. His outreach to the children and families in our community has certainly grown, putting Wesley on the map during his time with us. We wish him all the best in his new venture. Our loss will be the Lakes' gain. As we put the pandemic behind us, it is my hope that Wesley continues to thrive and move on with new initiatives. I pray that God will lead and guide, along this path over the next few years.

Unfortunately, I shall not be at the Annual Church Meeting as I arranged my holiday to avoid the original date of March 6th but the meeting then moved to March 13th.

I wish you a good meeting.
With every blessing,

Anne Melling

Chris Clark: Report to Annual Church Meeting

This report is a little different to previous years, in that it will be my final report in post. The report concludes with a summary impact assessment of the overall project since September 2010, but first, here is a look at the work over this past year.

- Sowing (events which aim to make links and prick interest):

Online Children's Clubs & Holiday Club:

Our online children's clubs, which arose in 2020 as a response to Covid lockdowns, continued in the early part of 2021, attracting around 18-20 children plus 10 parents and guardians per time through until June, when there was a lower attendance as a result of restrictions easing. Hybrid in-person/online clubs were then held in October at Wesley and Landrake (with this latter club being our Circuit 'light-party' style October 31st event). Sadly, the planned Christmas clubs could not take place because of the Delta wave, but a move took place to in-person clubs in February half term 2022. These were tremendously popular and trialled a new, versatile model involving lots of different people leading various sections, which will hopefully form the basis of holiday clubs in the future.

Schoolswork:

In 2021, schoolswork continued online and latterly in person, restrictions permitting. Activities last academic year were largely limited to virtual assemblies, taking place via Zoom, pre-recording or Google Meet, but in the latter part of 2021 and into 2022 some RE lessons have been able to take place at two schools, including a yeargroup visit to Wesley itself. These are wonderful opportunities to tell our own story well, while schools are subsequently keen to promote us and our events. It is hoped that the Open the Book team may begin to meet in some form in the near future, too, with previous efforts stalled by Covid, but assemblies and Prayer Spaces in Schools are now both being requested. More members are needed for the team – please do let me know if you'd be interested in exploring this opportunity.

2021 also saw the retirement of Sue Green, headteacher of Bishop Cornish and an excellent friend to the churches in Saltash. We continue to wish her a very happy retirement, while offering a very warm welcome to the new headteacher, Tracey Fletcher, who is a Christian and is full of enthusiasm. Even amidst the circumstances of the pandemic, she has been able to make a wonderfully positive start, both at Bishop Cornish and in the wider community.

Special events:

As town events resumed post-Covid in 2021, a presence was established at them, with a team of helpers running a stall at SaltFest and a Wesley Youth & Children's entry to the cardboard boat race. The stall was hugely popular, offering the chance to 'make your own goody bag' of Bible crafts and treats, then guess the number of Lego bricks in a box, for which we had a tie and two winners. Our much-loved and much-remarked-upon cardboard boat 'Beakie' (was it a duck? Or maybe a swan?) was terribly unsuccessful from a nautical perspective, sinking instantly, yet still managed to finish third having been swum round the course instead. People have enquired about and attended our events as a result of both the stall and the boat.

Christmas on Fore Street included a successful outreach stall from Wesley, at which we gave away over 250 leaflets, made over 80 snowmen crafts and gave out 40-odd children's Christmas story books; we also took part in the lantern parade and Window Wanderland, meeting or having

conversations with many people who know of our events but for whom lockdown has meant less recent contact.

2021 ended with another New Year's Eve party, moved online due to the virus, but attended by around 25 of all ages.

Toddlers – 'Little Fishes':

This group began to meet before summer 2021 on a Tuesday morning, somewhat tentatively, after an urgent request for help from the Council and with their support to open in a Covid-safe manner. At first, the group had a handful of families per session. This was helpful while we developed our new Covid-friendly routines and navigated new good-practice guidelines, but it was wonderful to suddenly and vastly increase to dozens of attendees per session since the start of the new academic year in September. Some families have had contact with us in the past, but many are coming onto our premises for the first time, having seen advertising on Facebook, at town events, or having heard about the group via friends. Sessions have a friendly and supportive atmosphere, sometimes including an interactive retelling of a Bible story and song, with nursery rhymes sung to finish. The team have done a fantastic job with the group and we are constantly in prayer giving thanks to God for what He is doing among us.

Landrake toddlers ('Little Giraffes') and children's & youth clubs ('Monday Gang'):

In order to safely restart groups at Landrake during 2021, a large amount of work was undertaken, with the research and administration for Wesley's 'Little Fishes' providing a good foundation. There was an urgency to this work, with the groups keen to get back on the map post-Covid as village life began to reopen. 'Little Giraffes', the toddler group, saw slow attendance initially but has built a good core group, with others showing interest. 'Monday Gang', which operates both a junior- and senior-aged club and offers a hot dinner, is very popular within the village and has a large effect on village life; the group gives a positive and safe space for young people to gather while having the opportunity to explore Christianity, and there is a strong partnership with Foodbank and other groups to help support the families and the wider community.

Shell and Youth Leader role:

It is with sadness that 2021 saw the conclusion of the paid Shell and Youth Leader role – this has been a long journey for our much-loved worker and for the church and we have seen God at work even in this very difficult time. We very much celebrate Russ' long and fruitful service in the role, for which he asks no thanks – but it is offered! It has been a joy personally to work alongside him, and most of all to witness his pure heart for the work and his joy in the Lord. Covid-19 has reshaped much already, including this part of our life together, with doubtless more to come, but it is wonderful that Russ and his family will very much still be part of the Wesley family. Please do continue to pray for them, and for the future, as God leads us all into a new and different season.

Other developments:

It is worth noting that some activities have not yet resumed in their pre-Covid form, including Shell & Youth Club. We are regularly asked about these, and continue to pray about the right steps and the way ahead for each – please do join us in these prayers.

- Reaping (events which allow for deeper exploration of faith):

Another event which has been on pause since March 2020 is Messy Church, which has been a key families' outreach since 2011. Plans are currently afoot for 'Messy Church goes wild', with trial

events hoped to take place before the summer. This will retain a focus on unpacking a Bible story and will embrace more activities around nature and outdoor adventures, with a strong ecological emphasis, speaking to major current concerns held by children and young people. The idea has gone down well in discussions with previous Messy Church families and this should provide a sustainable footing for Messy Church to develop in future.

- Keeping (events which facilitate Christian worship and discipleship):

Junior Church:

In the first part of 2020, as with other activities, Junior Church moved online, attracting regular attendances of 6-8 youngsters and including a one-sheet simple origami craft each session alongside a Bible story, discussion and time of prayer. This proved such a vital time during lockdown, that adults began to join in with their children, leading to weekly Fresh Ground services. Junior Church provision is still maintained weekly for the 10.30 service, seeing an occasional attendance, and larger numbers at Christenings and special occasions.

Fresh Ground:

For the latter part of 2020 and all through 2021, Fresh Ground met weekly online, with an all-age focus each time. Many of the attendees commented on how a regular pattern of weekly worship following a series and with a consistent approach proved to be helpful for them in their faith. At the start of 2022, Fresh Ground moved back to in-person meetings while maintaining a weekly pattern of worship: the services remain live-streamed, with a handful of individuals joining via Zoom. There is a simpler breakfast at present in order to make best use of available personnel and resources, being especially mindful of the need for Covid cleaning between the services up until the last few weeks. We have sadly seen some families move away this past year, but are delighted to have welcomed new faces too; we are also overjoyed to be looking to arrange two baptisms in the coming months at this service.

Downderry 'Church on the Beach':

In order to provide in-person fellowship safely for our families, we had an open-air event at Downderry, taking Bible stories and prayers onto the beach in June 2021 and enjoying time together for the first time since lockdown. This event has now happened another four times, most recently Sunday 13th March, and has seen the addition of breakfast and an all-age service indoors in the chapel (also streamed via Zoom), before the time on the beach. Such has been the demand for this event that it even took place in December, with giant Christmas trees built in the sand. The format has been useful in enabling people to 'drop in' for the parts they can make, yet it also gives the chance of a full morning together with lots of things to do, people to meet, and a wonderful, worshipful atmosphere throughout. We have had Fresh Grounders, local chapel members, the wider Wesley family, and the local parish church all in attendance, and managed a live link-up with the 10.30 service at Wesley to pray for one another and sing a hymn together as a family across the Circuit, led by the National Methodist Choir of Great Britain.

Youth Alpha:

This year, 2 group members have left for university while another 3 have joined, meaning group attendance has been a regular 9 youngsters, with a further 3 who attend when they can. Sessions have taken place weekly online (including through school holidays) from the first lockdown in 2020 through until October 2021, then moving back to the regular term-time, in-person meetings. An option to join the group via Zoom is being maintained as there are a few young people who would

struggle to attend regularly without it. The group has worked through some of the newly-revised Youth Alpha material in light of several new attendees joining the group since it was last covered; we have also

looked at a Bible overview and at various core Christian themes. We have seen two firm faith commitments we know about during the group this year, and it has been wonderful to experience much deepening in faith for both adults and young people at the group.

The group recently met for a 'Staycation' day at Wesley, with a weekend away not having been possible since 2020. This allowed for deeper fellowship and discussions, along with more relaxation time together, and was very much appreciated by the young people. We are looking to run another 'Staycation' day before Easter, hosted by Landrake chapel.

Book Giveaway:

Our annual giveaway took place in June 2021, with 36 books being given out to attendees of our online children's clubs, Fresh Ground, and Youth Alpha. Some families we know well and continue to be in contact with from Messy Church in the past also received books. Youth Alpha, for example, all received a 365-day two-minute teen devotional book which we can do together; the books given out are all age-appropriate Christian publications aiming to support and nurture faith in the various individuals who have received them. A selection of books is also kept in stock throughout the year, with 8-10 being given out on average between the annual giveaways as new contacts are made and young people and families enquire about faith. Please do continue to pray for the fruit of this work.

- Back of shop (activities in support of the rest of the work):

Since last year, more of the usual back-of-shop activities have also been taking place in support of the project, including attendance at training for religious inspections in schools; for new outreach initiatives; and attendance at the 2021 Methodist Conference. Wider District responsibilities have continued, too, including taking on the lay employment advisory role for an interim period. Much of the District work is done in a voluntary capacity.

We have also begun to connect to the Cornwall Council Voluntary Sector Forum, which is a supportive gathering for community organisations. It gives an opportunity to explore the Council's strategies in relation to children, young people and families and to offer corporate input to help shape them.

Locally, we have been updating Paediatric First Aid training and Food Hygiene training for several helpers, with a further first aid to be offered in the wider Circuit later in the year.

Several of the Children's work helpers recently attended a Mental Health first aid training session offered by Young People Cornwall, finding it extremely helpful. It focused on how to help children aged 7-11, especially when affected by trauma or adverse childhood experiences, and offered key guidance on how to respond well in difficult circumstances.

Various meetings regularly take place both internally and externally in support of the work, such as the weekly succession planning meetings and discussions about the future at the Children's Action Group, which keeps a regular overview of the project. There is very much a time of change approaching in Circuit life and much thought is being given to enabling core events and activities to continue to flourish throughout the coming year and beyond.

- Project impact report – September 2010 to April 2022

It is difficult to give an overall impression of the work since September 2010, and we will likely each have different aspects from this time together which have been significant to us. I have found the

loving and supportive fellowship of the people of the Saltash Circuit to be a particular blessing, enabling me in my own Christian growth and meaning the area truly feels like home to me. It has been a privilege to be with you for this time, and to serve the wider community together.

Looking back through the diary, here is a snapshot of some of the events undertaken and the people the project has connected with since September 2010 (the figures are worked out as closely as possible):

- Sowing (events which aim to make links and prick interest):

Shell and Youth Club: over 1500 youngsters have attended

Toddlers: Over 200 families

Holiday Club: over 600 children

Virtual kids clubs (Circuit-wide, held during lockdown): over 60 children

Special events:

Film nights: Over 960 attendees and over 150 desserts

Alternative Hallowe'en parties at Wesley and Landrake (in 2010 and then four events more recently): Over 220 attendees

Stalls held at Christmas on Fore Street, Mission Youth (May Day), SaltFest, Kalan Gwav and other events: Over 2500 people reached

Lantern parade: Over 45 lanterns carried

Cardboard boat race: 2 boats sunk

Schoolswork (at the 4 Saltash primaries, Secondary school, and St Mellion):

Assemblies: Over 300 taken

Open the Book assemblies: Over 120 taken, covering over 25 different stories

RE lessons: Over 70 taken

School educational visits to Wesley and Burraton chapels: Over 20 taken

Prayer spaces weeks: 7

Christian Union at Secondary School, with Baptist Church (2012-2015): Over 100 sessions

Total children and young people reached through schoolswork: Over 6100

Port Eliot (2016-2019): Over 1000 people directly engaged, with many more seeing the stall and activities

Monday Gang: Over 20 youngsters since September 2021 (restarting post-Covid)

- Reaping (events which allow for deeper exploration of faith):

Messy Church: 101 sessions; Over 60 families; Over 200 adults and children attended

Sunday evening Bible Study (2015-2018): 4 young adults attended

Sunday Fun Day / Third Sunday (2012-2018): Over 15 families attended

Treasure hunters (Sunday evening junior-age Bible group, 2017-2019): Over 30 youngsters attended

- Keeping (events which facilitate Christian worship and discipleship):

Services at Wesley and around the Circuit, including Sunday worship, Fresh Ground / Big Breakfast, Church on the Beach and FGB on tour: Over 230 taken

Junior Church: Attendances of between 1 and 40 – over 150 children in total

Youth Alpha – we have just passed the 9th anniversary of the first session:

Over 360 clubs have been held since then, plus 5 weekends away and 3 'Staycation' events

Over 40 youngsters have been involved over the years, looking to deepen their Christian faith

Book giveaways:

Across Youth Alpha, Junior Church and Fresh Ground: Over 450 books given

Messy Church: Over 125 books given

- Back of shop (activities in support of the rest of the work):

Training sessions delivered: Over 20

Training sessions attended: Over 160

District / Connexional retreats attended: 8

Meetings attended: (I did initially try to count this!)

Other local organisations networked with: Over 40

District roles undertaken, in support of local work and across Cornwall and Isles of Scilly: 7

Local volunteers directly involved in the work: Over 150, with many more supporting in prayer and other ways

Youth President visits hosted in the Circuit: 2

Prayer partners across Britain who have prayed for every single hour and event we have shared together: 6

Official hours tally (40 hours a week, 606.5 calendar weeks): 24,260

There will be various other church and Circuit activities which are not reflected above, including, for example, pastoral work, personal responses to faith, the hosting of youth groups from elsewhere in Cornwall in their visits to Saltash, and one-off events such as the Walk Cornwall 2 mission and the

handover of the Olympic prayer torch on the Tamar Bridge in 2012. As we think about the time behind us and the season ahead, we know we serve a glorious God, who has called, encouraged, sustained and provided for us along the way and who alone sees all the developments and accomplishments of this time we have been given together. In the coming season, we pray that God will continue to 'establish the work of our hands.'

When I leave post at the end of April, I do not expect my connection with Saltash will end, and it is with gratitude in my heart I will remember you all before God and will think of my time here. I do hope you will continue to pray for me, as I will continue to pray for you.

- Points for prayer:

Many specific prayer points have been mentioned already, but here are some in summary:

- Give thanks for all those the project has connected with, and continue to pray that God would be at work in all lives and households, by His Spirit.
- Psalm 46 has been a recurring Bible passage this last year, speaking of how God is master over chaos and yet favours the still, small voice of personal contact. As a new season approaches for the Circuit, and as the world faces an unsettled time, may we be a people who live and reach out with this peace in our hearts.
- Pray that the Lord would continue to bring us all into His new season for us, helping us to navigate challenges and decisions along the way.

My thanks must go to the wonderful team of helpers who have made all this work possible – it very much has been, and will continue to be, a team effort! Also to Jonathan, for wise and insightful spiritual guidance, and to the wider church and Circuit for prayers and support. 'Now to Him who is

able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever.' (Eph.3:20-21.)

With every blessing,

Chris Clark

Little Fishes – Baby & Toddler Outreach Group

Tuesday mornings 9:15 – 10:45 AM. The picture below shows the sports hall set up for Little Fishes.



Enjoying some sensory play exploring the texture of autumn leaves.

Little Fishes currently have a weekly team of helpers from Wesley. The sessions have a time of relaxed free play, with a messy or creative activity running alongside. They share in a snack time together before finishing off with a circle time of singing (often with Rev. Jonathans ukulele). Several of our Little Fishes families joined us for our most recent holiday club held in February half term.



Making connections and building up relationships with families from our local community.



Playing with Playdough is always a popular activity!

Pastoral Report

The membership figure reported to the Methodist Church for their statistical report as of 1st November 2021 stood at 121. However, since that date we have lost a further 3 members, so our current membership is 118. Since our 2021 ACM was held (via Zoom), it has been another very difficult year due to the Covid pandemic. However, our band of faithful Pastoral Links has risen to the occasion and we have continued to keep in regular contact with the members and adherents in our pastoral groups. At times when we have been unable to meet up in person or visit others in their homes, we have kept in touch via telephone calls, emails and other social media such as WhatsApp groups and Facebook. We are very aware that some of our more elderly members are unable to access modern technology and hence have been unable to join in with our Sunday worship via Zoom.

Since we have been able to return to worship to Wesley last September, the number of worshippers has been steadily increasing as people have begun to feel more comfortable with meeting up in person once again. Our Annual Membership Tickets were distributed in mid-January, together with Presidential Year 2021/2022 Prayer Cards. Our Pastoral Links were encouraged to have conversations with those on their lists who, for whatever reason, still feel unable to return to worship at Wesley. These folk continue to need additional support in order for them to still feel a part of our church fellowship. Rev Jonathan and I wish once again to record our thanks for the wonderful network of pastoral care within our church which remains more important than ever in these uncertain times.

Jo Lambourne

Pastoral Secretary

Mbare/Saltash Partnership Report

Even though we have been through some difficult times recently, this is nothing to what our partners in Mbare are experiencing. I'm pleased to report that we have managed through 'Lockdown' to still send money! This may seem a small thing in some ways, as it falls far short of Mary & Will Sheaffs original aims for the Partnership. However, the situation has deteriorated severely over the last two years. Schools and churches were shut due to COVID and are only allowed to re-open if the people are all vaccinated. This is a problem for many due to escalating costs.

We have continued to raise funds and to send money for the various areas we support, not least the Matthew Rusike Children's Home, Mbare school fees (nothing is free!) and the Methodist Church Relief Fund. This is not the place to go into more detail, but just to give you an idea of the total amount raised up until August last year, it was the sum of £11,364.16.

We thank the Church for this generous support, and realise that many of our individual situations are not improving at this time, but our problems seem small when compared to what the people of Mbare and Zimbabwe are facing. So the committee would like to say a BIG thankyou to all who have supported us in the past and ask that you will continue to do so in the future.

God Bless from the Team

Marguerite Smith

Further details are available from Bob & Ruth Mahy

Wednesday Morning Prayers

Prayer Breakfast was suspended during the lockdowns, but 9 of us agreed to pray at home every Wednesday morning between 8.30 and 9.00 (or as near to that time as we could) and this has continued to the present. Every Tuesday an email is circulated suggesting prayer topics, starting with Wesley and the Circuit, going on to national and international situations, and ending with names of individuals in particular need of our prayers. If you would like to join us please let me know, and if you would like us to pray for you or someone else please contact me.

Bob Mahy

Café Church

Café Church had to be suspended in the first lockdown, but in October 2020 we resumed our 2nd Sunday in the month sessions, but on zoom. This remained the case until July 2021 and enabled us to have speakers from far afield. We also had a large audience each time, again from well beyond Saltash.

In October Rev Jane Willcock spoke about her ministry in the Isles of Scilly. Then in November Hilary Evans, the National President of Methodist Women in Britain, informed us about modern slavery and human trafficking in Britain. In January we were privileged to have Rachel Lampard, a former Vice-President of the Methodist Conference, and at that time coordinator of the Joint Public Issues Team of three denominations. February was a local event with Pat Cooper and Marie Poole telling us about their faith journeys. Rev Cathy Arscott, the Cornwall District President of MWIB, joined us in March to speak about young carers. Steve Wild was the guest in April, and in May we had Rev. Gina Radford, former Deputy Chief Medical Officer for England and currently Team Vicar in South Brent. Chris Clark updated us on all his work with young people and families in June, and, finally, in July we had Jo Crocker who told us about Winchester Action on Climate Change. Since September 2021 we have resumed Café Church sessions live at Wesley and everyone is welcome to join us.

Mel Wallis & Bob Mahy

Early Morning Prayers



From an idea that came from the Children's Action Group, over the past year a small group of people has been using the wonders of technology to pray first thing in the morning. Twice each week, we have seen proof that 6:30am is not at all an 'ungodly hour', but quite the opposite. Meeting on the Zoom platform from our homes, we have maintained shared prayer for 15 minutes on Monday and Thursday. The slots have been led by a variety of people and covered many themes as well as praying for Saltash Wesley, its people and its work. Not everyone can manage such an early hour in the day, but if you would like to join in and you have Zoom installed on

your phone or computer, just follow the link in the weekly emails. Alternatively, if you would like to start another meeting at a different time that might be worth exploring and do have a chat with me about that if that is you.

Revd Jonathan

PALS Report

Last year we held most of our meetings on Zoom, but in the Autumn, following a barbecue held in Cathy and Peter Noakes's garden, we made the decision to recommence our meetings at the Church. To allow for social distancing, if we were a small group we met in the vestibule but for talks we used the church itself. Speakers so far have included Bob Austin on the building of the Tamar Bridge and Julian Langston on Methodist crockery (it was interesting to learn that so many chapels and societies in Cornwall once used their own embossed cups and saucers!) There was also an evening where members of our group were able to recount a memorable time in their lives. A more energetic evening was held recently when table tennis was played in the small hall and carpet bowls in the church – the only difficulty with that being the fact that some runaway bowls ended up under the chairs! We have a varied programme planned for the rest of the year including our usual treasure hunt, croquet and garden safari during the summer months.

Jackie Austin

S.T.A.R.T Ecumenical Men's Group



We are an ecumenical group of Saltash Christian Men who meet on a social basis. Our membership at the end of 2021 was 25, with an average monthly attendance of around 18. We have very diverse set of faiths amongst us which always make for a good conversation piece during our times together.

Unfortunately, since our last report (Jan 2019) Covid struck and we have not met until our Christmas lunch at the Buller's Arms at Landrake in December where 14 of us managed to have lunch together.

During the winter months, we tend to meet for inside events such as museums, talks and most importantly "eating out". The summer months we go out and about. We then finished off the year with a Christmas meal.

My thanks to all those who arranged these visits – it is our ploy for members to arrange twelve meetings per year between them. We had our AGM in January where the 2022 meetings were arranged, and our programme is as follows: -

2022

Jan 21 AGM

Feb 18 Cancelled due to bad weather

Mar 18 "What's my Line"?

Apr 22	The Box
May 20	Buckland Abbey
Jun 17	Burrator
Jul 19	Antony House
Aug 9	Waterside tour (Saltash)
Sep 16	Bodmin Jail
Oct 21	Bruce Hunt (Heritage)
Nov 18	"What's my line 2"
Dec 16	Christmas Meal

We always meet on the 3rd Friday of the month and usually start with a meal in the closest hostelry to our meeting place and anyone who is interested in joining us please call me on 01752 844666 you will be most welcome.

Bob Austin (Chair)

Management Team Report

We have been working very hard during the year. A defibrillator has been purchased by a very kind member of the congregation. We are waiting for the protection box to arrive and it will then be fitted. We have a new electric cooker on order now that the cables etc. have been organised by Bernard Melling and Paul Hambly. The coffee bar downstairs has been repaired and refurbished by the Management team. We are grateful to the members who regularly have kept the church and the toilets clean. My thanks must go to Anita Thompson who works tirelessly keeping us and the accounts in order, and to Craig King for the time he spends upgrading the internet etc. Also, Roger Thompson for taking the reins while I was unwell, and for arranging the cleaning rota etc. Thank you to the people who have helped on work days, but we need more help please.

Steve Tait

Wesley Table Tennis

After a long period of lockdown it was great to return to our table tennis club again in September 2021, although at much reduced fitness levels! The table tennis club is now in its 7th year and we meet every Monday in the Sports Hall from 7.00 pm to 9.00 pm. We break for refreshments and a chat and all are welcome to attend. The club has four tables with an average of 8 people attending each week, so there is very little time waiting for a game. Why not come and improve your own fitness – we are only amateurs and it would be wonderful to see you.

Roger Thompson

Wesley Coffee Shop

It was wonderful to re-open our Wesley Coffee Shop again on 20 September 2021 after an 18 month enforced closure during the Covid pandemic. We open weekly Monday to Friday from 10.00 am to 12 noon. The coffee shop is run by a loyal band of volunteers and if you would be able to spare 2½ hours of your time once a month to help you would be most welcome.

It is important we continue to provide this opportunity to reach out to our own congregation and also to our wider community so your continued support would be much appreciated. Since re-opening we have had visitors and regulars attending from Plymouth, Liskeard, Callington and Launceston. We use Fair Trade products and Indigo Valley filter coffee which is ethically sourced and carbon neutral. Why not come along and enjoy a great coffee experience – we would love to see you.

Roger Thompson



Table Top Sale

Our monthly Table Top sales have re-started, on the last Saturday of each month. With our usual Saturday Coffee Morning running alongside, serving hot drinks and delicious baked items. Do come along and support us.

Many thanks,

Joy Amies

Traidcraft

Traidcraft Trading continued during the pandemic due to ordering via emails, working from home and the treasurer keeping track of it all.



Traidcraft wants to facilitate a conscious lifestyle by providing the very finest fair trade, ethical, organic, recycled, reusable and socially conscious goods.

Many thanks to the regular customers that have supported Traidcraft through the last two years.

Treasurer's Report

Accounts year ended 31 August 2021

The Saltash Wesley Church General accounts for the year ended 31 August 2021 were presented to the Church Council Meeting in October 2021 and the accounts subsequently combined with those for the internal organisations were presented at the February 2022 meeting and have been agreed by Church Council. The accounting records and the combined Standard Form of Accounts have now been audited by David Trill and agreed. Again my thanks to David for his speedy but thorough review of the records and also my thanks to all those who have checked the accounts of the internal organisations.

As mentioned in my report last year, the majority of the internal organisation figures are shown as designated accounts on the Standard Form of Accounts in order to reflect accurate total income and expenditure figures. The accounts for the Saltash/Mbare Partnership and the Music Foundation which are restricted funds have remained outside these figures and have been shown in the restricted organisations summary.

Going through the main sources of income, I am pleased to report that Offerings emerged at **£39,910** compared to **£38,386** in the previous year, an increase of **£1,524**. In fact the offerings were only down by **£666** on the figure of **£40,576** received in the year ended 31 August 2019, which is amazing when taking into account the number of weeks over the last 2 years when it was not possible to hold services at Wesley.

The other main source of income, being hiring of our premises only amounted to **£7,204** compared to **£14,561** in the previous year, i.e. a fall of **£7,357**. This was of course owing to government restrictions relating to the categories of organisations which were mainly medical or educational related, which were able to meet during the periods of complete or partial lockdown in both years. The income during the last 2 years was considerably below that received in 2018 and 2019 which amounted to **£18,836** and **£15,649** respectively. However groups have begun to return and new bookings have been received in the last few months so it is hoped that our hiring income will again return to the level received in 2018.

It was necessary to delay our Gift Day in May 2020 until October 2020. A further Gift Day was then held in July 2021 so that in 2022 we should be able to return to the normal spring date. An amount of **£5,241** was received from individuals in October and **£5,840** in July, a total of **£11,081** during the financial year. In 2019 the amount received from individuals was **£5,332** so my grateful thanks to all who have contributed so generously. The amount received from organisations over the two years amounted to **£3,796** (2019 - £5,016) because most internal organisations have not met for over 18 months and reduced their balances to minimal amounts on the October Gift Day. The enforced lockdowns will also have a knock on effect to the amount which internal organisations will be able to contribute to general funds in May 2022.

Sundry donations amounted to **£1,640** compared to **£9,215** in 2020 and the amount received from funerals and bequests was also down from **£6,994** in 2020 to **£105** in 2021. In addition owing to the pandemic it was not possible to hold any table top sales, week day coffee mornings or craft fairs which resulted in losses of income of **£900**, **£4,064** and **£438** compared to that achieved in 2019 when we were fully open.

Income from investments was down by **£702** and amounted to **£4,879** during the year with **£4,637** being received from investments via Brewin Dolphin, **£239** from TMCP and **£3** bank interest. The drop in income being mainly because of reduced interest rates and dividend distributions in the last financial year.

The Gift Aid Tax reclaim was down by **£2,514** and amounted to **£13,282**. This is mainly because the amounts receivable of **£1,990** under the Gift Aid Small Donations scheme for each of the years ended 5 April 2019 and 2020 was received during the year ended 31 August 2020. The amount for the year ended 5

April 2021 was received in October 2021, but only amounted to **£160** owing to the amount received in cash collections or donations qualifying under GASDS over the year was minimal compared to the previous year.

The solar power pay-back received amounted to **£3,996** and was down by **£1,193** on the previous year. This was however mainly owing to the meter reading in August 2019 being submitted late in November 2019 thus increasing the rebate disclosed in the accounts last year.

A total of **£27,155** was received towards our Children's and Families Worker project with **£20,000** received in grants and **£7,155** from church members. This compares to **£28,050** in 2020 when income from the jacket potato lunches contributed towards the total.

Total income for the year including that of the internal organisations amounted to **£116,380** compared to **£139,951** in the previous year.

Turning to expenses, our major expense was the Circuit assessment which amounted to **£57,652** which was slightly down owing to a catch up figure of **£431** due in August 2019 being paid in November 2019. Otherwise the assessment has remained the same for the last 2 years. It was not been possible for the Circuit Treasurer to revise the assessment figures owing to the fact that there was no attendance count in October 2020 on which part of the assessment is normally based.

Insurance and utilities totalled only **£5,152**, (2020 - £7,648) being insurance **£3,650** (2020 £3,648), water rates **£175** (2020 - £909), electricity **£582** (2020 - £1,805) and gas **£745** (2020 - £1,286) overall a decrease of **£2,496**, once again as a result of the Church premises being shut and also negotiation with our electricity supplier as a result of the electricity meter being faulty. The total cost of insurance and utilities in 2019 was **£8,566**. Fortunately we have fixed rate contracts in place until 31 July 2022 for electricity and until March 2023 for gas, so we have been cushioned against the exorbitant increases in fuel charges. Obviously we will need to carefully monitor our electricity and gas consumption in the coming months.

Building maintenance totalled only **£1,173** compared to **£7,475** in 2020. Unfortunately despite intensive efforts and negotiations it has still not been possible to access Bostraze, the adjacent property, in order to complete the re-rendering of the Sports Hall wall although we have been assured that this work will commence within the next month.

Equipment additions and repairs totalled **£6,240** (£2,847 – 2020). The major items included in the expenditure were **£2,241** on the stairs and coffee bar carpet and fitting, **£890** boiler service and repairs, **£1,118** for the new water heater and **£1,374** for cameras and live streaming equipment via Zoom.

Telephone costs emerged at **£1,427** for the year an increase of **£146** on 2020 and **£481** compared to the 2019 figure. This is mainly because we were out of contract with BT whilst awaiting the change to Virgin Media, which was necessary to increase the internet speeds required for live streaming and faster wi-fi connection.

Cleaning and consumables amounted **£888** mainly for the purchase of Covid related equipment and consumables with **£854** having been expended in the previous year on similar items.

The cost of our Shell and Youth Club leader totalled **£5,231** which included a redundancy payment. However a total of **£2,321** was received from the government Job Retention Scheme to offset against this expense.

We are grateful to Phil Taylor, our organist for not claiming any organist fees during the 18 month period when we were unable to fully open. It was not necessary to have the organ and the piano in the church tuned until we re-opened for services, thus total costs of tuning were reduced from £1,080 in 2020 to **£526** in the last financial year.

Cleaner costs emerged at **£546** (2020 - **£1,571**), down following the retirement of our cleaner from paid employment in December 2021. We however are very grateful to Carolyn Statton for continuing many of her cleaning duties on a voluntary basis. Thank you also to those members of our congregation and the

lock-up teams who have made it possible to clean and keep our premises Covid safe over the last two years. Most of the other expenses emerged as anticipated and were in line with the previous years.

Total income disclosed by the Standard form of Account is therefore **£116,380** (2020 – 139,951) and expenses **£125,039** (2020 - £135,800). It was fortunate that we managed to reduce our expenditure by almost **£10,800** during this difficult time. Thus the net excess of expenditure over income for the year amounted to **£8,659** compared to the surplus in the previous year of **£4,151**. Taking into account the unprecedented events over the last 2 years I am actually quite hearted that the net deficit over the two accounting years covered by the pandemic was only just over **£4,500**.

As at 31 August 2021 the bank and cash balances held locally in the general account amounted to **£35,507** compared to £ 40,515 at the end of the previous accounting period. In addition internal organisations held a total of **£3,748** (2020- £7,398), (excluding Mbare and the Music Foundation).

On 31 August 2021 the valuation of the Henwood bequest amounted to **£246,048** compared to £205,774 at the end of the previous accounting date, an increase of **£40,274**.

The amount held by the Trustees for Methodist Church purposes as at 31 August 2021 amounted to **£40,168** (2020 - £37,831) of which **£25,748** (2020 - £25,741) related to Model Trust Funds and **£14,420** (2020 - £12,090) to Permanent Endowment Funds. Therefore total funds (excluding bank and cash balances in restricted funds as at 31 August 2021 amounted to **£325,469** compared to **£291,517** in 2020, an increase of **£33,952**. This comprises **£8,659** deficit of income for the year and unrealised gains on investments of **£42,611** unrealised gains in the value of investments.

The Church Council has agreed a reserves policy of 40% of the expenditure from General Funds for the previous financial year excluding those items of expenditure which were simply passed on through the funds. The amount available in general funds as at 31 August 2021 represented **50.9%** of the total general funds expenditure. This is temporarily above our reserves level because of reduced expenditure in the last financial year.

Separately I have prepared a schedule of donations made to various charities during the year ended 31 August 2021 which totalled **£11,954**, including those made to our partner church in Mbare. This was not unsurprisingly down on the previous year when total charitable donations reached **£13,289** as it was impossible to hold many of our usual fund raising events. In addition **£737** was raised towards the proposed visit by members of our partner church in Mbare.

Current position

I have recently prepared a draft income and expenditure account for the six months to 28 February 2022. Total income received amounted to **£59,003** compared to £61,618 in the same period in the previous year. The decrease is mainly because of the Gift Day which was delayed from the spring of 2020 to October 2020 when income of £8,376 was received. However to offset this our hiring income emerged at **£9,151**, an increase of **£6,131** compared to the same period in the previous year. Offerings amounted to **£19,336** (2021 - £19,191).

Total expenditure in the 6 months amounted to **£69,761** with the main expense being the circuit assessment amounting to **£28,826**. It has also been necessary to purchase a new electric cooker at a cost of **£4,017** including installation materials which was less expensive than the additional gas works which

would be required to ensure that the existing gas oven and extraction system complied with current health and safety legislation. In addition we have upgraded the church tech computer, screens and wiring at a cost of **£1,763** and we thank Craig King and Paul Melling for all their expertise in completing this task.

We are very grateful to a generous member of our congregation who has financed the cost of a defibrillator and container box which we expect to be installed outside our premises within the next 4 weeks.

We have donated **£1,000** to the deficit which has arisen on the ministers' pension reserve fund following an appeal by the Connexion.

Separately we have also paid **£648** for 5 members of our congregation to complete a first aid training course and 8 members have successfully obtained food hygiene certificates.

From the above figures you will note that there is a deficit of income amounting to **£10,757** in the first six months of the current financial year compared to **£2,439** in the same period last year. However our financial position at the end of February annually is often the worst for the year. I trust the position will be reversed by funds received at our annual Gift Day in May or June and the Gift Aid tax refund before 31 August 2022.

Finally, I would like to sincerely thank all our Church family not only for their tremendous generosity and commitment both spiritually, practically and financially to the continuing work at Wesley, in our town community and the wider Circuit but also for their ongoing financial assistance to the charities supported each year.

Anita Thompson - Church Treasurer.

SALTASH WESLEY METHODIST CHURCH

DONATIONS TO CHARITIES YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021

	£	
Action Aid	180.00	Tuesday Circle
Action for Children	264.28	Collection Boxes
Christian Aid	20.00	Personal Donation
Mbare Methodist Church Relief Fund	1,477.50	Christmas Gifts
Mbare Methodist Church Relief Fund	205.00	Fiona Budd Walk
Matthew Rusike Children's Home	15.00	Fiona Budd Walk
Mbare Methodist Church Relief Fund	634.39	Gift Aid
Mbare School Fees	634.39	Gift Aid
Kernow Young Carers	40.00	Café Church
Methodist World Mission	25.00	Tuesday Circle
Mbare Methodist Church Relief Fund	60.00	Pals
Mbare Methodist Church Relief Fund	2,088.75	Personal Donations
Mbare School Fees	4,290.00	Personal Donations
Matthew Rusike Children's Home	20.00	Personal Donations
Mbare Methodist Church Relief Fund	262.50	Plant Sale
Mbare School Fees	262.50	Plant Sale
Saltash Foodbank	20.00	Personal Donation
St. Petrocs Christmas Appeal	525.00	Retiring Collection
Stop the Traffik	50.00	Café Church
Mbare Methodist Church Relief Fund	240.00	Traidcraft
Mbare School Fees	200.00	Traidcraft
Traidcraft Exchange	250.00	Traidcraft
Matthew Rusike Children's Home	190.00	Wesley Christmas Card
TOTAL	<u>£11,954.31</u>	

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Church

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31 August 2021

SALTASH	Circuit	Circuit no	12/22
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Registered Charity - Charity Registration number

1127542

If not a registered charity **Her Majesty's Revenue and
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Minister:

Reverend Jonathan Budd

Church Stewards:

Mrs. Anne Melling	
Mr, Christopher Gittins	
Mrs. Caroline Hambly	Retired 30 April 2021
Professor Noel Morgan	Retired 30 November 2020
Mr. Derek Holley	
Miss Elspeth Nicolls	
Mrs. Rosemary Witts	Appointed 1 May 2021

Treasurer:

Mrs. Anita Thompson

SECTION A		Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
		£	£	£	£	£
a1	RECEIPTS	Note				
a2	Offerings and Tax recovered	53,193			53,193	54,183
a3	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income	31		4,847	4,878	5,581
a4	Lettings	7,204			7,204	14,561
a5	Other receipts	19,781	4,169	27,155	51,105	65,626
a6	TOTAL RECEIPTS	80,209	4,169	32,002	116,380 (a7)	139,951

SECTION B						
b1	PAYMENTS					
b2	Circuit Assessment or Share	57,652			57,652	58,084
b3	Donations		1,005		1,005	890
b4	Repairs and Maintenance	7,767		172	7,939	11,403
b5	Utilities (Insurances, water charges, heating & lighting)	5,152			5,152	7,648
b6	Children's and Families Worker	3,043		27,155	30,198	29,992
b7	Other payments	14,728	3,690	4,675	23,093	27,783
b8	TOTAL PAYMENTS	88,342	4,695	32,002	125,039 (b9)	135,800

SECTION C						
c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	(a6-b8)	(8,133)	(526)	(8,659)	4,151
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year	66,256	7,358	40	73,654 (c6)	69,484
c3	Sub total	(c1+c2)	58,123	6,832	40	73,635
c4	Transfers and adjustments	3,131	(3,084)	(40)	7 (c7)	19
c5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR	(c3+c4)	61,254	3,748	65,002 (c8)	73,654 (c6)

SECTION D			
FOR INFORMATION ONLY: MONEY RECEIVED AND PASSED ON TO EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS			
d	(these amounts are not to be included in total receipts/payments figures above)	£	£
d1	Balance brought forward from last year	4,579	7,664
d2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations	15,902	18,328
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations	12,651	21,413
d4	BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID	7,830	4,579
	(d1+d2-d3)		

SUMMARY OF CHURCH ACCOUNTS AND INTERNAL ORGANISATIONS REPORTING TO THE CHURCH COUNCIL**SECTION E**

Please follow the Guidance Notes to complete this page

Summary of the Church accounts for the year ended 31 August 2021 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 Music Foundation					684	684
e2 Saltash Mbare Partnership	740	3	737		2,797	3,534
e3						
e4						
e5						
e6						
e7						
e8 Sub total of Internal Organisations funds	740	3	737		3,481 (e11)	4,218 (e1)
e9 Church accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)	116,380 (a7)	125,039 (b9)	(8,659)	7 (c7)	73,654 (c6)	65,002 (c8)
e10 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	117,120	125,042	(7,922)	7	77,135 (x)	69,220 (y)
Continue on a separate sheet if necessary and bring the totals forward	TOTAL RECEIPTS	TOTAL PAYMENTS				

SECTION F**STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES**

CHURCH - CASH FUNDS HELD at 31 August 2021	OPENING BALANCES	CLOSING BALANCES
f1 Cash in hand	1,383	557
f2 Bank Current Account	3,046	1,731
f3 Bank Deposit Account	37,469	33,775
f4 Central Finance Board		
f5 Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes	25,741	25,748
f6 Other funds	6,015	3,191
f7 SUB TOTAL - Church accounts	73,654 (c6)	65,002 (c8)
f8 Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance total from above) (e12)	3,481 (e11)	4,218 (e12)
f9 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	77,135 (x)	69,220 (y)

SECTION G

OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES	At 1 September 2020	At 31 August 2021
g1 Investments (include Endowments)	217,863	260,467
g2 Land & Buildings (see notes re Insurance value)	3,542,950	3,677,183
g3 Other Assets	932,355	967,679
g4 Loan(s) - show amount outstanding at year end		
g5 Other Liabilities		

f4 Include only Funds held at the Central Finance Board

f5 Include only Funds held at Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes

g1 Include any other investments (not the cash element of TMCP trusts accounts this is included in line f5)

Name of Church SALTASH WESLEY METHODIST CHURCH -.....No...22/12

Declarations and Scrutiny

I confirm that these Receipt and Payment based accounts for the year to 31 August 2021 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 *A. Thompson* Date *1st February 2022*

Name and address of treasurer Mrs. Anita Thompson
26 Long Park Road, Saltash, Cornwall
PL12 4AH

Presentation to the Church trustees

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2021 were/will be presented to the meeting of the Church trustees held on 1 February 2022

Signature of the Chair of the meeting *R. Jonathan Budd* *1.3.22.*

Name of the Chair of the meeting *JONATHAN BUDD.* Date *1.3.22.*

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

SALTASH WESLEY METHODIST CHURCH

Charity Number 1127542

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Saltash Wesley Methodist Church for the year ended 31 August 2021 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.

* delete or circle as appropriate

Name of Church: **SALTASH WESLEY METHODIST CHURCH**

No: **12/22**

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.

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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 David Trill

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner ACIB

Name of firm (where appropriate)

Address 4 Fenten Park
Saltash, Cornwall
Post Code PL12 6DQ

Date

13th February 2022

* delete or circle as appropriate

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Reverend Jonathan Budd

Church Stewards:

Mrs. Anne Melling	
Mr, Christopher Gittins	
Mrs. Caroline Hambly	Retired 30 April 2021
Professor Noel Morgan	Retired 30 November 2020
Mr. Derek Holley	
Miss Elspeth Nicolls	
Mrs. Rosemary Witts	Appointed 1 May 2021

Treasurer:

Mrs. Anita Thompson

SECTION A		Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
		£	£	£	£	£
a1	RECEIPTS	Note				
a2	Offerings and Tax recovered	53,193			53,193	54,183
a3	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income	31		4,847	4,878	5,581
a4	Lettings	7,204			7,204	14,561
a5	Other receipts	19,781	4,169	27,155	51,105	65,626
a6	TOTAL RECEIPTS	80,209	4,169	32,002	116,380 (a7)	139,951

SECTION B						
b1	PAYMENTS					
b2	Circuit Assessment or Share	57,652			57,652	58,084
b3	Donations		1,005		1,005	890
b4	Repairs and Maintenance	7,767		172	7,939	11,403
b5	Utilities (Insurances, water charges, heating & lighting)	5,152			5,152	7,648
b6	Children's and Families Worker	3,043		27,155	30,198	29,992
b7	Other payments	14,728	3,690	4,675	23,093	27,783
b8	TOTAL PAYMENTS	88,342	4,695	32,002	125,039 (b9)	135,800

SECTION C						
c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	(a6-b8)	(8,133)	(526)	(8,659)	4,151
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year	66,256	7,358	40	73,654 (c6)	69,484
c3	Sub total	(c1+c2)	58,123	6,832	40	73,635
c4	Transfers and adjustments	3,131	(3,084)	(40)	7 (c7)	19
c5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR	(c3+c4)	61,254	3,748	65,002 (c8)	73,654 (c6)

SECTION D			
FOR INFORMATION ONLY: MONEY RECEIVED AND PASSED ON TO EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS			
d	(these amounts are not to be included in total receipts/payments figures above)	£	£
d1	Balance brought forward from last year	4,579	7,664
d2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations	15,902	18,328
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations	12,651	21,413
d4	BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID	7,830	4,579
	(d1+d2-d3)		

SUMMARY OF CHURCH ACCOUNTS AND INTERNAL ORGANISATIONS REPORTING TO THE CHURCH COUNCIL**SECTION E****Please follow the Guidance Notes to complete this page**

Summary of the Church accounts for the year ended 31 August 2021 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 Music Foundation					684	684
e2 Saltash Mbare Partnership	740	3	737		2,797	3,534
e3						
e4						
e5						
e6						
e7						
e8 Sub total of Internal Organisations funds	740	3	737		3,481 (e11)	4,218 (e1)
e9 Church accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)	116,380 (a7)	125,039 (b9)	(8,659)	7 (c7)	73,654 (c6)	65,002 (c8)
e10 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	117,120	125,042	(7,922)	7	77,135 (x)	69,220 (y)
Continue on a separate sheet if necessary and bring the totals forward	TOTAL RECEIPTS	TOTAL PAYMENTS				

SECTION F**STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES**

CHURCH - CASH FUNDS HELD at 31 August 2021	OPENING BALANCES	CLOSING BALANCES
f1 Cash in hand	1,383	557
f2 Bank Current Account	3,046	1,731
f3 Bank Deposit Account	37,469	33,775
f4 Central Finance Board		
f5 Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes	25,741	25,748
f6 Other funds	6,015	3,191
f7 SUB TOTAL - Church accounts	73,654 (c6)	65,002 (c8)
f8 Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance total from above) (e12)	3,481 (e11)	4,218 (e12)
f9 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	77,135 (x)	69,220 (y)

SECTION G

OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES	At 1 September 2020	At 31 August 2021
g1 Investments (include Endowments)	217,863	260,467
g2 Land & Buildings (see notes re Insurance value)	3,542,950	3,677,183
g3 Other Assets	932,355	967,679
g4 Loan(s) - show amount outstanding at year end		
g5 Other Liabilities		

f4 Include only Funds held at the Central Finance Board

f5 Include only Funds held at Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes

g1 Include any other investments (not the cash element of TMCP trusts accounts this is included in line f5)

Name of Church SALTASH WESLEY METHODIST CHURCH -.....No...22/12

Declarations and Scrutiny

I confirm that these Receipt and Payment based accounts for the year to 31 August 2021 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 *A. Thompson* Date *1st February 2022*

Name and address of treasurer Mrs. Anita Thompson
26 Long Park Road, Saltash, Cornwall
PL12 4AH

Presentation to the Church trustees

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2021 were/will be presented to the meeting of the Church trustees held on 1 February 2022

Signature of the Chair of the meeting *R. Jonathan Budd* *1.3.22.*

Name of the Chair of the meeting *JONATHAN BUDD.* Date *1.3.22.*

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

SALTASH WESLEY METHODIST CHURCH

Charity Number 1127542

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Saltash Wesley Methodist Church for the year ended 31 August 2021 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.

* delete or circle as appropriate

Name of Church: **SALTASH WESLEY METHODIST CHURCH**

No: **12/22**

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.

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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 David Trill

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner ACIB

Name of firm (where appropriate)

Address 4 Fenten Park
Saltash, Cornwall
Post Code PL12 6DQ

Date

13th February 2022

* delete or circle as appropriate

Accounts

SALTASH WESLEY METHODIST CHURCH

Annual Church Meeting

Sunday 7th March 2021

REPORTS

INTRODUCTION FROM THE MINISTER

Once again, we reach the Annual Church Meeting. Usually, there would be much more in these reports, but this has been no usual year for any of us, nor for Saltash, Wesley. The onset of the Covid-19 pandemic has brought a halt to many things that we were running or involved with, and others have required a lot of creativity to keep going. It is with sadness that we are having to hold our meeting online, knowing this will exclude some, but no better alternative is available at this point.

I want to pay tribute to those people who have laboured away, often behind the scenes, doing very practical but necessary work through this strange time. Stewards, staff, volunteers in lots of areas have achieved more than we might have thought possible twelve months ago, and we have done our best as a church to continue supporting our members and adherents with worship, pastoral care and practical help. I am frequently humbled by how ready to serve people are, and how generous. You will see in our financial reports that though things are much harder at the moment, there has been again great generosity shown by the members of the church. We can take pride in these responses, because to do so is to be proud of God's work among us, and to him be the glory. As we think today and in the coming months how our work needs to be reshaped, we pray to see more and more God's hand shaping us. I commend these reports to you, with thanks.

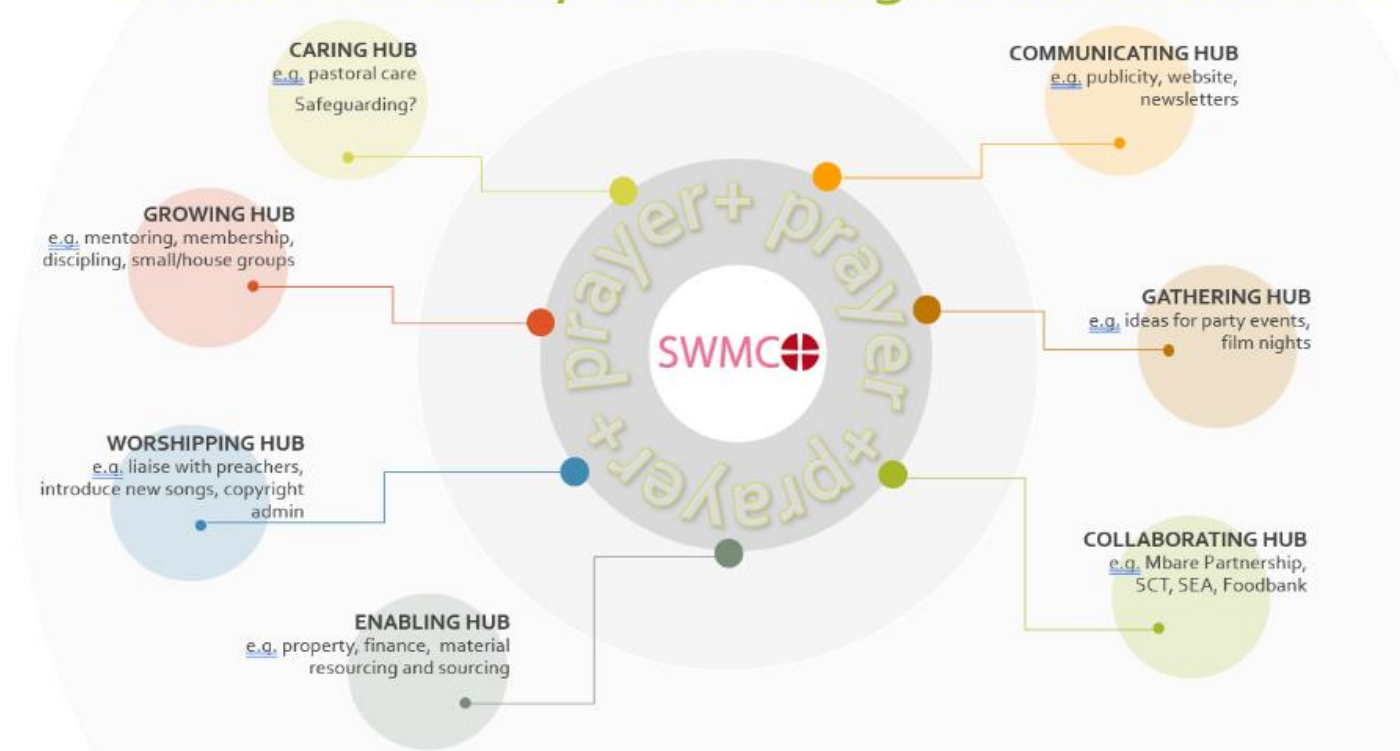
Revd Jonathan Budd

ACM Presentation of CFW Project Working Group

Over the winter months, at the instruction of the Church Council a small group comprised of the Minister, our Children and Families Worker, Chris Clark, Joanna Couch our administrator and Caroline Hambly met to examine the future direction of the Children and Families project which employs our worker. Over the course of five meetings many related matters were discussed, culminating in a proposal to develop a more integrated way of working at Wesley, one which allows through focussing on similar areas rather than committee structures more people to feel a sense of involvement in and understanding of what we do. As part of this, it is proposed that the church look to continue the paid post, once again seeking funding from external bodies as well as internal funds. It is clear that we are in a time of budgets being tightened, and so we will need to accept that finding the finance may not be easy, but we bring this to the ACM hoping to set the course as a church, and work the details through in the months ahead. Headline recommendations are:

- 1. Plan to fund CFW post for an additional year, initially, to assist transitioning to new ways of working**
- 2. Areas of current CFW work to be reprioritised and/or refocussed, and 'cutting to cloth'**
- 3. CFW work be fully integrated to life of church (no longer a side project or 'an aspect')**
- 4. Salaried role continues but evolves from current CFW role into a 'Church Family Coordinator' role.**

A different way of looking at what we do.



The diagram to the above gives an outline of the areas we hope can be used to reshape our work, but it is not possible to give a full explanation in this brief report and more detail will be given at the ACM and in months to come as they are developed.

STEWARDS REPORT

As my time as our Senior Steward comes towards its end, I must reflect on what a different year it has been for us all. I would normally wish to write about all the varied and wonderful activities that take place at Wesley each week but of course we have not been able to meet for any social activities in the church or even worship for many months now, apart from a brief interlude in December.

It is my fervent hope that we will see some form of a return towards normality in the not-too-distant future and I look forward to being able to meet in person again with so many friends at Wesley who I have not been able to meet with for some time now.

Of course, I must also express my huge thanks to all the hard work that has continued during the last year. The Zoom services have I think been an outstanding success and are hugely valued by a lot of people who attend regularly, including many who had moved on from worshipping at Wesley prior to the pandemic who have been very welcome on the Zoom services too. A lot of work goes into the planning of these services from the message to the various contributors and of course the IT support behind the scenes to make the services run smoothly and also to make them as accessible as possible, including the distribution of CDs for those unable to access the service online.

Away from the services, so much was done to make Wesley 'COVID safe', and I would like to express my thanks to all those who worked so hard with things like hand gel stations, markings on the floor, enhanced cleaning routines and all the planning that went in to making this happen.

We have also seen the weekly Salt & Light newsletter. Again, there is a lot of work required to produce this and also to distribute to those not on email. My thanks go to all those involved.

It has also been a busy year for various committees as much of the work at Wesley continues. The Stewards have met in the most part every three weeks to discuss essential business and we have become used to seeing each other on Zoom and being able to discuss the key issues that have arisen. Also, management committee has continued to meet and various essential maintenance jobs have been taking place while the building is seeing much reduced use. It has been a big effort on behalf of all those who have been involved in this and also the maintaining of the finances of the church.

I must also thank the Pastoral visitors and group leaders who have worked so well keeping in touch with people and making sure that they are coping ok during these difficult times.

There have been other nice touches that have brightened people's days too. A big effort has been made to provide colourful and cheerful displays on the front windows of the church, and these have made me smile as I have paused to look at them on so many of my daily walks around Saltash. As I type this the Valentines hearts display is up conveying a message of love and hope for all of us. I must also mention the recent distribution of daffodils to members of our congregation, which brightened many homes as they were received recently. Thank you to all those involved.

I hope I have given a small flavour of the work that has taken place over the last year, and I hope that you all, like me, feel optimistic for the future that we will, God willing, move forward from this pandemic and be able to meet in fellowship and to worship our God again in the near future.

Chris Gittins

PASTORAL REPORT

Firstly, the official business of providing membership statistics for the Methodist Church. Our membership figure reported on 1st November 2020 was 127. Since then we have sadly lost two more members through death, and two who have elected to become adherents rather than full members. Hence our current membership stands at 123. What a very unusual year it has been since our last ACM. But although many of our regular church activities have had to be put on hold during the Covid-19 pandemic, in fact it has proved to be a very busy and rewarding time for our pastoral team. Our 35 Pastoral Links have all been working very hard and have been in regular contact with all those on their pastoral lists. In addition, at the beginning of the first lockdown back in March 2020, we compiled a list of other volunteers who were willing to offer more practical help such as shopping, picking up prescriptions etc. for those who were shielding and unable to venture out themselves. We have also been particularly aware of the additional loneliness and lack of fellowship felt by those of our congregation who have been unable to access our Sunday morning worship on Zoom. Although it has without doubt been a very difficult year, we have tried to ensure that we have kept in more regular touch with each other than usual, and hopefully we have helped people feel that their Wesley support network has still been very much alive. My personal thanks go to Rev Jonathan who has worked closely with me, ensuring that one or other of us has contacted all our Pastoral Links, on a regular rota basis. I must also pay tribute to many members of our congregation, who have extended the hand of friendship by offering practical and spiritual support and encouragement to others. We are so blessed to belong to such a vibrant part of the Body of Christ. As we journey further into 2021, the future of our church life still looks very uncertain, but with God's help I am confident that we will continue to keep our regular pastoral links going until such time as we can meet again physically.

Jo Lambourne, Pastoral Secretary

MANAGEMENT REPORT

Whilst Wesley has been in COVID 'lock down' mode for most of the past year your Management Committee has been active in keeping the finances and property in good order by meeting every 6 weeks via Zoom. Owing to Government restrictions we have been obliged to cancel normal church services and the extensive use by our organisations and outside lettings. In anticipation of relaxations, we carried out in depth Risk Assessments and alterations to our premises for a period of very limited reopening. We have however been able to accept bookings from NHS Diabetic Eye and Podiatric Assessment Clinics. Link into Learning Adult Education sessions have been restricted in line with Government Guidelines for schools and hopefully with resume shortly. Risk Assessments were completed before Christmas for a number of outside hirers who had wished to hire our premises from January 2021, but once again Covid restrictions prevented.

We need to thank many people for their unstinting help in so many ways in particular to our Treasurer who has spent many hours keeping our finances in order, Jo in the office, Craig for his expertise in administering the virtual Zoom meetings and services. Our thanks also go to Carolyn Statton on her retirement after many years carrying

out her cleaning duties at our Church premises so diligently. Carolyn has offered to continue in a voluntary capacity and will join a small group who are keeping our Church premises clean and Covid safe. If there are any other members of our Church congregation who could give a little time to assist in this way, please contact Roger Thompson.

PROPERTY REPORT

Apart from the regular help with the many small maintenance jobs by our own members, we have paid to resurface part of the service road between the rear entrance to our Church and Greenwich Place, who funded part of this expenditure. Extensive repairs are in the process of being carried out to the white wall pebble dash rendering and should be completed shortly. Following the decoration of the coffee bar by our own members, a new carpet has been fitted in the stairway and the coffee bar, with new lighting on the stairs giving the whole area a bright and fresh new look. In addition the small hall floor has been sanded down and re-polished.

Our thanks must also go to David Wood for all his gardening expertise and for keeping the garden and flower displays so immaculate. Thank you also to David Lawton for maintenance to the front and back grass areas and hedges.

Steve Tait: Chair of Management

CHILDREN AND FAMILIES REPORT

When the Children's Action Group met at the beginning of March last year, we came up with all sorts of plans for 2020, finishing the meeting with an acknowledgement that we would have to keep an eye on the developing situation around Coronavirus to see if it would have any impact on the work. Since then ...

Scootathon and **film night** took place just ahead of the closure of activities in March, seeing great attendances and raising money for Water Aid and the childrens work resource budget respectively. Many other events, including several **Fresh Ground trips** to Donderry and the planned launch of a **youth club** in Donderry Methodist Chapel, have had to be put on hold.

Activities which have moved online since March, via the Zoom platform, include **Junior Church**, **Youth Alpha**, **Messy Church**, **holiday clubs**, the **Children's Action Group** and recently **Fresh Ground** – these are now usually hosted from a purpose-built tech setup at Wesley. More details on each group can be found below.

Schoolswork has continued in part, with two of the Saltash primary schools requesting 'virtual' **assemblies**, either online via Google Meet or pre-recorded for schools to play to individual classes. **Open the Book**, the ecumenical assemblies team, is currently on pause, as are **RE lessons**, consideration of a **possible new school** at Broadmoor/Treledan, and the **Prayer Spaces in Schools** initiative. Regular contact remains in place with all local schools to assess needs and for distribution of publicity.

Other activities which have been continued in different ways include links with **other youth organisations**, including the Town Youth Council and the National Youth Agency (who regulate all youth activities in England and have been providing regular webinars on Covid compliance for the sector) and charities such as Fareshare, the food hunger charity, with whom opportunities for collaboration are being explored. The annual **book giveaway**, covering all devotional groups including Messy Church, also took place in the summer of 2020. The giveaway was, with a little creativity, covered entirely by books we already had in stock, with socially-distanced deliveries taking place in compliance with guidelines. Families were grateful for the books during a year with lots of time at home together, and were particularly appreciative of the church contact.

Shell and Youth Club have both been on hold, at least in their usual format, since March, with the Shell & Youth Leader initially taking the opportunity to attend to things usually done during the holidays, such as an overhaul

and review of our records and databases. That done, time was then spent keeping in contact with as many of the families who usually attend as possible, either via Facebook or phonecalls – the clubs will usually receive an attendance of around 300 youngsters over the course of a school year (we had almost reached that number by March 2020). Since November 2020 and in light of increasing funding challenges, the **Shell and Youth Leader role** was placed on furlough, which remains the case at present. An action plan is being devised for safe reopening of the clubs to bring to the Covid group for approval when time is right, while some potential new initiatives for the format of the groups are also being considered.

Youth Alpha has had some good attendances for its Zoom sessions, especially during lockdowns when sports clubs were also closed, and has kept going at the request of its members during all school holidays. The group had wanted to do some Bible overview, looking at whole books to get an overall sense of their story, and so we have covered Mark's Gospel the start of Genesis. There is flexibility so that other themes can receive attention when needed. We have recently seen new members joining the group and are also currently considering the possibility of running a course to offer **church membership** for the attendees.

Various options were tested for **Junior Church** before a 9.30am slot preceding the 10am service was settled upon. This has seen good regular attendance, but grew into the 'Fresh Ground: Mini' format, in November 2020.

Fresh Ground: Mini arose out of the desire for an informal, all-age style of worship, especially among those who used to attend Fresh Ground: Breakfast or the monthly Fresh Ground prayer meeting. There was also a concern that the cross-generational relationships so natural to Fresh Ground meetings were beginning to fade, and so the session allows for time to catch up at the beginning and end over breakfast, and is open to the Circuit. It begins at 9.15am each week on the same Zoom feed as the 10am service and currently has a simple format, of a song & prayer at the start and end around the usual junior church session (quiz & story with short discussion). These are very much open to the wider church and Circuit – please do come along and see what happens.

Holiday clubs were unexpectedly popular after their move online, with three sessions in August being followed up with special clubs for All Hallows' Eve (focused on light, and filling the slot of the popular Circuit light party at Landrake) and for Bonfire night. This has since developed into a **regular online children's club**, meeting around twice per half term, covering Advent, Christmas, Jesus in the temple, and Jesus in the desert, with upcoming clubs planned for the themes of Palm Sunday (session on 27th March) and Easter (session on 10th April). These clubs have seen attendances of around 10-15 families booking in, often with several children present on each individual Zoom feed. Kit bags containing crafts and snacks have been prepared and delivered in advance by a team of helpers, giving families things to do before and after the club and extending its interest, while the sessions themselves have been reduced to 45 minutes as a healthy limit for screen time. The clubs have been very much appreciated by the families, and also quite popular with the helpers. While the online format is of course limited, it irones out some of the challenges that come with a physical club (children finishing crafts at different times, background noise etc) while still allowing time in small groups to build relations, talk about the story and catch up with each other. A **New Years' Eve party** for the church and local community was held in a similar style, organised by the church stewards, drawing in new attendees to our other activities. Regular **prayer meetings** have also been organised for these clubs and for the wider work. It has been wonderful to have so many parents attending these events alongside their children, helped by the Zoom requirement that under-13s must be supervised on the platform, giving a broader connection into family life.

Messy Church has taken several forms since it paused physical meetings in March 2020, initially moving online on the first Saturday of the month, with a shorter slot of around 20-25 minutes and taking a format similar to the

worship slot in the physical session, often supplemented by a craft that could be made out of a single sheet of paper at home (for example, it is even possible to make a musical instrument with just one A4 sheet). Attendances were mixed for these sessions, with several families attending, but rarely all at once; it has therefore made practical sense to combine Messy Church with the new **online children's club** (described above) for the present.

In the absence of the town events which would have seen our involvement, such as **May Fair, Regatta, Mission Youth, Kalan Gwav** and the **Fore Street Christmas** event, the church instead took part in the **Window Wanderland** displays in December, and has looked to maintain a regular window display in the foyer to show the church is still very much active even when it cannot physically meet. Elements from the children's clubs have made up some of the displays, while a wonderful team of church members have been responsible for the vast majority of them, including the stunning nativity windows and the current Valentine and Lent display. Much of our other **field work** has not been possible this year, such as trips to **Downderry with Fresh Ground: Breakfast, Youth Alpha weekends away** and possible **summer beach missions** (replacing our outreach at Port Eliot.) These opportunities will be revisited when the time is right.

Back-of-shop activities have continued in support of the work, such as the **Children's Action Group**, which has met regularly online since May 2020 to keep an overview of the various aspects of the work. The long pause in our regular pattern of work has given a unique opportunity for review and the Children's Action Group will also be considering whether we would like to try anything differently as groups and activities are able to recommence physical meetings. Separately, involvement continues in various **District meetings** and I have been **elected to Conference in 2021**, after the 2020 Conference was forced to move online with reduced business, with much being held in abeyance. Discussions have also been taking place around the **future of the children's and families' work**, in light of an approaching funding deadline for the worker post. These discussions have been a very helpful and welcome opportunity to take a long view of the work since September 2010, while considering how best to enable future growth.

A good deal of time has been spent **understanding new technologies** and potential uses for them. Much of the first lockdown was spent on **training courses**, including in the areas of social media and running children's clubs safely online, with regular top-ups since. Promising new technology is then tried locally, to see if it can meet our needs while ensuring our safeguarding and best practice framework can be adhered to. Many tech offerings have not made the cut, but those we are using are currently serving us well.

Training sessions have become more readily available via Zoom this year, with one in particular on **outreach to toddlers and those who care for them** being a particular highlight. It yielded interesting information on how many parents of under-fives have contact with church (as high as three quarters of the adult population of the UK, which of course drops off markedly as children grow beyond this age). It also gave outreach ideas which are possible even under lockdown and encouraged churches to think about their work in this area. Currently, the two toddlers' groups at Wesley, called **little footsteps**, are on hold, but a Circuit toddlers' strategy meeting is being planned to consider this outreach, looking at what can currently be done and also possibly identifying areas where new toddlers' groups could be established around the Circuit in the future, when safe to do so.

Also, Wesley has been given **Bishop Tim Thornton's wooden cross**, which was given to the Cornwall District on his departure in 2016 and which hung in the District office until it was recently disbanded in a move to home-based working. In a case of being in the right place at the right time, I was present as it was taken off the wall and

mentioned we were looking for one, especially thinking of the redecoration of the coffee bar. It was given with blessings by Rev Steve Wild for our work and can often be seen behind me, in Zoom sessions hosted from Wesley.

Lastly, it is hard to overstate just how important the **whole church family** has been over the year, without which none of the above would have been possible. These are strange times, but we have been facing them together in wonder at God's faithfulness, giving Him all glory, as we are provided with new mercies 'morning by morning' (Lamentations 3:22-23). In the difficult days of the Old Testament, the writer of Ecclesiastes famously noted 'two are better than one ... if one falls the other can help him up ... a rope of three chords is hard to break' (Ecc. 4:9-12). Accordingly, enormous **thanks are due** to a very dedicated and willing team of helpers, and to the whole church family for love, prayers and support. If I can be of any help, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

With prayers and every blessing, Chris Clark (07790537911; chrisclark@wesleyweb.co.uk).

TREASURER'S REPORT

Accounts year ended 31 August 2020

The Saltash Wesley Church General Accounts for the year ended 31 August 2020 were presented to the Church Council Meeting in November 2020 and I am pleased to report that the accounting records have now been audited by David Trill and agreed. Again my thanks to David for his speedy but thorough review of the records. All the internal organisation accounts have also now been examined and passed to myself so thank you also to all those who have examined the figures for the internal organisations.

As mentioned in my report last year, the majority of the internal organisation figures are shown as designated accounts on the Standard Form of Accounts in order to reflect accurate total income and expenditure figures. The accounts for the Saltash/Mbare Partnership and the Music Foundation which are restricted funds have remained outside these figures and have been shown in the restricted organisations summary.

Going through the main sources of income, offerings including standing order receipts amounted to **£38,386** compared to **£40,577** in the previous year. The drop in income of **£2,191** was entirely owing to the fact that we were unable to hold actual services for over five months in the last financial year, thus losing the weekly cash offerings which would have been taken at our usual Sunday morning services. However, I was grateful that several new standing orders have been set up which will have a continuing effect in the future and also thank you to those members who have increased their standing orders.

The other main source of income, being hiring of our premises was also down and emerged at **£14,561** compared to **£15,649** in 2019 a fall of **£1,088**. This would have been much worse had we not received hiring income of **£10,627** in the 6 months to February 2020.

Weekday coffee mornings were also showing an increase up to the date of the lockdown, and realised **£2,247** in just over a 6 month period compared to **£4,063** in the previous year. With recent government announcements I am sure many of us hope that the coffee mornings will be able to recommence again as they provided not only a source of income, but a valuable outreach to our community.

Income from investments was up by **£178** and amounted to **£5,581** during the year with **£5,134** being received from investments from the Henwood bequest via Brewin Dolphin, **£385** from TMCP and **£62** bank interest.

The Gift Aid Tax reclaim was up by **£4,050** and amounted to **£15,796**. However this included **£1,990** under the Gift Aid Small Donations scheme which for the last few years hasn't been paid until late November, resulting in 2 amounts of GASDS being received in the year. This will of course have an effect on the amount receivable next year and if the claim isn't paid until November 2021 a reduction of almost **£4,000** will be reflected in the 2021

accounts. In any event I anticipate that the claim under GASDS will be much lower for the year to 5 April 2021, because most of this claim results from unidentified cash collections. Whilst some of congregation have passed their normal offerings into the office, most of these have been by cheque, which do not qualify under the GASDS. Also showing a notable increase was the solar power pay-back which amounted to **£5,189** an increase of **£1,055** on the previous year. As a result of the church premises being closed, very little electric was used in the last six months of the accounting period, thus ploughing a larger amount back into the grid.

We were of course not able to hold our annual Gift Day in the spring, which represented a loss in income of **£9,688** compared to the previous year, although an amount was received from Augmented Choir and Tuesday Circle. However our financial position was alleviated by generous one-off donations of **£9,215** and from bequests of **£6,994**, without which the final results for the year would have been considerably worse.

A total of **£28,050** was received towards our Children's and Families Worker project with **£20,000** received in grants, **£7,400** from church members and **£650** from jacket potato lunches.

Total income for the year including that received from Designated Internal Organisations (but excluding restricted funds) amounted to **£139,951** compared to **£142,014** in the previous year.

Turning to expenditure our major expense was the Circuit assessment which increased by **£2,158** to **£58,084** an increase of 3.86%. Our other major expense is the cost of our Children's and Families Worker which emerged at **£29,992** thus resulting in a deficit for the year on this project of **£1,942**. Utilities totalled **£3,999** being water rates **£909** (2019 - £1,348), electricity **£1,805** (2019 - £2,135) and gas **£1,285** (2019 - £1,579) overall a decrease of **£1,063**, once again as a result of the Church premises being shut.

Building maintenance totalled **£7,476** of which **£3,000** relating to the dropped kerb and resurfacing of the service road between the Church and Greenwich Place, who contributed **£1,100** towards this expenditure. The re-rendering has been partially completed at a cost of **£1,800**, but conclusion of this work was delayed owing to difficulties accessing Bostraze, the adjacent property.

Telephone costs emerged at **£1,280** for the year an increase of **£335** which is probably because in the early days of the lock-down a far greater number of calls needed to be returned.

Cleaning and consumables have increased and amounted to **£854** which is mainly owing to the purchase of equipment and related consumables in order to comply with Methodist Church and Government Covid safety guidelines.

We are grateful to Phil Taylor, our organist for confirming that he would not be claiming any organist fees during the period of the lockdown, so organist fees were down compared to the previous year.

Most of the other expenses emerged as anticipated and were in line with the previous year and thus total expenses for the year including internal organisations emerged at **£135,800**.

As at 31 August 2020 the bank and cash balances held locally in the general account amounted to **£40,555** compared to **£39,016** at the end of the previous accounting period. In addition internal organisations held a total of **£7,358** (excluding Mbare and the Music Foundation).

The valuation of the Henwood bequest amounted to **£205,774** compared to **£217,643** in August 2019, a fall in value of **£11,869**.

The amount held by the Trustees for Methodist Church purposes as at 31 August 2020 amounted to **£37,831** (2019 - **£38,234**) of which **£25,741** related to Model Trust Funds and **£12,090** to Permanent Endowment Funds. Therefore total funds (including bank and cash balances and balances in restricted funds as at 31 August 2020 amounted to **£294,998** compared to **£302,602** in 2019, a fall of **£7,604** which comprises **£4,669** surplus of income and **£12,273** unrealised losses in the value of investments.

The Church Council has agreed a reserves policy of 40% of the expenditure from General Funds for the previous financial year excluding those items of expenditure which were simply passed on through the funds. The amount available in General Funds as at 31 August 2020 represented **51.7%** of the total General Funds expenditure. In August 2018 the reserves available amounted to **50.03%**.

Separately I have prepared a schedule of donations made to various charities during the year ended 31 August 2020 which totalled **£13,289**, including those made to our partner church in Mbare. This was not unsurprisingly down on the previous year when total charitable donations reached **£16,258**. However loans of **£3,000** were also advanced to MEDRA for the benefit of the Kopje Project in Mbare.

Taking into account the unprecedented events lasting almost 6 months in the financial year ended 31 August 2020 our financial position was much better than I originally projected at the beginning of the lockdown. However, turning to our current situation we have maintained a more or less break even position to the end of December 2020 this was partly owing to receipts from our Church Gift Day in October when a total of **£8,376** was received and my grateful thanks to all those who contributed especially those who ventured out to brave the inclement weather on the day.

I have prepared draft accounts for the 6 months ended February 2021 which show a significant drop in overall income compared to the same time last year mainly owing to our being unable to legally let our premises to regular hirers and a number of one-off annual hiring being forced to cancel. In fact letting income for the current year to date is down by **£7,607** compared to the previous year. Offerings have however been reasonable well maintained considering that we have only been able to hold five actual Sunday morning services since the initial lockdown and are only down by just over **£1,000**.

Overall a deficit arises in the 6 months to 28 February 2021 of **£2,954**, compared to an excess of income over expenditure in the same period last year of **£4,642** i.e. a differential of **£7,596**. It should be borne in mind that we have now received 78% of the anticipated grants and donations relating to our Children's and Families worker whereas only 50% of the annual expenditure has been paid to date. Expenditure will be required in the next few weeks in finalising the outside rendering, a new water heater in the kitchen and remedial health and safety repairs to the cooker all of which will total approximately **£3,000**. I should also mention that last year in March 2020 we received just under **£6,400** in one-off donations and legacies and the income receivable from hiring's in March 2021 is likely to be minimal. Thus although I hope we will be able to meet all our commitments in this financial year without having to draw down from the amounts held with TMCP, I do anticipate that the bank balances held locally will have been considerably depleted by the end of the current financial year. In addition many of our internal organisations paid over balances held on our last Gift Day in October and as they have now not met for over a year have much diminished available funds. I am sorry this all seems rather pessimistic, but I trust that we can look forward to better times ahead, being assured that God will provide in our time of need.

SALTASH WESLEY METHODIST CHURCH DONATIONS TO CHARITIES YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2020

	£	
Action Aid	180.00	Tuesday Circle
Action for Children	484.72	Collection Boxes
Action for Children -	256.76	Christmas Day Collection
Bloodwise	25.00	Tuesday Circle
Cornwall Air Ambulance	50.00	Table Top Sales
Goschen Centre for Homeless	90.00	Café Church
Matthew Rusike Children's Home	12.00	Personal Donations
Matthew Rusike Children's Home	201.19	Church Christmas Card
Mbare Methodist Church Relief Fund	2,244.70	Rev Iris & D Holley Zip Wire Challenge
Mbare Methodist Church Relief Fund	250.00	Table Top Sales

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Mbare Methodist Church Relief Fund	61.00	Saturday Morning Coffee
Mbare Methodist Church Relief Fund	1,105.70	Personal Donations
Mbare Methodist Church Relief Fund	255.41	Candlelit Carol Service
Mbare Methodist Church Relief Fund	373.91	Craft Fair
Mbare Methodist Church Relief Fund	93.05	Quiz Night
Mbare Methodist Church Relief Fund	143.00	Melling Wedding
Mbare Methodist Church Relief Fund	126.50	Film Night 50%
Mbare Methodist Church Relief Fund	282.25	Harvest Fair
Mbare Methodist Church Relief Fund	627.00	Christmas Gifts
Mbare Methodist Church Relief Fund	11.50	August month 50%
Mbare Methodist Church Relief Fund	771.25	Gift Aid
Mbare School Fees	3,057.00	Personal Donations
Mbare School Fees	770.00	Gift Aid
MEDRA	12.08	Wednesday House Group
MEDRA	300.00	Melling Wedding
Mercy Ships	50.00	Table Top Sales
Saltash Foodbank	437.45	Covenant Service Collection
Shelterbox	50.00	Table Top Sales
St Johns Ambulance	20.00	Tuesday Circle
St Petrocs Christmas Appeal	429.25	Collection (including Gift Aid)
Sue Hooper Charitable Foundation	20.00	Tuesday Circle
The Sowenna Appeal	50.00	Table Top Sales
Therapy Dogs	20.00	Tuesday Circle
Traidcraft Exchange	130.96	Traidcraft Big Brew
Traidcraft Exchange	30.90	Wesley Traidcraft
UNHCR	50.00	Table Top Sales
Water Aid	121.19	Scotathon
Water Aid	94.80	Jars of Change
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>£13,288.57</u>	

In addition £3,000 was sent to MEDRA as loans to Mbare for the Kopje Project

MBARE/SALTASH PARTNERSHIP REPORT

During 2020 Saltash Wesley has continued to send funds to Mbare both for school fees and for relief. The situation with the schools in Zimbabwe is similar to that here in England in that there have been times when schools have been closed, so we have relied on receiving information from members at Mbare to let us know when school fees were required. The Mbare/Wesley Partnership committee would like to thank those Wesley members who make regular payments for school fees by direct debit along with those of you who have made one-off payments whether by passing cheques or cash into the church office or by BACS directly into the Mbare bank account. We have also been surprised by some of the ways that funds have been raised during this time when we have been unable to run our usual fund-raising events- thanks go to you all.

The Mbare Partnership Committee sent a short report detailing how the school fees are allocated. Currently there are 10 children that are benefitting from the monies we send as well as the children in Sunday School. Apparently one of the children who benefitted in the past is now a member of the Partnership committee!

The need for funds for relief has also been met by donations from church members both regular and one-off. Thanks go to Jonathan for producing the 2021 calendar and to all of you who purchased one or more!! They raised just over £500.00. But, watch this space, as we are continually thinking about other ways in which to raise funds.

As a church we usually raise funds for Matthew Rusike Children's Home by having a church Christmas card which we sign and give a donation. This year, as that couldn't be done, we asked church members to sign a star and send it in to church whilst making a donation. We are pleased to say that this raised £125 which has been sent to the home.

May I take this opportunity to remind anyone who would like to have the details of how to make donations at present to please contact me either by phone call or e-mail (my details are in the circuit directory) and I will explain the options available to you. Thank you to everyone who has donated, no matter how little, during this difficult time.

Cathy Noakes- Treasurer Mbare/Saltash Partnership

HOUSE GROUPS

Several House Groups have continued to meet on zoom at their regular times throughout the year. Although the fellowship of meeting together in a room has been missed, it has been possible to follow valuable study courses and bible studies.

CAFÉ CHURCH

Café Church was suspended when the first lockdown started but we decided to resume in October, keeping the name despite the lack of communal refreshments! We have had five excellent sessions since then. In October Rev Jane Willcock told us about her ministry in the Scillies. Hilary Evans, the national President of Methodist Women in Britain, was due to come to speak to us in November, but instead joined us on zoom and spoke about the charity she supports – 'Human Trafficking and Modern Slavery'. In January Rachel Lampard, the Team Leader of JPIT – the Joint Public Issues Team representing four denominations – told us about the important work they do. And then in February Pat Cooper explained how she had become a Christian and Marie Poole told us about how she was called to train for the ministry, what that training involves and how she will become a Deacon.

PRAYER BREAKFAST

When we could no longer meet to pray together in Wesley every week, we decided to continue the prayer fellowship, each in our own homes, from 8.30 to 9.00 every Wednesday morning. We circulate material for prayer by email on Tuesdays, including Wesley and Circuit items, national and international issues, and individual needs. There are nine of us who take part but anyone else who would like to join this prayer team would be very welcome. A number of people do ask us to pray for a particular person and we are always glad to have such requests. Just contact Bob Mahy on r.mahy@btinternet.com or any other member of the team.

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31 August 2020

SALTASH	Circuit	Circuit no	22/12
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1127542

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SECTION A		Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
	Note	£	£	£	£	£
a1	RECEIPTS					
a2	Offerings and Tax recovered	54,183			54,183	57,655
a3	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income	258		5,323	5,581	5,403
a4	Lettings	14,561			14,561	15,649
a5	Other receipts	23,083	14,493	28,050	65,626	63,307
a6	TOTAL RECEIPTS	92,085	14,493	33,373	139,951 (a7)	142,014
SECTION B						
b1	PAYMENTS					
b2	Circuit Assessment or Share	58,084			58,084	55,926
b3	Donations	5	885		890	2,015
b4	Repairs and Maintenance	11,214		189	11,403	12,458
b5	Utilities (Insurances, water charges, heating & lighting)	7,648			7,648	8,565
b6	Children's and Families Worker	1,942		28,050	29,992	29,982
b7	Other payments	15,956	6,693	5,134	27,783	31,084
b8	TOTAL PAYMENTS	94,849	7,578	33,373	135,800 (b9)	140,030
SECTION C						
c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR (a6-b8)	(2,764)	6,915		4,151	1,984
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year	64,699	4,745	40	69,484 (c6)	62,281
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c4	Transfers and adjustments	4,321	(4,302)		19 (c7)	5,219
c5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR (c3+c4)	66,256	7,358	40	73,654 (c8)	69,484 (c6)
SECTION D						
FOR INFORMATION ONLY: MONEY RECEIVED AND PASSED ON TO EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS						
d	(these amounts are not to be included in total receipts/payments figures above)				£	£
d1	Balance brought forward from last year				7,664	4,816
d2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations				18,328	22,960
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations				21,413	20,112
d4	BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID (d1+d2-d3)				4,579	7,664

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SECTION F**STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES****CHURCH - CASH FUNDS HELD at 31 August 2020**

	OPENING BALANCES	CLOSING BALANCES
Cash in hand	744	1,383
Bank Current Account	2,140	3,046
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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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No: 12/22

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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 David Trill

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner ACIB

Name of firm (where appropriate)

Address 4 Fenten Park,

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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.

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