

## **TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT (No. 26014)**

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**for the year ended**

**31st AUGUST 2025**

#### **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  
Sarah Waine

Our main bank account is with CAF Bank and having closed one HSBC account, we are in the process of closing the second. 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 supported through regular Saturday coffee mornings, special services and events.

## **Achievements and performance**

**Membership.** Teddington Methodist Church (TMC) currently has 69 members, three of whom are under age 18. 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.** During the year ended 31st August 2025 the average attendance at Sunday morning services was 42 adults plus 6.2 young people. The largest attendance at any service was for a Baptism in January when the family swelled the numbers but the largest attendance at other services was at our Carol Service when there were 61 adults and 10 young people. This continues the pattern seen in previous years, of our special services, such as the Harvest Festival, the annual Christmas Gift Service, and the Carol 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 by "flowering the cross", which had been used throughout Lent to display symbols of the Passion. We have held services to celebrate the work of All We Can, Methodist Homes for the Aged, and the World Church. During the summer holidays, we had a series of services to celebrate the 1700 years of the Nicene Creed, using the material supplied by Churches Together in Britain and Ireland. .

**Wider Church Groups.** There are two Fellowship Groups meeting on alternate Wednesdays and Fridays and another group meet after the Sunday service to read and discuss the meaning of various Bible passages; these groups 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.

Teddington Tots, our open mornings for children under three and their carers, meets on Wednesday mornings. 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 also an ideal location for informal meetings about things such as organisational issues, property concerns and planning services.

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, lunches, quizzes, and other family events; in the summer we had Open Garden Saturday mornings plus a family picnic, all of which provide a chance to chat with others face-to-face. An autumn Arts and Crafts show is planned for September 2025, with entries from the church and the community.

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. We have plans for a local contractor to complete some minor repair work on the old, and no longer used, bell-tower. We also have plans to replace the spotlights, uplighters, and ceiling lighting, which were installed in the worship area as part of a development project 25 years ago; the new units will be LED devices, improving our ecological footprint.

## **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 £94,493 during the year and made total payments of £88,884.

**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	39,057	
Capital Fund	35,841	
<i>Total unrestricted funds</i>	74,898	
 <i>Restricted Funds</i>	£	
Development	901	
Bequests	29,828	
Organ lessons	500	
Charities	429	
Teddington Tots	2,475	
<i>Total restricted funds</i>	34,133	
Total funds		£109,031
Unrestricted reserves, readily available		£74,898

**Charitable giving.** Supporting the wider community continues to be a key mission of TMC. During the year £9,463 was raised at Saturday Coffee Mornings and other events for the benefit of twenty-three community organisations, a few of whom ran the events themselves. The organisations supported included: Action for Children, All We Can, Baby Basics, Methodist Homes for the Aged, Macmillan Cancer Support, Mighty Convoy (supplying goods to Ukraine), Parkinson’s Trust, Teddington and Hampton Wick Voluntary Care Group, WaterAid and Whitechapel Mission, A total of £11,863 (including benevolence donations and retiring collections) was given 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

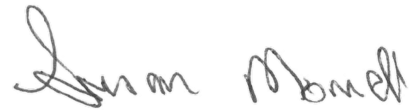
12th November 2025

Signed on behalf of Church Council, as authorized:



Rev David Innes  
Chairman

Date: 12th November 2025



Sue Morrell  
Secretary

Date: 12th November 2025

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 2025

Circuit	Circuit no.	35/37
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Registered Charity - Charity Registration number

1127553
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If not a registered charity His Majesty's Revenue and  
Customs Gift Aid number

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(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:

Vijay Christian
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ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025

**Teddington  
Methodist**

Church

SECTION A		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
		£	£	£	£
a1	<b>RECEIPTS</b>				
a2	Offerings and Tax recovered	45 686		<b>45 686</b>	38 689
a3	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income	2 938	1 335	<b>4 273</b>	4 840
a4	Lettings	38 901		<b>38 901</b>	41 793
a5	Other receipts	2 585		<b>2 585</b>	3 703
a6	<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>90 109</b>	<b>1 335</b>	<b>91 444 (a7)</b>	<b>89 024</b>

SECTION B		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
b1	<b>PAYMENTS</b>				
b2	Circuit Assessment or Share	38 411		<b>38 411</b>	35 950
b3	Donations	2 400		<b>2 400</b>	2 400
b4	Repairs and Maintenance	21 406		<b>21 406</b>	31 941
b5	Utilities (Insurances, water charges, heating & lighting)	19 175		<b>19 175</b>	22 619
b6					
b7	Other payments	3 777	91	<b>3 868</b>	4 472
b8	<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>	<b>85 169</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>85 260 (b9)</b>	<b>97 382</b>

SECTION C		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
c1	<b>NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR (a6-b8)</b>	4 941	1 244	<b>6 185</b>	(8 358)
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year	69 957	29 985	<b>99 942 (c6)</b>	108 300
c3	<b>Sub total (c1+c2)</b>	74 898	31 229	<b>106 127</b>	<b>99 942</b>
c4	Transfers and adjustments				(c7)
c5	<b>TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR (c3+c4)</b>	<b>74 898</b>	<b>31 229</b>	<b>106 127 (c8)</b>	<b>99 942 (c6)</b>

SECTION D		£	£
d	<b>FOR INFORMATION ONLY: MONEY RECEIVED AND PASSED ON TO EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS (these amounts are not to be included in total receipts/payments figures)</b>		
d1	Balance brought forward from last year	70	136
d2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations	9 514	7 920
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations	9 526	7 986
d4	<b>BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID (d1+d2-d3)</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>70</b>

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 2025 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	1 492		1 402		90				339		429		
e2	Teddington Tots	1 557		2 222		(665)				3 140		2 475		
e3														
e4														
e5														
e6														
e7														
e8	Sub total of Internal Organisations funds	3 049		3 624		(575)				3 479		(e11)	2 904	(e12)
e9	Church accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)	91 444 (a7)		85 260 (b9)		6 185		(c7)		99 942 (c6)		106 127 (c8)		
e10	TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	94 493		88 884		5 610				103 421 (x)		109 031 (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 2025		OPENING BALANCES		CLOSING BALANCES	
f1	Cash in hand				
f2	Bank Current Account	15 821		8 270	
f3	Bank Deposit Account				
f4	Central Finance Board	56 136		68 628	
f5	Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes	27 985		29 229	
f6	Other funds				
f7	SUB TOTAL - Church accounts	99 942 (c6)		106 127 (c8)	
f8	Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance total from above) (e12)	3 479 (e11)		2 904 (e12)	
f9	TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	103 421 (x)		109 031 (y)	

SECTION G

OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES		At 1 September 2024	At 31 August 2025
g1	Investments (include Endowments)		
g2	Land & Buildings (see notes re Insurance value)	3 562 404	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 2025 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 Christian Date 12/11/2025.....

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 2025 were/will be\* presented to the meeting of the Church trustees held on 12th November 2025

Signature of the Chair of the meeting DAVID INNES

Name of the Chair of the meeting .....DAVID INNES..... Date 12/11/2025.....

Independent Examiner’s Report to the Trustees of the  
Teddington Methodist Church  
Charity Number 1127553

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Teddington Methodist Church for the year ended 31 August 2025 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 TEDDINGTON METHODIST CHURCH No 35/37

**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.

Signature of independent examiner *Richard Hill* .....

Name of independent examiner Richard Hill

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner FCA

Name of firm (where appropriate) Griffin Stone Moscrop & Co, Chartered Accountants

Address                21-27 Lamb's Conduit Street  
                             London  
                             WC1N 3GS

Date:                    24/11/2025