

# Wealdstone Methodist Church

## Trustees' Report and Accounts 2024

### **WEALDSTONE METHODIST CHURCH**

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Registered Charity No: 1127748

Wealdstone Methodist Church comes under the auspices of the Methodist Church in Britain whose governing body is the Methodist Conference. The authority by which the Conference acts is laid out in the Methodist Church Act 1976. Wealdstone Methodist Church is part of the group of Methodist Churches in the Harrow and Hillingdon Circuit and is accountable to the Methodist Conference. It is also a separately registered charity reporting to the Charity Commission.

All activities are undertaken by volunteers, other than the work of a stipendiary minister, appointed by the Circuit to provide guidance and oversight for the work of this and other local Methodist Churches.

#### **Objectives and activities**

Wealdstone Methodist Church exists to provide regular public acts of worship open to members of the church and non-members alike. It provides a sacred space, a building for prayer and contemplation. It explains and commends Christianity through sermons, courses and small groups. It carries out pastoral work, including visiting the sick and the bereaved. It provides a weekly "Friendship Café", a fellowship meeting (The Wesley Guild), a Toddlers' Group and a Baby Bank. It offers its halls for hire, subject to availability, to community groups.

#### **Minister**

The Revd Audrey Browne, 54 Kingsfield Avenue, Harrow, HA2 6AT

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Services for Marriage, Funerals, Baptisms and Confirmation are arranged directly with the Minister.

#### **Church Council Secretary**

David Milne, 38 The Avenue, Harrow. HA3 7DE

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#### **Treasurer**

Malcolm Aldridge, 35 Boxtree Road, Harrow. HA3 6TN

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#### **The General Church Meeting**

All church members are entitled to attend the General Church Meeting which has a responsibility to consider the whole ministry of the church. It appoints the Church Stewards and elects representatives of the congregation to serve on the Church Council.

#### **The Church Council (Managing Trustees)**

The Church Council has authority and oversight over the whole area of the ministry of the church, including the management of its property. Aims and methods, the determination and pursuit of policy and the deployment of available resources are its responsibility. It appoints committees which have authority, in their own areas of responsibility, to initiate action, co-ordinate the work done in the church, advise the Church Council and report to it. Membership of the Church Council is either "Ex-officio" or by election at the General Church Meeting or by co-option by the Church Council itself.

The Church Council members are the managing trustees of Wealdstone Methodist Church. The Custodian Trustees for property matters are the *Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes* (TMCP), located in Manchester. On appointment, Trustees receive training in their responsibilities through guidance produced by the Methodist Conference and the leaflet 'The Role of a Trustee'.

The trustees are responsible for maintaining proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the church for ensuring that financial statements comply with current legislation. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets

of the church and their proper application under charity law and for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud.

Risks are regularly reviewed by the Church Council and recommendations followed up. Where necessary, advice from relevant professionals is sought.

The Trustees have adopted a Safeguarding Policy in relation to children and vulnerable people, and all trustees are subject to DBS clearance. This is reviewed annually.

There is no bar to anyone engaging in the activities of the church on the grounds of race, religion, gender or sexual orientation, saving that the trustees must by law be church members.

The Church Council is responsible for producing this Trustees' Report for the General Church Meeting and the Charities Commission. This Report for 2023 – 24 was approved by the General Church Meeting on 17 November 2024.

## ***THE AREAS OF CHURCH WORK***

The Church Council has identified three “areas” of church work. The names of these areas are:

- Worship, Learning and Care
- Mission
- Administration

### ***WORSHIP, LEARNING AND CARE:***

This working area includes all the worship and learning activities that happen on a Sunday as well as discussion groups, Guild and the mid-week communion services. Pastoral Care is monitored by the Pastoral Committee.

#### **Services of Worship**

Sunday: 10.45am.

Holy Communion is included at least once per month at 10.45am.

#### **The Church Stewards**

The General Church Meeting annually appoints as church stewards, two or more persons who are members of the Church. The church stewards are corporately responsible with the minister for giving leadership and help over the whole range of the church's life and activity. This includes being responsible for ensuring that all services appointed on the circuit plan are duly held.

#### **Communion Stewards**

The Church Council annually appoints persons to serve as communion stewards who will make provision for the proper celebration of the sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

#### **The Pastoral Committee**

The Church Council annually appoints pastoral visitors and a Pastoral Committee secretary to share in the pastoral care of members and adherents.

#### **Fellowship and Discussion Groups**

**Wesley Guild** meets on alternate Thursdays at 7.30 pm from October to February.

**Bible Study Group:** This group now meets face to face in the Guild Room and has been renamed the Bible Study Group. It has met once a month during part of the year, but there were weekly meetings during Advent, Lent and Bible Study month.

## **MISSION**

Mission includes the outreach and social interaction of the church with its members and adherents, all those who meet on or use the halls during the week and local or national charities.

### **Church Community Groups:**

**The Friendship Café** offers a social activity and café on Wednesdays.

**Toddlers' Group** offers mid-week activities for young children and their parents or carers on Mondays at 10.00 am.

**Baby Bank** offers equipment and support to local families with small children on Fridays from 9.30am.

## **ADMINISTRATION**

### **The Finance and Property Committee and the Church Treasurer**

The Church Council annually appoints a church treasurer who keeps a record of all church income and expenditure and produces the Annual Accounts.

The Church Council annually appoints a Finance and Property Committee to work with the treasurer on the financial planning of the church and to maintain the buildings and property.

The Finance and Property Committee meets three times a year. The main sources of funds are weekly and monthly offerings, tax recoveries under Gift Aid, donations and some legacies. The church policy is to maintain in its General Reserve an amount equal to six months normal expenses.

The Church Council annually appoints two Property Stewards. The role of Lettings Officer is to manage the letting of the premises to organisations who rent the premises for their own purposes.

### ***Achievements During The Year***

During the financial year, 1 September 2023 – 31 August 2024, the Church Council met four times.

The Church Council has appointed a Safeguarding Officer and the annual review of the church's Safeguarding policy took place in October 2023.

The following gives an indication of the work overseen or initiated by the Church Council during 1 September 2023 – 31 August 2024.

*Mission Plan:* The church has produced a Mission Plan outlining the intended key activities for the year. Progress against this plan is reviewed regularly by the Church Council to ensure that planned actions take place. The plan itself is reviewed and re-issued annually.

*Church Services:* Sunday morning services take place every week. The service start time is at 10.45am because the church building is also used by the LifeSpring Romanian Church for their Sunday morning service, starting at 7.45am. This allows changeover time between the services

There were no baptisms this year. Once again, Young Church has not met as there are no children and so this activity has been discontinued for the time being.

The *Worship Forum* met in September after a morning service. This gives the congregation an opportunity to provide feedback on the services,

*Communion Services:* The average attendance at Sunday Morning Communion Services, held once a month, was 56. This ranged from 79 communicants in September, which was a joint service with Northwood Methodist, to 46 in July. Six of the monthly services had between 53 and 55 communicants. Attendance at the Covenant Service had dropped back considerably to 53 (from 71 previous year). The Ash Wednesday afternoon service in February was well attended with 37 communicants and there were 69 at the Easter Sunday Service.

Only one mid-week communion service was held at the end of the Tuesday Lent Bible Study meeting in Holy Week, attended by 14 members.

We have continued to follow the same pattern in the administering of Communion at the communion rail with members coming forward to fill a complete rail and the Minister saying a short prayer before people return to their seats. One Communion Steward has assisted the Minister with serving the wine.

*Pastoral Committee Work:* Pastoral visitors cared for our members and adherents and distribute our church magazine. The membership of the church at the end of the year was 98 is seven less than the previous year.

*The Bible Study Group* provides a means of sharing, discussion, bible study and prayer. This group met monthly, throughout the Autumn and Winter and weekly during Advent and Lent. It also met in June and July to study Genesis during Bible Month.

*The Wesley Guild* met on alternate Thursdays from October 2023 until February 2024. At its last meeting it was decided that there would be just four meetings in 2024 - 2025

*Church Newsletter* is published quarterly to tell people about upcoming events and services and reports on other events. There is also a message from the minister. This began in December 2023.

*The Friendship Café* on Wednesdays continues to be run successfully by church volunteers. A group from the Digital Inclusion classes join others at the café to continue online peer support.

*The Toddlers' Group* on Mondays and Thursdays continue to be run very successfully by church volunteers.

The *Wealdstone Baby Bank*, continues to be very successful with many young families coming for support, baby clothes and small items of baby equipment. It meets in the hall on Friday mornings from 9.30 – 11.30am.

*Charities supported and funds raised:*

At Christmas 2023 the church raised a total of £1,001.96 for *Action for Children* from the annual gift service (including vouchers), a coffee morning in December, the Christmas Card distribution, a church donation and carol singing outside the church.

The Annual Bread and Cheese Lunch was held on the Sunday before Christmas and raised £234.10 for *Prism the Gift Fund (Choose Love)*, the charity identifies where the need is greatest and works with local organisations doing the most effective work by providing funding for their projects.

*Christian Aid Week* collections were held this year by distributing *Christian Aid* envelopes to the Sunday congregations. We collected a total of £365.00 and *Christian Aid* will be able to claim a further £48.75 as Gift Aid. A further £92.15 was raised at a *Christian Aid* coffee morning, making a grand total of £505.90.

*MHA:* The annual box collection for Methodist Homes raised £70.00.

The church also donated £7,000 to our regular list of local and world charities, which enables us to help people on the margins of society in Harrow and in the wider world.

The *Finance and Property Committees* has met three times during the year. The committee, including the treasurer who is also the Property Secretary, has maintained accounting records of the financial position of Wealdstone Methodist Church. (See attached accounts). Major financial decisions have to be approved by the Church Council.

*Use of Premises by other Groups*

The church sponsored Scout Group continued to meet on Friday evenings.

The premises were let to various community groups: the Montrose Pre-School, a Parkinson's UK Group, the Harrow African Caribbean Association and a *Kumon* educational group.

The premises are also let to the *Life Spring Romanian Fellowship Church*, which continues to meet regularly. They hold several mid-week meetings as well as Sunday services.

**THE METHODIST CHURCH**  
**STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS**  
**RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS**

For the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> August 2024

**WEALDSTONE METHODIST CHURCH**

in the

**HARROW AND HILLINGDON CIRCUIT**

**OF THE LONDON DISTRICT no 35/36**

*Minister*

**The Rev. Audrey Browne**

*Senior Steward*

**Helen Riley**

*Church Stewards*

**Paul Phillips**

**David Nixon**

**Lynne Watton (from 1<sup>st</sup> May 2024)**

*Church Secretary*

**David Milne**

*Treasurer*

**Malcolm Aldridge**

*Independent Examiner*

**Graham Lee**

**Registered Charity No 1127748**

# **TREASURER'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR TO 31 AUGUST 2024**

## **Introduction**

Total income (excluding legacy income) is showing an increase of 10.5% compared with last year. This is principally due greater use of the premises, higher interest rates received on the church deposit accounts and some "one-off" income including a refund with interest from the Pension Reserve Fund. Total Expenditure (excluding legacy projects expenditure) has reduced by 26% as compared with last year. The principal reason there was large expenditure on electrical repairs and maintenance during 2023. Service and Mission grants totalled £7,000, unchanged from last year, together with an unexpended reserve of £500 set aside for emergency grants.

The resultant net out-turn (including transfers to repairs and maintenance funds but excluding legacy income) is an increase of 19% in the total funds of the church as compared with last year. The church accounts are prepared on the receipts and payments method.

## **Income**

The people at Wealdstone continue to be unfailingly generous in their financial support of the church and the various charitable projects for which support is sought either through special appeals or fund-raising events and coffee mornings. However, due to reducing numbers, Freewill offering and Gift Aid recovered has shown a decrease of 9% over the past 12 months. Income from interest has increased by 107% due to the higher rates of bank interest. Lettings income has increased by 26%. Other income and internal organisations (income) has shown an increase of 28% and a decrease of 24% respectively as compared with the previous year.

## **Expenditure**

Overall costs have remained within budget. The church has continued to maintain a significant number of donations to various good causes, local and wider, totalling £7,000 from the general income fund. It must as always be acknowledged that such giving is only made possible through the many tasks undertaken by members and friends in the church without which significant higher costs would be incurred. Such service - some known, some unknown – continues to be a major contribution to the ongoing Christian witness in our community.

## **Legacies**

There have been no new legacies received during the year. There has been one expenditure against the Legacy funds during the year, a transfer of £1,500 from the David Higgins legacy towards the cost of a new canopy for the Montrose Pre-School. The Church is extremely grateful for the generosity of members and the Church Council will continue to deliberate carefully to ensure that future decisions on expenditure from the fund are wisely made.

## **Moving forward**

The budget for 2024/25 continues to contain an amount of uncertainty, in particular, with inflation and increased costs. Assumptions have been made regarding freewill giving and lettings. The budget will be monitored at frequent intervals during the year and, where necessary, adjustments made. The Fund for Ministry (Circuit Assessment) is unchanged for the coming year. We are due to enter a new contract for the supply of gas and electricity from October 2024 which represents a substantial increase of approximately double the current cost. The charges for the use of premises have been reviewed and some have been increased where appropriate.

It is hoped that income from freewill offering and lettings will remain as budget and hopefully, if possible, may increase during the coming year.

## **WEALDSTONE METHODIST CHURCH**

### **Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year ended 31 August 2024**

#### **1. Charitable Status**

The Church is registered with the Charity Commission.

#### **2. Basis of Accounting**

These accounts have been prepared on the basis of historic cost. The accounts show the receipts and payments for the year.

#### **3. Funds**

##### **General Funds**

The funds held constitute: Unrestricted Funds comprising General Funds held for any purpose of the charity and Designated Funds held for specific purposes of the charity laid down by the Church Council. Restricted Funds are held by the church for narrower purposes. These comprise the Benevolence Fund to meet cases of need and the funds of Organisations Reporting to Church Council. Funds collected for and paid over to External Organisations are also Restricted but these are not included in the SOFA or Balance Sheet. The church has had no Endowment Funds since August 2007.

#### **4. Accounting policies**

##### **Incoming Resources**

##### **Tangible fixed assets for use by the Church**

Other than the historic cost of the building, no Tangible Fixed Assets have been capitalised. The church premises and contents are held by the Church Council as Managing Trustees on behalf of the Custodian trustees, the Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes. The buildings, contents and organ will be insured from renewal on 29<sup>th</sup> September 2024 for £3,909,103, £191,163 and £451,300 respectively representing the reinstatement cost, not historic cost less depreciation. The figures for 2023 were £3,784,255, £185,058 and £436,887.

##### **Investment properties.**

The church holds no investment properties.

##### **Investments**

The church holds no investments.

##### **Loans**

The church holds no loans from members or other sources.

#### **5. Trustees**

Two Trustees also fulfil organists duties and received payment against invoices in accordance with the rates given in Note 7 below totalling £1,372 (2023 £1,456). No other Trustees, or persons connected with them, received any remuneration or other benefits from the Church or any connected organisation as a result of their office during the year ended 31st August 2024 (2023 £Nil). Trustees are allowed to reclaim certain expenses incurred as a result of fulfilling their duties. The amount claimed during the year was £Nil. (2023 £Nil).

## **6. Fees for examination of the accounts**

The Independent Examiner received no fees or expenses for reporting on the accounts. (2023 £Nil).

## **7. Paid employees**

The church currently has no paid employees. The only persons to receive remuneration for their activities on behalf of the church were organists paid at the rate of £28 per service, at a total cost of £1,372 (2023, £28 & £1,456).

## **8. Capital Commitments**

At 31st August 2024, no capital commitments existed, (2023, £Nil).

## **9. Treasurer's Declaration**

I confirm that I have prepared the accounts from the records of Wealdstone Methodist Church and that they include all funds under the control of the Church Council.

Malcolm Aldridge, Treasurer

Signed:

*M. T. B. Aldridge*

Dated:

*13/09/24*

## **10. Declaration by the Chair of the Church Council**

I confirm that the accounts will be presented to the Church Council which I intend to chair on 15<sup>th</sup> October 2024.

The Rev. Audrey Browne, Chair of the Church Council

Signed:

*A. Browne*

Dated:

*15<sup>th</sup> October 2024*



# Wealdstone Methodist Church - 1127748

## Balance Sheet detailed

		As at 31/08/2024	As at 31/08/2023
<b>Fixed assets</b>			
	3001: Long Term Investments	—	—
	3040: Church premises at historic cost	5,000.00	5,000.00
	3041: Hall premises at historic cost	2,775.00	2,775.00
	<b>Total Fixed assets</b>	<b>7,775.00</b>	<b>7,775.00</b>
<b>Current assets</b>			
	5001: Barclays Current Account	12,995.94	10,804.15
	5002: Lloyds Current Account	2,995.55	2,989.38
	5004: Central Finance Board	90,292.78	63,460.67
	5005: Scottish Widows Bank	—	—
	5006: Cash in Hand - Luncheon Club	—	—
	5007: Cash in Hand - Traidcraft	—	18.46
	5008: Cash in Hand - Friendship Cafe	45.30	38.38
	5009: Trustees For Methodist Church Purposes	78,777.75	76,372.42
	5010: General debtors	—	—
	5011: Fund for Ministry in advance	—	—
	5012: Cash in Hand - Toddlers	9.93	21.26
	5013: Cash in Hand - Social Activities Group	—	—
	5995: Debtors and creditors transfer account	—	—
	5999: Agency transfer account	—	—
	Z05: Accounts Receivable	—	—
	<b>Total Current assets</b>	<b>185,117.25</b>	<b>153,704.72</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>			
	6002: General Creditors	—	—
	6699: Agency collections	—	—
	Z04: Accounts Payable	—	—
	<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>
	<b>Net Asset surplus (deficit)</b>	<b>192,892.25</b>	<b>161,479.72</b>
<b>Reserves</b>			
	Excess / (deficit) to date	31,412.53	3,009.26
	Z01: Starting balances	161,479.72	158,470.46
	Z02: Other gains/(losses)	—	—
	<b>Total Reserves</b>	<b>192,892.25</b>	<b>161,479.72</b>

Represented by Funds		
Unrestricted	76,828.40	69,424.81
Designated	104,215.76	78,418.36
Restricted	11,848.09	13,636.55
Endowment	—	—
<b>Total</b>	<b>192,892.25</b>	<b>161,479.72</b>

## Wealdstone Methodist Church - 1127748

## Statement of Financial Activities

For the period from 01 September 2023 to 31 August 2024

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
<b>Incoming resources</b>					
Offerings and tax recoverable	48,015.60	54.08	—	48,069.68	52,744.48
Interest and investment income	8,027.89	—	—	8,027.89	3,881.22
Lettings	58,469.00	—	—	58,469.00	46,263.46
Other income	8,117.43	—	—	8,117.43	6,327.82
Internal organisations (income)	850.57	2,438.48	—	3,289.05	4,337.48
Legacies	—	—	—	—	20,000.00
<b>Total income</b>	<b>123,480.49</b>	<b>2,492.56</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>125,973.05</b>	<b>133,554.46</b>
<b>Resources used</b>					
Circuit assessment or share	44,780.00	—	—	44,780.00	45,680.00
Grants and donations	7,000.00	—	—	7,000.00	7,673.87
Repairs and maintenance	18,003.52	—	—	18,003.52	33,560.71
Utilities, insurances etc	12,555.87	—	—	12,555.87	11,751.14
Provisions	—	—	—	—	—
Other expenditure	8,058.99	—	—	8,058.99	7,708.64
Internal organisations (expenditure)	1,381.12	2,781.02	—	4,162.14	21,670.84
Legacy Projects	—	—	—	—	2,500.00
<b>Total expenditure</b>	<b>91,779.50</b>	<b>2,781.02</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>94,560.52</b>	<b>130,545.20</b>
Gains / losses on investment assets	—	—	—	—	—
<b>Net income / (expenditure) resources before transfer</b>	<b>31,700.99</b>	<b>(288.46)</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>31,412.53</b>	<b>3,009.26</b>
<b>Transfers</b>					
Gross transfers between funds - in	35,100.00	—	—	35,100.00	14,500.34
Gross transfers between funds - out	(33,600.00)	(1,500.00)	—	(35,100.00)	(14,500.34)
<b>Other recognised gains / losses</b>					
Gains on revaluation, fixed assets, charity's own use	—	—	—	—	—
<b>Net movement in funds</b>	<b>33,200.99</b>	<b>(1,788.46)</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>31,412.53</b>	<b>3,009.26</b>
<b>Reconciliation of funds</b>					
<b>Total funds brought forward</b>	<b>147,843.17</b>	<b>13,636.55</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>161,479.72</b>	<b>158,470.46</b>
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>	<b>181,044.16</b>	<b>11,848.09</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>192,892.25</b>	<b>161,479.72</b>

**Wealdstone Methodist Church - 1127748**

**Fund movement summary**  
**Selected period: 01 September 2023 to 31 August 2024**

<b>Fund</b>	<b>Fund Balances brought forward</b>	<b>Incoming Resources</b>	<b>Outgoing Resources</b>	<b>Transfers</b>	<b>Gains and Losses</b>	<b>Journal Entries</b>	<b>Fund balances Carried forward</b>
Flat - Church Flat R&M & Improvement Fund	4,000.00	—	1,295.20	10,000.00	—	—	12,704.80
DHiggins - David Higgins (Young People) Fund	3,000.00	—	—	(1,500.00)	—	—	1,500.00
DiaComCI - Diabetes Community Club Fund	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
OnILearn - Online Learning Fund	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Benevolenc - Benevolence Fund	172.11	54.08	—	—	—	—	226.19
Buildings - Church Buildings Fund	7,775.00	—	—	—	—	—	7,775.00
ChurchHols - Church Holiday Fund	617.45	—	—	—	—	—	617.45
DFleming - Dedrick Fleming Fund	393.96	—	—	—	—	—	393.96
FrCafePrj - Friendship Cafe/Project Fund	734.18	1,017.30	985.26	—	—	—	766.22
General - General fund	69,424.81	122,629.92	81,626.33	(33,600.00)	—	—	76,828.40
IntEve - International Evening Fund	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
LegProj - Legacy Projects Fund	73,701.80	—	—	—	—	—	73,701.80
Luncheon - Luncheon Club Fund	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Organ - Organ Fund	2,000.00	—	—	—	—	—	2,000.00
Printing - Printing Fund	2,294.38	850.57	1,381.12	600.00	—	—	2,363.83
Property - Church Property R&M Fund	(3,696.40)	—	7,476.85	24,500.00	—	—	13,326.75
Social - Social Activity Fund	79.08	—	—	—	—	—	79.08
Toddlers - Toddlers Fund	550.27	997.37	1,057.45	—	—	—	490.19
Traidcraft - Traidcraft Fund	314.50	89.26	403.76	—	—	—	—
Guild - Wesley Guild Fund	—	334.55	334.55	—	—	—	—
YoungCh - Young Church Fund	118.58	—	—	—	—	—	118.58
<b>Totals</b>	<b>161,479.72</b>	<b>125,973.05</b>	<b>94,560.52</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>192,892.25</b>

## **WEALDSTONE METHODIST CHURCH**

### **Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Wealdstone Methodist Church Charity Number 1127748**

This report is on the Church Funds for the year ended 31 August 2024 which are set out on the accompanying pages 2-7 and is in respect of an examination carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011.

#### **Respective responsibilities of the Church Council and the Examiner**

As trustees, you are responsible for maintaining proper accounting records and the preparation of the appropriate accounts under section 130 of the Act. It is my responsibility to issue this report on those accounts in accordance with section 145 of the Act.

#### **Basis of Independent Examiner's Report**

My examination was carried out in accordance with the Directions made under section 145 (5) (b) of the Act. This examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the Church Treasurer and a comparison of the accounts with those records. The procedures undertaken do not provide evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

#### **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 Act; and
  - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the Act
- have not been met; or

- (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should have been drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

- (3) I ~~have~~ have not\* obtained independent verification of all investments with the Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes ("TMCP") or held in other Trusts, Bank balances and Funds at the Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church ("CFB"), which are individually in excess of £10,000 (ten thousand pounds) at the balance sheet date.

\* delete as appropriate

Graham Lee, Independent Examiner

Signed:



Dated:

13/10/2024

Address:

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**EARMARKED DONATIONS**

**The amounts raised for other charities and organisations, which do not form part of the Church's Income or Expenditure, were as follows:**

<b>Organisation</b>	<b>2023/24</b>	<b>2022/23</b>
23 <sup>rd</sup> Harrow Scouts	219.85	299.00
Action for Children	1,187.96	1,131.40
Age UK	111.00	93.78
All We Can	514.45	93.80
Amaudo UK	-	150.00
British Heart Foundation	-	111.67
Christian Aid	**505.90	**495.30
Cystic Fibrosis Trust	610.00	523.00
DEC Pakistan Floods Appeal	-	135.70
DEC Turkey & Syria Earthquake Appeal	-	695.00
Harrow Foodbank	65.00	303.00
Harrow Mencap	613.10	639.10
Harrow and Pinner Lions Club	-	112.00
Karibuni Children	275.00	120.00
MacMillan Cancer Relief	308.00	289.25
Methodist Homes (MHA)	70.00	*541.33
Methodist Church World Mission Fund (MWiB Easter Offering)	*411.25	*414.50
Montrose Pre-School	406.00	547.00
National Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Children (NSPCC)	182.80	411.00
Nigeria Health Care Project	234.55	257.50
Parkinson's UK	115.00	120.00
Prism the Gift Fund (Choose Love)	234.10	-
Refugees in Effective and Active Partnership (REAP)	187.00	-
RNLI	407.95	286.68
Salvation Army Victim Support Fund	-	130.00
Shelter	-	285.60
St Lukes Hospice	-	283.00
Stillbirth and Neonatal Death (SANDS)	130.00	125.00
Transform Trade	497.00	-
Unique (Rare Chromosome Disorder Support Group)	308.00	170.20
Wealdstone Baby Bank	100.00	125.50
Whitechapel Mission	250.00	-
	<b>£7,943.91</b>	<b>£8,889.31</b>

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