



**SURBITON HILL METHODIST CHURCH**

Registered Charity No.: 1127609

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.



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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.



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### **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.

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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 seek God's guidance on how best to proceed.



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**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).***

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**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.



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## **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

**Principal address**  
39 Ewell Road  
Surbiton  
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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	
R Strachan	
C Fullbrook	
D Fullbrook	
B Ojudayi	
H Lamb	
A Dass	appointed 01.09.23

**Auditors**

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**STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES**

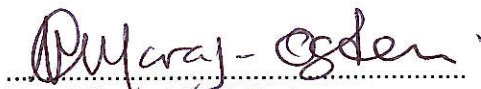
The trustees are responsible for preparing the Report of the Trustees and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

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.

## **INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF**

### **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 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.



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#### 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](http://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.



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

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24 June 2025



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

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
<b>INCOME FROM:</b>					
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
<b>Total</b>		<u>226,984</u>	<u>49,245</u>	<u>276,229</u>	<u>276,643</u>
 <b>EXPENDITURE ON:</b>					
Raising funds	5	116,288	2,320	118,608	150,331
<b>Charitable Activities</b>					
General Activity	6	<u>137,379</u>	<u>24,520</u>	<u>161,899</u>	<u>169,817</u>
<b>Total</b>		<u>253,667</u>	<u>26,840</u>	<u>280,507</u>	<u>320,148</u>
 <b>NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)</b>		(26,683)	22,405	(4,278)	(43,505)
 <b>Transfer between funds</b>		<u>16,080</u>	<u>(16,080)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		<u>(10,603)</u>	<u>6,325</u>	<u>(4,278)</u>	<u>(43,505)</u>
 <b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>					
Total funds brought forward		<u>169,499</u>	<u>3,714,844</u>	<u>3,884,343</u>	<u>3,927,848</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>		<u><u>£158,896</u></u>	<u><u>£3,721,169</u></u>	<u><u>£3,880,065</u></u>	<u><u>£3,884,343</u></u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

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

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

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Notes to the Financial Statements  
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**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.



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**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
	<u>£107,093</u>	<u>£738</u>	<u>£107,831</u>	<u>£137,393</u>

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
	<u>£449</u>	<u>£28,547</u>	<u>£28,996</u>	<u>£26,027</u>

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

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

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

<b>5. COST OF RAISING FUNDS</b>	<b>Direct Costs £</b>	<b>Support Costs £</b>	<b>Total 2024 £</b>	<b>Total 2023 £</b>
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
	<u>£118,608</u>	<u>£Nil</u>	<u>£118,608</u>	<u>£150,331</u>

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.

<b>6. ANALYSIS OF EXPENDITURE ON CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES</b>	<b>Direct costs £</b>	<b>Support cost £</b>	<b>Total 2024 £</b>	<b>Total 2023 £</b>
Church activities	<u>£139,118</u>	<u>£22,781</u>	<u>£161,899</u>	<u>£169,817</u>

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.

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**7. DIRECT COSTS**

	2024 £	2023 £
<b>Charitable Activities</b>		
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
	<u>£139,118</u>	<u>£148,861</u>

**8. SUPPORT COSTS**

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

**9. GOVERNANCE COSTS**

	2024 £	2023 £
Audit fees	<u>£2,570</u>	<u>£4,000</u>

**10. STAFF COSTS**

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

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.



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**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 £
<b>COST</b>				
At 1 September 2023 and 31 August 2024	3,680,695	39,643	24,509	3,744,847
<b>DEPRECIATION</b>				
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
<b>NET BOOK VALUE</b>				
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
	<u>£17,704</u>	<u>£28,515</u>

**14. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR**

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

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**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 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>					
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
	<u>169,499</u>	<u>226,984</u>	<u>253,667</u>	<u>16,080</u>	<u>158,896</u>
<b>Restricted funds</b>					
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
	<u>3,714,844</u>	<u>49,245</u>	<u>26,840</u>	<u>(16,080)</u>	<u>3,721,169</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>£3,884,343</u>	<u>£276,229</u>	<u>£280,507</u>	<u>£Nil</u>	<u>£3,880,065</u>

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**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 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>					
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
	<u>145,440</u>	<u>201,647</u>	<u>181,088</u>	<u>3,500</u>	<u>169,499</u>
<b>Restricted funds</b>					
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	<u>262,619</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>262,619</u>
	<u>3,782,408</u>	<u>74,996</u>	<u>139,060</u>	<u>(3,500)</u>	<u>3,714,844</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>£3,927,848</u>	<u>£277,643</u>	<u>£320,148</u>	<u>£Nil</u>	<u>£3,884,343</u>



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**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)
	<u>£158,896</u>	<u>£3,721,169</u>	<u>£3,880,065</u>	<u>£3,884,343</u>

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)
	<u>£169,499</u>	<u>£3,714,844</u>	<u>£3,884,343</u>	<u>£3,927,848</u>

**17. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES**

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

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

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<b>19. CHARITABLE EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>		
<b>Raising donations and legacies</b>		
Property expenses	30,844	33,632
Housekeeping and cleaning	34,104	32,608
Property repairs and renewals	53,660	84,091
	<hr/> 118,608	<hr/> 150,331
<b>Charitable activities</b>		
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
	<hr/> 159,193	<hr/> 165,535
<b>Other</b>		
Bank charges	136	282
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<b>Governance costs</b>		
Auditors' remuneration	2,570	4,000
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Total resources expended	<hr/> 280,507	<hr/> 320,148
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<b>Net expenditure</b>	<hr/> <b>£(4,278)</b>	<hr/> <b>£(43,505)</b>