

TRINITY METHODIST AND UNITED REFORMED CHURCH, PORTHCAWL.

ANNUAL RETURN TO THE CHARITY COMMISSION FOR THE YEAR ENDING AUGUST 2023

TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

Registered charity name Trinity Methodist and United Reformed Church

Charity registration number 1127819

Principal office Trinity Methodist Church, John Street, Porthcawl CF36 3DT

Structure, governance and management

The trustees who served during the year are set out on the first page of The Methodist Church Standard Form of Accounts which are attached to this report.

Objectives and activities

In accordance with the foundational documents of the Methodist Church and the United Reformed Church. Our purposes are the advancement of:

- a) The Christian Faith as understood by the Methodist Church and United Reformed Church.
- b) Any charitable purpose for the time being of any denominational, local or any other organisational level of the Methodist Church or the United Reformed Church.
- c) Any charitable purpose for the time being of any society or institution subsidiary or ancillary to the Methodist Church or the United Reformed Church .
- d) Any purpose for the time being of any charity being a charity subsidiary or ancillary to the Methodist Church or the United Reformed Church.

In planning our activities for the year, we kept in mind the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit at our trustee meetings.

Achievements and performance

The year has seen stability in the range of church activities, though at lower levels of attendance compared with pre Covid years. There was a modest increase in freewill offerings during worship and in the number of hirers of the premises.

Sunday worship services have been held every week with a monthly morning and evening Communion Service for an average of 55 attendees. Those unable to attend are offered the opportunity to view the morning services live via Zoom for those who are not able to attend in person, and an edited version of the service is available after the event.

The membership stands at 122. Members are kept in touch with Church News through the quarterly In Touch magazine and all members and adherents are visited in order to pass this on. The Pastoral Team also ensure that members are visited in times of particular need.

Activities

We engage with the local community through the churches charity shop which raises funds for the church and for Action for Children. A Saturday coffee morning provides a social environment for members, and both regular and occasional visitors. We have a close relationship with Trinity Care and Support which hire our premises. A team from Trinity holds a monthly Communion Service in the local Dan-y-graig Care Home.

Our members have been very active in supporting Methodist and U.R.C. charities as well as other appeals in the areas of relief, development and well-being.

Churches Together in Porthcawl has a full programme of events and activities. Trinity Church is involved in managing, hosting, promoting and supporting this programme.

The church relies on full time stipendiary ministry and lay preachers provided by the Bridgend United Area and shared with six other churches. Challenges for the coming year include building up attendance at regular meetings, adopting new patterns of working as part of the Bridgend United Area, with new ministerial staff members, and bearing a larger proportion of the Area costs following the reduction from eight to seven churches.

In the light of the age profile of the membership our annual loss of members is not compensated for by new attendees contribuors or new members. This presents a challenge which is discussed at all our trustee meetings.

Financial review

The unaudited financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 August 2022 are shown in the attached Standard Form of Accounts. The accounts show a deficit for the year of £16,686 which has been funded by our reserves. We anticipate that next year we will return to a surplus position.



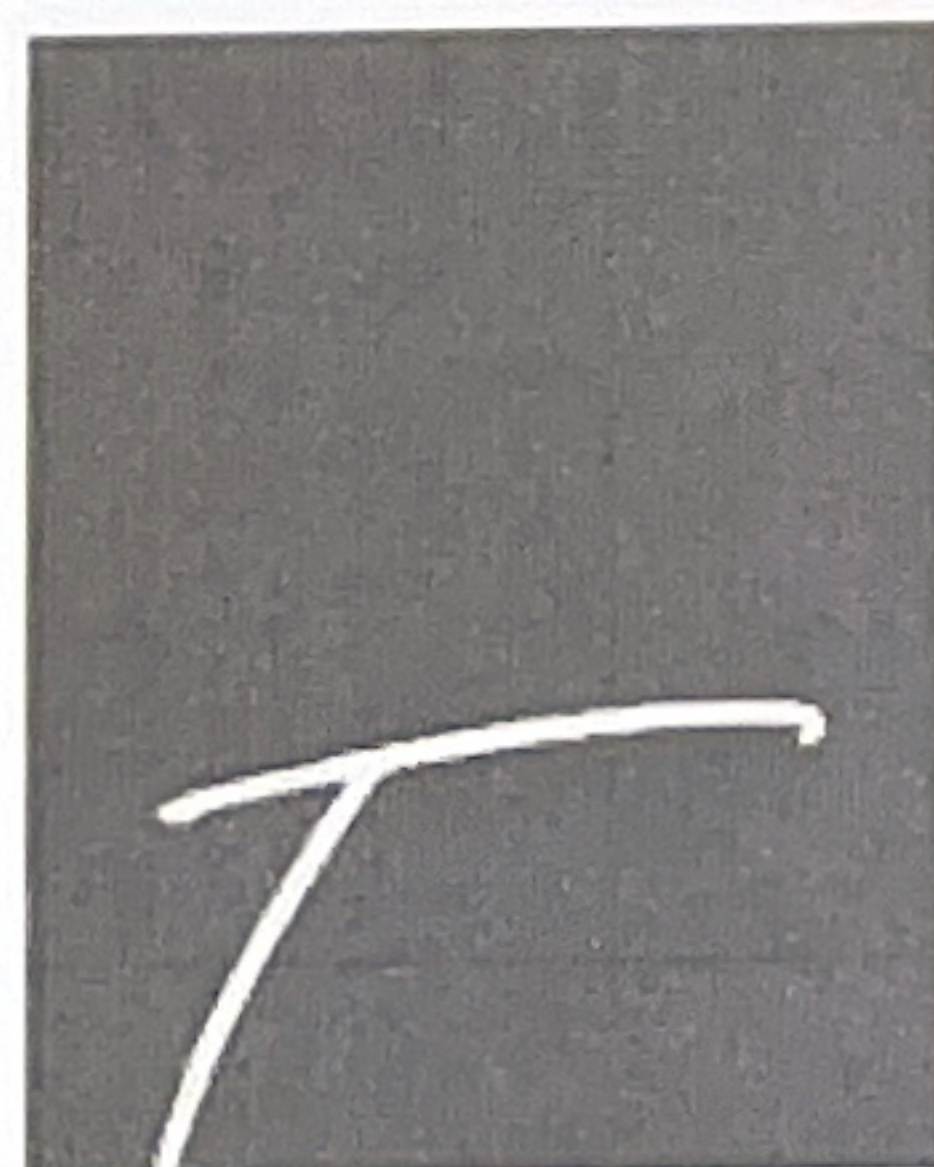
Revd Richard B Gillion

Chair of the Trustees

TRINITY CHURCH

Accounts for the year ended

31st August 2023



TUNGSTEN

SOLID BUSINESS SOLUTIONS

Tungsten Corporate Solutions Ltd
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THE METHODIST CHURCH
STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

TRINITY CHURCH PORTHCAWL

Church

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31 August 2023

Circuit	Circuit no.	02/06
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Registered Charity - Charity Registration number

1127819

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

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

Minister:

REV, RICHARD GILLION

Church Stewards:

NESTA STIENS

SYLVIA MANSLEY

ANN SHILLAKER

MRS VIV MORGAN

NORMA GRIFFITHS

Treasurer:

PAUL WILLMER

SECTION A		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
		£	£	£	£
a1	RECEIPTS	Note			
a2	Offerings and Tax recovered			44,529	43,103
a3	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income			3,934	2,276
a4	Lettings			20,088	11,834
a5	Other receipts			21,366	23,914
a6	TOTAL RECEIPTS			89,917 (a7)	81,127

SECTION B					
b1	PAYMENTS				
b2	Circuit Assessment or Share			58,242	58,242
b3	Donations			6,666	9,991
b4	Repairs and Maintenance			15,898	5,152
b5	Utilities (Insurances, water charges, heating & lighting)			11,056	9,110
b6					6,000
b7	Other payments			14,741	22,790
b8	TOTAL PAYMENTS			106,603 (b9)	111,285

SECTION C					
c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	(a6-b8)		(16,686)	(30,158)
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year			81,469 (c6)	111,627
c3	Sub total	(c1+c2)		64,783	81,469
c4	Transfers and adjustments				(c7)
c5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR	(c3+c4)		64,783 (c8)	81,469 (c6)

SECTION D					
FOR INFORMATION ONLY: MONEY RECEIVED AND PASSED ON TO EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS					
d	(these amounts are not to be included in total receipts/payments figures above)		£		£
d1	Balance brought forward from last year				
d2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations		6,666		9,871
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations		6,666		9,871
d4	BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID	(d1+d2-d3)			

TRINITY CHURCH PORTHCAWL Church

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

SECTION E

Please follow the Guidance Notes to complete this page

Summary of the Church accounts for the year ended 31 August 2023 and Internal Organisations reporting to the Church Council/Church Meeting. Note that the funds of an Internal Organisation would normally be Restricted funds unless it could be clearly shown that they could be used for any Methodist purpose. This section must be completed to arrive at the gross income and expenditure totals of the Church. If gross income exceeds the Accruals threshold, then the Accruals method of accounting AND A DIFFERENT FORM must be used to report the accounts (see Methodist website). Please refer to the guidance notes regarding transfers between the District and connected District Organisations.

INTERNAL ORGANISATIONS	Receipts	Payments	Net Receipts/ Payments	Adjustments	Opening balances	Closing balances
e1 ACTION FOR CHILDREN	7,462	9,683	(2,221)		2,502	281
e2 FLOWER GROUP	247	266	(19)		259	240
e3 CARD CRAFT		108	(108)		108	
e4						
e5						
e6						
e7						
e8 Sub total of Internal Organisations funds	7,709	10,057	(2,348)		2,869 (e11)	521 (e12)
e9 Church accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)	89,917 (a7)	106,603 (b9)	(16,686)	(c7)	81,469 (c6)	64,783 (c8)
e10 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	97,626	116,660	(19,034)		84,338 (x)	65,304 (y)
Continue on a separate sheet if necessary and bring the totals forward	TOTAL RECEIPTS	TOTAL PAYMENTS				

SECTION F

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

CHURCH - CASH FUNDS HELD at 31 August 2023

	OPENING BALANCES	CLOSING BALANCES
f1 Cash in hand	125	125
f2 Bank Current Account	1,545	3,047
f3 Bank Deposit Account		
f4 Central Finance Board	25,167	10,692
f5 Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes	54,632	50,919
f6 Other funds		
f7 SUB TOTAL - Church accounts	81,469 (c6)	64,783 (c8)
f8 Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance total from above) (e12)	2,869 (e11)	521 (e12)
f9 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	84,338 (x)	65,304 (y)

SECTION G

OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES

	At 1 September 2022	At 31 August 2023
g1 Investments (include Endowments)		
g2 Land & Buildings (see notes re Insurance value)	2,421,064	2,620,000
g3 Other Assets		
g4 Loan(s) - show amount outstanding at year end		
g5 Other Liabilities		

f4 Include only Funds held at the Central Finance Board

f5 Include only Funds held at Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes

g1 Include any other investments (not the cash element of TMCP trusts accounts this is included in line f5)

Name of Church TRINITY CHURCH PORTHCAWL

No 1127819

Declarations and Scrutiny

I confirm that these Receipt and Payment based accounts for the year to 31 August 2023 have been prepared from the records of the Church and that they include all funds under the control of the Church trustees.

Signature of treasurer

P A J Willmer

Date

5 6 2025

Name and address of treasurer P A J WILLMER

.....4 FENTON PLACE PORTHCAWL

CF36 3DW

Presentation to the Church trustees

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2023 were/will be* presented to the meeting of the Church trustees held on *3.6.2025*

Signature of the Chair of the meeting

R B Gillion

Name of the Chair of the meeting

Rev. R. B. GILLION

Date

3.6.2025

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

..... TRINITY CHURCH PORTHCAWL

Charity Number *1127819*

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the *TRINITY PORTHCAWL* Church for the year ended 31 August 2023 set out on pages *2* to *3*. As the Church's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

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

* delete or circle as appropriate

Name of Church TRINITY CHURCH PORTHCAWL

No 1127819

Independent Examiner's Statement

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

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

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

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

Signature of independent examiner



Name of independent examiner DARREN TALBOT

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner CIMA

Name of firm (where appropriate) TUNGSTEN CORPORATE SOLUTIONS LTD

Address 8 WELL STREET, PORTHCAWL

BRIDGEND

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Date19/06/24.....

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