SURBITON HILL METHODIST CHURCH

England & Wales · Charity number 1127609

Details

Status	Registered
Legal form	Previously excepted
Registered	2009-01-19
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

Contact

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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 dicipline 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 subsiduary 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.

Activities: To worship God and encourage and support people to follow Jesus as Lord and Saviour.To Care for our neighboursTo work for justice and the relief of suffering around the world

Classification

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

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Geography

- **Area of benefit:** UNDEFINED. IN PRACTICE, LOCAL.
- Kingston Upon Thames

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-08-31	£278,213	£264,531	-	-
2024-08-31	£276,229	£280,507	-	-
2023-08-31	£276,643	£320,148	-	-
2022-08-31	£222,923	£231,047	-	-
2021-08-31	£279,571	£279,708	-	-

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Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Babatope Ojudayi		2021-08-01
CLARE ELIZABETH MAYS		
CYNTHIA RHONWEN JONES		
Carol Fullbrook		2022-08-31
David Fullbrook		2022-09-01
Elly Mui Chan Siew Cook		2018-09-01
Esther Abraham Anil		2024-09-01
HILARY CLARE ABBOTT		
Helen Margaret Lamb		2021-08-31
JEANNETTE BARBARA BARWICK		
Jill BRIDGES		2016-09-01
Julia Barbara Humphries		2024-09-01
KATHRYN INGHAM		2012-09-02
LINDA MARGARET BRIDGES BA, LRAM		
MARGARET MARY TURNER GRSM, LRAM		
MARINA ANNE GOLDING		2013-09-01
MARION THORPE		
PETER JOHN THORPE		
Patricia Valerie Lavers		2013-09-01
Rev Vindra Leelawatee Maraj-Ogden		2023-09-01
Ross Strachan		2021-08-31
Terence Ingham		2014-09-01

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Accounts

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ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025

SURBITON HILL METHODIST CHURCH

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Trustees	M Golding P Thorpe M Thorpe J Bridges M M Turner J B Barwick Revd V Maraj-Ogden H C Abbott C R Jones L M Bridges C E Mays K Ingham T Ingham E Cook P V Lavers R Strachan C Fullbrook D Fullbrook E Abraham H M Lamb B Ojudayi J Humphries	
Charity registration	England and Wales	1127609
Principal address	39 Ewell Road Surbiton Surrey KT6 6AF	
Auditor	Kingston Burrowes Audit Ltd 308 Ewell Road Surbiton Surrey UK KT6 7AL	

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SURBITON HILL METHODIST CHURCH

TRUSTEES' REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025

The trustees present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31 August 2025.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011, FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" and the Charities SORP "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)".

Objectives and activities

The work of Surbiton Hill Methodist Church takes place within the overall mission and purposes of the Methodist Church in Britain. This mission is summarised in the document Our Calling (Methodist Conference Report, 2000). The four themes identified in Our Calling were reaffirmed by the Methodist Conference in 2018:

The calling of the Methodist Church is to respond to the gospel of God's love in Christ and to live out its discipleship in worship and mission. It does this through:

- Worship
- Learning and Caring
- Service
- Evangelism

Responding to Our Calling Surbiton Hill Methodist Church has its own mission to:

- Worship God
- Encourage and support people to follow Jesus Christ as Saviour
- Care for our neighbours and work for justice and the relief of suffering around the world.

In 2018 we agreed a developed Vision Statement which is now the basis of our annual and longer term planning. The Vision is to become a "vibrant Christian centre for caring, sharing, worship and welcome in Surbiton".

Achievements and performance

Significant activities and achievements against objectives

1) Worship

Worship this year, while following our normal patterns, has been very varied and at times dynamic, as we have enjoyed a wide variety of worship leaders. Sunday morning congregations average around 70 people, and about 15 people join services livestreamed online on our YouTube channel, where the services are available for a year. Worship is led by our own minister Revd Vindra Maraj-Ogden, other ministers and local preachers from the Kingston Methodist Circuit. In addition, there has been a growing number of opportunities for Local Arrangement services at which a dedicated group of congregation members have arranged an Order of Service and delivered material from approved sources, sometimes tweaked a little to make it their own.

The church choir is still an enthusiastic part of worship each week, although numbers fluctuate. Our monthly Praise Parties continue to be well supported by church and non-church families. Since our Children and Families Worker, Bron, is no longer with us, a team of four people plan and deliver the services on a four-monthly cycle. A service of Holy Communion takes place monthly as part of the Morning Service, and there is a monthly midweek Communion Service on Wednesdays at 10.30am.

Two services of particular note this year were the Tenebrae Service on Maundy Thursday with our friends from Tolworth United Reform Church. This was a simple and moving service of readings and music. The other was the Mothering Sunday service when our visiting preacher was Revd Jonathan Dean, Chair of the London District.

The second quarter of 2025 saw the Church embark on an Alpha Course at the Tennis Club. Some 30 guests and 12 helpers/leaders/cooks were challenged in their faith journey over an 8-week period. It was for non-Christians and those who want to reaffirm and deepen their faith. This is incredibly exciting as we see the Holy Spirit in action amongst these groups as they are surrounded by fantastic support and prayer. God is doing great things with this and the Church's challenge over the next year is how to embrace the output of the course and how to continue to offer growth support and activity for all of the attendees.

2) Children and Families Work

The children and families' activities at Surbiton Hill are led by teams of dedicated volunteers who have a passion for sharing Christ with children, young people and their families in many fun, hands-on and creative ways. Our Children and Families Worker resigned in March and we have not found a suitable replacement thus far.

We have a group of four or five children who regularly attend Junior Church and others who come now and again, such that we can have up to ten children on a Sunday morning. Each week we incorporate activities that the children like (e.g. appropriate games and craft activity), but also encourage the children to read out aloud from the bible and we use stories from YouTube. At Christmas and for the last session before the summer break our meetings are usually more relaxed with lots of games and refreshments. The Junior Church leaders have regular meetings to discuss the contents of sessions and to discuss what works best with the children we have.

This year also saw Oasis Under 5's Stay and Play celebrating their 50-year Anniversary. We had three special events in July to mark the occasion culminating with the Thanksgiving Service on Sunday morning 13 July. Attendance at Oasis has been steady, but we always notice a significant increase when we meet at the Tennis Club between May and September. The facilities there are greatly appreciated especially by those who live without a garden.

3) Building Use and Developments

Probably the most noticeable change around the Church premises during the last year has been the introduction of parking controls. Our long-standing problem of unauthorized parking had grown enormously, such that on most days by 8am more than 80% of our parking spaces were occupied by vehicles whose drivers were not at the Church. Since October the new arrangements require legitimate parkers – except on Sunday mornings – to register their cars on the wall-mounted tablet in the side entrance. This has ensured that there are now many more spaces available for people attending events on our premises.

There has been one minor building project: construction of a small storeroom/workshop for our caretaker and property volunteers after our insurance company objected to the accumulation of tools, spares and materials in the boiler-room.

Other work has focused on regular maintenance and what the passage of time requires. The necessary quinquennial electrical testing revealed only a few minor defects which were rapidly rectified, the annual gas safety check was uneventful, and we are continuing our programme of progressively replacing light fittings and bulbs with energy-saving LED equivalents. Technological advances and ageing have required replacement of the lectern and pulpit microphones, the portable TV screen and the computer controlling door access, and this summer we will need to update our heating control system.

Lettings income continues to grow and is evidence of the valuable community resource we offer. The downside, however, is that there is inevitably more wear and tear around the premises – more touch-up of paintwork required, more repairs to chairs and tables, etc. Much credit must go to our part-time staff for keeping everywhere clean, up to standard and safe: Phil our caretaker, Eva our cleaner, and Charles for night security. And our thanks go also to the small group of volunteers. Keeping the premises up to standard required more major redecoration work and replacement of floor coverings in the summer.

4) Governance

The Church Tennis Club agreed a revised governance document and protocols in 2021/22 which remain in place. The arrangements have allowed the Club greater autonomy and full participation for club members who are not church members whilst ensuring that the Church Council as managing trustees retains clear governance control and exercises due diligence. The arrangements also maintain and guarantee the specific Methodist ethos and heritage of the Club. The Club site with its six courts and pavilion is a Methodist Church property held under the Methodist Model Trusts by the Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes (TMCP) as custodian trustees, and the local Church Council as managing trustees.

The managing trustees look to the Club to support their charitable purposes through its role in providing an affordable and accessible sports facility in the community.

Managing Trustees carried out their governance responsibilities for finance through the work of the Church Treasurer and the Finance Committee with regular reporting to both the Leadership Team and Church Council. Audited accounts are of course the main substance of this report.

Routine care of the Church Property, including Health and Safety, and risk management are delegated to a Property Committee co-ordinated by a Property Steward who also acts as manager for caretaking and cleaning staff. A rolling cycle of both repair and pro-active maintenance is continued.

Managing Trustees have specific responsibilities in overseeing the Methodist Church's safeguarding policies. The local church safeguarding policy received an annual review, a strong local safeguarding officer remains in post, DBS applications and renewals are carefully monitored, and training provided according to the Methodist Church's policies. Safeguarding is a major feature of our church life and has become an embedded part of our community culture.

SHMC hosts two other Christian congregations which do not have their own premises. The Korean Gloria Church has been a guest within our community for a considerable time and typically meets on Sunday afternoons. Since September 2019 we were also joined by the Lagoinha Baptist Church, a congregation worshipping in Portuguese and mainly drawn from the Brazilian community in the UK. Appropriate advice and permissions were sought from the Methodist Church's ecumenical officer before agreeing this arrangement. We welcome the presence of these two very different congregations as part of our commitment to being a "vibrant Christian centre for worship and welcome in Surbiton."

We are immensely grateful to the teams of volunteers who make all this possible including our principal officers in finance and property care.

5) Staffing

Our work would be impossible without the dedication and generosity of volunteers in all areas of church life. The work of a modern charity and community centre is increasingly complex and as part of our vision we have gradually built a small professional team to extend our work. We give thanks for their dedication.

- Minister – Rev Vindra Maraj-Ogden
- Children and Families' Worker – Bron Coveney (left end March 2025 – vacant since)
- Church Administrator – Allison Whittle
- Caretakers and cleaner – Phil Thorne, Charles Abedi-Boafo and Eva Kyei.

Revd Vindra Maraj-Ogden leads a strong staff team to support our ministry and we pray for her as she continues to guide us.

Financial review

Going concern

After making appropriate enquiries, the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. For this reason, they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements. Further details regarding the adoption of the going concern basis can be found in the accounting policies.

Reserves policy

The Church endeavours to hold reserves sufficient to cover six months' worth of expenditure in its unrestricted funds. Restricted funds are accepted where there is a current project or activity which would allow these funds to be spent within a reasonable time frame. Designated funds are held where the Trustees have identified a specific need to hold funds outside of the General Reserve. The General Reserve is generally held at a balance of £5,000 each year and is balanced off from the Building Maintenance designated reserve.

Principal funding sources

Church income is primarily drawn from congregation giving and related tax refunds under the gift aid scheme (36%) along with letting of the premises to community groups (53%).

Expenditure

A major cost (29% of the total spend) (2024 32%) is the assessment paid to the Kingston upon Thames Circuit. Most of this covers Ministers' stipends and related costs, and the District assessment. A further 46% of costs (2024 42%) are spent on the upkeep and related expenses of the premises.

The other costs have remained broadly at previous levels.

Basis of consolidation

The published accounts include the church and internal church organisations.

Major risks

The Trustees have assessed the major risks to which the Charity is exposed, in particular those related to the operations and finances of the Charity, and are satisfied that systems and procedures are in place to mitigate exposure to major risks.

Plans for future periods

Plans for 2025-2026

The past year has been one of blessings and challenges as our minister took charge of Chessington Methodist Church as well as Surbiton Hill and the superintendency. She is hopeful for the future as we trust and obey God and seek to share the love, hope and healing that we have found in our relationship with God through his son, our Lord Jesus Christ.

One of the great successes of the past year was the aforementioned Alpha course and subsequent regular gatherings. We are still exploring what is next and this may include a further Alpha course in 2026. We have also resumed fellowship lunches in the past year, and we are moving towards arrangements where newcomers to the church can meet from time to time for fellowship and food. Finally, we are working on a new website offering a more user-friendly and modern look.

Structure, governance and management

Constitution

Surbiton Hill Methodist Church is a registered charity, number 1127609, and is constituted under a Trust deed.

The Charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and constitutes an unincorporated charity.

The governing document for the church is the Deed of Union (1932) and Methodist Church Act (1976).

Detailed governance arrangements are outlined within the Constitutional Practice and Discipline (CPD) of the Methodist Church, by order of the annual conference.

Surbiton Hill Methodist Church is part of the British Methodist Church. The Methodist Church operates under the Methodist Church Act of 1976.

All Methodist churches are connected to each other and are governed by the decisions laid down by the Connexion, through a District, Circuit and the local church.

The trustees who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

M Golding
P Thorpe
M Thorpe
J Bridges
M M Turner
J B Barwick
Revd V Maraj-Ogden
H C Abbott
C R Jones
L M Bridges
C E Mays
K Ingham
T Ingham
U Teitz (Resigned 31 March 2025)
E Cook
P V Lavers
R Strachan
C Fullbrook
D Fullbrook
E Abraham
H M Lamb
B Ojudayi
G Turner (Deceased 24 July 2025)
J Humphries

Recruitment and appointment of trustees
The management of the Charity is the responsibility of the Trustees who are elected and appointed under the terms of the Trust Deed. The Trustees are appointed at the Annual Church Meeting of all members and by the Church Council.

Organisational structure
Day to day management of the church is undertaken by the Church Leadership Team along with the Minister.

Induction and training of trustees
A range of guidance produced by the Methodist Connexion to support the effective running of the Church and the role of Trustees is given to the Church Trustees at various meetings and training sessions.

Relationship with related parties
The Church is part of the Kingston upon Thames Circuit which is part of the London Methodist District and is also accountable to the Methodist Conference.

Statement of trustees' responsibilities
The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that year.

In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:
- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping sufficient accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Conclusion
As a formal annual report on our activities this report inevitably focusses on the work of the church as a charity and its trustee responsibilities. However, our church life is far richer than this report can express. Alongside the formal work and decision making runs the whole complex life of a community which has lived through joys as well as deep sorrows and losses. There have been moments when we have been lifted up in worship and times when we have needed to explore the depths. But the power to do all these things is given us in Jesus Christ to whom we give glory now and for ever. Amen.

The trustees' report was approved by the Board of Trustees.

Revd V Maraj-Ogden
Trustee

11 February 2026

SURBITON HILL METHODIST CHURCH

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF SURBITON HILL METHODIST CHURCH

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Surbiton Hill Methodist Church (the 'charity') for the year ended 31 August 2025 which comprise the statement of financial activities, the balance sheet and notes to the financial statements, including significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 *The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland* (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion, the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charity's affairs as at 31 August 2025 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements* section of our report. We are independent of the charity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charity's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the annual report other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The trustees are responsible for the other information contained within the annual report. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon. Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the course of the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- the information given in the financial statements is inconsistent in any material respect with the trustees' report; or
- sufficient accounting records have not been kept; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the statement of trustees' responsibilities, the trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error. In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

We have been appointed as auditor under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and report in accordance with the Act and relevant regulations made or having effect thereunder.

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

- Enquiry of management and those charged with governance about actual and potential litigation or claims and the identification of non-compliance with laws and regulations;
- Reviewing minutes of meetings of those charged with governance;
- Reviewing financial statement disclosures and testing supporting documentation to assess compliance with applicable laws and regulations;
- Auditing the risk of management override of controls, including testing journal entries and other adjustments for appropriateness;
- Performing analytical procedures to identify any unusual or unexpected relationships that may indicate risks of material misstatement due to fraud;
- Professional scepticism in course of the audit and with audit sampling in material audit areas.

Because of the inherent limitations of an audit, there is a risk that we will not detect all irregularities, including those leading to a material misstatement in the financial statements or non-compliance with regulation. This risk increases the more that compliance with a law or regulation is removed from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, as we will be less likely to become aware of instances of non-compliance. The risk is also greater regarding irregularities occurring due to fraud rather than error, as fraud involves intentional concealment, forgery, collusion, omission or misrepresentation.

A further description of our responsibilities is available on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: https://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED)
TO THE TRUSTEES OF SURBITON HILL METHODIST CHURCH

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with Part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charity's trustees those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's trustees as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

K.C. Fisher

Kevin Fisher BA FCA CTA (Senior Statutory Auditor)
For and on behalf of Kingston Burrowes Audit Ltd, Statutory Auditor

308 Ewell Road
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12 February 2026

SURBITON HILL METHODIST CHURCH

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Restricted funds 2025 £	Total 2025 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £
Income from:							
Donations and legacies	3	99,564	855	100,419	107,093	738	107,831
Charitable activities	4	237	26,998	27,235	449	28,547	28,996
Other trading activities	5	128,197	18,540	146,737	115,309	19,664	134,973
Investments	6	3,512	310	3,822	4,133	296	4,429
Total income		231,510	46,703	278,213	226,984	49,245	276,229
Expenditure on:							
Raising funds	7	86,104	35,513	121,617	116,288	2,320	118,608
Charitable activities	8	125,414	17,500	142,914	137,379	24,521	161,900
Total expenditure		211,518	53,013	264,531	253,667	26,841	280,508
Net income/(expenditure)		19,992	(6,310)	13,682	(26,683)	22,404	(4,279)
Transfers between funds		3,840	(3,840)	-	16,080	(16,080)	-
Net movement in funds	10	23,832	(10,150)	13,682	(10,603)	6,324	(4,279)
Reconciliation of funds:							
Fund balances at 1 September 2024		158,896	3,721,170	3,880,066	169,499	3,714,846	3,884,345
Fund balances at 31 August 2025		182,728	3,711,020	3,893,748	158,896	3,721,170	3,880,066

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year. All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

The notes on pages 13 to 23 form part of these financial statements.

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BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 AUGUST 2025

	Notes	2025 £	2025 £	2024 £	2024 £
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	14		3,680,834		3,680,909
Current assets					
Debtors	15	19,237		17,704	
Cash at bank and in hand		209,018		187,443	
		228,255		205,147	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	16	(15,341)		(5,990)	
Net current assets			212,914		199,157
Total assets less current liabilities			3,893,748		3,880,066
The funds of the charity					
Restricted income funds	18		3,711,020		3,721,170
Unrestricted funds	19		182,728		158,896
			3,893,748		3,880,066

The notes on pages 13 to 23 form part of these financial statements.

The financial statements were approved by the trustees on 11 February 2026

Revd V Maraj-Ogden
Trustee

R Strachan
Trustee

1 Accounting policies

Charity information

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1.1 Basis of preparation

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The charity has taken advantage of the provisions in the SORP for charities not to prepare a statement of cash flows.

The financial statements have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a true and fair view. This departure has involved following the Statement of Recommended Practice for charities applying FRS 102 rather than the version of the Statement of Recommended Practice which is referred to in the Regulations but which has since been withdrawn.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

1.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors or grantors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Endowment funds are subject to specific conditions by donors that the capital must be maintained by the charity.

1.4 Income

Income is recognised when the charity is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

1 Accounting policies **(Continued)**

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the charity has been notified of the donation, unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

Legacies are recognised on receipt or otherwise if the charity has been notified of an impending distribution, the amount is known, and receipt is expected. If the amount is not known, the legacy is treated as a contingent asset.

1.5 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement, and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

Expenditure is classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. Central staff costs are allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges are allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

1.6 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Freehold land and buildings	N/A
Plant and equipment	10% on cost
Fixtures and fittings	35% on reducing balance

The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset, and is recognised in the statement of financial activities.

1.7 Impairment of fixed assets

At each reporting end date, the charity reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment loss (if any).

1.8 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

1 Accounting policies **(Continued)**

1.9 Financial instruments

The charity has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Financial instruments are recognised in the charity's balance sheet when the charity becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Basic financial assets

Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

Basic financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors and bank loans are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of operations from suppliers. Amounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade creditors are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Derecognition of financial liabilities

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the charity's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

1.10 Employee benefits

The cost of any unused holiday entitlement is recognised in the period in which the employee's services are received.

Termination benefits are recognised immediately as an expense when the charity is demonstrably committed to terminate the employment of an employee or to provide termination benefits.

1.11 Retirement benefits

Payments to defined contribution retirement benefit schemes are charged as an expense as they fall due.

2 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the charity's accounting policies, the trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

3 Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Restricted funds 2025 £	Total 2025 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £
Donations and gifts	99,564	855	100,419	107,093	738	107,831
Donations and gifts						
Donations and legacies	12,730	855	13,585	13,446	738	14,184
Collections	4,010	-	4,010	4,625	-	4,625
Collections – Gift Aid	67,082	-	67,082	71,577	-	71,577
Income tax reclaimed	15,742	-	15,742	17,445	-	17,445
	99,564	855	100,419	107,093	738	107,831

4 Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Restricted funds 2025 £	Total 2025 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £
Church activities						
Photocopying/other income	237	3,162	3,399	449	4,850	5,299
Subscriptions	-	23,836	23,836	-	23,697	23,697
	237	26,998	27,235	449	28,547	28,996

5 Income from other trading activities

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Restricted funds 2025 £	Total 2025 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £
Lettings income	128,197	18,540	146,737	115,309	19,664	134,973

6 Income from investments

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Restricted funds 2025 £	Total 2025 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £
Interest receivable	3,512	310	3,822	4,133	296	4,429

7 Expenditure on raising funds

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Restricted funds 2025 £	Total 2025 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £
Expenditure on raising funds						
Property expenses	35,387	-	35,387	30,844	-	30,844
Property repairs and renewals	5,063	35,513	40,576	42,398	2,320	44,718
Housekeeping and cleaning	6,802	-	6,802	7,326	-	7,326
Staff costs	38,852	-	38,852	35,720	-	35,720
	86,104	35,513	121,617	116,288	2,320	118,608

8 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Church activities 2025 £	Church activities 2024 £
Direct costs		
Staff costs	10,889	17,299
Depreciation and impairment	75	115
Circuit assessment	77,331	90,497
Outreach to neighbourhood	3,238	969
Worship resources	1,231	1,687
Youth and junior church	996	849
Music and choir	3,908	3,296
Church organisation costs	16,857	23,812
Grants to individuals	568	594
	115,093	139,118
Share of support and governance costs (see note 9)		
Support	27,821	22,782
	142,914	161,900
Analysis by fund		
Unrestricted funds	125,414	137,379
Restricted funds	17,500	24,521
	142,914	161,900

9 Support costs allocated to activities

	2025 £	2024 £
Staff costs	10,649	10,015
Stationery & office expenses	9,450	5,694
Telephone	637	1,382
Photocopier expenses	1,851	2,374
Bank charges	114	136
Accounting fee	1,500	-
Other expenses	20	611
Governance costs	3,600	2,570
	27,821	22,782
Analysed between:		
Church activities	27,821	22,782

10 Net movement in funds

	2025	2024
	£	£
The net movement in funds is stated after charging/(crediting):		
Fees payable for the audit of the charity's financial statements	3,600	2,570
Depreciation of owned tangible fixed assets	75	115

11 Trustees

None of the trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration or benefits from the charity during the year.

12 Employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

	2025	2024
	Number	Number
	5	5

Employment costs	2025	2024
	£	£
Wages and salaries	55,157	58,318
Social security costs	3,609	2,845
Other pension costs	1,624	1,871
	60,390	63,034

There were no employees whose annual remuneration was more than £60,000.

13 Taxation

The charity is exempt from taxation on its activities because all its income is applied for charitable purposes.

14 Tangible fixed assets

	Freehold land and buildings	Plant and equipment	Fixtures and fittings	Total
	£	£	£	£
Cost				
At 1 September 2024	3,680,695	39,643	24,509	3,744,847
At 31 August 2025	3,680,695	39,643	24,509	3,744,847
Depreciation and impairment				
At 1 September 2024	-	39,643	24,295	63,938
Depreciation charged in the year	-	-	75	75
At 31 August 2025	-	39,643	24,370	64,013
Carrying amount				
At 31 August 2025	3,680,695	-	139	3,680,834
At 31 August 2024	3,680,695	-	214	3,680,909

15 Debtors

	2025	2024
	£	£
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Trade debtors	10,567	12,118
Other debtors	4,804	5,586
Prepayments and accrued income	3,866	-
	19,237	17,704

16 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2025	2024
	£	£
Trade creditors	9,195	37
Other creditors	2,546	2,073
Accruals and deferred income	3,600	3,880
	15,341	5,990

17 Retirement benefit schemes

	2025	2024
	£	£
Defined contribution schemes		
Charge to profit or loss in respect of defined contribution schemes	1,624	1,871

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme for all qualifying employees. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the charity in an independently administered fund.

18 Restricted funds

The restricted funds of the charity comprise the unexpended balances of donations and grants held on trust subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used.

	At 1 September 2024	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	At 31 August 2025
	£	£	£	£	£
Development fund	2,101	-	-	-	2,101
Benevolent fund	278	-	-	-	278
Legacies	3,506	-	-	-	3,506
Youth worker	173	-	-	-	173
Tennis club	32,482	43,672	(50,248)	(2,800)	23,106
Table tennis	574	-	(574)	-	-
Ladies badminton	40	1,000	(59)	(840)	141
Network	342	940	(786)	-	496
Oasis	765	1,091	(1,271)	(200)	385
Fixed assets – Freehold property	3,427,573	-	-	-	3,427,573
Fixed assets – Fixtures & fittings	214	-	(75)	-	139
Fixed assets – Other organisations land & buildings	253,122	-	-	-	253,122
	3,721,170	46,703	(53,013)	(3,840)	3,711,020

Previous year:	At 1 September 2023	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	At 31 August 2024
	£	£	£	£	£
Development fund	2,101	-	-	-	2,101
Benevolent fund	318	-	(40)	-	278
Legacies	3,506	-	-	-	3,506
Youth worker	173	-	-	-	173
Tennis club	14,390	45,755	(24,863)	(2,800)	32,482
Table tennis	547	451	(24)	(400)	574
Ladies badminton	40	1,000	(40)	(960)	40
Mixed badminton	2,642	-	-	(2,642)	-
Network	354	913	(925)	-	342
Oasis	673	1,126	(834)	(200)	765
Fixed assets – Freehold property	3,427,573	-	-	-	3,427,573
Fixed assets – Fixtures & fittings	(90)	-	(115)	419	214
Fixed assets – Other organisations land & buildings	262,619	-	-	(9,497)	253,122
	3,714,846	49,245	(26,841)	(16,080)	3,721,170

19 Unrestricted funds

The unrestricted funds of the charity comprise the unexpended balances of donations and grants which are not subject to specific conditions by donors and grantors as to how they may be used. These include designated funds which have been set aside out of unrestricted funds by the trustees for specific purposes.

	At 1 September 2024	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	At 31 August 2025
	£	£	£	£	£
General funds	5,000	221,510	(206,455)	(15,055)	5,000
Development reserve	6,886	-	-	-	6,886
Building maintenance	147,010	10,000	(5,063)	18,895	170,842
	158,896	231,510	(211,518)	3,840	182,728

Previous year:	At 1 September 2023	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	At 31 August 2024
	£	£	£	£	£
General funds	5,000	216,984	(211,553)	(5,431)	5,000
Development reserve	6,886	-	-	-	6,886
Building maintenance	157,613	10,000	(42,114)	21,511	147,010
	169,499	226,984	(253,667)	16,080	158,896

20 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds 2025	Restricted funds 2025	Total 2025
	£	£	£
At 31 August 2025:			
Tangible assets	-	3,680,834	3,680,834
Current assets/(liabilities)	182,728	30,186	212,914
	182,728	3,711,020	3,893,748

	Unrestricted funds 2024	Restricted funds 2024	Total 2024
	£	£	£
At 31 August 2024:			
Tangible assets	-	3,680,909	3,680,909
Current assets/(liabilities)	158,896	40,261	199,157
	158,896	3,721,170	3,880,066

21 Related party transactions

There were no disclosable related party transactions during the year (2024 - none).

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Report of the Trustees and Audited Financial Statements

for the Year Ended 31 August 2024

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Trustees Annual Report and Audited Financial Statements
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Introduction

The work of Surbiton Hill Methodist Church takes place within the overall mission and purposes of the Methodist Church in Britain. This mission is summarised in the document *Our Calling* (Methodist Conference Report, 2000). The four themes identified in *Our Calling* were reaffirmed by the Methodist Conference in 2018:

> The calling of the Methodist Church is to respond to the gospel of God's love in Christ and to live out its discipleship in worship and mission. It does this through:
> Worship
> Learning and Caring
> Service
> Evangelism

Responding to *Our Calling* Surbiton Hill Methodist Church has its own mission to:

- Worship God
- Encourage and support people to follow Jesus Christ as Saviour
- Care for our neighbours and work for justice and the relief of suffering around the world.

In 2018 we agreed a developed Vision Statement which is now the basis of our annual and longer term planning. The Vision is to become a "vibrant Christian centre for caring, sharing, worship and welcome in Surbiton".

Review of the Year

1) Worship

Sunday morning congregations average around 75 people, and about 20 people join services livestreamed online on our YouTube channel, where the services are available for a year. New friends continue to join us in our Sunday regular worship. Sunday Junior Church is well-established with varying numbers from week to week. The area of the church which last year was designated as the children's area continues to be a popular and comfortable place for those with children and babies.

Holy Communion takes place monthly as part of the Sunday morning worship. In addition, monthly Mid-Week Communion, Praise Parties and Messy Church are other times when we can meet together as 'church'.

Worship is led by our own minister Revd Vindra Maraj-Ogden, other ministers and local preachers from the Kingston Methodist Circuit, and Bron Coveney, our Children and Families' Worker. We have a team of volunteers who offer bible readings, lead prayers, operate the audio-visual and livestream systems and countless other contributions.

Music remains central to our worship with a strong lead from our Director of Music and Choir. This is much appreciated in Sunday morning worship and especially valued in the livestream services. SHMC continues to enjoy a variety of music, with Sunday morning focussed more towards traditional and modern hymnody, and more lively contemporary music in our family orientated services. We are always happy to learn new hymns and songs at the preachers' request.

Evening services are now occasional, taking place at such times as the annual Service of Remembering on All Soul's Day in the autumn. We invite those who have recently been bereaved to this quiet, reflective service, as well as welcoming any who wish to attend. We light candles in a prayerful and peaceful atmosphere as we remember loved ones. In December we have a Crib Service for families, a Christmas Café Service led by the choir, and the annual Carol Service in evenings.

2) Children and Families Work

The children and families' activities at Surbiton Hill continue to go from strength to strength. All the work is supported by teams of dedicated volunteers who have a passion for sharing Christ with children, young people and their families in many fun, hands-on and creative ways.

Our weekly toddler group – Oasis – continues to be well attended by families from the local area. In the summer, this makes use of the church's tennis club which gives us access to a safe, outside space. We lead the group with Christ's call to love and serve one another at its core, sharing this through songs, stories, and a hot cup of tea and a biscuit!
Messy Church is well loved by those who attend, and we regularly have new families join. Everyone can experience Christ in a creative, active and visual way, allowing their individual form of expression to bring a personal understanding and relationship with Christ.

A truly unique model of worship, our monthly Praise Party continues to draw families with children/young people aged 2-16 who worship with us in a way that is exciting and inclusive. The service is followed by the sharing of a light meal together. We enjoy games, challenges and crafts, and there is also a small puppet team involving some of our young people, which has been immensely popular.

Once a week, our Open the Book team visit St Andrew and St Mark's Junior School to lead collective worship, acting out stories from the Bible. We have a great relationship with the school, who value what we do.

At the start of the summer holidays we welcomed 25 – 35 children each day to our Game On! Holiday club involved crafts, games, and tennis. The activities were themed on video games such as Minecraft, Pokemon, Sonic the Hedgehog and Super Mario but with a core of the message of Jesus. Many of the children who came were from outside the church projects we run, and many we met for the first time. The whole event was only made possible because of the hard work, dedication, care, and commitment of our incredible volunteers.

3) Building Use and Developments

Our new side entrance opened in September 2023. It is a bright airy space which is twice as wide as previously, with a higher ceiling and lots of natural light. It has attracted lots of favourable comments from church members, our community user groups and occasional visitors, with the automatic door attracting particular praise – especially from those coming in or going out with pushchairs or in wheelchairs. The project was accompanied by replacement of the window-frames in, and redecoration of, the adjoining stairwell – ensuring a much more welcoming atmosphere for everyone entering. It is a valuable step in our vision to be a vibrant Christian centre for caring, sharing, welcome and worship in Surbiton.

Other updating has included the recent replacement of a collapsing old oil storage tank housing with a well-built storeroom and workshop for our caretaker, and a continuing programme of redecoration throughout the premises.

All this is accompanied by on-going maintenance to ensure that our old and heavily used premises are kept to a high standard by our dedicated team of staff and volunteers.

4) Governance

The Church Tennis Club agreed a revised governance document and protocols in 2021/22 which remain in place. The arrangements have allowed the Club greater autonomy and full participation for club members who are not church members whilst ensuring that the Church Council as managing trustees retains clear governance control and exercises due diligence. The arrangements also maintain and guarantee the specific Methodist ethos and heritage of the Club. The Club site with its six courts and pavilion is a Methodist Church property held under the Methodist Model Trusts by the Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes (TMCP) as custodian trustees, and the local Church Council as managing trustees.

The managing trustees look to the Club to support their charitable purposes through its role in providing an affordable and accessible sports facility in the community.

Managing Trustees carried out their governance responsibilities for finance through the work of the Church Treasurer and the Finance Committee with regular reporting to both the Leadership Team and Church Council. Audited accounts are of course the main substance of this report.

Routine care of the Church Property, including Health and Safety, and risk management are delegated to a Property Committee co-ordinated by a Property Steward who also acts as manager for caretaking and cleaning staff. A rolling cycle of both repair and pro-active maintenance is continued.

Managing Trustees have specific responsibilities in overseeing the Methodist Church's safeguarding policies. The local church safeguarding policy received an annual review, a strong local safeguarding officer remains in post, DBS applications and renewals are carefully monitored, and training provided according to the Methodist Church's policies. Safeguarding is a major feature of our church life and has become an embedded part of our community culture.

SHMC hosts two other Christian congregations which do not have their own premises. The Korean Gloria Church has been a guest within our community for a considerable time and typically meets on Sunday afternoons. Since September 2019 we were also joined by the Lagoinha Baptist Church, a congregation worshipping in Portuguese and mainly drawn from the Brazilian community in the UK. Appropriate advice and permissions were sought from the Methodist Church's ecumenical officer before agreeing this arrangement. We welcome the presence of these two very different congregations as part of our commitment to being a "vibrant Christian centre for worship and welcome in Surbiton."

We are immensely grateful to the teams of volunteers who make all this possible including our principal officers in finance and property care.

5) Staffing

Our work would be impossible without the dedication and generosity of volunteers in all areas of church life. The work of a modern charity and community centre is increasingly complex and as part of our vision we have gradually built a small professional team to extend our work. We give thanks for their dedication.

- Minister – Rev Vindra Maraj-Ogden
- Children and Families' Worker – Bron Coveney
- Church Administrator – Allison Whittle
- Caretakers and cleaner – Phil Thorne, Charles Abedi-Boafo and Eva Kyei.

We warmly welcomed Revd Vindra Maraj-Ogden, who was appointed as our minister from September 2023. We give thanks that we have been able to maintain a strong staff team to support our ministry in this place and we pray for Vindra as she continues to settle in with us. We have two new employees – Charles Abedi-Boafo who has joined us as night security person following the untimely death of Roy Beasley; and Eva Kyei who replaced Abigail Crabbe as our cleaner.

6) Plans for 2024-2025

Our plans hit a bump in the road in February 2024 when our new minister sadly fell and broke her ankle while she was in Trinidad. This meant after surgery she could not travel for twelve weeks and naturally a series of new arrangements were made. However, we were blessed with her return in May 2024 and she is able to provide us with prayerful guidance for the year ahead.

These plans include the introduction of weekly bible fellowship groups online, to build on the successful introduction of an in person version earlier this year. In addition, we will launch a Men's Breakfast (we have had a long running Women's Breakfast) and reintroduce Friendship lunches to encourage fellowship and integrate more of the new people who are regularly joining the congregation. We are also developing plans for a potential Alpha course in 2025.

It is important to note that, as planned, from September 2024 our minister is now also the minister for Chessington Methodist Church. This will naturally have consequences for which we will seeks God's guidance on how best to proceed.

7) Conclusion

As a formal annual report on our activities this report inevitably focusses on the work of the church as a charity and its trustee responsibilities. However, our church life is far richer than this report can express. Alongside the formal work and decision making runs the whole complex life of a community which has lived through joys as well as deep sorrows and losses. There have been moments when we have been lifted up in worship and times when we have needed to explore the depths. But the power to do all these things is given us in Jesus Christ to whom we give glory now and for ever. Amen.

Rev Vindra Maraj-Ogden: minister in pastoral charge, Surbiton Hill Methodist Church, chair of Church Council (managing trustees).

FINANCIAL REVIEW

a. Going concern

After making appropriate enquiries, the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. For this reason, they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements. Further details regarding the adoption of the going concern basis can be found in the accounting policies.

b. Reserves policy

The Church endeavours to hold reserves sufficient to cover six months' worth of expenditure in its unrestricted funds. Restricted funds are accepted where there is a current project or activity which would allow these funds to be spent within a reasonable time frame. Designated funds are held where the Trustees have identified a specific need to hold funds outside of the General Reserve. The General Reserve is generally held at a balance of £5,000 each year and is balanced off from the Building Maintenance designated reserve.

c. Principal funding

Church income is primarily drawn from congregation giving and related tax refunds under the gift aid scheme along with the lettings of the premises to community groups. Since restrictions owing to Covid were lifted the groups have returned and income is at an equivalent level to that before the pandemic.

d. Expenditure

The major cost (32% of the total spend) (2023: 21%) is the assessment paid to the Kingston upon Thames Circuit. Most of this covers Ministers' stipends and related costs, and the District assessment. A further 42% of costs (2023: 47%) are spent on the upkeep and related expenses of the premises.

The other costs have remained broadly at previous levels.

e. Basis of consolidation

The published accounts include the church and internal church organisations.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

a. Constitution

Surbiton Hill Methodist Church is a registered charity, number 1127609, and is constituted under a Trust deed.

The Charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and constitutes an unincorporated charity.

The governing document for the church is the Deed of Union (1932) and Methodist Church Act (1976).

Detailed governance arrangements are outlined within the Constitutional Practice and Discipline (CPD) of the Methodist Church, by order of the annual conference.

Surbiton Hill Methodist Church is part of the British Methodist Church. The Methodist Church operates under the Methodist Church Act of 1976.

All Methodist churches are connected to each other and are governed by the decisions laid down by the Connexion, through a District, Circuit and the local church.

b. Methods of appointment or election of Trustees

The management of the Charity is the responsibility of the Trustees who are elected and appointed under the terms of the Trust Deed. The Trustees are appointed at the Annual Church Meeting of the church and by the Church Council.

c. Organisational structure and decision-making policies

Day to day management of the church is undertaken by the Church Leadership Team along with the Minister.

d. Policies adopted for the induction and training of Trustees

A range of guidance produced by the Methodist Connexion to support the effective running of the Church and the role of Trustees is given to the Church Trustees at various meetings and training sessions.

e. Related party relationships

The Church is part of the Kingston upon Thames Circuit which is part of the London Methodist District and is also accountable to the Methodist Conference.

f. Financial risk management

The Trustees have assessed the major risks to which the Charity is exposed, in particular those related to the operations and finances of the Charity, and are satisfied that systems and procedures are in place to mitigate exposure to major risks.

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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Charity number
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Trustees

V Maraj-Ogden	appointed 01.09.23
J Bridges	
M Turner	
P Thorpe	
M Thorpe	
J Barwick	
L Bridges	
M Golding	
H Abbott	
C Jones	
G Turner	
C Mays	
K Ingham	
T Ingham	
U Teitz	
E Cook	
P Lavers	
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C Fullbrook	
D Fullbrook	
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H Lamb	
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STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Report of the Trustees and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charity for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charity SORP 2019 (FRS 102);
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 12 June 2024 and signed on its behalf by:

.....
Revd Vindra Maraj-Ogden
Trustee

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF

SURBITON HILL METHODIST CHURCH

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Surbiton Hill Methodist Church for the year ended 31 August 2024 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charity's affairs as at 31 August 2024, and of its incoming resources and application of resources, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charity's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other information

The trustees are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the Report of the Trustees other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 require us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- the information given in the financial statements is inconsistent in any material respect with the trustees' report; or
- sufficient accounting records have not been kept; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the trustees' responsibilities statement set out on page 9, the trustees are responsible for the preparation of financial statements which give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charity or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

We have been appointed as auditor under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and report in accordance with regulations made under section 154 of that Act.

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF

SURBITON HILL METHODIST CHURCH

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements ../continued

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

- Enquiry of management and those charged with governance about actual and potential litigation or claims and the identification of non-compliance with laws and regulations;
- Reviewing minutes of meetings of those charged with governance;
- Reviewing financial statement disclosures and testing supporting documentation to assess compliance with applicable laws and regulations;
- Auditing the risk of management override of controls, including testing journal entries and other adjustments for appropriateness;
- Performing analytical procedures to identify any unusual or unexpected relationships that may indicate risks of material misstatement due to fraud;
- Professional scepticism in course of the audit and with audit sampling in material audit areas.

Because of the inherent limitations of an audit, there is a risk that we will not detect all irregularities, including those leading to a material misstatement in the financial statements or non-compliance with regulation. This risk increases the more that compliance with a law or regulation is removed from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, as we will be less likely to become aware of instances of non-compliance. The risk is also greater regarding irregularities occurring due to fraud rather than error, as fraud involves intentional concealment, forgery, collusion, omission or misrepresentation.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

Use of our report.

This report is made solely to the charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with Part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charity's trustees those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's trustees as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

K C. Fisher

Kevin Fisher BA FCA CTA
For and on behalf of Kingston Burrowes Audit Ltd

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24 June 2025

Surbiton Hill Methodist Church
(Consolidation)

Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31 August 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
INCOME FROM:					
Donations and legacies	2	107,093	738	107,831	137,393
Charitable activities:					
Other trading activities	3	449	28,547	28,996	26,027
Investment income	4	119,442	19,960	139,402	113,223
Total		226,984	49,245	276,229	276,643
EXPENDITURE ON:					
Raising funds	5	116,288	2,320	118,608	150,331
Charitable Activities					
General Activity	6	137,379	24,520	161,899	169,817
Total		253,667	26,840	280,507	320,148
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		(26,683)	22,405	(4,278)	(43,505)
Transfer between funds		16,080	(16,080)	-	-
Net movement in funds		(10,603)	6,325	(4,278)	(43,505)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		169,499	3,714,844	3,884,343	3,927,848
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		£158,896	£3,721,169	£3,880,065	£3,884,343

The notes form part of these financial statements

Surbiton Hill Methodist Church
(Consolidation)

Balance Sheet
for the Year Ended 31 August 2024

	Notes	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible assets	12	3,680,909	3,681,024
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	13	17,704	28,515
Cash at bank		187,443	229,170
		205,147	257,685
CREDITORS			
Amounts falling due within one year	14	(5,991)	(54,366)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		199,156	203,319
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		3,880,065	3,884,343
NET ASSETS	16	£3,880,065	£3,884,343
FUNDS	15		
Unrestricted funds		158,896	169,499
Restricted funds		3,721,169	3,714,844
TOTAL FUNDS	15	£3,880,065	£3,884,343

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 12 June 2024 and were signed on its behalf by :

.....
Revd Vindra Maraj-Ogden
Trustee

.....
Ross Strachan
Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

Surbiton Hill Methodist Church
(Consolidation)

Notes to the Financial Statements
for the Year Ended 31 August 2024

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

a) The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued in October 2019, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), the Charities Act 2011 and the UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

The financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis and are initially recognised at historical cost convention, modified to include certain items at fair value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note.

The significant accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all years presented unless otherwise stated.

b) Incoming recognition policies
Items of income are recognised and included in the accounts when all of the following criteria are met:

- the charity has entitlement to the funds;
- any performance conditions attached to the item(s) of income have been met or are fully within the control of the charity;
- there is sufficient certainty that receipt of the income is considered probable; and
- the amount can be measured reliably.

c) Expenditure recognition
Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to make a payment to a third party, it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

Expenditure includes those costs of a direct nature which can be allocated to a specific activity. It also includes indirect costs, including governance costs that do not relate to a specific activity but are necessary to support those activities.

d) Tangible fixed assets
Tangible fixed assets costing more than £500 are capitalised. Depreciation is provided so as to write off the cost of each asset over its estimated useful life at the following annual rates:

Plant and machinery	-	10% on cost
Fixtures and fittings	-	35% on reducing balance

e) Taxation
The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

f) Investments
Unlisted investments are initially recognised, and are subsequently stated, at cost.

Investment properties are initially recognised at cost or, in the case of donated assets, the market value of the gift in kind. At the end of each accounting period investment properties are restated at market value and any gain or loss is reported in the Statement of Financial Activities. No depreciation is provided on investment properties.

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

g) Leases
Operating lease rentals are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities on a straight line basis over the period of the lease.

h) Pension costs
The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme for the benefit of its employees. Contributions are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the year to which they relate.

i) Fund accounting
Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity and which have not been designated for specific purposes.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds set aside by the trustees for specific purposes.

Restricted funds are those funds which can only be used in accordance with the specified wishes of the donor or which have been raised for particular purposes.

j) Debtors and creditors
Debtors and creditors with no stated interest rate and receivable or payable within one year are recorded at transaction price. Any losses arising from impairments are recognised in expenditure.

2. INCOME FROM DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Donations and legacies	13,446	738	14,184	39,685
Collections	4,625	-	4,625	2,306
Collections – Gift Aid	71,577	-	71,577	76,714
Income tax reclaimed	17,445	-	17,445	18,688
	£107,093	£738	£107,831	£137,393

Of the £137,393 recognised in 2023, £98,439 was unrestricted funds and £38,954 was restricted funds.

3. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Photocopying/other income	449	4,850	5,299	2,912
Subscriptions	-	23,697	23,697	23,115
	£449	£28,547	£28,996	£26,027

Of the £26,027 recognised in 2023, £176 was unrestricted funds and £25,851 was restricted funds.

4. INVESTMENT INCOME

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Letting income	115,309	19,664	134,973	109,292
Bank and other interest	4,133	296	4,429	3,931
	£119,442	£19,960	£139,402	£113,223

Of the £113,223 recognised in 2023, £103,032 was unrestricted funds and £10,191 was restricted funds.

5. COST OF RAISING FUNDS

	Direct Costs £	Support Costs £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Property expenses	30,844	-	30,844	33,632
Housekeeping and cleaning	34,104	-	34,104	32,608
Property repairs and renewals	53,660	-	53,660	84,091
	£118,608	£Nil	£118,608	£150,331

Of the £118,608 recognised in 2024 (2023: £150,331), £116,288 (2023: £74,398) was charged to unrestricted funds and £2,320 (2023: £75,933) was charged to restricted funds.

6. ANALYSIS OF EXPENDITURE ON CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Direct costs £	Support cost £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Church activities	£139,118	£22,781	£161,899	£169,817

Of the £161,899 expenditure recognised in 2024 (2023: £169,817), £137,379 (2023: £106,690) was charged to unrestricted funds and £24,520 (2023: £63,127) was charged to restricted funds.

7. DIRECT COSTS

	2024	2023
	£	£
Charitable Activities		
Circuit assessment	90,497	66,151
Outreach to neighbourhood	969	1,795
Staff costs	17,299	12,801
Worship resources	1,687	1,428
Youth and Junior church	849	253
Music and choir	3,296	3,306
Church organisation costs	23,812	62,219
Depreciation	115	177
Grants to individuals	594	731
	£139,118	£148,861

8. SUPPORT COSTS

	2024	2023
	£	£
Charitable Activities		
Staff costs	10,015	8,559
Church organisations costs	10,196	8,397
Governance costs (see Note 9)	2,570	4,000
	£22,781	£20,956

9. GOVERNANCE COSTS

	2024	2023
	£	£
Audit fees	£2,570	£4,000

10. STAFF COSTS

	2024	2023
	£	£
Salaries and wages	58,318	53,318
National insurance	2,845	1,300
Pension costs	1,871	2,042
	£63,034	£56,660

No employee received total employee benefits (excluding employer pension costs) of more than £60,000 per annum.

The average number of employees during the year was 5 (2023: 5).

No remuneration was paid in the year, or previous year, to key management.

11. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND EXPENSES

The trustees received no remuneration or reimbursed expenses during the year (2023: £Nil).

12. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Freehold Property	Plant and Machinery	Fixtures And Fittings	Total
	£	£	£	£
COST				
At 1 September 2023 and 31 August 2024	3,680,695	39,643	24,509	3,744,847
DEPRECIATION				
At 1 September 2023	-	39,643	24,180	63,823
Charge for the year	-	-	115	115
At 31 August 2024	-	39,643	24,295	63,938
NET BOOK VALUE				
At 31 August 2024	£3,680,695	£Nil	£214	£3,680,909
At 31 August 2023	£3,680,695	£Nil	£329	£3,681,024

In accordance with Methodist Accounting Rules, the freehold property has been revalued to the insured valuation at 31 August 2016. This is recognised as its deemed cost at that date.

13. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2024	2023
	£	£
Trade debtors	12,119	5,955
Other debtors and prepayments	5,585	22,560
	£17,704	£28,515

14. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2024	2023
	£	£
Trade creditors	37	8,666
Other creditors	5,954	45,700
	£5,991	£54,366

15. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	Brought forward at 1 September 2023 £	Income (including gains) £	Expenditure (including losses) £	Transfers between funds £	Carried forward at 31 August 2024 £
Unrestricted funds					
General funds	5,000	216,984	211,553	(5,431)	5,000
Development reserve	6,886	-	-	-	6,886
Building maintenance	157,613	10,000	42,114	21,511	147,010
	169,499	226,984	253,667	16,080	158,896
Restricted funds					
Development fund	2,100	-	-	-	2,100
Benevolent fund	318	-	40	-	278
Legacies	3,506	-	-	-	3,506
Youth worker	173	-	-	-	173
Tennis club	14,390	45,755	24,863	(2,800)	32,482
Table tennis	547	451	24	(400)	574
Ladies badminton	40	1,000	40	(960)	40
Mixed badminton	2,642	-	-	(2,642)	-
Network	354	913	925	-	342
Oasis	672	1,126	833	(200)	765
Fixed assets – Freehold property	3,427,573	-	-	-	3,427,573
Fixed assets – Fixtures & fittings	(90)	-	115	419	214
Fixed assets – Other organisations land & buildings	262,619	-	-	(9,497)	253,122
	3,714,844	49,245	26,840	(16,080)	3,721,169
TOTAL FUNDS	£3,884,343	£276,229	£280,507	£Nil	£3,880,065

15. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS – continued

Comparative for movement in funds:

	Brought forward at 1 September 2022 £	Income (including gains) £	Expenditure (including losses) £	Transfers between funds £	Carried forward at 31 August 2023 £
Unrestricted funds					
General funds	5,000	201,647	181,088	(20,559)	5,000
Development reserve	6,886	-	-	-	6,886
Building maintenance	133,554	-	-	24,059	157,613
	145,440	201,647	181,088	3,500	169,499
Restricted funds					
Development fund	2,100	-	-	-	2,100
Benevolent fund	318	-	-	-	318
Legacies	17,678	-	-	(14,172)	3,506
Vision project	28,451	33,310	75,933	14,172	-
Youth worker	173	-	-	-	173
Tennis club	39,826	37,699	60,885	(2,250)	14,390
Table tennis	140	707	-	(300)	547
Ladies badminton	18	1,000	28	(950)	40
Mixed badminton	2,642	-	-	-	2,642
Network	300	867	813	-	354
Oasis	483	1,413	1,224	-	672
Fixed assets – Freehold property	3,427,573	-	-	-	3,427,573
Fixed assets – Fixtures & fittings	87	-	177	-	(90)
Fixed assets – Other organisations land & buildings	262,619	-	-	-	262,619
	3,782,408	74,996	139,060	(3,500)	3,714,844
TOTAL FUNDS	£3,927,848	£277,643	£320,148	£Nil	£3,884,343

16. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2023 £
Fixed Assets	-	3,680,909	3,680,909	3,681,024
Current Assets	164,566	40,581	205,147	257,685
Current Liabilities	(5,670)	(321)	(5,991)	(54,366)
	£158,896	£3,721,169	£3,880,065	£3,884,343

Comparative figures for 2023 were as follows:

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2022 £
Fixed Assets	-	3,681,024	3,681,024	3,681,201
Current Assets	188,480	69,205	257,685	256,509
Current Liabilities	(18,981)	(35,385)	(54,366)	(9,862)
	£169,499	£3,714,844	£3,884,343	£3,927,848

17. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 August 2024.

Surbiton Hill Methodist Church
(Consolidation)

Detailed Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31 August 2024

18. INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS	2024 £	2023 £
Donations and legacies		
Collections	4,625	2,306
Donations	14,184	39,685
Collections – Gift aid	71,577	76,714
Income tax reclaimed	17,445	18,688
	107,831	137,393
Other trading activities		
Photocopying/Other income	5,299	2,912
Subscriptions	23,697	23,115
	28,996	26,027
Investment income		
Letting income	134,973	109,292
Bank and other interest	4,429	3,931
	139,402	113,223
Total incoming resources	£276,229	£276,643

Surbiton Hill Methodist Church
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Detailed Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31 August 2024

19. CHARITABLE EXPENDITURE	2024 £	2023 £
EXPENDITURE		
Raising donations and legacies		
Property expenses	30,844	33,632
Housekeeping and cleaning	34,104	32,608
Property repairs and renewals	53,660	84,091
	118,608	150,331
Charitable activities		
Circuit assessment	90,497	66,151
Outreach to neighbourhood	969	1,795
Worship resources	1,687	1,428
Youth and Junior church	18,148	13,054
Music and choir	3,296	3,306
Administration	10,015	8,559
Stationery & office expenses	5,694	5,326
Telephone	1,382	777
Photocopier expenses	2,374	2,012
Other expenses	610	-
Depreciation	115	177
Church organisations costs	23,812	62,219
Grants to individuals	594	731
	159,193	165,535
Other		
Bank charges	136	282
Governance costs		
Auditors' remuneration	2,570	4,000
Total resources expended	280,507	320,148
Net expenditure	£(4,278)	£(43,505)

SURBITON HILL METHODIST CHURCH

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Report of the Trustees and Audited Financial Statements

for the Year Ended 31 August 2023

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SURBITON HILL METHODIST CHURCH

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Trustees Annual Report and Audited Financial Statements
for the Year Ended 31 August 2023

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Surbiton Hill Methodist Church
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Trustees Annual Report
for the Year Ended 31 August 2023

Introduction

The work of Surbiton Hill Methodist Church takes place within the overall mission and purposes of the Methodist Church in Britain. This mission is summarised in the document *Our Calling* (Methodist Conference Report, 2000). The four themes identified in *Our Calling* were reaffirmed by the Methodist Conference in 2018:

> The calling of the Methodist Church is to respond to the gospel of God's love in Christ and to live out its discipleship in worship and mission. It does this through:
> Worship
> Learning and Caring
> Service
> Evangelism

Responding to *Our Calling* Surbiton Hill Methodist Church has its own mission to:

- Worship God
- Encourage and support people to follow Jesus Christ as Saviour
- Care for our neighbours and work for justice and the relief of suffering around the world.

In 2018 we agreed a developed Vision Statement which is now the basis of our annual and longer term planning. The Vision is to become a "vibrant Christian centre for caring, sharing, worship and welcome in Surbiton".

Review of the Year

1) Worship

Our Sunday morning service typically includes face-to-face congregations averaging around 80 people, together with about 20 people joining these Sunday morning services livestreamed online on our YouTube channel, and there are further viewings of each recorded service later. New friends have joined us in regular worship. Sunday morning Junior Church is once again well-established. Monthly Mid-Week Communion, Praise Parties and Messy Church are now back in full swing with a small increase in numbers. Worship was led by our own minister Rev Dr Stan Brown, other ministers and local preachers from the Kingston Methodist Circuit, and Bron Coveney, our Children and Families' Worker. There is a team of volunteers who read, lead prayers, operate the audio-visual and livestream system and make countless other contributions.

The church has been re-arranged to provide a new children's area which is proving popular on Sunday mornings. Music remains central to our worship with a strong lead from our Director of Music and Choir. This is especially valued in the livestream services. SHMC continues to enjoy a great variety of music, with Sunday mornings focused more towards traditional and modern hymnody, and more lively contemporary music in our family orientated Praise Party services. Evening services are now occasional, but Circuit Services shared with our friends of the Kingston Methodist Circuit have begun once more.

2) Children and Families Work

A new children and families' worker, Bron Coveney, was appointed at the end of 2022 and it is lovely to see our children's groups thriving again post-Covid. The work is supported by a team of dedicated volunteers who have a passion for sharing Christ with children, young people and their families in many fun, hands on and creative ways.

During Sunday morning worship, there is a Junior Church most weeks for children to attend, where they can learn more about Jesus. Children experience the meaning behind scripture through crafts, games and movement, and through different visual media. We see up to ten children attending each week.

Our weekly Toddler Group, Oasis, is always busy, with up to 30 families attending every week. In the summer, this makes use of the church's tennis club which provides access to a safe, outside space. Alongside the extensive play activities, the group is led with Christ's call to love and serve one another at its core, sharing this through songs, stories, and juice and a biscuit (tea or coffee for the adults).

Since its relaunch in January, Messy Church has seen a steady increase in families attending – from 23 to 30 on average.

Our monthly Praise Party is a truly intergenerational and unique model of worship. We have several families who join us with children/young people aged 2 - 16, who worship with us in a way that is exciting and inclusive, followed by the sharing of a meal together. We enjoy games, challenges and crafts, and there is a small puppet team involving some of our young people which has been immensely popular.

Once a week, our Open The Book Team visits St Andrew's and St Mark's Junior School to lead collective worship, acting out stories from the Bible. Children are invited to participate in this, and there is always an eagerness to join in and be part of the story telling. We have a great relationship with the school who value what we do.

We also relaunched the Summer Holiday Club in 2023 with a circus theme. The inherent potential of this for fantastic stories and exciting activities made it perfect. We had around 20 children each day; everyone who booked came (in fact, some who only booked for a couple of days asked to come for the whole week because they'd enjoyed it so much!). We gave children a range of activities to choose from – crafts, games, and tennis (naturally!). The tennis was especially popular, with children of all ages and abilities having a go. After snacks, we demonstrated some circus skills that the children could have a go at. We then invited parents back early so that they could see the children showcase their new skill, join in the song of the day, and hear the day's story. It was a very successful week with lots of positive things shared from both the children and their parents about the event. It was particularly nice to share the story with the adults, and to see them as well as the children get so engaged. This was led by Bron and a keen group of volunteers. Everyone in the team brought their unique gifts and made the week come together; it was the perfect example of 1 Corinthians 12:4 – 'there are different gifts, but the same Spirit'.

We have hopes of increasing the work that we do with creative ministries so that we can continue to make worship lively, relevant and fun, and find new ways to be Christ's hands and feet on earth, helping Surbiton's children, young people and their families draw closer to God.

3) Building Use and Developments

This year has seen two new ventures offering practical care, support and outreach to our community. Responding to the Warm Spaces initiative, a new pop-up Warm Welcome Café has run on Friday mornings, making use of the upgraded kitchen facilities and adjacent Parlour. Led by Student Minister Hannah Chun, the Café successfully reached out to some of the many user groups in the building as well as attracting church members. The café runs on a donations basis.

Share and Care is a new group with a broad brief to support carers and those with whom they live, or, indeed, anyone who feels a need to share. The group meets monthly.

Following a review of our Church Vision, a strategy was created to upgrade our building to better serve our vision. Phase 1 work in summer 2021 refurbished the kitchen and improved access to the annexe and upper floor.

In 2022-2023 the Church Council agreed to Phase 2 work in summer 2023, to open up the main community entrance at the side of the building, creating easier access for users of the building, is another step towards our vision as a centre for caring, sharing and welcome.

Our side entrance re-opened on Friday 8 September 2023 (shortly after the year formally covered by this report). In eight weeks it had been totally transformed. What had been a narrow, dingy and often congested hallway (regarded as our "tradesman's entrance") has become a bright, airy space which is twice as wide, with a higher ceiling and lots of natural light. Much more welcoming!!

Any project adapting existing buildings can be challenging. Ours was especially so – modifying parts of three separate earlier extensions to the original 1882 building, and with copies of the plans for only the last of those. Particular "moments" during this summer were:

- The need for the structural steelwork to be redesigned when it was discovered that the intended foundations for one of the support columns would breach our main outflow sewer;
- Having to drop our plan for the exposed brickwork of the church wall to feature for the whole righthand side – when extremely shoddy infill work from the addition of the stairwell in 1928 was uncovered;
- When the official inspector insisted that this work triggered a dormant change in building regulations – requiring that fire-resistant glazing be added to the Office and Minister's Vestry windows.

Those, and several lesser issues, kept us and our ever flexible builders on their toes. They tackled the challenges valiantly.

Our premises were kept open throughout the works. The alternative access arrangements through the church generally worked well, causing only minimal inconvenience to the reduced number of groups which continue to meet in July and August.

A very welcome feature of the new entrance is an automatic door. When unlocked, the door swings open for anyone approaching. When locked, it can be opened (as previously) by using a fob or the intercom. To exit you simply press the big button on the lefthand wall. This has already proved a huge boon for the many parents and carers who visit with pushchairs. Wheelchair users benefit similarly.

The project came in on time and a little under budget. Grateful thanks to our builders, Mann Renovations Ltd, and everyone in-house who helped.

In addition to the care of our main church building on Ewell Road, Surbiton, the Church Council are also managing trustees for the Surbiton Hill Methodist Tennis Club. Sharing through sport is a great way to make connections in the community. Our church is very fortunate in owning a Tennis Club with six all-weather courts in lovely grounds.

Over the past year the club has been discussing how best to fulfil its charitable mission as part of the church and to be a Christian beacon in the community. It is taking positive steps to increase its membership through Open Days, advertising, adult and children's coaching and social events. The club is also promoting itself as a place for the community to use and already has bookings from a dance school and keep fit groups, as well as being used for church events. The Oasis Toddler Group meets here in the summer months, and it is an ideal place for children and adults to enjoy some time in the beautiful and safe grounds of the club.

Another major capital expenditure was undertaken, this time by the Tennis Club. The club is continually seeking to develop its facilities for its members and the community. To that end they embarked on a project to floodlight 2 of the courts. This will enable the membership to play in the evenings throughout the winter months. We believe that this facility will be a huge asset and allow us to grow the club and its community links even more. The Church Council, acting as the Club's Governing Trustees, approved this project after a review of the finances of the project by the Church Finance Committee. Subsequently all necessary approval to proceed to installation were granted following a formal planning application to the Royal Borough of Kingston. Work on the floodlighting was successfully undertaken in the summer of 2023.

The church also hosts two badminton clubs and a table tennis club, all of which are open to all comers. These groups meet on church premises and provide great fun and exercise for a variety of skills and ages.

4) Governance

The Church Tennis Club agreed a revised governance document and protocols in 2021/22 which remain in place. The arrangements have allowed the Club greater autonomy and full participation for club members who are not church members whilst ensuring that the Church Council as managing trustees retains clear governance control and exercises due diligence. The arrangements also maintain and guarantee the specific Methodist ethos and heritage of the Club. The Club site with its six courts and pavilion is a Methodist Church property held under the Methodist Model Trusts by the Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes (TMCP) as custodian trustees, and the local Church Council as managing trustees.

The Managing Trustees look to the Club to support their charitable purposes through its role in providing an affordable and accessible sports facility in the community.

Managing Trustees carried out their governance responsibilities for finance through the work of the Church Treasurer and the Finance Committee with regular reporting to both the Leadership Team and Church Council. Audited accounts are of course the main substance of this report.

Routine care of the Church Property, including Health and Safety, and risk management are delegated to a Property Committee co-ordinated by a Property Steward who also acts as manager for caretaking and cleaning staff. A rolling cycle of both repair and pro-active maintenance is continued.

Managing Trustees have specific responsibilities in overseeing the Methodist Church's safeguarding policies. The local church safeguarding policy received an annual review, a strong local safeguarding officer remains in post, DBS applications and renewals are carefully monitored, and training provided according to the Methodist Church's policies. Safeguarding is a major feature of our church life and has become an embedded part of our community culture.

SHMC hosts two other Christian congregations which do not have their own premises. The Korean Gloria Church has been a guest within our community for some time and typically meet on Sunday afternoons. Since September 2021 we were also joined by the Lagoinha Baptist Church, a congregation worshipping in Portuguese and mainly drawn from the Brazilian community in the UK. Appropriate advice and permissions were sought from the Methodist Church's ecumenical officer before agreeing this arrangement. We welcome the presence of these two very different congregations as part of our commitment to being a "vibrant Christian centre for worship and welcome in Surbiton."

We are immensely grateful to the teams of volunteers who make all this possible including our principal officers in finance and property care.

5) Staffing

Our work would be impossible without the dedication and generosity of volunteers in all areas of church life. The work of a modern charity and community centre is increasingly complex and as part of our vision we have gradually built a small professional team to extend our work. We give thanks for their dedication.

- Minister – Rev Dr Stan Brown (retired summer 2023)
- Children and Families' Worker – Bron Coveney
- Student Minister on placement – Hannah Chun (until June 2023)
- Church Administrator – Allison Whittle
- Caretakers and cleaner – Phil Thorne, Roy Beasley and Abigail Crabbe.

The year 2022-2023 has seen a number of changes to the staff team with the appointment of a new Administrator and a new Children and Families' Worker. They were respectively appointed in April 2022 and November 2022.

Meanwhile, Rev Dr Stan Brown retired as planned in the summer of 2023 and Rev Vindra Maraj-Ogden was appointed as our minister from September 2023. We give thanks that we have been able to maintain a strong staff team and pray for Vindra as she joins us.

A notable feature of this last year was the presence of Hannah Chun among us as a Student Minister. Hannah had transferred to a course which includes half of her learning time on placement in our circuit – largely at SHMC. Her contribution to all areas of church life was considerable. The minister offered supervision and a number of key officers in the church have given time to directly support her learning and development. The placement represented both a major gift to our church life and a welcome opportunity for us to give back time to support the development of ordained ministry in the Methodist Church. Hannah Chun has subsequently taken up a full time ministerial position in Essex and we pray for her continued success.

6) Plans for 2023-2024

We have welcomed our new minister, Vindra. Building on the solid foundation of the last few years we will prayerfully listen to God's direction as we focus on mission and incorporating the new people in our congregation/fellowship into the fuller life of our church.

We are also looking at the introduction of more bible fellowship groups, prayer meetings and opportunities for young adults to meet to have food and discussion.

We will also be looking ahead to changes in the circuit that are expected to lead to our minister also being the minister for Chessington Methodist Church from September 2024. This will naturally have consequences for which we will seeks God's guidance on how best to proceed.

7) Conclusion

As a formal annual report on our activities this report inevitably focusses on the work of the church as a charity and its trustee responsibilities. However, our church life is far richer than this report can express. Alongside the formal work and decision making runs the whole complex life of a community which has lived through joys as well as deep sorrows and losses. There have been moments when we have been lifted up in worship and times when we have needed to explore the depths. But the power to do all these things is given us in Jesus Christ to whom we give glory now and for ever. Amen.

Rev Vindra Maraj-Ogden: minister in pastoral charge, Surbiton Hill Methodist Church, chair of Church Council (managing trustees).

FINANCIAL REVIEW

a. Going concern

After making appropriate enquiries, the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. For this reason, they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements. Further details regarding the adoption of the going concern basis can be found in the accounting policies.

b. Reserves policy

The Church endeavours to hold reserves sufficient to cover six months' worth of expenditure in its unrestricted funds. Restricted funds are accepted where there is a current project or activity which would allow these funds to be spent within a reasonable time frame. Designated funds are held where the Trustees have identified a specific need to hold funds outside of the General Reserve. The General Reserve is generally held at a balance of £5,000 each year and is balanced off from the Building Maintenance designated reserve.

c. Principal funding

Church income is primarily drawn from congregation giving and related tax refunds under the gift aid scheme along with the lettings of the premises to community groups. Since restrictions owing to Covid were lifted the groups have returned and income is at an equivalent level to that before the pandemic.

d. Expenditure

The major cost (21% of the total spend) (2022: 28%) is the assessment paid to the Kingston upon Thames Circuit. Most of this covers Ministers' stipends and related costs, and the District assessment. A further 47% of costs (2022: 40%) are spent on the upkeep and related expenses of the premises.

The other costs have remained broadly at previous levels.

e. Basis of consolidation

The published accounts include the church and internal church organisations.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

a. Constitution

Surbiton Hill Methodist Church is a registered charity, number 1127609, and is constituted under a Trust deed.

The Charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and constitutes an unincorporated charity.

The governing document for the church is the Deed of Union (1932) and Methodist Church Act (1976).

Detailed governance arrangements are outlined within the Constitutional Practice and Discipline (CPD) of the Methodist Church, by order of the annual conference.

Surbiton Hill Methodist Church is part of the British Methodist Church. The Methodist Church operates under the Methodist Church Act of 1976.

All Methodist churches are connected to each other and are governed by the decisions laid down by the Connexion, through a District, Circuit and the local church.

b. Methods of appointment or election of Trustees

The management of the Charity is the responsibility of the Trustees who are elected and appointed under the terms of the Trust Deed. The Trustees are appointed at the Annual Church Meeting of the church and by the Church Council.

c. Organisational structure and decision-making policies

Day to day management of the church is undertaken by the Church Leadership team along with the Minister.

d. Policies adopted for the induction and training of Trustees

A range of guidance produced by the Methodist Connexion to support the effective running of the Church and the role of Trustees is given to the Church Trustees at various meetings and training sessions.

e. Related party relationships

The Church is part of the Kingston upon Thames Circuit which is part of the London Methodist District and is also accountable to the Methodist Conference.

f. Financial risk management

The Trustees have assessed the major risks to which the Charity is exposed, in particular those related to the operations and finances of the Charity, and are satisfied that systems and procedures are in place to mitigate exposure to major risks.

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Trustees Annual Report for
for the Year Ended 31 August 2023

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Charity number
1127609

Principal address
39 Ewell Road
Surbiton
Surrey
KT6 6AF

Trustees

V Maraj-Odgen	appointed 01.09.23
S Brown	resigned 01.08.23
J Bridges	
M Turner	
P Thorpe	
M Thorpe	
J Barwick	
L Bridges	
M Golding	
H Abbott	
C Jones	
G Turner	
C Mays	
K Ingham	
T Ingham	
U Teitz	
E Cook	
M Heathcote	resigned 31.08.23
P Lavers	
R Strachan	
C Fullbrook	
D Fullbrook	
B Ojudayi	
H Lamb	
L Acquah	
R Chiraga	resigned 31.08.23
A Dass	appointed 01.09.23

Auditors
Myrus Smith
Chartered Accountants
Norman House
8 Burnell Road
Sutton
Surrey
SM1 4BW

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Report of the Trustees and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charity for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charity SORP 2019 (FRS 102);
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 21.6.2024 and signed on its behalf by:

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Revd Vindra Maraj-Ogden
Trustee

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF

SURBITON HILL METHODIST CHURCH

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Surbiton Hill Methodist Church for the year ended 31 August 2023 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charity's affairs as at 31 August 2023, and of its incoming resources and application of resources, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charity's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other information

The trustees are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the Report of the Trustees other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 require us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- the information given in the financial statements is inconsistent in any material respect with the trustees' report; or
- sufficient accounting records have not been kept; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the trustees' responsibilities statement set out on page 10, the trustees are responsible for the preparation of financial statements which give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charity or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

We have been appointed as auditor under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and report in accordance with regulations made under section 154 of that Act.

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF

SURBITON HILL METHODIST CHURCH

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements ../continued

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

- Enquiry of management and those charged with governance about actual and potential litigation or claims and the identification of non-compliance with laws and regulations;
- Reviewing minutes of meetings of those charged with governance;
- Reviewing financial statement disclosures and testing supporting documentation to assess compliance with applicable laws and regulations;
- Auditing the risk of management override of controls, including testing journal entries and other adjustments for appropriateness;
- Performing analytical procedures to identify any unusual or unexpected relationships that may indicate risks of material misstatement due to fraud;
- Professional scepticism in course of the audit and with audit sampling in material audit areas.

Because of the inherent limitations of an audit, there is a risk that we will not detect all irregularities, including those leading to a material misstatement in the financial statements or non-compliance with regulation. This risk increases the more that compliance with a law or regulation is removed from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, as we will be less likely to become aware of instances of non-compliance. The risk is also greater regarding irregularities occurring due to fraud rather than error, as fraud involves intentional concealment, forgery, collusion, omission or misrepresentation.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

Use of our report.

This report is made solely to the charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with Part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charity's trustees those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's trustees as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Myrus Smith

MYRUS SMITH
Chartered Accountants and
Statutory Auditors
Norman House,
8 Burnell Road,
Sutton, Surrey
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24-6- 2024

Myrus Smith is eligible to act as an auditor in terms of Section 1212 of the Companies Act 2006.

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Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31 August 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
INCOME FROM:					
Donations and legacies	2	98,439	38,954	137,393	105,081
Charitable activities:					
Other trading activities	3	176	25,851	26,027	25,351
Investment income	4	103,032	10,191	113,223	92,491
Total		201,647	74,996	276,643	222,923
EXPENDITURE ON:					
Raising funds	5	74,398	75,933	150,331	93,266
Charitable Activities					
General Activity	6	106,690	63,127	169,817	137,781
Total		181,088	139,060	320,148	231,047
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		20,559	(64,064)	(43,505)	(8,124)
Transfer between funds		3,500	(3,500)	-	-
Net movement in funds		24,059	(67,564)	(43,505)	(8,124)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		145,440	3,782,408	3,927,848	3,935,972
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		£169,499	£3,714,844	£3,884,343	£3,927,848

The notes form part of these financial statements

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Balance Sheet
for the Year Ended 31 August 2023

	Notes	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible assets	12	3,681,024	3,681,201
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	13	28,515	32,012
Cash at bank		229,170	224,497
		257,685	256,509
CREDITORS			
Amounts falling due within one year	14	(54,366)	(9,862)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		203,319	246,647
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		3,884,343	3,927,848
NET ASSETS	16	£3,884,343	£3,927,848
FUNDS	15		
Unrestricted funds		169,499	145,440
Restricted funds		3,714,844	3,782,408
TOTAL FUNDS	15	£3,884,343	£3,927,848

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 21.6.2024 and were signed on its behalf by :

Revd Vindra Maraj-Ogden
Trustee

Geoffrey Turner
Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

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Notes to the Financial Statements
for the Year Ended 31 August 2023

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

a) The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued in October 2019, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), the Charities Act 2011 and the UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

The financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis and are initially recognised at historical cost convention, modified to include certain items at fair value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note.

The significant accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all years presented unless otherwise stated.

b) Incoming recognition policies
Items of income are recognised and included in the accounts when all of the following criteria are met:

- the charity has entitlement to the funds;
- any performance conditions attached to the item(s) of income have been met or are fully within the control of the charity;
- there is sufficient certainty that receipt of the income is considered probable; and
- the amount can be measured reliably.

c) Expenditure recognition
Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to make a payment to a third party, it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

Expenditure includes those costs of a direct nature which can be allocated to a specific activity. It also includes indirect costs, including governance costs that do not relate to a specific activity but are necessary to support those activities.

d) Tangible fixed assets
Tangible fixed assets costing more than £500 are capitalised. Depreciation is provided so as to write off the cost of each asset over its estimated useful life at the following annual rates:

Plant and machinery	-	10% on cost
Fixtures and fittings	-	35% on reducing balance

e) Taxation
The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

f) Investments
Unlisted investments are initially recognised, and are subsequently stated, at cost.

Investment properties are initially recognised at cost or, in the case of donated assets, the market value of the gift in kind. At the end of each accounting period investment properties are restated at market value and any gain or loss is reported in the Statement of Financial Activities. No depreciation is provided on investment properties.

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

g) Leases
Operating lease rentals are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities on a straight line basis over the period of the lease.

h) Pension costs
The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme for the benefit of its employees. Contributions are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the year to which they relate.

i) Fund accounting
Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity and which have not been designated for specific purposes.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds set aside by the trustees for specific purposes.

Restricted funds are those funds which can only be used in accordance with the specified wishes of the donor or which have been raised for particular purposes.

j) Debtors and creditors
Debtors and creditors with no stated interest rate and receivable or payable within one year are recorded at transaction price. Any losses arising from impairments are recognised in expenditure.

2. INCOME FROM DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Donations and legacies	1,200	38,485	39,685	9,434
Collections	2,306	-	2,306	2,313
Collections – Gift Aid	76,714	-	76,714	74,748
Income tax reclaimed	18,219	469	18,688	18,586
	£98,439	£38,954	£137,393	£105,081

Of the £105,081 recognised in 2022, £97,519 was unrestricted funds and £7,562 was restricted funds.

3. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Photocopying/other income	176	2,736	2,912	4,202
Subscriptions	-	23,115	23,115	21,149
	£176	£25,851	£26,027	£25,351

Of the £25,351 recognised in 2022, £587 was unrestricted funds and £24,764 was restricted funds.

4. INVESTMENT INCOME

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Letting income	99,304	9,988	109,292	92,019
Bank and other interest	3,728	203	3,931	472
	£103,032	£10,191	£113,223	£92,491

Of the £92,491 recognised in 2022, £87,122 was unrestricted funds and £5,369 was restricted funds.

5. COST OF RAISING FUNDS

	Direct Costs £	Support Costs £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Property expenses	33,632	-	33,632	21,662
Housekeeping and cleaning	32,608	-	32,608	29,710
Property repairs and renewals	84,091	-	84,091	41,894
	£150,331	£Nil	£150,331	£93,266

Of the £150,331 recognised in 2023 (2022 : £93,266), £74,398 (2022 : £69,204) was charged to unrestricted funds and £75,933 (2022 : £24,062) was charged to restricted funds.

6. ANALYSIS OF EXPENDITURE ON CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Direct costs £	Support cost £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Church activities	£148,861	£20,956	£169,817	£137,781

Of the £169,817 expenditure recognised in 2023 (2022: £137,781), £106,690 (2022: £100,809) was charged to unrestricted funds and £63,127 (2022: £36,972) was charged to restricted funds.

7. DIRECT COSTS

	2023	2022
	£	£
Charitable Activities		
Circuit assessment	66,151	65,346
Outreach to neighbourhood	1,795	640
Staff costs	12,801	9,481
Worship resources	1,428	1,540
Youth and Junior church	253	693
Music and choir	3,306	3,296
Church organisation costs	62,219	36,153
Depreciation	177	272
Grants to individuals	731	547
	£148,861	£117,968

8. SUPPORT COSTS

	2023	2022
	£	£
Charitable Activities		
Staff costs	8,559	9,298
Church organisations costs	8,397	6,915
Governance costs (see Note 9)	4,000	3,600
	£20,956	£19,813

9. GOVERNANCE COSTS

	2023	2022
	£	£
Audit fees	£4,000	£3,600

10. STAFF COSTS

	2023	2022
	£	£
Salaries and wages	53,318	50,149
National insurance	1,300	-
Pension costs	2,042	1,942
	£56,660	£52,091

No employee received total employee benefits (excluding employer pension costs) of more than £60,000 per annum.

The average number of employees during the year was 5 (2022: 5).

No remuneration was paid in the year, or previous year, to key management.

11. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND EXPENSES

The trustees received no remuneration or reimbursed expenses during the year (2022: £Nil).

12. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Freehold Property £	Plant and Machinery £	Fixtures And Fittings £	Total £
COST				
At 1 September 2022 and 31 August 2023	3,680,695	39,643	24,509	3,744,847
DEPRECIATION				
At 1 September 2022	-	39,643	24,003	63,646
Charge for the year	-	-	177	177
At 31 August 2023	-	-	24,180	63,823
NET BOOK VALUE				
At 31 August 2023	£3,680,695	£Nil	£329	£3,681,024
At 31 August 2022	£3,680,695	£Nil	£506	£3,681,201

In accordance with Methodist Accounting Rules, the freehold property has been revalued to the insured valuation at 31 August 2016. This is recognised as its deemed cost at that date.

13. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2023 £	2022 £
Trade debtors	5,955	9,809
Other debtors and prepayments	22,560	22,203
	£28,515	£32,012

14. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2023 £	2022 £
Trade creditors	8,666	-
Other creditors	45,700	9,862
	£54,366	£9,862

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15. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	Brought forward at 1 September 2022 £	Income (including gains) £	Expenditure (including losses) £	Transfers between funds £	Carried forward at 31 August 2023 £
Unrestricted funds					
General funds	5,000	201,647	181,088	(20,559)	5,000
Development reserve	6,886	-	-	-	6,886
Building maintenance	133,554	-	-	24,059	157,613
	145,440	201,647	181,088	3,500	169,499
Restricted funds					
Development fund	2,100	-	-	-	2,100
Benevolent fund	318	-	-	-	318
Legacies	17,678	-	-	(14,172)	3,506
Vision project	28,451	33,310	75,933	14,172	-
Youth worker	173	-	-	-	173
Tennis club	39,826	37,699	60,885	(2,250)	14,390
Table tennis	140	707	-	(300)	547
Ladies badminton	18	1,000	28	(950)	40
Mixed badminton	2,642	-	-	-	2,642
Network	300	867	813	-	354
Oasis	483	1,413	1,224	-	672
Fixed assets – Freehold property	3,427,573	-	-	-	3,427,573
Fixed assets – Fixtures & fittings	87	-	177	-	(90)
Fixed assets – Other organisations land & buildings	262,619	-	-	-	262,619
	3,782,408	74,996	139,060	(3,500)	3,714,844
TOTAL FUNDS	£3,927,848	£277,643	£320,148	£Nil	£3,884,343

15. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS – continued

Comparative for movement in funds:

	Brought forward at 1 September 2021 £	Income (including gains) £	Expenditure (including losses) £	Transfers between funds £	Carried forward at 31 August 2022 £
Unrestricted funds					
General funds	5,000	185,228	159,955	(25,273)	5,000
Development reserve	6,886	-	-	-	6,886
Building maintenance	115,824	-	10,058	27,788	133,554
	127,710	185,228	170,013	2,515	145,440
Restricted funds					
Development fund	3,336	-	1,236	-	2,100
Benevolent fund	318	-	-	-	318
Legacies	17,678	-	-	-	17,678
Vision project	44,202	7,074	22,825	-	28,451
Youth worker	208	-	35	-	173
Tennis club	49,525	27,555	35,569	(1,685)	39,826
Table tennis	140	-	-	-	140
Ladies badminton	33	815	-	(830)	18
Mixed badminton	1,872	770	-	-	2,642
Network	263	650	613	-	300
Oasis	136	831	484	-	483
Fixed assets – Freehold property	3,427,573	-	-	-	3,427,573
Fixed assets – Fixtures & fittings	359	-	272	-	87
Fixed assets – Other organisations land & buildings	262,619	-	-	-	262,619
	3,808,262	37,695	61,034	(2,515)	3,782,408
TOTAL FUNDS	£3,935,972	£222,923	£231,047	£Nil	£3,927,848

16. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2022 £
Fixed Assets	-	3,681,024	3,681,024	3,681,201
Current Assets	188,480	69,205	257,685	256,509
Current Liabilities	(18,981)	(35,385)	(54,366)	(9,862)
	£169,499	£3,714,844	£3,884,343	£3,927,848

Comparative figures for 2022 were as follows:

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total Funds 2022 £	Total Funds 2021 £
Fixed Assets	-	3,681,201	3,681,201	3,681,473
Current Assets	155,302	101,207	256,509	267,329
Current Liabilities	(9,862)	-	(9,862)	(12,830)
	£145,440	£3,782,408	£3,927,848	3,935,972

17. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 August 2023.

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18. INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS	2023 £	2022 £
Donations and legacies		
Collections	2,306	2,313
Donations	39,685	9,434
Collections – Gift aid	76,714	74,748
Income tax reclaimed	18,688	18,586
	137,393	105,081
Other trading activities		
Photocopying/Other income	2,912	4,202
Subcriptions	23,115	21,149
	26,027	25,351
Investment income		
Letting income	109,292	92,019
Bank and other interest	3,931	472
	113,223	92,491
Total incoming resources	£276,643	£222,923

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19. CHARITABLE EXPENDITURE	2023 £	2022 £
EXPENDITURE		
Raising donations and legacies		
Property expenses	33,632	21,662
Housekeeping and cleaning	32,608	29,710
Property repairs and renewals	84,091	41,894
	150,331	93,266
Charitable activities		
Circuit assessment	66,151	65,346
Outreach to neighbourhood	1,795	640
Worship resources	1,428	1,540
Youth and Junior church	13,054	18,779
Music and choir	3,306	693
Administration	8,559	9,298
Stationery & office expenses	5,326	3,010
Telephone	777	671
Photocopier expenses	2,012	1,880
Other expenses	-	1,175
Depreciation	177	272
Church organisations costs	62,219	30,081
Grants to individuals	731	547
	165,535	133,932
Other		
Bank charges	282	249
Governance costs		
Auditors' remuneration	4,000	3,600
Total resources expended	320,148	231,047
Net (expenditure)/income	£(43,505)	£(8,124)

SURBITON HILL METHODIST CHURCH

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Accounts

SURBITON HILL METHODIST CHURCH

Registered Charity No.: 1127609

Report of the Trustees and Audited Financial Statements

for the Year Ended 31 August 2022

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Trustees Annual Report and Audited Financial Statements
for the Year Ended 31 August 2022

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Introduction

The work of Surbiton Hill Methodist Church takes place within the overall mission and purposes of the Methodist Church in Britain. This mission is summarised in the document *Our Calling* (Methodist Conference Report, 2000). The four themes identified in *Our Calling* were reaffirmed by the Methodist Conference in 2018:

> The calling of the Methodist Church is to respond to the gospel of God's love in Christ and to live out its discipleship in worship and mission. It does this through:
> Worship
> Learning and Caring
> Service
> Evangelism

Responding to *Our Calling* Surbiton Hill Methodist Church has its own mission to:

- Worship God
- Encourage and support people to follow Jesus Christ as Saviour
- Care for our neighbours and work for justice and the relief of suffering around the world.

In 2018 we agreed a developed Vision Statement which is now the basis of our annual and longer term planning. The Vision is to become a "vibrant Christian centre for caring, sharing, worship and welcome in Surbiton".

Review of the Year

1) Moving on from Covid 19 – Worship

In a year which saw the end of legal Covid restrictions the trustees' work of leadership was naturally focussed on renewing our program and activities. The focus of worship shifted back from online to face to face meeting. Providing a live link through our YouTube channel has, however, remained a vital part of our worship. Despite the expectations of some that an online presence would prove attractive to younger people the online congregation has increasingly been composed of two main elements - existing church members who are unable to attend in person through mobility issues and a dispersed community of friends who have in some way been connected to the church in the past but now live at a distance. Live links and recorded services have proved to be an important element in pastoral services such as baptisms and funerals. Families with members living overseas have particularly valued this opportunity to be present in new ways for important occasions.

In addition to the live broadcast and YouTube recordings of morning services we have continued to use the alternative format of Zoom video conferencing for some smaller evening services. Video conferencing has also become a regular part of our cycle of business meetings including using the facilities in our "New Room" to provide opportunities for hybrid meetings.

Although the main Sunday attendance at worship in person has dropped since pre-Covid times there was a slow but steady increase through the year. When online and face to face congregations are added together the overall engagement with worship remains encouraging.

2) Children and Families Work

Our Sunday morning work with children (Junior Church) was relaunched in autumn 2021 with a special service. Sharon Lloyd, our Children and Families Worker, developed new programs of material for use on Sunday mornings and we have a small number of new families engaged with this work which is now stronger than before the pandemic. Later in the reporting year we were able to reintroduce monthly Messy Church and Praise Parties into our families program. With children moving on in age during the lockdown period these inevitably started off somewhat smaller in scale than had previously been the pattern, but attendance has slowly built through the year. The continued contact with the families in our community and provision of online material throughout the lockdowns gave us a strong position from which to re-start and we have benefited greatly from that work.

In spring 2022, Sharon Lloyd accepted a new post with the United Reformed Church which recognised the considerable skills and knowledge she had developed whilst working at SHMC and elsewhere. Progress on recruitment to the vacant post is reported in the "Staffing" section of this report.

3) Building Use and Developments

In summer 2021 (just before this reporting period) the first stage of the planned development work on our building took place – enabled by significant generosity from within the congregation. The phased building development plan is designed to meet the needs of our overall Vision for SHMC as a "Vibrant Christian centre for caring, sharing, worship and welcome in Surbiton." Work improved access to the Annex area of the building, refurbished the kitchen and adjacent room and laid the foundation for further phased work in the future.

In autumn 2021 at the start of the current reporting year trustees considered moving on to a second phase of work for the summer of 2022. This work would improve the main side entrance which has a high footfall during the working week, is frequently congested and does not provide an adequate welcome. Trustees decided not to go ahead with work at this time although it was judged to be financially viable. The decision was made for two substantive reasons:

1) To allow time for the phase 1 work to be utilised and its new possibilities explored;
2) Concern that patterns of use in the building had not yet fully settled post Covid restrictions and that it was therefore wise to wait another year and then review the position.

The Church Council (the managing trustees) agreed to revisit this decision in autumn 2022 with a view to phase 2 work in summer 2023 should there be agreement on this.

In addition to the care of our main church building on Ewell Road, Surbiton, the Church Council are also managing trustees for the Surbiton Hill Methodist Tennis Club. Under the new governance arrangements agreed during this reporting year (see below under "Governance"), the Club committee and officers have delegated authority to act as property stewards for the site, giving regular reports to the Church Council and referring all matters which require formal permissions under Methodist Church rules to the Church Council. Having benefitted from a generous legacy and from the Council Tax rebate scheme during Covid, the Club found itself in a position to explore two capital projects to update the facilities and strengthen its mission. The first project was a major refurbishment of the toilets including provision of disability access facilities. This was strongly supported by the trustees as in line with the Methodist Church's policies on inclusivity and diversity.

The second capital project concerned the provision of floodlighting on some courts to allow extended hours of play. This is potentially an important facility to reflect the changing membership and patterns of play at the Club and an encouragement to more working age members. The trustees judged the scheme not yet ready for final approval and asked for more work on the projected finances and business plan. It was clearly recognised that the floodlight proposal would require a number of permissions - including planning permission - and that this proposal needed to be a longer term project.

4) Governance

Work begun in 2020-21 on revised governance arrangements for the Church Tennis Club was concluded during the current reporting year. A revised governance document and protocols were agreed. Changes reflected both alterations in Methodist Church rules and practice since the previous agreement, and the ways in which the Club has developed from being a church members only organisation to one where the majority of playing members have no direct relationship to Surbiton Hill Methodist Church. The new arrangements allow the Club greater autonomy and full participation for club members who are not church members whilst ensuring that the Church Council as managing trustees retains clear governance control and exercises due diligence. The arrangements also seek to maintain and guarantee the specific Methodist ethos and heritage of the Club. The Club site with its six courts and pavilion is a Methodist Church property held under the Methodist Model Trusts by the Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes (TMCP) as custodian trustees, and the local Church Council as managing trustees.

The managing trustees look to the Club to support their charitable purposes through its role in providing an affordable and accessible sports facility in the community.

In February 2022 the Church Council made a difficult but significant decision in voting to register the Church for same sex marriages (equal marriage) and for the minister Rev Dr Stan Brown to become an authorised person to conduct such marriages. The Methodist Church had pursued a policy of extensive internal consultation over this issue and at its conference in June 2021 accepted a series of resolutions around marriage and relationships. The resolutions recognised that opinion within the Church is divided and that the Church's stance would therefore be one of honouring both positions. As a consequence Managing Trustees in local churches were asked to make their own decisions on the registration of their church buildings for same sex marriages.

The Church Council voted in favour of registration for same sex marriages by a large majority. We became the first church in the Royal Borough of Kingston upon Thames to register for such marriages. Whilst there was a clear minority opinion against this move the church has remained united and debate took place with grace and understanding.

Managing Trustees carried out their governance responsibilities for finance through the work of the Church Treasurer and the Finance Committee with regular reporting to both the Leadership Team and Church Council. Audited accounts are of course the main substance of this report.

Routine care of the Church Property, including Health and Safety, and risk management are delegated to a Property Committee co-ordinated by a Property Steward who also acts a manager for caretaking and cleaning staff. A rolling cycle of both repair and pro-active maintenance is continued.

Managing Trustees have specific responsibilities in overseeing the Methodist Church's safeguarding policies. The local church safeguarding policy received an annual review, a strong local safeguarding officer remains in post, DBS applications and renewals are carefully monitored, and training providing according to the Methodist Church's policies. Safeguarding is a major feature of our church life and has become an embedded part of our community culture.

SHMC hosts two other Christian congregations which do not have their own premises. The Korean Gloria Church has been a guest within our community for some time. They did not meet for an extended period during Covid but we were delighted that they were finally able to resume their Sunday afternoon services in our church during the course of the year. In September 2021 we were also joined by the Lagoinha Baptist Church, a congregation worshipping in Portuguese and mainly drawn from the Brazilian community in the UK. Appropriate advice and permissions were sought from the Methodist Church's ecumenical officer before agreeing this arrangement. We welcome the presence of these two very different congregations as part of our commitment to being a "vibrant Christian centre for worship and welcome in Surbiton."

We are immensely grateful to the teams of volunteers who make all this possible including our principal officers in finance and property care.

5) Staffing

This year saw a number of changes in our staffing. One of our two part-time cleaners retired and we are fortunate that her colleague was able to take up the additional hours and no new recruitment process was needed.

Sharon Lloyd, our Children and Families Worker, moved on to a new post in spring 2022. Approval was sought from the Methodist Church's employment adviser and a recruitment process begun. The first round of interviewing in late spring was unsuccessful. The trustees decided to review their recruitment material and to re-advertise at the end of summer 2022.

Our part-time Church Administrator retired in early 2022. As this role is vital to the running of the church and the minister was about to go on sabbatical a recruitment process was rapidly approved and a new Administrator appointed from the first round of applications. This appointment has proved very successful with strong business continuity in this critical role.

During April-June 2022 our minister, Rev Dr Stan Brown, was on sabbatical for 12 weeks. Sabbaticals take place for Methodist ministers every seven years and require considerable support from the local church. Detailed planning took place in the church Leadership Team and was reported to the Church Council. The sabbatical was a success for both minister and the church which maintained momentum in all areas during the three month period. A review of the planning process took place after the sabbatical to ensure that any essential learning was captured and held for the next occasion.

A notable feature of this year has been the presence of Hannah Chun among us as a Student Minister. Hannah has transferred to a course which includes half of her learning time on placement in our circuit – largely at SHMC. Her contribution to all areas of church life is considerable. The minister offers supervision and a number of key officers in the church have given time to directly support her learning and development. The placement represents both a major gift to our church life and a welcome opportunity for us to give back time to support the development of ordained ministry in the Methodist Church.

Rev Dr Stan Brown is retiring in summer 2023 and during summer 2022 a consultation on future ministry took place in preparation for the “stationing” processes of autumn 2022 through which the Methodist Church matches ministers to vacant appointments.

6) Plans for 2022-2023

Summer 2023 will mark a change of ordained minister at SHMC after eight years of continuity. We will also say “farewell” to Hannah Chun who will complete her training time with us. Responsibility for the local running of Methodism’s “stationing” system lies with the Circuit – a group of churches, rather than the individual church. Nevertheless the process is expected to require considerable input from SHMC during the critical period between September and December 2022. With the need to be available for these processes trustees have not set ambitious targets for change in the church year 2022-2023.

Our intentions are to focus on:

- The ministerial stationing process and consequent handover processes
- Re-advertisement and appointment of a Children and Families Worker in early autumn 2022
- Strengthening of volunteer teams especially in the areas of property and in the Leadership Team
- Decision and subsequent development (if agreed) on Phase 2 building work
- Taking advantage of the opportunities already provided by the Phase 1 work and seeking new ways to build relationships between church congregation and community users of the building
- Final decision on the Tennis Club floodlighting project.

7) Conclusion

As a formal annual report on our activities this report inevitably focusses on the work of the church as a charity and its trustee responsibilities. What we are able to say here is only one part of our church life which is far richer than this report might suggest. Alongside this formal work and decision making runs the whole complex life of a community which has lived through joys and also deep sorrows and losses. There have been moments when we have been lifted up in worship and times when we have needed to explore the depths. But the power to do all these things is given us in Jesus Christ to whom we give glory now and for ever. Amen.

Rev Dr Stan Brown: minister in pastoral charge, Surbiton Hill Methodist Church, chair of Church Council (managing trustees).

FINANCIAL REVIEW

a. Going concern

After making appropriate enquiries, the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. For this reason, they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements. Further details regarding the adoption of the going concern basis can be found in the accounting policies.

b. Reserves policy

The Church endeavours to hold reserves sufficient to cover six months worth of expenditure in its unrestricted funds. Restricted funds are accepted where there is a current project or activity which would allow these funds to be spent within a reasonable time frame. Designated funds are held where the Trustees have identified a specific need to hold funds outside of the General Reserve. The General Reserve is generally held at a balance of £5,000 each year and is balanced off from the Building Maintenance designated reserve.

c. Principal funding

Church income is primarily drawn from congregation giving and related tax refunds under the gift aid scheme along with the lettings of the premises to community groups. Since restrictions owing to Covid were lifted the groups have returned and income is at an equivalent level to that before the pandemic.

d. Expenditure

The major cost (41% of the total spend) (2021 45%) is the assessment paid to the Kingston upon Thames Circuit. Most of this covers Ministers' stipends and related costs, and the District assessment. A further 37% of costs (2021 33%) are spent on the upkeep and related expenses of the premises.

The other costs have remained broadly at previous levels.

e. Basis of consolidation

The published accounts include the church and internal church organisations.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

a. Constitution

Surbiton Hill Methodist Church is a registered charity, number 1127609, and is constituted under a Trust deed.

The Charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and constitutes an unincorporated charity.

The governing document for the church is the Deed of Union (1932) and Methodist Church Act (1976).

Detailed governance arrangements are outlined within the Constitutional Practice and Discipline (CPD) of the Methodist Church, by order of the annual conference.

Surbiton Hill Methodist Church is part of the British Methodist Church. The Methodist Church operates under the Methodist Church Act of 1976.

All Methodist churches are connected to each other and are governed by the decisions laid down by the Connexion, through a District, Circuit and the local church.

b. Methods of appointment or election of Trustees

The management of the Charity is the responsibility of the Trustees who are elected and appointed under the terms of the Trust Deed. The Trustees are appointed at the Annual Church Meeting of the church and by the Church Council.

c. Organisational structure and decision-making policies

Day to day management of the church is undertaken by the Church Leadership team along with the Minister.

d. Policies adopted for the induction and training of Trustees

A range of guidance produced by the Methodist Connexion to support the effective running of the Church and the role of Trustees is given to the Church Trustees at various meetings and training sessions.

e. Related party relationships

The Church is part of the Kingston upon Thames Circuit which is part of the London Methodist District and is also accountable to the Methodist Conference.

f. Financial risk management

The Trustees have assessed the major risks to which the Charity is exposed, in particular those related to the operations and finances of the Charity, and are satisfied that systems and procedures are in place to mitigate exposure to major risks

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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Charity number
1127609

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STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Report of the Trustees and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charity for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charity SORP 2019 (FRS 102);
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 29 June 2023 and signed on its behalf by:

.....
Rev Dr Stan Brown
Trustee

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF

SURBITON HILL METHODIST CHURCH

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Surbiton Hill Methodist Church for the year ended 31 August 2022 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charity's affairs as at 31 August 2022, and of its incoming resources and application of resources, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charity's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other information

The trustees are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the Report of the Trustees other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

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SURBITON HILL METHODIST CHURCH

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 require us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- the information given in the financial statements is inconsistent in any material respect with the trustees' report; or
- sufficient accounting records have not been kept; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the trustees' responsibilities statement set out on page 10, the trustees are responsible for the preparation of financial statements which give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charity or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

We have been appointed as auditor under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and report in accordance with regulations made under section 154 of that Act.

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF

SURBITON HILL METHODIST CHURCH

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements ../continued

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

- Enquiry of management and those charged with governance about actual and potential litigation or claims and the identification of non-compliance with laws and regulations;
- Reviewing minutes of meetings of those charged with governance;
- Reviewing financial statement disclosures and testing to supporting documentation to assess compliance with applicable laws and regulations;
- Auditing the risk of management override of controls, including testing journal entries and other adjustments for appropriateness;
- Performing analytical procedures to identify any unusual or unexpected relationships that may indicate risks of material misstatement due to fraud;
- Professional scepticism in course of the audit and with audit sampling in material audit areas.

Because of the inherent limitations of an audit, there is a risk that we will not detect all irregularities, including those leading to a material misstatement in the financial statements or non-compliance with regulation. This risk increases the more that compliance with a law or regulation is removed from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, as we will be less likely to become aware of instances of non-compliance. The risk is also greater regarding irregularities occurring due to fraud rather than error, as fraud involves intentional concealment, forgery, collusion, omission or misrepresentation.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

Use of our report.

This report is made solely to the charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with Part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charity's trustees those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's trustees as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

MYRUS SMITH
Chartered Accountants and
Statutory Auditors
Norman House,
8 Burnell Road,
Sutton, Surrey
SM1 4BW

29 June 2023

Myrus Smith is eligible to act as an auditor in terms of Section 1212 of the Companies Act 2006.

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Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31 August 2022

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
INCOME FROM:					
Donations and legacies	2	97,519	7,562	105,081	224,540
Charitable activities:					
Other trading activities	3	587	24,764	25,351	12,079
Investment income	4	87,122	5,369	92,491	36,424
Government grants	5	-	-	-	5,528
Total		185,228	37,695	222,923	278,571
EXPENDITURE ON:					
Raising funds	6	69,204	24,062	93,266	165,689
Charitable Activities					
General Activity	7	100,809	36,972	137,781	114,019
Total		170,013	61,034	231,047	279,708
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		15,215	(23,339)	(8,124)	(1,137)
Transfer between funds		2,515	(2,515)	-	-
Net movement in funds		17,730	(25,854)	(8,124)	(1,137)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		127,710	3,808,262	3,935,972	3,937,109
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		£145,440	£3,782,408	£3,927,848	£3,935,972

The notes form part of these financial statements

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Balance Sheet
for the Year Ended 31 August 2022

	Notes	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible assets	13	3,681,201	3,681,473
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	14	32,012	27,100
Cash at bank		224,497	240,229
		256,509	267,329
CREDITORS			
Amounts falling due within one year	15	(9,862)	(12,830)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		246,647	254,499
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		3,927,848	3,935,972
NET ASSETS	17	£3,927,848	£3,935,972
FUNDS	16		
Unrestricted funds		145,440	127,710
Restricted funds		3,782,408	3,808,262
TOTAL FUNDS	16	£3,927,848	£3,935,972

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 29 June 2023 and were signed on its behalf by :

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Rev Dr Stan Brown
Trustee

…….
Geoffrey Turner
Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

Surbiton Hill Methodist Church
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Notes to the Financial Statements
for the Year Ended 31 August 2022

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

a) The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued in October 2019, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), the Charities Act 2011 and the UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

The financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis and are initially recognised at historical cost convention, modified to include certain items at fair value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note.

The significant accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all years presented unless otherwise stated.

b) Incoming recognition policies
Items of income are recognised and included in the accounts when all of the following criteria are met:

- the charity has entitlement to the funds;
- any performance conditions attached to the item(s) of income have been met or are fully within the control of the charity;
- there is sufficient certainty that receipt of the income is considered probable; and
- the amount can be measured reliably.

c) Expenditure recognition
Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to make a payment to a third party, it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

Expenditure includes those costs of a direct nature which can be allocated to a specific activity. It also includes indirect costs, including governance costs that do not relate to a specific activity but are necessary to support those activities.

d) Tangible fixed assets
Tangible fixed assets costing more than £500 are capitalised. Depreciation is provided so as to write off the cost of each asset over its estimated useful life at the following annual rates:

Plant and machinery	-	10% on cost
Fixtures and fittings	-	35% on reducing balance

e) **Taxation**
The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

f) Investments
Unlisted investments are initially recognised, and are subsequently stated, at cost.

Investment properties are initially recognised at cost or, in the case of donated assets, the market value of the gift in kind. At the end of each accounting period investment properties are restated at market value and any gain or loss is reported in the Statement of Financial Activities. No depreciation is provided on investment properties.

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

g) Leases
Operating lease rentals are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities on a straight line basis over the period of the lease.

h) Pension Costs
The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme for the benefit of its employees. Contributions are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the year to which they relate.

i) Fund accounting
Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity and which have not been designated for specific purposes.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds set aside by the trustees for specific purposes.

Restricted funds are those funds which can only be used in accordance with the specified wishes of the donor or which have been raised for particular purposes.

j) Debtors and creditors
Debtors and creditors with no stated interest rate and receivable or payable within one year are recorded at transaction price. Any losses arising from impairments are recognised in expenditure.

k) Government grants
The charity received government grants through the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme which is accounted for on the performance model.

2. INCOME FROM DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
Donations and legacies	1,872	7,562	9,434	127,740
Collections	2,313	-	2,313	1,853
Collections – Gift Aid	74,748	-	74,748	76,050
Income tax reclaimed	18,586	-	18,586	18,897
	£97,519	£7,562	£105,081	£224,540

Of the £224,540 recognised in 2021, £97,100 was unrestricted funds and £127,440 was restricted funds.

3. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
Photocopying/other income	587	3,615	4,202	1,869
Subscriptions	-	21,149	21,149	10,210
	£587	£24,764	£25,351	£12,079

Of the £12,079 recognised in 2021, £1,500 was unrestricted funds and £10,579 was restricted funds.

4. INVESTMENT INCOME

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
Letting income	86,665	5,354	92,019	35,743
Bank and other interest	457	15	472	681
	£87,122	£5,369	£92,491	£36,424

Of the £36,424 recognised in 2021, £35,459 was unrestricted funds and £965 was restricted funds.

5. GOVERNMENT GRANTS

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2022	Total 2021
	£Nil	£Nil	£Nil	£5,528

All of the £5,528 recognised in 2021 related to unrestricted funds.

6. COST OF RAISING FUNDS

	Direct Costs £	Support Costs £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
Property expenses	21,662	-	21,662	13,499
Housekeeping and cleaning	29,710	-	29,710	26,336
Property repairs and renewals	41,894	-	41,894	125,854
	£93,266	£Nil	£93,266	£165,689

Of the £93,266 recognised in 2022 (2021 : £165,689), £69,204 (2021 : £48,086) was charged to unrestricted funds and £24,062 (2021 : £117,603) was charged to restricted funds.

7. ANALYSIS OF EXPENDITURE ON CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Direct costs	Support cost	Total 2022	Total 2021
Church activities	£117,968	£19,813	£137,781	£114,019

Of the £137,781 expenditure recognised in 2022 (2021: £114,019), £100,809 (2021: £96,901) was charged to unrestricted funds and £36,972 (2021: £17,118) was charged to restricted funds.

8. DIRECT COSTS

	2022	2021
	£	£
Charitable Activities		
Circuit Assessment	65,346	65,346
Staff costs	9,481	15,955
Worship resources	640	248
Youth and Junior church	1,540	1,573
Music and Choir	3,989	-
Church organisation costs	36,153	12,533
Depreciation	272	4,344
Grants to individuals	547	100
	£117,968	£100,099

9. SUPPORT COSTS

	2022	2021
	£	£
Charitable Activities		
Staff costs	9,298	7,048
Church organisation costs	6,915	3,472
Governance costs (see Note 6)	3,600	3,400
	£19,813	£13,920

10. GOVERNANCE COSTS

	2022	2021
Audit fees	£3,600	£3,400

11. STAFF COSTS

	2022	2021
	£	£
Salaries and wages	50,149	53,393
Pension costs	1,942	1,544
	£52,091	£54,937

No employee received total employee benefits (excluding employer pension costs) of more than £60,000 per annum.

The average number of employees during the year was 6 (2021: 5.5).

No remuneration was paid in the year, or previous year, to key management.

12. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND EXPENSES

The trustees received no remuneration or reimbursed expenses during the year (2021: £Nil).

13. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Freehold Property	Plant and Machinery	Fixtures And Fittings	Total
COST	£	£	£	£
At 1 September 2021 and 31 August 2022	3,680,695	39,643	24,509	3,744,847
DEPRECIATION				
At 1 September 2021	-	39,643	23,731	63,374
Charge for the year	-	-	272	272
At 31 August 2022	-	39,643	24,003	63,646
NET BOOK VALUE				
At 31 August 2022	£3,680,695	£Nil	£506	£3,681,201
At 31 August 2021	£3,680,695	£Nil	£778	£3,681,473

In accordance with Methodist Accounting Rules, the freehold property has been revalued to the insured valuation at 31 August 2016. This is recognised as its deemed cost at that date.

14. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2022	2021
	£	£
Trade debtors	9,809	4,566
Other debtors and prepayments	22,203	22,534
	£32,012	£27,100

15. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2022	2021
Trade creditors	-	1,775
Other creditors	9,862	11,055
	£9,862	£12,830

16. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	Brought forward at 1 September 2021 £	Income (including gains) £	Expenditure (including losses) £	Transfers between funds £	Carried forward at 31 August 2022 £
Unrestricted funds					
General funds	5,000	185,228	159,955	(25,273)	5,000
Development reserve	6,886	-	-	-	6,886
Building maintenance	115,824	-	10,058	27,788	133,554
	127,710	185,228	170,013	2,515	145,440
Restricted funds					
Development fund	3,336	-	1,236	-	2,100
Benevolent fund	318	-	-	-	318
Legacies	17,678	-	-	-	17,678
Vision project	44,202	7,074	22,825	-	28,451
Youth worker	208	-	35	-	173
Tennis club	49,525	27,555	35,569	(1,685)	39,826
Table tennis	140	-	-	-	140
Ladies badminton	33	815	-	(830)	18
Mixed badminton	1,872	770	-	-	2,642
Network	263	650	613	-	300
Oasis	136	831	484	-	483
Fixed assets – Freehold property	3,427,573	-	-	-	3,427,573
Fixed assets – Fixtures & fittings	359	-	272	-	87
Fixed assets – Other organisations land & buildings	262,619	-	-	-	262,619
	3,808,262	37,695	61,034	(2,515)	3,782,408
TOTAL FUNDS	£3,935,972	£222,923	£231,047	£Nil	£3,927,848

16. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS – continued

Comparative for movement in funds:

	Brought forward at 1 September 2020 £	Income (including gains) £	Expenditure (including losses) £	Transfers between funds £	Carried forward at 31 August 2021 £
Unrestricted funds					
General funds	5,000	139,587	144,987	5,400	5,000
Fixed asset reserve	3,966	-	-	(3,966)	-
Property at deemed cost	3,457,849	-	-	(3,457,849)	-
Development reserve	6,886	-	-	-	6,886
Building maintenance	116,144	-	-	(320)	115,824
	3,589,845	139,587	144,987	(3,456,735)	127,710
Restricted funds					
Development fund	28,493	960	26,117	-	3,336
Benevolent fund	318	-	-	-	318
Legacies	17,678	-	-	-	17,678
Vision project	9,532	126,156	91,486	-	44,202
Youth worker	-	300	92	-	208
Tennis club	55,456	11,284	12,215	(5,000)	49,525
Table tennis	140	-	-	-	140
Ladies badminton	33	80	-	(80)	33
Mixed badminton	1,872	-	-	-	1,872
Network	489	85	311	-	263
Oasis	265	119	248	-	136
Tennis club property	232,988	-	-	(232,988)	-
Fixed assets – Freehold property	-	-	-	3,427,573	3,427,573
Fixed assets – Plant & machinery	-	-	3,833	3,833	-
Fixed assets – Fixtures & fittings	-	-	419	778	359
Fixed assets – Other organisations land & buildings	-	-	-	262,619	262,619
	347,264	138,984	134,721	3,456,735	3,808,262
TOTAL FUNDS	£3,937,109	£278,571	£279,708	£Nil	£3,935,972

17. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total Funds 2022 £	Total Funds 2021 £
Fixed Assets	-	3,681,201	3,681,201	3,681,473
Current Assets	155,302	101,207	256,509	267,329
Current Liabilities	(9,862)	-	(9,862)	(12,830)
	£145,440	£3,782,408	£3,927,848	3,935,972

Comparative figures for 2021 were as follows:

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total Funds 2021 £	Total Funds 2020 £
Fixed Assets	(76,771)	3,758,244	3,681,473	3,685,725
Current Assets	209,815	57,514	267,329	260,759
Current Liabilities	(5,334)	(7,496)	(12,830)	(9,375)
	£127,710	£3,808,262	£3,935,972	£3,937,109

18. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 August 2022.

SURBITON HILL METHODIST CHURCH

England & Wales - Charity number 1127609

Accounts

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Report of the Trustees and

Audited Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 August 2021

for

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Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 31 August 2021

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 August 2021. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

Introduction

The work of Surbiton Hill Methodist Church takes place within the overall mission and purposes of the Methodist Church in Britain. This mission is summarised in the document "Our Calling" (Methodist Conference Report, 2000). The four themes identified in "Our Calling" were reaffirmed by the Methodist Conference in 2018.

The calling of the Methodist Church is to respond to the gospel of God's love in Christ and to live out its discipleship in worship and mission. It does this through:
- Worship
- Learning and Caring
- Service
- Evangelism.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

a. Policies and objectives

Responding to Our Calling Surbiton Hill Methodist Church has its own mission to:
- Worship God
- Encourage and support people to follow Jesus Christ as Saviour
- Care for our neighbours and work for justice and the relief of suffering around the world.

In 2018 we agreed a developed Vision Statement which is now the basis of our annual and longer term planning. The Vision is to become a "vibrant Christian centre for caring, sharing, worship and welcome in Surbiton."

In setting objectives and planning for activities, the Trustees have given due consideration to general guidance published by the Charity Commission relating to public benefit, including the guidance 'Public benefit: running a charity (PB2)'.

b. Aims and objectives

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 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.

c. Activities undertaken to achieve objectives

- Worshipping God through prayer, song and other acts of worship.
- The organisation and resourcing of regular public acts of worship open to members of the church and non members alike.
- The teaching of Christianity through sermons, courses and small groups.
- The resourcing of pastoral work including visiting the sick and bereaved.
- The provision of a Childrens' Worker for outreach to young children and parents.
- Taking religious assemblies in local schools.
- Promotion of Christianity through the staging of events and services.
- Provision of chaplaincy services to local schools, care homes and other institutions as appropriate and when able.
- Making the building facilities available to the community.

Our concern for the wider world and the neighbours near and far of our mission statement is expressed through the support of a number of international charities. Much of this work is invisible in our formal accounting as fundraising frequently occurs through direct giving by individuals to these causes. A number of church members have direct personal contact with the work of charities overseas and ensure that the church is kept informed of their progress.

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

1) Changing Patterns Responding to Covid 19

Once again our year has been dominated by the coronavirus pandemic and the ever changing restrictions which that has brought to the life of our church and community. In September 2020, at the beginning of the reporting year we were able to offer a combination of worship in church and a pre-recorded worship video available online each week. Whilst in many ways successful, this particular blend of online and face to face was extremely demanding in time. The formats of a pre-recorded internet video and face-to-face worship require different approaches to worship and many hours were needed each week to prepare and deliver a high standard of worship through both formats.

A more flexible and less demanding programme was clearly required and after some research the Church Council agreed to add a camera and video editing facility as a permanent part of our existing audio visual system in the church. Technology was deliberately selected for a user-friendly interface and control system enabling a small team of volunteers to be trained in managing the system.

This investment in technology has proved to be a wise decision. We are now able to offer a flexible format of hybrid worship. When we weren't allowed to meet in person for worship, guidance for places of worship still allowed a small team to "broadcast" services from the church. As restrictions were eased and congregational worship returned broadcasts continued via YouTube and a new hybrid form of congregation has emerged with congregations engaging with worship both face-to-face in church and online. New skills and approaches to worship were quickly developed. The system allows us to incorporate video material which can be projected onto the screen in church and simultaneously seen by those watching on the internet. This means that people who would otherwise be unable to attend church can share in leading worship through recording Bible readings, prayers or other worship material.

Attendances both in church and online have been monitored. Unsurprisingly, online engagement dropped considerably once attendance in person became possible. A number of the church family who are restricted by age, or temporarily living away from home now prefer to worship online. Typical attendance patterns show a drop of in-person attendance of perhaps 20 (30%) on pre Covid figures, but this is more than compensated for by the new online attendance. About 30 devices connect to the live services (= approximately 45 people) and there are further viewings of the recorded material in the following days. Each recorded Sunday service gaining some 60-80 "views" over a period of a month. It is possible to read these figures in a number of different ways (YouTube "viewing" figures must be treated with caution) but it is clear that overall engagement with Sunday worship - in church and online is now higher than pre Covid levels.

In a parallel technological development a wide angle webcam system has been added to the screen in the recently refurbished "New Room". This has enabled small hybrid meetings to be developed with part of the group joining via video conferencing and part in the room. Exploiting the flexibility of this technology has again been the key to successfully navigating through this year of change - the church is now equipped and skilled to move rapidly between a fully online programme, hybrid worship and meetings and fully face-to-face.The rapid development of this flexible programme has been a significant achievement in the year.

2) Children and Families Work

Our work with families and children has continued online through the lockdown periods, but we were also able to offer some limited face-to-face meetings of our Messy Church and Oasis Stay and Play groups. During Summer 2021 plans were made to relaunch the Junior Church in the autumn and a new team of volunteers recruited for this work. As ever Sharon Lloyd, our Children and Families Worker, has taken a leading role and shown remarkable creativity.

3) Building Use and Developments

In Summer 2020 the first stage of the planned developmental work on our building took place - enabled by significant generosity from within the congregation. The phased building development plan is designed to meet the needs of our overall Vision of SHMC as a "vibrant Christian centre for caring, sharing, worship and welcome in Surbiton." Phase 1 completely refurbished the church/community kitchen and connected the Annexe to the main building with a conservatory/porch structure. The old access route to the Annexe via the kitchen has been replaced with a new door giving better access to the "back stairs". This brings our catering facilities up-to-date, greatly improves circulation around the building and brings under-used areas of the upper floor into better use. Further phases of development work have been planned but will be reviewed by the Church Council in Autumn 2022.

Community use of the building has returned rapidly during periods when Covid regulations have allowed this. This has been reflected in our accounts for the year, and despite all the difficulties and inevitable need to make use of reserves in the last 2 years, the managing trustees remain optimistic about the financial future for our church and charity.

4) Revised Governance Arrangements

During the year the Church Council began a process of reviewing its relationship with Surbiton Hill Methodist Tennis Club, a church owned sports club using grounds which form a detached part of the SHMC trust property. The existing policy and working arrangements were deemed to require significant revision and a process of consultation was begun in order to bring these into line with current Methodist trust practices.

5) Staffing

During the furlough periods the church adopted a policy of topping up the furlough monies to the full salaries. Wherever possible staff were enabled to work from home. In summer 2021 one of our part time cleaners retired but fortunately her job share colleague was able to take on the additional hours and no recruitment process was required. One addition to our broader team has been the placement of Hannah Chun as a student minister in the Kingston Methodist Circuit. Hannah is working with us as part of her training for ordination in the Methodist Church.

6) Plans for 2021/2022

Looking forward to 2021/22 we remain committed to our 2018 Vision to develop as a Christian community centre serving Surbiton. Covid has, however, changed the way in which the community uses the building. Our plans were built on the existing situation in which significant numbers of people would be moving between activities in the building at key points in the week. Social distancing procedures have meant that many users now spend less circulation time in the building and plans to develop coffee shop ministries are currently on hold and subject to review. We will continue to explore this developing situation. We will also continue to explore the opportunities provided by our growing confidence to operate online.

The current minister, Rev Dr Stan Brown, will be on sabbatical leave April-June 2022 and then plans to retire in summer 2023. During the year 2021/22 the church will therefore need to give careful time and attention to planning its future ministry needs. The formal appointment process for ministers is handled by wider structures in the Methodist Church and will begin in September 2022. In preparation for this process, however, there will be a significant period of the consultation and reflection in Spring-Summer 2022. The combination of managing the sabbatical period and consultation process is likely to require much of the time and attention of our Leadership Team and trustees. Targets have, however, also been set to move forward the Vision Project. During 2021/22 we aim to encourage more people to participate in the running and leadership of the church, to look at our welcome arrangements, exploring and celebrating the growing diversity of our community, and to review the remaining phases of building work originally proposed to support the Vision Project.

Surbiton Hill Methodist Church continues to face many long term issues - not least the way in which an increasingly elderly core membership supports a significant community centre and work amongst children and families. Nevertheless we face the future with confidence and hope based in our faith and trust in God.

This this is the God we adore,
Our faithful unchangeable friend
Whose love is as great as its power
and neither knows measure nor end.
'Tis Jesus, the First and the Last,
Whose Spirit shall guide us safe home;
We'll praise him for all that is past,
And trust him for all that's to come.

J.Hart

FINANCIAL REVIEW

a. Going concern

After making appropriate enquiries, the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the Charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. For this reason, they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements. Further details regarding the adoption of the going concern basis can be found in the accounting policies.

b. Reserves policy

The Church endeavours to hold reserves sufficient to cover six months worth of expenditure in its unrestricted funds. Restricted funds are accepted where there is a current project or activity which would allow these funds to be spent within a reasonable time frame. Designated funds are held where the Trustees have identified a specific need to hold funds outside of the General Reserve. The General Reserve is generally held at a balance of £5,000 each year and if necessary is balanced off from the Building Maintenance designated reserve.

c. Principal funding

Church income is primarily drawn from congregational donations (on Sundays and through direct giving), Gift Aid tax refunds, and lettings fees paid by external users for the hire of church rooms.

Additional income of £6,079 was claimed under the Government's furlough scheme.

Congregational giving has been broadly maintained by our members, for which we are very grateful. Unfortunately, due to the Covid restrictions our lettings income decreased by £17,813 (2020: £33,442) in comparison with the previous year. This drop has rectified itself as the restrictions have eased in the 2021/22 financial year.

d. Expenditure

The major cost is the assessment paid to the Kingston upon Thames Circuit, amounting to 45% (2020: 40%) of our general fund spending. Most of this covers Ministers' stipends and related costs, and the District assessment. A further 33% (2020: 38%) is spent on the upkeep and related expenses of the premises, a sum which is normally more than offset by our lettings income.

Whilst there were some small savings in premises costs because of the lockdown, that also occasioned additional expenditures to make the buildings "Covid secure". Much of the Church's other spending continued at broadly the previous level.

e. Basis of consolidation

The published accounts include the church and internal church organisations.

FUTURE PLANS

The budget for 2021/22 has been prepared on the basis of a prudent forecast of the rental income returning to pre-pandemic levels. Congregational income is expected to remain relatively stable, as it has throughout the lockdowns; many givers heeding our call to switch to standing orders rather than cash donations.

Our unrestricted funds, including the Development Reserve and Building Maintenance Fund will be reduced by the expected deficit. The Finance Committee will continue to closely monitor the situation, making sure that the reserves buffer of six months expenditure remains intact.

The plans for Phase 2 of the Vision Project have been temporarily put on hold; it is hoped that this will be able to be financed through a mix of grants, donations and the church's own funds.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Structure, governance and management

a. Constitution

Surbiton Hill Methodist Church is a registered charity, number 1127609, and is constituted under a Trust deed.

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust and constitutes an unincorporated charity.

The governing document for the church is the Deed of Union (1932) and Methodist Church Act (1976).

Detailed governance arrangements are outlined within the Constitutional Practice and Discipline (CPD) of the Methodist Church, by order of the annual conference.

Surbiton Hill Methodist Church is part of the British Methodist Church. The Methodist Church operates under the Methodist Church Act of 1976.

All Methodist churches are connected to each other and are governed by the decisions laid down by the Connexion, through a District, Circuit and the local church.

b. Methods of appointment or election of Trustees

The management of the Charity is the responsibility of the Trustees who are elected and appointed under the terms of the Trust deed. The Trustees are appointed at the Annual Church Meeting of the church and by the Church Council.

c. Organisational structure and decision making policies

Day to day management of the church is undertaken by the Church Leadership Team along with the Minister.

d. Policies adopted for the induction and training of Trustees

A range of guidance produced by the Methodist Connexion to support the effective running of the Church and the role of Trustees is given to the Church Trustees at various meetings and training sessions.

e. Related party relationships

The Church is part of the Kingston upon Thames Circuit which is part of the London Methodist District and is also accountable to the Methodist Conference.

f. Financial risk management

The Trustees have assessed the major risks to which the Charity is exposed, in particular those related to the operations and finances of the Charity, and are satisfied that systems and procedures are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Charity number
1127609

Principal address
39 Ewell Road
Surbiton
Surrey
KT6 6AF

Trustees
S Brown, Chair
M Wakelin (appointed 1 September 2021)
K Rutlidge
J Bridges
M Turner
B Russell, Treasurer (resigned 31 August 2021)
P Thorpe
M Thorpe
J Barwick
L Bridges
L Mount (resigned 31 August 2021)
M Golding
H Abbott
C Jones
G Turner
C Mays
K Ingham
T Ingham
U Teitz
R van Es
R Chiraga (resigned 31 August 2021)
L Acquah
T Yu (resigned 31 August 2021)
E Cook
M Heathcote
P Lavers
R Strachan (appointed 1 September 2021)
H Lamb (appointed 1 January 2021)
C Fullbrook (appointed 8 February 2022)
D Fullbrook (appointed 1 September 2021)

Auditors
Simply Accounts & Tax Limited
Epsilon House
Ransomes Europark
Ipswich
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STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Report of the Trustees and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales, the Charities Act 2011, Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charity for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charity SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 25th May 2022 and signed on its behalf by:

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Trustee
ROSS STRACHAN

Report of the Independent Auditors to the Trustees of
Surbiton Hill Methodist Church
(Consolidation)

Opinion
We have audited the financial statements of Surbiton Hill Methodist Church (Consolidation) (the 'charity') for the year ended 31 August 2021 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:
- give a true and fair view of the state of the charity's affairs as at 31 August 2021 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011.

Basis for opinion
We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern
We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the ISAs (UK) require us to report to you where:
- the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is not appropriate; or
- the trustees have not disclosed in the financial statements any identified material uncertainties that may cast significant doubt about the charity's ability to continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting for a period of at least twelve months from the date when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Other information
The trustees are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the Annual Report, other than the financial statements and our Report of the Independent Auditors thereon.

Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- the information given in the Report of the Trustees is inconsistent in any material respect with the financial statements; or
- sufficient accounting records have not been kept; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities, the trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements which give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charity or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

We have been appointed as auditors under Section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and report in accordance with the Act and relevant regulations made or having effect thereunder.

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue a Report of the Independent Auditors that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our Report of the Independent Auditors.

Report of the Independent Auditors to the Trustees of
Surbiton Hill Methodist Church
(Consolidation)

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with Part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charity's trustees those matters we are required to state to them in an auditors' report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's trustees as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

FCCA
S. STUZMAN
(SENIOR STATUTORY AUDITOR)

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Date: - 8 JUN 2022

Surbiton Hill Methodist Church
(Consolidation)

Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31 August 2021

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	31.8.21 Total funds £	31.8.20 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies		97,100	127,440	224,540	102,563
Other trading activities	2	1,500	10,579	12,079	17,207
Investment income	3	35,459	965	36,424	54,233
Other income		5,528	-	5,528	31,079
Total		139,587	138,984	278,571	205,082
EXPENDITURE ON					
Raising funds		48,086	117,603	165,689	63,027
Charitable activities					
General activity		96,592	17,118	113,710	117,047
Other		309	-	309	67
Total		144,987	134,721	279,708	180,141
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		(5,400)	4,263	(1,137)	24,941
Transfers between funds	9	(3,456,735)	3,456,735	-	-
Net movement in funds		(3,462,135)	3,460,998	(1,137)	24,941
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		3,589,845	347,264	3,937,109	3,912,168
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		127,710	3,808,262	3,935,972	3,937,109

The notes form part of these financial statements

Surbiton Hill Methodist Church
(Consolidation)

Balance Sheet
31 August 2021

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	31.8.21 Total funds £	31.8.20 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	6	(76,771)	3,758,244	3,681,473	3,685,725
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	7	26,969	131	27,100	30,497
Cash at bank		182,846	57,383	240,229	230,262
		209,815	57,514	267,329	260,759
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	8	(5,334)	(7,496)	(12,830)	(9,375)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		204,481	50,018	254,499	251,384
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		127,710	3,808,262	3,935,972	3,937,109
NET ASSETS		127,710	3,808,262	3,935,972	3,937,109
FUNDS	9				
Unrestricted funds				127,710	3,589,845
Restricted funds				3,808,262	347,264
TOTAL FUNDS				3,935,972	3,937,109

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 25th May 2022 and were signed on its behalf by:

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Trustee
ROSS STRACHAN

.....
Trustee
GEOFFREY LAWRENCE TURNER

The notes form part of these financial statements

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements
The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, as modified by the revaluation of certain assets.

Income
All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Expenditure
Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Grants offered subject to conditions which have not been met at the year-end date are noted as a commitment but not accrued as expenditure.

Tangible fixed assets
Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Plant and machinery	- 10% on cost
Fixtures and fittings	- 35% on reducing balance

Taxation
The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting
Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

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2. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	31.8.21	31.8.20
	£	£
Photocopying / Other income	1,869	1,899
Subscriptions	10,210	15,308
	12,079	17,207

3. INVESTMENT INCOME

	31.8.21	31.8.20
	£	£
Letting income	35,743	53,556
Bank and other interest	681	677
	36,424	54,233

4. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 August 2021 nor for the year ended 31 August 2020.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 August 2021 nor for the year ended 31 August 2020.

5. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds
	£	£	£
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	97,066	5,497	102,563
Other trading activities	272	16,935	17,207
Investment income	52,144	2,089	54,233
Other income	6,079	25,000	31,079
Total	155,561	49,521	205,082
EXPENDITURE ON			
Raising funds	62,829	198	63,027
Charitable activities			
General activity	107,630	9,417	117,047
Other	67	-	67
Total	170,526	9,615	180,141

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5. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES - continued

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	(14,965)	39,906	24,941
Transfers between funds	5,630	(5,630)	-
Net movement in funds	(9,335)	34,276	24,941
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	3,599,180	312,988	3,912,168
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	3,589,845	347,264	3,937,109

6. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Freehold property £	Plant and machinery £	Fixtures and fittings £	Totals £
COST				
At 1 September 2020 and 31 August 2021	3,680,695	39,643	24,509	3,744,847
DEPRECIATION				
At 1 September 2020	-	35,810	23,312	59,122
Charge for year	-	3,833	419	4,252
At 31 August 2021	-	39,643	23,731	63,374
NET BOOK VALUE				
At 31 August 2021	3,680,695	-	778	3,681,473
At 31 August 2020	3,680,695	3,833	1,197	3,685,725

In accordance with Methodist Accounting Rules, property was revalued each year to the insured valuation.

With the change to the FRS102 and the new SORP, the building value is shown at its insured valuation as at 31 August 2016. This is recognised as its deemed cost at that date.

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7. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31.8.21	31.8.20
	£	£
Trade debtors	4,566	2,170
Other debtors	22,534	28,327
	27,100	30,497

8. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31.8.21	31.8.20
	£	£
Trade creditors	1,775	5,646
Other creditors	11,055	3,729
	12,830	9,375

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9. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.9.20 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.8.21 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	5,000	(5,400)	5,400	5,000
Fixed asset reserve	3,966	-	(3,966)	-
Property at deemed cost	3,457,849	-	(3,457,849)	-
Development reserve	6,886	-	-	6,886
Building maintenance	116,144	-	(320)	115,824
	3,589,845	(5,400)	(3,456,735)	127,710
Restricted funds				
Development Fund	28,493	(25,157)	-	3,336
Benevolent fund	318	-	-	318
Legacies	17,678	-	-	17,678
Vision project	9,532	34,670	-	44,202
Youth worker	-	208	-	208
Tennis club	55,456	(931)	(5,000)	49,525
Table tennis	140	-	-	140
Ladies Badminton	33	80	(80)	33
Mixed badminton	1,872	-	-	1,872
Network	489	(226)	-	263
Oasis	265	(129)	-	136
Tennis club property	232,988	-	(232,988)	-
Fixed assets - Freehold property	-	-	3,427,573	3,427,573
Fixed assets - Plant & machinery	-	(3,833)	3,833	-
Fixed assets - Fixtures & fittings	-	(419)	778	359
Fixed assets - Other organisations land & buildings	-	-	262,619	262,619
	347,264	4,263	3,456,735	3,808,262
TOTAL FUNDS	3,937,109	(1,137)	-	3,935,972

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9. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	139,587	(144,987)	(5,400)
Restricted funds			
Development Fund	960	(26,117)	(25,157)
Vision project	126,156	(91,486)	34,670
Youth worker	300	(92)	208
Tennis club	11,284	(12,215)	(931)
Ladies Badminton	80	-	80
Network	85	(311)	(226)
Oasis	119	(248)	(129)
Fixed assets - Plant & machinery	-	(3,833)	(3,833)
Fixed assets - Fixtures & fittings	-	(419)	(419)
	138,984	(134,721)	4,263
TOTAL FUNDS	278,571	(279,708)	(1,137)

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9. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.9.19 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.8.20 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	5,000	(11,193)	11,193	5,000
Fixed asset reserve	7,930	(3,964)	-	3,966
Property at deemed cost	3,457,849	-	-	3,457,849
Development reserve	6,694	192	-	6,886
Building maintenance	121,707	-	(5,563)	116,144
	3,599,180	(14,965)	5,630	3,589,845
Restricted funds				
Development Fund	26,691	1,802	-	28,493
Benevolent fund	168	150	-	318
Legacies	17,678	-	-	17,678
Vision project	1,918	7,614	-	9,532
Other organisations	266,533	30,340	(5,630)	291,243
	312,988	39,906	(5,630)	347,264
TOTAL FUNDS	3,912,168	24,941	-	3,937,109

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	155,362	(166,555)	(11,193)
Fixed asset reserve	-	(3,964)	(3,964)
Development reserve	199	(7)	192
	155,561	(170,526)	(14,965)
Restricted funds			
Development Fund	2,000	(198)	1,802
Benevolent fund	200	(50)	150
Vision project	7,614	-	7,614
Other organisations	39,707	(9,367)	30,340
	49,521	(9,615)	39,906
TOTAL FUNDS	205,082	(180,141)	24,941

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10. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 August 2021.