



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	1	SEPT	2021		31	AUG	2022

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name

The Methodist Church, Caversham

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any)

1127822

Charity's principal address

74 Highmoor Road	
Caversham	
Reading	
Postcode	RG4 7BG

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Rev Martin Beukes	Chair		
2	Rev D G Jenkins			
3	Mr A Harland	Circuit Rep.		
4	Mr D E Cliffe	Secretary		
5	Mr A Laird	Treasurer		
6	Mr K Macrae	Property Steward		
7	Mrs B Caborn	Steward		
8	Mrs M Ellison	Steward		
9	Mr D F Herbert	Steward		
10	Mr C M Hinks	Steward		
11	Mr D Munns	Steward		
12	Mrs C Pollard	Steward		
13	Mr I Pollard	Steward		
14	Mrs J Talbot	Steward		
15	Mrs L Turner	Steward		
16	Mrs E Cooper			
17	Mrs D Elliss			
18	Mr V Emerson			
19	Mrs M Fowler			
20	Mrs B Macrae			
21	Mrs H New			
22	Mrs M Price			
23	Mr B Simpson			
24	Mrs M Simpson			
25	Mr H Stroud			

26	Mr S Turner		
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
Property Inspection	Thames Valley Surveying Ltd	Thames Valley Surveying Ltd Green Bank University of Reading London Road Reading RG1 5AQ
Legal Affairs	As required	

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Deed of Union of the Methodist Church 20 th Sept 1932
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	In accordance with the Constitutional Practice and Discipline (CPD) of the Methodist Church
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Some Trustees are Trustees as a result of their position, some are elected by the General Church Meeting and some are appointed (co-opted).

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

Bankers

The Church's Bankers are CAF Bank Ltd, 25 Kings Hill Avenue, West Malling, Kent, ME19 4QJ and the Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church, Bonhill Street, London, EC2A 4PE.

Section C

Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

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 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.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

The trustees have over the year acted with regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit.

One Church - Two Chapels

We continue to do deepen our ties as one church on two sites.

Worship

Sunday worship is one of our major activities. We have now returned to our normal pattern of worship post COVID restrictions. On special occasions we worship together in one place. Zoom is still used as a means to include those not able to attend face to face worship.

Caring

A good strong loyal team of Pastoral Friends continue to care for our people. They make regular visits or maintain contact by telephone or email to keep us aware of everybody's situation so that practical support can be offered along with support through prayer where needed.

Learning

The Learning Mission Group was formed with members from both chapels and reviewed what learning/prayer meetings exist in our church. Currently it supports Bible Study groups as well as a Prayer Group. It was decided in order to support and progress learning to use the Holy Habits material produced by Bible Reading Fellowship (This material takes a church through the 10 aspects of the early church defined in Acts 2, v42-47). The Holy Habits of 'Prayer' and 'Gladness and Generosity' have been undertaken since 2021 and we are expecting to continue with a third in the Autumn of 2023.

Service & Evangelism

Coffee mornings continue alternating between both chapels these attract people from the adjoining neighbourhoods. We have a very vibrant Babies and Toddlers group which attracts families from all over town and offers people a safe place to make friends and for children to learn and develop socially.

The buildings are well used, by church groups and diverse community groups, such as pre-schools, dance groups, Kumon, a Bridge Club, a bee-keepers' association, Brownies, Guides, and a Hungarian Language School.

The church is also an active member of the Churches Together in Caversham organisation that supports various community projects including REInspired, in which volunteers are invited into schools to tell the pupils about their faith, and a weeklong Holiday Club in the summer which attracts children from all the schools in Caversham.

We responded to the requirements to support Ukrainian refugees, collecting food, toiletries, clothing and financial support through the church account, and working with the local refugee agencies. We started a weekly drop in for Ukrainian refugees that is ongoing.

Resources

Besides raising funds for its own purposes, and for general Methodist purposes, the church raises money for other causes.

For example, some church members collect money for Action for Children, and used postage stamps to raise funds for the Leprosy Mission. For many years now we have given money to support the Racecourse Community School in Zambia.

Safeguarding

The Church has a Safeguarding Officer, and the Safeguarding policy is updated annually at the Autumn Church Council. The revised policy was accepted by council on 10th November 2022 and is displayed. Safeguarding training and DBS checks for those in roles requiring it are up to date.

Eco Church

The church has attained the Bronze Eco-Church award and is working towards silver status. During the year, we have also shared our experiences the Basingstoke & Reading Methodist Circuit which is developing its Eco-Circuit proposal.

Data Protection

The church has a Privacy Officer, and a privacy notice is displayed in the church, in compliance with the General Data Protection Regulations.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- ☐ policy on grantmaking;
- ☐ policy programme related investment;
- ☐ contribution made by volunteers.

Section D	Achievements and performance
<p>Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year</p>	

Section E**Financial review****Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves**

The Reserves Policy requires us to hold sufficient reserves to enable the Church to continue to function for between three and six months. In addition we are required to hold 2% of the value of the church buildings as a property reserve.

Details of any funds materially in deficit**Further financial review details (Optional information)**

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.


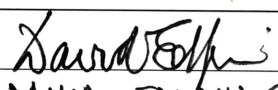
The Financial Report is submitted separately in the form of a Statement of Financial Activities as prescribed by the Methodist Church.

The principal source of funding is the church members' freewill offerings.

Section F**Other optional information****Section G****Declaration**

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Martin Peter Buckles	DAVID EDWIN CLIFFE
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	SECRETARY
Date	11 MAY 2023	

THE METHODIST CHURCH STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

THE METHODIST CHURCH, CAVERSHAM	Church
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**FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 August 2022**

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Treasurer:

AW LAIRD

SECTION A		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
		£	£	£	£
a1	RECEIPTS	Note			
a2	Offerings and Tax recovered	72,369	72	72,441	71,777
a3	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income	212		212	79
a4	Lettings	40,925		40,925	10,189
a5	Other receipts	7,266	2,971	10,237	3,302
	Gosbrook Rd opening cash balances	15,324	20	15,344	
a6	TOTAL RECEIPTS	136,096	3,063	139,159 (a7)	85,347

SECTION B					
b1	PAYMENTS				
b2	Circuit Assessment or Share	62,587		62,587	49,951
b3	Donations	3,775		3,775	9
b4	Repairs and Maintenance	57,432		57,432	19,076
b5	Utilities (Insurances, water charges, heating & lighting)	18,907		18,907	4,273
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b7	Other payments	6,166	136	6,302	9,185
b8	TOTAL PAYMENTS	148,867	136	149,003 (b9)	82,494

SECTION C					
c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	(a6-b8)	(12,771)	2,927	(9,844)
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year		130,920	3,665	134,585 (c6)
c3	Sub total	(c1+c2)	118,149	6,592	124,741
c4	Transfers and adjustments		3,008	(3,008)	(c7)
c5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR	(c3+c4)	121,157	3,584	124,741 (c8)
					134,585 (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)	£	£
d1	Balance brought forward from last year	554	40
d2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations	3,232	3,592
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d4	BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID	(206)	554
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SUMMARY OF CHURCH ACCOUNTS AND INTERNAL ORGANISATIONS REPORTING TO THE CHURCH COUNCIL**SECTION E**

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e2						
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e7						
e8 Sub total of Internal Organisations funds					(e11)	(e12)
e9 Church accounts (totals right forward from page 2 - totals column)	139,159 (a7)	149,003 (b9)	(9,844)	(c7)	134,585 (c6)	124,741 (c8)
e10 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	139,159	149,003	(9,844)		134,585 (x)	124,741 (y)
Continue on a separate sheet if necessary and bring the totals forward	TOTAL RECEIPTS	TOTAL PAYMENTS				

SECTION F**STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES****CHURCH - CASH FUNDS HELD at 31 August 2022**

	OPENING BALANCES	CLOSING BALANCES
f1 Cash in hand		
f2 Bank Current Account	100	8,995
f3 Bank Deposit Account	128,198	110,078
f4 Central Finance Board	6,262	5,668
f5 Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes		
f6 Other funds	25	
f7 SUB TOTAL - Church accounts	134,585 (c6)	124,741 (c8)
f8 Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance total from above) (e12)	(e11)	(e12)
f9 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	134,585 (x)	124,741 (y)

SECTION G**OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES**

	At 1 September 2021	At 31 August 2022
g1 Investments (include Endowments)		
g2 Land & Buildings (see notes re Insurance value)	3,414,973	7,283,736
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 THE METHODIST CHURCH, CAVERSHAM No: 1127822

Declarations and Scrutiny

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

Signature of treasurer  Date 24/09/22

Name and address of treasurer ALVIN LAIRD, 29 CLONMEL CLOSE, CAVERSHAM,

READING Post Code RG4 5BF

Presentation to the Church trustees

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Name of the Chair of the meeting Date

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

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Charity Number 1127822

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

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.

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

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