



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	1	SEPT	2022		31	AUG	2023

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.	Until 11 May 2023	
4	Mr T J Rowell	Circuit Rep.	From 11 May 2023	
5	Mrs. B. Caborn	Steward		
6	Mr D E Cliffe	Secretary		
7	Mrs E Cooper			
8	Mrs M Ellison	Steward		
9	Mrs D Ellis			
10	Mr V Emerson			
11	Mrs M Fowler	Steward		
12	Mrs D Herbert	Steward		
13	Mr C Hinks	Steward	Until 22 May 2023	
14	Mrs P Hopkins	Steward	Until 11 June 2023	
15	Mr A Laird	Treasurer	Until 22 May 2023	
16	Mrs B Macrae			
17	Mr K Macrae	Property Steward		
18	Mr D Munns		Until 11 June 2023	
19	Mrs H New			
20	Mr C Pollard	Steward		
21	Mr I Pollard	Steward; Treasurer	Treas. from 22 May 2023	
22	Mrs M Price			
23	Mr B Simpson			
24	Mrs M Simpson	Steward		
25	Mr H Stroud	Steward		
26	Mrs J Talbot	Steward		

27	Mrs L Turner	Steward		
28	Mr S Turner		Until 22 May 2023	

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)

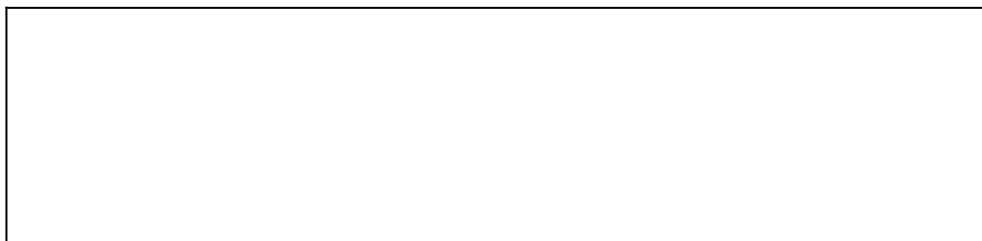
You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- 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;

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.

- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.



Section C

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 – on two sites.

As one church members from both sites continue to work together harmoniously.

Worship

Sunday worship is one of our major activities. We usually have a Sunday morning service at both churches, but from time to time we have shared services on one site. Services at Caversham Heights Church are still streamed via YouTube, to include those who are not able to attend church.

Caring

A team of Pastoral Friends continue to care for all members and adherents. They make regular visits when needed or maintain contact by telephone or email for those people who are not seen regularly in church. They are able to chat to those attending church during social times after the service, so are aware of all those in need of support and prayer.

Learning

There are 3 active Bible Study and Worship Groups involving members of the church and all led by lay people. They have followed a variety of study material to enhance their knowledge and understanding. There is in addition a prayer group that meets every Thursday morning.

Service & Evangelism

Coffee mornings continue alternating between both churches, giving church members and local residents the chance to socialise in a safe and friendly atmosphere.

The Babies and Toddlers group is thriving, with new people joining regularly as others move on as children move on to other activities or parents return to work. It offers people a safe place to make friends and for children to learn and develop socially.

The Art Group meets weekly and helps people develop their creative skills as well as providing a friendly meeting point for a variety of people. The buildings are well used, by church groups and diverse community groups, such as pre-schools, dance groups, Kumon, a Bridge Club, a beekeepers' association, Brownies, and a Hungarian Language School.

There is a monthly Artist and Makers Fair which attracts many local people to view the various stalls as well as partake of refreshments which raise money for a variety of charities.

The church is also an active member of the Churches Together in Caversham organisation that supports various community projects. Church members are involved in a number of different activities.

Reinspired, led by 2 project leaders takes volunteers into schools to explain aspects of Christian faith.

A weeklong Holiday Club in the summer attracts children from all areas of Caversham.

Regular Messy Church sessions are held at the Weller centre and attended by a growing number of families.

The weekly drop in at the Baptist Church supports anyone in need.

Church members are involved in the production and distribution of the local Christian newspaper.

The successful weekly drop in for Ukrainian refugees drew to a natural close at the end of the year as the members were absorbed into the local community

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 Parkinsons Society. 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 Caversham Heights church has attained the Bronze Eco-Church award and is working towards silver status. The re-planting of its garden and improvements to the buildings, including the installation of double glazing, will help towards this end. The re-planting was completed in December 2022 using low maintenance plants which are bird- and pollinator-friendly. Options for the Gosbrook Road church are under consideration.

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

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

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)	<i>David Edwin Chiffre</i>	<i>Vivian J. Emergent</i>
Full name(s)	DAVID EDWIN CHIFFRE	VIVIAN J. EMERGENT
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	SECRETARY	Finance Coordinator
Date	6. JUNE 2024	

THE METHODIST CHURCH
STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

THE METHODIST CHURCH, CAVERSHAM	Church
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FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31 August 2023

BASINGSTOKE & Reading	Circuit	Circuit no.	26/4
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Treasurer:

IAN POLLARD

SECTION A		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
		£	£	£	£
a1	RECEIPTS	Note			
a2	Offerings and Tax recovered	79,956	1,492	81,448	72,441
a3	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income	2,835		2,835	212
a4	Lettings	54,448		54,448	40,925
a5	Other receipts	2,518	3,155	5,673	10,237
	Gosbrook Rd opening cash balances				15,344
a6	TOTAL RECEIPTS	139,757	4,647	144,404 (a7)	139,159

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b2	Circuit Assessment or Share	68,824		68,824	62,587
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SECTION C					
c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	(a6-b8)	9,191	(106)	9,085
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c3	Sub total	(c1+c2)	130,348	3,478	133,826
c4	Transfers and adjustments				(c7)
c5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR	(c3+c4)	130,348	3,478	133,826 (c8)
					124,741 (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		(206)		554
d2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations		4,242		3,232
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations		3,676		3,992
d4	BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID	(d1+d2-d3)	360		(206)

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

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e1						
e2						
e3						
e4						
e5						
e6						
e7						
e8	Sub total of Internal Organisations funds				(e11)	(e12)
e9	Church accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)					
	144,404 (a7)	135,319 (b9)	9,085	(c7)	124,741 (c6)	133,826 (c8)
e10	TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH					
	144,404	135,319	9,085		124,741 (x)	133,826 (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		
f2	8,995	5,501
f3	110,078	61,440
f4	5,668	66,885
f5		
f6		
f7	124,741 (c6)	133,826 (c8)
f8	(e11)	(e12)
f9	124,741 (x)	133,826 (y)

SECTION G

OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES

	At 1 September 2022	At 31 August 2023
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g2	7,283,736	7,895,569
g3		
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Name of Church

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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 20/9/23

Name and address of treasurer

I. POLLARD 5 SOMERTON GARDENS

EARLEY, READING

Post Code RG6 5XG

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

Signature of the Chair of the meeting

JKim

Name of the Chair of the meeting

Rev Jeongsok Kim

Date 6 June 2024

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

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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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Signature of independent examiner 

Name of independent examiner IAN SCOBELL

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner ACMA, CGMA

Name of firm (where appropriate)

Address 15, TREFORGAN, CHAVERSHAM, READING

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