

TEDDINGTON METHODIST CHURCH (No. 26014)

TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

for the year ended

31st AUGUST 2024

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)
Vijay Christian (Treasurer)
Sally Aston
Sharon Barbarez
Helen Bott
Richard Bott
Rob Davies
Alfie Evans

Brian Jackson
Gill Jackson
Claire Kilvington
Rosie Kwon
Julia Lavery
Robert Mortimer
George Symm
Cathy Trevelyan
Wendy Salmon

Church Council took the decision during the year to move to CAF Bank from HSBC. We have moved our main account to CAF Bank and are in the process of closing the HSBC accounts. The registered addresses of the two bankers are: CAF Bank Limited, 25 Kings Hill Avenue, Kings Hill, West Malling, Kent ME19 4JQ and 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 68 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. We are pleased to report that during the year ended 31st August 2024 the average attendance at Sunday morning services was 37.6 adults plus 7 young people, an increase on last year. The largest attendance was for our Harvest Festival service when there were 52 adults and 12 young people; this continued the pattern seen in previous years of our special services, such as the Carol service, the Harvest Festival, and the annual Christmas Gift Service, attracting the highest attendance. Goods for Whitechapel Mission were collected at the Harvest and Christmas Gift services; these appeals receive substantial support from the local community.

On Good Friday, we joined with other Christians in the 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 All We Can, Methodist Homes for the Aged, the World Church, and during the summer holidays, a series on the "Disciples and Discipleship".

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 Wednesdays and Fridays and a group meet after the

Sunday service 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. Our Junior Church meets on Sunday morning during the school terms and is run by a small, dedicated team who cater for a range of ages. There is also a Circuit Group for teenagers which some young people attend. After a series of discussion evenings with our Minister, we had a joyful service when 5 young people were confirmed and became members of TMC.

Teddington Tots, our open mornings for children under three and their carers on Tuesdays and Wednesdays, had a short break when the two leaders were unable to continue but a new leader has been appointed for the Wednesday morning group, the busiest day, and this has restarted. A small team of committee members and volunteers help to 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. Our 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 are supported by church members and the many visitors, especially the Zumba Group. They provide a good place for fellowship and discussions about concerns; they are an ideal location for informal meetings about things such as organisational issues, property concerns and planning services.

This year we did not hold an autumn Arts and Crafts show, but we hope it will return in 2025. Our Plant Sale in May, which we have run for many years was 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 face-to-face; 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 and we employ a local handyman to complete the tasks that we are unable to do ourselves. Following the recovering of certain roof areas during 2023/24, the work identified in our latest Quinquennial Inspection has now been substantially completed.

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 £93,210 during the year and made total payments of £100,010. This included payments from restricted funds of £12,265 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	35,672	
Capital Fund	34,285	
<i>Total unrestricted funds</i>	69,957	
 <i>Restricted Funds</i>	£	
Development	863	
Bequests	28,622	
Organ lessons	500	
Charities	339	
Teddington Tots	3,140	
<i>Total restricted funds</i>	33,464	
Total funds		£103,421
Unrestricted reserves, readily available		£69,957

Charitable giving. Supporting the wider community continues to be a key mission of TMC. During the year £6,523 was raised at Saturday Coffee Mornings and other events for the benefit of 21 community organisations, a few of whom ran the events themselves. The organisations supported included: Whitechapel Mission, All We Can, Shooting Star Chase, Action for Children Teddington and Hampton Wick Voluntary Care Group, Methodist Homes for the Aged and Macmillan Cancer Support. A total of £10,386 (including benevolence donations and retiring collections) was paid over to external organisations during the year, with £2,400 of this being given from our own church funds.

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: 13/11/24



Sue Morrell
Secretary

Date: 13/11/24

THE METHODIST CHURCH
STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

Teddington Methodist	Church
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FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 August 2024

Circuit	Circuit no.	35/37
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Registered Charity - Charity Registration number	1127553
If not a registered charity His 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:
Vijay Christian

SECTION A		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
		£	£	£	£
a1	RECEIPTS				
a2	Offerings and Tax recovered	38,689		38,689	34,077
a3	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income	2,988	1,852	4,840	3,205
a4	Lettings	41,793		41,793	43,553
	Bequests				6,000
a5	Other receipts	1,703	2,000	3,703	2,519
a6	TOTAL RECEIPTS	85,173	3,852	89,024 (a7)	89,354

SECTION B					
b1	PAYMENTS				
b2	Circuit Assessment or Share	35,950		35,950	34,846
b3	Donations	2,400		2,400	2,800
b4	Repairs and Maintenance	19,676	12,265	31,941	27,568
b5	Utilities (Insurances, water charges, heating & lighting)	22,619		22,619	20,468
b6					
b7	Other payments	4,372	100	4,472	3,154
b8	TOTAL PAYMENTS	85,017	12,365	97,382 (b9)	88,836

SECTION C						
c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	(a6-b8)	155	(8,513)	(8,358)	518
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year		71,302	36,998	108,300 (c6)	104,070
c3	Sub total	(c1+c2)	71,457	28,485	99,942	104,588
c4	Transfers and adjustments		(1,500)	1,500	(c7)	3,712
c5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR	(c3+c4)	69,957	29,985	99,942 (c8)	108,300 (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	136	232
d2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations	7,920	8,794
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations	7,986	8,890
d4	BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID	70	136
	(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 2024 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	1,502	1,585	(84)		423	339
e2	Teddington Tots	2,683	1,043	1,641		1,499	3,140
e3							
e4							
e5							
e6							
e7							
e8	Sub total of Internal Organisations funds	4,185	2,628	1,557		1,922 (e11)	3,479 (e12)
e9	Church accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)	89,024 (a7)	97,382 (b9)	(8,358)	(c7)	108,300 (c6)	99,942 (c8)
e10	TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	93,210	100,010	(6,801)		110,222 (x)	103,421 (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 2024**

	OPENING BALANCES	CLOSING BALANCES
f1 Cash in hand		
f2 Bank Current Account	9,459	15,821
f3 Bank Deposit Account		
f4 Central Finance Board	63,843	56,136
f5 Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes	34,998	27,985
f6 Other funds		
f7 SUB TOTAL - Church accounts	108,300 (c6)	99,942 (c8)
f8 Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance total from above) (e12)	1,922 (e11)	3,479 (e12)
f9 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	110,222 (x)	103,421 (y)

SECTION G**OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES**

	At 1 September 2023	At 31 August 2024
g1 Investments (include Endowments)		
g2 Land & Buildings (see notes re Insurance value)	3,448,629	3,562,404
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 35/37

Declarations and Scrutiny

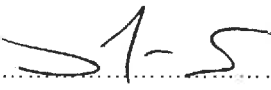
I confirm that these Receipt and Payment based accounts for the year to 31 August 2024 have been prepared from the records of the Church and that they include all funds under the control of the Church trustees.

Signature of treasurer  Date 13 Nov 2024

Name and address of treasurer VIJAY CHRISTIAN.....
...23 COBBETT ROAD, TWICKENHAM..... Post Code... TW2 6EN.....

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

Signature of the Chair of the meeting 

Name of the Chair of the meeting DAVID A. INNES..... Date 13/11/24

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

Teddington Methodist Church

Charity Number 1127553

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Teddington Methodist Church for the year ended 31 August 2024 set out on pages ... to 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

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

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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

Griffin Stone Moscrop & Co
Chartered Accountants
21-27 Lamb's Conduit Street
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Date: 25 November 2024