

**TRINITY METHODIST AND UNITED REFORMED CHURCH, PORTHCAWL.**  
**ANNUAL RETURN TO THE CHARITY COMMISSION FOR THE YEAR ENDING AUGUST 2025**

**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 a continuation of a busy programme of church activities. There has been a slight decrease in freewill offerings during worship. We continue to receive revenue from funeral services and the hiring of the premises by community groups. The amounts received from the renting out of a former manse increased significantly over those of prior years.

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 audio version of the service is available after the event.



The membership stands at 116. 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. A small group is looking to increase outreach opportunities with a variety of additional activities in connection with the coffee morning. 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 five other churches. Challenges for the coming year continue to include building up attendance at regular meetings, reviewing patterns of working as part of the Bridgend United Area and contributing to an expected increase in Area costs shared by fewer churches.

Despite a small number of new attendees the age profile of the membership and our annual loss of members continues to be a challenge which we under review at all our trustee meetings.

### **Financial review**

The unaudited financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 August 2025 are shown in the attached Standard Form of Accounts. The accounts show a surplus for the year of £6,085. We have worked hard to maintain a stable financial situation but expect to incur significant property expenses in the coming year, nevertheless we hope to achieve a modest surplus in the longer term.

*RB Gillion 11.3.2026*

Revd Richard B Gillion

Chair of the Trustees





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The Trustees  
Trinity Church  
4 Fenton Place  
Porthcawl  
CF36 3DW

Dear Trustees

We have carried out an independent examination of the accounts of Trinity Porthcawl for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> August 2025 and emailed a copy of the Methodist Church Standard Form of Accounts.

We enclose the Methodist Church Standard Form of Accounts. We have signed the Independent Examiners Report on page 5. Please sign the declaration on page 4 and return a copy to us.

We have assumed all Receipts and Payments are unrestricted.

We enclose a note of our charges for your kind attention.

Thank you.

Yours faithfully,

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THE METHODIST CHURCH  
STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

TRINITY CHURCH PORTHCAWL	Church
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FOR THE YEAR ENDED  
31 August 2025

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

1127819
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If not a registered charity His Majesty's Revenue and  
Customs Gift Aid number

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(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
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Church Stewards:

NESTA STIENS
SYLVIA MANSLEY
ANN SHILLAKER
NORMA GRIFFITHS

Treasurer:

JOHN P THOMAS
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SECTION A		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
		£	£	£	£
a1	<b>RECEIPTS</b>	Note			
a2	Offerings and Tax recovered	42,117		42,117	42,040
a3	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income	2,150		2,150	1,897
a4	Lettings	24,182		24,182	17,387
a5	Other receipts	24,036		24,036	36,067
a6	<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	92,485		92,485 (a7)	97,391
SECTION B					
b1	<b>PAYMENTS</b>				
b2	Circuit Assessment or Share	58,242		58,242	58,242
b3	Donations	6,457		6,457	9,035
b4	Repairs and Maintenance	11,055		11,055	8,009
b5	Utilities (Insurances, water charges, heating & lighting)	5,483		5,483	10,541
b6					
b7	Other payments	5,163		5,163	5,189
b8	<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>	86,400		86,400 (b9)	91,016
SECTION C					
c1	<b>NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR</b>	(a6-b8)	6,085	6,085	6,375
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year		80,130	80,130 (c6)	64,783
c3	<b>Sub total</b>	(c1+c2)	86,215	86,215	71,158
c4	Transfers and adjustments		2,257	2,257 (c7)	8,972
c5	<b>TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR</b>	(c3+c4)	88,472	88,472 (c8)	80,130 (c6)
SECTION D					
<b>FOR INFORMATION ONLY: MONEY RECEIVED AND PASSED ON TO EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS</b>					
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		6,053		7,298
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations		6,053		7,298
d4	<b>BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID</b>	(d1+d2-d3)			



## 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 2025 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	5,973	5,980	(7)		50	43
e2 FLOWER GROUP	80	125	(45)		254	209
e3						
e4						
e5						
e6						
e7						
e8 Sub total of Internal Organisations funds	6,053	6,105	(52)		304 (e11)	252 (e12)
e9 Church accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)	92,485 (a7)	86,400 (b9)	6,085	2,257 (c7)	80,130 (c6)	88,471 (c8)
e10 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	98,538	92,505	6,033	2,257	80,434 (x)	88,723 (y)
	<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>				

Continue on a separate sheet if necessary and bring the totals forward

## SECTION F

## STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

## CHURCH - CASH FUNDS HELD at 31 August 2025

f1	Cash in hand
f2	Bank Current Account
f3	Bank Deposit Account
f4	Central Finance Board
f5	Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes
f6	Other funds
f7	<b>SUB TOTAL - Church accounts</b>
f8	Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance total from above) (e12)
f9	<b>TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH</b>

OPENING  
BALANCES

148
(1,768)
20,698
61,052
<b>80,130</b> (c6)
<b>304</b> (e11)
<b>80,434</b> (x)

CLOSING  
BALANCES

148
2,381
21,638
64,305
<b>88,471</b> (c8)
<b>252</b> (e12)
<b>88,723</b> (y)

## SECTION G

## OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES

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

At  
1 September 2024


At  
31 August 2025


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 2025 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 [Signature] Date 11/3/26

Name and address of treasurer 10 LOCKS LANE, PORTHCAWL

Post Code CF36 3HY

### Presentation to the Church trustees

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2025 ~~were~~ will be\* presented to the meeting of the Church trustees held on 19/5/26

Signature of the Chair of the meeting [Signature]

Name of the Chair of the meeting RICHARD GILLION Date 11/3/26

### Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

TRINITY CHURCH PORTHCAWL Church

Charity Number 1127819

### Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the TRINITY CHURCH PORTHCAWL Church for the year ended 31 August 2025 set out on pages 1 to 3. As the Church's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

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

\* delete or circle as appropriate



Name of Church 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 ACMA

Name of firm Tungsten Corporate Solutions Ltd

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Date 12/2/26

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