

Charity registration number 1127609 (England and Wales)



**SURBITON HILL METHODIST CHURCH**  
**ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025**

# SURBITON HILL METHODIST CHURCH

## LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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# **SURBITON HILL METHODIST CHURCH**

## **TRUSTEES' REPORT**

### ***FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025***

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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".

# **SURBITON HILL METHODIST CHURCH**

## **TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)**

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### **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.

# **SURBITON HILL METHODIST CHURCH**

## **TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)**

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### **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.

# **SURBITON HILL METHODIST CHURCH**

## **TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)**

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### **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.

# **SURBITON HILL METHODIST CHURCH**

## **TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)**

### **FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025**

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#### **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.



# **SURBITON HILL METHODIST CHURCH**

## **TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025**

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### **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  
E Cook  
P V Lavers  
R Strachan  
C Fullbrook  
D Fullbrook  
E Abraham  
H M Lamb  
B Ojudayi  
G Turner  
J Humphries

(Resigned 31 March 2025)

(Deceased 24 July 2025)

#### *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.

# **SURBITON HILL METHODIST CHURCH**

## **TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)**

### **FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025**

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#### *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:

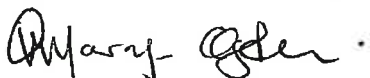
- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed 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**

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#### **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.

# **SURBITON HILL METHODIST CHURCH**

## **INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED)**

### **TO THE TRUSTEES OF SURBITON HILL METHODIST CHURCH**

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#### **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.

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## **INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED)**

### **TO THE TRUSTEES OF SURBITON HILL METHODIST CHURCH**

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#### **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 (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 £
<b>Income from:</b>							
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
<b>Total income</b>		<b>231,510</b>	<b>46,703</b>	<b>278,213</b>	<b>226,984</b>	<b>49,245</b>	<b>276,229</b>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>							
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
<b>Total expenditure</b>		<b>211,518</b>	<b>53,013</b>	<b>264,531</b>	<b>253,667</b>	<b>26,841</b>	<b>280,508</b>
<b>Net income/(expenditure)</b>		<b>19,992</b>	<b>(6,310)</b>	<b>13,682</b>	<b>(26,683)</b>	<b>22,404</b>	<b>(4,279)</b>
Transfers between funds		3,840	(3,840)	-	16,080	(16,080)	-
<b>Net movement in funds</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>23,832</b>	<b>(10,150)</b>	<b>13,682</b>	<b>(10,603)</b>	<b>6,324</b>	<b>(4,279)</b>
<b>Reconciliation of funds:</b>							
Fund balances at 1 September 2024		158,896	3,721,170	3,880,066	169,499	3,714,846	3,884,345
<b>Fund balances at 31 August 2025</b>		<b>182,728</b>	<b>3,711,020</b>	<b>3,893,748</b>	<b>158,896</b>	<b>3,721,170</b>	<b>3,880,066</b>

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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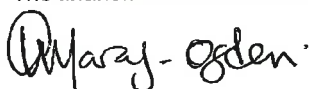
## BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 AUGUST 2025

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

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



Revd V Maraj-Ogden  
Trustee



R Strachan  
Trustee

# **SURBITON HILL METHODIST CHURCH**

## **NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025**

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### **1 Accounting policies**

#### **Charity information**

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#### **1.1 Basis of preparation**

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance 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)". The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

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.



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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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### 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.

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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025

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### 1 Accounting policies

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#### 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.

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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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### 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
<b>Donations and gifts</b>						
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 £
<b>Church activities</b>						
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

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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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### 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 £
<b>Expenditure on raising funds</b>						
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

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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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### 8 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Church activities 2025 £	Church activities 2024 £
<b>Direct costs</b>		
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
	<u>115,093</u>	<u>139,118</u>
<b>Share of support and governance costs (see note 9)</b>		
Support	<u>27,821</u>	<u>22,782</u>
	<u>142,914</u>	<u>161,900</u>
<b>Analysis by fund</b>		
Unrestricted funds	125,414	137,379
Restricted funds	<u>17,500</u>	<u>24,521</u>
	<u>142,914</u>	<u>161,900</u>

### 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
	<u>27,821</u>	<u>22,782</u>
<b>Analysed between:</b>		
Church activities	<u>27,821</u>	<u>22,782</u>

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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025

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<b>10</b>	<b>Net movement in funds</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
		<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
	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
		<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>

### **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:

	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
	<b>Number</b>	<b>Number</b>
	5	5
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>

#### **Employment costs**

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

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.

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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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### 14 Tangible fixed assets

	Freehold land and buildings £	Plant and equipment £	Fixtures and fittings £	Total £
<b>Cost</b>				
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
<b>Depreciation and impairment</b>				
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
<b>Carrying amount</b>				
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 £
<b>Amounts falling due within one year:</b>		
Trade debtors	10,567	12,118
Other debtors	4,804	5,586
Prepayments and accrued income	3,866	-
	<u>19,237</u>	<u>17,704</u>

### 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
	<u>15,341</u>	<u>5,990</u>

### 17 Retirement benefit schemes

	2025 £	2024 £
<b>Defined contribution schemes</b>		
Charge to profit or loss in respect of defined contribution schemes	<u>1,624</u>	<u>1,871</u>

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.

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#### 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
	<u>3,721,170</u>	<u>46,703</u>	<u>(53,013)</u>	<u>(3,840)</u>	<u>3,711,020</u>

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
	<u>3,714,846</u>	<u>49,245</u>	<u>(26,841)</u>	<u>(16,080)</u>	<u>3,721,170</u>



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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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### 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
	<u>158,896</u>	<u>231,510</u>	<u>(211,518)</u>	<u>3,840</u>	<u>182,728</u>

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
	<u>169,499</u>	<u>226,984</u>	<u>(253,667)</u>	<u>16,080</u>	<u>158,896</u>

### 20 Analysis of net assets between funds

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

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

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## **NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)**

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### **21 Related party transactions**

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