

TEDDINGTON METHODIST CHURCH (No. 26014)

TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

for the year ended

31st AUGUST 2023

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

Helen Bott (from 8 November 2023)

Richard Bott

Rob Davies

Alfie Evans

Brian Jackson

Gill Jackson

Claire Kilvington

Rosie Kwon (from 1 September 2023)

Julia Lavery

Robert Mortimer

Annette Peddie (until 31 August 2023)

Wendy Salmon (from 1 September 2023)

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.

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 63 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 the number of people attending Sunday morning worship has not returned to the pre-COVID level, we are pleased to report that during the year ended 31st August 2023 the average attendance was 36 adults plus 6 young people. The largest attendance was for our Carol and Nativity service when there were 51 adults and 12 young people. As in previous years, our special services had the highest attendance; these included our Harvest Festival and the annual Christmas Gift Service, at both of which we collect goods for Whitechapel Mission and receive substantial support from the local community. Also, like last year, we had a real Christmas tree, which our organised groups decorated with angels, and after Christmas, it was stored until Lent when it was used to create a cross. We joined with other Christians in the Good Friday procession and service on the Green which was followed by refreshments in our hall and a vigil until 3pm when the cross was taken down. On Easter Day we celebrated communion and instead of "flowering the cross", we had some flower arrangements. We have held services to celebrate the work of Methodist Homes for the Aged, the World Church, and during the summer holidays, a series on the "Seven Signs" 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. Two Fellowship Groups meet on alternate weeks to read and discuss the meaning of various Bible

passages; these provide an opportunity for people to develop their faith and to know each other better. 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.

Young children. Although we no longer have a Playgroup, we still have open mornings for children under three and their carers on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. These are well attended – on occasions, the Wednesday morning group has to turn people away because of safety limits – and are enjoyed by all who attend. A small team of committee members and leaders run the mornings and provide refreshments

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 continue at pre-Covid levels but some vulnerable people are reluctant to have such contact. The Pastoral Visitors (and others) maintain contact with the church community by visiting all those who welcome it and where they are reluctant, 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. Our Saturday Coffee Mornings continue to be a good place for fellowship with church members and the many visitors, especially the Zumba Group. They are a good place to discuss concerns and hold informal meetings about things such as organisational issues, property concerns or planning services.

In September 2022, we held an Arts and Crafts show, an event we have not held for some years; it was a great success and is to be repeated in September 2023. We hope it will be another annual event, like our Plant Sale in May, which was also a great success, with many visitors staying to sample the cakes on sale inside. We have held concerts and quizzes in the church and had Open Garden Saturday mornings 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. We give thanks to God for the people we know and have known, who have shown us his love and we put our trust in Him as we look forward to continued worship, singing and fellowship in the years ahead.

Premises and building development. Regular maintenance of the property continues to be important, with members giving time and skills to perform or manage this necessary activity. The Quinquennial Inspection was completed in August 2022 and many of the items identified have been addressed and there are plans for action in the coming years.

Unfortunately, in April 2023 we had a break-in, when one of the external toughened glass doors was smashed, in order to gain entry. Once inside, the intruder(s) broke the toughened glass in an internal door, to gain entry to the Voluntary Care office and tried to smash another external door to leave the premises. Nothing of value was taken but significant damage was caused to the three doors – the three glass panels were all replaced.

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 £94,352 during the year and made total payments of £90,856. This included payments from restricted funds of £11,206 for roof repairs as recommended in the most recent quinquennial inspection.

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	38,724	
Capital Fund	32,578	
<i>Total unrestricted funds</i>	71,302	
 <i>Restricted Funds</i>	£	
Development	809	
Bequests	35,689	
Organ lessons	500	
Charities	423	
Teddington Tots	1,499	
<i>Total restricted funds</i>	38,920	
Total funds		£110,222
Unrestricted reserves, readily available		£71,302

Charitable giving. Supporting the wider community continues to be a key mission of TMC. During the year £6,598 was raised at Saturday Coffee Mornings and other events for the benefit of 22 community organisations, a few of whom ran the events themselves. A total of £11,690 (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:



Rev David Innes
Chairman

Date: 8/11/23



Sue Morrell
Secretary

Date: 8/11/23

**CHURCH
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS
ACCOUNTS**

**THE METHODIST CHURCH
STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS**

Teddington Methodist	Church
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FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31 August 2023

Circuit	Circuit no.	35/37
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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

Church Stewards:

Alfie Evans

Gill Jackson

Claire Kilvington

Treasurer:

Nevil Tomlinson

SECTION A			Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
			£	£	£	£
a1	RECEIPTS	Note				
a2	Offerings and Tax recovered		34,077		34,077	29,949
a3	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income		2,070	1,135	3,205	357
a4	Lettings		43,553		43,553	36,777
	Bequests			6,000	6,000	
a5	Other receipts		2,519		2,519	1,496
a6	TOTAL RECEIPTS		82,219	7,135	89,354 (a7)	68,579

SECTION B						
b1	PAYMENTS					
b2	Circuit Assessment or Share		34,846		34,846	35,174
b3	Donations		2,800		2,800	2,800
b4	Repairs and Maintenance		16,362	11,206	27,568	19,567
b5	Utilities (Insurances, water charges, heating & lighting)		20,468		20,468	8,958
b6	Connexional pension appeal					2,000
b7	Other payments		3,072	82	3,154	3,077
b8	TOTAL PAYMENTS		77,548	11,288	88,836 (b9)	71,576

SECTION C						
c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	(a6-b8)	4,671	(4,153)	518	(2,997)
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year		73,919	30,151	104,070 (c6)	99,968
c3	Sub total	(c1+c2)	78,590	25,998	104,588	96,971
c4	Transfers and adjustments		(7,288)	11,000	3,712 (c7)	7,099
c5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR	(c3+c4)	71,302	36,998	108,300 (c8)	104,070 (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		232	185
d2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations		8,794	6,521
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations		8,890	6,474
d4	BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID	(d1+d2-d3)	136	232

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

Please follow the Guidance Notes to complete this page

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

INTERNAL ORGANISATIONS		Receipts	Payments	Net Receipts/ Payments	Adjustments	Opening balances	Closing balances
e1	Charities	1,455	551	904	(812)	331	423
e2	Teddington Tots	3,543	1,469	2,074	(2,900)	2,325	1,499
e3							
e4							
e5							
e6							
e7							
e8	Sub total of Internal Organisations funds	4,998	2,020	2,978	(3,712)	2,656 (e11)	1,922 (e12)
e9	Church accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)	89,354 (a7)	88,836 (b9)	518	3,712 (c7)	104,070 (c6)	108,300 (c8)
e10	TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	94,352	90,856	3,496		106,726 (x)	110,222 (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		
f2 Bank Current Account	18,777	9,459
f3 Bank Deposit Account		
f4 Central Finance Board	56,142	63,843
f5 Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes	29,151	34,998
f6 Other funds		
f7 SUB TOTAL - Church accounts	104,070 (c6)	108,300 (c8)
f8 Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance total from above) (e12)	2,656 (e11)	1,922 (e12)
f9 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	106,726 (x)	110,222 (y)

SECTION G**OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES**At
1 September 2022At
31 August 2023

g1 Investments (include Endowments)		
g2 Land & Buildings (see notes re Insurance value)	3,290,682	3,448,629
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 No. 35/37

Declarations and Scrutiny

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

Signature of treasurer NE Tomlinson Date 8 Nov 2023

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 2023 were/will be* presented to the meeting of the Church trustees held on 8/11/23

Signature of the Chair of the meeting D. A. Innes

Name of the Chair of the meeting DAVID A. INNES Date 8/11/23

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 2023.

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 FCA

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Date: 10 November 2023