GUILDFORD METHODIST CHURCH

England & Wales · Charity number 1127643

Details

Other names	GMC
Status	Registered
Legal form	Previously excepted
Registered	2009-01-21
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

Contact

Address	St Mary's Church Quarry Street Guildford GU1 3UP
Phone	01483505230
Email	gmc.info@hotmail.co.uk
Website	www.guildfordmethodist.org

Activities

Objects: The purposes of the Methodist Church are and shall be deemed to have been since the date of union the advancement of -(a) the Christian faith in accordance with the doctrinal standards and the dicipline of the Methodist Church;(b) any charitable purpose for the time being of any Connexional, district, circuit, local or other organisation of the Methodist Church;(c) any charitable purpose for the time being of any society or institution subsiduary or ancillary to the Methodist Church;(d) any purpose for the time being of any charity being a charity subsidiary or ancillary to the Methodist Church.

Activities: The provision of regular public acts of worship open to members of the church and non-members alike.The provision of sacred space (a building) for prayer and contemplation.The teaching of Christianity through sermons, courses and small groups.Pastoral work including visiting the sick and bereaved.Promoting the whole mission of the church through activities.Supporting other charities.

Classification

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

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Geography

- **Area of benefit:** UNDEFINED. IN PRACTICE, LOCAL.
- Surrey

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-08-31	£42,974	£32,675	-	-
2023-08-31	£40,905	£28,309	-	-
2022-08-31	£75,971	£51,618	-	-
2021-08-31	£37,378	£25,332	-	-
2020-08-31	£39,901	£29,942	-	-

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Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Andrea Jean Campion-Smith		
BERYL ANN FARMER		
David Charles Birch		
Dr Alwyn Marriage		2018-01-24
Dr SUSAN ELIZABETH SNASHALL		
JAN HANCOCK		2016-12-14
JANUS EILEEN SMITH		2015-04-26
JENNIFER ANN NOCKOLDS		2024-06-10
Janet Carolyn Glass		2024-06-10
MARGARET BIRCH		
MICHAEL LEE		2016-12-14
Michael John David Bishop		2016-12-14
NIGEL CAMPION-SMITH		
PHILIP ERNEST HANCOCK		2022-10-04
PROMILA SKELTON		2016-12-14
ROSAMUND TREMBATH		
ROSEMARY LEE		2015-04-26
Rev Paul Stuart Glass BA,MA,PhD		2022-08-07

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Accounts

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TRUSTEES' REPORT

To 31 August 2024

Annual Report 2023-4

Reference & Administrative Details

Registered Name: Guildford Methodist Church

Registered Number: Guildford Methodist Church is registered as a charity under number 1127643

Principal Office Address: Guildford Methodist Church
c/o Holy Trinity and St Mary's Parish Office
5 Trinity Churchyard
Guildford
GU1 3RR
Tel: 01483 578861
Email: office@holytrinityguildford.org.uk
Correspondence should be directed to the above address.

Charity Trustees

TRUSTEE NAME		OFFICE HELD		DATES (*if not full year)*		APPOINTED BY
Rev Dr Paul Glass		Minister & Chair				
Mrs Andrea Campion- Smith		Church Steward				General Church Meeting
Mrs Rosemary Lee		Church Steward				General Church Meeting
Mr Peter Youngs		Secretary & Church Steward		d. April 2025		General Church Meeting
Mr Michael Lee		Treasurer				Church Council
Mr Nigel Campion-Smith		Project Coordinator & Circuit Steward				
Mr. David Birch		congregation				
Mrs Margaret Birch		congregation				
Mr Michael Bishop		congregation				
Dr Bruce Farmer CBE		congregation		d. September 2024		
Mrs Beryl Farmer		congregation				
Mrs Janet Glass		congregation		From June 2024		
Mrs Janet Hancock		congregation				
Mr Philip Hancock		congregation				
Dr Alwyn Marriage		congregation				
Ms Annika Mathews		congregation		Resigned June 2025		
Ms Jenny Nockolds		congregation		From June 2024		
Mrs Pamela Palmer		congregation		d. January 2024		
Mrs Janus Smith		congregation				
Mrs Promila Skelton		Pastoral Secretary				
Dr Susan Snashall		congregation				

Mrs Rosamund Trembath		congregation				

Structure, Governance and Management

Governing Document:

Guildford Methodist Church is registered under the Deed of Union of 1932 and the Methodist Church Act 1976 incorporating the Model Trusts. The governing document is The Constitutional Practice and Discipline of the Methodist Church (known as CPD) which applies a range of procedures and policies to the life and governance of the Church.

Recruitment and Appointment of new Trustees:

The Trustees are drawn from the membership of Guildford Methodist Church. Under CPD, the church has adopted a procedure permitted for smaller churches under which all members may serve on the Church Council, if they so wish, without the need for elections and without limit on time.

Induction and Training of Trustees:

Trustees have often already served or are serving on one or more of the committees or groups within the church. Induction and training is principally through discussion with established members of the Church Council and attendance at the Church Council meetings held around 3 times a year; and, for the Church Stewards, attendance at leadership meetings held periodically, depending upon need.

Organisational Structure:

Within the structure of The Constitutional Practice and Discipline of the Methodist Church, Guildford Methodist Church is governed by its Church Meeting and Church Council and with the assistance of the Stewards and the Pastoral Committee. The Church Council and Annual Church Meeting have oversight of committees and groups, and the Church Council is the managing trustee body.

Representatives of the church serve on the Joint Council with representatives of the Parish of Holy Trinity St. Mary's pursuant to the sharing agreement referred to below. Several Methodist members have been elected and serve as members of the PCC.

Risks to the Charity:

The principal risk to the charity has for some time been lack of human resources. This led to the Church closing its former building and moving to worship at the Anglican church of St Mary's in Guildford town centre from 1 September 2013; on 6 July 2014 it entered into a sharing agreement with the Parish of Holy Trinity and St Mary's.

Methodist Circuit

Guildford Methodist Church is part of the Wey Valley Methodist Circuit.

Objectives and Activities

The Aims of Guildford Methodist Church:

As part of the wider community, and as part of the congregation of St Mary's Guildford, it is the vision of Guildford Methodist Church locally to be a worshipping and welcoming community, working together with other Christians to share God's love, through word and action, with the people of Guildford and further afield.

The achievement of this vision will be seen by:

- Activities in conjunction with the Parish and other churches in the Methodist Circuit, ecumenically and within the community
- Development of the worship and prayer life of the church
- Growth in the life and activities of the church fellowship
- Outreach in the community, in conjunction with Common Ground, building on relationships formed through individual members as well as new initiatives.
- Training and Study opportunities

Objectives for the year:

- Taking an active role in the community through ecumenical and community projects.
- Playing our part in the wider Methodist Connexion through Circuit and District
- Reviewing and continually updating our policies for safeguarding, and implementing practices to improve standards of care for those using our premises.
- Looking for ways in which we can further develop worship services.
- Developing the relationship with the Anglican and other worshippers and leadership at St. Mary's as a united congregation and developing stronger links with the European Orthodox congregation which also worships fortnightly at St Mary's.
- growing the Common Ground ecumenical community, based at St Mary's, and its activities

Strategies for Objectives:

- Playing an active role in Circuit services, meetings and activities.
- Continuing our giving to charity and our normal teaching and outreach activities.
- Providing a welcome and support for international residents through our Chit Chat drop-in.
- Supporting the activities of Guildford Town Centre Chaplaincy which provides ministries of Street Angels, Community Angels and Volunteer Chaplains.
- Being represented as a church in Community and Ecumenical events whenever possible and taking active roles individually in community projects.
- Continuing to support individual, Friends International, and Circuit Chaplaincy links with the University to develop a relationship between the church community and University students.
- Working towards a consistently good level of pastoral care, and continuing to organise opportunities for social interaction.
- working with other Christian and lay organisations to develop shared activities.

Significant Activities:

- Weekly Sunday Morning worship services.
- weekly Friday evening Vigil for Peace, initially relating to the war in Ukraine from February 2022 but subsequently enlarged to reflect other conflicts
- ChitChat, a weekly termtime drop-in for foreign residents
- Ecumenical lunchtime series of Advent and Lent Reflections
- Periodic Pop-Up cafes for all ages, with crafts and other activities for children
- occasional Sunday afternoon prayer walks and Taizé-style services
- opening of St Mary's on a regular basis to welcome visitors to view the building and, where they wish, reflect or chat.
- Art and photographic exhibitions with a Christian theme or supporting the work of charities
- Monthly Coffee and Cake, focussing on the work of a particular charity or voluntary organisation
- Baptisms, weddings and funerals, both of congregational members and community.
- Fundraising for Charities e.g. Christian Aid, Local Projects, African Charities, Whitechapel Mission and Methodist Charities.

- Pastoral work is undertaken in cooperation with the Parish's Pastoral Committee. Members and adherents attached to the Church are cared for pastorally by one of our Pastoral visitors. Pastoral Visitor training has taken place. Communion is taken to housebound members of the church by a Minister or persons appointed by the Church Council, and visitation to the sick and needy is carried out by a Minister and by Church members.
- Members participate in the Common Ground ecumenical community.
- Several of the members of Guildford Methodist Church exercise a Christian ministry in the course of their activities and by involvement in a particular cause or local need, such as prison visiting and chaplaincy work and drop-ins for the needy. Church members are involved with work for schools and orphanages in both Kibera (Nairobi) and Mityana (Uganda), both of which have been supported by the Church
- Social Activities including occasional Church Lunches.
- Safeguarding and other training courses are provided by the Circuit.
- The Church has strong links with Friends International which cares for, and gives hospitality to, students from abroad; and the Guildford Salvation Army Drop-in and Foodbank
- The Church supports ecumenical events and services in local churches, especially in Lent and at Easter, and regularly hosts ecumenical services on occasions such as Ash Wednesday, Good Friday and Ascensiontide.
- Guildford Methodist Church supports the Guildford Town Centre Chaplaincy, a charity established by the Churches of Guildford to care for people in the town. Their aim is to build bridges of understanding, trust and cooperation between communities of work, faith, leisure and society and to serve people by providing pastoral care for anyone who lives in, works in or visits Guildford. This is carried out by Street Angels (based at St Mary's), Community Angels and Volunteer Chaplains.
- A member represents the Church as a trustee of Hillier House.

Achievements and Performance

Membership

At 31 August 2024 the total membership stood at 37 members.

Safeguarding and other training:

All members requiring safeguarding training have attended such training.
Our policy is jointly agreed with the Parish and will continue to be reviewed annually.

ChitChat volunteers participate in regular training sessions.

Public Benefit Statement

The trustees confirm that they have complied with their duty to have regard to the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit.

Reports

Review of Progress and Achievements

Worship:

Our main weekly act of worship is a service at 10.30 each Sunday, with a variety of styles drawing on our Methodist and Anglican traditions. On a monthly basis the St Mary's Choir participates in the service. There is in addition an Anglican-led service of Holy Communion at 08.00 each Sunday morning (following the Book of Common Prayer).

We participated in Bible Month in summer 2024, with services focussed on the Book of Genesis, followed up by a group discussion.

There are periodic Wey Valley Methodist Circuit evening services held at different churches across the Circuit.

Worship services are led by Methodist and Anglican clergy, accredited lay preachers (including one of our members, Rosemary Lee) and other invited preachers. Worship is varied and endeavours to be inclusive.

Communication:

There is a weekly email which details worship for the week and other items for the attention of the congregation such as meetings and events in the church, circuit and local community and printed copies are provided to those members without email facilities. This is supplemented by a weekly Parish newsletter.

The Church also provides some information on its website: www.guildfordmethodist.org ,with additional information available on the Parish website: Holy Trinity & St Mary's Guildford (htsmguildford.org)

Mission and Outreach

During the year we continued to offer Lent and Advent series of weekly lunchtime Reflections. These Reflections are typically attended by between 25 and 40 people from across Guildford and beyond.

The Common Ground ecumenical community, established to pursue mission and outreach and based at St Mary's, continues to be central in undertaking our Outreach activities, in keeping with our objectives when Guildford Methodist Church moved to St Mary's. In particular, Common Ground's monthly Friday evening drop-in, Night Vision, was converted into a weekly Vigil for Peace, starting the day after Russia's full-scale invasion of Ukraine in February 2022. This invites those out and about in Guildford to express their compassion by coming in to light a candle and, if they wish, to pray or reflect in the spiritual atmosphere of St Mary's, with the Church open from 9-11 pm each Friday. At the date of this report's publication over 13,000 people have visited these Vigils, a very large proportion of whom are young adults not connected with churches but who respond positively to an invitation extended to them as they pass St Mary's while on a night out in town. https://www.**commongroundguildford**.org

Church Opening

Weekday opening continued on Tuesdays and Thursdays, with additional days in August and the Heritage Weekend in September and some Friday mornings. We also open on special occasions at times of community or national concern or need.

ChitChat

ChitChat, our drop-in for international residents, continues to perform a valuable role with up to 35 international guests present each week and is much appreciated by those attending. By its nature, most of those attending are in Guildford for a limited period so there is a constant renewal as some guests move to their home countries and others join. Refugees from a variety of countries represent an increasing proportion of guests. As well as helping guests to understand and practise English, ChitChat explains British traditions and helps answer questions on aspects of British life. Ecumenical participation is crucial to staffing ChitChat and we are very grateful to the volunteers (numbering over 30) who act as hosts, many coming from other churches.

As well as meeting in person, ChitChat continues to be available online for a small number of established guests joining from overseas having headed home from Guildford in response to the Pandemic.

Church Steward's Report

During the year we continued to value the opportunities which St. Mary's offers for our ministry. Its unrivalled location within the town, flexible facilities and spiritual atmosphere provide a perfect base for outreach and community activities. We have been delighted to welcome new people to the congregation and to increase the opportunities for our contacts with people from outside the church.

During the year it was a thrill to see the first Methodist-conducted wedding take place at St Mary's.

It remains a priority to make St. Mary's accessible to visitors (physically and in language) and to give them a better understanding of what the church is about and stands for, emphasising that all are welcome. That emphasis is really important when inviting passers-by to drop in for our Vigil for Peace as the idea of visiting a church during their night out comes as a big surprise to them. Many need convincing that their style of dress, prior alcohol consumption, language and lack of Church connections are absolutely no obstacle to them coming into the church. On departing, many comment on the spiritual atmosphere of the church and that they're leaving 'in a better place' than they arrived.

The historic church building continues to attract visitors from across the world, many of whom are surprised to find such close cooperation between different Christian denominations. We again hosted a number of exhibitions during the year, providing further opportunities for engagement with visitors.

Our links with those working with refugees continue to develop. It is a joy to see the progress made by those who attend ChitChat and Big Leaf Foundation's use of part of the churchyard for displaced young people to undertake practical activity by growing vegetables and other produce during the summer.

During the year we were pleased to welcome Canon Simon Butler as the new Rector of the Parish from January 2024 and appreciate his support for St Mary's activities.

We have continued to be blessed by Rev Paul Glass' ministry and are immensely grateful for the teaching, energy, enthusiasm and encouragement he brings to us at St Mary's as well as the wider Circuit. The contributions he and Janet make to the life of Guildford Methodist Church at St Mary's are greatly appreciated.

I would like to express my sincere thanks to all the Anglican and Methodist clergy, our Churchwarden and others who supported us during the year under review. Once again, I thank my fellow Stewards and all the members of the Church for their hard work and support and for the continued encouragement we receive from so many.

ANDREA CAMPION-SMITH Church Steward

Financial Review & Examined Accounts to 31 August 2024

We are very fortunate that, through the loyalty of our members, our accounts again showed a surplus of income over expenditure and we retain a healthy level of reserves This was despite a slight reduction in offerings Our income is heavily dependent on the generous giving of a relatively small number of members and we are exposed to the loss of giving from older members when their circumstances change, they pass away or move from the area.. We do not directly benefit from letting income which the Parish uses to help defray property expenses. We also recognise the financial uncertainty brought about by economic conditions and the pressure this is placing on many churches and charities, including other Methodist churches in our Circuit. Our giving covered the Circuit Assessment, normal operating expenses and external donations.

The Parish bears much of the running costs of the St. Mary's building and retains responsibility for the structure, We recognise the increasing cost burden on the Parish and during the year made a £5,000 donation to the running costs. We also continue to contribute to expenditure on cleaning, the sound system and resources for activities at St Mary’s and modest donations have been made to the Parish by Church groups which use the building.

Once again, our thanks go to the Treasurer for his work in relation to our finances.

Report dated June 2025

THE METHODIST CHURCH

STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

GUILDFORD METHODIST (ST MARY'S)	Church

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31 August 2024

WEY VALLEY	Circuit	Circuit no.	36/6

Registered Charity - Charity Registration number 1127643

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

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Minister:

REVEREND PAUL GLASS

Church Stewards:

ANDREA CAMPION-SMITH

ROSEMARY LEE

Treasurer:

MICHAEL LEE

ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024

GUILDFORD METHODIST (ST MARY'S) — **Church**

	SECTION A		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year		Totals last year
			£	£	£		£
a1	**RECEIPTS**	**Note**					
a2	Offerings and Tax recovered		40,118		**40,118**		38,609
a3	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income		2,856		**2,856**		1,121
a4	Lettings						
a5	Other receipts						1,175
a6	**TOTAL RECEIPTS**		**42,974**		**42,974**	(a7)	**40,905**

	SECTION B						
b1	**PAYMENTS**						
b2	Circuit Assessment or Share		16,740		**16,740**		16,740
b3	Donations		5,250		**5,250**		5,405
b4	Repairs and Maintenance		4,091		**4,091**		72
b5	Utilities (Insurances, water charges, heating & lighting)		5,235		**5,235**		5,235
b6							
b7	Other payments		1,359		**1,359**		857
b8	**TOTAL PAYMENTS**		**32,675**		**32,675**	(b9)	**28,309**

	SECTION C						
c1	**NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR**	(a6-b8)	10,299		**10,299**		12,596
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year		126,569		**126,569**	(c6)	113,967
c3	**Sub total**	(c1+c2)	136,868		**136,868**		**126,563**
c4	Transfers and adjustments		1,035		**1,035**	(c7)	
c5	**TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR**	(c3+c4)	**137,903**		**137,903**	(c8)	**126,563** (c6)

	SECTION D		
	FOR INFORMATION ONLY: MONEY RECEIVED AND PASSED ON TO EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS		
d	**(these amounts are not to be included in total receipts/payments figures above)**	£	£
d1	Balance brought forward from last year		
d2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations	440	
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations	440	
d4	**BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID** (d1+d2-d3)		

GUILDFORD METHODIST (ST MARY'S) Church

SUMMARY OF CHURCH ACCOUNTS AND INTERNAL ORGANISATIONS REPORTING TO THE CHURCH COUNCIL

SECTION E **Please follow the Guidance Notes to complete this page**

Summary of the Church accounts for the year ended 31 August 2024 and Internal Organisations reporting to the Church Council/Church Meeting. Note that the funds of an Internal Organisation would normally be Restricted funds unless it could be clearly shown that they could be used for any Methodist purpose. This section must be completed to arrive at the gross income and expenditure totals of the Church. If gross income exceeds the Accruals threshold, then the Accruals method of accounting AND A DIFFERENT FORM must be used to report the accounts (see Methodist website). Please refer to the guidance notes regarding transfers between the District and connected District Organisations.

	INTERNAL ORGANISATIONS	Receipts	Payments	Net Receipts/ Payments	Adjustments	Opening balances	Closing balances
e1							
e2							
e3							
e4							
e5							
e6							
e7							
e8	Sub total of Internal Organisations funds						
e9	**Church accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)**	42,974 (a7)	32,675 (b9)	10,299	1,035 (c7)	126,569 (c6)	137,903 (c8)
e10	**TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH**	42,974	32,675	10,299	1,035	126,569 (x)	137,903 (y)
	Continue on a separate sheet if necessary and bring the totals forward	TOTAL RECEIPTS	TOTAL PAYMENTS			(e11)	(e12)

SECTION F

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

	CHURCH - CASH FUNDS HELD at 31 August 2024	OPENING BALANCES	CLOSING BALANCES
f1	Cash in hand		
f2	Bank Current Account	250	250
f3	Bank Deposit Account	105,845	116,144
f4	Central Finance Board		
f5	Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes	20,474	21,509
f6	Other funds		
f7	**SUB TOTAL - Church accounts**	**126,569** (c6)	**137,903** (c8)
f8	Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance total from above) (e12)	(e11)	(e12)
f9	**TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH**	**126,569** (x)	**137,903** (y)

SECTION G

	OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES	At 1 September 2023	At 31 August 2024
g1	Investments (include Endowments)		
g2	Land & Buildings (see notes re Insurance value)		
g3	Other Assets		
g4	Loan(s) - show amount outstanding at year end		
g5	Other Liabilities		

f4 Include only Funds held at the Central Finance Board
f5 Include only Funds held at Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes
g1 Include any other investments (not the cash element of TMCP trusts accounts this is included in line f5

Name of Church . **Guildford Methodist (St Mary's)** **1127643**

Declarations and Scrutiny

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

Signature of treasurer ..... Date 25/2/25

Name and address of treasurer ..... **Michael Lee**

30 Oak Hill,Wood Street Village,Guildford,Surrey GU3 3ER

Presentation to the Church trustees

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2024 were/~~will be~~* presented to the meeting of the Church trustees held on 25/2/2025

Signature of the Chair of the meeting .....

Name of the Chair of the meeting ... **Reverend Paul Glass**

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

Guildford Methodist Church (St Mary's)

Charity Number . 1127643

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Guildford Methodist (St Mary's) Church for the year ended 31 August 2024 set out on pages 1 to 3. As the Church's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Church's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and, in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

* delete or circle as appropriate

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Independent Examiner's Statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below*) which give me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act; or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

I have/have not* obtained independent verification of all investments with the Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes or held in other trusts, bank balances and funds at the Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church which are individually in excess of £10,000 (ten thousand pounds) at the balance sheet date.

Signature of independent examiner .....Duncan Curtis.....

Name of independent examiner .....DUNCAN F.V. CURTIS.....

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner .....

Name of firm (where appropriate) .....

Address .....1 WADHAM CLOSE

.....SHEPPERTON..... Post Code ...TW17 9HT.

Date .....26 MAR 25.....

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Form Reviewed Aug-24

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d4	**BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID** (d1+d2-d3)		

GUILDFORD METHODIST (ST MARY'S) Church

SUMMARY OF CHURCH ACCOUNTS AND INTERNAL ORGANISATIONS REPORTING TO THE CHURCH COUNCIL

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	INTERNAL ORGANISATIONS	Receipts	Payments	Net Receipts/ Payments	Adjustments	Opening balances	Closing balances
e1							
e2							
e3							
e4							
e5							
e6							
e7							
e8	Sub total of Internal Organisations funds						
e9	**Church accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)**	42,974 (a7)	32,675 (b9)	10,299	1,035 (c7)	126,569 (c6)	137,903 (c8)
e10	**TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH**	42,974	32,675	10,299	1,035	126,569 (x)	137,903 (y)
	Continue on a separate sheet if necessary and bring the totals forward	TOTAL RECEIPTS	TOTAL PAYMENTS			(e11)	(e12)

SECTION F

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

	CHURCH - CASH FUNDS HELD at 31 August 2024	OPENING BALANCES	CLOSING BALANCES
f1	Cash in hand		
f2	Bank Current Account	250	250
f3	Bank Deposit Account	105,845	116,144
f4	Central Finance Board		
f5	Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes	20,474	21,509
f6	Other funds		
f7	**SUB TOTAL - Church accounts**	**126,569** (c6)	**137,903** (c8)
f8	Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance total from above) (e12)	(e11)	(e12)
f9	**TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH**	**126,569** (x)	**137,903** (y)

SECTION G

	OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES	At 1 September 2023	At 31 August 2024
g1	Investments (include Endowments)		
g2	Land & Buildings (see notes re Insurance value)		
g3	Other Assets		
g4	Loan(s) - show amount outstanding at year end		
g5	Other Liabilities		

f4 Include only Funds held at the Central Finance Board
f5 Include only Funds held at Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes
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Name of Church . **Guildford Methodist (St Mary's)** **1127643**

Declarations and Scrutiny

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

Signature of treasurer ..... Date 25/2/25

Name and address of treasurer ..... **Michael Lee**

30 Oak Hill,Wood Street Village,Guildford,Surrey GU3 3ER

Presentation to the Church trustees

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2024 were/~~will be~~* presented to the meeting of the Church trustees held on 25/2/2025

Signature of the Chair of the meeting .....

Name of the Chair of the meeting ... **Reverend Paul Glass**

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

Guildford Methodist Church (St Mary's)

Charity Number . 1127643

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Guildford Methodist (St Mary's) Church for the year ended 31 August 2024 set out on pages 1 to 3. As the Church's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Church's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and, in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

* delete or circle as appropriate

Name of Church . **Guildford Methodist Church (St Mary's)** **1127643**

Independent Examiner's Statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below*) which give me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

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I have/have not* obtained independent verification of all investments with the Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes or held in other trusts, bank balances and funds at the Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church which are individually in excess of £10,000 (ten thousand pounds) at the balance sheet date.

Signature of independent examiner .....Duncan Curtis.....

Name of independent examiner .....DUNCAN F.V. CURTIS.....

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner .....

Name of firm (where appropriate) .....

Address .....1 WADHAM CLOSE

.....SHEPPERTON..... Post Code ...TW17 9HT.

Date .....26 MAR 25.....

* delete or circle as appropriate

Form Reviewed Aug-24

GUILDFORD METHODIST CHURCH

England & Wales - Charity number 1127643

Accounts

CHURCH
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS
ACCOUNTS

THE METHODIST CHURCH

STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

Guildford Methodist @ St Mary's	Church

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31 August 2023

Wey Valley	Circuit	Circuit no.	36/6

Registered Charity - Charity Registration number	1127643
If not a registered charity **Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs Gift Aid number**	

(The HMRC number is equivalent to a registered charity number in terms of evidence of charitable status and may be used to give to donors or grant funders wishing to see evidence of the organisation's charitable status. Methodist charities in England and Wales that are not registered charities are excepted from registration under Statutory Instrument 2014 No.242)

Minister:

Reverend Paul Glass

Church Stewards:

Andrea Campion-Smith

Rosemary Lee

Peter Youngs

Treasurer:

Michael Lee

ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

Guildford Methodist @ St Mary's Church

SECTION A

		Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Totals this year £		Totals last year £
a1	**RECEIPTS**						
a2	Offerings and Tax recovered		38,609		**38,609**		39,671
a3	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income		1,121		**1,121**		103
a4	Lettings						
a5	Other receipts		1,175		**1,175**		36,197
a6	**TOTAL RECEIPTS**		**40,905**		**40,905**	(a7)	**75,971**

SECTION B

b1	**PAYMENTS**						
b2	Circuit Assessment or Share		16,740		**16,740**		15,570
b3	Donations		5,405		**5,405**		4,500
b4	Repairs and Maintenance		72		**72**		722
b5	Utilities (Insurances, water charges, heating & lighting)		5,235		**5,235**		3,235
b6							
b7	Other payments		857		**857**		27,591
b8	**TOTAL PAYMENTS**		**28,309**		**28,309**	(b9)	**51,618**

SECTION C

c1	**NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR**	(a6-b8)	12,596		**12,596**		24,353
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year		113,967		**113,967**	(c6)	76,007
c3	**Sub total**	(c1+c2)	126,563		**126,563**		**100,360**
c4	Transfers and adjustments		6		**6**	(c7)	13,607
c5	**TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR**	(c3+c4)	**126,569**		**126,569**	(c8)	**113,967** (c6)

SECTION D

	FOR INFORMATION ONLY: MONEY RECEIVED AND PASSED ON TO EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS (these amounts are not to be included in total receipts/payments figures above)	£	£
d1	Balance brought forward from last year		
d2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations		
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Guildford Methodist @ St Mary's Church

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SECTION F

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2	Bank Current Account	250		250	
3	Bank Deposit Account	93,249		105,845	
4	Central Finance Board				
5	Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes	20,468		20,474	
6	Other funds				
7	**SUB TOTAL - Church accounts**	**113,967**	(c6)	**126,569**	(c8)
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Signature of treasurer ..... Date 17/10/2023

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Presentation to the Church trustees

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Signature of the Chair of the meeting .....

Name of the Chair of the meeting ... **Reverend Paul Glass**

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Signature of independent examiner .....

Name of independent examiner ..... **Duncan E V Curtis**

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner .....

Name of firm (where appropriate) .....

Address **1 Wadham Close,Shepperton**

..... Post Code … **TW17 9HT**

Date …. **12/03/2024**

* delete or circle as appropriate

Form Review May-23

Guildford Methodist Church Accounts as at 29/08/23

Bank Balance Brought Forward 2021/2022		£	93,499.23	
				Methodist church Accounts Form Section No
Income 2022/2023				
Giving				
Standing Orders/Collections/Donations	£ 31,411.30			
Collections				A2
Action for Children Shoppers Christmas Carol Service	£ 65.00			A5
2021/2022 Gift Aid	£ 7,037.09			A2
Christian Aid East Africa Fund	£ 790.00			A5
British Red Cross (Ukraine Disaster Fund)	£ 290.00			A5
St Mary's GMC Church Donation Box	£ 160.94			A2
Methodist Prayer Handbook	£ 30.00			A5
TMCP Interest	£ 112.49			A3
CAF Gold Account Interest	£ 1,008.35			A3
Total	£ 40,905.17	£	40,905.17	
Expenditure 2022/2023				
Wey Valley Circuit Assessment Fees	£ 16,740.00			B2
British Red Cross (Ukraine Disaster Fund)	£ 400.00			B7
Donations	£ 5,405.00			B3
St Mary's Running Costs	£ 5,000.00			B5
Minor Works	£ 72.00			B4
Methodist Church Vice President Visit	£ 144.33			B7
Methodist Prayer Handbook	£ 41.50			B7
Large Print Hymn Books	£ 100.00			B7
Methodist Insurance	£ 235.14			B5
Church Gifts	£ 105.00			B7
CAF Bank Charges (Cheques)	£ 6.25			B7
CAF Bank Fees	£ 60.00			B7
Total	£ 28,309.22	£	28,309.22	
Account at 29/08/23		£	106,055.18	
Bank Statement				
CAF Gold Account	£ 105,845.18			
CAF Cash Account	£ 250.00			
Total	£ 106,095.18			
TMCP Investments	£ 20,473.98			
Total	£ 126,569.16			

Notes

The following amounts to be kept in reserve

Daphne Dadd Legacy (£20,000)	£ 19,366.50
Kitchen/Chairs/Carpentry (£32,500)	£ 6,190.18
	£ 25,556.68

GUILDFORD METHODIST CHURCH

Charity no. 1127643

TRUSTEES' REPORT

To 31 August 2023

Annual Report 2022-3

Reference & Administrative Details

Registered Name: Guildford Methodist Church

Registered Number: Guildford Methodist Church is registered as a charity under number 1127643

Principal Office Address: Guildford Methodist Church
c/o Holy Trinity and St Mary's Parish Office
5 Trinity Churchyard
Guildford
GU1 3RR
Tel: 01483 578861
Email: office@holytrinityguildford.org.uk
Correspondence should be directed to the above address.

Charity Trustees

TRUSTEE NAME		OFFICE HELD		DATES (*if not full year)*		APPOINTED BY
Rev Dr Paul Glass		Minister & Chair				
Mrs Andrea Campion- Smith		Church Steward				General Church Meeting
Mrs Rosemary Lee		Church Steward				General Church Meeting
Mr Peter Youngs		Secretary & Church Steward				General Church Meeting
Mr Michael Lee		Treasurer				Church Council
Mr Nigel Campion-Smith		Project Coordinator & Circuit Steward				
Mr. David Birch		congregation				
Mrs Margaret Birch		congregation				
Mr Michael Bishop		congregation				
Dr Bruce Farmer CBE		congregation				
Mrs Beryl Farmer		congregation				
Mrs Janet Glass		congregation		From June 2024		
Mrs Janet Hancock		congregation				
Mr Philip Hancock		congregation		From 4.10.22		
Dr Alwyn Marriage		congregation				
Ms Annika Mathews		congregation				
Ms Jenny Nockolds		congregation		From June 2024		
Mrs Pamela Palmer		congregation		d. January 2024		
Mrs Janus Smith		congregation				
Mrs Promila Skelton		Pastoral Secretary				
Dr Susan Snashall		congregation				
Mrs Rosamund Trembath		congregation				

Structure, Governance and Management

Governing Document:

Guildford Methodist Church is registered under the Deed of Union of 1932 and the Methodist Church Act 1976 incorporating the Model Trusts. The governing document is The Constitutional Practice and Discipline of the Methodist Church (known as CPD).

Recruitment and Appointment of new Trustees:

The Trustees are drawn from the membership of Guildford Methodist Church. Under CPD, the church has adopted a procedure permitted for smaller churches under which all members may serve on the Church Council, if they so wish, without the need for elections and without limit on time.

Induction and Training of Trustees:

Trustees have often already served or are serving on one or more of the committees or groups within the church. Induction and training is principally through discussion with established members of the Church Council and attendance at the Church Council meetings held around 3 times a year; and, for the Church Stewards, attendance at leadership meetings held periodically, depending upon need.

Organisational Structure:

Within the structure of The Constitutional Practice and Discipline of the Methodist Church, Guildford Methodist Church is governed by its Church Meeting and Church Council and with the assistance of the Stewards and the Pastoral Committee. The Church Council and Annual Church Meeting have oversight of committees and groups, and the Church Council is the managing trustee body.

Representatives of the church serve on the Joint Council with representatives of the Parish of Holy Trinity St. Mary's pursuant to the sharing agreement referred to below. Several Methodist members have been elected and serve as members of the PCC.

Risks to the Charity:

The principal risk to the charity has for some time been lack of human resources. This led to the Church closing its former building and moving to worship at the Anglican church of St Mary's in Guildford town centre from 1 September 2013; on 6 July 2014 it entered into a sharing agreement with the Parish of Holy Trinity and St Mary's.

Methodist Circuit

Guildford Methodist Church is part of the Wey Valley Methodist Circuit.

Objectives and Activities

The Aims of Guildford Methodist Church:

As part of the wider community, and as part of the congregation of St Mary's Guildford, it is the vision of Guildford Methodist Church locally to be a worshipping and welcoming community, working together with other Christians to share God's love, through word and action, with the people of Guildford and further afield.

The achievement of this vision will be seen by:

- Activities in conjunction with the Parish and other churches in the Methodist Circuit, ecumenically and within the community

- Development of the worship and prayer life of the church
- Growth in the life and activities of the church fellowship
- Outreach in the community, in conjunction with Common Ground, building on relationships formed through individual members as well as new initiatives.
- Training and Study opportunities

Objectives for the year:

- Taking an active role in the community through ecumenical and community projects.
- Playing our part in the wider Methodist Connexion through Circuit and District
- Reviewing and continually updating our policies for safeguarding, and implementing practices to improve standards of care for those using our premises.
- Looking for ways in which we can further develop worship services.
- Developing the relationship with the Anglican and other worshippers and leadership at St. Mary's as a united congregation and developing stronger links with the European Orthodox congregation which also worships fortnightly at St Mary's.
- growing the Common Ground ecumenical community, based at St Mary's, and its activities

Strategies for Objectives:

- Playing an active role in Circuit services, meetings and activities.
- Continuing our giving to charity and our normal teaching and outreach activities.
- Providing a welcome and support for foreign residents through our Chit Chat drop-in.
- Supporting the Street Angels community project and the wider activities of Guildford Town Centre Chaplaincy.
- Being represented as a church in Community and Ecumenical events whenever possible and taking active roles individually in community projects.
- Continuing to support individual, Friends International, and Circuit Chaplaincy links with the University to develop a relationship between the church community and University students.
- Working towards a consistently good level of pastoral care, and continuing to organise opportunities for social interaction.
- working with other Christian and lay organisations to develop shared activities.

Significant Activities:

- Weekly Sunday Morning worship services.
- weekly Friday evening Vigil for Peace, initially relating to the war in Ukraine from February 2022 but subsequently enlarged to reflect other conflicts
- ChitChat, a weekly termtime drop-in for foreign residents
- Ecumenical lunchtime series of Advent and Lent Reflections
- Periodic Pop-Up cafes for all ages, with crafts and other activities for children
- occasional Sunday afternoon prayer walks and Taizé-style services
- opening of St Mary's on a regular basis to welcome visitors to view the building and, where they wish, reflect or chat.
- Art and photographic exhibitions with a Christian theme or supporting the work of charities
- Monthly Coffee and Cake, focussing on the work of a particular charity or voluntary organisation
- Baptisms, weddings and funerals, both of congregational members and community.
- Fundraising for Charities e.g. Christian Aid, Local Projects, African Charities, Whitechapel Mission and Methodist Charities.
- Pastoral work is undertaken in cooperation with the Parish's Pastoral Committee. Members and adherents attached to the Church are cared for pastorally by one of our Pastoral visitors. Pastoral Visitor training has taken place. Communion is taken to housebound members of the church by a Minister or persons appointed by the Church Council, and visitation to the sick and needy is carried out by a Minister and by Church members.

- Members participate in the Common Ground ecumenical community.
- Several of the members of Guildford Methodist Church exercise a Christian ministry in the course of their activities and by involvement in a particular cause or local need, such as prison visiting and chaplaincy work and drop-ins for the needy. Church members are involved with work for schools and orphanages in both Kibera (Nairobi) and Mityana (Uganda), both of which have been supported by the Church
- Social Activities including occasional Church Lunches.
- Safeguarding and other training courses are provided by the Circuit.
- The Church has strong links with Friends International which cares for, and gives hospitality to, students from abroad; and the Guildford Salvation Army Drop-in and Foodbank
- The Church supports ecumenical events and services in local churches, especially in Lent and at Easter, and regularly hosts ecumenical services on occasions such as Ash Wednesday, Good Friday and Ascensiontide.
- Guildford Methodist Church supports the Guildford Town Centre Chaplaincy, a charity established by the Churches of Guildford to care for people in the town. Their aim is to build bridges of understanding, trust and cooperation between communities of work, faith, leisure and society and to serve people by providing pastoral care for anyone who lives in, works in or visits Guildford. This is carried out by Street Angels (based at St Mary's), Community Angels and Volunteer Chaplains.
- A member represents the Church as a trustee of Hillier House.

Achievements and Performance

Membership

At 31 August 2023 the total membership stood at 37 members.

Safeguarding and other training:

All members requiring safeguarding training have attended such training.
Our policy is jointly agreed with the Parish and will continue to be reviewed annually.

ChitChat volunteers participate in regular training sessions.

Public Benefit Statement

The trustees confirm that they have complied with their duty to have regard to the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit.

Reports

Review of Progress and Achievements

Building improvements:

After the completion of the major reordering of the building, which has been very well received by worshippers, other users and visitors, we continue to make small scale improvements to enhance the facilities.

Worship:

Our main weekly act of worship is a service at 10.30 each Sunday, with a variety of styles drawing on our Methodist and Anglican traditions. On a monthly basis the St Mary's Choir participates in the service. There is in addition an Anglican-led service of Holy Communion at 08.00 each Sunday morning (following the Book of Common Prayer).

We participated in Bible Month in summer 2023, with services focussed on the Book of Revelation, followed up by a weekday study group.

There are periodic Wey Valley Methodist Circuit evening services held at different churches across the Circuit.

Worship services are led by Methodist and Anglican clergy, accredited lay preachers (including one of our members, Rosemary Lee) and other invited preachers. Worship is varied and endeavours to be inclusive.

Communication:

There is a weekly email which details worship for the week and other items for the attention of the congregation such as meetings and events in the church, circuit and local community and printed copies are provided to those members without email facilities. This is supplemented by a weekly Parish newsletter.

The Church also has a website: www.guildfordmethodist.org which contains information about services and events with additional information available on the Parish website: Holy Trinity & St Mary's Guildford (htsmguildford.org)

Mission and Outreach

During the year we continued to offer Lent and Advent series of weekly lunchtime Reflections. These Reflections are typically attended by between 25 and 40 people from across Guildford and beyond.

The Common Ground ecumenical community, established to pursue mission and outreach and based at St Mary's, continues to be central in undertaking our Outreach activities, in keeping with our objectives when Guildford Methodist Church moved to St Mary's. In particular, Common Ground's monthly Friday evening drop-in, Night Vision, was converted into a weekly Vigil for Peace, starting the day after Russia's full-scale invasion of Ukraine in February 2022. This invites those out and about in Guildford to express their compassion by coming in to light a candle and, if they wish, to pray or reflect in the spiritual atmosphere of St Mary's, with the Church open from 9-11 pm each Friday. At the date of this report's publication over 8,500 people have visited these Vigils, a very large proportion of whom are young adults not connected with churches but who respond positively to an invitation extended to them as they pass St Mary's while on a night out in town. https://www.**commongroundguildford**.org

Church Opening

Weekday opening continued on Tuesdays and Thursdays, with additional days in August and the Heritage Weekend in September and some Friday mornings. We also open on special occasions at times of community concern or need, such as the death of H M Queen Elizabeth.

ChitChat

ChitChat, our drop-in for international residents, continues to perform a valuable role with up to 35 international guests present each week and is much appreciated by those attending. By its nature, most of those attending are in Guildford for a limited period so there is a constant renewal as some guests move to their home countries and others join. Refugees from a variety of countries represent an increasing proportion of guests. As well as helping guests to understand and practise English, ChitChat explains British traditions and helps answer questions on aspects of British life. Ecumenical participation is crucial to staffing ChitChat and we are very grateful to the volunteers (numbering over 30) who act as hosts, many coming from other churches.

ChitChat transferred to Zoom from the first lockdown and continues to be available online, primarily for a small number of established guests joining from overseas having headed home from Guildford.

Church Steward's Report

This 10th year sharing St. Mary's marked another exciting phase in the life of Guilford Methodist Church as our range of activities increased, new people joined the congregation and our contacts with people from outside the church increased. We are very keen to make St. Mary's accessible to visitors (physically and in language) and to give them a better understanding of what the church is about and stands for, emphasising that all are welcome. That emphasis is really important when inviting passers-by to drop in for our Vigil for Peace as the idea of visiting a church during their night out comes as a big surprise to them. Many need convincing that their style of dress, prior alcohol consumption, language and lack of Church connections are absolutely no obstacle to them coming into the church. On departing, many comment on on the spiritual atmosphere of the church and that they're leaving 'in a better place' than they arrived.

The historic church building continues to be a draw and it is a pleasure to welcome visitors from across the world, many of whom are surprised to find such close cooperation between different Christian denominations. We have again hosted a number of exhibitions during the year.

Our links with those working with refugees continue to develop. We were pleased to provide an opportunity for Big Leaf Foundation to use part of the churchyard for displaced young people to undertake practical activity by growing vegetables and other produce during the summer. Our relationship with Big Leaf continues to develop as they address a real need.

In summer 2022 we had said farewell to Keith and Hilary Beckingham on Keith's retirement then September saw Paul Glass' appointment as Methodist Minister with pastoral charge at St Mary's take effect. We are immensely grateful for the leadership, encouragement, creativity and participation which Paul and Janet have brought to us.

I must note the retirement in May 2023 of Canon Robert Cotton as Rector of the Parish after serving for 27 years. Robert's invitation to Guildford Methodist Church to worship at St Mary's, his welcome and encouragement were instrumental in developing the relationship and activities we enjoy at St Mary's today.

We appreciated the Parish's invitation for us to participate in the process leading to the appointment of Canon Simon Butler as Robert's successor from January 2024.

I would like to express my sincere thanks to all the Anglican and Methodist clergy, our Churchwarden and others who supported us during the year under review. Once again, I thank my fellow Stewards and all the members of the Church for their hard work and support and for the continued encouragement we receive from so many.

ANDREA CAMPION-SMITH Church Steward

Financial Review & Examined Accounts to 31 August 2023

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Although the Parish bears almost all the running costs of the St. Mary's building and retains responsibility for the structure, we contributed to the building works from our reserves (in addition to substantial sums provided by the Wey Valley Circuit and the Methodist Connexion). We recognise the increasing cost burden on the Parish and during the year made a £5,000 donation to the running costs. We also continue to contribute to expenditure on cleaning, the sound system and resources for activities at St Mary’s and modest donations have been made to the Parish by Church groups which use the building.

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Report dated June 2024

GUILDFORD METHODIST CHURCH

England & Wales - Charity number 1127643

Accounts

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Charity no. 1127643

TRUSTEES' REPORT

To 31 August 2022

Annual Report 2021-2

Reference & Administrative Details

Registered Name: Guildford Methodist Church

Registered Number: Guildford Methodist Church is registered as a charity under number 1127643

Principal Office Address: Guildford Methodist Church
c/o Holy Trinity and St Mary's Parish Office
5 Trinity Churchyard
Guildford
GU1 3RR
Tel: 01483 567716
Email: office@holytrinityguildford.org.uk
Correspondence should be directed to the above address.

Charity Trustees

TRUSTEE NAME		OFFICE HELD		DATES (*if not full year)*		APPOINTED BY
Rev Keith Beckingham		Minister & Chair		To July 2022		
Rev Dr Paul Glass		Minster & Chair		From 7 August 2022		
Mrs Andrea Campion- Smith		Church Steward				General Church Meeting
Mrs Rosemary Lee		Church Steward				General Church Meeting
Mr Peter Youngs		Secretary & Church Steward				General Church Meeting
Mr Michael Lee		Treasurer				Church Council
Mr David Lander		Circuit Steward		Retired August 2022		
Mr Nigel Campion-Smith		Project Coordinator & Circuit Steward		Circuit Steward representative from August 2022		
Mr. David Birch		congregation				
Mrs Margaret Birch		congregation				
Mr Michael Bishop		congregation				
Dr Bruce Farmer CBE		congregation				
Mrs Beryl Farmer		congregation				
Mrs Jean Gent		congregation		d. September 2021		
Mrs Janet Hancock		congregation				
Mr Philip Hancock		congregation		From 4.10.22		
Dr Alwyn Marriage		congregation				
Ms Annika Mathews		congregation		From 7 June 2022		
Mrs Pamela Palmer		congregation				

Mrs Janus Smith		congregation				
Mr Rodney Smith		congregation		d. October 2021		
Mrs Promila Skelton		Pastoral Secretary				
Dr Susan Snashall		congregation				
Mrs Rosamund Trembath		congregation				

Structure, Governance and Management

Governing Document:

Guildford Methodist Church is registered under the Deed of Union of 1932 and the Methodist Church Act 1976 incorporating the Model Trusts. The governing document is The Constitutional Practice and Discipline of the Methodist Church (known as CPD).

Recruitment and Appointment of new Trustees:

The Trustees are drawn from the membership of Guildford Methodist Church. Under CPD, the church has adopted a procedure permitted for smaller churches under which all members may serve on the Church Council, if they so wish, without the need for elections and without limit on time.

Induction and Training of Trustees:

Trustees have often already served or are serving on one or more of the committees or groups within the church. Induction and training is principally through discussion with established members of the Church Council and attendance at the Church Council meetings held around 3 times a year; and, for the Church Stewards, attendance at leadership meetings held every 1 to 2 months, depending upon need.

Organisational Structure:

Within the structure of The Constitutional Practice and Discipline of the Methodist Church, Guildford Methodist Church is governed by its Church Meeting and Church Council and with the assistance of the Stewards and the Pastoral Committee. The Church Council and Annual Church Meeting have oversight of committees and groups, and the Church Council is the managing trustee body.

Representatives of the church serve on the Joint Council with representatives of the Parish of Holy Trinity St. Mary's pursuant to the sharing agreement referred to below. Several Methodist members have been elected and serve as members of the PCC.

Risks to the Charity:

The principal risk to the charity has for some time been lack of human resources. This led to the Church closing its former building and moving to worship at the Anglican church of St Mary's in Guildford town centre from 1 September 2013; on 6 July 2014 it entered into a sharing agreement with the Parish of Holy Trinity and St Mary's.

Methodist Circuit

Guildford Methodist Church is part of the Wey Valley Methodist Circuit.

Objectives and Activities

The Aims of Guildford Methodist Church:

As part of the wider community, and as part of the congregation of St Mary's Guildford, it is the vision of Guildford Methodist Church locally to be a worshipping and welcoming community, working together with

other Christians to share God's love, through word and action, with the people of Guildford and further afield.

The achievement of this vision will be seen by:

- Activities in conjunction with the Parish and other churches in the Methodist Circuit, ecumenically and within the community
- Development of the worship and prayer life of the church
- Growth in the life and activities of the church fellowship
- Outreach in the community, in conjunction with Common Ground, building on relationships formed through individual members as well as new initiatives.
- Training and Study opportunities

Objectives for the year:

- Taking an active role in the community through ecumenical and community projects.
- Playing our part in the wider Methodist Connexion through Circuit and District
- Reviewing and continually updating our policies for health and safety and safeguarding, and implementing practices to improve standards of care for those using our premises.
- Looking for ways in which we can further develop worship services.
- Developing the relationship with the Anglican worshippers and leadership at St. Mary's Guildford as a united congregation.
- growing the Common Ground ecumenical community, based at St Mary's, and its activities

Strategies for Objectives:

- Playing an active role in Circuit services, meetings and activities.
- Continuing our giving to charity and our normal teaching and outreach activities.
- Providing a welcome and support for foreign residents through our Chit Chat drop-in.
- Supporting the Street Angels community project and the wider activities of Guildford Town Centre Chaplaincy.
- Being represented as a church in Community and Ecumenical events whenever possible and taking active roles individually in community projects.
- Continuing to support individual, Friends International, and Circuit Chaplaincy links with the University to develop a relationship between the church community and University students.
- Working towards a consistently good level of pastoral care, and continuing to organise opportunities for social interaction.
- working with other Christian and lay organisations to develop shared activities.

Significant Activities:

- Weekly Sunday Morning worship services.
- weekly Friday evening Vigil for Peace in Ukraine from February 2022ChitChat, a weekly drop-in for foreign residents
- Ecumenical lunchtime series of Advent and Lent reflections
- Periodic Pop-Up cafes for all ages, with crafts and other activities for children
- occasional Sunday afternoon Taizé-style services
- opening of St Mary's on a regular basis to welcome visitors to view the building and, where they wish, reflect or chat.
- Art and photographic exhibitions with a Christian theme or supporting the work of charities
- Monthly Coffee and Cake, focussing on the work of a particular charity or voluntary organisation
- Baptisms and Funerals, both of congregational members and community.
- Fundraising for Charities e.g. Christian Aid, Local Projects, African Charities and Methodist Charities.

- Pastoral work is undertaken in cooperation with the Parish's Pastoral Committee. Members and adherents attached to the Church are cared for pastorally by one of our Pastoral visitors. Pastoral Visitor training has taken place. Communion is taken to housebound members of the church by a Minister or persons appointed by the Church Council, and visitation to the sick and needy is carried out by a Minister and by church members.
- Members participate in the Common Ground ecumenical community.
- Several of the members of Guildford Methodist Church exercise a Christian ministry in the course of their daily work and activities and by involvement in a particular cause or local need, such as prison visiting and chaplaincy work and drop-ins for the needy. Church members are involved with work for schools and orphanages in both Kibera (Nairobi) and Mityana (Uganda), both of which have been supported by the Church
- Social Activities including Harvest Supper and occasional Church Lunches.
- Safeguarding and other training courses are provided by the Circuit.
- The Church has strong links with Friends International which cares for, and gives hospitality to, students from abroad; the Samaritans and the Guildford Salvation Army Drop-in and Foodbank
- The Church supports ecumenical events and services in local churches, especially in Lent and at Easter, and regularly hosts ecumenical services on occasions such as Ash Wednesday, Good Friday and Ascensiontide.
- Guildford Methodist Church supports the Guildford Town Centre Chaplaincy, a charity established by the Churches of Guildford to care for people in the town centre. Their aim is to build bridges of understanding, trust and cooperation between communities of work, faith, leisure and society and to serve people by providing pastoral care for anyone who lives in, works in or visits Guildford.
- A member represents the Church as a trustee of Hillier House

Achievements and Performance

Impact of the COVID-19 pandemic

Those activities which had been curtailed as a result of Government restrictions and guidance during the Pandemic largely resumed. The use of Zoom for relaying Sunday worship ultimately stopped.

At 31 August 2022 the total membership stood at 37 members.

Safeguarding and other training:
All members requiring safeguarding training have attended such training.
Our policy is jointly agreed with the Parish and will continue to be reviewed annually.

ChitChat volunteers participate in regular training sessions.

Public Benefit Statement

The trustees confirm that they have complied with their duty to have regard to the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit.

Reports

Review of Progress and Achievements

Building improvements:

After the completion of the major reordering of the building, it was quiet year on the building front but activities were enhanced by the acquisition of new stacking chairs which greatly enhance the flexibility. Highlight of the year was the installation of a new Tree of Life stained-glass window, St Mary's second window created by the artist Mollie Meager. Its installation has been warmly welcomed by worshippers and visitors alike and the generosity of the Spacies as donors is much appreciated.

Worship:

Our main weekly act of worship is a service at 10.30 each Sunday, with a variety of styles drawing on our Methodist and Anglican traditions. There is in addition an Anglican-led service of Holy Communion at 08.00 each Sunday morning (following the Book of Common Prayer). On a monthly basis the St Mary's Choir participates in the service.

There are periodic Wey Valley Methodist Circuit evening services held at different churches across the Circuit.

Worship services are led by Methodist and Anglican clergy, accredited lay preachers (including one of our members, Rosemary Lee) and other invited preachers. Worship is varied and endeavours to be inclusive.

Communication:

There is a weekly email which details worship for the week and other items for the attention of the congregation such as meetings and events in the church, circuit and local community and printed copies are provided to those members without email facilities. This is supplemented by a weekly Parish newsletter.

The Church also has a website: www.guildfordmethodist.org which contains information about services and events.

Mission and Outreach

During the year we continued to offer Lent and Advent series of weekly lunchtime Reflections but via Zoom where necessary. These Reflections are, typically attended by between 25 and 40 people from across Guildford and beyond.

The Common Ground ecumenical community, established to pursue mission and outreach and based at St Mary's, continues to be central in undertaking our Outreach activities, in keeping with our objectives when Guildford Methodist Church moved to St Mary's. In particular, Common Ground's monthly Friday evening drop-in, Night Vision, was converted into a weekly Vigil for Peace, starting the day after Russia's invasion in February 2022. This invites those out and about in Guildford to express their compassion by coming in to light a candle and, if they wish, to pray or reflect in the spiritual atmosphere of St Mary's, with the Church open from 9-11 pm each Friday. At the date of this report's publication over 4,800 people have attended these Vigils. https://www.**commongroundguildford**.org

Church Opening

Weekday opening continued on Thursdays and Farmers' Market Tuesdays, with additional days in August and the Heritage Weekend in September and many Friday mornings. We also open on special occasions at times of community concern or need.

ChitChat

ChitChat, our drop-in for international residents, continues to perform a valuable role with up to 35 international guests present each week and is much appreciated by those attending. By its nature, most of those attending are in Guildford for a limited period so there is a constant renewal as some guests move back to their home countries and others join. Refugees from a variety of countries represent an increasing proportion of guests. As well as helping guests to understand and practise English, ChitChat explains British traditions and helps answer questions on aspects of British life. Ecumenical participation is crucial to staffing ChitChat and we are very grateful to the volunteers from other churches who act as hosts.

ChitChat transferred to Zoom from the first lockdown and continues to be available online, primarily for a small number of established guests joining from overseas having headed home from Guildford.

Church Steward's Report

What a joy to resume and grow our activities after the constraints of the pandemic. Indeed, the year under review started with an exhibition *Festival of Hope – Lockdown Art* showcasing how creative Christians had used the time during lockdown to create works of art in many media. The year ended on an artistic high note with the installation of the wonderful new *Tree of Life* stained-glass window.

In between there was much going on, as we continued with a range of activities and introduced new ones. Our pop-up café initiative was launched and very well received. Starting experimentally, it soon became a regular feature, generally focusing on a particular landmark in the Christian year and offering children craft activities appropriate for those times. Although we started with these cafes on Saturdays, feedback from parents attending suggested that a midweek slot during school holidays would be much appreciated so we responded to that suggestion which has boosted attendance.

Another highlight was the Festival Afternoon in June 2022 when we were able to showcase the activities undertaken at St Mary's, express our thanks to the Wey Valley Methodist Circuit for their support in our move to St Mary's and the major building project, hear wonderful music, enjoy afternoon tea and celebrate in a special Circuit service.

Sadly, the tragedy in Ukraine continues. We were privileged to be able swiftly to offer a Friday evening Vigil for Peace from the day after Putin's invasion began. We had not envisaged these becoming a weekly or long-term activity but it soon became clear that they were greatly appreciated by offering those out and about in Guildford on a Friday evening the opportunity to express their compassion. We have had so many moving encounters with visitors during these Vigils. We are grateful to a very loyal team who regularly give up their Friday evenings to staff the Vigils.

More widely, it continues to be a privilege to welcome so many to St Mary's which remains a magnet for visitors so many of whom are pleased to soak up the spirituality of this building.

It was a delight during the year to welcome new worshippers and also those who have taken the step of becoming Extended Members of the Methodist Church.

I would like to express my sincere thanks to Keith Beckingham, Robert Cotton, the other Anglican and Methodist clergy and others who supported us during the year under review. Once again I thank my fellow Stewards and all the

members of the Church for their hard work and support and for the continued encouragement we receive from so many.

Although Paul Glass' appointment as our minister only officially commenced in September 2022, he and Janet rapidly participated in the life of St Mary's from the week of their arrival. We are thrilled by their many contributions to our ministry and community.

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31 August 2022

Wey Valley	Circuit	Circuit no.	36/6

Registered Charity - Charity Registration number	1127643
If not a registered charity **Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs Gift Aid number**	

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Minister:

Reverend Paul Glass

Church Stewards:

Andrea Campion-Smith

Rosemary Lee

Peter Youngs

Treasurer:

Michael Lee

ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

Guildford Methodist @ St Mary's — **Church**

	SECTION A		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year		Totals last year
			£	£	£		£
a1	**RECEIPTS**	Note					
a2	Offerings and Tax recovered		39,671		**39,671**		36,473
a3	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income		103		**103**		44
a4	Lettings						
a5	Other receipts		36,197		**36,197**		861
a6	**TOTAL RECEIPTS**		**75,971**		**75,971**	(a7)	**37,378**
	SECTION B						
b1	**PAYMENTS**						
b2	Circuit Assessment or Share		15,570		**15,570**		11,678
b3	Donations		4,500		**4,500**		4,650
b4	Repairs and Maintenance		722		**722**		605
b5	Utilities (Insurances, water charges, heating & lighting)		3,235		**3,235**		233
b6							
b7	Other payments		27,591		**27,591**		8,166
b8	**TOTAL PAYMENTS**		**51,618**		**51,618**	(b9)	**25,332**
	SECTION C						
c1	**NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR**	(a6-b8)	24,353		**24,353**		12,046
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year		76,007		**76,007**	(c6)	64,093
c3	**Sub total**	(c1+c2)	100,360		**100,360**		**76,139**
c4	Transfers and adjustments		13,607		**13,607**	(c7)	(132)
c5	**TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR**	(c3+c4)	**113,967**		**113,967**	(c8)	**76,007** (c6)

	SECTION D		
d	**FOR INFORMATION ONLY: MONEY RECEIVED AND PASSED ON TO EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS (these amounts are not to be included in total receipts/payments figures above)**	£	£
d1	Balance brought forward from last year		
d2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations		485
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations		485
d4	**BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID** (d1+d2-d3)		

Guildford Methodist @ St Mary's **Church**

SUMMARY OF CHURCH ACCOUNTS AND INTERNAL ORGANISATIONS REPORTING TO THE CHURCH COUNCIL

SECTION E **Please follow the Guidance Notes to complete this page**

Summary of the Church accounts for the year ended 31 August 2022 and Internal Organisations reporting to the Church Council/Church Meeting. Note that the funds of an Internal Organisation would normally be Restricted funds unless it could be clearly shown that they could be used for any Methodist purpose. This section must be completed to arrive at the gross income and expenditure totals of the Church. If gross income exceeds the Accruals threshold, then the Accruals method of accounting AND A DIFFERENT FORM must be used to report the accounts (see Methodist website). Please refer to the guidance notes regarding transfers between the District and connected District Organisations.

	INTERNAL ORGANISATIONS	Receipts		Payments		Net Receipts/ Payments	Adjustments		Opening balances		Closing balances	
e1												
e2												
e3												
e4												
e5												
e6												
e7												
e8	Sub total of Internal Organisations funds									(e11)		(e12)
e9	**Church accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)**	75,971	(a7)	51,618	(b9)	24,353	13,607	(c7)	76,007	(c6)	113,967	(c8)
e10	**TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH**	75,971		51,618		24,353	13,607		76,007	(x)	113,967	(y)
	Continue on a separate sheet if necessary and bring the totals forward	**TOTAL RECEIPTS**		**TOTAL PAYMENTS**								

SECTION F

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

	CHURCH - CASH FUNDS HELD at 31 August 2022	OPENING BALANCES		CLOSING BALANCES	
f1	Cash in hand	250		250	
f2	Bank Current Account	68,896		93,249	
f3	Bank Deposit Account				
f4	Central Finance Board				
f5	Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes	6,861		20,468	
f6	Other funds				
f7	**SUB TOTAL - Church accounts**	**76,007**	(c6)	**113,967**	(c8)
f8	Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance total from above) (e12)		(e11)		(e12)
f9	**TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH**	**76,007**	(x)	**113,967**	(y)

SECTION G

OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES

		At 1 September 2021	At 31 August 2022
g1	Investments (include Endowments)		
g2	Land & Buildings (see notes re Insurance value)		
g3	Other Assets		
g4	Loan(s) - show amount outstanding at year end		
g5	Other Liabilities		

f4 Include only Funds held at the Central Finance Board
f5 Include only Funds held at Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes
g1 Include any other investments (not the cash element of TMCP trusts accounts this is included in line f5

Name of Church . **Guildford Methodist Church (St Mary's)** **1127643**

Declarations and Scrutiny

I confirm that these Receipt and Payment based accounts for the year to 31 August 2022 have been prepared from the records of the Church and that they include all funds under the control of the Church trustees.

Signature of treasurer ..... Date....30/1/2023

Name and address of treasurer ..... **Michael Lee**

30 Oak Hill,Wood Street Village,Guildford Surrey GU3 3ER

Presentation to the Church trustees

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2022 were/will be* presented to the meeting of the Church trustees held on .....

Signature of the Chair of the meeting .....

Name of the Chair of the meeting ... **Reverend Paul Glass**

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

Guildford Methodist Church (St Mary's)

Charity Number . 1127643

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Guildford Methodist (St Mary's) Church for the year ended 31 August 2022 set out on pages 1 to 3. As the Church's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

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Independent Examiner's Statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my atter connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below*) which give me cause to b that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act; or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records.

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I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examinat which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of tl accounts to be reached.

I have/have not* obtained independent verification of all investments with the Trustees for M Church Purposes or held in other trusts, bank balances and funds at the Central Finance Bo the Methodist Church which are individually in excess of £10,000 (ten thousand pounds) at t balance sheet date.

Signature of independent examiner Duncan Curtis

Name of independent examiner DUNCAN E V CURTIS

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner .....

Name of firm (where appropriate) .....

Address 1 WADHAM CLOSE

SHEPPERTON

..... Post Code TW17 9HT.

Date 30/1/23

* delete or circle as appropriate

Sep-22

Guildford Methodist Church Accounts as at 30/08/22

				Methodist Church Accounts Form Section No
Bank Balance Brought Forward 2020/2021		£	69,146.05	
Income 2021/2022				
Giving				
Standing Orders/Cheques/Collections/Donations	£ 30,935.70			A2
Collections				
Daphne Dadd Legacy	£ 34,575.27			A5
Funeral Tea/Coffee Donation	£ 50.00			A5
Online collection transfer from Holy Trinity	£ 1,700.00			A2
Circuit Service Tea Donations	£ 163.00			A5
Ukraine Disaster Fund Collection	£ 312.00			A5
Gift Aid 2021/2022	£ 7,035.44			A2
Multi-Storage Refund	£ 46.90			A5
Minister Retirement Collection	£ 1,050.00			A5
TMCP Interest	£ 43.94			A3
CAF Gold Account Interest	£ 58.77			A3
Total	£ 75,971.02	£	75,971.02	
Expenditure 2021/2022				
Sound System	£ 722.02			B4
Wey Valley Methodist Circuit Assessment Fees	£ 15,570.00			B2
Insurance	£ 235.05			B5
Church Refreshments	£ 28.05			B7
Church Services Expenses	£ 174.33			B7
Daphne Dadd Legacy TMCP	£ 14,575.27			B7
St Mary's Facility Donation (Running Costs)	£ 3,000.00			B5
Donations	£ 4,500.00			B3
British Red Cross (Ukraine Disaster Fund)	£ 202.00			B7
Administration Costs	£ 46.20			B7
Pastoral Gifts	£ 201.04			B7
Furniture Daphne Dadd Legacy	£ 633.50			B7
Photocopy Pop up Café/Eco Church	£ 50.40			B7
Circuit Service Cream Teas	£ 128.70			B7
Minister Pension Fund	£ 10,000.00			B7
Minister Retirement Gift	£ 1,200.00			B7
Ministers Retirement Food	£ 198.90			B7
Communion Wine (Merrow Methodist Church)	£ 24.00			B7
Tuesday Fellowship TMCP Interest	£ 23.88			B7
CAF Bank Charges (Cheques)	£ 11.50			B7
CAF Bank Fees	£ 93.00			B7
Total	£ 51,617.84	£	51,617.84	
Account at 30/08/22		£	93,499.23	
Bank Statement				
CAF Gold Account	£ 93,249.23			
CAF Cash Account	£ 250.00			
Total	£ 93,499.23			
TMCP Investments	£ 20,468.41			
Total	£ 113,967.64			

Notes

The following amounts to be kept in reserve	
Daphne Dadd Legacy (£20,000)	**£ 19,366.50**
Kitchen/Chairs/Carpentry (£32,500)	**£ 6,190.18**
	£ 25,556.68
Money at Bank less Reserves	**£ 67,942.55**

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ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

Guildford Methodist @ St Mary's — **Church**

	SECTION A		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year		Totals last year
			£	£	£		£
a1	**RECEIPTS**	Note					
a2	Offerings and Tax recovered		39,671		**39,671**		36,473
a3	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income		103		**103**		44
a4	Lettings						
a5	Other receipts		36,197		**36,197**		861
a6	**TOTAL RECEIPTS**		**75,971**		**75,971**	(a7)	**37,378**
	SECTION B						
b1	**PAYMENTS**						
b2	Circuit Assessment or Share		15,570		**15,570**		11,678
b3	Donations		4,500		**4,500**		4,650
b4	Repairs and Maintenance		722		**722**		605
b5	Utilities (Insurances, water charges, heating & lighting)		3,235		**3,235**		233
b6							
b7	Other payments		27,591		**27,591**		8,166
b8	**TOTAL PAYMENTS**		**51,618**		**51,618**	(b9)	**25,332**
	SECTION C						
c1	**NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR**	(a6-b8)	24,353		**24,353**		12,046
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year		76,007		**76,007**	(c6)	64,093
c3	**Sub total**	(c1+c2)	100,360		**100,360**		**76,139**
c4	Transfers and adjustments		13,607		**13,607**	(c7)	(132)
c5	**TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR**	(c3+c4)	**113,967**		**113,967**	(c8)	**76,007** (c6)

	SECTION D		
d	**FOR INFORMATION ONLY: MONEY RECEIVED AND PASSED ON TO EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS (these amounts are not to be included in total receipts/payments figures above)**	£	£
d1	Balance brought forward from last year		
d2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations		485
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations		485
d4	**BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID** (d1+d2-d3)		

Guildford Methodist @ St Mary's **Church**

SUMMARY OF CHURCH ACCOUNTS AND INTERNAL ORGANISATIONS REPORTING TO THE CHURCH COUNCIL

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	INTERNAL ORGANISATIONS	Receipts		Payments		Net Receipts/ Payments	Adjustments		Opening balances		Closing balances	
e1												
e2												
e3												
e4												
e5												
e6												
e7												
e8	Sub total of Internal Organisations funds									(e11)		(e12)
e9	**Church accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)**	75,971	(a7)	51,618	(b9)	24,353	13,607	(c7)	76,007	(c6)	113,967	(c8)
e10	**TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH**	75,971		51,618		24,353	13,607		76,007	(x)	113,967	(y)
	Continue on a separate sheet if necessary and bring the totals forward	**TOTAL RECEIPTS**		**TOTAL PAYMENTS**								

SECTION F

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

	CHURCH - CASH FUNDS HELD at 31 August 2022	OPENING BALANCES		CLOSING BALANCES	
f1	Cash in hand	250		250	
f2	Bank Current Account	68,896		93,249	
f3	Bank Deposit Account				
f4	Central Finance Board				
f5	Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes	6,861		20,468	
f6	Other funds				
f7	**SUB TOTAL - Church accounts**	**76,007**	(c6)	**113,967**	(c8)
f8	Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance total from above) (e12)		(e11)		(e12)
f9	**TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH**	**76,007**	(x)	**113,967**	(y)

SECTION G

OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES

		At 1 September 2021	At 31 August 2022
g1	Investments (include Endowments)		
g2	Land & Buildings (see notes re Insurance value)		
g3	Other Assets		
g4	Loan(s) - show amount outstanding at year end		
g5	Other Liabilities		

f4 Include only Funds held at the Central Finance Board
f5 Include only Funds held at Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes
g1 Include any other investments (not the cash element of TMCP trusts accounts this is included in line f5

Name of Church . **Guildford Methodist Church (St Mary's)** **1127643**

Declarations and Scrutiny

I confirm that these Receipt and Payment based accounts for the year to 31 August 2022 have been prepared from the records of the Church and that they include all funds under the control of the Church trustees.

Signature of treasurer ..... Date....30/1/2023

Name and address of treasurer ..... **Michael Lee**

30 Oak Hill,Wood Street Village,Guildford Surrey GU3 3ER

Presentation to the Church trustees

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2022 were/will be* presented to the meeting of the Church trustees held on .....

Signature of the Chair of the meeting .....

Name of the Chair of the meeting ... **Reverend Paul Glass**

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

Guildford Methodist Church (St Mary's)

Charity Number . 1127643

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Guildford Methodist (St Mary's) Church for the year ended 31 August 2022 set out on pages 1 to 3. As the Church's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

Name of Church . **Guildford Methodist Church (St Mary's)** **1127643**

Independent Examiner's Statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my atter connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below*) which give me cause to b that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act; or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records.

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I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examinat which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of tl accounts to be reached.

I have/have not* obtained independent verification of all investments with the Trustees for M Church Purposes or held in other trusts, bank balances and funds at the Central Finance Bo the Methodist Church which are individually in excess of £10,000 (ten thousand pounds) at t balance sheet date.

Signature of independent examiner Duncan Curtis

Name of independent examiner DUNCAN E V CURTIS

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner .....

Name of firm (where appropriate) .....

Address 1 WADHAM CLOSE

SHEPPERTON

..... Post Code TW17 9HT.

Date 30/1/23

* delete or circle as appropriate

Sep-22

Guildford Methodist Church Accounts as at 30/08/22

				Methodist Church Accounts Form Section No
Bank Balance Brought Forward 2020/2021		£	69,146.05	
Income 2021/2022				
Giving				
Standing Orders/Cheques/Collections/Donations	£ 30,935.70			A2
Collections				
Daphne Dadd Legacy	£ 34,575.27			A5
Funeral Tea/Coffee Donation	£ 50.00			A5
Online collection transfer from Holy Trinity	£ 1,700.00			A2
Circuit Service Tea Donations	£ 163.00			A5
Ukraine Disaster Fund Collection	£ 312.00			A5
Gift Aid 2021/2022	£ 7,035.44			A2
Multi-Storage Refund	£ 46.90			A5
Minister Retirement Collection	£ 1,050.00			A5
TMCP Interest	£ 43.94			A3
CAF Gold Account Interest	£ 58.77			A3
Total	£ 75,971.02	£	75,971.02	
Expenditure 2021/2022				
Sound System	£ 722.02			B4
Wey Valley Methodist Circuit Assessment Fees	£ 15,570.00			B2
Insurance	£ 235.05			B5
Church Refreshments	£ 28.05			B7
Church Services Expenses	£ 174.33			B7
Daphne Dadd Legacy TMCP	£ 14,575.27			B7
St Mary's Facility Donation (Running Costs)	£ 3,000.00			B5
Donations	£ 4,500.00			B3
British Red Cross (Ukraine Disaster Fund)	£ 202.00			B7
Administration Costs	£ 46.20			B7
Pastoral Gifts	£ 201.04			B7
Furniture Daphne Dadd Legacy	£ 633.50			B7
Photocopy Pop up Café/Eco Church	£ 50.40			B7
Circuit Service Cream Teas	£ 128.70			B7
Minister Pension Fund	£ 10,000.00			B7
Minister Retirement Gift	£ 1,200.00			B7
Ministers Retirement Food	£ 198.90			B7
Communion Wine (Merrow Methodist Church)	£ 24.00			B7
Tuesday Fellowship TMCP Interest	£ 23.88			B7
CAF Bank Charges (Cheques)	£ 11.50			B7
CAF Bank Fees	£ 93.00			B7
Total	£ 51,617.84	£	51,617.84	
Account at 30/08/22		£	93,499.23	
Bank Statement				
CAF Gold Account	£ 93,249.23			
CAF Cash Account	£ 250.00			
Total	£ 93,499.23			
TMCP Investments	£ 20,468.41			
Total	£ 113,967.64			

Notes

The following amounts to be kept in reserve	
Daphne Dadd Legacy (£20,000)	**£ 19,366.50**
Kitchen/Chairs/Carpentry (£32,500)	**£ 6,190.18**
	£ 25,556.68
Money at Bank less Reserves	**£ 67,942.55**

GUILDFORD METHODIST CHURCH

England & Wales - Charity number 1127643

Accounts

GUILDFORD METHODIST CHURCH

Charity no. 1127643

TRUSTEES' REPORT

To 31 August 2021

Annual Report 2021

Reference & Administrative Details

Registered Name: Guildford Methodist Church

Registered Number: Guildford Methodist Church is registered as a charity under number 1127643

Principal Office Address: Guildford Methodist Church
c/o Holy Trinity and St Mary's Parish Office
5 Trinity Churchyard
Guildford
GU1 3RR
Tel: 01483 567716
Email: office@holytrinityguildford.org.uk
Correspondence should be directed to the above address.

Charity Trustees during the year

TRUSTEE NAME		OFFICE HELD		DATES (*if not full year)*		APPOINTED BY
Rev Keith Beckingham		Minister & Chair				
Mrs Andrea Campion- Smith		Church Steward				General Church Meeting
Mrs Rosemary Lee		Church Steward				General Church Meeting
Mr Peter Youngs		Secretary & Church Steward				General Church Meeting
Mr Michael Lee		Treasurer				Church Council
Mr David Lander		Circuit Steward				
Mr Nigel Campion-Smith		Project Coordinator				
Mr. David Birch		congregation				
Mrs Margaret Birch		congregation				
Mr Michael Bishop		congregation				
Dr Bruce Farmer CBE		congregation				
Mrs Beryl Farmer		congregation				
Mrs Jean Gent		congregation		d. September 2021		
Mrs Janet Hancock		congregation				
Dr Alwyn Marriage		congregation				
Mrs Janus Smith		congregation				
Mr Rodney Smith		congregation		d. October 2021		
Mrs Promila Skelton		Pastoral Secretary				
Dr Susan Snashall		congregation				
Mrs Rosamund Trembath		congregation				
Mr. David Williams		congregation		Resigned March 2021		

Structure, Governance and Management

Governing Document:

Guildford Methodist Church is registered under the Deed of Union of 1932 and the Methodist Church Act 1976 incorporating the Model Trusts. The governing document is The Constitutional Practice and Discipline of the Methodist Church (known as CPD).

Recruitment and Appointment of new Trustees:

The Trustees are drawn from the membership of Guildford Methodist Church. Under CPD, the church has adopted a procedure permitted for smaller churches under which all members may serve on the Church Council, if they so wish, without the need for elections and without limit on time.

Induction and Training of Trustees:

Trustees have often already served or are serving on one or more of the committees or groups within the church. Induction and training is principally through discussion with established members of the Church Council and attendance at the Church Council meetings held around 3 times a year; and, for the Church Stewards, attendance at leadership meetings held every 1 to 2 months, depending upon need.

Organisational Structure:

Within the structure of The Constitutional Practice and Discipline of the Methodist Church, Guildford Methodist Church is governed by its Church Meeting and Church Council and with the assistance of the Stewards and the Pastoral Committee. The Church Council and Annual Church Meeting have oversight of committees and groups, and the Church Council is the managing trustee body.

Representatives of the church serve on the Joint Council with representatives of the Parish of Holy Trinity St. Mary's pursuant to the sharing agreement referred to below. Two Methodist members have been elected and serve as members of the PCC.

Risks to the Charity:

The principal risk to the charity has for some time been lack of human resources. This led to the Church closing its former building and moving to worship at the Anglican church of St Mary's in Guildford town centre from 1 September 2013; on 6 July 2014 it entered into a sharing agreement with the Parish of Holy Trinity and St Mary's.

Methodist Circuit

Guildford Methodist Church is part of the Wey Valley Methodist Circuit.

Objectives and Activities

The Aims of Guildford Methodist Church:

As part of the wider community, and together with the congregation of St Mary's Guildford, it is the vision of Guildford Methodist Church locally to be a worshipping and welcoming community, working together with other Christians to share God's love, through word and action, with the people of Guildford and further afield.

The achievement of this vision will be seen by:

- Activities in conjunction with the Parish and other churches in the Methodist Circuit, ecumenically and within the community
- Development of the worship and prayer life of the church
- Growth in the life and activities of the church fellowship
- Outreach in the community, in conjunction with Common Ground, building on relationships formed through individual members as well as new initiatives.
- Training and Study opportunities

Objectives for the year:

- Taking an active role in the community through ecumenical and community projects.
- Playing our part in the wider Methodist Connexion through Circuit and District
- Reviewing and continually updating our policies for health and safety and safeguarding, and implementing practices to improve standards of care for those using our premises.
- Looking for ways in which we can further develop worship services.
- Developing the relationship with the Anglican worshippers and leadership at St. Mary's Guildford as a united congregation.
- growing the Common Ground ecumenical community, based at St Mary's, and its activities
- Progressing plans for improving the St Mary's building to better equip it for mission and service activities

Strategies for Objectives:

- Playing an active role in Circuit services, meetings and activities.
- Continuing our giving to charity and our normal teaching and outreach activities.
- Providing a welcome and support for foreign residents through our Chit Chat drop-in.
- Supporting in whatever way we can the Street Angels community project and the Guildford Town Centre Chaplaincy.
- Being represented as a church in Community and Ecumenical events whenever possible and taking active roles individually in community projects.
- Continuing to support individual, Friends International, and Circuit Chaplaincy links with the University to develop a relationship between the church community and University students.
- Working towards a consistently good level of pastoral care, and continuing to organise opportunities for social interaction.
- Working through small house groups to further develop the community and spiritual life of individual members.
- Holding discussions with other Christian and lay organisations about possible shared activities.

Significant Activities:

- Weekly Sunday Morning worship services.
- Monthly Communion for Guildford. Occasional Circuit Services.
- ChitChat, a weekly drop-in for foreign residents
- Ecumenical lunchtime series of Advent and Lent reflections
- occasional Sunday afternoon Taizé-style services
- opening of the church on a regular basis to welcome visitors to view the building and, where they wish, reflect or chat.
- Art and photographic exhibitions with a Christian theme or supporting the work of charities
- Monthly Coffee and Cake, focussing on the work of a particular charity or voluntary organisation
- Baptisms and Funerals, both of congregational members and community.
- Fundraising for Charities e.g. Christian Aid, Local Projects, African Charities and Methodist Charities.

- Pastoral work is undertaken in cooperation with the Parish's Pastoral Committee. Members and adherents attached to the Church are cared for pastorally by one of our Pastoral visitors. Pastoral Visitor training has taken place. Communion is taken to housebound members of the church by a Minister or persons appointed by the Church Council, and visitation to the sick and needy is carried out by a Minister and by church members.
- Members participate in the Common Ground ecumenical community.
- Several of the members of Guildford Methodist Church exercise a Christian ministry in the course of their daily work and activities and by involvement in a particular cause or local need, such as prison visiting and chaplaincy work and drop-ins for the needy. Church members are involved with work for schools and orphanages in both Kibera (Nairobi) and Mityana (Uganda), both of which have been supported by the Church
- Social Activities including Harvest Supper and occasional Church Lunches.
- Safeguarding and other training courses are provided by the Circuit.
- The Church has strong links with Friends International which cares for, and gives hospitality to, students from abroad; the Samaritans and the Guildford Salvation Army Drop-in and Foodbank
- The Church supports ecumenical events and services in local churches, especially in Lent and at Easter, and regularly hosts ecumenical services on occasions such as Ash Wednesday, Good Friday and Ascensiontide.
- Guildford Methodist Church supports the Guildford Town Centre Chaplaincy, a charity established by the Churches of Guildford to care for people in the town centre. Their aim is to build bridges of understanding, trust and cooperation between communities of work, faith, leisure and society and to serve people by providing pastoral care for anyone who lives in, works in or visits Guildford.
- The church is represented on the Guildford and Godalming Interfaith Forum.
- A member represents the Church as a trustee of Hillier House
- We participate in the Cluster group of Town Centre Anglican churches.

Achievements and Performance

Impact of the COVID-19 pandemic

Activities were significantly curtailed during the year as a result of Government restrictions and guidance.

At 31 August 2021 the total membership stood at 36 members. The effect on worship is described below. The restrictions on meetings, and changes in people's circumstances, led to the suspension of our Housegroup and Tuesday Mix meetings although we seek to involve their attendees in other ways.

Safeguarding and other training:
All members requiring safeguarding training have attended such training.
Our policy is jointly agreed with the Parish and will continue to be reviewed annually.

ChitChat volunteers participate in regular training sessions.

Reports

Review of Progress and Achievements

Building improvements:

The year work saw completion of the major reordering of the building, implementing improvements which had been planned over several years. The works, largely funded from the proceeds of sale of the previous Guildford Methodist Church building, included the construction of improved access, a new Welcome area, a kitchen and a meeting room, as well as the installation of underfloor heating in the North Aisle. Although the church continued to worship in the building throughout the works, at times some weekday activities were relocated or curtailed to facilitate the building work.

Worship:

Our main weekly act of worship is a service at 10.30 each Sunday, with a variety of styles drawing on our Methodist and Anglican traditions. There is in addition an Anglican-led service of Holy Communion at 08.00 each Sunday morning (following the Book of Common Prayer) and on the third Sunday of each month we are joined by worshippers from other churches for Communion for Guildford. On a monthly basis the St Mary's Choir participates in the service.

From March 2020 physical services were suspended for several months and transferred to Zoom. At times blended services were able to take place with some worshippers present in person in the church and others on Zoom. Our Zoom services were shared by other local Methodist churches and some worshippers from further afield.
There is a periodic Wey Valley Methodist Circuit evening service.

Worship services are led by Methodist and Anglican clergy, accredited lay preachers (including one of our members, Rosemary Lee) and other invited preachers. Worship is varied and endeavours to be inclusive.

Communication:

There is a weekly email which details worship for the week and other items for the attention of the congregation such as meetings and events in the church, circuit and local community and printed copies are provided to those members without email facilities. This is supplemented by a weekly Parish newsletter.

The Church also has a website: www.guildfordmethodist.org which contains information about services and events.

Mission and Outreach

During the year we continued to offer Lent and Advent series of weekly lunchtime Reflections but via Zoom where necessary. These Reflections are, typically attended by between 30 and 40 people from across Guildford and beyond.

The Common Ground ecumenical community, established to pursue mission and outreach and based at St Mary's, continues to be central in undertaking our Outreach activities, in keeping with our objectives when Guildford Methodist Church moved to St Mary's. In particular, Common Ground is responsible for our monthly Friday evening drop-in, Night Vision, which resumed opening when permitted under Covid guidance, and welcomes those out and about in Guildford to call in and enjoy the spiritual atmosphere of St Mary's. https://www.**commongroundguildford**.org

Church Opening

Although sometimes constrained by our building work and for a long period by the Pandemic , weekday opening continued on Thursdays and Farmers' Market Tuesdays, with additional days in August and the Heritage Weekend in September. We also open on special occasions at times of community concern or need.

We were delighted to be asked to host a Garden of Hope for the community in summer 2021– organised in conjunction with Guildford Borough Council, Experience Guildford, Guildford Town Centre Chaplaincy and Guildford Baptist Church. Planters in the Garden were themed for Remembrance, giving Thanks and Hope; acknowledging those whose lives were lost in the Pandemic, gratitude to those who worked so hard and looking forward to the future with hope. Hundreds of people called in to see the Garden and leave personal messages in the planters. Guildford Museum asked to add materials relating to the Garden of Hope to its Pandemic collection. We supplemented this with extra opening of the church, with supportive displays, and for several weeks an exhibition of textile art by Jacqui Parkinson entitled *Good Grief.*

ChitChat

ChitChat, our drop-in for international residents, grows from strength to strength with up to 35 international guests present each week and is much appreciated by those attending. By its nature, most of those attending are in Guildford for a limited period so there is a constant renewal as some guests move back to their home countries and others join. Refugees from a variety of countries represent an increasing proportion of guests. As well as helping guests to understand and practise English, ChitChat explains British traditions and helps answer questions on aspects of British life. Ecumenical participation is crucial to staffing ChitChat and we are very grateful to the volunteers from other churches who act as hosts.

ChitChat transferred to Zoom from the first lockdown and continued to flourish online, in part with some established guests joining from overseas having headed home from Guildford, until physical meetings were resumed.

Church Steward's Report

The year under review was heavily impacted by the Pandemic and associated restrictions but it was so good to be back in person as our lockdown restrictions were relaxed.

My highlights are all linked to people - to you and to the other people coming to St Mary's and our opportunity to welcome them and chat, where they wish, or just allow them to soak up the spirituality of this building.

Of course, I am absolutely delighted by the outcome of our refurbishment works, conscious that the facilities and atmosphere of this building give us opportunities to attract, and engage with, people…

, and it's people that matter, not really the buildings

Yes, the building is helpful as a tool and a means to engage with people, but not an end in itself.

Our historic building provides a strong foundation for the meaningful encounters we enjoy at events described in this Report.

In a recent radio service, the speaker referred to church doors as being either a welcome or a barrier- physically, St Mary's doors now offer more of a welcome but many people still require persuasion or at least a warm invitation to cross the threshold into a building which may be alien to their cultural position - or just plain scary.

People's hesitation, nervousness and misplaced hesitation and concerns about what is expected of them (*am I dressed right, am I too loud, I've had a drink, my lifestyle isn't acceptable*) can represent a real barrier but a warm welcome can break that down. That is the aim of our Opening ministry.

In summer 2021 we were saddened to learn that Keith Beckingham, our Methodist minister, planned to retire in 2022 but through the Methodist stationing process we have been fortunate that Rev Dr Paul Glass has agreed to take on that role from September 2022

I would like to express my sincere thanks to Keith Beckingham, Robert Cotton, the other Anglican and Methodist clergy and others who supported us during the year under review. I thank my fellow Stewards and all the members of the Church for their hard work and support and for the continued encouragement we receive from so many.

ANDREA CAMPION-SMITH Church Steward

Financial Review & Examined Accounts to 31 August 2021

Despite the challenges of the year, we are very fortunate that, through the loyalty of our members, our accounts again showed a surplus of income over expenditure, despite further expenditure on our programme to equip the improved building for its role for the church and the wider community, for which we had built up reserves. We also recognise the financial uncertainty brought about by the Pandemic and the pressure this is placing on many churches and charities. Our giving covered the Circuit assessment, normal operating expenses and external donations.

Although the Parish bears almost all the running costs of the St. Mary's building and retains responsibility for the structure, we have contributed to the building works from our reserves (in addition to substantial sums provided by the Wey Valley Circuit and the Methodist Connexion) and continue to contribute to expenditure on cleaning, the sound system and resources for activities at St Mary's and modest donations have been made to the Parish by Church groups which use the building.

Our thanks go to the Treasurer for his work in relation to our finances.

CHURCH
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ACCOUNTS

THE METHODIST CHURCH

STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

Guildford Methodist @ St Mary's	Church

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31 August 2021

Wey Valley	Circuit	Circuit no	36/6

Registered Charity - Charity Registration number	1127643
If not a registered charity **Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs Gift Aid number**	

(The HMRC number is equivalent to a registered charity number in terms of evidence of charitable status and may be used to give to donors or grant funders wishing to see evidence of the organisation's charitable status. Methodist charities in England and Wales that are not registered charities are excepted from registration under Statutory Instrument 2014 No.242)

Minister:

Reverend Keith Beckingham

Church Stewards:

Andrea Campion-Smith
Rosemary Lee
Peter Youngs

Treasurer:

Michael Lee

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b6							453
b7	Other payments		8,166		**8,166**		3,493
b8	**TOTAL PAYMENTS**		**25,332**		**25,332**	(b9)	**29,942**

SECTION C

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SECTION F

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

	CHURCH - CASH FUNDS HELD at 31 August 2021	**OPENING BALANCES**		**CLOSING BALANCES**	
f1	Cash in hand	250		250	
f2	Bank Current Account	56,850		68,896	
f3	Bank Deposit Account				
f4	Central Finance Board				
f5	Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes	6,993		6,861	
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Guildford Methodist Church Accounts as at 31/08/21

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Income 2020/2021				
Giving				
Standing Orders/Cheques/Collections/Donations	£ 28,908.50			A2
Holy Trinity Online Transfer	£ 813.51			A2
Card Sales	£ 8.00			A5
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Furniture Sale	£ 860.00			A5
Special Events donation	£ 393.00			A5
TMCP Interest	£ 36.96			A3
CAF Gold Account Interest	£ 6.49			A3
Total	£ 37,777.67	£	37,777.67	
Expenditure 2020/2021				
Multistore Storage	£ 2,924.90			B7
Methodist Insurance	£ 233.26			B5
Sound System	£ 605.20			B4
Church Pastoral Gifts	£ 109.30			B7
Administration Charges	£ 22.72			B7
Worship Expenses	£ 20.00			B7
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CAF Bank Fees	£ 84.00			B7
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Bank Statement				
CAF Gold Account	£ 68,896.05			
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Donations

Town Centre Chaplaincy	£ 2,000.00
Methodist World Church Fund	£ 500.00
Methodist Mission in Britain	£ 500.00
Action for Children	£ 250.00
All We Can	£ 250.00
Friends International	£ 1,000.00
Royal Surrey County Hospital COVID Appeal	£ 150.00
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Church Gifts

Minister Retirement Gift	£ 50.00
Pastoral Gifts	£ 59.30
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THE METHODIST CHURCH

STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

Guildford Methodist @ St Mary's	Church

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31 August 2021

Wey Valley	Circuit	Circuit no	36/6

Registered Charity - Charity Registration number	1127643
If not a registered charity **Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs Gift Aid number**	

(The HMRC number is equivalent to a registered charity number in terms of evidence of charitable status and may be used to give to donors or grant funders wishing to see evidence of the organisation's charitable status. Methodist charities in England and Wales that are not registered charities are excepted from registration under Statutory Instrument 2014 No.242)

Minister:

Reverend Keith Beckingham

Church Stewards:

Andrea Campion-Smith
Rosemary Lee
Peter Youngs

Treasurer:

Michael Lee

ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021

Guildford Methodist @ St Mary's — Church

SECTION A

		Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Totals this year £		Totals last year £
a1	**RECEIPTS**						
a2	Offerings and Tax recovered		36,473		**36,473**		39,768
a3	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income		44		**44**		133
a4	Lettings						
a5	Other receipts		861		**861**		
a6	**TOTAL RECEIPTS**		**37,378**		**37,378**	(a7)	**39,901**

SECTION B

b1	**PAYMENTS**						
b2	Circuit Assessment or Share		11,678		**11,678**		19,462
b3	Donations		4,650		**4,650**		6,000
b4	Repairs and Maintenance		605		**605**		304
b5	Utilities (Insurances, water charges, heating & lighting)		233		**233**		230
b6							453
b7	Other payments		8,166		**8,166**		3,493
b8	**TOTAL PAYMENTS**		**25,332**		**25,332**	(b9)	**29,942**

SECTION C

c1	**NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR**	(a6-b8)	12,046		**12,046**		9,959
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year		64,093		**64,093**	(c6)	54,070
c3	**Sub total**	(c1+c2)	76,139		**76,139**		**64,029**
c4	Transfers and adjustments		(132)		**(132)**	(c7)	64
c5	**TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR**	(c3+c4)	**76,007**		**76,007**	(c8)	**64,093** (c6)

SECTION D

	FOR INFORMATION ONLY: MONEY RECEIVED AND PASSED ON TO EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS (these amounts are not to be included in total receipts/payments figures above)	£		£
d1	Balance brought forward from last year			
d2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations	485		284
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations	485		284
d4	**BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID** (d1+d2-d3)			

Guildford Methodist @ St Mary's **Church**

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GUILDFORD METHODIST CHURCH

England & Wales - Charity number 1127643

Accounts

GUILDFORD METHODIST CHURCH

TRUSTEES' REPORT

To 31 August 2020

Annual Report 2020

Reference & Administrative Details

Registered Name: Guildford Methodist Church

Registered Number: Guildford Methodist Church is registered as a charity under number 1127643

Principal Office Address: Guildford Methodist Church
c/o Holy Trinity and St Mary's Parish Office
5 Trinity Churchyard
Guildford
GU1 3RR
Tel: 01483 567716
Email: office@holytrinityguildford.org.uk
Correspondence should be directed to the above address.

Charity Trustees

TRUSTEE NAME		OFFICE HELD		DATES (*if not full year)*		APPOINTED BY
Rev Keith Beckingham		Minister & Chair				
Mrs Andrea Campion- Smith		Church Steward				General Church Meeting
Mrs Rosemary Lee		Church Steward		From 7.2020		General Church Meeting
Mr Peter Youngs		Secretary & Church Steward				General Church Meeting
Mr Michael Lee		Treasurer				Church Council
Mr David Lander		Circuit Steward				
Mr Nigel Campion-Smith		Project Coordinator				
Mr. David Birch		congregation				
Mrs Margaret Birch		congregation				
Mr Michael Bishop		congregation				
Dr Bruce Farmer CBE		congregation				
Mrs Beryl Farmer		congregation				
Mrs Jean Gent		congregation				
Mrs Janet Hancock		congregation				
Dr Alwyn Marriage		congregation				
Mrs Janus Smith		congregation				
Mr Rodney Smith		congregation				
Mrs Promila Skelton		Pastoral Secretary				
Dr Susan Snashall		congregation				
Mrs Rosamund Trembath		congregation				
Mr. David Williams		congregation				

Structure, Governance and Management

Governing Document:

Guildford Methodist Church is registered under the Deed of Union of 1932 and the Methodist Church Act 1976 incorporating the Model Trusts. The governing document is The Constitutional Practice and Discipline of the Methodist Church (known as CPD).

Recruitment and Appointment of new Trustees:

The Trustees are drawn from the membership of Guildford Methodist Church. Under CPD, the church has adopted a procedure permitted for smaller churches under which all members may serve on the Church Council, if they so wish, without the need for elections and without limit on time..

Induction and Training of Trustees:

Trustees have often already served or are serving on one or more of the committees or groups within the church. Induction and training is principally through discussion with established members of the Church Council and attendance at the Church Council meetings held around 3 times a year; and, for the Church Stewards, attendance at leadership meetings held every 1 to 2 months, depending upon need.

Organisational Structure:

Within the structure of The Constitutional Practice and Discipline of the Methodist Church, Guildford Methodist Church is governed by its Church Meeting and Church Council and with the assistance of the Stewards and the Pastoral Committee. The Church Council and Annual Church Meeting have oversight of committees and groups, and the Church Council is the managing trustee body.

Representatives of the church serve on the Joint Council with representatives of the Parish of Holy Trinity St. Mary's pursuant to the sharing agreement referred to below. Two Methodist members have been elected and serve as members of the PCC.

Risks to the Charity:

The principal risk to the charity has for some time been lack of human resources. This led to the Church closing its former building and moving to worship at the Anglican church of St Mary's in Guildford town centre from 1 September 2013; on 6 July 2014 it entered into a sharing agreement with the Parish of Holy Trinity and St Mary's.

Methodist Circuit

Guildford Methodist Church is part of the Wey Valley Methodist Circuit.

Objectives and Activities

The Aims of Guildford Methodist Church:

As part of the wider community, and together with the congregation of St Mary's Guildford, it is the vision of Guildford Methodist Church locally to be a worshipping and welcoming community, working together with other Christians to share God's love, through word and action, with the people of Guildford and further afield.

The achievement of this vision will be seen by:

- Activities in conjunction with the Parish and other churches in the Methodist Circuit, ecumenically and within the community
- Development of the worship and prayer life of the church
- Growth in the life and activities of the church fellowship
- Outreach in the community, in conjunction with Common Ground, building on relationships formed through individual members as well as new initiatives.
- Training and Study opportunities

Objectives for the year:

- Taking an active role in the community through ecumenical and community projects.
- Playing our part in the wider Methodist Connexion through Circuit and District
- Reviewing and continually updating our policies for health and safety and safeguarding, and implementing practices to improve standards of care for those using our premises.
- Looking for ways in which we can further develop worship services.
- Developing the relationship with the Anglican worshippers and leadership at St. Mary's Guildford as a united congregation.
- growing the Common Ground ecumenical community, based at St Mary's, and its activities
- Progressing plans for improving the St Mary's building to better equip it for mission and service activities

Strategies for Objectives:

- Playing an active role in Circuit services, meetings and activities.
- Continuing our giving to charity and our normal teaching and outreach activities.
- Providing a welcome and support for foreign residents through our Chit Chat drop-in.
- Supporting in whatever way we can the Street Angels community project and the Guildford Town Centre Chaplaincy.
- Being represented as a church in Community and Ecumenical events whenever possible and taking active roles individually in community projects.
- Continuing to support individual, Friends International, and Circuit Chaplaincy links with the University to develop a relationship between the church community and University students.
- Working towards a consistently good level of pastoral care, and continuing to organise opportunities for social interaction.
- Working through small house groups to further develop the community and spiritual life of individual members.
- Holding discussions with other Christian and lay organisations about possible shared activities.

Significant Activities:

- Weekly Sunday Morning worship services.
- Monthly Communion for Guildford. Occasional Circuit Services.
- House group: Onslow Housegroup.
- Tuesday Mix – afternoon fellowship meeting
- ChitChat, a weekly drop-in for foreign residents
- Ecumenical lunchtime series of Advent and Lent reflections
- weekly Monday lunchtime time of reflection 'Still Mondays'
- periodic Sunday afternoon Taizé-style services
- opening of the church on a regular basis to welcome visitors to view the building and, where they wish, reflect or chat. Additional opening for prayer events such as Thy Kingdom Come and Heritage Weekend as well as special events, e.g. General Election in December 2019
- Art and photographic exhibitions with a Christian theme or supporting the work of charities

- Monthly Coffee and Cake, focussing on the work of a particular charity or voluntary organisation
- Baptisms and Funerals, both of congregational members and community.
- Fundraising for Charities e.g. Christian Aid, Local Projects, African Charities and Methodist Charities.
- Members and adherents attached to the Church are cared for pastorally by one of our Pastoral visitors. Pastoral Visitor training has taken place. Communion is taken to housebound members of the church by a Minister or persons appointed by the Church Council, and visitation to the sick and needy is carried out by a Minister and by church members.
- Members participate in the Common Ground ecumenical community.
- Several of the members of Guildford Methodist Church exercise a Christian ministry in the course of their daily work and activities and by involvement in a particular cause or local need, such as prison visiting and chaplaincy work and drop-ins for the needy. Church members are involved with work for schools and orphanages in both Kibera (Nairobi) and Mityana (Uganda), both of which have been supported by the Church
- Social Activities including: Men's Dinner, Harvest Supper, occasional Church Lunches.
- Safeguarding and other training courses are provided by the Circuit.
- The Church has strong links with Friends International which cares for, and gives hospitality to, students from abroad; the Number Five Project, a hostel in Guildford for the homeless; the Samaritans and the Guildford Salvation Army Drop-in and Foodbank
- The Church supports ecumenical events and services in local churches, especially in Lent and at Easter, and regularly hosts ecumenical services on occasions such as Ash Wednesday, Good Friday and Ascensiontide.
- Guildford Methodist Church supports the Guildford Town Centre Chaplaincy, a charity established by the Churches of Guildford to care for people in the town centre. Their aim is to build bridges of understanding, trust and cooperation between communities of work, faith, leisure and society and to serve people by providing pastoral care for anyone who lives in, works in or visits Guildford.
- The church is represented on the Guildford and Godalming Interfaith Forum.
- A member represents the Church as a trustee of Hillier House
- We participate in the Cluster group of Town Centre Anglican churches.

Achievements and Performance

Impact of the COVID-19 pandemic

Activities were significantly curtailed during the latter half of the year as a result of government restrictions and guidance .

At 31 August 2020 the total membership stood at 36 members. Regular attendance at the 10.30 Sunday worship services continues to increase slightly and we are delighted to welcome new worshippers.
As mentioned below, physical services were suspended as a result of the Pandemic but the Zoom services have typically attracted over 60 participants each week.

Safeguarding and other training:
All members requiring safeguarding training have attended such training.
Our policy is jointly agreed with the Parish and will continue to be reviewed annually.

ChitChat volunteers participate in regular training sessions.

Reports

Review of Progress and Achievements

Building improvements:

During the course of the year work started on the first phase of the building improvements which had been planned over several years. Fortunately the builders were able to continue for most of the year with the bulk of their work completed by September 2020 . The works, largely funded from the proceeds sale of the previous Guildford Methodist church building, included the construction of improved access, a new Welcome area, a kitchen and a meeting room , as well as the installation of underfloor heating in the North Aisle. Although the church continued to worship in the building some weekday activities were relocated or curtailed to facilitate the building work.

Worship:

Our main weekly act of worship is a service at 10.30 each Sunday, with a variety of styles drawing on our Methodist and Anglican traditions. There is in addition an Anglican-led service of Holy Communion at 08.00 each Sunday morning (following the Book of Common Prayer) and on the third Sunday of each month we are joined by worshippers from other churches for Communion for Guildford. On a monthly basis the St Mary's Choir participates in the service.

From March 2020 physical services were suspended and transferred to Zoom. At times blended services were able to take place with some worshippers present in person in the church and others on Zoom. Our Zoom services have been shared by other local Methodist churches and some worshippers from further afield.
There is a periodic Circuit evening service.

Worship services are led by Methodist and Anglican clergy, accredited lay preachers (including one of our members, Rosemary Lee) and other invited preachers. Worship is varied and endeavours to be inclusive.

Communication:

There is a weekly email which details worship for the week and other items for the attention of the congregation such as meetings and events in the church, circuit and local community and printed copies are provided to those members without email facilities. This is supplemented by a weekly Parish newsletter and monthly Supplement.

The Church also has a website: www.guildfordmethodist.org which contains information about services and events.

Mission and Outreach

During the year we put on Lent and Advent series of weekly lunchtime Reflections but the Lent 2020 series was curtailed by lockdown. These Reflections are, typically attended by between 40 and 50 people from across Guildford and beyond. We were pleased to present the Christmas Pathway in December 2019 and Fiona Bunn's Alpine Dawn photographic exhibition in September 2019. We were pleased to host the annual Yvonne Arnaud Youth Theatre Service once again.

The Common Ground ecumenical community, established to pursue mission and outreach and based at St Mary's, enabled us to increase our Outreach activities in keeping with our objectives when Guildford Methodist Church moved to St Mary's. https://www.**commongroundguildford**.org

Open Church

Although sometimes constrained by our building work and for a long period by the Pandemic , weekday opening continued on Thursdays and Farmers' Market Tuesdays, with additional days in August, , and the Heritage Weekend in September when we are supported by Brownies, Guides and the Bell ringers. We also open on special occasions at times of community concern or need.

Onslow Village House group:

Organiser: Rosamund Trembath
Meeting frequency and membership: Fortnightly meetings during term time, prior to the Pandemic. Around 10 members.
Purpose: To enrich our Christian discipleship through Bible Study, discussions, learning and fellowship, with pastoral support.

Tuesday Mix:

Physical meetings were relocated to the Salvation Army's premises during the building work and then suspended from the onset of the Pandemic but members have kept in touch and being supported.

Organisers and/or church link: The organiser is Rosamund Trembath. In addition, there are a number of volunteers who assist with transport, and their help is invaluable and makes such a difference to those who otherwise would be unable to attend.
Meeting frequency and membership: Tuesday Mix meets fortnightly at 2:30 pm on a Tuesday afternoon, with a typical attendance of 12-16 at each meeting. The members of the group are not all church members; some belong to other churches or no church. During the summer months members enjoy garden parties in the homes of church members.
Purpose of group: A time of worship, fellowship, and social activity, usually with an invited speaker.
Special activities and any money raised for charity over the past year: A collection is taken each week and most of this money is given to charities through the year as speakers come and address the meeting and at the Annual Review. A very small amount is used for special occasion meetings e.g. Christmas, Harvest, Easter
Targets for the coming year: To maintain a happy environment in which people can come and meet with each other and have a chat - as well as listen to a speaker.

ChitChat

ChitChat, our drop-in for international residents, grows from strength to strength with up to 35 international guests present each week and is much appreciated by those attending. By its nature, most of those attending are in Guildford for a limited period so there is a constant renewal as some guests move back to their home countries and others join. As well as helping guests to understand and practise English, ChitChat explains British traditions and helps answer questions on aspects of British life. ChitChat hosted Christmas and summer lunches for helpers and guests. Ecumenical participation is crucial to staffing ChitChat and we are very grateful to the volunteers from other churches who act as hosts.

ChitChat transferred to Zoom from the first lockdown and has continued to flourish online, in part with some established guests joining from overseas having headed home from Guildford.

Church Steward's Report

Until the onset of the Pandemic, life at St Mary's continued well despite the disruption caused by major building work. We were able to continue worship until the Pandemic, with the builders working in a way which allowed church life to continue. Indeed we were due to receive a visit from the Archbishop of Canterbury in the midst of our building work but unfortunately that was an early casualty of the Pandemic.

The restrictions on physical meetings curbed our activities but modern technology, especially Zoom, enabled us to move online for worship, many meetings and some social activities. Indeed, the alternatives introduced new diverse and creative resources and opportunities. for worship and enhanced some social interaction. Unfortunately, by its nature, technology excludes some from participating but major efforts were made to keep in touch with and support those unable to join online.

I am grateful to everyone for adapting to the challenges of the time and demonstrating that the church is people – and not the building.

The Church community at St Mary's has continued to grow in its sense of community and purpose, sharing in worship and other activities. The appeal and location of our historic building give us considerable opportunities for ecumenical outreach in the town centre which we hope to enhance with the building improvements underway. Our focus is outward-looking as we seek to engage with visitors and the town.

Those building improvements represent the fulfilment of a vision which we have shared over the last 7 years but only the start of the next chapter in the long history of the building. It is a pleasure to share the joy and excitement of getting back in and making use of the wonderful light and open space St Mary's has become, whilst maintaining its very special sense of spirituality and history. We are very grateful to all who have contributed time, skill, money and patience to this project.

I would like to express my sincere thanks to Keith Beckingham, Robert Cotton, the other Anglican and Methodist clergy and others who supported us during the year under review. I thank my fellow Stewards and all the members of the Church for their hard work and support and for the continued encouragement we receive from so many.

ANDREA CAMPION-SMITH Church Steward

Financial Review & Examined Accounts to 31 August 2020

Despite the challenges of the year, we are very fortunate that, through the loyalty of our members, our accounts showed a surplus of income over expenditure, despite further expenditure on our programme to equip the improved building for its role for the church and the wider community, for which we had built up reserves. We also recognise the financial uncertainty brought about by the Pandemic and the pressure this is placing on many churches and charities. Our giving covered the Circuit assessment, normal operating expenses and external donations.

Although the Parish bears almost all the running costs of the St. Mary's building and retains responsibility for the structure, we have contributed to the building works from our reserves (in addition to substantial sums provided by the Wey Valley Circuit and the Methodist Connexion) and continue to contribute to expenditure on cleaning, the sound system and resources for activities at St Mary's and modest donations have been made to the Parish by Church groups which use the building.

Our thanks go to the Treasurer for his work in relation to our finances.

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a5	Other receipts						
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b3	Donations		6,000		**6,000**		5,650
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b6	Project Costs		453		**453**		21,463
b7	Other payments		3,493		**3,493**		3,573
b8	**TOTAL PAYMENTS**		**29,942**		**29,942**	(b9)	**47,581**

SECTION C

c1	**NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR**	(a6-b8)	9,959		**9,959**		(8,593)
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c3	**Sub total**	(c1+c2)	64,029		**64,029**		**53,693**
c4	Transfers and adjustments		64		**64**	(c7)	377
c5	**TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR**	(c3+c4)	**64,093**		**64,093**	(c8)	**54,070** (c6)

SECTION D

	FOR INFORMATION ONLY: MONEY RECEIVED AND PASSED ON TO EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS		
d	**(these amounts are not to be included in total receipts/payments figures above)**	£	£
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d2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations	284	810
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SUMMARY OF CHURCH ACCOUNTS AND INTERNAL ORGANISATIONS REPORTING TO THE CHURCH COUNCIL

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e7							
e8	Sub total of Internal Organisations funds						
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e10	**TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH**	39,901	29,942	9,959	64	54,070 (x)	64,093 (y)
	Continue on a separate sheet if necessary and bring the totals forward	**TOTAL RECEIPTS**	**TOTAL PAYMENTS**				

SECTION F

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

	CHURCH - CASH FUNDS HELD at 31 August 2020	OPENING BALANCES		CLOSING BALANCES	
f1	Cash in hand				
f2	Bank Current Account	250		250	
f3	Bank Deposit Account	46,892		56,850	
f4	Central Finance Board				
f5	Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes	6,928		6,993	
f6	Other funds				
f7	**SUB TOTAL - Church accounts**	**54,070**	(c6)	**64,093**	(c8)
f8	Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance total from above) (e12)		(e11)		(e12)
f9	**TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH**	**54,070**	(x)	**64,093**	(y)

SECTION G

	OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES	At 1 September 2019	At 31 August 2020
g1	Investments (include Endowments)		
g2	Land & Buildings (see notes re Insurance value)		
g3	Other Assets		
g4	Loan(s) - show amount outstanding at year end		
g5	Other Liabilities		

f4 Include only Funds held at the Central Finance Board
f5 Include only Funds held at Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes
g1 Include any other investments (not the cash element of TMCP trusts accounts this is included in line f5

Guildford Methodist Church Accounts as at 31/08/20

				Methodist Church Accounts from Section No
Bank Balance Brought Forward 2018/2019		£	47,141.19	
Income 2019/2020				
Giving				
Standing Orders/Cheques/Collections/Donations	£ 32,739.70			A2
Gift Aid	£ 7,028.17			A2
TMCP Interest	£ 50.11			A3
CAF Gold Account Interest	£ 83.13			A3
Total	£ 39,901.11	£	39,901.11	
Expenditure 2019/2020				
Multistore Storage	£ 3,190.80			B7
Admin Charges	£ 16.60			B7
CAF Bank Fees	£ 60.00			B7
Methodist Insurance	£ 230.28			B5
Communion Wine/Glasses/Worship material	£ 76.30			B7
Hospitality	£ 12.97			B7
Donations	£ 5,750.00			B3
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Project Costs	£ 452.54			B6
Methodist Circuit Assessment	£ 19,462.50			B2
Total	£ 29,942.04	£	29,942.04	
Account at 31/08/20		£	57,100.26	
Bank Statement				
CAF Gold Account	£ 56,850.26			
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I report in respect of my examination of the Church's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and, in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the

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