

## **TEDDINGTON METHODIST CHURCH (No. 26014)**

### **TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT**

**for the year ended**

**31st AUGUST 2022**

#### **Reference and administrative details**

Teddington Methodist Church (Charity Commission Registration Number 1127553) is within the Teddington Methodist Circuit, in the London District of the Methodist Church. The address of the Church is: Teddington Methodist Church, 1 Stanley Road, Teddington, Middlesex, TW11 8TP and correspondence should be addressed to The Secretary to the Church Council at this address.

Teddington Methodist Church is constituted under the Methodist Church Act 1976 and is governed under the terms of the Model Trusts, which are Schedule 2 of the Act. The day to day operational activity, constitutional practice, usage and discipline of the Church is regulated by the Constitutional Practice and Discipline of the Methodist Church and determined by Standing Orders as agreed by the annual Methodist Conference and published in the Minutes of Conference.

Under the Methodist Church Act 1976, the Church has both Custodian Trustees and Managing Trustees. The Custodian Trustees are Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes, whose address is Central Buildings, Oldham Street, Manchester, M1 1JQ. The Managing Trustees are the Church Council, appointed in accordance with the Constitution of the Methodist Church, whose members during the year, or at the time of this report being approved, were:

Rev. David Innes (Chairman)

Sue Morrell (Secretary)

Nevil Tomlinson (Treasurer)

Sally Aston

Sharon Barbarez

Richard Bott

Rob Davies

Alfie Evans

Jill Fraser (until 31<sup>st</sup> August 2022)

Brian Jackson

Gill Jackson

Claire Kilvington

Julia Lavery

Robert Mortimer

George Symm

Cathy Trevelyan

Sarah Waine

The Church's Bankers are HSBC, The Peak, 333 Vauxhall Bridge Road, Victoria, London SW1V 1EJ. GSM & Co (Griffin Stone Moscrop & Co) of 21-27 Lamb's Conduit Street, London, WC1N 3GS are the independent examiners of the accounts.

### **Objectives and activities**

Our aims are encapsulated in the following Purpose Statement:

TEDDINGTON METHODIST CHURCH seeks to:

- Be caring and worshipping;
- Encourage growth in faith;
- Express the love of God in Jesus Christ mutually, locally and globally.

The Church Council normally meets three times a year and receives regular reports reviewing progress in achieving these aims.

In producing their assessment of the benefit to the public provided by the charity, the trustees confirm that they have complied with the duty in Section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit and, in particular, the specific guidance on the advancement of religion for the public benefit.

Teddington Methodist Church (TMC) continues to look for ways of involving the wider church family through worship and social interaction. Some local, national and international charities are generously supported on an occasional basis through regular Saturday coffee mornings, special services and events.

### **Achievements and performance**

**Membership.** Teddington Methodist Church (TMC) currently has 61 members. TMC is an active member of Churches Together in Teddington and enjoys good relationships with other local Christian Churches and with several local, national and international charities.

**Worship.** Although attendance at worship is not back to pre-COVID levels we are pleased to report that the average attendance on Sunday mornings was 34 during the early part of 2022 with 6 young people and seems to peak at about 40 for special services. There are still some who have not returned since COVID and we try to maintain contact through pastoral support.

We have maintained services throughout the year but had to make changes at short notice on two occasions, when the appointed preachers tested positive for the Covid virus. Our Harvest Festival service was well attended as were our Advent and Christmas services, which included the annual Gift Service for Whitechapel Mission, a service of carols and lessons, a Christingle for children (but with reduced advertising because of the levels of Covid infection) and a Christmas Day service. This year for the first time in many years we had a real Christmas tree, which our organised groups decorated with angels; the tree was used to create a cross during Lent.

After the imposed break because of the Covid lockdown, it was wonderful to join once again with other Christians in the Good Friday procession and service on the Green followed by refreshments in our hall. During the Easter Day we celebrated by "flowering the cross",



replacing the Christmas tree used throughout Lent with one more suitable for the purpose. Our services have included special services to celebrate the work of Methodist Homes for the Aged, the World Church, and a Summer Series on the "I am" sayings in John's gospel.

**Wider Church Groups.** Junior Church meets on Sundays throughout the year and the young people join in activities with the other four churches in the Circuit. Unfortunately, after the deaths of two leaders, it has not been possible to restart our Wednesday Friends group but we support the weekly Community Café at the Peter and Paul Centre, which has a similar function. The Bushy Park walking group maintain their Monday morning rambles, which are open to all, including people who have no other connection with the church.

**Playgroup.** Our Playgroup closed last year but we were pleased that Michaela Youngson led a service on 15<sup>th</sup> May, to celebrate their 50 years of work in the community. It was an opportunity to remember all that was achieved by the leaders – the committee members and staff, many of whom attended the service.

**Users.** The church premises are used extensively by community organisations, some of whom have been doing so for many years. As well as our own supported groups, Teddington Tots and three uniformed groups, there are several regular external users, as well as occasional users. Amongst our users we continue to support Teddington and Hampton Wick Voluntary Care Group, Alcoholics Anonymous and The National Blood Donor Service.

**Pastoral care and social activities.** Face to face pastoral care and social activities resumed once the level of Covid infection dropped but some vulnerable people are reluctant to have such contact; the Pastoral Visitors (and others) maintain contact with them by making phone calls or writing letters, contributing to the WhatsApp groups, and emailing our weekly News and Notes update. We are blest to have such people, serving others and demonstrating God's love.

For many years our Saturday Coffee Mornings have been a good place for fellowship with church members and the many visitors. It is a good time and place to share pastoral concerns and discuss any church matters such as organisational issues or property concerns. We had a short break in these during the winter months when the level of Covid infection rose but were pleased to resume them once the level dropped. Our annual Plant Sale in May was a great success and many visitors stayed to sample the cakes on sale inside. We have held concerts and quizzes in the church and had Open Garden afternoons plus a family picnic, all of which provide a chance to chat with others in person; these events are appreciated by the people (church members and others) who regularly attend.

It has been a difficult time for those who have lost family members and friends. Seven people who were part of our community have died this year; we give thanks to God for the lives we have known and put our trust in Him as we look forward hopefully to better days for worship, singing and fellowship in the year ahead.

**Premises and building development.** Regular maintenance of the property continues to be important, with members giving time and skills to save professional costs. The Quinquennial Inspection was completed in August and items identified will be addressed in the coming years.

**Financial review**

**Receipts and payments.** The accounts have been prepared on the Receipts and Payments basis using the Standard Form of Accounts as laid down by the Methodist Connexion. Teddington Methodist Church, including internal organisations, had total receipts of £72,349 during the year and made total payments of £72,633.

**Reserves level and policy.** The Church has a reserves policy which currently reads as follows: "Teddington Methodist Church regularly endeavours to maintain, in its unrestricted funds, a total balance of reserves sufficient to cover six months' normal expenditure." The reserves held at the end of the year were as follows:

<i>Unrestricted funds</i>	£	
General Fund	42,435	
Capital Fund	31,484	
<i>Total unrestricted funds</i>	73,919	
 <i>Restricted Funds</i>	£	
Development	242	
Bequests	29,409	
Organ lessons	500	
Charities	331	
Teddington Tots	2,325	
<i>Total restricted funds</i>	32,807	
Total funds		£106,726
Unrestricted reserves, readily available		£73,919

**Charitable giving.** Supporting the wider community continues to be a key mission of TMC. During the year £4,527 was raised at Saturday Coffee Mornings and other events for the benefit of 20 community organisations, a few of whom ran the events themselves. A total of £9,274 (including benevolence donations and retiring collections) was given to external organisations during the year.

**Trustees' responsibilities**

For each financial year ending on 31st August the Trustees are required to prepare receipts and payment accounts that contain a statement summarising all money received and paid out by the charity in the financial year, and a statement giving details of its assets and liabilities at the end of the year.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Church and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the law. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Church and hence taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The Trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the Church's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

Whilst the training of new trustees is largely 'on the job', a leaflet issued by the Methodist Church outlining their responsibilities as far as property is concerned has been made available to all trustees. At times of key decisions, the Chairman reminds the Church Council of the personal responsibility of each trustee.

Financial risk is assessed by the Finance Committee, which reports to the Church Council. Budgets are agreed twelve months in advance. In general, it is considered that projected income will meet projected expenditure on the Church accounts, while the Capital Fund which we maintain holds sufficient reserves to meet reasonable unexpected costs.

### **Approvals**

The Trustees' Report and the Financial Statements were approved by Church Council on

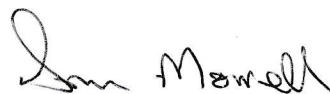
Signed on behalf of Church Council, as authorized:

9th November 2022



~~Rev David Innes~~  
Chairman

Date: 09/11/22



Sue Morrell  
Secretary

Date: 9/11/22

Alfie Evans  
Chairman  
(in the absence of David Innes)



**CHURCH  
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS  
ACCOUNTS**

**THE METHODIST CHURCH  
STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS**

<b>Teddington Methodist</b>	<b>Church</b>
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**FOR THE YEAR ENDED**

**31 August 2022**

<b>Teddington</b>	<b>Circuit</b>	<b>Circuit no.</b>	<b>35/37</b>
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**Registered Charity - Charity Registration number**

1127553

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:

David Innes
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Church Stewards:

Alfie Evans	Gill Jackson
Claire Kilvington	

Treasurer:

Nevil Tomlinson
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## ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

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SECTION A		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
		£	£	£	£
a1	<b>RECEIPTS</b>	<b>Note</b>			
a2	Offerings and Tax recovered	29,949		<b>29,949</b>	29,030
a3	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income	220	137	<b>357</b>	158
a4	Lettings	36,777		<b>36,777</b>	20,928
a5	Other receipts	996	500	<b>1,496</b>	14,214
a6	<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>67,942</b>	<b>637</b>	<b>68,579 (a7)</b>	<b>64,330</b>

SECTION B					
b1	<b>PAYMENTS</b>				
b2	Circuit Assessment or Share	35,174		<b>35,174</b>	33,959
b3	Donations	2,800		<b>2,800</b>	2,400
b4	Repairs and Maintenance	19,567		<b>19,567</b>	9,348
b5	Utilities (Insurances, water charges, heating & lighting)	8,958		<b>8,958</b>	9,225
b6	Connexional pension appeal		2,000	<b>2,000</b>	
b7	Other payments	2,989	88	<b>3,077</b>	2,963
b8	<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>	<b>69,488</b>	<b>2,088</b>	<b>71,576 (b9)</b>	<b>57,895</b>

SECTION C					
c1	<b>NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR</b>	<b>(a6-b8)</b>	<b>(1,546)</b>	<b>(1,451)</b>	<b>(2,997)</b>
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year		68,366	31,602	<b>99,968 (c6)</b>
c3	<b>Sub total</b>	<b>(c1+c2)</b>	<b>66,820</b>	<b>30,151</b>	<b>96,971</b>
c4	Transfers and adjustments		7,099		<b>7,099 (c7)</b>
c5	<b>TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR</b>	<b>(c3+c4)</b>	<b>73,919</b>	<b>30,151</b>	<b>104,070 (c8)</b>
					<b>99,968 (c6)</b>

SECTION D			
<b>FOR INFORMATION ONLY: MONEY RECEIVED AND PASSED ON TO EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS</b>			
d	(these amounts are not to be included in total receipts/payments figures above)	£	£
d1	Balance brought forward from last year	185	
d2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations	6,521	3,361
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations	6,474	3,176
d4	<b>BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID</b>	<b>232</b>	<b>185</b>
	<b>(d1+d2-d3)</b>		

## Teddington Methodist

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

Summary of the Church accounts for the year ended 31 August 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 Playgroup				(6,024)	6,024	
e2 Charities	1,584	314	1,270	(1,075)	136	331
e3 Teddington Tots	2,186	743	1,443		882	2,325
e4						
e5						
e6						
e7						
e8 Sub total of Internal Organisations funds	3,770	1,057	2,713	(7,099)	7,042 (e11)	2,656 (e12)
e9 Church accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)	68,579 (a7)	71,576 (b9)	(2,997)	7,099 (c7)	99,968 (c6)	104,070 (c8)
e10 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	72,349	72,633	(284)		107,010 (x)	106,726 (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 2022**

	OPENING BALANCES	CLOSING BALANCES
f1 Cash in hand		
f2 Bank Current Account	16,697	18,777
f3 Bank Deposit Account		
f4 Central Finance Board	52,169	56,142
f5 Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes	31,102	29,151
f6 Other funds		
f7 SUB TOTAL - Church accounts	99,968 (c6)	104,070 (c8)
f8 Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance total from above) (e12)	7,042 (e11)	2,656 (e12)
f9 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	107,010 (x)	106,726 (y)

**SECTION G****OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES**

	At 1 September 2021	At 31 August 2022
g1 Investments (include Endowments)		
g2 Land & Buildings (see notes re Insurance value)	2,925,016	3,290,682
g3 Other Assets		
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 ..... TEDDINGTON METHODIST CHURCH No. 26014

## 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 ..... NE Tomlinson Date 9th Nov 2022  
Name and address of treasurer NEVIL TOMLINSON, 21 ORFORD GARDENS,  
TWICKENHAM Post Code TW1 4PL

### Presentation to the Church trustees

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

Signature of the Chair of the meeting ..... A Evans  
Name of the Chair of the meeting A EVANS Date 09/11/22

## **Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Teddington Methodist Church**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 August 2022.

### **Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the charity'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 charity'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.

### **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 giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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.

*Richard Hill*

Richard Hill FCA

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Chartered Accountants  
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Date: 14 November 2022