

CRAWLEY METHODIST CHURCH

England & Wales · Charity number 1127744

Details

Other names ST. PAUL'S METHODIST CHURCH

Status Registered

Legal form Previously excepted

Registered 2009-01-28

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

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

Activities: Religious activities

Classification

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

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** UNDEFINED. IN PRACTICE LOCAL
- West Sussex

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-08-31	£144,177	£119,760	-	-
2024-08-31	£157,321	£561,473	-	-
2023-08-31	£164,170	£170,072	-	-
2022-08-31	£128,632	£101,044	-	-
2021-08-31	£96,366	£103,754	-	-
2020-08-31	£525,650	£108,352	£4,976,386	2

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Chona Labor		2024-12-04
Daphne Ford		2024-05-01
Eddie Madakudya		2024-05-01
IAN PATTISON		2025-01-01
Isaac Conroy		2024-05-01
Jean Rose		2025-05-01
Joyce Elizabeth Jordan		
Leonie Booyse		2024-05-01
Lydia Turkson		2024-05-01
MR P JORDAN		
MRS J MASON		
MRS S FORD		
MRS S JONES		
MS R LEWIS		
Nicola Postle		2024-05-01
Rev Gillian Baalham		2022-09-01
Sithembiso Njini		2024-05-01
Vanessa Anne Collins		2025-09-14
Yvonne Ellard		2025-05-01

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Accounts

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St Paul's Methodist Church, Crawley

**Report of the Trustees and Unaudited Financial Statements
for the Year Ended 31 August 2025**

St Paul's Methodist Church, Crawley

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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Year Ended 31 August 2025

Reference and Administrative details

Trustees:	Rev G. Baalham	
	Ms L. Booyse	
	Ms V. Collins	
	Mr I. Conroy	
	Mrs Y. Ellard	(from 1 st May 2025)
	Mrs D. Ford	
	Mrs S. Ford	
	Mrs H. Greaves	(to 31 st Dec 2024)
	Mrs S. Jones	
	Mrs J. Jordan	
	Mr P. Jordan	
	Ms R. Lewis	
	Mr E. Madakudya	
	Mrs J. Mason	
	Rev C. McKie	(to 31 st Aug 2025)
	Ms T. Njini	
	Mrs C. Ofield	
	Ms C. Okon	
	Mr I. Pattison	(from 1 st Jan 2025)
	Ms N. Postle	
	Mrs J. Rose	(from 1 st May 2025)
	Dr Sattianayagam	(to 30 th Apr 2025)
	Mrs I. Sattianayagam	(to 30 th Apr 2025)
	Mrs L. Turksom	

Full name of the Church: St Paul's Methodist Church

Alternative name: Crawley Methodist Church

Registered Charity Number: 1127744

Principal address St Paul's Methodist Church, Woodfield Road,
Northgate, Crawley, West Sussex, RH10 8ER

Independent examiner: Yvette How MAAT

Investment Bankers: Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

Year Ended 31 August 2025

Report to the Trustees

The Trustees submit their annual report and unaudited financial statements for the year ended 31-August 2025. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the accounts and comply with the charity's trust deed, the Charities Act 2011 and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) as amended by the update bulletin (effective 1 January 2015).

Objectives and Activities

Objectives

St Paul's Methodist Church's Mission is to: Unite in Faith, Worship in Faith, Grow in Faith, Share the Good News, Make Disciples, and Serve in Love.

Note: 'Faith' refers to the Christian faith and Good News' refers to the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

The Church also supports and contributes to the purposes of the Methodist Church which are the advancement of:

- a) The Christian faith in accordance with the doctrinal standards and discipline of The Methodist Church;
- b) Any charitable purpose for the time being of any Connexional, District, Circuit, local or other organisation of The Methodist Church;
- c) Any charitable purpose for the time being of any society or institution subsidiary or ancillary to The Methodist Church;
- d) Any purpose for the time being of any charity being a charity subsidiary or ancillary to The Methodist Church.

Activities

The activities of St Paul's Methodist Church are designed to meet the objectives of the mission statement and, by doing so, to benefit its members, its congregation and the wider public, by supporting Christians as they seek to worship God and to live out their faith, by sharing the Christian message, by helping those in need, and by working for social justice. A list of the main, regular activities is given below. This list does not include one-off special events. For a fuller description of the activities, please see the church website: www.crawleymethodistchurch.org.uk

Activities List

Sunday Worship Services	Prayer Meetings
Friday Contemporary Worship Service	Loaves and Fishes (Community Café)
A variety of informal Worship and Social Events	Pastoral Visiting
Fellowship Groups	Community Use of the Building
Sunday School Groups	Fund Raising for others
Young Peoples' Singing Groups	Boys' Brigade and Girls' Association

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Public Benefit

The trustees have referred to the guidance in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the charity's aims and objectives in planning its future activities. In particular, they have considered how planned activities will contribute to the aims and objectives they have set.

Achievements and Performance

St Paul's Methodist Church has continued to fulfil its mission objectives through the provision of opportunities for its members, and the wider community, to engage in Christian worship, prayer, bible study, fellowship, and a range of social and community activities. The Church has continued to pursue the aims and strategies of its mission plan (please see the Future Plans section). The church's achievements and performance are reported in terms of the progress made toward the aims and with the strategies.

Worship

AIM: To develop our worship so that it becomes more accessible, more relevant, and more helpful to our people as they seek to know God and worship Him.

STRATEGY: Make worship more accessible, welcoming, relevant and engaging, particularly for those who are unfamiliar with Church and for young people and families

PROGRESS:

During the course of the year, we continued with our intergenerational approach to worship, to further engage children and families. The children were often asked to do something in the service linked to the theme and to feed back to the congregation later in the service. The children continued to read, sing, help lead the singing from the front, act in short sketches and, in June, they led the service, having been involved in the planning and writing of the service.

The sermon has continued to be divided into shorter talks, making it more accessible for younger people or for those who come to church less often. Sometimes there are discussions and activities for adults as well as children and we have continued to introduce more contemporary and modern worship songs. Adult members of the congregation continue to volunteer to read – either from their seats or by coming up to the front. In July, one of our Fellowship groups led the service. We have up to three own arrangement services in each quarter and these are being led by members of the congregation. A Worship Leader was commissioned in July, having completed the Methodist Worship Leader training.

The mid-week service on Tuesdays continued until February, when there was no one to lead these services. A new monthly contemporary worship service was introduced in January for those who prefer the more contemporary approach. Both adults and families with children are attending this service.

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Fellowship, prayer, bible study

AIM: To help our people grow as disciples and to engage them in fellowship based on Bible study, prayer, mutual support and encouragement.

STRATEGY: Extend and enhance the fellowship groups and reshape the pastoral support system.

PROGRESS:

Four Fellowship groups have continued to meet throughout the year, at different times and days, providing a range of approaches to better meet the preferences and lifestyles of our congregation and community. The church has extended the number of fellowship groups to cover different days times and provide a range of approaches, to better meet the preferences and lifestyles of our congregation and community. The new pastoral system was amended/updated during the year, in which all members of the church and adherents, are in small groups, who look out for each other. We recruited multiple new Pastoral Visitors and in July had a service to celebrate the new system which was well attended and enjoyed by all. Pastoral Visitors oversee a number of groups, giving additional support where needed. The entire system is overseen by our minister.

Family and Youth activities

AIM: To reach new people, particularly young people and families, and engage them with us, so that they hear the Gospel message, come to know Jesus Christ as their Saviour, and grow as disciples.

STRATEGY: Expand and enhance the provision for families, children and young people. Promote and share more widely all that St Paul's offers.

PROGRESS:

The Young People's Singing Group continued to meet weekly during term time. The group has been growing throughout the year. They continue to lead worship regularly on a Sunday morning and at the contemporary worship services. Sunday School has grown to the need for 2 groups every week and enjoys a diverse range of activities.

In December we had a full nativity service led by the young people focusing on the viewpoint of the Donkey.

The Church set up 1st Crawley Boy's Brigade and Girl's Association which meets weekly during term time. All the leaders have been trained and we are excited to see how this grows. 3 young people went to the Battalion camp and 3 young people attended the Junior Day Trip. All of them have taken part in competitions and events and enjoyed them thoroughly.

10 young people went to 3generate in October with the Circuit which is an amazing experience to explore their faith and see thousands of other young people join together to worship and have fun.

In June the young people led King's Kids service which was well attended and the YPSG sung at. This was followed by inflatables and a BBQ for all.

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Volunteering

AIM: To engage a greater proportion of our people in volunteering to help and serve in the church and in the community.

STRATEGY: Help our people recognise and develop the gifts that God has given them and encourage them to respond to the opportunities to use these gifts in the church and in the community.

PROGRESS:

The church leadership has continued to engage with the congregation to explore opportunities and encourage volunteering. A personal invitational approach has produced some encouraging results in some areas, but there is more work to be done to ensure that there will be sufficient volunteers in the future.

Building and Resources

AIM: To make our building fit for our mission purposes, focusing on reroofing, refurbishing, and remodeling the Sanctuary.

Finish the Sanctuary Project (reroofing and refurbishment) and improve other parts of the building.

PROGRESS:

There were a few snags left to be sorted from the sanctuary project, once these have been addressed, we will be installing acoustic treatment. Various facilities and have been upgraded and general repair on the building has continued. The largest project except for the completed of the Sanctuary project was refurbishing our main kitchen which was original to the building.

Other Aspects

The following activities and aspects of the church have also contributed significantly to the aims of church's mission plan.

The Loaves and Fishes community café, which is run entirely by volunteers, has been running well, covering four days a week. Serving people both from the congregation and the local community. The café continues to provide food and drinks, ranging from snacks to light meals, at very affordable prices. It also provides a warm and welcoming place for our church members and the local community to meet.

As a part of its service to the community, the church lets rooms to a variety of groups and organisations. Most of these lettings are to charitable, community, educational, health, and welfare organisations, and are at very affordable rates with significant discounts. We have continued to provide space to Crawley's refugee community for support groups and language classes.

During the year, we held a number of one-off activities to invite people in from the community including a large King's Kids service led by the young people with inflatables and a BBQ.

Collections have been made for a range of charities, including Action for Children, Christian Aid, All We Can and Water Aid. We also collect clothing for Refugees Welcome throughout the year. Our Harvest Contributions went to Crawley Open House and the Easter Team Food Bank.

The church continues to develop its website and social media to engage with its members and the community, and to advertise and promote all that it offers.

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Financial Review

Overview

A balanced General Fund budget was planned for the financial year ending 31st August 2025. The outcome was a General Fund surplus of £36,850. General Fund income was above the budget prediction and expenditure was below the budget prediction.

Total income for all funds was £13k lower than the previous year. Expenditure was above the budget prediction by roughly £14k but lower than the than the previous year, mainly due to the refurbishment done the previous year.

With the cost of the Sanctuary project in 2023/24, there was some minor works and equipment purchases done in 2024/25 which increased the expenditure above what was predicted. However, this project has been a great asset to help reignite Church growth and make the building fit for the future by making it a modern useable space for generations to come.

Similar to last year's report, the makeup of the Church's income has changed significantly over time. After adjusting for inflation, the last eleven years show a downward trend in giving (pledges, offerings, donations and Gift Aid tax refunds) and an upward trend in lettings. In 2014 lettings accounted for 22% of the General Fund income whereas, in 2024, it is now 58%. In contrast, income from giving to the General Fund has dropped from 66% of the General Fund income in 2014 to 33% in 2024. The lettings income is very encouraging and it continues to increase year on year in recent year, with an increase of 9% from last year. However, the lettings market can be volatile and there are risks in becoming over-dependent on this income stream.

The decline in active membership continues to be an issue. If this trend is not reversed, income from pledges, offerings and donations will continue to drop, leading to a reduction in total income, and the shortage of volunteers to run the mission critical activities will become more acute. The church's highest priority is to grow the church by sharing the gospel and making disciples.

Income and Expenditure

General Fund

Most of the church's income is from pledges, offerings and donations, and lettings.

The income from pledges was above the budget prediction but £2,608 below the previous year. Loose cash offerings were higher than the previous year, but donations were significantly below budget predictions and much lower than the previous year. Overall, income from giving to the General Fund (pledges, offerings, donations, contributions from external organisations, and Gift Aid) was £6,105 less than last year and £8,983 less than two years ago. This reduction in income may be partly attributed to the cost-of-living crisis, but the primary cause is the declining trend in active membership.

The income from lettings was £89,331 (9,331 above the budget prediction of £80,000). This is the highest year of income from lettings to date.

Income from the Loaves and Fishes Café was slightly above the budget prediction, with an increase of 5.4% and above last year's income, but significantly lower than the income received two years ago.

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Most of the General Fund expenditure is incurred on the Circuit Assessment (used by the Circuit to pay ministers' stipends and related costs, and to pay the District Assessment); the costs of running the church building (maintenance, cleaning and lettings salaries, energy and other utilities, etc.); and the costs of running the church's activities.

Circuit Assessment was in line with budget predictions. Energy expenditure and property maintenance expenditure were higher than predicted. Expenditure on salaries was broadly in-line with predictions. There were smaller underspends and overspends in several other budget areas. In total the underspends outweighed the overspends.

The church also received a legacy of £500.

Designated Funds

The major expenditure in the designated funds was for maintenance of the property. We have transferred £20,000 into the fund during the year. This was to cover the cost of the kitchen refurbishment and to cover the remaining sanctuary project costs due after the snagging period.

Restricted Funds

As planned, the sanctuary project used the majority of the restricted funds for the redevelopment of the sanctuary.

Assets

No new assets were added during the financial year. The building has been revalued in accordance with the accounting policy.

Funds and Reserves

The General Fund reserves of the church (i.e. the net current General Fund assets) at 31st August 2025 were £138,167, which meets the requirements of the reserves policy.

At 31st August 2025 the total net current assets of all the church funds was £151,161 and the total of all the church funds (i.e. including fixed assets) was £6,166,686.

Going Concern

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

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Future Plans

We plan to worship and serve God, and to share His love with the community, by continuing to pursue the vision expressed in our mission statement.

Our priorities for the year ahead include church growth, fellowship and discipleship, human resources, and building improvements.

Our priority for the year ahead is church growth.

Our aim is to:

- reach new people, particularly young people and families, and engage them with us, so that they hear the Gospel message, come to know Jesus Christ as their Saviour, and grow as disciples.

We are seeking to follow where the Holy Spirit leads and, at this stage, we plan to pursue the following strategies to achieve our priority aims:

- Make worship more accessible, welcoming, relevant and engaging, particularly for those who are unfamiliar with Church and for young people and families
- Expand and enhance the provision for families, children and young people
- Extend and enhance the fellowship groups and reshape the pastoral support system
- Promote and share more widely all that St Paul's offers
- Help our people recognise and develop the gifts that God has given them and encourage them to respond to the opportunities to use these gifts in the church and in the community.
- Complete the remaining aspects of the Sanctuary Project including: addressing the snagging items, finishing the installation of the AV systems and adding acoustic treatment, and installing solar panels.

We also plan to continue running all the activities listed in the activities section of this report.

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Structure, Governance and Management

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

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

The members of St Paul's Methodist Church Council are the Charity Trustees, membership being made up of church office holders, Minister, and representatives appointed by the Church at the General Church Meeting (the Church's Annual General Meeting) and by the Church Council.

Day to day management of the church is undertaken by the Church Leadership Team together with the Minister. The Leadership Team is appointed by the Church Council.

Basis of preparation and legal framework

The Charity's annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2025 have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 and the Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice 2015 as applicable to the Financial Reporting Standard (FRSSE) 2015

Trustee Training

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

Related Parties

The Church is part of the Redhill and East Grinstead Circuit which is part of the South East District and is also accountable to the Methodist Conference.

Risk Management

The major risks have been identified and recorded by the Trustees with professional advice taken as required. A regular annual review process is undertaken and recorded.

Income and Expenditure is being monitored in total and is compared with the approved annual budget on a quarter yearly basis to detect trends as part of the risk management process to avoid unforeseen calls on reserves.

Safeguarding

St Paul's Methodist Church commits itself to ensuring the implementation of Connexional Safeguarding Policy, government legislation, guidance and safe practice in the circuit and in the churches.

St Paul's Methodist Church commits itself to the provision of support, advice and training for lay and ordained people that will ensure people are clear and confident about their roles and responsibilities in safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and adults who may be vulnerable.

Reserves Policy

The General Reserves Policy for the Church is to hold a minimum sum equivalent to 6 months' average expenditure. This should be sufficient to meet any unforeseen item of major expenditure on the church building and / or to be able to continue, in the short term, funding planned activities in the event of any inability to raise the full expenses including the assessment payable to the Circuit.

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Investment Policy

A low-risk liquid position is maintained. The Deposit Fund administered by the Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church is utilised to deposit any funds surplus to immediate requirements.

Exemptions from Disclosure

There are no exemptions from disclosure.

Funds held as custodian trustee on behalf of others

The Church holds no funds as a custodian trustee on behalf of others.

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITY

Year Ended 31 August 2025

Statement of Financial Activity

	Notes	Unrestricted funds	Designated Funds	Restricted funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
Income and endowments from:						
Donations and legacies	4					
Pledges and offerings		35,068	—	—	35,068	37,676
Donations		65	1	—	66	988
Gift Aid tax refunds		7,305	—	—	7,305	8,879
Legacies		—	500	—	500	1,000
Income from charitable activities	5					
Fund raising		—	—	—	—	—
Loaves and Fishes		6,325	—	—	6,325	5,930
Other charitable activities		170	—	—	170	140
Other trading activities	6					
Lettings		89,331	—	—	89,331	81,815
Investments	7	5,347	22	45	5,413	20,892
Total income		143,610	523	45	144,177	157,321
Expenditure on:						
Salaries, NIC and pension costs	8	29,114	—	—	29,114	24,595
Circuit Assessment		19,500	—	—	19,500	39,000
Maintenance of Church buildings and property	11	17,163	11,830	574	29,566	469,036
Utilities (insurance, energy, water, etc)	12	31,224	—	—	31,224	22,853
Grants and Donations	13	—	—	—	—	(2,443)
Loaves and Fishes		3,755	—	—	3,755	2,139
Other expenditure	14	6,004	597	—	6,601	6,293
Total expenditure		106,759	12,427	574	119,760	561,473
Net income / (expenditure) resources before transfer		36,850	(11,904)	(529)	24,417	(404,152)
Transfers						
Gross transfers between funds - in		—	20,000	—	20,000	40,000
Gross transfers between funds - out		(20,000)	—	—	(20,000)	(40,000)
Other recognised gains / losses						
Gains on revaluation, fixed assets, charity's own use	15	254,275	—	—	254,275	406,674
Net movement in funds		271,125	8,096	(529)	278,692	2,522
Reconciliation of funds						
Total funds brought forward		5,882,567	4,844	583	5,887,994	5,885,472
Total funds carried forward		6,153,692	12,941	54	6,166,686	5,887,994

Note: Values are in British pounds sterling (GBP). Components may not sum to totals because of rounding to the nearest pound.

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BALANCE SHEET

Year Ended 31 August 2025

Balance Sheet

	Notes	General Fund	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	At 31/08/2025 £	At 31/08/2024 £
Fixed assets						
Tangible assets	15	6,015,525	—	—	6,015,525	5,761,250
Fixed assets		6,015,525	—	—	6,015,525	5,761,250
Current assets						
Debtors	16	10,140	—	—	10,140	1,977
Cash at bank and in hand	16	131,481	12,941	70	144,492	179,688
Current assets		141,621	12,941	70	154,632	181,665
Liabilities						
Creditors: Amounts falling due in one year	17	3,454	—	17	3,471	54,921
Net current assets less current liabilities		138,167	12,941	54	151,161	126,744
Total assets less current liabilities		6,153,692	12,941	54	6,166,686	5,887,994
Total net assets less liabilities		6,153,692	12,941	54	6,166,686	5,887,994
Represented by						
Unrestricted						
Unrestricted - General fund		6,153,692	—	—	6,153,692	5,882,567
Designated						
Designated - Hymn Book Fund		—	415	—	415	—
Designated - Redevelopment & Refurbishment		—	12,437	—	12,437	4,244
Designated - Youth		—	88	—	88	600
Restricted						
Restricted - Redevelopment & Refurbishment		—	—	54	54	583
Funds of the church		6,153,692	12,941	54	6,166,686	5,887,994

Note: Values are in British pounds sterling (GBP). Components may not sum to totals because of rounding to the nearest pound.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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Notes to the Financial Statements

In the following notes, values are in British pounds sterling (GBP). The components of tables may not sum to totals because of rounding to the nearest pound.

1. Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared under the Charities Act 2011 in accordance with the 2015 version of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) as amended by the update bulletin (effective 1 January 2015).

2. Funds

The funds held constitute: General Funds held for any purpose of the Church which are Unrestricted. Restricted funds which are held for a narrower purpose including those for internal organisations. Details of each material fund are disclosed in note 20. Any funds may be represented by more than just cash.

3. Accounting policies

Basis

These accounts have been prepared on the basis of historical cost, except that investments are shown at their market value at the end of the year, on the accruals basis to show a true and fair view of the Church's financial position and activities.

Income

Income is included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) when the Church becomes entitled to the resources, and the trustees are reasonably certain they will receive the resources; and the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Expenditure

This is recognised when a liability is incurred, or a constructive obligation arises, that results in the payment being unavoidable. Liabilities are recognised as soon as an outflow of economic benefit is considered more likely than not under the legal or constructive obligation committing the Church to pay out resources.

Grants

Grants made by the Church from its own funds are recognised in full at the time of agreement or when the Church accepts that there is a legal or operational obligation to make the payment.

VAT

Since the Church is not VAT registered, all input VAT is charged with the expenses to which it refers.

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Tangible fixed assets for use by the Church

These are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year, and individually cost more than £3,000. The freehold property is shown at cost, based on the insurer's valuation.

Depreciation

Assets having an initial cost of £3,000 or less are written off in full in the year of acquisition.

Furniture and Fittings of a durable nature having an initial cost greater than £3,000 are depreciated at the rate of 33.33% per annum on a straight-line basis. Computer and Electronic equipment having an initial cost greater than £3,000 are depreciated at 50% per annum on a straight-line basis.

Investment Properties

Investment properties - no property is currently deemed to not be held for the long-term purposes of the charity.

Investments

Investments are valued in the balance sheet at market value at the year end. Investment income is included in the accounts when receivable. Any gains or losses on revaluation at the year-end are shown in the SOFA.

Debtors and Prepayments

Debtors include outstanding lettings invoices in August.

Creditors

Creditors include outstanding items relating to utilities, etc. in August.

Volunteers

A certain amount of time is spent on the charity's activities, which is donated free of charge. It is not possible to quantify the value of time given and accordingly it is recorded neither as donated income or as expense in the financial statement.

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4. Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	This year	Last year
1200 - Envelope Scheme & Direct bank receipts	34,498	—	—	34,498	36,490
1220 - Offerng - Loose Cash	570	—	—	570	1,186
1230 – Donations	65	1	—	66	249
1260 - Contributions From Ext Orgs	—	—	—	—	739
1250 - Tax Reclaimed On Gift Aid	7,305	—	—	7,305	8,879
1255 – Legacies	—	500	—	500	1,000
Donations and legacies Totals	42,437	501	—	42,938	48,543

5. Charitable activities

	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	This year	Last year
1410 - Loaves & Fishes	6,325	—	—	6,325	5,930
1400 - Fees - Weddings, Funerals etc	170	—	—	—	140
Income from charitable activities Totals	6,495	—	—	6,495	6,070

6. Other trading activities

	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	This year	Last year
1300 - Property Lettings	89,331	—	—	89,331	81,815
Other trading activities Totals	89,331	—	—	89,331	81,815

7. Investment income

	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	This year	Last year
1510 - CFB General Dep a/c Interest	5,347	—	—	5,347	5,499
1511 - CFB Redev Dep a/c Interest	—	22	—	22	608
1514 - CFB Project Dep a/c Interest	—	—	45	45	14,785
Investments Totals	5,347	22	45	5,413	20,892

The Church holds three interest-bearing Methodist Church Central Finance Board (CFB) deposit accounts

1. **CFB General Deposit Account:** used primarily to hold on deposit General and Benevolence funds that are not immediately required.
2. **CFB Redevelopment Deposit Account:** used to hold on deposit Redevelopment and Refurbishment designated funds until they are required
3. **CFB Project Deposit Account:** used to hold on deposit the Redevelopment and Refurbishment restricted funds until they are required.

8. Paid employees

	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	This year	Last year
4010 - Salaries - Cleaners	15,907	—	—	15,907	13,373
4011 - Salaries -Lettings	13,207	—	—	13,207	11,222
Salaries, NIC and pension costs Totals	29,114	—	—	29,114	24,595

The Church has two part-time paid employees.

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9. Paid trustees

Nicola, Postle, trustee, is employed as Lettings Manager and Cleaner and was paid £22,349 during the 2024-25 financial year.

10. Fees for examination or audit of the accounts

2023-24	Independent Examination Fee	£315
2024-25	Independent Examination Fee	£400 (provision)

11. Maintenance of Church buildings and property

	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	This year	Last year
4200 - Property Maintenance	13,208	12,412	—	25,620	16,670
4210 - Property Redevelopment	—	(582)	574	(8)	449,111
4225 - Grounds Maintenance	1,167	—	—	1,167	1,658
4250 - Window Cleaning	624	—	—	624	581
4252 - Cleaning Materials	1,207	—	—	1,207	868
4255 - Cleaning	957	—	—	957	147
Maintenance of Church buildings & property Totals	17,163	11,830	574	29,566	469,036

12. Utilities

	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	This year	Last year
4220 - Gas	8,978	—	—	8,978	6,037
4230 - Electricity	13,917	—	—	13,917	6,549
4240 - Water	904	—	—	904	1,293
4245 - Waste Disposal	1,113	—	—	1,113	1,038
4260 - Telephone and Broadband	442	—	—	442	86
5050 - Insurance	5,870	—	—	5,870	7,850
Utilities (insurance, energy, water, etc) Totals	31,224	—	—	31,224	22,853

13. Grants and donations

	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	This year	Last year
2000 - Gifts & Donations	—	—	—	—	—
2300 - Benevolence – Disbursements	—	—	—	—	—
6000 - Connexional/Other Contribs	—	—	—	—	(2,443)
Grants and Donations Totals	—	—	—	—	(2,443)

In the 2021-22 financial year the Connexion requested all churches to make a donation towards the shortfall in the Methodist Church pension fund and St Paul's made a donation of £2,250. The pension fund position improved and the donations from churches were not required. The Connexion refunded all donations in the 2023-24 financial year, with interest included, and St Paul's received a refund £2,443. Nothing to report for 2024-25.

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14. Other expenditure

	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	This year	Last year
2100 - Worship Resources	1,005	85	—	1,090	1,564
2110 - Presentation Bibles, Candles	59	—	—	59	42
2130 - Printing, Postage & Stationery	20	—	—	20	—
2200 - Junior Church & Youth	1,155	512	—	1,667	436
3010 - Other Catering Expenses	1,430	—	—	1,430	1,166
3025 - Publicity new	—	—	—	—	206
3040 - Church Growth	787	—	—	787	919
3050 - Web Site development	175	—	—	175	193
4205 - Property Letting Expenses	697	—	—	697	944
4300 - Miscellaneous Expenses	44	—	—	44	227
5000 - Treasurer/Stewardship Expenses	173	—	—	173	75
5001 - Bank charges	144	—	—	144	130
5010 - Professional Fees	315	—	—	315	365
5030 - Minister's Local Expenses	—	—	—	—	25
Other expenditure Totals	6,004	597	—	6,601	6,293

15. Tangible assets

This Year (2024-2025)

	Church (non-investment) land and buildings	Fixtures, fittings, and Equipment	Total
	£	£	£
Cost or valuation			
At beginning of the year	5,761,250	-	5,761,250
Additions	-	-	-
Disposals	-	-	-
Revaluations	254,275	-	254,275
Transfers	-	-	-
At end of the year	6,015,525	-	6,015,525
Depreciation and impairments			
At beginning of the year	-	-	-
Disposals	-	-	-
Depreciation	-	-	-
Impairment	-	-	-
Transfers	-	-	-
At end of the year	-	-	-
Net book value at beginning of the year	5,761,250	-	5,761,250
Net book value at end of the year	6,015,525	-	6,015,525

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Previous Year (2023-2024)			
	Church (non-investment) land and buildings	Fixtures, fittings, and Equipment	Total
	£	£	£
Cost or valuation			
At beginning of the year	5,354,576	-	5,354,576
Additions	-	-	-
Disposals	-	-	-
Revaluations	406,674	-	406,674
Transfers	-	-	-
At end of the year	5,761,250	-	5,761,250
Depreciation and impairments			
At beginning of the year	-	-	-
Disposals	-	-	-
Depreciation	-	-	-
Impairment	-	-	-
Transfers	-	-	-
At end of the year	-	-	-
Net book value at beginning of the year	5,354,576	-	5,354,576
Net book value at end of the year	5,761,250	-	5,761,250

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16. Analysis of current assets

<i>Debtors and prepayments</i>	This year	Last year
Prepayments	1,625	1,625
Accrued income	8,515	352
Other debtors	-	-
Total debtors and prepayments	10,140	1,977

<i>Analysis of cash at bank</i>	This year	Last year
Bank balance held in HSBC Bank	7,376	14,759
Bank balance held in CFB	136,966	164,779
Bank balance held in Sainsbury Card	-	150
Loaves and Fishes Float	150	-
Total Cash at Bank	144,492	179,688

17. Analysis of current liabilities and long-term creditors

<i>Current Liabilities</i>	This year	Last year
Trade Creditors	1,639	54,385
Other Creditors	1,832	535
Total Current Liabilities	3,471	54,921

18. Capital commitments and contingent liabilities

At the 31st August 2025 the Church has no capital commitments. No Contingent liabilities were identified at 31st August 2025.

19. Loans and creditors due after one year

There were no creditors due after one year in the financial year 2024-2025.

20. Detailed analysis of individual fund movements

Unrestricted funds

General Fund: for the running costs of the Church and the Church building, including the Church activities, the Circuit Assessment and any costs not covered by the other funds.

Designated funds

Hymn Book Fund: for replacing and/or updating hymn books.

Outreach Hospitality Fund: for refreshments and other hospitality expenses for outreach events and activities.

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Redevelopment & Refurbishment Fund: for redeveloping and refurbishing the Church buildings and resources.

Benevolence Fund: for disbursements to those in need and support for those in poverty.

Youth Fund for provision of activities and resources for children and young people.

Restricted funds

Redevelopment & Refurbishment Fund: for redeveloping and refurbishing the Church buildings. All donations given specifically for the purpose of this fund, and any proceeds from fundraising specifically advertised as raising money for this purpose, are placed in this fund. It complements the identically named designated fund above.

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This Year (2024-2025)

Fund and type	Fund balances brought forward	Incoming Resources	Outgoing Resources	Transfers	Gains and Losses	Fund balances carried forward
Unrestricted						
General - General fund	5,882,567	143,610	106,759	(20,000)	254,275	6,153,692
Sub-totals	5,882,567	143,610	106,759	(20,000)	254,275	6,153,692
Designated						
Hymn - Hymn Book Fund	—	500	85	—	—	415
Outreach Hospitality Fund	—	—	—	—	—	—
Redevelopment & Refurbishment Fund	4,244	23	11,830	20,000	—	12,437
Benevolence Fund	—	—	—	—	—	—
Youth Fund	600	—	512	—	—	88
Sub-totals	4,844	523	12,427	20,000	—	12,941
Restricted						
Redevelopment & Refurbishment Fund	583	45	574	—	—	54
Sub-totals	583	45	574	—	—	54
Totals	5,887,994	144,177	119,760	—	254,275	6,166,686

Last Year (2023-2024)

Fund and type	Fund balances brought forward	Incoming Resources	Outgoing Resources	Transfers	Gains and Losses	Fund balances carried forward
Unrestricted						
General - General fund	5,485,723	141,926	111,756	(40,000)	406,674	5,882,567
Sub-totals	5,485,723	141,926	111,756	(40,000)	406,674	5,882,567
Designated						
Hymn - Hymn Book Fund	90	—	90	—	—	—
Outreach Hospitality Fund	516	—	516	—	—	—
Redevelopment & Refurbishment Fund	10,116	609	46,481	40,000	—	4,244
Benevolence Fund	—	—	—	—	—	—
Youth Fund	600	—	—	—	—	600
Sub-totals	11,322	609	47,087	40,000	—	4,844
Restricted						
Redevelopment & Refurbishment Fund	388,427	14,785	402,630	—	—	583
Sub-totals	388,427	14,785	402,630	—	—	583
Totals	5,885,472	157,321	561,473	—	406,674	5,887,994

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21. Related party transactions

Name of related party	Relationship	Description of transaction	Payments to related party during the year	Value of gifts to related party during the year
Redhill and East Grinstead Methodist Circuit	Methodist Church	Payment of Circuit Assessment	19,500	-
Lazer World, Laser Planet	Companies owned by Isaac Conroy, trustee	Purchase of property and grounds maintenance services	2,075	-
Total Related Party Transactions			21,575	-

22. Donations

There were no donations made to other organisations by the Church from Church funds or from Internal Organisation funds which are not itemised elsewhere.

23. Events after the reporting period

There were no reportable events after the reporting period.

St Paul's Methodist Church, Crawley

DECLARATION

Year Ended 31 August 2025

This Report of the Trustees and these Financial Statements were approved by the Church Council on 19th April 2026 and signed on behalf of the Church Council by

Signature:

Name



Benjamin Scrivens

:

St Paul's Methodist Church, Crawley

INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT

To the Trustees of St Paul's Methodist Church

This Report is on the Church Accounts for the year ended 31st August 2025

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The Church's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The church's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under Section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (effective January 2015) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general directions given by the Charity Commission under Section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention

Basis of Independent Examiner's Report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair view" and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

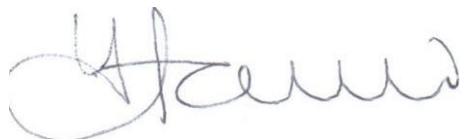
Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements;
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 130 of the Charities act 2011
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirement of the Charities Acthave not been met; or
- (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Name: Yvette How MAAT

Signature:



Relevant Professional qualification or body: MAAT

Address: 6 Frailey Close, Maybury, Woking, GU22 8EB

Date: 28th April 2026

Accounts

Registered Charity number 1127744

St Paul's Methodist Church, Crawley

**Report of the Trustees and Unaudited Financial Statements
for the Year Ended 31 August 2024**

St Paul's Methodist Church, Crawley

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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Year Ended 31 August 2024

Trustees:	Rev G. Baalham	
	Mr M. Bower	(until 30 April 2024)
	Ms L. Booyse	(from 1 May 2024)
	Mr A. Brown	(until 30 April 2024)
	Ms V. Collins	
	Mr I. Conroy	
	Mrs Y. Ellard	(until 30 April 2024)
	Mrs D. Ford	
	Mrs S. Ford	
	Mrs B. Gillet	(until 30 April 2024)
	Mrs H. Greaves	(from 1 May 2024)
	Mrs S. Jones	
	Mrs J. Jordan	(from 1 May 2024)
	Mr P. Jordan	(from 1 May 2024)
	Ms R. Lewis	(from 1 May 2024)
	Mr E. Madakudya	
	Mrs J. Mason	
	Rev C. McKie	(from 1 May 2024)
	Ms T. Njini	(from 1 May 2024)
	Mrs C. Ofield	
	Mr M. Ofield	
	Ms C. Okon	
	Deacon J. Parnell	
	Ms N. Postle	
	Dr Sattianayagam	(from 1 May 2024)
	Mrs I. Sattianayagam	(from 1 May 2024)
	Mrs L. Turksom	(from 1 May 2024)

Full name of the Church: St Paul's Methodist Church

Alternative name: Crawley Methodist Church

Registered Charity Number: 1127744

Principal address St Paul's Methodist Church, Woodfield Road,
Northgate, Crawley, West Sussex, RH10 8ER

Independent examiner: Yvette How MAAT

Investment Bankers: Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

Year Ended 31 August 2024

The Trustees submit their annual report and unaudited financial statements for the year ended 31-August 2024. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the accounts and comply with the charity's trust deed, the Charities Act 2011 and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) as amended by the update bulletin (effective 1 January 2015).

Objectives and Activities

Objectives

St Paul's Methodist Church's Mission is to: Unite in Faith, Worship in Faith, Grow in Faith, Share the Good News, Make Disciples, and Serve in Love.

Note: 'Faith' refers to the Christian faith and Good News' refers to the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

The Church also supports and contributes to the purposes of the Methodist Church which are the advancement of:

- a) The Christian faith in accordance with the doctrinal standards and discipline of The Methodist Church;
- b) Any charitable purpose for the time being of any Connexional, District, Circuit, local or other organisation of The Methodist Church;
- c) Any charitable purpose for the time being of any society or institution subsidiary or ancillary to The Methodist Church;
- d) Any purpose for the time being of any charity being a charity subsidiary or ancillary to The Methodist Church.

Activities

The activities of St Paul's Methodist Church are designed to meet the objectives of the mission statement and, by doing so, to benefit its members, its congregation and the wider public, by supporting Christians as they seek to worship God and to live out their faith, by sharing the Christian message, by helping those in need, and by working for social justice. A list of the main, regular activities is given below. This list does not include one-off special events. For a fuller description of the activities, please see the church website: www.crawleymethodistchurch.org.uk

Activities List

Sunday Worship Services
Friday Contemporary Worship Service
A variety of informal Worship and Social Events
Fellowship Groups
Sunday School Groups
Young Peoples' Singing Groups

Prayer Meetings
Loaves and Fishes (Community Café)
Pastoral Visiting
Community Use of the Building
Fund Raising for others

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Public Benefit

The trustees have referred to the guidance in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the charity's aims and objectives in planning its future activities. In particular, they have considered how planned activities will contribute to the aims and objectives they have set.

Achievements and Performance

St Paul's Methodist Church has continued to fulfil its mission objectives through the provision of opportunities for its members, and the wider community, to engage in Christian worship, prayer, bible study, fellowship, and a range of social and community activities. The Church has continued to pursue the aims and strategies of its mission plan (please see the Future Plans section). The church's achievements and performance are reported in terms of the progress made toward the aims and with the strategies.

Worship

AIM: To develop our worship so that it becomes more accessible, more relevant, and more helpful to our people as they seek to know God and worship Him.

STRATEGY: Make worship more accessible, welcoming, relevant and engaging, particularly for those who are unfamiliar with Church and for young people and families

PROGRESS:

During the course of the year, we continued with our intergenerational approach to worship, to further engage children and families. The children were often asked to do something in the service linked to the theme and to feed back to the congregation later in the service. The children continued to read, sing, help lead the singing from the front, act in short sketches and, in June, they led the service, having been involved in the planning and writing of the service. The sermon has continued to be divided into shorter talks, making it more accessible for younger people or for those who come to church less often. Sometimes there are discussions and activities for adults as well as children and we have continued to introduce more contemporary and modern worship songs. Adult members of the congregation continue to volunteer to read – either from their seats or by coming up to the front. In July, one of our Fellowship groups led the service. We have up to three own arrangement services in each quarter and these are being led by members of the congregation. A Worship Leader was commissioned in July, having completed the Methodist Worship Leader training.

The mid-week service on Tuesdays continued until February, when there was no one to lead these services. A new monthly contemporary worship service was introduced in January for those who prefer the more contemporary approach. Both adults and families with children are attending this service.

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Fellowship, prayer, bible study

AIM: To help our people grow as disciples and to engage them in fellowship based on Bible study, prayer, mutual support and encouragement.

STRATEGY: Extend and enhance the fellowship groups and reshape the pastoral support system.

PROGRESS:

Five Fellowship groups have continued to meet throughout the year, at different times and days, providing a range of approaches to better meet the preferences and lifestyles of our congregation and community. The church has extended the number of fellowship groups to cover different days times and provide a range of approaches, to better meet the preferences and lifestyles of our congregation and community. The new pastoral system was introduced during the year, in which all members of the church and adherents, are in small groups, who look out for each other. Pastoral Visitors oversee a number of groups, giving additional support where needed. The entire system is overseen by our minister.

Family and Youth activities

AIM: To reach new people, particularly young people and families, and engage them with us, so that they hear the Gospel message, come to know Jesus Christ as their Saviour, and grow as disciples.

STRATEGY: Expand and enhance the provision for families, children and young people. Promote and share more widely all that St Paul's offers.

PROGRESS:

The Young People's Singing Group continued to meet weekly during term time. The group shrunk back to one group, who led a service in June, planning and writing much of the service themselves, with adult support. They continue to lead worship, particularly the contemporary worship services. In June, we reintroduced Sunday School on a Sunday morning, during the service, with numbers averaging around 6 each week and nine children involved in total. Once a month, we hold all age worship services. The church continues to develop its website and social media to engage with its members and the community, and to advertise and promote all that it offers. Interaction with the Church's

social media has increased. The Church also publishes a regular email newsletter to keep everyone informed and paper copies are sent to those without access to email. A rolling screen in the Welcome Area of the church, advertises events in the church and the display boards are regularly updated to provide more up to date information about upcoming events.

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Volunteering

AIM: To engage a greater proportion of our people in volunteering to help and serve in the church and in the community.

STRATEGY: Help our people recognise and develop the gifts that God has given them and encourage them to respond to the opportunities to use these gifts in the church and in the community.

PROGRESS:

The church leadership has continued to engage with the congregation to explore opportunities and encourage volunteering. A personal invitational approach has produced some encouraging results in some areas, but there is more work to be done to ensure that there will be sufficient volunteers in the future.

Building and Resources

AIM: To make our building fit for our mission purposes, focussing on reroofing, refurbishing, and remodelling the Sanctuary.

STRATEGY: Progress the Sanctuary Project (reroofing and refurbishment), install new AV systems, and improve other parts of the building.

PROGRESS:

In January, work began on the reroofing, refurbishing and decorating the Sanctuary. There were a few snags and the work is still to be completed. New AV equipment has been purchased and new speakers bought and hung professionally. We have also replaced a boiler. One of our long-term hirers left during the year and these rooms have been bought into use for hiring. Various facilities and have been upgraded and general repair on the building has continued. .

Other Aspects

The following activities and aspects of the church have also contributed significantly to the aims of church's mission plan.

The Loaves and Fishes community café, which is run entirely by volunteers, has been running well, covering three days a week. Serving people both from the congregation and the local community. The café continues to provide food and drinks, ranging from snacks to light meals, at very affordable prices. It also provides a warm and welcoming place for our church members and the local community to meet.

As a part of its service to the community, the church lets rooms to a variety of groups and organisations. Most of these lettings are to charitable, community, educational, health, and welfare organisations, and are at very affordable rates with significant discounts. This year, we have been delighted to provide space to Crawley's refugee community for support groups and language classes.

During the year, we held a number of one-off activities to invite people in from the community, including a harvest soup and bread lunch and a buffet lunch to celebrate the church's 70th Anniversary.

Collections have been made for a range of charities, including Action for Children, Methodist Relief Fund, Christian Aid (in which over £600 was raised), DEC and Refugees Welcome. We also collect clothing for Refugees Welcome throughout the year. Our Harvest Contributions went to Crawley Open House and the Easter Team Food Bank.

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Year Ended 31 August 2024

Financial Review

Overview

A balanced General Fund budget was planned for the financial year ending 31st August 2024. The outcome was a General Fund surplus of £30,170. General Fund income was above the budget prediction but £6,493 lower than the previous year. Expenditure was below the budget prediction but £4,909 higher than the previous year.

Total income for all funds was £6,849 lower than the previous year and total expenditure for all funds was £391,401 higher than the previous year. The increase came from planned project expenditure as described below.

The Sanctuary re-roofing and refurbishment project commenced in January 2024 and was mostly completed by the end of the financial year. The costs of this project incurred, or committed to, in the 2023-24 financial year were assigned to the Property Redevelopment designated and restricted funds (please refer to note 11 in the notes to the financial statement). Further minor works and equipment purchases may be required in the 2024-25 financial year to complete the project. and the final cost of the project may increase. The total Sanctuary Project expenditure related to the 2023-24 financial year was £449,111 (please refer to note 11 for details).

The makeup of the Church's income has changed significantly over time. After adjusting for inflation, the last eleven years show a downward trend in giving (pledges, offerings, donations and Gift Aid tax refunds) and an upward trend in lettings. In 2014 lettings accounted for 22% of the General Fund income whereas, in 2024, it is now 58%. In contrast, income from giving to the General Fund has dropped from 66% of the General Fund income in 2014 to 33% in 2024. The lettings income is very encouraging, but the lettings market can be volatile and there are risks in becoming over-dependent on this income stream.

The declining trend in active membership remains an issue. If this trend is not reversed, income from pledges, offerings and donations will continue to drop, leading to a reduction in total income, and the shortage of volunteers to run the mission critical activities will become more acute. The church's highest priority is to grow the church by sharing the gospel and making disciples.

Income and Expenditure

General Fund

Most of the church's income is from pledges, offerings and donations, and lettings.

The income from pledges was above the budget prediction but £2,625 below the previous year. Loose cash offerings were significantly higher than the previous year, but donations were below budget predictions and much lower than the previous year. Overall, income from giving to the General Fund (pledges, offerings, donations, contributions from external organisations, and Gift Aid) was £2,878 less than last year and £9,502 less than two years ago. This reduction in income may be partly attributed to the cost-of-living crisis, but the primary cause is the declining trend in active membership.

The budget prediction for lettings (£70,000) anticipated that income would be reduced by the impact of the Sanctuary building works. However, despite the Sanctuary being out of use for two thirds of the financial year, the impact was reduced by careful management and the income from lettings (£81,815) was significantly above the budget prediction, and not much lower than the previous year (£84,963).

Income from the Loaves and Fishes Café was in line with budget predictions but significantly below the previous year, probably because of the disruption and parking issues caused by the building works. The Loaves and Fishes expenditure was below budget predictions.

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

Year Ended 31 August 2024

Most of the General Fund expenditure is incurred on the Circuit Assessment (used by the Circuit to pay ministers' stipends and related costs, and to pay the District Assessment); the costs of running the church building (maintenance, cleaning and lettings salaries, energy and other utilities, etc.); and the costs of running the church's activities.

Circuit Assessment was in line with budget predictions. Energy expenditure and property maintenance expenditure were lower than predicted. Expenditure on salaries was broadly in-line with predictions. There was a significant underspend in the church growth budget. There were smaller underspends and overspends in several other budget areas. In total the underspends outweighed the overspends.

During the year Church Council agreed to assign £40,000 from the General Fund reserves to the Redevelopment and Refurbishment Designated Fund for the Sanctuary Project, to provide contingency funding for the building works and funding for solar panels and the new audio-visual system. Unfortunately, a structural survey found that the hall roof was not strong enough to support the panels. The church will now be considering alternative positions for the panels and seeking the required change in planning permission.

The church also received a legacy of £1,000.

Designated Funds

The major expenditure in the designated funds was from the Redevelopment and Refurbishment Designated Fund for the Sanctuary Project (please see note 11). There was also a transfer from the General Fund to the Redevelopment and Refurbishment Designated Fund, as detailed above.

Restricted Funds

As planned, the Sanctuary Project used up the restricted funds leaving just a small residual balance.

Assets

No new assets were added during the financial year. The building has been revalued in accordance with the accounting policy.

Funds and Reserves

The General Fund reserves of the church (i.e. the net current General Fund assets) at 31st August 2024 were £121,371, which meets the requirements of the reserves policy.

At 31st August 2024 the total net current assets of all the church funds was £126,744 and the total of all the church funds (i.e. including fixed assets) was £5,887,994.

Going Concern

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

Future Plans

We plan to worship and serve God, and to share His love with the community, by continuing to pursue the vision expressed in our mission statement.

Our priorities for the year ahead include church growth, fellowship and discipleship, human resources, and building improvements.

Our aim is to:

- develop our worship so that it becomes more accessible, more relevant, and more helpful to our people as they seek to know God and worship Him.
- reach new people, particularly young people and families, and engage them with us, so that they hear the Gospel message, come to know Jesus Christ as their Saviour, and grow as disciples.
- help our people grow as disciples and to engage them in fellowship based on Bible study, prayer, mutual support and encouragement.
- engage a greater proportion of our people in volunteering to help and serve in the church and in the community.
- make our building fit for our mission purposes, focussing on completing the Sanctuary Project.

We are seeking to follow where the Holy Spirit leads and, at this stage, we plan to pursue the following strategies to achieve our priority aims:

- Make worship more accessible, welcoming, relevant and engaging, particularly for those who are unfamiliar with Church and for young people and families
- Expand and enhance the provision for families, children and young people
- Extend and enhance the fellowship groups and reshape the pastoral support system
- Promote and share more widely all that St Paul's offers
- Help our people recognise and develop the gifts that God has given them and encourage them to respond to the opportunities to use these gifts in the church and in the community.
- Complete the remaining aspects of the Sanctuary Project including: addressing the snagging items, finishing the installation of the AV systems and adding acoustic treatment, and installing solar panels.

We also plan to continue running all the activities listed in the activities section of this report.

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Year Ended 31 August 2024

Structure, Governance and Management

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

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

The members of St Paul's Methodist Church Council are the Charity Trustees, membership being made up of church office holders, Minister, and representatives appointed by the Church at the General Church Meeting (the Church's Annual General Meeting) and by the Church Council.

Day to day management of the church is undertaken by the Church Leadership Team together with the Minister. The Leadership Team is appointed by the Church Council.

Basis of preparation and legal framework

The Charity's annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2024 have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 and the Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice 2015 as applicable to the Financial Reporting Standard (FRSSE) 2015

Trustee Training

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

Related Parties

The Church is part of the Redhill and East Grinstead Circuit which is part of the South East District and is also accountable to the Methodist Conference.

Risk Management

The major risks have been identified and recorded by the Trustees with professional advice taken as required. A regular annual review process is undertaken and recorded.

Income and Expenditure is being monitored in total and is compared with the approved annual budget on a quarter yearly basis to detect trends as part of the risk management process to avoid unforeseen calls on reserves.

Safeguarding

St Paul's Methodist Church commits itself to ensuring the implementation of Connexional Safeguarding Policy, government legislation, guidance and safe practice in the circuit and in the churches.

St Paul's Methodist Church commits itself to the provision of support, advice and training for lay and ordained people that will ensure people are clear and confident about their roles and responsibilities in safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and adults who may be vulnerable.

Reserves Policy

The General Reserves Policy for the Church is to hold a minimum sum equivalent to 6 months' average expenditure. This should be sufficient to meet any unforeseen item of major expenditure on the church building and / or to be able to continue, in the short term, funding planned activities in the event of any inability to raise the full expenses including the assessment payable to the Circuit.

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Year Ended 31 August 2024

Investment Policy

A low-risk liquid position is maintained. The Deposit Fund administered by the Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church is utilised to deposit any funds surplus to immediate requirements.

Exemptions from Disclosure

There are no exemptions from disclosure.

Funds held as custodian trustee on behalf of others

The Church holds no funds as a custodian trustee on behalf of others.

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITY

Year Ended 31 August 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
Income and endowments from:						
Donations and legacies	4					
Pledges and offerings		37,676	—	—	37,676	39,476
Donations		986	2	—	988	3,020
Gift Aid tax refunds		8,879	—	—	8,879	9,124
Legacies		1,000	—	—	1,000	—
Income from charitable activities	5					
Fund raising		—	—	—	—	37
Loaves and Fishes		5,930	—	—	5,930	9,571
Other charitable activities		140	—	—	140	40
Other trading activities	6					
Lettings		81,815	—	—	81,815	84,963
Investments	7	5,499	608	14,785	20,892	17,938
Total income		141,926	609	14,785	157,321	164,170
Expenditure on:						
Salaries, NIC and pension costs	8	24,595	—	—	24,595	21,639
Circuit Assessment		39,000	—	—	39,000	39,000
Maintenance of Church buildings and property	11	19,924	46,481	402,630	469,036	81,081
Utilities (insurance, energy, water, etc)	12	22,853	—	—	22,853	19,345
Grants and Donations	13	(2,443)	—	—	(2,443)	177
Loaves and Fishes		2,139	—	—	2,139	2,980
Other expenditure	14	5,687	606	—	6,293	5,850
Total expenditure		111,756	47,087	402,630	561,473	170,072
Net income / (expenditure) resources before transfer		30,170	(46,478)	(387,845)	(404,152)	(5,902)
Transfers						
Gross transfers between funds - in		—	40,000	—	40,000	16,000
Gross transfers between funds - out		(40,000)	—	—	(40,000)	(16,000)
Other recognised gains / losses						
Gains on revaluation, fixed assets, charity's own use	15	406,674	—	—	406,674	568,450
Net movement in funds		396,844	(6,478)	(387,845)	2,522	562,548
Reconciliation of funds						
Total funds brought forward		5,485,723	11,322	388,427	5,885,472	5,322,924
Total funds carried forward		5,882,567	4,844	583	5,887,994	5,885,472

Note: Values are in British pounds sterling (GBP). Components may not sum to totals because of rounding to the nearest pound.

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BALANCE SHEET

Year Ended 31 August 2024

	Notes	General Fund	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	At 31/08/2024	At 31/08/2023
					£	£
Fixed assets						
Tangible assets	15	5,761,250	—	—	5,761,250	5,354,576
Fixed assets		5,761,250	—	—	5,761,250	5,354,576
Current assets						
Debtors	16	1,977	—	—	1,977	4,198
Cash at bank and in hand	16	124,561	48,140	6,987	179,688	558,001
Current assets		126,537	48,140	6,987	181,665	562,199
Liabilities						
Creditors: Amounts falling due in one year	17	5,220	43,296	6,404	54,921	31,303
Net current assets less current liabilities		121,317	4,844	583	126,744	530,896
Total assets less current liabilities		5,882,567	4,844	583	5,887,994	5,885,472
Total net assets less liabilities		5,882,567	4,844	583	5,887,994	5,885,472
Represented by	20					
Unrestricted						
Unrestricted - General fund		5,882,567	—	—	5,882,567	5,485,723
Designated						
Designated - Hymn Book Fund		—	—	—	—	90
Designated - Outreach Hospitality		—	—	—	—	516
Designated - Redevelopment & Refurbishment		—	4,244	—	4,244	10,116
Designated - Youth		—	600	—	600	600
Restricted						
Restricted - Redevelopment & Refurbishment		—	—	583	583	388,427
Funds of the church		5,882,567	4,844	583	5,887,994	5,885,472

Note: Values are in British pounds sterling (GBP). Components may not sum to totals because of rounding to the nearest pound.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
Year Ended 31 August 2024

In the following notes, values are in British pounds sterling (GBP). The components of tables may not sum to totals because of rounding to the nearest pound.

1. Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared under the Charities Act 2011 in accordance with the 2015 version of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) as amended by the update bulletin (effective 1 January 2015).

2. Funds

The funds held constitute: General Funds held for any purpose of the Church which are Unrestricted. Restricted funds which are held for a narrower purpose including those for internal organisations. Details of each material fund are disclosed in note 20. Any funds may be represented by more than just cash.

3. Accounting policies

Basis

These accounts have been prepared on the basis of historical cost, except that investments are shown at their market value at the end of the year, on the accruals basis to show a true and fair view of the Church's financial position and activities.

Income

Income is included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) when the Church becomes entitled to the resources, and the trustees are reasonably certain they will receive the resources; and the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Expenditure

This is recognised when a liability is incurred, or a constructive obligation arises, that results in the payment being unavoidable. Liabilities are recognised as soon as an outflow of economic benefit is considered more likely than not under the legal or constructive obligation committing the Church to pay out resources.

Grants

Grants made by the Church from its own funds are recognised in full at the time of agreement or when the Church accepts that there is a legal or operational obligation to make the payment.

VAT

Since the Church is not VAT registered, all input VAT is charged with the expenses to which it refers.

Tangible fixed assets for use by the Church

These are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year, and individually cost more than £3,000. The freehold property is shown at cost, based on the insurer's valuation.

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Depreciation

Assets having an initial cost of £3,000 or less are written off in full in the year of acquisition. Furniture and Fittings of a durable nature having an initial cost greater than £3,000 are depreciated at the rate of 33.33% per annum on a straight-line basis. Computer and Electronic equipment having an initial cost greater than £3,000 are depreciated at 50% per annum on a straight-line basis.

Investment Properties

Investment properties - no property is currently deemed to not be held for the long-term purposes of the charity.

Investments

Investments are valued in the balance sheet at market value at the year end. Investment income is included in the accounts when receivable. Any gains or losses on revaluation at the year-end are shown in the SOFA.

Debtors and Prepayments

Debtors include outstanding lettings invoices in August.

Creditors

Creditors include outstanding items relating to utilities, etc. in August.

Volunteers

A certain amount of time is expended on the charity's activities, which is donated free of charge. It is not possible to quantify the value of time given and accordingly it is neither recorded as donated income or as expense in the financial statement.

4. Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	This year	Last year
1200 - Envelope Scheme & Direct bank receipts	36,490	—	—	36,490	39,115
1220 - Offering - Loose Cash	1,186	—	—	1,186	361
1230 - Donations	247	2	—	249	2,240
1260 - Contributions From Ext Orgs	739	—	—	739	780
1250 - Tax Reclaimed On Gift Aid	8,879	—	—	8,879	9,124
1255 - Legacies	1,000	—	—	1,000	—
Donations and legacies Totals	48,542	2	—	48,543	51,620

5. Charitable activities

	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	This year	Last year
1340 - Other Fund Raising	—	—	—	—	37
1410 - Loaves & Fishes	5,930	—	—	5,930	9,571
1310 - Catering	—	—	—	—	40
1400 - Fees - Weddings, Funerals etc	140	—	—	140	—
Income from charitable activities Totals	6,070	—	—	6,070	9,648

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6. Other trading activities

	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	This year	Last year
1300 - Property Lettings	81,815	—	—	81,815	84,963
Other trading activities Totals	81,815	—	—	81,815	84,963

7. Investment income

	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	This year	Last year
1510 - CFB General Dep a/c Interest	5,499	—	—	5,499	3,387
1511 - CFB Redev Dep a/c Interest	—	608	—	608	955
1514 - CFB Project Dep a/c Interest	—	—	14,785	14,785	13,596
Investments Totals	5,499	608	14,785	20,892	17,938

The Church holds three interest-bearing Methodist Church Central Finance Board (CFB) deposit accounts

1. **CFB General Deposit Account:** used primarily to hold on deposit General and Benevolence funds that are not immediately required.
2. **CFB Redevelopment Deposit Account:** used to hold on deposit Redevelopment and Refurbishment designated funds until they are required
3. **CFB Project Deposit Account:** used to hold on deposit the Redevelopment and Refurbishment restricted funds until they are required.

8. Paid employees

	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	This year	Last year
4010 - Salaries - Cleaners	13,373	—	—	13,373	12,338
4011 - Salaries -Lettings	11,222	—	—	11,222	9,301
Salaries, NIC and pension costs Totals	24,595	—	—	24,595	21,639

The Church has two part-time paid employees.

9. Paid trustees

Nicola, Postle, trustee, is employed as Lettings Manager and Cleaner and was paid £18,406 during the 2023-24 financial year.

10. Fees for examination or audit of the accounts

2022-23	Independent Examination Fee	£315
2023-24	Independent Examination Fee	£400 (provision)

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11. Maintenance of Church buildings and property

	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	This year	Last year
4200 - Property Maintenance	16,670	—	—	16,670	60,517
4210 - Property Redevelopment	—	46,481	402,630	449,111	17,328
4225 - Grounds Maintenance	1,658	—	—	1,658	1,393
4250 - Window Cleaning	581	—	—	581	495
4252 - Cleaning Materials	868	—	—	868	1,348
4255 - Cleaning	147	—	—	147	—
Maintenance of Church buildings & property Totals	19,924	46,481	402,630	469,036	81,081

The table below shows further details of the costs of the Sanctuary Project.

Architect's Fees	31,200
Main Contractor	382,107
AV Installer	14,250
AV Equipment (self-installed)	9,461
Chairs	6,733
Contingency items	5,360
Sanctuary Project Total	449,111

12. Utilities

	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	This year	Last year
4220 - Gas	6,037	—	—	6,037	6,609
4230 - Electricity	6,549	—	—	6,549	4,962
4240 - Water	1,293	—	—	1,293	1,020
4245 - Waste Disposal	1,038	—	—	1,038	1,070
4260 - Telephone and Broadband	86	—	—	86	607
5050 - Insurance	7,850	—	—	7,850	5,078
Utilities (insurance, energy, water, etc) Totals	22,853	—	—	22,853	19,345

13. Grants and donations

	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	This year	Last year
2000 - Gifts & Donations	—	—	—	—	97
2300 - Benevolence - Disbursements	—	—	—	—	80
6000 - Connexional/Other Contribs	(2,443)	—	—	(2,443)	—
Grants and Donations Totals	(2,443)	—	—	(2,443)	177

In the 2021-22 financial year the Connexion requested all churches to make a donation towards the shortfall in the Methodist Church pension fund and St Paul's made a donation of £2,250. The pension fund position improved and the donations from churches were not required. The Connexion refunded all donations in the 2023-24 financial year, with interest included, and St Paul's received a refund £2,443.

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14. Other expenditure

	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	This year	Last year
2100 - Worship Resources	1,474	90	—	1,564	1,776
2110 - Presentation Bibles, Candles	42	—	—	42	76
2200 - Junior Church & Youth	436	—	—	436	224
3010 - Other Catering Expenses	651	516	—	1,166	289
3025 - Publicity new	206	—	—	206	513
3040 - Church Growth	919	—	—	919	1,369
3050 - Web Site development	193	—	—	193	175
4205 - Property Letting Expenses	944	—	—	944	650
4300 - Miscellaneous Expenses	227	—	—	227	200
5000 - Treasurer/Stewardship Expenses	75	—	—	75	75
5001 - Bank charges	130	—	—	130	153
5010 - Professional Fees	365	—	—	365	350
5030 - Minister's Local Expenses	25	—	—	25	—
Other expenditure Totals	5,687	606	—	6,293	5,850

15. Tangible assets

This Year (2023-2024)

	Church (non-investment) land and buildings	Fixtures, fittings, and Equipment	Total
	£	£	£
Cost or valuation			
At beginning of the year	5,354,576	-	5,354,576
Additions	-	-	-
Disposals	-	-	-
Revaluations	406,674	-	406,674
Transfers	-	-	-
At end of the year	5,761,250	-	5,761,250
Depreciation and impairments			
At beginning of the year	-	-	-
Disposals	-	-	-
Depreciation	-	-	-
Impairment	-	-	-
Transfers	-	-	-
At end of the year	-	-	-
Net book value at beginning of the year	5,354,576	-	5,354,576
Net book value at end of the year	5,761,250	-	5,761,250

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Year Ended 31 August 2024

Previous Year (2022-2023)

	Church (non-investment) land and buildings	Fixtures, fittings, and Equipment	Total
	£	£	£
Cost or valuation			
At beginning of the year	4,786,126	-	4,786,126
Additions	-	-	-
Disposals	-	-	-
Revaluations	568,450	-	568,450
Transfers	-	-	-
At end of the year	5,354,576	-	5,354,576
Depreciation and impairments			
At beginning of the year	-	-	-
Disposals	-	-	-
Depreciation	-	-	-
Impairment	-	-	-
Transfers	-	-	-
At end of the year	-	-	-
Net book value at beginning of the year	4,786,126	-	4,786,126
Net book value at end of the year	5,354,576	-	5,354,576

16. Analysis of current assets

Debtors and prepayments	This year	Last year
Prepayments	1,625	3,250
Accrued income	352	548
Other debtors	-	400
Total debtors and prepayments	1,977	4,198

Analysis of cash at bank	This year	Last year
Bank balance held in HSBC Bank	14,759	16,210
Bank balance held in CFB	164,779	541,791
Bank balance held in Sainsbury Card	150	-
Total Cash at Bank	179,688	558,001

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17. Analysis of current liabilities and long-term creditors

<i>Current Liabilities</i>	This year	Last year
Trade Creditors	54,385	30,796
Other Creditors	535	507
Total Current Liabilities	54,921	31,303

18. Capital commitments and contingent liabilities

At the 31st August 2024 the Church has no capital commitments. No Contingent liabilities were identified at 31st August 2024.

19. Loans and creditors due after one year

There were no creditors due after one year in the financial year 2023-2024.

20. Detailed analysis of individual fund movements

Unrestricted funds

General Fund: for the running costs of the Church and the Church building, including the Church activities, the Circuit Assessment and any costs not covered by the other funds.

Designated funds

Hymn Book Fund: for replacing and/or updating hymn books.

Outreach Hospitality Fund: for refreshments and other hospitality expenses for outreach events and activities.

Redevelopment & Refurbishment Fund: for redeveloping and refurbishing the Church buildings and resources.

Benevolence Fund: for disbursements to those in need and support for those in poverty.

Youth Fund for provision of activities and resources for children and young people.

Restricted funds

Redevelopment & Refurbishment Fund: for redeveloping and refurbishing the Church buildings. All donations given specifically for the purpose of this fund, and any proceeds from fundraising specifically advertised as raising money for this purpose, are placed in this fund. It complements the identically named designated fund above.

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This Year (2023-2024)

Fund and type	Fund balances brought forward	Incoming Resources	Outgoing Resources	Transfers	Gains and Losses	Fund balances carried forward
Unrestricted						
General - General fund	5,485,723	141,926	111,756	(40,000)	406,674	5,882,567
Sub-totals	5,485,723	141,926	111,756	(40,000)	406,674	5,882,567
Designated						
Hymn - Hymn Book Fund	90	—	90	—	—	—
Outreach Hospitality Fund	516	—	516	—	—	—
Redevelopment & Refurbishment Fund	10,116	609	46,481	40,000	—	4,244
Benevolence Fund	—	—	—	—	—	—
Youth Fund	600	—	—	—	—	600
Sub-totals	11,322	609	47,087	40,000	—	4,844
Restricted						
Redevelopment & Refurbishment Fund	388,427	14,785	402,630	—	—	583
Sub-totals	388,427	14,785	402,630	—	—	583
Totals	5,885,472	157,321	561,473	—	406,674	5,887,994

Previous Year (2022-2023)

Fund and type	Fund balances brought forward	Incoming Resources	Outgoing Resources	Transfers	Gains and Losses	Fund balances carried forward
Unrestricted						
General fund	4,891,701	148,419	106,847	(16,000)	568,450	5,485,723
Sub-totals	4,891,701	148,419	106,847	(16,000)	568,450	5,485,723
Designated						
Hymn Book Fund	100	—	10	—	—	90
Outreach Hospitality Fund	510	600	594	—	—	516
Redevelopment & Refurbishment Fund	38,426	955	45,265	16,000	—	10,116
Benevolence Fund	28	—	28	—	—	—
Youth Fund	—	600	—	—	—	600
Sub-totals	39,064	2,155	45,898	16,000	—	11,322
Restricted						
Redevelopment & Refurbishment Fund	392,159	13,596	17,328	—	—	388,427
Sub-totals	392,159	13,596	17,328	—	—	388,427
Totals	5,322,924	164,170	170,072	—	568,450	5,885,472

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21. Related party transactions

Name of related party	Relationship	Description of transaction	Payments to related party during the year	Value of gifts to related party during the year
Redhill and East Grinstead Methodist Circuit	Methodist Church	Payment of Circuit Assessment	39,000	-
Lazer World, Laser Planet	Companies owned by Isaac Conroy, trustee	Purchase of property and grounds maintenance services	2,913	
Total Related Party Transactions			41,913	-

22. Donations

There were no donations made to other organisations by the Church from Church funds or from Internal Organisation funds which are not itemised elsewhere.

23. Events after the reporting period

There were no reportable events after the reporting period.

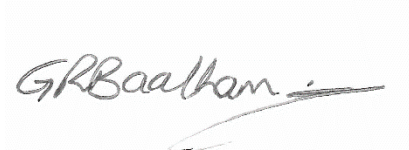
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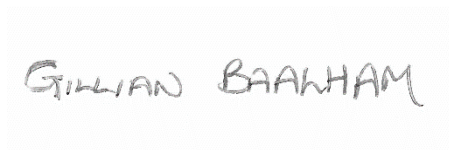
Year Ended 31 August 2024

This Report of the Trustees and these Financial Statements were approved by the Church Council on 2nd February 2025 and signed on behalf of the Church Council by

Signature:

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'G. Baaham', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Name:

A handwritten name in dark ink, reading 'GILLIAN BAAHAM' in all capital letters.

St Paul's Methodist Church, Crawley
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
To the Trustees of St Paul's Methodist Church

This Report is on the Church Accounts for the year ended 31st August 2024

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The Church's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The Church's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under Section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (effective January 2015) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under Section 145(5)(b) of the Charities act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair view" and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

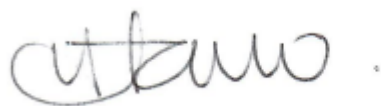
Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 130 of the Charities Act 2011.
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Acthave not been met; or
- (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Name: Yvette How MAAT

Signature:



Relevant Professional qualification or body: MAAT

Address: 6 Frailey Close, Maybury, Woking, GU22 8EB

Date: 6 May 2025

Accounts

Registered Charity number 1127744

St Paul's Methodist Church, Crawley

**Report of the Trustees and Unaudited Financial Statements
for the Year Ended 31 August 2023**

St Paul's Methodist Church, Crawley

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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Year Ended 31 August 2023

Trustees:	Rev G. Baalham	
	Mrs J. Bower	(until 30 April 2023)
	Mr M. Bower	
	Mr A. Brown	(from 1 May 2023)
	Ms V. Collins	(from 1 May 2023)
	Mr I. Conroy	(from 1 May 2023)
	Mrs Y. Ellard	
	Mrs D. Ford	
	Mrs S. Ford	
	Mrs B. Gillet	
	Mrs S. Jones	
	Dr B. Jones	
	Mrs J. Jordan	(until 30 April 2023)
	Mr P. Jordan	(until 30 April 2023)
	Ms R. Lewis	(until 30 April 2023)
	Mrs J. Mason	
	Rev C. McKie	
	Mrs C. Ofield	
	Mr M. Ofield	
	Ms C. Okon	
	Deacon J. Parnell	
	Ms N. Postle	(from 1 May 2023)
	Mr G. Ridgway	(until 30 April 2023)

Full name of the Church: St Paul's Methodist Church

Alternative name: Crawley Methodist Church

Registered Charity Number: 1127744

Principal address St Paul's Methodist Church, Woodfield Road,
Northgate, Crawley, West Sussex, RH10 8ER

Independent examiner: Yvette How MAAT

Investment Bankers: Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church

St Paul's Methodist Church, Crawley

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

Year Ended 31 August 2023

The Trustees submit their annual report and unaudited financial statements for the year ended 31-August 2023. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the accounts and comply with the charity's trust deed, the Charities Act 2011 and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) as amended by the update bulletin (effective 1 January 2015).

Objectives and Activities

Objectives

St Paul's Methodist Church's Mission is to: Unite in Faith, Worship in Faith, Grow in Faith, Share the Good News, Make Disciples, and Serve in Love.

Note: 'Faith' refers to the Christian faith and Good News' refers to the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

The Church also supports and contributes to the purposes of the Methodist Church which are the advancement of:

- a) The Christian faith in accordance with the doctrinal standards and discipline of The Methodist Church;
- b) Any charitable purpose for the time being of any Connexional, District, Circuit, local or other organisation of The Methodist Church;
- c) Any charitable purpose for the time being of any society or institution subsidiary or ancillary to The Methodist Church;
- d) Any purpose for the time being of any charity being a charity subsidiary or ancillary to The Methodist Church.

Activities

The activities of St Paul's Methodist Church are designed to meet the objectives of the mission statement and, by doing so, to benefit its members, its congregation and the wider public, by supporting Christians as they seek to worship God and to live out their faith, by sharing the Christian message, by helping those in need, and by working for social justice. A list of the main, regular activities is given below. This list does not include one-off special events. For a fuller description of the activities, please see the church website: www.crawleymethodistchurch.com

Activities List

Sunday Worship Services	Prayer Meetings
Tuesday Worship Service	Loaves and Fishes (Community Café)
A variety of informal Worship and Social Events	Pastoral Visiting
Fellowship Groups	Flower Ministry
Sunday School Groups	Community Use of the Building
Young Peoples' Singing Groups	Fund Raising for others
Fun Friday (Children, Youth and Family evening)	

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Public Benefit

The trustees have referred to the guidance in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the charity's aims and objectives in planning its future activities. In particular, they have considered how planned activities will contribute to the aims and objectives they have set.

Achievements and Performance

St Paul's Methodist Church has continued to fulfil its mission objectives through the provision of opportunities for its members, and the wider community, to engage in Christian worship, prayer, bible study, fellowship, and a range of social and community activities.

The Church has continued to pursue the aims and strategies of its mission plan (please see the Future Plans section). The church's achievements and performance are reported in terms of the progress made toward the aims and with the strategies.

Worship

AIM: To develop our worship so that it becomes more accessible, more relevant, and more helpful to our people as they seek to know God and worship Him.

STRATEGY: Make worship more accessible, welcoming, relevant and engaging, particularly for those who are unfamiliar with Church and for young people and families

PROGRESS:

This year, a more intergenerational approach to worship was introduced to engage children and families. This approach is less formal than traditional services, with the children remaining in the service throughout, often having tasks to do to engage them more fully in the service.

The children and young people now often read or sing and often help lead the singing from the front. They sometimes act in short sketches. The sermon is often divided into shorter talks, making it more accessible for the younger people. and involved them more fully in the worship.

Many of the services are now more interactive, with discussions and activities for adults as well as for children. We have also introduced more contemporary music and modern worship songs.

Adult members of the congregation continue to volunteer to read – either from their seats or coming up to the lectern and some now take part in some of the sketches.

We have introduced a quiet, reflective mid-week service on Tuesdays at 11.00 pm. This is a short service and more traditional in approach to provide for those who prefer this approach.

Fellowship, prayer, bible study

AIM: To help our people grow as disciples and to engage them in fellowship based on Bible study, prayer, mutual support and encouragement.

STRATEGY: Extend and enhance the fellowship groups and reshape the pastoral support system.

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PROGRESS:

The church has extended the number of fellowship groups to cover different days times and provide a range of approaches, to better meet the preferences and lifestyles of our congregation and community. More people are now engaged and there are now five groups meeting regularly some focussing more heavily on bible study and prayer and others focussing more on the social side of fellowship, but all including mutual Christian support and encouragement. There is a group on Monday morning, Monday evening, Tuesday lunch time (following the Tuesday service), Wednesday morning, and Friday evening. The Monday evening group meet by Zoom with occasional face to face meetings, as this is a more accessible pattern for some.

Work on reshaping the pastoral system commenced with a review of the pastoral role. Those on the role who have not been seen for a while have been contacted. All members of the congregation have been consulted, using a questionnaire, about their pastoral needs and preferences and about what they can contribute to pastoral support. The results will inform the ongoing development of the pastoral system.

Family and Youth activities

AIM: To reach new people, particularly young people and families, and engage them with us, so that they hear the Gospel message, come to know Jesus Christ as their Saviour, and grow as disciples.

STRATEGY: Expand and enhance the provision for families, children and young people. Promote and share more widely all that St Paul's offers.

PROGRESS:

The Young People's Singing Groups have continued to meet weekly during term time. They continue to help lead worship on occasions, with the older group singing from the front when they are in church. In July, they sang in a short concert, which was a part of a celebratory event before the Summer Holidays. This was well attended by many members of the congregation as well as by some new families introduced by the young people themselves.

In March we shifted Sunday School from Sunday mornings to Friday evenings, when there are more children and it is easier to ensure the safety of all. Attendance has consistently been higher as it takes place straight after the Young People's Singing Group and enables the younger children to engage in teaching and learning about the Gospel, through discussion and watching videos linked to the Gospel message. Children remain in the Sunday services, as we now have an intergenerational approach (see under worship), which engages the children in activities within the service. Parents also enjoy a time of fellowship on Friday evenings, while their children enjoy singing and learning.

The church continues to develop its website and social media to engage with its members and the community, and to advertise and promote all that it offers. Interaction with the Church's social media has increased. The Church also publishes a regular email newsletter to keep everyone informed and paper copies are sent to those without access to email.

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Volunteering

AIM: To engage a greater proportion of our people in volunteering to help and serve in the church and in the community.

STRATEGY: Help our people recognise and develop the gifts that God has given them and encourage them to respond to the opportunities to use these gifts in the church and in the community.

The church leadership has continued to engage with the congregation to explore opportunities and encourage volunteering. A personal invitational approach has produced some encouraging results in some areas, but there is more work to be done to ensure that there will be sufficient volunteers in the future.

Building and Resources

AIM: To make our building fit for our mission purposes, focussing on reroofing, refurbishing, and remodelling the Sanctuary.

STRATEGY: Progress the Sanctuary Project (reroofing and refurbishment), install new AV systems, and improve other parts of the building.

PROGRESS:

The Sanctuary Project includes replacing the roof and windows, refurbishing and remodelling the interior, and replacing the gas heating with electric heating powered by solar panels. Methodist Church consent for the project and Local Authority planning permission have been received and the contract tendering process is now underway.

This year has also been focused on some larger projects in other parts of the building. The main boiler was replaced, and the heating system was upgraded, including the addition of thermostatic radiator valves and a more effective temperature control system. This will reduce the church's energy costs and its carbon footprint. Most of the building has been rewired and new distribution boards installed.

The transition to a new and improved audio-visual system in the Sanctuary has commenced with the removal of much of the old analogue equipment and the installation of new digital equipment.

Other Aspects

The following activities and aspects of the church have also contributed significantly to the aims of church's mission plan.

The Loaves and Fishes community café, which is run entirely by volunteers, has served an increased number of customers this year, both from the congregation and the local community. This increase is reflected in the record financial turnover. The café continues to provide food and drinks, ranging from snacks to light meals, at very affordable prices. It also provides a warm and welcoming place for our church members and the local community to meet.

As a part of its service to the community, the church lets rooms to a variety of groups and organisations. Most of these lettings are to charitable, community, educational, health, and welfare organisations, and are at very affordable rates with significant discounts. This year, we have been delighted to provide space to Crawley's refugee community for support groups and language classes.

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During the year, we held a number of one-off activities to invite people in from the community, including a harvest roast dinner, soup and bread lunch after the Nativity service, buffet tea after the Carol Service and a buffet for the celebratory event just before the summer holidays. A coffee morning was also held, together with a plant sale in May to raise money for Christian Aid.

Collections have been made for a range of charities, including Action for Children, Methodist Relief Fund, Christian Aid (in which over £1000 was raised), DEC and Refugees Welcome. We also collect clothing for Refugees Welcome throughout the year. Our Harvest Contributions went to Crawley Open House and the Easter Team Food Bank. During the winter months, our building was registered as a Warm Space.

Financial Review

Overview

A balanced General Fund budget was planned for the financial year ending 31st August 2023. The outcome was a General Fund surplus of £41,572. Income was above the budget prediction and expenditure was below the budget prediction. Income from Property Lettings, Loaves and Fishes, and Bank Interest was significantly above budget predictions. The below budget total expenditure results from underspends across several budget headings, and most significantly from the Property Maintenance budget and the mission critical Church Growth and Youth budgets.

The makeup of the Church's income has shifted significantly over time. After adjusting for inflation, the last ten years show a downward trend in giving (pledges, offerings, donations and Gift Aid tax refunds) and an upward trend in lettings. In 2014 lettings accounted for 22% of the General Fund income whereas, in 2023, it is now 57%. In contrast, income from giving to the General Fund has dropped from 66% of the General Fund income in 2014 to 34% in 2023. The increase in lettings income is very encouraging, but the lettings market can be volatile and there are risks in becoming over-dependent on this income stream.

The progress of the project to replace the Sanctuary roof and refurbish the Sanctuary has been slow, but it has now reached the contract tendering stage. The project will be funded from the Redevelopment & Refurbishment Restricted Fund.

The Church's 'recovery' from the impact of the pandemic has been slow and the declining trend in active membership remains an issue. If this trend is not reversed, income from pledges, offerings and donations will continue to drop, leading to a reduction in total income, and the current shortage of volunteers to run the mission critical activities will become more acute. The Church's highest priority is to grow the church by sharing the gospel and making disciples.

Income and Expenditure

General Fund

Most of the Church's income is from pledges, offerings and donations, and lettings.

The income from pledges was £615 above the budget prediction and £4,996 below the previous year. Loose cash offerings have increased but remain below pre-pandemic levels. Donations were £540 above budget predictions and greater than last year. Overall, income from giving to the General Fund (pledges, offerings, donations, contributions from external organisations, and Gift Aid) was £6,624 less than last year and £8,344 less than two years ago. This reduction in income may be partly attributed to the cost of living crisis, but it is probable that the primary cause is the declining trend in active membership.

The income from lettings has continued to grow. The lettings income is at a record level of £84,963, which is £24,963 above the budget prediction and £19,508 more than last year.

The Loaves and Fishes Café had a very successful year. Income was £3,571 above budget predictions and £3,994 more than last year. Despite the increased income from the Café, costs remained in-line with budget predictions.

Most of the General Fund expenditure is incurred on the Circuit Assessment (used by the Circuit to pay ministers' stipends and related costs, and to pay the District Assessment); the costs of running the Church building (maintenance, cleaning and lettings salaries, energy and other utilities, etc.); and the costs of running the Church's activities.

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Circuit Assessment was in line with budget predictions. Energy expenditure was higher than budget predictions. Property maintenance expenditure was lower than predicted, primarily because significant property works were carried out from the property designated fund. Expenditure on salaries was broadly in-line with predictions. There were significant underspends in the Church Growth and the Junior Church & Youth budgets. There were smaller underspends and overspends in several other budget areas. In total the underspends outweighed the overspends.

Overall, General Fund income was £19,787 more than the previous year and £33,134 above the budget prediction and General Fund expenditure was £5,803 more than the previous year and £8,438 below the budget prediction.

At the end of the year, before transfers, there was a General Fund surplus of £41,572. During the year, the Church Council agreed to make a transfer of £16,000 from the General Fund to the Redevelopment and Refurbishment Designated Fund, to ensure that there were sufficient designated funds to cover the cost of major heating and electrical works. This transfer reduced the net increase in the General Fund to £25,572.

Designated Funds

The most significant expenditure in the designated funds was from the Redevelopment and Refurbishment Designated Fund. This expenditure was on major property works including: the replacement of the main boiler and other upgrades to the heating system, and the rewiring of the electrical system. There was also a transfer from the General Fund to the Redevelopment and Refurbishment Designated Fund, as detailed above.

A new designated fund, the Youth Fund, was set up for the provision of activities and resources for children and young people.

Restricted Funds

There was income from bank interest and expenditure on architect's fees resulting in a net decrease of £3,732 in the Redevelopment and Refurbishment Fund.

Assets

No new assets were added during the financial year. The building has been revalued in accordance with the accounting policy.

Funds and Reserves

The General Fund reserves of the Church (i.e. the net current General Fund assets) at 31st August 2023 were £131,147, which is in line with the reserves policy.

At 31st August 2023 the total net current assets of all the Church funds was £530,896 and the total of all the Church funds (i.e. including fixed assets) was £5,885,472.

Going Concern

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

Future Plans

We plan to worship and serve God, and to share His love with the community, by continuing to pursue the vision expressed in our mission statement.

Our priorities for the year ahead include church growth, fellowship and discipleship, human resources, and building improvements.

Our aim is to:

- develop our worship so that it becomes more accessible, more relevant, and more helpful to our people as they seek to know God and worship Him.
- reach new people, particularly young people and families, and engage them with us, so that they hear the Gospel message, come to know Jesus Christ as their Saviour, and grow as disciples.
- help our people grow as disciples and to engage them in fellowship based on Bible study, prayer, mutual support and encouragement.
- engage a greater proportion of our people in volunteering to help and serve in the church and in the community.
- make our building fit for our mission purposes, focussing on reroofing, refurbishing, and remodelling the Sanctuary.

We are seeking to follow where the Holy Spirit leads and, at this stage, we plan to pursue the following strategies to achieve our priority aims:

- Make worship more accessible, welcoming, relevant and engaging, particularly for those who are unfamiliar with Church and for young people and families
- Expand and enhance the provision for families, children and young people
- Extend and enhance the fellowship groups and reshape the pastoral support system
- Promote and share more widely all that St Paul's offers
- Help our people recognise and develop the gifts that God has given them and encourage them to respond to the opportunities to use these gifts in the church and in the community.
- Progress the Sanctuary Project (reroofing and refurbishment), install new AV systems, and improve other parts of the building.

We also plan to continue running all the activities listed in the activities section of this report.

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Structure, Governance and Management

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

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

The members of St Paul's Methodist Church Council are the Charity Trustees, membership being made up of church office holders, Minister, and representatives appointed by the Church at the General Church Meeting (the Church's Annual General Meeting) and by the Church Council.

Day to day management of the church is undertaken by the Church Leadership Team together with the Minister. The Leadership Team is appointed by the Church Council.

Basis of preparation and legal framework

The Charity's annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2023 have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 and the Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice 2015 as applicable to the Financial Reporting Standard (FRSSE) 2015

Trustee Training

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

Related Parties

The Church is part of the Redhill and East Grinstead Circuit which is part of the South East District and is also accountable to the Methodist Conference.

Risk Management

The major risks have been identified and recorded by the Trustees with professional advice taken as required. A regular annual review process is undertaken and recorded.

Income and Expenditure is being monitored in total and is compared with the approved annual budget on a quarter yearly basis to detect trends as part of the risk management process to avoid unforeseen calls on reserves.

Safeguarding

St Paul's Methodist Church commits itself to ensuring the implementation of Connexional Safeguarding Policy; government legislation, guidance and safe practice in the circuit and in the churches.

St Paul's Methodist Church commits itself to the provision of support, advice and training for lay and ordained people that will ensure people are clear and confident about their roles and responsibilities in safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and adults who may be vulnerable.

Reserves Policy

The General Reserves Policy for the Church is to hold a minimum sum equivalent to 6 months' average expenditure. This should be sufficient to meet any unforeseen item of major expenditure on the church building and / or to be able to continue, in the short term, funding planned activities in the event of any inability to raise the full expenses including the assessment payable to the Circuit.

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Investment Policy

A low-risk liquid position is maintained. The Deposit Fund administered by the Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church is utilised to deposit any funds surplus to immediate requirements.

Exemptions from Disclosure

There are no exemptions from disclosure.

Funds held as custodian trustee on behalf of others

The Church holds no funds as a custodian trustee on behalf of others.

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITY

Year Ended 31 August 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
Income and endowments from:						
Donations and legacies	4					
Pledges and offerings		39,476	—	—	39,476	44,405
Donations		1,820	1,200	—	3,020	2,043
Gift Aid tax refunds		9,124	—	—	9,124	10,597
Income from charitable activities	5					
Fund raising		37	—	—	37	49
Loaves and Fishes		9,571	—	—	9,571	5,577
Other charitable activities		40	—	—	40	130
Other trading activities	6					
Lettings		84,963	—	—	84,963	65,455
Investments	6	3,387	955	13,596	17,938	2,124
Other income						
Total income		148,419	2,155	13,596	164,170	130,380
Expenditure on:						
Salaries, NIC and pension costs	8	21,639	—	—	21,639	21,414
Circuit Assessment		39,000	—	—	39,000	39,000
Maintenance of Church buildings and property	11	18,488	45,265	17,328	81,081	12,582
Utilities (insurance, energy, water, etc)	12	19,345	—	—	19,345	15,965
Grants and Donations	13	149	28	—	177	2,469
Loaves and Fishes		2,980	—	—	2,980	4,801
Other expenditure	14	5,246	604	—	5,850	5,870
Total expenditure		106,847	45,898	17,328	170,072	102,101
Net income / (expenditure) resources before transfer		41,572	(43,742)	(3,732)	(5,902)	28,279
Transfers						
Gross transfers between funds - in		—	16,000	—	16,000	446
Gross transfers between funds - out		(16,000)	—	—	(16,000)	(446)
Other recognised gains / losses						
Gains on revaluation, fixed assets, charity's own use	15	568,450	—	—	568,450	325,648
Net movement in funds		594,022	(27,742)	(3,732)	562,548	353,927
Reconciliation of funds						
Total funds brought forward		4,891,701	39,064	392,159	5,322,924	4,968,997
Total funds carried forward		5,485,723	11,322	388,427	5,885,472	5,322,924

Note: Values are in British pounds sterling (GBP). Components may not sum to totals because of rounding to the nearest pound.

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BALANCE SHEET

Year Ended 31 August 2023

	Notes	General Fund	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	At 31/08/2023	At 31/08/2022
					£	£
Fixed assets						
Tangible assets	15	5,354,576	—	—	5,354,576	4,786,126
Fixed assets		5,354,576	—	—	5,354,576	4,786,126
Current assets						
Debtors	16	4,198	—	—	4,198	5,577
Cash at bank and in hand	16	128,636	40,921	388,445	558,001	533,038
Current assets		132,834	40,921	388,445	562,199	538,615
Liabilities						
Creditors: Amounts falling due in one year	17	1,687	29,598	18	31,303	1,817
Net current assets less current liabilities		131,147	11,322	388,427	530,896	536,798
Total assets less current liabilities		5,485,723	11,322	388,427	5,885,472	5,322,924
Total net assets less liabilities		5,485,723	11,322	388,427	5,885,472	5,322,924
Represented by	20					
Unrestricted						
Unrestricted - General fund		5,485,723	—	—	5,485,723	4,891,701
Designated						
Designated - Hymn Book Fund		—	90	—	90	100
Designated - Outreach Hospitality		—	516	—	516	510
Designated - Redevelopment & Refurbishment		—	10,116	—	10,116	38,426
Designated - Benevolence		—	—	—	—	28
Designated - Youth		—	600	—	600	—
Restricted						
Restricted - Redevelopment & Refurbishment		—	—	388,427	388,427	392,159
Funds of the church		5,485,723	11,322	388,427	5,885,472	5,322,924

Note: Values are in British pounds sterling (GBP). Components may not sum to totals because of rounding to the nearest pound.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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In the following notes, values are in British pounds sterling (GBP). The components of tables may not sum to totals because of rounding to the nearest pound.

1. Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared under the Charities Act 2011 in accordance with the 2015 version of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) as amended by the update bulletin (effective 1 January 2015).

2. Funds

The funds held constitute: General Funds held for any purpose of the Church which are Unrestricted. Restricted funds which are held for a narrower purpose including those for internal organisations. Details of each material fund are disclosed in note 20. Any funds may be represented by more than just cash.

3. Accounting policies

Basis

These accounts have been prepared on the basis of historical cost, except that investments are shown at their market value at the end of the year, on the accruals basis to show a true and fair view of the Church's financial position and activities.

Income

Income is included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) when the Church becomes entitled to the resources, and the trustees are reasonably certain they will receive the resources; and the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Expenditure

This is recognised when a liability is incurred, or a constructive obligation arises, that results in the payment being unavoidable. Liabilities are recognised as soon as an outflow of economic benefit is considered more likely than not under the legal or constructive obligation committing the Church to pay out resources.

Grants

Grants made by the Church from its own funds are recognised in full at the time of agreement or when the Church accepts that there is a legal or operational obligation to make the payment.

VAT

Since the Church is not VAT registered, all input VAT is charged with the expenses to which it refers.

Tangible fixed assets for use by the Church

These are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year, and individually cost more than £3,000. The freehold property is shown at cost, based on the insurer's valuation.

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Depreciation

Assets having an initial cost of £3,000 or less are written off in full in the year of acquisition. Furniture and Fittings of a durable nature having an initial cost greater than £3,000 are depreciated at the rate of 33.33% per annum on a straight-line basis. Computer and Electronic equipment having an initial cost greater than £3,000 are depreciated at 50% per annum on a straight-line basis.

Investment Properties

Investment properties - no property is currently deemed to not be held for the long-term purposes of the charity.

Investments

Investments are valued in the balance sheet at market value at the year end. Investment income is included in the accounts when receivable. Any gains or losses on revaluation at the year-end are shown in the SOFA.

Debtors and Prepayments

Debtors include outstanding lettings invoices in August.

Creditors

Creditors include outstanding items relating to utilities, broadband, etc. in August.

Volunteers

A certain amount of time is expended on the charity's activities, which is donated free of charge. It is not possible to quantify the value of time given and accordingly it is neither recorded as donated income or as expense in the financial statement.

4. Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	This year	Last year
1200 - Envelope Scheme & Direct bank receipts	39,115	—	—	39,115	44,111
1220 - Offering - Loose Cash	361	—	—	361	294
1230 - Donations	1,040	1,200	—	2,240	783
1260 - Contributions From Ext Orgs	780	—	—	780	1,260
1250 - Tax Reclaimed On Gift Aid	9,124	—	—	9,124	10,597
Donations and legacies Totals	50,420	1,200	—	51,620	57,044

5. Charitable activities

	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	This year	Last year
1340 - Other Fund Raising	37	—	—	37	49
1410 - Loaves & Fishes	9,571	—	—	9,571	5,577
1310 - Catering	40	—	—	40	—
1400 - Fees - Weddings, Funerals etc	—	—	—	—	130
Income from charitable activities Totals	9,648	—	—	9,648	5,757

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6. Other trading activities

	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	This year	Last year
1300 - Property Lettings	84,963	—	—	84,963	65,455
Other trading activities Totals	84,963	—	—	84,963	65,455

7. Investment income

	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	This year	Last year
1510 - CFB General Dep a/c Interest	3,387	—	—	3,387	376
1511 - CFB Redev Dep a/c Interest	—	955	—	955	115
1514 - CFB Project Dep a/c Interest	—	—	13,596	13,596	1,633
Investments Totals	3,387	955	13,596	17,938	2,124

The Church holds three interest-bearing Methodist Church Central Finance Board (CFB) deposit accounts

1. **CFB General Deposit Account:** used primarily to hold on deposit General and Benevolence funds that are not immediately required.
2. **CFB Redevelopment Deposit Account:** used to hold on deposit Redevelopment and Refurbishment designated funds until they are required
3. **CFB Project Deposit Account:** used to hold on deposit the Redevelopment and Refurbishment restricted funds until they are required.

8. Paid employees

	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	This year	Last year
4010 - Salaries - Cleaners	12,338	—	—	12,338	11,836
4011 - Salaries -Lettings	9,301	—	—	9,301	9,578
Salaries, NIC and pension costs Totals	21,639	—	—	21,639	21,414

The Church has two part-time paid employees.

9. Paid trustees

Nicola, Postle, trustee, is employed as Lettings Manager and Cleaner and was paid £15,956 during the 2022-23 financial year.

10. Fees for examination or audit of the accounts

2021-22	Independent Examination Fee	£300
2022-23	Independent Examination Fee	£350 (provision)

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11. Maintenance of Church buildings and property

	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	This year	Last year
4200 - Property Maintenance	15,251	45,265	—	60,517	9,066
4210 - Property Redevelopment	—	—	17,328	17,328	1,057
4225 - Grounds Maintenance	1,393	—	—	1,393	1,214
4250 - Window Cleaning	495	—	—	495	—
4252 - Cleaning Materials	1,348	—	—	1,348	1,246
Maintenance of Church buildings and property Totals	18,488	45,265	17,328	81,081	12,582

12. Utilities

	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	This year	Last year
4220 - Gas	6,609	—	—	6,609	5,372
4230 - Electricity	4,962	—	—	4,962	4,561
4240 - Water	1,020	—	—	1,020	3
4245 - Waste Disposal	1,070	—	—	1,070	1,033
4260 - Telephone and Broadband	607	—	—	607	503
5050 - Insurance	5,078	—	—	5,078	4,492
Utilities (insurance, energy, water, etc) Totals	19,345	—	—	19,345	15,965

13. Grants and donations

	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	This year	Last year
2000 - Gifts & Donations	97	—	—	97	219
2300 - Benevolence - Disbursements	52	28	—	80	—
6000 - Connexional/Other Contribs	—	—	—	—	2,250
Grants and Donations Totals	149	28	—	177	2,469

14. Other expenditure

	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	This year	Last year
2100 - Worship Resources	1,766	10	—	1,776	1,445
2110 - Presentation Bibles, Candles	76	—	—	76	114
2130 - Printing, Postage & Stationery	—	—	—	—	873
2200 - Junior Church & Youth	224	—	—	224	—
3010 - Other Catering Expenses	289	—	—	289	215
3025 - Publicity new	513	—	—	513	56
3040 - Church Growth	774	594	—	1,369	1,273
3050 - Web Site development	175	—	—	175	193
4205 - Property Letting Expenses	650	—	—	650	1,032
4300 - Miscellaneous Expenses	200	—	—	200	165
5000 - Treasurer/Stewardship Expenses	75	—	—	75	75
5001 - Bank charges	153	—	—	153	130
5010 - Professional Fees	350	—	—	350	300
Other expenditure Totals	5,246	604	—	5,850	5,870

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15. Tangible assets

This Year (2022-2023)

	Church (non-investment) land and buildings	Fixtures, fittings, and Equipment	Total
	£	£	£
Cost or valuation			
At beginning of the year	4,786,126	-	4,786,126
Additions	-	-	-
Disposals	-	-	-
Revaluations	568,450	-	568,450
Transfers	-	-	-
At end of the year	5,354,576	-	5,354,576
Depreciation and impairments			
At beginning of the year	-	-	-
Disposals	-	-	-
Depreciation	-	-	-
Impairment	-	-	-
Transfers	-	-	-
At end of the year	-	-	-
Net book value at beginning of the year	4,786,126	-	4,786,126
Net book value at end of the year	5,354,576	-	5,354,576

Previous Year (2021-2022)

	Church (non-investment) land and buildings	Fixtures, fittings, and Equipment	Total
	£	£	£
Cost or valuation			
At beginning of the year	4,460,478	-	4,460,478
Additions	-	-	-
Disposals	-	-	-
Revaluations	325,648	-	325,648
Transfers	-	-	-
At end of the year	4,786,126	-	4,786,126
Depreciation and impairments			
At beginning of the year	-	-	-
Disposals	-	-	-
Depreciation	-	-	-
Impairment	-	-	-
Transfers	-	-	-
At end of the year	-	-	-
Net book value at beginning of the year	4,460,478	-	4,460,478
Net book value at end of the year	4,786,126	-	4,786,126

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16. Analysis of current assets

<i>Debtors and prepayments</i>	This year	Last year
Prepayments	3,250	3,274
Accrued income	548	2,303
Other debtors	400	-
Total debtors and prepayments	4,198	5,577

<i>Analysis of cash at bank</i>	This year	Last year
Bank balance held in HSBC Bank	16,210	9,210
Bank balance held in CFB	541,791	523,828
Total Cash at Bank	558,001	533,038

17. Analysis of current liabilities and long-term creditors

<i>Current Liabilities</i>	This year	Last year
Trade Creditors	30,796	1,240
Other Creditors	507	577
Total Current Liabilities	31,303	1,817

18. Capital commitments and contingent liabilities

At the 31st August 2023 the Church has no capital commitments. No Contingent liabilities were identified at 31st August 2023.

19. Loans and creditors due after one year

There were no creditors due after one year in the financial year 2022-2023.

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20. Detailed analysis of individual fund movements

Unrestricted funds

General Fund: for the running costs of the Church and the Church building, including the Church activities, the Circuit Assessment and any costs not covered by the other funds.

Designated funds

Hymn Book Fund: for replacing and/or updating hymn books.

Outreach Hospitality Fund: for refreshments and other hospitality expenses for outreach events and activities.

Redevelopment & Refurbishment Fund: for redeveloping and refurbishing the Church buildings and resources.

Benevolence Fund: for disbursements to those in need and support for those in poverty.

Youth Fund for provision of activities and resources for children and young people.

Restricted funds

Redevelopment & Refurbishment Fund: for redeveloping and refurbishing the Church buildings. All donations given specifically for the purpose of this fund, and any proceeds from fundraising specifically advertised as raising money for this purpose, are placed in this fund. It complements the identically named designated fund above.

This Year (2022-2023)

Fund and type	Fund balances brought forward	Incoming Resources	Outgoing Resources	Transfers	Gains and Losses	Fund balances carried forward
Unrestricted						
General fund	4,891,701	148,419	106,847	(16,000)	568,450	5,485,723
Sub-totals	4,891,701	148,419	106,847	(16,000)	568,450	5,485,723
Designated						
Hymn Book Fund	100	—	10	—	—	90
Outreach Hospitality Fund	510	600	594	—	—	516
Redevelopment & Refurbishment Fund	38,426	955	45,265	16,000	—	10,116
Benevolence Fund	28	—	28	—	—	—
Youth Fund	—	600	—	—	—	600
Sub-totals	39,064	2,155	45,898	16,000	—	11,322
Restricted						
Redevelopment & Refurbishment Fund	392,159	13,596	17,328	—	—	388,427
Sub-totals	392,159	13,596	17,328	—	—	388,427
Totals	5,322,924	164,170	170,072	—	568,450	5,885,472

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Previous Year (2021-2022)

Fund and type	Fund balances brought forward	Incoming Resources	Outgoing Resources	Transfers	Gains and Losses	Fund balances carried forward
Unrestricted						
General fund	4,538,465	128,632	101,044	—	325,648	4,891,701
Sub-totals	4,538,465	128,632	101,044	—	325,648	4,891,701
Designated						
Hymn Book Fund	100	—	—	—	—	100
Outreach Hospitality Fund	510	—	—	—	—	510
Redevelopment & Refurbishment	37,865	115	—	446	—	38,426
Benevolence Fund	28	—	—	—	—	28
Women's Fellowship Fund	446	—	—	(446)	—	—
Sub-totals	38,950	115	—	—	—	39,064
Restricted						
Redevelopment & Refurbishment Fund	391,583	1,633	1,057	—	—	392,159
Sub-totals	391,583	1,633	1,057	—	—	392,159
Totals	4,968,997	130,380	102,101	—	325,648	5,322,924

21. Related party transactions

Name of related party	Relationship	Description of transaction	Payments to related party during the year	Value of gifts to related party during the year
Redhill and East Grinstead Methodist Circuit	Methodist Church	Payment of Circuit Assessment	39,000	-
Lazer World, Laser Planet	Companies owned by Isaac Conroy, trustee	Purchase of property and grounds maintenance services	2,459	-
Total Related Party Transactions			41,459	-

22. Donations

Donations made to other organisations by the Church from Church funds or from Internal Organisation funds which are not itemised elsewhere:

£25 to Action for Children

£25 to All We Can

£47 to Love Your Neighbour

These donations are included in the total for 'Gifts and Donations' in note 13

23. Events after the reporting period

There were no reportable events after the reporting period.

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DECLARATION

Year Ended 31 August 2022

This Report of the Trustees and these Financial Statements were approved by the Church Council on 26 November 2023 and signed on behalf of the Church Council by

Signature:  Name: GILLIAN BAAHAM

St Paul's Methodist Church, Crawley
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
To the Trustees of St Paul's Methodist Church

This Report is on the Church Accounts for the year ended 31st August 2023

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The Church's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The Church's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under Section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (effective January 2015) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under Section 145(5)(b) of the Charities act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair view" and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 130 of the Charities Act 2011.
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Acthave not been met; or
- (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Name: Yvette How MAAT

Signature:



Relevant Professional qualification or body: MAAT

Address: 6 Frailey Close, Maybury, Woking, GU22 8EB

Date: 27th March 2024

Accounts

Registered Charity number 1127744

St Paul's Methodist Church, Crawley

**Report of the Trustees and Unaudited Financial Statements
for the Year Ended 31 August 2022**

St Paul's Methodist Church, Crawley

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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Year Ended 31 August 2022

Trustees:	Rev G. Baalham Mrs J. Bower Mr M. Bower Rev E. Brookes Mr A. Brown Mrs V. Collins (<i>until 8 December 2021</i>) Rev M. Cooke Mrs Y. Ellard Mrs S. Ford Mrs B. Gillet Mrs S. Jones Dr B. Jones Mrs J. Jordan Mr P. Jordan Ms R. Lewis Mrs J. Mason Rev C. McKie Mrs C. Ofield Mr M. Ofield Deacon J. Parnell Mr G. Ridgway Mrs L. Tazob (<i>from 6 February 2022</i>)
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Full name of the Church: St Paul's Methodist Church

Alternative name: Crawley Methodist Church

Registered Charity Number: 1127744

Principal address St Paul's Methodist Church, Woodfield Road,
Northgate, Crawley, West Sussex, RH10 8ER

Independent examiner: Yvette How MAAT

Investment Bankers: Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church

St Paul's Methodist Church, Crawley

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

Year Ended 31 August 2022

The Trustees submit their annual report and unaudited financial statements for the year ended 31-August 2022. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the accounts and comply with the charity's trust deed, the Charities Act 2011 and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) as amended by the update bulletin (effective 1 January 2015).

Objectives and Activities

Objectives

St Paul's Methodist Church Mission is to: Unite in Faith, Worship in Faith, Grow in Faith, Share the Good News, Make Disciples, and Serve in Love.

Note: 'Faith' refers to the Christian faith and Good News' refers to the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

The Church also supports and contributes to the purposes of the Methodist Church which are the advancement of:

- a) The Christian faith in accordance with the doctrinal standards and discipline of The Methodist Church;
- b) Any charitable purpose for the time being of any Connexional, District, Circuit, local or other organisation of The Methodist Church;
- c) Any charitable purpose for the time being of any society or institution subsidiary or ancillary to The Methodist Church;
- d) Any purpose for the time being of any charity being a charity subsidiary or ancillary to The Methodist Church.

Activities

The activities of St Paul's Methodist Church are designed to meet the objectives of the mission statement and, by doing so, to benefit its members, its congregation and the wider public, by supporting Christians as they seek to worship God and to live out their faith, by sharing the Christian message, by helping those in need, and by working for social justice. A list of the main, regular activities is given below. This list does not include one-off special events. For a fuller description of the activities, please see the church website: www.crawleymethodistchurch.com

Activities List

Sunday Worship Services	Prayer Meetings
A variety of informal Worship and Social Events	Loaves and Fishes (Community Café)
House Groups	Pastoral Visiting
Fellowship Groups	Flower Ministry
Sunday School Groups	Community Use of the Building
Young Peoples' Singing Groups	Fund Raising for others
Fun Friday (Children, Youth and Family evening)	

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Year Ended 31 August 2022

Public Benefit

The trustees have referred to the guidance in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the charity's aims and objectives in planning its future activities. In particular, they have considered how planned activities will contribute to the aims and objectives they have set.

Achievements and Performance

Senior Steward's report

Staffing

In September 2021, Rev Melvyn Cooke, Circuit Superintendent, took on pastoral oversight of St Paul's and in October we welcomed Deacon Jenny Parnell to our circuit. Her focus is on community work with St Paul's and Horley Methodist Churches.

Worship

Over the course of the year, as Covid restrictions eased, Sunday services gradually took on a more familiar feel. Members of the regular congregation gradually returned although numbers of people attending worship have not recovered to the pre-Covid level. It is noticeable that previously regular attenders are now coming irregularly, particularly families with children who seem only to attend if the children are actively participating. We have re-introduced refreshments after the service which has helped to re-ignite the fellowship and friendships between people.

During this year St Paul's has joined the Methodist churches in Horley and Redhill in a quarterly combined service hosted at the three churches in turn. Members of the three congregations are getting to know each other better and are learning to draw on each other's gifts and strengths.

We have begun holding occasional informal afternoon church events, which are aimed at reaching out to the community, as well as providing fellowship and company for members of our own congregation. At the first two of these events, the Young People's Singing Groups sang, bringing in their families. The second event, a concert by the Young People's Singing Groups followed by a barbeque was very successful, bringing in members of Crawley's refugee community, who felt they were welcomed and treated as 'real people'.

We continue to live-stream our services for the benefit of those unable to attend in person.

Work with children and young people

This year has been mixed. Fewer families are returning to church on a weekly basis, making it difficult to plan activities for the children. Since the return to church, there have been fewer occasions when children go out to a group, due to the very low numbers of children in church. Children and young people are encouraged to participate in worship by delivering the bible reading or leading singing. At the end of the summer, the children's work leader moved away from the area so Sunday children's groups are on hold until September 2022.

The Young People's Singing Groups are meeting on Friday evenings. There are now two groups, one for primary school ages and one for secondary school ages. This has proved very successful and there have been a total 8 younger children singing at any one time and 5 young people. The older group have sung a range of different styles and are beginning to ask to sing certain songs! Parents also seem to enjoy Friday evenings, as a time to chill out and relax. A church member and Deacon Jenny come to help look after the younger children, making Friday evenings fun!

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Year Ended 31 August 2022

Church property

During this last year our Property Manager took the majority of the year off for personal reasons. Although there were people willing to take on some property responsibilities roles, this meant some of the usual works and renovations did not take place as planned. Various minor works took place. The fire exit doors in the hall were mended to allow easy access. Various servicing took place to ensure the safe running of the building. Work regarding the sanctuary roof has continued and we eventually passed planning permission with some amendments that the council required. We have gained Circuit approval and are awaiting District approval. Lettings have recovered well after Covid, leading to a record breaking year thanks to our Lettings Manager who deals with the majority of this. Thanks are also due to some other church members who help with dealing with some aspects of the property maintenance.

Fellowship and pastoral care

There are currently two active Fellowship Groups at St Paul's; a Tuesday evening Zoom Fellowship and a Wednesday morning group which meets face to face at the church. Ways are being investigated to start more fellowship groups to fulfil the need to support each other in our faith and in our everyday lives.

We have 103 members and 79 adherents on the Pastoral Roll. During the Covid crisis, visiting was not routinely carried out. At present, we have 6 pastoral visitors but we have 12 neighbourhoods. Several of the pastoral visitors have asked to stand down. A meeting has been fixed to plan the future of pastoral work at St Paul's. It is expected that a model based on friendship groups will be needed, with people using the phone as a means to contact and befriend.

Communications

A fortnightly newsletter is sent to most people by email, with paper copies posted to 20 households without email. Between issues, email and word of mouth are used to disseminate information. St Paul's website and Facebook page are also used as a communication channels.

Community use of the church

The number of room bookings has returned to normal following the drop-off during Covid. Many community support groups meet on the premises as well as some commercial organisations. This brings in considerable income as well as bringing church and community into contact. We have been pleased to offer space to Crawley's refugee community for support groups and language classes.

Local outreach and charitable fund-raising

A community outreach barbeque in July 2022 was attended by about 100 people, including refugees who live in local accommodation.

The church café, *Loaves & Fishes*, is now open Monday to Thursday 10.30am-1.00pm staffed by volunteers. We have not been able to restart monthly coffee mornings due to lack of volunteers.

The Hub – Love Your Neighbour; this charity is for signposting and outreach. Two volunteers from St Paul's have recently joined The Hub team. *The Easter Team* Food Bank is also attached to The Hub where there is one volunteer from St Paul's.

Action for Children and *Methodist Homes* Support Groups have not been able to have any fund-raising events since March 2020. It is hoped that supporters have donated on-line.

A fund-raising plant sale was held during Christian Air week in May which raised £794.50. We have not been able to hold services for World Missions Sunday this year.

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Year Ended 31 August 2022

Looking ahead

During the coming year we will focus on growing our church by encouraging people to return to worship and the other church activities they were engaged in prior to Covid. We will also find ways of sharing the love of God to the community outside our walls, both by telling the Good News of the gospel and by serving people in need at this time of concern for many because of the increasing burden of the cost of living.

Financial Review

Overview

A balanced General Fund budget was planned for the financial year ending 31st August 2022. The outcome was a surplus of £27,588. Income was above the budget prediction and expenditure was below the budget prediction. The above budget income is primarily attributable to increased lettings income. The below budget expenditure results from underspends across several budget headings, and most significantly in the Property Maintenance budget and the mission critical Church Growth and Youth budgets.

The makeup of the Church's income has shifted significantly over time. After adjusting for inflation, the last ten years show a downward trend in giving (pledges, offerings, donations and Gift Aid tax refunds) and an upward trend in lettings. In 2014 lettings accounted for 22% of the General Fund income whereas, in 2022, it is now 51%. In contrast, income from giving to the General Fund has dropped from 66% of the General Fund income in 2014 to 44% in 2022. The increase in lettings income is very encouraging but the lettings market can be volatile and there are risks in becoming over-dependent on this income stream.

The progress of the project to replace the Sanctuary roof and refurbish the Sanctuary has been slow, because of the pandemic, but it has now passed the planning permission stage and is awaiting consent from the Methodist Church District. The project will be funded from the Redevelopment & Refurbishment Restricted Fund.

The Church's 'recovery' from the impact of the pandemic has been slow and the declining trend in active membership remains an issue. If this trend is not reversed, income from pledges, offerings and donations will continue to drop, leading to a reduction in total income, and the current shortage of volunteers to run the mission critical activities will become more acute. The Church's highest priority is to grow the church by sharing the gospel and making disciples.

Income and Expenditure

General Fund

Most of the Church's income is from pledges, offerings and donations, and from Lettings.

The income from pledges was £1,889 below the budget prediction and £2,100 below the previous year. loose cash offerings remain low because collections have been constrained by Covid prevention measures. Donations were also lower than last year. Overall, income from giving to the General Fund (pledges, offerings, donations, and Gift Aid) was £1,720 less than last year and £3,514 less than two years ago. This reduction in income from giving may be partly attributed to the ongoing impact of the pandemic, but it is probable that the primary cause is the declining trend in active membership.

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After the significant drop in lettings income last year, caused by the building closures during the height of the pandemic, the lettings have recovered exceptionally well and grown to exceed pre-pandemic levels. The lettings income is at a record level of £65,455, which is £15,455 above the budget prediction.

The Loaves and Fishes Café has successfully resumed operation and the income has been returning towards pre-pandemic levels.

Most of the General Fund expenditure is incurred on the Circuit Assessment (used by the Circuit to pay ministers' stipends and related costs, and to pay the District Assessment); the costs of running the Church building (maintenance, cleaning and lettings salaries, energy and other utilities, etc.); and the costs of running the Church's activities.

Circuit Assessment was in line with budget predictions. Property maintenance expenditure was much lower than predicted, primarily because maintenance has been delayed by the pandemic and other factors. Expenditure on salaries was broadly in-line with predictions. There were significant underspends in the Church Growth and Junior Church & Youth budgets. There were smaller underspends and overspends in several other budget areas with the underspends outweighing the overspends. The Church also made a donation of £2,250 to the Methodist Church Pension Fund, which had not been included in the budget.

Overall, General Fund income was £38,881 more than the previous year and £11,532 above the budget prediction and General Fund expenditure was £15,777 less than the previous year and £16,056 below the budget prediction. Compared to the pre-pandemic 2018-19 financial year figures, the 2020-2022 General fund income was £9,977 higher and the expenditure was £9,685 lower.

At the end of the year there was a General Fund surplus of £27,588.

Designated Funds

There was a small amount of income from bank interest. There was no expenditure in the Designated Funds. There was a net increase of £115. The Women's Fellowship, which was an internal organisation, closed down and donated its funds to the church. The balance of the Women's Fellowship Designated Fund was therefore transferred to the Redevelopment and Refurbishment Designated Fund.

Restricted Funds

There was some income from bank interest and some expenditure on architect's fees resulting in a net increase of £576.

Assets

No new assets were added during the financial year. The building has been revalued in accordance with the accounting policy.

Funds and Reserves

The General Fund reserves of the Church (i.e. the net current General Fund assets) at 31st August 2022 were £105,575, which is in line with the reserves policy.

At 31st August 2022 the total net current assets of all the Church funds was £536,798 and the total of all the Church funds (i.e. including fixed assets) was £5,322,924.

Going Concern

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

Future Plans

We plan to worship and serve God, and to share His love with the community, by continuing to pursue the vision expressed in our mission statement.

Our priorities for the year ahead include church growth, fellowship and discipleship, human resources, and building improvements.

Our aim is to:

- develop our worship so that it becomes more accessible, more relevant, and more helpful to our people as they seek to know God and worship Him.
- reach new people, particularly young people and families, and engage them with us, so that they hear the Gospel message, come to know Jesus Christ as their Saviour, and grow as disciples.
- help our people grow as disciples and to engage them in fellowship based on Bible study, prayer, mutual support and encouragement.
- engage a greater proportion of our people in volunteering to help and serve in the church and in the community.
- make our building fit for our mission purposes, focussing on reroofing, refurbishing, and remodelling the Sanctuary.

We are seeking to follow where the Holy Spirit leads and, at this stage, we plan to pursue the following strategies to achieve our priority aims:

- Make worship more accessible, welcoming, relevant and engaging, particularly for those who are unfamiliar with Church and for young people and families
- Expand and enhance the provision for families, children and young people
- Extend and enhance the fellowship groups and reshape the pastoral support system
- Promote and share more widely all that St Paul's offers
- Help our people recognise and develop the gifts that God has given them and encourage them to respond to the opportunities to use these gifts in the church and in the community.
- Progress the Sanctuary Project (reroofing and refurbishment), install new AV systems, and improve other parts of the building.

We also plan to continue running all the activities listed in the activities section of this report.

St Paul's Methodist Church, Crawley

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

Year Ended 31 August 2022

Structure, Governance and Management

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

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

The members of St Paul's Methodist Church Council are the Charity Trustees, membership being made up of church office holders, Minister, and representatives appointed by the Church at the General Church Meeting (the Church's Annual General Meeting) and by the Church Council.

Day to day management of the church is undertaken by the Church Leadership Team together with the Minister. The Leadership Team is appointed by the Church Council.

Basis of preparation and legal framework

The Charity's annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2022 have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 and the Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice 2015 as applicable to the Financial Reporting Standard (FRSSE) 2015

Trustee Training

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

Related Parties

The Church is part of the Redhill and East Grinstead Circuit which is part of the South East District and is also accountable to the Methodist Conference.

Risk Management

The major risks have been identified and recorded by the Trustees with professional advice taken as required. A regular annual review process is undertaken and recorded.

Income and Expenditure is being monitored in total and is compared with the approved annual budget on a quarter yearly basis to detect trends as part of the risk management process to avoid unforeseen calls on reserves.

Safeguarding

St Paul's Methodist Church commits itself to ensuring the implementation of Connexional Safeguarding Policy; government legislation, guidance and safe practice in the circuit and in the churches.

St Paul's Methodist Church commits itself to the provision of support, advice and training for lay and ordained people that will ensure people are clear and confident about their roles and responsibilities in safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and adults who may be vulnerable.

Reserves Policy

The General Reserves Policy for the Church is to hold a minimum sum equivalent to 6 months' average expenditure. This should be sufficient to meet any unforeseen item of major expenditure on the church building and / or to be able to continue, in the short term, funding planned activities in the event of any inability to raise the full expenses including the assessment payable to the Circuit.

St Paul's Methodist Church, Crawley

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

Year Ended 31 August 2022

Investment Policy

A low-risk liquid position is maintained. The Deposit Fund administered by the Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church is utilised to deposit any funds surplus to immediate requirements.

Exemptions from Disclosure

There are no exemptions from disclosure.

Funds held as custodian trustee on behalf of others

The Church holds no funds as a custodian trustee on behalf of others.

St Paul's Methodist Church, Crawley

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITY

Year Ended 31 August 2022

	Notes	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
Income and endowments from:						
Donations and legacies	4					
Pledges and offerings		44,405	—	—	44,405	46,539
Donations		2,043	—	—	2,043	1,520
Gift Aid tax refunds		10,597	—	—	10,597	10,707
Legacies		—	—	—	—	6,000
Income from charitable activities	5					
Fund raising		49	—	—	49	23
Loaves and Fishes		5,577	—	—	5,577	205
Other charitable activities		130	—	—	130	7
Other trading activities	6					
Lettings		65,455	—	—	65,455	30,672
Investments	7	376	115	1,633	2,124	693
Total income		128,632	115	1,633	130,380	96,366
Expenditure on:						
Salaries, NIC and pension costs	8	21,414	—	—	21,414	11,003
Circuit Assessment		39,000	—	—	39,000	39,000
Maintenance of Church buildings and property	11	11,525	—	1,057	12,582	34,094
Utilities (insurance, energy, water, etc)	12	15,965	—	—	15,965	16,058
Grants and Donations	13	2,469	—	—	2,469	371
Loaves and Fishes		4,801	—	—	4,801	—
Other expenditure	14	5,870	—	—	5,870	3,229
Total expenditure		101,044	—	1,057	102,101	103,754
Net income / (expenditure) resources before transfer		27,588	115	576	28,279	(7,388)
Transfers						
Gross transfers between funds - in		—	446	—	446	—
Gross transfers between funds - out		0	(446)	—	(446)	—
Other recognised gains / losses						
Gains on revaluations, fixed assets, charity's own use	15	325,648	—	—	325,648	—
Net movement in funds		353,236	115	576	353,927	(7,388)
Reconciliation of funds						
Total funds brought forward		4,538,465	38,950	391,583	4,968,997	4,976,386
Total funds carried forward		4,891,701	39,064	392,159	5,322,924	4,968,997

Note: Values are in British pounds sterling (GBP). Components may not sum to totals because of rounding to the nearest pound.

St Paul's Methodist Church, Crawley

BALANCE SHEET

Year Ended 31 August 2022

	Notes	General Fund	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	At 31/08/2022	At 31/08/2021
					£	£
Fixed assets						
Tangible assets	15	4,786,126	—	—	4,786,126	4,460,478
Fixed assets		4,786,126	—	—	4,786,126	4,460,478
Current assets						
Debtors	16	5,577	—	—	5,577	5,504
Cash at bank and in hand	16	101,539	39,064	392,434	533,038	520,714
Current assets		107,117	39,064	392,434	538,615	526,218
Liabilities						
Creditors: Amounts falling due in one year	17	1,542	—	275	1,817	17,698
Net current assets less current liabilities		105,575	39,064	392,159	536,798	508,519
Total assets less current liabilities		4,891,701	39,064	392,159	5,322,924	4,968,997
Total net assets less liabilities		4,891,701	39,064	392,159	5,322,924	4,968,997
Represented by	20					
Unrestricted						
Unrestricted - General fund		4,891,701	—	—	4,891,701	4,538,465
Designated						
Designated - Hymn Book Fund		—	100	—	100	100
Designated - Outreach Hospitality		—	510	—	510	510
Designated - Redevelopment & Refurbishment		—	38,426	—	38,426	37,865
Designated - Benevolence		—	28	—	28	28
Designated - WF - Internal Organisation		—	—	—	—	446
Restricted						
Restricted - Redevelopment & Refurbishment		—	—	392,159	392,159	391,583
Funds of the church		4,891,701	39,064	392,159	5,322,924	4,968,997

Note: Values are in British pounds sterling (GBP). Components may not sum to totals because of rounding to the nearest pound.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
Year Ended 31 August 2022

In the following notes, values are in British pounds sterling (GBP). The components of tables may not sum to totals because of rounding to the nearest pound.

1. Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared under the Charities Act 2011 in accordance with the 2015 version of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) as amended by the update bulletin (effective 1 January 2015).

2. Funds

The funds held constitute: General Funds held for any purpose of the Church which are Unrestricted. Restricted funds which are held for a narrower purpose including those for internal organisations. Details of each material fund are disclosed in note 20. Any funds may be represented by more than just cash.

3. Accounting policies

Basis

These accounts have been prepared on the basis of historical cost, except that investments are shown at their market value at the end of the year, on the accruals basis to show a true and fair view of the Church's financial position and activities.

Income

Income is included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) when the Church becomes entitled to the resources, and the trustees are reasonably certain they will receive the resources; and the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Expenditure

This is recognised when a liability is incurred, or a constructive obligation arises, that results in the payment being unavoidable. Liabilities are recognised as soon as an outflow of economic benefit is considered more likely than not under the legal or constructive obligation committing the Church to pay out resources.

Grants

Grants made by the Church from its own funds are recognised in full at the time of agreement or when the Church accepts that there is a legal or operational obligation to make the payment.

VAT

Since the Church is not VAT registered, all input VAT is charged with the expenses to which it refers.

Tangible fixed assets for use by the Church

These are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year, and individually cost more than £3,000. The freehold property is shown at cost, based on the insurer's valuation.

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Depreciation

Assets having an initial cost of £3,000 or less are written off in full in the year of acquisition. Furniture and Fittings of a durable nature having an initial cost greater than £3,000 are depreciated at the rate of 33.33% per annum on a straight-line basis. Computer and Electronic equipment having an initial cost greater than £3,000 are depreciated at 50% per annum on a straight-line basis.

Investment Properties

Investment properties - no property is currently deemed to not be held for the long-term purposes of the charity.

Investments

Investments are valued in the balance sheet at market value at the year end. Investment income is included in the accounts when receivable. Any gains or losses on revaluation at the year-end are shown in the SOFA.

Debtors and Prepayments

Debtors include outstanding lettings invoices in August.

Creditors

Creditors include outstanding items relating to utilities, telephones, etc. in August.

Volunteers

A certain amount of time is expended on the charity's activities, which is donated free of charge. It is not possible to quantify the value of time given and accordingly it is neither recorded as donated income or as expense in the financial statement.

4. Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	This year	Last year
1200 - Envelope Scheme & Direct bank receipts	44,111	—	—	44,111	46,211
1220 - Offering - Loose Cash	294	—	—	294	328
1230 - Donations	783	—	—	783	1,100
1260 - Contributions From Ext Orgs	1,260	—	—	1,260	420
1250 - Tax Reclaimed On Gift Aid	10,597	—	—	10,597	10,707
1255 - Legacies	—	—	—	—	6,000
Donations and legacies Totals	57,044	—	—	57,044	64,766

5. Charitable activities

	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	This year	Last year
1340 - Other Fund Raising	49	—	—	49	23
1410 - Loaves & Fishes	5,577	—	—	5,577	205
1400 - Fees - Weddings, Funerals etc	130	—	—	130	—
1420 - Refreshments At Services	—	—	—	—	7
Income from charitable activities Totals	5,757	—	—	5,757	235

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6. Other trading activities

	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	This year	Last year
1300 - Property Lettings	65,455	—	—	65,455	30,672
Other trading activities Totals	65,455	—	—	65,455	30,672

7. Investment income

	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	This year	Last year
1510 - CFB General Dep a/c Interest	376	—	—	376	79
1511 - CFB Redev Dep a/c Interest	—	115	—	115	36
1514 - CFB Project Dep a/c Interest	—	—	1,633	1,633	578
Investments Totals	376	115	1,633	2,124	693

The Church holds three interest-bearing Methodist Church Central Finance Board (CFB) deposit accounts

1. **CFB General Deposit Account:** used primarily to hold on deposit General and Benevolence funds that are not immediately required.
2. **CFB Redevelopment Deposit Account:** used to hold on deposit Redevelopment and Refurbishment designated funds until they are required
3. **CFB Project Deposit Account:** used to hold on deposit the Redevelopment and Refurbishment restricted funds until they are required.

8. Paid employees

<i>Salaries, NIC and pension costs</i>	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	This year	Last year
4010 - Salaries - Cleaners	11,836	—	—	11,836	6,547
4011 - Salaries -Lettings	9,578	—	—	9,578	4,456
Salaries, NIC and pension costs Totals	21,414	—	—	21,414	11,003

The Church has two part-time paid employees and the average salary was £10,707 per annum.

9. Paid trustees

Vanessa Collins, Trustee, is employed as a cleaner and was paid £4,184.70 during the 2021-22 financial year.

10. Fees for examination or audit of the accounts

2020-21	Independent Examination Fee	£300
2021-22	Independent Examination Fee	£300 (provision)

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11. Maintenance of Church buildings and property

<i>Maintenance of Church buildings and property</i>	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	This year	Last year
4200 - Property Maintenance	9,066	—	—	9,066	19,914
4210 - Property Redevelopment	—	—	1,057	1,057	13,832
4225 - Grounds Maintenance	1,214	—	—	1,214	(1,175)
4250 - Window Cleaning	—	—	—	—	198
4252 - Cleaning Materials	1,246	—	—	1,246	863
4255 - Cleaning	—	—	—	—	462
Maintenance of Church buildings and property Totals	11,525	—	1,057	12,582	34,094

12. Utilities

	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	This year	Last year
4220 - Gas	5,372	—	—	5,372	7,261
4230 - Electricity	4,561	—	—	4,561	2,066
4240 - Water	3	—	—	3	857
4245 - Waste Disposal	1,033	—	—	1,033	1,029
4260 - Telephone and Broadband	503	—	—	503	572
5050 - Insurance	4,492	—	—	4,492	4,273
Utilities (insurance, energy, water, etc) Totals	15,965	—	—	15,965	16,058

13. Grants and donations

	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	This year	Last year
2000 - Gifts & Donations	219	—	—	219	—
2300 - Benevolence - Disbursements	—	—	—	—	371
6000 - Connexional/Other Contribs	2,250	—	—	2,250	—
Grants and Donations Totals	2,469	—	—	2,469	371

14. Other expenditure

	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	This year	Last year
2100 - Worship Resources	1,445	—	—	1,445	868
2110 - Presentation Bibles, Candles	114	—	—	114	—
2130 - Printing, Postage & Stationery	873	—	—	873	1,109
3010 - Other Catering Expenses	215	—	—	215	—
3025 - Publicity	56	—	—	56	—
3040 - Church Growth	1,273	—	—	1,273	23
3050 - Web Site development	193	—	—	193	175
4205 - Property Letting Expenses	1,032	—	—	1,032	672
4300 - Miscellaneous Expenses	165	—	—	165	32
5000 - Treasurer/Stewardship Expenses	75	—	—	75	75
5001 - Bank charges	130	—	—	130	—
5010 - Professional Fees	300	—	—	300	275
Other expenditure Totals	5,870	—	—	5,870	3,229

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15. Tangible assets

This Year (2021-2022)

	Church (non-investment) land and buildings	Fixtures, fittings, and Equipment	Total
	£	£	£
Cost or valuation			
At beginning of the year	4,460,478	-	4,460,478
Additions	-	-	-
Disposals	-	-	-
Revaluations	325,648	-	325,648
Transfers	-	-	-
At end of the year	4,786,126	-	4,786,126
Depreciation and impairments			
At beginning of the year	-	-	-
Disposals	-	-	-
Depreciation	-	-	-
Impairment	-	-	-
Transfers	-	-	-
At end of the year	-	-	-
Net book value at beginning of the year	4,460,478	-	4,460,478
Net book value at end of the year	4,786,126	-	4,786,126

Previous Year (2020-2021)

	Church (non-investment) land and buildings	Fixtures, fittings, and Equipment	Total
	£	£	£
Cost or valuation			
At beginning of the year	4,460,478	-	4,460,478
Additions	-	-	-
Disposals	-	-	-
Revaluations	-	-	-
Transfers	-	-	-
At end of the year	4,460,478	-	4,460,478
Depreciation and impairments			
At beginning of the year	-	-	-
Disposals	-	-	-
Depreciation	-	-	-
Impairment	-	-	-
Transfers	-	-	-
At end of the year	-	-	-
Net book value at beginning of the year	4,460,478	-	4,460,478
Net book value at end of the year	4,460,478	-	4,460,478

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16. Analysis of current assets

<i>Debtors and prepayments</i>	This year	Last year
Prepayments	3,274	3,250
Accrued income	2,303	1,995
Other debtors	-	258
Total debtors and prepayments	5,577	5,504

<i>Analysis of cash at bank</i>	This year	Last year
Bank balance held in HSBC Bank	9,210	14,937
Bank balance held in CFB	523,828	505,331
Bank balance held in Nationwide Bank	-	446
Total Cash at Bank	533,038	520,714

17. Analysis of current liabilities and long-term creditors

<i>Current Liabilities</i>	This year	Last year
Trade Creditors	1,239	17,108
Other Creditors	577	590
Total Current Liabilities	1,817	17,698

18. Capital commitments and contingent liabilities

At the 31st August 2022 the Church has no capital commitments. No Contingent liabilities were identified at 31st August 2022.

19. Loans and creditors due after one year

There were no creditors due after one year in the financial year 2021-2022.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Year Ended 31 August 2022

20. Detailed analysis of individual fund movements

Unrestricted funds

General Fund: for the running costs of the Church and the Church building, including the Church activities, the Circuit Assessment and any costs not covered by the other funds.

Designated funds

Hymn Book Fund: for replacing and/or updating hymn books.

Redevelopment & Refurbishment Fund: for redeveloping and refurbishing the Church buildings and resources.

Benevolence Fund: for disbursements to those in need and support for those in poverty.

Outreach Hospitality Fund: for funding refreshments and other hospitality expenses for outreach events and activities.

Women's Fellowship Fund: the Women's Fellowship, which was an internal organisation, closed down and donated its funds to the church Redevelopment and Refurbishment designated fund. (This is shown as a transfer in the fund movement table for 2021-2022 below)

Restricted funds

Redevelopment & Refurbishment Fund: for redeveloping and refurbishing the Church buildings. All donations given specifically for the purpose of this fund, and any proceeds from fundraising specifically advertised as raising money for this purpose, are placed in this fund. It complements the identically named designated fund above.

This Year (2021-2022)

Fund and type	Fund balances brought forward	Incoming Resources	Outgoing Resources	Transfers	Gains and Losses	Fund balances carried forward
Unrestricted						
General fund	4,538,465	128,632	101,044	—	325,648	4,891,701
Sub-totals	4,538,465	128,632	101,044	—	325,648	4,891,701
Designated						
Hymn Book Fund	100	—	—	—	—	100
Outreach Hospitality Fund	510	—	—	—	—	510
Redevelopment & Refurbishment	37,865	115	—	446	—	38,426
Benevolence Fund	28	—	—	—	—	28
Women's Fellowship Fund	446	—	—	(446)	—	—
Sub-totals	38,950	115	—	—	—	39,064
Restricted						
Redevelopment & Refurbishment Fund	391,583	1,633	1,057	—	—	392,159
Sub-totals	391,583	1,633	1,057	—	—	392,159
Totals	4,968,997	130,380	102,101	—	325,648	5,322,924

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Previous Year (2020-2021)

Fund and type	Fund balances brought forward	Incoming Resources	Outgoing Resources	Transfers	Gains and Losses	Fund balances carried forward
Unrestricted						
General - General fund	4,533,982	89,751	85,267	—	—	4,538,465
Sub-totals	4,533,982	89,751	85,267	—	—	4,538,465
Designated						
Hymn Book Fund	100	—	—	—	—	100
Outreach Hospitality Fund	510	—	—	—	—	510
Redevelopment & Refurbishment Fund	31,829	6,036	—	—	—	37,865
Benevolence Fund	28	—	—	—	—	28
Women's Fellowship Fund	446	—	—	—	—	446
Sub-totals	32,913	6,037	—	—	—	38,950
Restricted						
Redevelopment & Refurbishment Fund	409,491	578	18,487	—	—	391,583
Sub-totals	409,491	578	18,487	—	—	391,583
Totals	4,976,386	96,366	103,754	—	—	4,968,997

21. Related party transactions

Name of related party	Relationship	Description of transaction	Payments to related party during the year	Value of gifts to related party during the year
			£	£
Redhill and East Grinstead Methodist Circuit	Methodist Church	Payment of Circuit Assessment	39,000	-
Total Related Party Transactions			39,000	-

22. Donations

Donations made to other organisations by the Church from Church funds or from Internal Organisation funds which are not itemised elsewhere.

A Donation of £2,250 was made to the Methodist Church Pension Fund
(Please see note 13, Connexional and Other Contributions)

23. Events after the reporting period

There were no reportable events after the reporting period.

St Paul's Methodist Church, Crawley

DECLARATION

Year Ended 31 August 2022

This Report of the Trustees and these Financial Statements were approved by the Church Council on 13 November 2022 and signed on behalf of the Church Council by

Signature:

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'G. Baalham', with a horizontal line extending from the end of the signature.

Name:

REV^D GILLIAN BAALHAM

St Paul's Methodist Church, Crawley
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
To the Trustees of St Paul's Methodist Church

This Report is on the Church Accounts for the year ended 31st August 2022

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The Church's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The Church's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under Section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (effective January 2015) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under Section 145(5)(b) of the Charities act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair view" and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

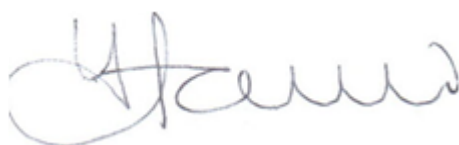
Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 130 of the Charities Act 2011.
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Acthave not been met; or
- (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Name: Yvette How MAAT

Signature:



Relevant Professional qualification or body: MAAT

Address: 6 Frailey Close, Maybury, Woking, GU22 8EB

Date: 12 May 2023

CRAWLEY METHODIST CHURCH

England & Wales - Charity number 1127744

Accounts

Registered Charity number 1127744

St Paul's Methodist Church, Crawley

**Report of the Trustees and Unaudited Financial Statements
for the Year Ended 31 August 2021**

St Paul's Methodist Church, Crawley

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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Year Ended 31 August 2021

Minister: Rev Melvyn Cooke

Trustees: Rev F. Al-Hassan
Mrs J. Bower
Mr M. Bower
Mrs A. Brown
Mrs V. Collins
Rev M. Cooke
Mrs Y. Ellard
Mrs D. Ford
Mrs S. Ford
Mrs B. Gillet
Mr R. Gorringer
Mrs E. Grant
Mrs S. Jones
Dr B. Jones
Mrs J. Jordan
Mr P. Jordan
Ms R. Lewis
Mrs J. Mason
Rev C. McKie
Mrs C. Ofield
Mr M. Ofield
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Alternative name: Crawley Methodist Church

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St Paul's Methodist Church, Crawley

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

Year Ended 31 August 2021

The Trustees submit their annual report and unaudited financial statements for the year ended 31-August 2021. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the accounts and comply with the charity's trust deed, the Charities Act 2011 and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) as amended by the update bulletin (effective 1 January 2015).

Objectives and Activities

Objectives

St Paul's Methodist Church Mission is to: Unite in Faith, Worship in Faith, Grow in Faith, Share the Good News, Make Disciples, and Serve in Love.

Note: 'Faith' refers to the Christian faith and Good News' refers to the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

The Church also supports and contributes to the purposes of the Methodist Church which are the advancement of:

- a) The Christian faith in accordance with the doctrinal standards and discipline of The Methodist Church;
- b) Any charitable purpose for the time being of any Connexional, District, Circuit, local or other organisation of The Methodist Church;
- c) Any charitable purpose for the time being of any society or institution subsidiary or ancillary to The Methodist Church;
- d) Any purpose for the time being of any charity being a charity subsidiary or ancillary to The Methodist Church.

Activities

The activities of St Paul's Methodist Church are designed to meet the objectives of the mission statement and, by doing so, to benefit its members, its congregation and the wider public, by supporting Christians as they seek to worship God and to live out their faith, by sharing the Christian message, by helping those in need, and by working for social justice. A list of the main, regular activities is given below. This list does not include one-off special events. For a fuller description of the activities, please see the church website: www.crawleymethodistchurch.com

Activities List

Sunday Worship Services	Prayer Meetings
Tea Services	Loaves and Fishes (Community Café)
House Groups	Pastoral Visiting
Fellowship Groups	Flower Ministry
Kings' Kids and King's Teens (Sunday Schools)	Community Use of the Building
Fun Friday (Children, Youth and Family evening)	Fund Raising for others
Young Peoples' Singing Group	

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Public Benefit

The trustees have referred to the guidance in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the charity's aims and objectives in planning its future activities. In particular, they have considered how planned activities will contribute to the aims and objectives they have set.

Achievements and Performance

Senior Steward's report

Worship

Services at St Paul's were suspended from the start of the Covid lockdown in March 2020. As the lockdown started to ease in September 2020, we began a mix of short services with no singing and a small socially distanced congregation in the church, livestreamed services with some music but no congregation and pre-recorded services with singing by a small choir and no congregation.

Children and young people participated as much as was possible in the recorded services, by singing in the Young People's Singing Group, presenting the Bible readings, and being recorded welcoming viewers to the livestream.

Since Covid restriction were greatly eased in July 2021, we have held short Sunday services in church with limited singing. The congregation are still asked to maintain social distance and to wear face coverings. These services are streamed live on Facebook. The number of people attending live services has remained below pre-Covid numbers. Services will continue to be streamed each week.

We said farewell to our minister at the end of July 2021 as he moved to a new appointment. We look forward to the present Circuit Superintendent becoming our minister in September 2021, and to welcoming a Deacon to the ministerial team from October.

Supporting children and young people

From April 2020 to February 2021 a monthly activity sheet was sent by email to church families with young children. Zoom worship services for young people were held twice a week from February to mid-May. After that, groups of young people were permitted to meet again on church premises and 'Fun Friday' evenings were started so that the children and young people could get to know each other and their leaders again by joining in a short service and having social time.

Church property

Plans for essential replacement of the Sanctuary roof continued through discussions with the architects and are now ready for submission for planning permission. Whilst the premises were largely empty and unused, the sports hall and several other rooms were re-decorated.

Caring for the people of the church and holding meetings

From the time lockdown came into effect in March 2020, a weekly newsletter called Extraordinary News was produced to keep the congregation connected together. As well as church news it included articles and items to inform, entertain and amuse. It was circulated by email to everyone with an email address. Printed copies were posted to those without.

Whilst visiting people at home was restricted, our Pastoral Carers and many others kept in touch with everyone by email and telephone, particularly with those living alone.

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The business of church committees was conducted via Zoom meetings and email.

A Fellowship Group meeting via Zoom for bible study, prayer, mutual support and encouragement was started in February 2021 and is still going strong.

Community use of the church

All room bookings were cancelled when we entered the first Covid lockdown in March 2020, which continued through to the end of August. From September to mid-December 2020, when Covid Rules & Regulations were relaxed, a number of well-being, exercise and support groups were able to return to the Church and take up their room bookings once more.

When further restrictions were introduced in December 2021 all of the groups that fell within the Support Group category were able to continue meeting on a weekly basis. We then had a large increase in bookings when lockdown was once again eased.

From September 2021, we expect bookings to increase considerably. as everyone becomes more confident and able to see the additional cleaning measures put in place for their well-being.

Local outreach and charitable fund-raising

The church café had to close from mid-March 2020 until August 2021 due to Covid restrictions. We expect to re-open the café in September 2021.

Our usual annual fund-raising events for Action for Children and Methodist Homes could not take place due to Covid. We encouraged supporters of these charities to donate online. Monthly fund-raising coffee mornings for many different charities also ceased.

We were able to raise £617 for Christian Aid during May 2021 by asking supporters to donate via Christian Aid's own e-envelope scheme.

Looking ahead

This very unusual year, dominated by the Covid pandemic, has brought us new challenges. We had to quickly embrace new ways of using technology, such as recording and live-streaming worship and holding meetings via Zoom. We greatly increased our use of email and social media as channels of communication to keep the church family informed and connected together. We see value in the continued use of these technologies in the future and will continue learning to better utilise them.

Joyce Jordan, Senior Steward

Financial Review

Overview

At the start of the year, the Covid pandemic was having a significant impact on the Church, and it was difficult to predict how this would play out during the financial year. As a precautionary response, the Church set two budgets, a worst-case 'austerity' budget with a £20,000 deficit and a 'normal' budget with a £4,000 surplus. Initially the Church worked to the austerity budget, transitioning gradually towards the normal budget as the pandemic impact eased and the financial position improved.

As a result of the two lockdowns in the first half of the year, the Church building was closed, and many of the normal Church activities were cancelled for a considerable proportion of the year. This situation reduced both income and expenditure and the outcome was an end of year surplus of £4,484 in the General Fund and a surplus of £6,037 in the Designated Funds.

The Church was able to use the closure periods as an opportunity to carry out several building repair, redecoration, and refurbishment projects. Some of these projects made parts of the building unusable while the work was in progress and would have resulted in loss of lettings income if the building had been open.

The progress of the project to replace the Sanctuary roof and refurbish the Sanctuary has been slowed down by the pandemic but it is now at the planning permission stage. The project will be funded from the Redevelopment & Refurbishment Restricted Fund, which holds the legacy received last year. As a part of this project, the Hall was redecorated so that it can be used for worship while the work on the Sanctuary is taking place.

The declining trend in active membership remains an issue and has been exacerbated by the pandemic and the unavoidable cancellations of many activities. If this trend is not reversed, income from pledges, offerings and donations will continue to drop and the Church will have a shortage of volunteers to run the mission critical activities. The Church's highest priority is to grow the church by sharing the gospel and making disciples.

Income and Expenditure

General Fund

Most of the Church's income is from Pledges, Offerings and Donations, and from Property Lettings.

Pledges are normally paid by bank standing order or by enclosing cash or cheque in a pledge envelope placed into the collection made at services. As a result of the pandemic, most of our congregation now use standing order or direct bank transfer. This has helped to ensure that pledges continue to be received. The income from pledges was in line with the budget and marginally above the previous year. Loose Cash Offerings were greatly reduced because collections were not taken when the Church was closed and have been constrained by Covid prevention measures. Donations were also lower than last year. Overall, income from giving to the General Fund was £1,795 less than last year and £10,262 less than two years ago. The primary cause of this reduction in income from giving may be the pandemic but it is also probable that the declining trend in active membership is beginning to have an impact.

Lettings stopped during the lockdowns and this resulted in a significant loss of income. However, income from lettings recovered rapidly after the closures and was very promising in the second half of the year. Without the excellent second half of year performance, the loss of lettings income would have been much greater. The strategy of maximising lettings income to strengthen the financial position, which has been pursued in recent years, has enabled the Church to withstand the financial impact of the pandemic.

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The Loaves and Fishes Café was not operational for almost the entire year and this reduced both the yearly income and expenditure.

Most of the General Fund expenditure is incurred on the Circuit Assessment (used by the Circuit to pay Ministers' stipends and related costs, and to pay the District Assessment); the costs of running the Church building (maintenance, cleaning and lettings salaries, energy and other utilities, etc.); and the costs of running the Church's activities.

Circuit Assessment was in line with budget predictions and building maintenance expenditure was lower than predicted. Expenditure on cleaning and lettings salaries was reduced through furloughing under the Government scheme. There were also significant savings on energy and other utility costs during the periods in which the building was closed.

Overall, General Fund income was £10,341 less than the previous year and £32,249 below the normal budget prediction and General Fund expenditure was £11,525 less than the previous year and £33,195 below the normal budget prediction. The impact of the Coronavirus pandemic was the cause of these significant variations.

At the end of the year there was a General Fund surplus of £4,484, which was in line with the normal budget prediction and £1,184 higher than the previous year General Fund surplus.

Designated Funds

The Church received a legacy of £6,000, which has been allocated to Redevelopment and Refurbishment Designated funds. There was no expenditure in the Designated Funds.

Restricted Funds

Expenditure on decorating the hall and other refurbishments to the building reduced the Restricted Funds balance by £17,909, after taking into account the small amount of income from interest.

Assets

No new assets were added during the financial year. The building has been revalued in accordance with the accounting policy.

Funds and Reserves

The General Fund reserves of the Church (i.e. the net current General Fund assets) at 31st August 2020 were £77,987., which is in line with the reserves policy.

At 31st August 2021 the total net current assets of all the Church funds was £508,519 and the total of all the Church funds (i.e. including fixed assets) was £4,968,997.

Going Concern

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

Future Plans

We plan to worship and serve God, and to share His love with the community, by continuing to pursue the vision expressed in our mission statement.

Our priorities for the year ahead include church growth, fellowship, human resources, and building improvements to our building.

Our aim is to:

- grow the church by sharing the gospel and making disciples
- engage more people in fellowship based on Bible study, prayer, mutual support and encouragement
- address our growing shortage of human resources
- make our buildings fit for purpose

We are seeking to follow where the Holy Spirit leads and at this stage we plan to pursue the following strategies:

- promote more widely all that St Paul's offers through a variety of advertising media and methods including social media and invitation by the congregation.
- make worship more accessible, welcoming, relevant and engaging, particularly for those who are unfamiliar with Church
- expand and enhance the provision for families, children and young people
- expand and enhance the Fellowship Groups and further develop fellowship and pastoral support
- maximise human resources by prioritising, recruiting, succession planning
- replace the Sanctuary roof
- refurbish the Sanctuary and other parts of our building

We also plan to continue running all the activities listed in the activities section of this report.

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Structure, Governance and Management

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

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

The members of St Paul's Methodist Church Council are the Charity Trustees, membership being made up of church office holders, Minister, and representatives appointed by the Church at the General Church Meeting (the Church's Annual General Meeting).

Day to day management of the church is undertaken by the Church Leadership Team together with the Minister. The Leadership Team is appointed by the Church Council.

Basis of preparation and legal framework

The Charity's annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2021 have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 and the Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice 2015 as applicable to the Financial Reporting Standard (FRSSE) 2015

Trustee Training

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

Related Parties

The Church is part of the Redhill and East Grinstead Circuit which is part of the South East District and is also accountable to the Methodist Conference.

The internal organisation(s) linked to this church are:

St Paul's Methodist Church Women's Fellowship

Risk Management

The major risks have been identified and recorded by the Trustees with professional advice taken as required. There is a regular annual review process undertaken and recorded.

Income and Expenditure is being monitored in total and is compared with the approved annual budget on a quarter yearly basis to detect trends as part of the risk management process to avoid unforeseen calls on reserves.

Safeguarding

St Paul's Methodist Church commits itself to ensuring the implementation of Connexional Safeguarding Policy; government legislation, guidance and safe practice in the circuit and in the churches.

St Paul's Methodist Church commits itself to the provision of support, advice and training for lay and ordained people that will ensure people are clear and confident about their roles and responsibilities in safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and adults who may be vulnerable.

Reserves Policy

The General Reserves Policy for the Church is to hold a minimum sum equivalent to 6 months' average expenditure. This should be sufficient to meet any unforeseen item of major expenditure on the church building and / or to be able to continue, in the short term, funding planned activities in the event of any inability to raise the full expenses including the assessment payable to the Circuit.

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Investment Policy

A low-risk liquid position is maintained. The Deposit Fund administered by the Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church is utilised to deposit any funds surplus to immediate requirements.

Exemptions from Disclosure

There are no exemptions from disclosure.

Funds held as custodian trustee on behalf of others

The Church holds no funds as a custodian trustee on behalf of others.

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITY

Year Ended 31 August 2021

	Notes	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
Income and endowments from:						
Donations and legacies	4					
Pledges and offerings		46,539	—	—	46,539	47,164
Donations		1,520	—	—	1,520	5,220
Gift Aid tax refunds		10,707	—	—	10,707	12,027
Legacies		—	6,000	—	6,000	418,438
Income from charitable activities	5					
Fund raising		23	—	—	23	188
Loaves and Fishes		205	—	—	205	4,849
Other charitable activities		7	—	—	7	312
Other trading activities	6					
Lettings		30,672	—	—	30,672	33,895
Investments	7	79	36	578	693	3,006
Other income	8					
Internal organisations		—	0	—	0	551
Miscellaneous income		—	—	—	—	—
Total income		89,751	6,037	578	96,366	525,650
Expenditure on:						
Salaries, NIC and pension costs	9	11,003	—	—	11,003	12,219
Circuit Assessment		39,000	—	—	39,000	39,000
Maintenance of Church buildings and proper	12	15,607	—	18,487	34,094	35,577
Utilities (insurance, energy, water, etc)	13	16,058	—	—	16,058	11,811
Internal Organisations		—	—	—	—	240
Grants and Donations	14	371	—	—	371	90
Loaves and Fishes		—	—	—	—	1,433
Other expenditure	15	3,229	—	—	3,229	7,982
Total expenditure		85,267	—	18,487	103,754	108,352
Net income / (expenditure) resources before transfer		4,484	6,037	(17,909)	(7,388)	417,298
Transfers						
Gross transfers between funds - in		—	—	—	—	—
Gross transfers between funds - out		—	—	—	—	—
Other recognised gains / losses						
Gains / losses on investment assets	16	—	—	—	—	113,044
Gains on revaluation, fixed assets, charity's own use		—	—	—	—	—
Net movement in funds		4,484	6,037	(17,909)	(7,388)	530,342
Reconciliation of funds						
Total funds brought forward		4,533,982	32,913	409,491	4,976,386	4,446,044
Total funds carried forward		4,538,465	38,950	391,583	4,968,997	4,976,386

Note: Components may not sum to totals because of rounding to the nearest pound

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BALANCE SHEET

Year Ended 31 August 2021

	Notes	General Fund	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	At 31/08/2021	At 31/08/2020
					£	£
Fixed assets						
Tangible assets	16	4,460,478	—	—	4,460,478	4,460,478
Fixed assets		4,460,478	—	—	4,460,478	4,460,478
Current assets						
Debtors	17	5,504	—	—	5,504	1,193
Cash at bank and in hand	17	76,048	38,950	405,717	520,714	517,552
Current assets		81,552	38,950	405,717	526,218	518,745
Liabilities						
Creditors: Amounts falling due in one year	18	3,564	—	14,134	17,698	2,837
Net current assets less current liabilities		77,987	38,950	391,583	508,519	515,908
Total assets less current liabilities		4,538,465	38,950	391,583	4,968,997	4,976,386
Total net assets less liabilities		4,538,465	38,950	391,583	4,968,997	4,976,386
Represented by	21					
Unrestricted						
Unrestricted - General fund		4,538,465	—	—	4,538,465	4,533,982
Designated						
Designated - Hymn Book Fund		—	100	—	100	100
Designated - Outreach Hospitality		—	510	—	510	510
Designated - Redevelopment & Refurbishment		—	37,865	—	37,865	31,829
Designated - Benevolence		—	28	—	28	28
Designated - Youth		—	—	—	—	—
Designated - Choir - Internal Organisation		—	—	—	—	—
Designated - WF - Internal Organisation		—	446	—	446	446
Restricted						
Restricted - Redevelopment & Refurbishment		—	—	391,583	391,583	409,491
Funds of the church		4,538,465	38,950	391,583	4,968,997	4,976,386

Note: Components may not sum to totals because of rounding to the nearest pound

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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In the following notes the components of tables may not sum to totals because of rounding to the nearest pound.

1. Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared under the Charities Act 2011 in accordance with the 2015 version of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) as amended by the update bulletin (effective 1 January 2015).

2. Funds

The funds held constitute: General Funds held for any purpose of the Church which are Unrestricted. Restricted funds which are held for a narrower purpose including those for internal organisations. Details of each material fund are disclosed in note 21. Any funds may be represented by more than just cash.

3. Accounting policies

Basis

These accounts have been prepared on the basis of historical cost, except that investments are shown at their market value at the end of the year, on the accruals basis to show a true and fair view of the Church's financial position and activities.

Income

Income is included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) when the Church becomes entitled to the resources, and the trustees are reasonably certain they will receive the resources; and the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Expenditure

This is recognised when a liability is incurred, or a constructive obligation arises, that results in the payment being unavoidable. Liabilities are recognised as soon as an outflow of economic benefit is considered more likely than not under the legal or constructive obligation committing the Church to pay out resources.

Grants

Grants made by the Church from its own funds are recognised in full at the time of agreement or when the Church accepts that there is a legal or operational obligation to make the payment.

VAT

Since the Church is not VAT registered, all input VAT is charged with the expenses to which it refers.

Tangible fixed assets for use by the Church

These are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year, and individually cost at least £1,000. The freehold property is shown at cost, based on the insurer's valuation.

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Depreciation

Assets having an initial cost of £1,000 or less are written off in full in the year of acquisition. Furniture and Fittings of a durable nature having an initial cost greater than £1,000 are depreciated at the rate of 10% per annum on a straight-line basis. Computer and Electronic equipment having an initial cost greater than £1,000 are depreciated at 25% per annum on a straight-line basis.

Investment Properties

Investment properties - no property is currently deemed to not be held for the long-term purposes of the charity.

Investments

Investments are valued in the balance sheet at market value at the year end. Investment income is included in the accounts when receivable. Any gains or losses on revaluation at the year-end are shown in the SOFA.

Debtors and Prepayments

Debtors include outstanding lettings invoices in August.

Creditors

Creditors include outstanding items relating to utilities, telephones, etc. in August.

Volunteers

A certain amount of time is expended on the charity's activities, which is donated free of charge. It is not possible to quantify the value of time given and accordingly it is neither recorded as donated income or as expense in the financial statement.

4. Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	This year	Last year
1200 - Envelope Scheme & Direct bank receipts	46,211	—	—	46,211	45,428
1220 - Offering - Loose Cash	328	—	—	328	1,737
1230 - Donations	1,100	—	—	1,100	4,995
1260 - Contributions From Ext Orgs	420	—	—	420	225
1250 - Tax Reclaimed On Gift Aid	10,707	—	—	10,707	12,027
1255 - Legacies	—	6,000	—	6,000	418,438
Donations and legacies Totals	58,766	6,000	—	64,766	482,849

5. Charitable activities

	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	This year	Last year
1340 - Other Fund Raising	23	—	—	23	188
1410 - Loaves & Fishes	205	—	—	205	4,849
1310 - Catering	—	—	—	—	80
1420 - Refreshments At Services	7	—	—	7	232
Income from charitable activities Totals	235	—	—	235	5,349

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6. Other trading activities

	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	This year	Last year
1300 - Property Lettings	30,672	—	—	30,672	33,895
Other trading activities Totals	30,672	—	—	30,672	33,895

7. Investment income

	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	This year	Last year
1510 - CFB General Dep a/c Interest	79	—	—	79	448
1511 - CFB Redev Dep a/c Interest	—	36	—	36	185
1514 - CFB Project Dep a/c Interest	—	—	578	578	2,373
Investments Totals	79	36	578	693	3,006

The Church holds three interest-bearing Methodist Church Central Finance Board (CFB) deposit accounts

1. **CFB General Deposit Account:** used primarily to hold on deposit General and Benevolence funds that are not immediately required.
2. **CFB Redevelopment Deposit Account:** used to hold on deposit Redevelopment and Refurbishment designated funds until they are required
3. **CFB Project Deposit Account:** used to hold on deposit the Redevelopment and Refurbishment restricted funds until they are required.

8. Other income

	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	—	Last year
1610 - Income - Int Org	—	—	—	—	551
Other income Totals	—	—	—	—	551

9. Paid employees

	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	This year	Last year
4010 - Salaries - Cleaners	6,547	—	—	6,547	7,400
4011 - Salaries - Lettings	4,456	—	—	4,456	4,819
Salaries, NIC and pension costs Totals	11,003	—	—	11,003	12,219

The Church has two part-time paid employees and the average salary was £9,759 per annum including furlough scheme payments, and £5,502 per annum excluding furlough payments.

10. Paid trustees

Vanessa Collins, Trustee, is employed as a cleaner and was paid £9,549.39 during the 2020-21 financial year, which included furlough scheme payments of £3206.60.

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11. Fees for examination or audit of the accounts

2019-20	Independent Examination Fee	£300
2020-21	Independent Examination Fee	£300 (provision)

12. Maintenance of Church buildings and property

	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	This year	Last year
4200 - Property Maintenance	12,759	—	7,155	19,914	22,310
4210 - Property Redevelopment	—	—	13,832	13,832	5,475
4225 - Grounds Maintenance	1,325	—	(2,500)	(1,175)	5,719
4250 - Window Cleaning	198	—	—	198	882
4252 - Cleaning Materials	863	—	—	863	1,191
4255 - Cleaning	462	—	—	462	—
Maintenance of Church buildings and property Totals	15,607	—	18,487	34,094	35,577

13. Utilities

	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	This year	Last year
4220 - Gas	7,261	—	—	7,261	2,945
4230 - Electricity	2,066	—	—	2,066	1,572
4240 - Water	857	—	—	857	701
4245 - Waste Disposal	1,029	—	—	1,029	823
4260 - Telephone and Broadband	572	—	—	572	608
5050 - Insurance	4,273	—	—	4,273	5,162
Utilities (insurance, energy, water, etc) Totals	16,058	—	—	16,058	11,811

14. Grants and donations

	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	This year	Last year
2000 - Gifts & Donations	—	—	—	—	20
2300 - Benevolence - Disbursements	371	—	—	371	70
Grants and Donations Totals	371	—	—	371	90

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15. Other expenditure

	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	This year	Last year
2100 - Worship Resources	868	—	—	868	1,527
2120 - Choir Expenses	—	—	—	—	144
2130 - Printing, Postage & Stationery	1,109	—	—	1,109	317
2200 - Junior Church & Youth	—	—	—	—	(94)
2201 - Performing Arts Project	—	—	—	—	2,233
2310 - Benevolence - Friary lunches	—	—	—	—	128
3020 - Publicity & Church Growth	—	—	—	—	22
3025 - Publicity new	—	—	—	—	295
3030 - Messy Church	—	—	—	—	513
3040 - Church Growth	23	—	—	23	1,431
3050 - Web Site development	175	—	—	175	193
4205 - Property Letting Expenses	672	—	—	672	787
4300 - Miscellaneous Expenses	32	—	—	32	111
5000 - Treasurer/Stewardship	75	—	—	75	75
5010 - Professional Fees	275	—	—	275	300
Other expenditure Totals	3,229	—	—	3,229	7,982

16. Tangible assets

This Year (2020-2021)

	Church (non-investment) land and buildings	Fixtures, fittings, and Equipment	Total
	£	£	£
Cost or valuation			
At beginning of the year	4,460,478	-	4,460,478
Additions	-	-	-
Disposals	-	-	-
Revaluations	-	-	-
Transfers	-	-	-
At end of the year	4,460,478	-	4,460,478
Depreciation and impairments			
At beginning of the year	-	-	-
Disposals	-	-	-
Depreciation	-	-	-
Impairment	-	-	-
Transfers	-	-	-
At end of the year	-	-	-
Net book value at beginning of the year	4,460,478	-	4,460,478
Net book value at end of the year	4,460,478	-	4,460,478

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Previous Year (2019-2020)

	Church (non-investment) land and buildings	Fixtures, fittings, and Equipment	Total
	£	£	£
Cost or valuation			
At beginning of the year	4,347,434	-	4,347,434
Additions	-	-	-
Disposals	-	-	-
Revaluations	113,044	-	113,044
Transfers	-	-	-
At end of the year	4,460,478	-	4,460,478
Depreciation and impairments			
At beginning of the year	-	-	-
Disposals	-	-	-
Depreciation	-	-	-
Impairment	-	-	-
Transfers	-	-	-
At end of the year	-	-	-
Net book value at beginning of the year	4,347,434	-	4,347,434
Net book value at end of the year	4,460,478	-	4,460,478

17. Analysis of current assets

Debtors and prepayments	This year	Last year
Prepayments	3,250	543
Accrued income	1,995	(582)
Other debtors	258	1,231
Total debtors and prepayments	5,504	1,193
Analysis of cash at bank	This year	Last year
Bank balance held in HSBC Bank	14,937	10,593
Bank balance held in CFB	505,331	506,513
Bank balance held in Nationwide Bank	446	446
Total Cash at Bank	520,714	517,552

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18. Analysis of current liabilities and long-term creditors

<i>Current Liabilities</i>	This year	Last year
Trade Creditors	17,108	2,634
Other Creditors	590	202
Total Current Liabilities	17,698	2,837

19. Capital commitments and contingent liabilities

At the 31st August 2021 the Church has no capital commitments. No Contingent liabilities were identified at 31st August 2021.

20. Loans and creditors due after one year

There were no creditors due after one year in the financial year 2020-2021.

21. Detailed analysis of individual fund movements

Unrestricted funds

General Fund: for the running costs of the Church and the Church building, including the Church activities, the Circuit Assessment and any costs not covered by the other funds.

Designated funds

Hymn Book Fund: for replacing and/or updating hymn books.

Redevelopment & Refurbishment Fund: for redeveloping and refurbishing the Church buildings and resources.

Benevolence Fund: for disbursements to those in need and support for those in poverty.

Outreach Hospitality Fund: for funding refreshments and other hospitality expenses for outreach events and activities.

Women's Fellowship Fund: for running the Women's Fellowship, which is an internal organisation.

Restricted funds

Redevelopment & Refurbishment Fund: for redeveloping and refurbishing the Church buildings. All donations given specifically for the purpose of this fund, and any proceeds from fundraising specifically advertised as raising money for this purpose, are placed in this fund. It complements the identically named designated fund above.

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This Year (2020-2021)

Fund and type	Fund balances brought forward	Incoming Resources	Outgoing Resources	Transfers	Gains and Losses	Fund balances carried forward
Unrestricted						
General - General fund	4,533,982	89,751	85,267	—	—	4,538,465
Sub-totals	4,533,982	89,751	85,267	—	—	4,538,465
Designated						
Hymn Book Fund	100	—	—	—	—	100
Outreach Hospitality Fund	510	—	—	—	—	510
Redevelopment & Refurbishment Fund	31,829	6,036	—	—	—	37,865
Benevolence Fund	28	—	—	—	—	28
Women's Fellowship Fund	446	—	—	—	—	446
Sub-totals	32,913	6,037	—	—	—	38,950
Restricted						
Redevelopment & Refurbishment Fund	409,491	578	18,487	—	—	391,583
Sub-totals	409,491	578	18,487	—	—	391,583
Totals	4,976,386	96,366	103,754	—	—	4,968,997

Previous Year (2019-2020)

Fund and type	Fund balances brought	Incoming Resources	Outgoing Resources	Transfers	Gains and Losses	Fund balances carried forward
Unrestricted						
General	4,417,638	100,092	96,792	—	113,044	4,533,982
Sub-totals	4,417,638	100,092	96,792	—	113,044	4,533,982
Designated						
Hymn Book Fund	100	—	—	—	—	100
Outreach Hospitality Fund	510	—	—	—	—	510
Redevelopment & Refurbishment Fund	27,651	4,178	—	—	—	31,829
Benevolence Fund	11	18	—	—	—	28
Womens' Fellowship Fund	135	551	240	—	—	446
Sub-totals	28,406	4,747	240	—	—	32,913
Restricted						
Redevelopment & Refurbishment Fund	—	420,811	11,320	—	—	409,491
Sub-totals	—	420,811	11,320	—	—	409,491
Totals	4,446,044	525,650	108,352	—	113,044	4,976,386

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22. Related party transactions

Name of related party	Relationship	Description of transaction	Payments to related party during the year £	Value of gifts to related party during the year £
Redhill and East Grinstead Methodist Circuit	Methodist Church	Payment of Circuit Assessment	39,000	-
Total Related Party Transactions			39,000	-

23. Donations

Donations made to other organisations by the Church from Church funds or from Internal Organisation funds which are not itemised elsewhere.

There were none made this year.

24. Events after the reporting period

There were no reportable events after the reporting period.

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DECLARATION

Year Ended 31 August 2021

This Report of the Trustees and these Financial Statements were approved by the Church Council on 22nd January 2022, via email because of the Covid pandemic. This approval was confirmed and the accounts signed at the Church Council Meeting on 6th February 2022 on behalf of the Church Council by


Signature:

Name: MELVYN COPE

St Paul's Methodist Church, Crawley
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
To the Trustees of St Paul's Methodist Church

This Report is on the Church Accounts for the year ended 31st August 2021

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The Church's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The Church's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under Section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (effective January 2015) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under Section 145(5)(b) of the Charities act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair view" and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

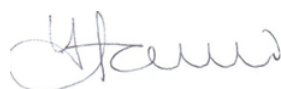
Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 130 of the Charities Act 2011.
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Acthave not been met; or
- (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Name: Yvette How MAAT

Signature:



Relevant Professional qualification or body: MAAT

Address: 6 Frailey Close, Maybury, Woking, GU22 8EB

Date: 30 March 2022

Accounts

Registered Charity number 1127744

St Paul's Methodist Church, Crawley

**Report of the Trustees and Unaudited Financial Statements
for the Year Ended 31 August 2020**

St Paul's Methodist Church, Crawley

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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Year Ended 31 August 2020

Minister: Rev Ralph Ward

Trustees: Rev F. Al-Hassan
Mrs J. Bower
Mr M. Bower
Mrs A. Brown
Mrs V. Collins
Rev M. Cooke
Mrs Y. Ellard
Mrs D. Ford
Mrs S. Ford
Mrs B. Gillet
Mr R. Gorringer
Mrs E. Grant
Mrs S. Jones
Dr B. Jones
Mrs J. Jordan
Mr P. Jordan
Ms R. Lewis
Mrs J. Mason
Rev C. McKie
Mrs C. Ofield
Mr M. Ofield
Mr G. Ridgway
Rev R. Ward

Full name of the Church: St Paul's Methodist Church

Alternative name: Crawley Methodist Church

Registered Charity Number: 1127744

Principal address St Paul's Methodist Church, Woodfield Road,
Northgate, Crawley, West Sussex, RH10 8ER

Independent examiner: Yvette How MAAT

Investment Bankers: Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church

St Paul's Methodist Church, Crawley

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

Year Ended 31 August 2020

The Trustees submit their annual report and unaudited financial statements for the year ended 31-August 2020. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the accounts and comply with the charity's trust deed, the Charities Act 2011 and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) as amended by the update bulletin (effective 1 January 2015).

Objectives and Activities

Objectives

St Paul's Methodist Church Mission is to: Unite in Faith, Worship in Faith, Grow in Faith, Share the Good News, Make Disciples, and Serve in Love.

Note: 'Faith' refers to the Christian faith and Good News' refers to the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

The Church also supports and contributes to the purposes of the Methodist Church which are the advancement of:

- a) The Christian faith in accordance with the doctrinal standards and discipline of The Methodist Church;
- b) Any charitable purpose for the time being of any Connexional, District, Circuit, local or other organisation of The Methodist Church;
- c) Any charitable purpose for the time being of any society or institution subsidiary or ancillary to The Methodist Church;
- d) Any purpose for the time being of any charity being a charity subsidiary or ancillary to The Methodist Church.

Activities

The activities of St Paul's Methodist Church are designed to meet the objectives of the mission statement and, by doing so, to benefit its members, its congregation and the wider public, by supporting Christians as they seek to worship God and to live out their faith, by sharing the Christian message, by helping those in need, and by working for social justice. A list of the main, regular activities is given below. This list does not include one-off special events. For a fuller description of the activities, please see the church website: www.crawleymethodistchurch.com

Activities List

Sunday Worship Services	Choir
Messy Church	Prayer Meetings
Tea Services	Loaves and Fishes (Community Café)
House Groups	Pastoral Visiting
Fellowship Groups	Friary Lunches
Women's Fellowship	Flower Ministry
Kings' Kids and King's Teens	Community Use of the Building
Performing Arts Project	Fund Raising for others
Young Peoples' Singing Group	

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Year Ended 31 August 2020

Public Benefit

The trustees have referred to the guidance in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the charity's aims and objectives in planning its future activities. In particular, they have considered how planned activities will contribute to the aims and objectives they have set.

Achievements and Performance

Senior Steward's report

The first half of this year continued in positive and encouraging ways. Attendance at services averaged around 70 as in the previous year. Music plays an important part in our services with new hymns and songs being introduced to the congregation by the choir and the Young People's Singing Group, both of which continued to flourish. Children and young people are actively involved in our worship through singing, reading the bible and organising monthly collections of loose change from the congregation which contributes to the church building fund.

Sadly, we recognised that our monthly Messy Church sessions would have to cease. Most of the volunteer leaders and helpers were in their 70s and 80s and increasing ill-health and infirmity meant that we could no longer run the sessions. With insufficient younger volunteers coming forward to continue Messy Church, monthly informal afternoon services were introduced in February with family-based Messy Church style activities, a short worship session and tea for all. In March this took the form of a concert involving the Performing Arts Project, Young People's Singing Group and choir. It was followed by worship led by our minister and was very well received by the congregation.

The Friday evening Performing Arts Project continued to offer instrumental and singing lessons and expanded its activities with a course on the effective use of the speaking voice aimed at people presenting the bible readings during Sunday services and taking part in dramatic performances. This group performed a short drama on Advent Sunday. Another new course on lighting techniques was also started. We began to see successful outcomes; an adult student learning to play drums became the regular drummer with the worship band on Sundays, the Young People's Singing Group was invited to perform at Horley Methodist Church's Christmas Tree Festival, parents waiting for their children during the activities got to know each other better and enjoyed playing badminton and table tennis together in the sports hall. Some new volunteers came to help supervise the youngest children and themselves appreciated the Christian fellowship on offer on Friday evenings at St Paul's.

Room lettings and the Loaves and Fishes café continued to bring the local community onto the premises so fulfilling our promise to serve our community in Christian love and share the Gospel of Christ. Both activities contributed significantly to the finances of the church until they ceased when the Coronavirus lockdown was imposed in March.

Monthly Coffee Stops were held from September 2019 until February 2020 to raise funds for various national and local charities.

Sunday lunches for people in need have for many years been catered by a team from St Paul's at the Friary in Crawley town centre on the second Sunday of alternate months serving about 40 people at each session. Unfortunately, the Friary had to stop providing premises for these meals so this outreach activity has ceased.

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Year Ended 31 August 2020

Action for Children and Methodist Homes have been supported by St Paul's for many years. From September-December 2019, £621.09 was raised for Action for Children and £217.30 for Methodist Homes.

The 15th of March saw our last service in the church before the Coronavirus lockdown was imposed and the building was closed down. Our congregation badly missed celebrating Mother's Day on 22nd March and later the traditional Easter services. From 22nd March Rev Ralph Ward began delivering services, live-streamed on Facebook, to the congregations of St Paul's and the other church in his care, Trinity Church, East Grinstead. He also streamed Bible studies from his home on Wednesday afternoons. Both very successfully attracted viewers from the regular congregations and from wider afield. These initiatives, along with a new weekly newsletter sent by email and social media to the congregation, with paper copies posted to members without internet access, and many contacts between church members by phone and email, successfully kept the church community informed, supported and connected together during this most difficult of times.

Joyce Jordan, St Paul's Senior Steward

Financial Review

Overview

The year began well with better than predicted income and on-target expenditure in mission critical areas. This continued until March when the Corona virus pandemic started to have a major impact on the Church finances. The Church building was closed, and all the normal Church activities were cancelled, from the start of the lockdown in March and throughout the remainder of the financial year. This situation reduced both income and expenditure and the outcome was an end of year surplus of £3,300 in the General Fund and a surplus of £4,507 in designated funds.

The Church was able to use the closure as an opportunity to carry out several building repair, redecoration, and refurbishment projects. Some of these projects made parts of the building unusable while the work was in progress and would have resulted in loss of lettings income if the building had been open.

A legacy of £418,438 was received in November, which will enable the Church to repair the Sanctuary roof and carry out major refurbishments to the building. Thus, the legacy puts the Church in a much stronger position in terms of its long-term viability in the current building.

The next financial year may prove more challenging as the Church begins to reopen and return to normality. During a full closure, when all activities cease and the building is closed, the loss of income and the saving in expenditure tend to balance out. However, when the building re-opens and activities resume, the income generated may not cover the costs incurred. This will depend on the extent to which the Coronavirus pandemic, and the measures to control it, affect income streams such as lettings, the Loaves and Fishes Café, and donations made at services. However, the end of year surplus leaves the Church with healthy reserves and in a strong position to cope with the challenges ahead.

The declining trend in active membership remains an issue and if it is not reversed, income from pledges, offerings and donations will continue to drop and the Church will have a shortage of volunteers to run the mission critical activities. The Church's highest priority is to grow the church by sharing the gospel and making disciples.

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

Year Ended 31 August 2020

Income and Expenditure

Most of the Church's income is from Pledges, Offerings and Donations, and from Property Lettings.

Pledges are normally paid by bank standing order or by enclosing cash or cheque in a pledge envelope and putting this into the collection made at services. It was helpful that some people switched from envelopes to standing order during the closure. However, there remained an overall loss of pledge income because some envelope pledges were not received. There were no loose cash offerings during the closure. The General Fund total from Pledges and Offerings was £3,377 less than the previous year and £2,936 below the budget prediction.

Income from lettings was very promising in the period prior to the closure and well above budget predictions. Lettings stopped during the closure and this resulted in a significant loss of income. The income from lettings was £6,198 less than the previous year and £6,105 below the budget prediction. Without the excellent early performance, the loss of lettings income would have been much greater. The strategy of maximising lettings income to strengthen the financial position, which has been pursued in recent years, has put the Church in a much better position to withstand the financial impact of the pandemic.

The Loaves and Fishes Café was not operational during the closure and this reduced both the yearly income and expenditure. The Café gross surplus was £1,691 less than the previous year and £1,084 below the budget prediction. The Café expenditure shown in the accounts does not include the cleaning and the energy and other utility costs of running the Café, but the surplus was sufficient to cover these additional costs.

Most of the expenditure is incurred on the Circuit Assessment (used by the Circuit to pay Ministers' stipends and related costs, and to pay the District Assessment); the costs of running the Church building (maintenance, cleaning and lettings salaries, energy and other utilities, etc.) and the costs of running the Church's activities.

Circuit Assessment and building maintenance expenditure was in line with budget predictions. Expenditure on cleaning and lettings salaries were reduced through furloughing under the Government scheme. There were also significant savings on energy and other utility costs during the period in which the building was not in use.

Overall, General Fund income was £18,563 less than the previous year and £11,358 below the budget prediction and General Fund expenditure was £13,937 less than the previous year and £14,568 below the budget prediction. The impact of the Coronavirus was the cause of these significant variations.

At the end of the year there was a General Fund surplus of £3,300, which was £3,210 above the budget prediction and £4,626 less than the previous year.

Assets

No new assets were added during the financial year. The building has been revalued in accordance with the accounting policy.

Funds and Reserves

The General Fund reserves of the Church (i.e. the net current General Fund assets) at 31st August 2020 were £73,504., which is in line with the reserves policy.

At 31st August 2020 the total net current assets of all the Church funds was £515,908 and the total of all the Church funds (i.e. including fixed assets) was £4,976,386.

Going Concern

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

Future Plans

We plan to worship and serve God, and to share His love with the community, by continuing to pursue the vision expressed in our mission statement.

Our priorities for the year ahead include church growth, fellowship, human resources, and building improvements to our building.

Our aim is to:

- grow the church by sharing the gospel and making disciples
- engage more people in fellowship based on Bible study, prayer, mutual support and encouragement
- address our growing shortage of human resources
- make our buildings fit for purpose

We are seeking to follow where the Holy Spirit leads and at this stage we plan to pursue the following strategies:

- promote more widely all that St Paul's offers through a variety of advertising media and methods including social media and invitation by the congregation.
- make worship more accessible, welcoming, relevant and engaging, particularly for those who are unfamiliar with Church
- expand and enhance the provision for children and young people
- expand and extend the Performing Arts project
- expand and enhance the Fellowship Groups and further develop fellowship and pastoral support
- maximise human resources by prioritising, recruiting, succession planning
- replace the Sanctuary roof
- refurbish the Sanctuary and other parts of our building

We also plan to continue running all the activities listed in the activities section of this report.

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Year Ended 31 August 2020

Structure, Governance and Management

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

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

The members of St Paul's Methodist Church Council are the Charity Trustees, membership being made up of church office holders, Minister, and representatives appointed by the Church at the General Church Meeting (the Church's Annual General Meeting).

Day to day management of the church is undertaken by the Church Leadership Team together with the Minister. The Leadership Team is appointed by the Church Council.

A Finance Scrutiny Committee appointed by the Leadership Team, including at least two members from outside the Leadership Team, carried out in-depth scrutiny of the church finances.

Basis of preparation and legal framework

The Charity's annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2020 have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 and the Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice 2015 as applicable to the Financial Reporting Standard (FRSSE) 2015

Trustee Training

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

Related Parties

The Church is part of the Redhill and East Grinstead Circuit which is part of the South East District and is also accountable to the Methodist Conference.

The internal organisation(s) linked to this church are:

St Paul's Methodist Church Women's Fellowship

Risk Management

The major risks have been identified and recorded by the Trustees with professional advice taken as required. There is a regular annual review process undertaken and recorded.

Income and Expenditure is being monitored in total and is compared with the approved annual budget on a quarter yearly basis to detect trends as part of the risk management process to avoid unforeseen calls on reserves.

Safeguarding

St Paul's Methodist Church commits itself to ensuring the implementation of Connexional Safeguarding Policy; government legislation, guidance and safe practice in the circuit and in the churches.

St Paul's Methodist Church commits itself to the provision of support, advice and training for lay and ordained people that will ensure people are clear and confident about their roles and responsibilities in safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and adults who may be vulnerable.

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Year Ended 31 August 2020

Reserves Policy

The General Reserves Policy for the Church is to hold a minimum sum equivalent to 6 months' average expenditure. This should be sufficient to meet any unforeseen item of major expenditure on the church building and / or to be able to continue, in the short term, funding planned activities in the event of any inability to raise the full expenses including the assessment payable to the Circuit.

Investment Policy

A low risk liquid position is maintained. The Deposit Fund administered by the Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church is utilised to deposit any funds surplus to immediate requirements.

Exemptions from Disclosure

There are no exemptions from disclosure.

Funds held as custodian trustee on behalf of others

The Church holds no funds as a custodian trustee on behalf of others.

St Paul's Methodist Church, Crawley

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITY

Year Ended 31 August 2020

	Notes	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
Income and endowments from:						
Donations and legacies	4					
Pledges and offerings		47,164	—	—	47,164	50,561
Donations		2,170	3,050	—	5,220	7,247
Gift Aid tax refunds		11,227	800	—	12,027	11,757
Legacies		—	—	418,438	418,438	—
Income from charitable activities	5					
Fund raising		27	162	—	188	390
Loaves and Fishes		4,849	—	—	4,849	7,591
Traidcraft		—	—	—	—	850
Other charitable activities		312	—	—	312	631
Other trading activities	6					
Lettings		33,895	—	—	33,895	40,093
Investments	7	448	185	2,373	3,006	529
Other income	8					
Internal organisations		—	551	—	551	807
Miscellaneous income		—	—	—	—	510
Total income		100,092	4,747	420,811	525,650	120,965
Expenditure on:						
Salaries, NIC and pension costs	9	12,219	—	—	12,219	14,101
Circuit Assessment		39,000	—	—	39,000	42,500
Maintenance of Church buildings & property	12	24,257	—	11,320	35,577	23,223
Utilities (insurance, energy, water, etc)	13	11,811	—	—	11,811	12,749
Internal Organisations		—	240	—	240	484
Grants and Donations	14	90	—	—	90	465
Loaves and Fishes		1,433	—	—	1,433	2,484
Traidcraft		—	—	—	—	850
Other expenditure	15	7,982	—	—	7,982	14,478
Total expenditure		96,792	240	11,320	108,352	111,332
Net income / (expenditure) resources before transfer		3,300	4,507	409,491	417,298	9,632
Transfers						
Gross transfers between funds - in		—	—	—	—	500
Gross transfers between funds - out		—	—	—	—	(500)
Other recognised gains / losses						
Gains / losses on investment assets	16	113,044	—	—	113,044	183,230
Gains on revaluation, fixed assets, charity's own use		—	—	—	—	—
Net movement in funds		116,344	4,507	409,491	530,342	192,862
Reconciliation of funds						
Total funds brought forward		4,417,638	28,406	—	4,446,044	4,253,181
Total funds carried forward		4,533,982	32,913	409,491	4,976,386	4,446,044

Note: Components may not sum to totals because of rounding to the nearest pound

St Paul's Methodist Church, Crawley

BALANCE SHEET

Year Ended 31 August 2020

	Notes	General Fund	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	At 31/08/2020	At 31/08/2019
					£	£
Fixed assets						
Tangible assets	16	4,460,478	—	—	4,460,478	4,347,434
Fixed assets		4,460,478	—	—	4,460,478	4,347,434
Current assets						
Debtors	17	1,193	—	—	1,193	11,105
Cash at bank and in hand	17	69,269	32,913	415,370	517,552	92,325
Current assets		70,462	32,913	415,370	518,745	103,429
Liabilities						
Creditors: Amounts falling due in one year	18	(3,042)	—	5,878	2,837	4,819
Net current assets less current liabilities		73,504	32,913	409,491	515,908	98,610
Total assets less current liabilities		4,533,982	32,913	409,491	4,976,386	4,446,044
Total net assets less liabilities		4,533,982	32,913	409,491	4,976,386	4,446,044
Represented by	21					
Unrestricted						
Unrestricted - General fund		4,533,982	—	—	4,533,982	4,417,638
Designated						
Designated - Hymn Book Fund		—	100	—	100	100
Designated - Outreach Hospitality		—	510	—	510	510
Designated - Redevelopment & Refurbishment		—	31,829	—	31,829	27,651
Designated - Benevolence		—	28	—	28	11
Designated - WF - Internal Organisation		—	446	—	446	135
Restricted						
Restricted - Redevelopment & Refurbishment		—	—	409,491	409,491	—
Funds of the church		4,533,982	32,913	409,491	4,976,386	4,446,044

Note: Components may not sum to totals because of rounding to the nearest pound

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In the following notes the components of tables may not sum to totals because of rounding to the nearest pound

1. Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared under the Charities Act 2011 in accordance with the 2015 version of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) as amended by the update bulletin (effective 1 January 2015).

2. Funds

The funds held constitute: General Funds held for any purpose of the Church which are Unrestricted. Restricted funds which are held for a narrower purpose including those for internal organisations. Details of each material fund are disclosed in note 21. Any funds may be represented by more than just cash.

3. Accounting policies

Basis

These accounts have been prepared on the basis of historical cost, except that investments are shown at their market value at the end of the year, on the accruals basis to show a true and fair view of the Church's financial position and activities.

Income

Income is included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) when the Church becomes entitled to the resources, and the trustees are reasonably certain they will receive the resources; and the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Expenditure

This is recognised when a liability is incurred, or a constructive obligation arises, that results in the payment being unavoidable. Liabilities are recognised as soon as an outflow of economic benefit is considered more likely than not under the legal or constructive obligation committing the Church to pay out resources.

Grants

Grants made by the Church from its own funds are recognised in full at the time of agreement or when the Church accepts that there is a legal or operational obligation to make the payment.

VAT

Since the Church is not VAT registered, all input VAT is charged with the expenses to which it refers.

Tangible fixed assets for use by the Church

These are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year, and individually cost at least £1,000. The freehold property is shown at cost, based on the insurer's valuation.

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Depreciation

Assets having an initial cost of £1,000 or less are written off in full in the year of acquisition. Furniture and Fittings of a durable nature having an initial cost greater than £1,000 are depreciated at the rate of 10% per annum on a straight-line basis. Computer and Electronic equipment having an initial cost greater than £1,000 are depreciated at 25% per annum on a straight-line basis.

Investment Properties

Investment properties - no property is currently deemed to not be held for the long-term purposes of the charity.

Investments

Investments are valued in the balance sheet at market value at the year end. Investment income is included in the accounts when receivable. Any gains or losses on revaluation at the year-end are shown in the SOFA.

Debtors and Prepayments

Debtors include outstanding lettings invoices in August.

Creditors

Creditors include outstanding items relating to utilities, telephones, etc. in August.

Volunteers

A certain amount of time is expended on the charity's activities, which is donated free of charge. It is not possible to quantify the value of time given and accordingly it is neither recorded as donated income or as expense in the financial statement.

4. Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	This year	Last year
Envelope Scheme - Pledges	45,428	—	—	45,428	48,365
Offering - Loose Cash	1,737	—	—	1,737	2,196
Donations	1,945	3,050	—	4,995	6,322
Contributions From Ext Orgs	225	—	—	225	925
Tax Reclaimed On Gift Aid	11,227	800	—	12,027	11,757
Legacies	—	—	418,438	418,438	—
Donations and legacies Totals	60,561	3,850	418,438	482,849	69,565

5. Charitable activities

Other Fund Raising	27	162	—	188	390
Loaves & Fishes	4,849	—	—	4,849	7,591
Traidcraft Sales	—	—	—	—	850
Catering	80	—	—	80	160
Fees - Weddings, Funerals etc	—	—	—	—	60
Refreshments At Services	232	—	—	232	411
Income from charitable activities Totals	5,188	162	—	5,349	9,462

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6. Other trading activities

	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	This year	Last year
Property Lettings	33,895	—	—	33,895	40,093
Other trading activities Totals	33,895	—	—	33,895	40,093

7. Investment income

	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	This year	Last year
CFB General Dep a/c Interest	448	—	—	448	354
CFB Redev Dep a/c Interest	—	185	—	185	48
CFB Project Dep a/c Interest	—	—	2,373	2,373	128
Investments Totals	448	185	2,373	3,006	529

The Church holds three interest-bearing Methodist Church Central Finance Board (CFB) deposit accounts

1. **CFB General Deposit Account:** used primarily to hold on deposit General and Benevolence funds that are not immediately required.
2. **CFB Redevelopment Deposit Account:** used to hold on deposit Redevelopment and Refurbishment designated funds until they are required
3. **CFB Project Deposit Account:** used to hold on deposit the Redevelopment and Refurbishment restricted funds until they are required.

8. Other income

	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	This year	Last year
Donations - Internal Organisations	—	—	—	—	250
Income - Internal Organisations	—	551	—	551	557
Miscellaneous Income	—	—	—	—	510
Other income Totals	—	551	—	551	1,317

9. Paid employees

	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	This year	Last year
Salaries - Cleaners	7,400	—	—	7,400	9,157
Salaries - Lettings	4,819	—	—	4,819	3,790
Salaries - L&F Cleaners	—	—	—	—	1,154
Salaries, NIC and pension costs Totals	12,219	—	—	12,219	14,101

The Church has two part-time paid employees and the average salary is £6,110 per annum.

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10. Paid trustees

Vanessa Collins, Trustee, is employed as a cleaner and was paid £5,869 during the 2019-20 financial year

11. Fees for examination or audit of the accounts

2018-19	Independent Examination Fee	£275
2019-20	Independent Examination Fee	£325 (provision)

12. Maintenance of Church buildings and property

	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	This year	Last year
Property Maintenance	18,965	—	3,345	22,310	19,097
Property Redevelopment	—	—	5,475	5,475	—
Grounds Maintenance	3,219	—	2,500	5,719	2,565
Window Cleaning	882	—	—	882	795
Cleaning Materials	1,191	—	—	1,191	716
Cleaning	—	—	—	—	50
Maintenance of Church buildings and property Totals	24,257	—	11,320	35,577	23,223

13. Utilities

	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	This year	Last year
Gas	2,945	—	—	2,945	3,721
Electricity	1,572	—	—	1,572	2,626
Water	701	—	—	701	833
Waste Disposal	823	—	—	823	1,010
Telephone and Broadband	608	—	—	608	410
Insurance	5,162	—	—	5,162	4,148
Utilities (insurance, energy, water, etc) Totals	11,811	—	—	11,811	12,749

14. Grants and donations

	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	This year	Last year
Gifts & Donations	20	—	—	20	—
Benevolence - Disbursements	70	—	—	70	465
Grants and Donations Totals	90	—	—	90	465

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15. Other expenditure

	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	This year	Last year
Worship Resources	1,527	—	—	1,527	7,079
Presentation Bibles, Candles	—	—	—	—	13
Choir Expenses	144	—	—	144	82
Printing & Stationery	317	—	—	317	399
Junior Church & Youth	(94)	—	—	(94)	817
Performing Arts Project	2,233	—	—	2,233	—
Benevolence - Friary lunches	128	—	—	128	308
Other Catering Expenses	—	—	—	—	148
Publicity & Church Growth	22	—	—	22	2,604
Publicity	295	—	—	295	—
Messy Church	513	—	—	513	1,171
Church Growth	1,431	—	—	1,431	—
Web Site development	193	—	—	193	191
Property Letting Expenses	787	—	—	787	1,127
Miscellaneous Expenses	111	—	—	111	74
Treasurer/Stewardship	75	—	—	75	75
Professional Fees	300	—	—	300	345
Visiting Preacher Expenses	—	—	—	—	46
Other expenditure Totals	7,982	—	—	7,982	14,478

16. Tangible assets

This Year (2019-2020)

	Church (non-investment) land and buildings	Fixtures, fittings, and Equipment	Total
	£	£	£
Cost or valuation			
At beginning of the year	4,347,434	-	4,347,434
Additions	-	-	-
Disposals	-	-	-
Revaluations	113,044	-	113,044
Transfers	-	-	-
At end of the year	4,460,478	-	4,460,478
Depreciation and impairments			
At beginning of the year	-	-	-
Disposals	-	-	-
Depreciation	-	-	-
Impairment	-	-	-
Transfers	-	-	-
At end of the year	-	-	-
Net book value at beginning of the year	4,347,434	-	4,347,434
Net book value at end of the year	4,460,478	-	4,460,478

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Previous Year (2018-2019)

	Church (non-investment) land and buildings	Fixtures, fittings, and Equipment	Total
	£	£	£
Cost or valuation			
At beginning of the year	4,164,204	-	4,164,204
Additions	-	-	-
Disposals	-	-	-
Revaluations	183,230	-	183,230
Transfers	-	-	-
At end of the year	4,347,434	-	4,347,434
Depreciation and impairments			
At beginning of the year	-	-	-
Disposals	-	-	-
Depreciation	-	-	-
Impairment	-	-	-
Transfers	-	-	-
At end of the year	-	-	-
Net book value at beginning of the year	4,164,204	-	4,164,204
Net book value at end of the year	4,347,434	-	4,347,434

17. Analysis of current assets

<i>Debtors and prepayments</i>	This year	Last year
Prepayments	543	4,568
Accrued income	(582)	6,536
Other debtors	1,231	-
Total debtors and prepayments	1,193	11,104
Analysis of cash at bank	This year	Last year
Bank balance held in HSBC Bank	10,593	8,194
Bank balance held in CFB	506,513	83,996
Bank balance held in Nationwide Bank	446	135
Total Cash at Bank	517,552	92,325

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18. Analysis of current liabilities and long-term creditors

<i>Current Liabilities</i>	This year	Last year
Trade Creditors	2,634	4,468
Other Creditors	202	351
Total Current Liabilities	2,837	4,819

19. Capital commitments and contingent liabilities

At the 31st August 2020 the Church has no capital commitments. No Contingent liabilities were identified at 31st August 2020.

20. Loans and creditors due after one year

There were no creditors due after one year in the financial year 2020-2021.

21. Detailed analysis of individual fund movements

Unrestricted funds

General Fund: for the running costs of the Church and the Church building, including the Church activities, the Circuit Assessment and any costs not covered by the other funds.

Designated funds

Hymn Book Fund: for replacing and/or updating hymn books.

Redevelopment & Refurbishment Fund: for redeveloping and refurbishing the Church buildings and resources.

Benevolence Fund: for disbursements to those in need and support for those in poverty.

Outreach Hospitality Fund: for funding refreshments and other hospitality expenses for outreach events and activities.

Women's Fellowship Fund: for running the Women's Fellowship, which is an internal organisation.

Restricted funds

Redevelopment & Refurbishment Fund: for redeveloping and refurbishing the Church buildings. All donations given specifically for the purpose of this fund, and any proceeds from fundraising specifically advertised as raising money for this purpose, are placed in this fund. It complements the identically named designated fund above.

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This Year (2019-2020)

Fund and type	Fund balances brought	Incoming Resources	Outgoing Resources	Transfers	Gains and Losses	Fund balances carried forward
Unrestricted						
General	4,417,638	100,092	96,792	—	113,044	4,533,982
Sub-totals	4,417,638	100,092	96,792	—	113,044	4,533,982
Designated						
Hymn Book Fund	100	—	—	—	—	100
Outreach Hospitality Fund	510	—	—	—	—	510
Redevelopment & Refurbishment Fund	27,651	4,178	—	—	—	31,829
Benevolence Fund	11	18	—	—	—	28
Womens' Fellowship Fund	135	551	240	—	—	446
Sub-totals	28,406	4,747	240	—	—	32,913
Restricted						
Redevelopment & Refurbishment Fund	—	420,811	11,320	—	—	409,491
Sub-totals	—	420,811	11,320	—	—	409,491
Totals	4,446,044	525,650	108,352	—	113,044	4,976,386

Previous Year (2018-2019)

Fund and type	Fund balances brought forward	Incoming Resources	Outgoing Resources	Transfers	Gains and Losses	Fund balances carried forward
Unrestricted						
General fund	4,226,982	118,655	110,729	(500)	183,230	4,417,638
Sub-totals	4,226,982	118,655	110,729	(500)	183,230	4,417,638
Designated						
Hymn Book fund	100	—	—	—	—	100
Outreach Hospitality fund	—	510	—	—	—	510
Redevelopment & Refurbishment fund	25,918	1,233	—	500	—	27,651
Benevolence fund	101	30	120	—	—	11
Women's Fellowship fund	81	537	484	—	—	135
Sub-totals	26,200	2,310	604	500	—	28,406
Restricted						
Redevelopment & Refurbishment fund	—	—	—	—	—	—
Sub-totals	—	—	—	—	—	—
Totals	4,253,181	120,965	111,332	—	183,230	4,446,044

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22. Related party transactions

Name of related party	Relationship	Description of transaction	Payments to related party during the year £	Value of gifts to related party during the year £
Redhill and East Grinstead Methodist Circuit	Methodist Church	Payment of Circuit Assessment	39,000	-
Total Related Party Transactions			39,000	-

23. Donations

Donations made to other organisations by the Church from Church funds or from Internal Organisation funds which are not itemised elsewhere.

There were none made this year.

24. Events after the reporting period

There were no reportable events after the reporting period.

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DECLARATION

Year Ended 31 August 2020

This Report of the Trustees and these Financial Statements were approved by the Church Council on 2nd March 2021 and signed on behalf of the Church Council by

Signature:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R. Ward', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Name: Rev Ralph Ward

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
To the Trustees of St Paul's Methodist Church

This Report is on the Church Accounts for the year ended 31st August 2020

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The Church's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The Church's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under Section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (effective January 2015) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under Section 145(5)(b) of the Charities act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair view" and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

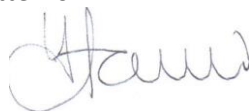
Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 130 of the Charities Act 2011.
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Acthave not been met; or
- (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Name: Yvette How MAAT

Signature:



Relevant Professional qualification or body: MAAT

Address: 6 Frailey Close, Maybury, Woking, GU22 8EB

Date: 15th June 2021