

TILEHURST METHODIST CHURCH

England & Wales · Charity number 1127823

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Previously excepted

Registered 2009-02-02

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: 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 the 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;(d) any purpose for the time being of any charity being a charity subsidiary or ancillary to the Methodist Church.

Activities: The provision and promotion of regular public acts of worship, events and services open to all Providing for all ages a sacred space for prayer, contemplation and meeting for the furtherance of God's work in and around Tilehurst Local and international Christian outreach, teaching and support, through pastoral work, attendance at school assemblies, courses and activities.

Classification

- **How:** Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** Religious Activities
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** UNDEFINED. IN PRACTICE LOCAL
- Reading
- West Berkshire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-08-31	£172,122	£176,229	-	-
2024-08-31	£414,279	£169,840	-	-
2023-08-31	£216,648	£177,730	-	-
2022-08-31	£143,505	£175,420	-	-
2021-08-31	£161,874	£146,397	-	-
2020-08-31	£145,787	£161,729	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Rev Helen Watson	Chair	2021-09-01
Anthony Ralph Vallis		2023-04-23
Barrie Gordon Davies		2016-05-01
Christine Meryll Vallis		2020-05-01
Donald Wilson Moffat		2021-11-01
Elizabeth Jane Aldersley		2021-05-01
Emily Mary Goodman		2022-04-01
Geraldine Duggan		2014-05-01
Jennifer Susan Dimmock		2022-02-01
Joan Moffat		2023-04-23
John David Drabble		2019-05-01
Jonathan Leslie Skeet		2018-05-01
Linda Langridge		2014-05-01
Lucie Helen Twivey		2015-05-01
MARY WALTON		2017-05-01
Paula Suzzanne Davies		2023-04-23
Ruth Marilyn Fleming		2021-03-30
STEVE SKELTON		2016-11-24

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Accounts

TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025 (1)

Introduction

The Trustees have pleasure in presenting their report accompanying the annual financial statements.

Objectives and activities

Tilehurst Methodist Church is situated on School Road in the centre of Tilehurst. The church was founded in 1884 with the present church building being opened in March 1905. The church halls were opened in 1965 with a rear extension built in 1976.

In 2020, Tilehurst Methodist Church adopted a new mission statement, as follows:

Core statement: Actively celebrating and sharing God's unconditional love.

Unpacking the core statement:

- Actively: we are a church alive in our community, spiritually and practically
- Celebrating: we acknowledge the depth of God's love for us, and rejoice in it together
- Sharing: we learn more of God from each other, take the message of God's love to others, and demonstrate that love in practical ways
- God's unconditional love: God loves each of us, regardless of past or circumstances. God demonstrates this through the life and example of Jesus, the Bible, and in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Detail sections expanding what this means:

- *Worship: In our worship we respond in varied ways to God's love for everyone. We celebrate and explore our relationships with God and each other. God brings us together in worship, encouraging participation and embracing diversity.
- *Learning: We welcome the opportunity to learn from God's Word and from each other throughout our lives. Everyone has something to offer from their experience, and we all have room to grow in faith. Each individual journey is different, but we travel and learn together.
- *Service and Caring: Following the example of Jesus, we demonstrate God's love for everyone through service and caring. Like God's love, our service does not stop at physical, social or cultural boundaries. We work within our local community, to discover and respond to individual and shared needs in practical, prayerful ways. We live out God's call in the global Kingdom, for the Earth and all who share it.
- *God's story and our story (evangelism): We rejoice in the Good News of God's love for us, shown in Jesus Christ. In all our worship, learning, service and caring we confidently share our experiences of God's love, so that our personal stories may help others to experience and respond to that love themselves.

The church's charitable aims are:

- The provision and promotion of regular public acts of worship, events and services open to all.
- Providing for all ages a sacred space for prayer, contemplation, and meeting for the furtherance of God's work in and around Tilehurst.
- Local and international Christian outreach, teaching and support, through pastoral work, attendance at school assemblies, courses and activities, thereby aiding and demonstrating social cohesion.

TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025 (2)

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;
- d) Any purpose for the time being of any charity being a charity subsidiary or ancillary to The Methodist Church

Achievements and performance

The Church premises are used by a wide range of community organisations as well as Church related groups. These include Tots @TMC, a toddler group for children and their carers, dancing and education classes, a table tennis group, a craft group, Rainbows, Brownies, Guides, Rangers, the Guild, Triangle Players, fitness classes, counselling services and singing groups.

Sunday worship takes place in-person weekly and is streamed via Zoom for those unable to attend. The Church has recently purchased six tablets for anyone who finds it difficult to read the screen used in the services.

The Church has run children's and youth groups such as Jolly Tots, for young children with their carers, WOAF, which stands for Worship on Alternate Fridays, for 5 to 11 year olds, and SNUG for secondary school children through the year. Junior Church has also run 3-4 times a month on Sunday mornings.

Feel Good Friday, a very busy friendship café meets at the church weekly. The annual Christmas party is very popular and well attended.

The Eco Church group organised a plant swap and coffee morning again in May and have led various services during the year. The Church reached the Silver level award in the Eco church scheme in November 2024, which only a thousand churches in the UK have completed. We have also become a Fair Trade Church.

Regular events with significant community participation such as the Pumpkin Drop-in, All Souls Service and Noisy Nativity on Christmas Eve took place again. The Light Party was renamed as the 'Pumpkin Drop-in' and the Church was illuminated and decorated as usual with volunteers giving out craft/sweet bags and serving refreshments on 31st October as a Halloween alternative.

The Church premises include the Link, an ecumenically run coffee shop, offering a place of welcome and friendship to members of the community and work experience opportunities.

In February 2025, the Church hosted a successful Reading Interfaith Group meeting which had a theme of 'journeying' and was well attended

A display of memories of life during WWII was set up in the Church and the Church was open to the community on the anniversary of VE Day in May.

The Church takes part in a food sharing scheme with the local Co-operative store to try and reduce food waste.

The Church has signed up up to Inclusive Church, a network of churches of different denominations, that celebrate and affirm every person and do not discriminate.

The Church raised £4,610 for local, national and international causes through fundraising events such as the annual Christmas Bazaar, concerts, Antique Valuation Days and by collections at services. Grants and donations of £4,570 were made by the Church to Methodist and other charities.

Improvements to the Church buildings have taken place during the year. The major items being repair work on the hall roof, renewal of the hall fascias, soffits and gutters, a new water softener and two replacement boilers in the Church.

TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025 (3)

Financial review

Income and Expenditure

Church income is primarily drawn from the collection paid by the congregation plus the related Gift Aid, lettings income paid by users of the premises and legacies. Offertory and gift aid remained unchanged since last year. Giving by standing order has increased again as a proportion of the total. Lettings income has decreased slightly by £1,251 to £38,334 with the premises still being well used through the week.

The largest expense is the assessment paid to the Circuit. The assessment this year was £81,744, compared with £74,940 the previous year. It is expected to increase next year (2025/26) to £83,853.

The other main expense is Church running costs including heating and lighting, insurance and utilities, cleaning and maintenance which amounted to £62,255 this year, compared with £37,964, the previous year. As mentioned above, the main property maintenance expenditure was hall roof repair of £9,780, renewal of fascias, soffits and gutters on the hall building of £9,355, replacement water softener £1,800 and two Church boilers fitted at the end of August for £6,250. Last year, property maintenance expenditure included repair on 28 School Road render of £1,500 and replacement of the one of the hall boilers costing £3,780.

Reserves policy

The Church Council approve a budget for the running of the Church annually. This budget includes provision for delivering the objectives of the Church through church services, maintaining premises which are used extensively by community groups as well as organisations that are affiliated with the Church and through donations to Methodist Church mission funds, national and local charities.

In setting its budget for the year the Church Council considers the projected impact of changes to the Circuit assessment, administrative expenses and the maintenance needs of the premises and their impact on the general reserves of the Church.

The Church aims to maintain general fund balances that are sufficient to cover one quarter's expenditure. In addition, the Church must also retain balances to cover various improvements that are needed to its property.

Considering the above factors, the Church Council believes it needs to maintain reserves of at least £75,000, comprising a general reserve of at least £25,000 and a property related reserve of at least £50,000. It was decided to leave the property related reserve at this level to cover expected future expenditure in the next few years on the Church roof and other unforeseen property maintenance.

The Church's general funds at 31 August 2025 were £75,966 and the property related funds £ 15,497, totalling £91,463. Although, the property fund is lower than the reserves policy, the Church Council is happy to leave the policy as it is at present as the total funds are greater than £75,000, the minimum total reserve. Additionally, the Church has unrestricted legacy funds of £349,551 held by TMCP that it can draw on. The Church has applied for £6,250 funds from TMCP to cover the cost of the replacement Church boilers and these monies were received in October 2025.

The property revaluation reserve (£2,141,600) at 31st August 2025 is equivalent to the accounts value of the Church premises, furniture and equipment and is not available for use on general activities.

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The restricted reserves are held for the use of the internal organisations and /or to be used to fund specific expenses.

The Church reviews the reserve policy annually as part of the setting of the budget.

Plans for 2025/26

The budget for the year commencing 1 September 2025 is based on estimated income from collections and lettings and expected normal running costs. The underlying assumption is that there will not be further disruption of the ability to use the premises for Church life and by hirers. The budget anticipates £14,300 being deducted from general and property funds over the year. It is likely that this deficit, however, will be covered by reserves.

TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025 (5)

Structure, governance and management

The Church is governed according to the Constitutional Practice and Discipline of the Methodist Church (CPD) by order of the annual Conference. Day to day management of the Church is undertaken by the Church Leadership Team along with the Minister. The Trustees of the charity are appointed at the Annual General Meeting of the Church and are detailed below:

Mrs Liz Aldersley	Mrs Linda Langridge
Mr Chris Armstrong-Stacey	Mr Don Moffat - ret
Mr Barrie Davies	Mr Joan Moffat - ret
Mrs Jacqui Davies	Mr Jon Skeet
Mrs Paula Davies	Mr Steve Skelton
Mrs Jenny Dimmock	Mrs Lucie Twivey
Mr John Drabble	Mrs Chris Vallis
Mrs Gerry Duggan	Mr Tony Vallis
Mr Martin Eglin	Mrs Pam Virgo
Mrs Ruth Fleming	Mrs Mary Walton
Mrs Emily Goodman	Rev Helen Watson
Mr Stephen King	

ret - retired during the year

The Church Council has 21 members who are the managing trustees of the Church. The Church Council meet five times per year.

Mrs Linda Langridge (one of the trustees) acted as the Treasurer for the Church during the year. The Church Council appoints the members of the Finance Group who meet regularly during the year to oversee the Church's financial affairs.

The General Church Meeting is generally held in March/April each year. The meeting receives reports on the activities and achievements of the Church and affiliated organisations (such as Rainbows, Brownies, Guides, Triangle Players, Guild and Table Tennis Club) along with the accounts for the previous financial year. The meeting appoints church stewards and representatives to Church Council and makes decisions on significant policies or activities including the Church project, which is the the main fundraising initiative for the year. At the 2023 meeting, a new model of leadership team was adopted. The church's team is, at present, comprised of 5 coordinators who oversee different elements of Church life acting with the authority delgated to them by Church Council.

A range of guidance produced by the Methodist Connexion to support the effective running of the church and the role of Trustees is given to the Church Trustees at various meetings and/or training sessions .

The Church employs two part time staff: one Tots @TMC leader and a cleaner. The Church pays at least the Living Wage applying increases when it is updated.

Internal organisations linked to the Church are Tots @TMC, Triangle Players, Table Tennis Club and Guild. Triangle Players and Table Tennis Club operate their own bank accounts and produce accounts subject to independent examination. Wesley Guild (renamed the Guild) uses the Church bank account and it's accounts are now prepared by the Church Treasurer as part of the Church's accounts.

The Church appointed two "Data Privacy Champions" during 2018. Their actions to date have included the production and promotion of Data Privacy statements for inclusion on Church Notices, the Prayer Book, The Church Directory and on the Church website and undertaking a data mapping excercise as required by TMCP (Trustees for Methodist Purposes). The champions report to Church Council on progress and requirements.

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The Church's statutory particulars are as follows;

Full name: Tilehurst Methodist Church

Main communication address: Tilehurst Methodist Church, School Road, Tilehurst, Reading, Berks RG31 5AN

Charity registered number: 1127823

Date of registration as a Charity: 12 February 2009

Independent examiner: Mr Alan Harland FCA, 380 Wokingham Road, Earley, Reading RG6 7HX

Bankers: HSBC Bank plc, 26 Broad Street, Reading RG1 2BU, Lloyds Bank Ltd, 24 Broad Street, Reading RG1 2BT and the Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church, 9 Bonhill Street, London EC2A 4PE

The Church is from 1 September 2024 part of the Berkshire and Hampshire Borders Methodist Circuit, which is part of the Southampton District and is also accountable to the Methodist Conference.

The Trustees confirm that the Church is a public benefit entity

Risk management

The major risks have been identified and recorded by the Trustees with professional advice been taken as required, there is a regular annual review process undertaken as required. Income and expenditure is reviewed and monitored against budget on a regular basis as part of the risk management process to avoid unforeseen calls on reserves.

Accounting responsibilities

Charity law requires trustees to prepare annual accounts that give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Church at the year end and of its financial activities during the period. The trustees are required to:

Select suitable accounting policies and apply them prudently;

Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;

Prepare accounts on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Church will continue in operation

Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy the financial position of the Church, so that the accounts comply with the charity accounting SORP 2015. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Church and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention of fraud and other irregularities.

The Church is entitled to exemption from audit under the Charities Act but is required to have an independent examination of its accounts; the Church has therefore taken advantage of this exemption.

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Safeguarding

Every person has a value and dignity which comes directly from the creation of male and female in God's own image and likeness. Christians see this potential as fulfilled by God's re-creation of us in Christ. Among other things this implies a duty to value all people as bearing the image of God and therefore to protect them from harm. Methodist Connexional practice outlines commitment to the following principles:

- The care and nurture of, and respectful pastoral ministry with, all children, young people and adults
- The safeguarding and protection of all children, young people and adults when they are vulnerable
- Establishing safe, caring communities which provide a loving environment where there is informed vigilance as to the dangers of abuse.
- Carefully selecting and training all those with any responsibility within the Church, in line with Safer Recruitment principles, including the use of criminal records disclosures and registration with the relevant vetting and barring schemes.
- Responding without delay to every complaint made which suggests that an adult, child or young person may have been harmed, cooperating with the police and local authority in any investigation.
- Seeking to work with anyone who has suffered abuse, developing with them an appropriate ministry of informed pastoral care.
- Seeking to challenge any abuse of power, especially by anyone in a position of trust.
- Seeking to offer pastoral care and support, including supervision and referral to the proper authorities, to any member of our church community known to have offended against a child, young person or vulnerable adult.
- In all these principles following legislation, guidance and recognised good practice

Tilehurst Methodist Church commits itself to ensuring the implementation of Connexional Safeguarding Policy, Government legislation, guidance and safe practice in the Circuit and in the churches.

Tilehurst Methodist Church also commits itself to the provision of support, advice and training for lay and ordained people that will ensure people are clear and confident about their roles and responsibilities in safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and adults who may be vulnerable.

Approved at a meeting of the Church Trustees on 22 November 2025



Reverend Helen Watson
Chair of the meeting

Tilehurst Methodist Church

Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) for the year ended 31 August 2025

	Notes to the accounts	Unrestricted funds	Designated Funds (Unrestricted)	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	2024-25	2023-24
		£	£	£		£	£
Income and Endowments from:							
Donations and legacies	2					103,015	340,177
- Collections and tax credit		98,320	-			98,320	98,362
- Donations including tax credit		320		4,375		4,695	20,698
- Legacies						-	221,117
Charitable activities						-	-
- Fund raising		-	-			-	-
- Others		-	-			-	-
Other trading activities						38,334	39,585
- Lettings		38,334	-			38,334	39,585
- Miscellaneous						-	-
Investments	3	3,050	14,771	-		17,821	18,351
Other	4					12,952	16,166
- Internal organisations		-		12,952		12,952	16,166
- Miscellaneous			-	-		-	-
Total		140,024	14,771	17,327		172,122	414,279
Expenditure on:							
Salaries, NIC & Pension costs	8	11,750	-	1,420		13,170	31,218
Circuit Assessment		81,744	-			81,744	74,940
Maintenance on Church building(s) and property		33,377	-			33,377	11,987
Telephone and Travel			-			-	-
Utilities (insurance, heat and light, water, etc)		17,128	-			17,128	17,338
Depreciation	9	-	-			-	-
Provisions		-	-			-	-
Internal organisations		-		13,774		13,774	18,789
Grants and Donations		4,570		-		4,570	4,250
Other expenditure		9,877	-	2,590		12,467	11,318
Total	5	158,445	-	17,784		176,229	169,840
Net income/(expenditure)		- 18,421	14,771	- 457		- 4,107	244,439
Transfers between funds		- 4,201	4,201			-	-
		- 22,622	18,972	- 457		- 4,107	244,439
Other recognised gains / (losses):							
Gains/(Losses) on revaluation of fixed assets			-	-		-	-
Net movement in funds		- 22,622	18,972	- 457		- 4,107	244,439
Reconciliation of funds:							
Total funds brought forward		114,085	2,472,179	19,240	1,089	2,606,593	2,362,154
Total funds carried forward		91,463	2,491,151	18,783	1,089	2,602,486	2,606,593

For information only Money received and passed on to External Organisations

Balance brought forward from last year

Offerings/Gifts - received for External Organisations

Offerings/Gifts - passed to External Organisations

Balance carried forward

929	1,251
4,610	9,204
4,966	9,526
573	929

Tilehurst Methodist Church

Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) for the year ended 31 August 2024

	Notes to the accounts	Unrestricted funds	Designated Funds (Unrestricted)	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	2023-24	Restated 2022-23
		£	£	£		£	£
Income and Endowments from:							
Donations and legacies	2					340,177	178,352
- Collections and tax credit		98,362	-			98,362	93,580
- Donations including tax credit		2,233		18,465		20,698	16,772
- Legacies		6,301	214,816			221,117	68,000
Charitable activities						-	-
- Fund raising		-	-			-	-
- Others		-	-			-	-
Other trading activities						39,585	33,062
- Lettings		39,585	-			39,585	33,062
- Miscellaneous						-	-
Investments	3	2,855	15,496	-		18,351	3,568
Other	4			-		16,166	14,585
- Internal organisations		-		16,166		16,166	14,585
- Miscellaneous			-	-		-	-
Total		149,336	230,312	34,631		414,279	229,567
Expenditure on:							
Salaries, NIC & Pension costs	8	8,639	-	22,579		31,218	31,182
Circuit Assessment		74,940	-			74,940	82,082
Maintenance on Church building(s) and property		11,987	-			11,987	24,250
Telephone and Travel			-			-	-
Utilities (insurance, heat and light, water, etc)		17,338	-			17,338	17,938
Depreciation	9	-	-			-	-
Provisions		-	-			-	-
Internal organisations		-		18,789		18,789	14,078
Grants and Donations		4,250		-		4,250	3,670
Other expenditure		9,387	-	1,931		11,318	16,769
Total	5	126,541	-	43,299		169,840	189,969
Net income/(expenditure)		22,795	230,312	- 8,668		244,439	39,598
Transfers between funds		400	- 12,540	12,140		-	50
		23,195	217,772	3,472		244,439	39,648
Other recognised gains / (losses):							
Gains/(Losses) on revaluation of fixed assets			-	-		-	-
Net movement in funds		23,195	217,772	3,472		244,439	39,648
Reconciliation of funds:							
Total funds brought forward		90,890	2,254,407	15,768	1,089	2,362,154	2,322,506
Total funds carried forward		114,085	2,472,179	19,240	1,089	2,606,593	2,362,154

For information only Money received and passed on to External Organisations

Balance brought forward from last year

Offerings/Gifts - received for External Organisations

Offerings/Gifts - passed to External Organisations

Balance carried forward

1,251	2,078
9,204	6,766
9,526	7,593
929	1,251

Tilehurst Methodist Church

Balance Sheet as at 31 August 2025

Unrestricted funds	Designated funds (Unrestricted)	Restricted funds	Endowment Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
£	£	£	£	£	£

Tangible Fixed Assets*

Notes

Land & Buildings	9		2,141,600		2,141,600	2,141,600
Equipment	9					
Investments TMCP Model Trust	10		349,551	1,089	350,640	331,668
Total fixed assets			2,491,151	1,089	2,492,240	2,473,268

Current Assets

Debtors and Prepayments	11	15,477		244	15,721	15,760
Cash at Bank and in hand	11					
Central Finance Board		57,280		3,195	60,475	69,717
Other bank accounts		25,755		15,159	40,914	48,390
Cash in hand				185	185	294
Total current assets		98,512		18,783	117,295	134,161

Creditors and accruals, due in under a year	12	7,049			7,049	836
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Net current assets (liabilities)		91,463		18,783	110,246	133,325
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Total assets less current liabilities		91,463	2,491,151	18,783	1,089	2,602,486
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Loans and creditors due after a year						
Provisions for liabilities and charges						

Net assets		91,463	2,491,151	18,783	1,089	2,602,486
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Funds of the Church

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Unrestricted funds		91,463	2,491,151		2,582,614	2,586,264
Restricted funds				18,783	18,783	19,240
Endowment funds				1,089	1,089	1,089
Total Funds	14	91,463	2,491,151	18,783	1,089	2,606,593

*Details - see Note 9

	Opening balance	Receipts	Payments	Net Receipts/ Payments	Transfers from other funds	Closing balances
Internal Organisations						
Tots @ TMC /Under 5's	2,313	2,799	3,927	-	1,128	1,185
Wesley Guild	635	827	863	-	36	599
Triangle Players	8,026	7,247	6,382	-	865	8,891
Table Tennis Club	6,367	2,079	2,602	-	523	5,844
	-				-	-
	-				-	-
Total	17,341	12,952	13,774	-	822	16,519

Total Receipts	Total Payments
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Notes to the Accounts

1. Basis of accounts preparation

General matters

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice - Accounting and Reporting by Charities SORP 2019 (FRS 102) and the Financial Reporting Standard FRS 102 as updated by Bulletin 1, and in accordance with charity law in the jurisdiction of England. The Church is a public benefit entity.

Funds

The funds held constitute: General funds held for any purpose of the church which are unrestricted and Model Trust legacy funds held by the Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes (TMCP). Designated funds which are unrestricted funds set aside by the trustees for a particular purpose. Restricted funds which are held for a narrower purpose including those for internal organisations. There is also an Endowment fund as listed. Details of each material fund are disclosed in Note 14 to these accounts. Any funds may be represented by more than just cash.

Accounting policies

a) Basis

These accounts have been prepared on the basis of historical cost except that investments are shown at their market value at the end of the year. The accounts have been prepared on the accruals basis and show a true and fair view of the Church's financial position and activities.

b) Income

Income is recognised when the Church becomes entitled to the resources, and the trustees are reasonably certain they will receive the resources; and the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.

c) Expenditure

This is recognised when a liability is incurred, or a constructive obligation arises, that results in the payment being unavoidable. Liabilities are recognised as soon as an outflow of economic benefit is considered more likely than not under the legal or constructive obligation committing the Church to pay out resources.

d) Grants

Grants made by the Church from its own funds are recognised in full at the time of agreement or when the Church accepts that there is a legal or operational obligation to make the payment. If the grant is recurrent over more than one year the balance payable in future years is treated as a provision for future commitments in the Balance Sheet against the appropriate fund, the provision being released in future years as instalments are paid in accordance with the originally agreed terms.

e) VAT

Since the Church is not VAT registered, all input VAT is included with the expenses to which it refers.

f) Tangible fixed assets for use by the Church

The Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes are custodian trustees for the church land and premises which is Model Trust property and they hold freehold title. The Trustees of Tilehurst Methodist Church are the managing trustees for the church land and premises. Under the provisions of FRS 102 the church premises can either be stated at a value based on current open market value or a deemed historical cost. The historical cost of the church land and premises is not known due to a lack of historic records. Due to the difficulty and expense of obtaining a formal market valuation for these specialist buildings for which there is no active market the value of the church land and premises has been stated based on the trustees estimate of their discounted replacement cost. The trustees established the deemed cost with reference to the insured value of the premises at 1 September 2022 which is the beginning of the previous period in which accruals accounts first needed to be produced.

The cost of assets individually at or below £10,000 is expensed in the year of purchase. Costs in excess of £10,000 are capitalised but not necessarily depreciated. The organ is deemed to have been fully depreciated due to its age.

The Trustee's policy is to keep the structure and fabric in such good repair that the property continues to have an indeterminate useful economic life. Depreciation on the buildings is considered not to be material so is not provided for.

g) Investment

Investments are valued in the balance sheet at market value at the year end. Investment income is included in the accounts when receivable and any gains or losses on revaluation at the year end are shown in the SOFA.

h) Debtors and Prepayments

Debtors include Gift Aid not yet received in respect of donations up to the balance sheet date, and prepayments such as Circuit Assessment paid for subsequent periods.

i) Creditors

Creditors include outstandings relating to expenses, repairs and renewals etc in August.

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	<u>Year ended 31 August 2025</u>				<u>Year ended 31 August 2024</u>			
	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Designated</u>	<u>Restricted</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Designated</u>	<u>Restricted</u>	<u>Total</u>
	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
2. Donations and legacies								
Collections	78,986	-	-	78,986	78,702	-	-	78,702
Gift Aid	19,334	-	-	19,334	19,660	-	-	19,660
Donations	320	-	4,375	4,695	2,233	-	18,465	20,698
Legacies	-	-	-	-	6,301	214,816	-	221,117
Total	98,640	-	4,375	103,015	106,896	214,816	18,465	340,177
3. Investment income								
Central Finance Board	3,003	-	-	3,003	2,801	-	-	2,801
TMCP Model Trust*	-	14,771	-	14,771	-	15,496	-	15,496
TMCP Endowment	47	-	-	47	54	-	-	54
Total	3,050	14,771	-	17,821	2,855	15,496	-	18,351
*See Note 10								
4. Other								
Internal organisations	-	-	12,952	12,952	-	-	16,166	16,166
Miscellaneous	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	-	12,952	12,952	-	-	16,166	16,166
5. Expenditure								
Internal organisations	-	-	13,774	13,774	-	-	18,789	18,789
Grants and donations**	4,570	-	-	4,570	4,250	-	-	4,250
	4,570	-	13,774	18,344	4,250	-	18,789	23,039
All other categories	153,875	-	4,010	157,885	122,291	-	24,510	146,801
Total	158,445	-	17,784	176,229	126,541	-	43,299	169,840

** See Note 15

6. Payment to Trustees

	<u>2024-25</u>	<u>2023-24</u>
Payments made to trustees for additional services provided to the Church by agreement with the Church Council Meeting (included in staff costs)	Nil	21,425
Number of trustees who were paid for providing services	Nil	1
The trustee who received payment was: Lola Brown salary cost		

7. Fees for examination or audit of the accounts

Independent examiner's or auditors' fees for reporting on the accounts	Nil	Nil
Other fees (eg: advice, accountancy services) paid to the independent examiner	Nil	Nil

8. Paid employees

Staff costs paid during the year were:

Gross wages, salaries and benefits in kind	15,713	37,682
Apprenticeship levy	77	188
Employer's National Insurance costs	539	1,827
Pension costs	413	1,154
Total staff costs	16,742	40,851

Average number of staff employed during the year were:

	0.7	1.5
Tilehurst Methodist Church	13,170	31,218
Internal organisation	3,572	9,633
Total staff costs	16,742	40,851

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9. Tangible Fixed Assets

Cost or valuation

	Church (non investment) land and buildings £	Other non investment land and buildings £	Investment properties (land and buildings) £	Other fixed assets including motor vehicles £	Fixtures, fittings and equipment £	Payments on account and assets under construction £	Total £
Balance brought forward 01 September 2024	2,141,600						2,141,600
Additions							
Revaluations (+/-)							
Disposals (-)							
Balance carried forward 31 August 2025	2,141,600						2,141,600

Accumulated depreciation

Balance brought forward 01 September 2024							
Depreciation charge for year (-)							
Revaluations (+/-)							
Disposals (-)							
Balance carried forward 31 August 2025							

Net book value

Brought forward	2,141,600	-	-	-	-	-	2,141,600
Carried forward	2,141,600	-	-	-	-	-	2,141,600

Note: There is no depreciation provision on the Church buildings as the Trustee's judge the market value to be greater than book value.

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10. Investments

Analysis of investment movements

	<u>Year ended 31 August 2025</u>			<u>Year ended 31 August 2024</u>		
	<u>Designated</u>	<u>Endowment</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Designated</u>	<u>Endowment</u>	<u>Total</u>
	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
Balance brought forward	330,579	1,089	331,668	112,807	1,089	113,896
Add: Additions						
Bequests			-	194,816		194,816
Refund of pension reserve contribution			-	20,000		20,000
Add: Transfer in	4,201		4,201			
Add: Interest less administration*	14,771		14,771	15,496		15,496
Less : Transfers out			-	12,540	-	12,540
Balance carried forward	349,551	1,089	350,640	330,579	1,089	331,668

* See Note 3

The investments that support the various funds are held by TMCP in the Trustee's Interest Fund on which interest is credited to the accounts each month. These are regarded as medium and long term investments.

TMCP is the legal owner and Custodian Trustee of all Methodist Model Trust property, including Legacies, Endowments and Accumulated Funds. Trust property is held for and on behalf of local Managing Trustees who are responsible for the day to day management of trust property. TMCP ensures that, through providing guidance and acting under their direction, the Managing Trustees comply with charity law and Methodist law and policy as determined by the Methodist Conference.

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11. Current assets	2024-25	2023-24
	£	£
Debtors and prepayments		
Prepaid Circuit Assessment	6,812	6,812
Accrued income (HMRC Gift Aid accrued)	8,526	8,708
Other debtors	383	240
	15,721	15,760
Bank balance at Central Finance Board, Church unrestricted funds	57,280	65,709
Bank balance at Central Finance Board, Church restricted funds	3,195	4,008
Bank balance held in HSBC Bank plc and Lloyds Bank Ltd	25,755	33,646
Bank and Cash in hand (Internal Organisations)	15,344	15,038
	101,574	118,401
Total current assets	117,295	134,161

12. Current liabilities

Other creditors and accruals (utility costs, property repairs, pension and other expenses)	7,049	836
	7,049	836

13. At 31 August 2025 the Church had commitments of £nil (2024: £nil)

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14. Detailed analysis of individual fund movements
2024-2025

Unrestricted Funds	Opening Balance	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Revaluation gains/losses	Closing Balance
Earmarked						
Property fund	41,452	38,600	- 64,555		-	15,497
Other						
General fund	72,633	101,424	- 93,890	- 4,201	-	75,966
	114,085	140,024	- 158,445	- 4,201	-	91,463

Designated funds	Opening	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Revaluation	Closing Balance
TMCP various bequests	140,259	6,319	-	4,201	-	150,779
TMCP bequest (children & family)*	190,320	8,452				198,772
Revaluation reserve re fixed assets	2,141,600	-	-	-		2,141,600
	2,472,179	14,771	-	4,201	-	2,491,151

Restricted Funds	Opening Balance	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Revaluation gains/losses	Closing Balance
Internal Organisations						
Tots @ TMC /Under 5's	2,313	2,799	- 3,927	-	-	1,185
Wesley Guild	635	827	- 863	-	-	599
Triangle Players	8,026	7,247	- 6,382	-	-	8,891
Table Tennis Club	6,367	2,079	- 2,602	-	-	5,844
	17,341	12,952	- 13,774	-	-	16,519
Benevolent Fund						
Benevolent Fund	832	250	- 790			292
Children and Family Work Fund	1,067	2,325	- 1,420			1,972
3-Generate	-	1,800	- 1,800			-
	1,899	4,375	- 4,010	-	-	2,264
	19,240	17,327	- 17,784	-	-	18,783

Endowment Funds	Opening Balance	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Revaluation gains/losses	Closing Balance
TMCP Aberystwyth Trust	1,089	-	-	-	-	1,089
(Only entitled to income)	-	-	-	-	-	-
	1,089	-	-	-	-	1,089

	Opening Balance	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Revaluation gains/losses	Closing Balance
All Funds	2,606,593	172,122	- 176,229	-	-	2,602,486

Fund purposes

As stated above

*This bequest was designated by Church Council for children and family work

Reasons for transfer between funds

Funding for expenditure as agreed

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14. Detailed analysis of individual fund movements
2023-2024

Unrestricted Funds	Opening Balance	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Revaluation gains/losses	Closing Balance
Earmarked						
Property fund	41,892	40,450	- 40,890		-	41,452
Other						
General fund	48,998	108,886	- 85,651	400	-	72,633
	90,890	149,336	- 126,541	400	-	114,085

Designated funds	Opening	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Revaluation	Closing Balance
TMCP various bequests	112,807	27,452	-		-	140,259
TMCP bequest (children & family)*		202,860		- 12,540		190,320
Revaluation reserve re fixed assets	2,141,600	-	-	-		2,141,600
	2,254,407	230,312	-	- 12,540	-	2,472,179

Restricted Funds	Opening Balance	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Revaluation gains/losses	Closing Balance
Internal Organisations						
Tots @ TMC /Under 5's	537	6,634	- 9,308	4,450	-	2,313
Wesley Guild	724	609	- 698	-	-	635
Triangle Players	8,196	6,370	- 6,540	-	-	8,026
Table Tennis Club	6,057	2,553	- 2,243	-	-	6,367
	15,514	16,166	- 18,789	4,450	-	17,341
Benevolent Fund	457	500	- 1,325	1,200		832
Children and Family Work Fund	- 203	17,905	- 23,125	6,490		1,067
3-Generate	-	60	- 60		-	-
	254	18,465	- 24,510	7,690	-	1,899
	15,768	34,631	- 43,299	12,140	-	19,240

Endowment Funds	Opening Balance	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Revaluation gains/losses	Closing Balance
TMCP Aberystwyth Trust	1,089	-	-	-	-	1,089
(Only entitled to income)	-	-	-	-	-	-
	1,089	-	-	-	-	1,089

	Opening Balance	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Revaluation gains/losses	Closing Balance
All Funds	2,362,154	414,279	- 169,840	-	-	2,606,593

Fund purposes

As stated above

*This bequest was designated by Church Council for children and family work

Reasons for transfer between funds

Funding for expenditure as agreed

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15. Related party transactions

This year

Name of related party	Relationship	Description of transaction	Income from related party during the year	Payments to related party during the year	Loans to / (from) related party during the year	Amounts owed by / (to) related party on 31-Aug-2024
			£	£	£	£
Methodist Church Fund	Part of the Methodist Church in the UK	Donation	-	2,150	-	-
Fund for the Support of Presbyters and Deacons		Donation	-	100	-	-
Methodist Homes for the Aged		Donation	-	150	-	-
Total			-	2,400	-	-
Donations to unrelated parties				2,170		
Total grants and donations*				4,570		

Last year

Name of related party	Relationship	Description of transaction	Income from related party during the year	Payments to related party during the year	Loans to / (from) related party during the year	Amounts owed by / (to) related party on 31-Aug-2023
			£	£	£	£
Methodist Church Fund	Part of the Methodist Church in the UK	Donation	-	2,150	-	-
Fund for the Support of Presbyters and Deacons		Donation	-	100	-	-
Methodist Homes for the Aged		Donation	-	150	-	-
Total			-	2,400	-	-
Donations to unrelated parties				1,850		
Total grants and donations*				4,250		

* See Note 5

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DECLARATIONS

Treasurer

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

Signature of Treasurer

Linda Langridge

Date

24-Nov-25

Name

Linda Langridge

Address

5 Oldean Close, Tilehurst, Reading RG31 5QA

Presentation to the Church Council Meeting for approval.

I confirm that the Accounts were presented to a meeting of the Church Trustees on
and were approved.

24-Nov-25

Signature of the Chair of the meeting

Helen Watson

Name of the Chair of the meeting

Reverend Helen Watson

Dated

24/11/2025

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

Tilehurst Methodist Church

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Church for the year ended 31 August 2025 which are set out on the attached pages.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiners

As the charity 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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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 giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- (1) accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
- (2) the accounts do not accord with those records;
- (3) the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts & Report) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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.

Name

Alan Harland FCA

Signature

Alan J. Harland FCA.

Relevant Professional qualification or body

Fellow of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England
& Wales

Address

380 Wokingham Road, Earley, Reading RG6 7HX

Date

24/2/26

TILEHURST METHODIST CHURCH

England & Wales - Charity number 1127823

Accounts

TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024 (1)

Introduction

The Trustees have pleasure in presenting their report accompanying the annual financial statements.

Objectives and activities

Tilehurst Methodist Church is situated on School Road in the centre of Tilehurst. The church was founded in 1884 with the present church building being opened in March 1905. The church halls were opened in 1965 with a rear extension built in 1976.

In 2020, Tilehurst Methodist Church adopted a new mission statement, as follows:

Core statement: Actively celebrating and sharing God's unconditional love.

Unpacking the core statement:

- Actively: we are a church alive in our community, spiritually and practically
- Celebrating: we acknowledge the depth of God's love for us, and rejoice in it together
- Sharing: we learn more of God from each other, take the message of God's love to others, and demonstrate that love in practical ways
- God's unconditional love: God loves each of us, regardless of past or circumstances. God demonstrates this through the life and example of Jesus, the Bible, and in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Detail sections expanding what this means:

*Worship: In our worship we respond in varied ways to God's love for everyone. We celebrate and explore our relationships with God and each other. God brings us together in worship, encouraging participation and embracing diversity.

*Learning: We welcome the opportunity to learn from God's Word and from each other throughout our lives. Everyone has something to offer from their experience, and we all have room to grow in faith. Each individual journey is different, but we travel and learn together.

*Service and Caring: Following the example of Jesus, we demonstrate God's love for everyone through service and caring. Like God's love, our service does not stop at physical, social or cultural boundaries. We work within our local community, to discover and respond to individual and shared needs in practical, prayerful ways. We live out God's call in the global Kingdom, for the Earth and all who share it.

*God's story and our story (evangelism): We rejoice in the Good News of God's love for us, shown in Jesus Christ. In all our worship, learning, service and caring we confidently share our experiences of God's love, so that our personal stories may help others to experience and respond to that love themselves.

The church's charitable aims are:

- The provision and promotion of regular public acts of worship, events and services open to all.
- Providing for all ages a sacred space for prayer, contemplation, and meeting for the furtherance of God's work in and around Tilehurst.
- Local and international Christian outreach, teaching and support, through pastoral work, attendance at school assemblies, courses and activities, thereby aiding and demonstrating social cohesion.

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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;
- d) Any purpose for the time being of any charity being a charity subsidiary or ancillary to The Methodist Church

Achievements and performance

The Church premises are used by a wide range of community organisations as well as Church related groups. These include Tots @TMC, a toddler group for children and their carers, dancing and education classes, a table tennis group, Rainbows, Brownies, Guides, Rangers, the Wesley Guild, Triangle Players, fitness classes, counselling services and singing groups.

Sunday worship takes place in-person weekly and is streamed via Zoom for those unable to attend.

The Church has run children's and youth groups such as Jolly Tots, for young children with their carers, WOW (Worship on Wednesdays) for 5 to 8 year olds, GAP (God's Awesome People) for 9 to 11 year old children and SNUG for secondary school children through the year. Junior Church has also run 3-4 times a month.

Feel Good Friday, a very busy friendship café meets at the church weekly. The annual Christmas party is very popular and well attended.

The Church in conjunction with the Eco Church group organised a 'God's Wonderful World' event during May. There was a plant swap, coffee morning and various musical activities reflecting our appreciation of the world around us. There was a display in the Church, which was open for visitors. The Church has been working towards the Silver level award in the Eco church scheme.

Regular events with significant community participation such as the Light Party, All Souls Service and two Noisy Nativity sessions on Christmas Eve took place as usual. The Church again was illuminated and decorated and volunteers gave out craft/sweet bags and served refreshments on 31st October as a 'light' party Halloween alternative.

The Church premises include the Link, an ecumenically run coffee shop, offering a place of welcome and friendship to members of the community and work experience opportunities.

The Church takes part in a food sharing scheme with the local Co-operative store to try and reduce food waste.

The Church raised £9,204 for local, national and international causes through fundraising events such as the annual Christmas Bazaar, concerts, Antique Valuation Days and by collections at services. Grants and donations of £4,250 were made by the Church to Methodist and other charities.

A few improvements to the Church buildings have taken place during the year. The major items being repair to render on 28 School Road and a new boiler in the Church halls.

TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024 (3)

Financial review

Income and Expenditure

Church income is primarily drawn from the collection paid by the congregation plus the related Gift Aid, lettings income paid by users of the premises and legacies. Offertory and gift aid has increased very slightly since last year. Giving by standing order has increased again as a proportion of the total. Lettings income also increased by £6,523 to £39,585 with the premises being well used through the week.

The Church received a legacy of £194,816 in September 2023, which Church Council designated to be used for children and family work.

The largest expense is the assessment paid to the Circuit. The assessment this year was £74,940, compared with £82,082 the previous year. It is expected to increase substantially next year (2024/25)

The other main expense is Church running costs including heating and lighting, insurance and utilities, cleaning and maintenance which amounted to £37,964 this year, compared with £42,188, the previous year. As mentioned above, the main property maintenance expenditure was repair of render on 28 School Road of £1,500 and replacement of one of the hall boilers for £3,780. Last year, property maintenance expenditure included decoration of the halls of £2,770, main hall floor repair and renewal £4,099, smart heating controls £1,495 and new bench and planter £1,736.

Reserves policy

The Church Council approve a budget for the running of the Church annually. This budget includes provision for delivering the objectives of the Church through church services, maintaining premises which are used extensively by community groups as well as organisations that are affiliated with the Church and through donations to Methodist Church mission funds, national and local charities.

In setting its budget for the year the Church Council considers the projected impact of changes to the Circuit assessment, administrative expenses and the maintenance needs of the premises and their impact on the general reserves of the Church.

The Church aims to maintain general fund balances that are sufficient to cover one quarter's expenditure. In addition, the Church must also retain balances to cover various improvements that are needed to its property.

Considering the above factors, the Church Council believes it needs to maintain reserves of at least £75,000, comprising a general reserve of at least £25,000 and a property related reserve of at least £50,000 (including £20,000 for repair work on the flat roof on the rear section of the Church halls).

The church's general funds at 31 August 2024 were £72,633 and the property related funds £ 41,452, totalling £114,085. Although, the property fund is lower than the reserves policy, the Church Council is happy to leave the policy as it is at present as the total funds are greater than £75,000, the minimum total reserve. Additionally, the Church has unrestricted legacy funds of £330,579 held by TMCP that it can draw on.

The property revaluation reserve (£2,141,600) at 31st August 2024 is equivalent to the accounts value of the Church premises, furniture and equipment and is not available for use on general activities.

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The restricted reserves are held for the use of the internal organisations and /or to be used to fund specific expenses.

The Church reviews the reserve policy annually as part of the setting of the budget.

Plans for 2024/25

The budget for the year commencing 1 September 2024 is based on estimated income from collections and lettings and expected normal running costs. The underlying assumption is that there will not be further disruption of the ability to use the premises for Church life and by hirers. The budget anticipates £5,500 being deducted from general funds and property funds over the year. The remedial work on the hall roof and other improvements to the halls including new fascia and guttering are also planned for 2024/25 and expected to cost another £20,000. These costs can be covered by reserves.



Reverend Helen Watson

Chair of trustees' meeting on 7 April 2025 approving this report and accounts

TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024 (5)

Structure, governance and management

The Church is governed according to the Constitutional Practice and Discipline of the Methodist Church (CPD) by order of the annual Conference. Day to day management of the Church is undertaken by the Church Leadership Team along with the Minister. The Trustees of the charity are appointed at the Annual General Meeting of the Church and are detailed below:

Mrs Liz Aldersley	Mrs Emily Goodman
Mr Chris Armstrong-Stacey	Mrs Linda Langridge
Mrs Alice Brown - ret	Mr Don Moffat
Mrs Lola Brown - ret	Mrs Joan Moffat
Mr Barrie Davies	Mr Jon Skeet
Mrs Jacqui Davies	Mr Steve Skelton
Mrs Paula Davies	Mrs Lucie Twivey
Mrs Jenny Dimmock	Mrs Chris Vallis
Mr John Drabble	Mr Tony Vallis
Mrs Gerry Duggan	Mrs Pam Virgo
Mrs Ruth Fleming	Mrs Mary Walton
Mrs Kate Frankel - ret	Rev Helen Watson

ret - retired during the year

The Church Council has 21 members who are the managing trustees of the Church. The Church Council meet five times per year.

Mrs Linda Langridge (one of the trustees) acted as the Treasurer for the Church during the year. The Church Council appoints the members of the Finance Group who meet regularly during the year to oversee the Church's financial affairs.

The General Church Meeting is held in March/April each year. The meeting receives reports on the activities and achievements of the Church and affiliated organisations (such as Rainbows, Brownies, Guides, Triangle Players, Wesley Guild and Table Tennis Club) along with the accounts for the previous financial year. The meeting appoints church stewards and representatives to Church Council and makes decisions on significant policies or activities including the Church project, which is the the main fundraising initiative for the year. At the 2023 meeting, a new model of leadership team was adopted. The church's team is now comprised of 7 coordinators who oversee different elements of Church life acting with the authority delgated to them by Church Council.

A range of guidance produced by the Methodist Connexion to support the effective running of the church and the role of Trustees is given to the Church Trustees at various meetings and/or training sessions .

The Church employs three part time staff: two Tots @TMC leaders and a cleaner. A full-time salaried Children's and Family worker was appointed in 2019 and left the post in April 2023. There are no plans to replace this role at present. The Church pays at least the Living Wage applying increases when it is updated.

Internal organisations linked to the Church are Tots @TMC, Triangle Players, Table Tennis Club and Wesley Guild. Triangle Players and Table Tennis Club operate their own bank accounts and produce accounts subject to independent examination. Wesley Guild now uses the Church bank account after the local Nationwide closed but at present still produce their own accounts.

The Church appointed two "Data Privacy Champions" during 2018. Their actions to date have included the production and promotion of Data Privacy statements for inclusion on Church Notices, the Prayer Book, The Messenger (quarterly Church newsletter) and on the Church website and undertaking a data mapping exercisce as required by TMCP (Trustees for Methodist Purposes). The champions report to Church Council on progress and requirements.

TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024 (6)

The Church's statutory particulars are as follows;

Full name: Tilehurst Methodist Church

Main communication address: Tilehurst Methodist Church, School Road, Tilehurst, Reading, Berks RG31 5AN

Charity registered number: 1127823

Date of registration as a Charity: 12 February 2009

Independent examiner: Mr Alan Harland FCA, 380 Wokingham Road, Earley, Reading RG6 7HX

Bankers: HSBC Bank plc, 26 Broad Street, Reading RG1 2BU, Lloyds Bank Ltd, 24 Broad Street, Reading RG1 2BT and the Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church, 9 Bonhill Street, London EC2A 4PE

The Church is from 1 September 2024 part of the Berkshire and Hampshire Borders Methodist Circuit, which is part of the Southampton District and is also accountable to the Methodist Conference.

The Trustees confirm that the Church is a public benefit entity

Risk management

The major risks have been identified and recorded by the Trustees with professional advice been taken as required, there is a regular annual review process undertaken as required. Income and expenditure is reviewed and monitored against budget on a regular basis as part of the risk management process to avoid unforeseen calls on reserves.

Accounting responsibilities

Charity law requires trustees to prepare annual accounts that give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Church at the year end and of its financial activities during the period. The trustees are required to:

Select suitable accounting policies and apply them prudently;

Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;

Prepare accounts on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Church will continue in operation

Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy the financial position of the Church, so that the accounts comply with the charity accounting SORP 2015. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Church and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention of fraud and other irregularities.

The Church is entitled to exemption from audit under the Charities Act but is required to have an independent examination of its accounts; the Church has therefore taken advantage of this exemption.

TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024 (7)

Safeguarding

Every person has a value and dignity which comes directly from the creation of male and female in God's own image and likeness. Christians see this potential as fulfilled by God's re-creation of us in Christ. Among other things this implies a duty to value all people as bearing the image of God and therefore to protect them from harm. Methodist Connexional practice outlines commitment to the following principles:

- The care and nurture of, and respectful pastoral ministry with, all children, young people and adults
- The safeguarding and protection of all children, young people and adults when they are vulnerable
- Establishing safe, caring communities which provide a loving environment where there is informed vigilance as to the dangers of abuse.
- Carefully selecting and training all those with any responsibility within the Church, in line with Safer Recruitment principles, including the use of criminal records disclosures and registration with the relevant vetting and barring schemes.
- Responding without delay to every complaint made which suggests that an adult, child or young person may have been harmed, cooperating with the police and local authority in any investigation.
- Seeking to work with anyone who has suffered abuse, developing with them an appropriate ministry of informed pastoral care.
- Seeking to challenge any abuse of power, especially by anyone in a position of trust.
- Seeking to offer pastoral care and support, including supervision and referral to the proper authorities, to any member of our church community known to have offended against a child, young person or vulnerable adult.
- In all these principles following legislation, guidance and recognised good practice

Tilehurst Methodist Church commits itself to ensuring the implementation of Connexional Safeguarding Policy, Government legislation, guidance and safe practice in the Circuit and in the churches.

Tilehurst Methodist Church also commits itself to the provision of support, advice and training for lay and ordained people that will ensure people are clear and confident about their roles and responsibilities in safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and adults who may be vulnerable.

Approved at a meeting of the Church Trustees on 7 April 2025



Reverend Helen Watson
Chair of the meeting

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Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) for the year ended 31 August 2024

	Notes to the accounts	Unrestricted funds	Designated Funds (Unrestricted)	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	2023-24	Restated 2022-23
		£	£	£		£	£
Income and Endowments from:							
Donations and legacies	2					340,177	178,352
- Collections and tax credit		98,362	-			98,362	93,580
- Donations including tax credit		2,233		18,465		20,698	16,772
- Legacies		6,301	214,816			221,117	68,000
Charitable activities						-	-
- Fund raising		-	-			-	-
- Others		-	-			-	-
Other trading activities						39,585	33,062
- Lettings		39,585	-			39,585	33,062
- Miscellaneous						-	-
Investments	3	2,855	15,496	-		18,351	3,568
Other	4					16,166	14,585
- Internal organisations		-		16,166		16,166	14,585
- Miscellaneous						-	-
Total		149,336	230,312	34,631		414,279	229,567
Expenditure on:							
Salaries, NIC & Pension costs	8	8,639	-	22,579		31,218	31,182
Circuit Assessment		74,940	-			74,940	82,082
Maintenance on Church building(s) and property		11,987	-			11,987	24,250
Telephone and Travel						-	-
Utilities (insurance, heat and light, water, etc)		17,338	-			17,338	17,938
Depreciation	9	-	-			-	-
Provisions		-	-			-	-
Internal organisations		-		18,789		18,789	14,078
Grants and Donations		4,250				4,250	3,670
Other expenditure		9,387	-	1,931		11,318	16,769
Total	5	126,541	-	43,299		169,840	189,969
Net income/(expenditure)		22,795	230,312	-		244,439	39,598
Transfers between funds		400	-	12,140		-	50
		23,195	217,772	3,472		244,439	39,648
Other recognised gains / (losses):							
Gains/(Losses) on revaluation of fixed assets						-	-
Net movement in funds		23,195	217,772	3,472		244,439	39,648
Reconciliation of funds:							
Total funds brought forward		90,890	2,254,407	15,768	1,089	2,362,154	2,322,506
Total funds carried forward		114,085	2,472,179	19,240	1,089	2,606,593	2,362,154

For information only Money received and passed on to External Organisations

Balance brought forward from last year

Offerings/Gifts - received for External Organisations

Offerings/Gifts - passed to External Organisations

Balance carried forward

	1,251	2,078
	9,204	6,766
	9,526	7,593
	929	1,251

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Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) for the year ended 31 August 2023 - Restated to accruals basis

	Notes to the accounts	Unrestricted funds	Designated Funds (Unrestricted)	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Restated 2022-23
		£	£	£		£
Income and Endowments from:						
Donations and legacies	2					178,352
- Collections and tax credit		93,580	-			93,580
- Donations including tax credit		5,948		10,824		16,772
- Legacies			68,000			68,000
Charitable activities						-
- Fund raising		-	-			-
- Others		-	-			-
Other trading activities						33,062
- Lettings		33,062	-			33,062
- Miscellaneous						-
Investments	3	2,295	1,273	-		3,568
Other	4					14,585
- Internal organisations		-		14,585		14,585
- Miscellaneous			-	-		-
Total		134,885	69,273	25,409		229,567
Expenditure on:						
Salaries, NIC & Pension costs	8	7,150	-	31,182		38,332
Circuit Assessment		82,082	-			82,082
Maintenance on Church building(s) and property		17,100	-			17,100
Telephone and Travel			-			-
Utilities (insurance, heat and light, water, etc)		17,938	-			17,938
Depreciation	9	-	-			-
Provisions		-	-			-
Internal organisations		-		14,078		14,078
Grants and Donations		3,670		-		3,670
Other expenditure		11,462	-	5,307		16,769
Total	5	139,402	-	50,567		189,969
Net income/(expenditure)		- 4,517	69,273	- 25,158		39,598
Transfers between funds		- 950		1,000		50
		- 5,467	69,273	- 24,158		39,648
Other recognised gains / (losses):						
Gains/(Losses) on revaluation of fixed assets			-	-		-
Net movement in funds		- 5,467	69,273	- 24,158		39,648
Reconciliation of funds:						
Total funds brought forward		96,357	2,185,134	39,926	1,089	2,322,506
Total funds carried forward		90,890	2,254,407	15,768	1,089	2,362,154

For information only Money received and passed on to External Organisations

Balance brought forward from last year

Offerings/Gifts - received for External Organisations

Offerings/Gifts - passed to External Organisations

Balance carried forward

2,078
6,766
7,593
1,251

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Balance Sheet as at 31 August 2024

Unrestricted funds	Designated funds (Unrestricted)	Restricted funds	Endowment Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year (Restated)
£	£	£	£	£	£

Tangible Fixed Assets*

	Notes					
Land & Buildings	9		2,141,600		2,141,600	2,141,600
Equipment	9					
Investments TMCP Model Trust	10		330,579		1,089	113,896
Total fixed assets			2,472,179		1,089	2,473,268

Current Assets

Debtors and Prepayments	11	15,566		194		15,760	14,698
Cash at Bank and in hand	11						
Central Finance Board		65,709		4,008		69,717	62,382
Other bank accounts		33,646		14,744		48,390	33,663
Cash in hand				294		294	144
Total current assets		114,921		19,240		134,161	110,887

Creditors and accruals, due in under a year	12	836				836	4,229
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Net current assets (liabilities)		114,085		19,240		133,325	106,658
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Total assets less current liabilities		114,085	2,472,179	19,240	1,089	2,606,593	2,362,154
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Loans and creditors due after a year							
Provisions for liabilities and charges							

Net assets		114,085	2,472,179	19,240	1,089	2,606,593	2,362,154
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Funds of the Church

Unrestricted funds	14	114,085	2,472,179			2,586,264	2,345,297
Restricted funds				19,240		19,240	15,768
Endowment funds					1,089	1,089	1,089
Total Funds	14	114,085	2,472,179	19,240	1,089	2,606,593	2,362,154

*Details - see Note 9

		Opening balance	Receipts	Payments	Net Receipts/ Payments	Transfers from other funds	Closing balances
Internal Organisations							
Tots @ TMC /Under 5's		537	6,634	9,308	-	2,674	4,450
Wesley Guild		724	609	698	-	89	635
Triangle Players		8,196	6,370	6,540	-	170	8,026
Table Tennis Club		6,057	2,553	2,243	-	310	6,367
		-			-		-
		-			-		-
Total		15,514	16,166	18,789	-	2,623	4,450

Total Receipts	Total Payments
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Balance Sheet as at 31 August 2023 (Restated to accruals basis)

	Unrestricted funds £	Designated funds (Unrestricted) £	Restricted funds £	Endowment Funds £	Totals this year £	Totals last year (Restated) £
Tangible Fixed Assets*						
	Notes					
Land & Buildings	9	2,141,600			2,141,600	2,141,600
Equipment	9					
Investments TMCP Model Trust	10	112,807		1,089	113,896	44,623
Total fixed assets		2,254,407		1,089	2,255,496	2,186,223
Current Assets						
Debtors and Prepayments	11	14,579		119	14,698	15,763
Cash at Bank and in hand	11					
Central Finance Board		61,458		924	62,382	50,606
Other bank accounts		18,820	14,843		33,663	75,329
Cash in hand			144		144	52
Total current assets		94,857	16,030		110,887	141,750
Creditors and accruals, due in under a year	12	3,967		262	4,229	5,467
Net current assets (liabilities)		90,890	15,768		106,658	136,283
Total assets less current liabilities		90,890	2,254,407	15,768	1,089	2,362,154
Loans and creditors due after a year						
Provisions for liabilities and charges						
Net assets		90,890	2,254,407	15,768	1,089	2,362,154
Funds of the Church						
	14					
Unrestricted funds		90,890	2,254,407		2,345,297	2,281,491
Restricted funds			15,768		15,768	39,926
Endowment funds				1,089	1,089	1,089
Total Funds	14	90,890	2,254,407	15,768	1,089	2,362,154

*Details - see Note 9

	Opening balance	Receipts	Payments	Net Receipts/ Payments	Transfers from other funds	Closing balances
Internal Organisations						
Tots @ TMC /Under 5's	524	7,232	8,692	- 1,460	1,473	537
Wesley Guild	945	727	948	- 221		724
Triangle Players	6,492	4,307	2,603	1,704		8,196
Table Tennis Club	5,573	2,319	1,835	484		6,057
	-			-		-
	-			-		-
Total	13,534	14,585	14,078	507	1,473	15,514
		Total Receipts	Total Payments			

Approved at a meeting of the Trustees on 7 April 2025



Reverend Helen Watson
Chair of Meeting



Linda Langridge
Trustee and Treasurer

Notes to the Accounts

1. Basis of accounts preparation

General matters

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice - Accounting and Reporting by Charities SORP 2019 (FRS 102) and the Financial Reporting Standard FRS 102 as updated by Bulletin 1, and in accordance with charity law in the jurisdiction of England. The Church is a public benefit entity.

Funds

The funds held constitute: General funds held for any purpose of the church which are unrestricted and Model Trust legacy funds held by the Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes (TMCP). Designated funds which are unrestricted funds set aside by the trustees for a particular purpose. Restricted funds which are held for a narrower purpose including those for internal organisations. There is also an Endowment fund as listed. Details of each material fund are disclosed in Note 14 to these accounts. Any funds may be represented by more than just cash.

Accounting policies

a) Basis

These accounts have been prepared on the basis of historical cost except that investments are shown at their market value at the end of the year. The accounts have been prepared on the accruals basis, rather than a receipts and payments basis as in previous years and show a true and fair view of the Church's financial position and activities.

b) Income

Income is recognised when the Church becomes entitled to the resources, and the trustees are reasonably certain they will receive the resources; and the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.

c) Expenditure

This is recognised when a liability is incurred, or a constructive obligation arises, that results in the payment being unavoidable. Liabilities are recognised as soon as an outflow of economic benefit is considered more likely than not under the legal or constructive obligation committing the Church to pay out resources.

d) Grants

Grants made by the Church from its own funds are recognised in full at the time of agreement or when the Church accepts that there is a legal or operational obligation to make the payment. If the grant is recurrent over more than one year the balance payable in future years is treated as a provision for future commitments in the Balance Sheet against the appropriate fund, the provision being released in future years as instalments are paid in accordance with the originally agreed terms.

e) VAT

Since the Church is not VAT registered, all input VAT is included with the expenses to which it refers.

f) Tangible fixed assets for use by the Church

The Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes are custodian trustees for the church land and premises which is Model Trust property and they hold freehold title. The Trustees of Tilehurst Methodist Church are the managing trustees for the church land and premises. Under the provisions of FRS 102 the church premises can either be stated at a value based on current open market value or a deemed historical cost. The historical cost of the church land and premises is not known due to a lack of historic records. Due to the difficulty and expense of obtaining a formal market valuation for these specialist buildings for which there is no active market the value of the church land and premises has been stated based on the trustees estimate of their discounted replacement cost. The trustees established the deemed cost with reference to the insured value of the premises at 1 September 2022 which is the beginning of the previous period in which accruals accounts need to be produced.

The cost of assets individually at or below £10,000 is expensed in the year of purchase. Costs in excess of £10,000 are capitalised but not necessarily depreciated. The organ is deemed to have been fully depreciated due to its age.

The Trustee's policy is to keep the structure and fabric in such good repair that the property continues to have an indeterminate useful economic life. Depreciation on the buildings is considered not to be material so is not provided for.

g) Investment

Investments are valued in the balance sheet at market value at the year end. Investment income is included in the accounts when receivable and any gains or losses on revaluation at the year end are shown in the SOFA.

h) Debtors and Prepayments

Debtors include Gift Aid not yet received in respect of donations up to the balance sheet date, and prepayments such as Circuit Assessment paid for subsequent periods.

i) Creditors

Creditors include outstandings relating to utilities and repairs etc in August. In the accounts to 31 August 2023, creditors included hall booking income received in advance.

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Year ended 31 August 2024

Year ended 31 August 2023

	<u>Year ended 31 August 2024</u>				<u>Year ended 31 August 2023</u>			
	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Designated</u>	<u>Restricted</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Designated</u>	<u>Restricted</u>	<u>Total</u>
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
2. Donations and legacies								
Collections	78,702	-	-	78,702	74,360	-	-	74,360
Gift Aid	19,660	-	-	19,660	19,220	-	-	19,220
Donations	2,233	-	18,465	20,698	5,948	-	10,824	16,772
Legacies	6,301	214,816	-	221,117	-	68,000	-	68,000
Total	106,896	214,816	18,465	340,177	99,528	68,000	10,824	178,352
3. Investment income								
Central Finance Board	2,801	-	-	2,801	2,263	-	-	2,263
TMCP Model Trust*	-	15,496	-	15,496	-	1,273	-	1,273
TMCP Endowment	54	-	-	54	32	-	-	32
Total	2,855	15,496	-	18,351	2,295	1,273	-	3,568
*See Note 10								
4. Other								
Internal organisations	-	-	16,166	16,166	-	-	14,585	14,585
Miscellaneous	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	-	16,166	16,166	-	-	14,585	14,585
5. Expenditure								
Internal organisations	-	-	18,789	18,789	-	-	14,078	14,078
Grants and donations**	4,250	-	-	4,250	3,670	-	-	3,670
	4,250	-	18,789	23,039	3,670	-	14,078	17,748
All other categories	122,291	-	24,510	146,801	135,732	-	36,489	172,221
Total	126,541	-	43,299	169,840	139,402	-	50,567	189,969

** See Note 15

6. Payment to Trustees

	<u>2023-24</u>	<u>2022-23</u>
Payments made to trustees for additional services provided to the Church by agreement with the Church Council Meeting (included in staff costs)	21,425	29,523
Number of trustees who were paid for providing services	1	1
The trustees who received payments were:		
Lola Brown salary cost		

7. Fees for examination or audit of the accounts

Independent examiner's or auditors' fees for reporting on the accounts	Nil	Nil
Other fees (eg: advice, accountancy services) paid to the independent examiner	Nil	Nil

8. Paid employees

Staff costs paid during the year were:

Gross wages, salaries and benefits in kind	37,682	42,129
Apprenticeship levy	188	215
Employer's National Insurance costs	1,827	2,598
Pension costs	1,154	1,659
Total staff costs	40,851	46,601

Average number of staff employed during the year were:

	1.5	1.8
Tilehurst Methodist Church	31,218	38,332
Internal organisation	9,633	8,269
Total staff costs	40,851	46,601

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9. Tangible Fixed Assets
Cost or valuation

	Church (non investment) land and buildings £	Other non investment land and buildings £	Investment properties (land and buildings) £	Other fixed assets including motor vehicles £	Fixtures, fittings and equipment £	Payments on account and assets under construction £	Total £
Balance brought forward 01 September 2023	2,141,600						2,141,600
Additions							
Revaluations (+/-)							
Disposals (-)							
Balance carried forward 31 August 2024	2,141,600						2,141,600

Accumulated depreciation

Balance brought forward 01 September 2023							
Depreciation charge for year (-)							
Revaluations (+/-)							
Disposals (-)							
Balance carried forward 31 August 2024							

Net book value

Brought forward	2,141,600	-	-	-	-	-	2,141,600
Carried forward	2,141,600	-	-	-	-	-	2,141,600

Note: There is no depreciation provision on the Church buildings as the Trustee's judged the market value to be greater than book value.

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10. Investments

Analysis of investment movements

	<u>Year ended 31 August 2024</u>			<u>Year ended 31 August 2023</u>		
	<u>Designated</u>	<u>Endowment</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Designated</u>	<u>Endowment</u>	<u>Total</u>
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Balance brought forward	112,807	1,089	113,896	43,534	1,089	44,623
Add: Additions						
Bequests	194,816		194,816	68,000		68,000
Refund of pension reserve contribution	20,000		20,000			-
Less: Withdrawals	- 12,540	-	12,540			-
Add: Interest less administration*	15,496		15,496	1,273		1,273
Balance carried forward	330,579	1,089	331,668	112,807	1,089	113,896

* See Note 3

The investments that support the various funds are held by TMCP in the Trustee's Interest Fund on which interest is credited to the accounts each month. These are regarded as medium and long term investments.

TMCP is the legal owner and Custodian Trustee of all Methodist Model Trust property, including Legacies, Endowments and Accumulated Funds. Trust property is held for and on behalf of local Managing Trustees who are responsible for the day to day management of trust property. TMCP ensures that, through providing guidance and acting under their direction, the Managing Trustees comply with charity law and Methodist law and policy as determined by the Methodist Conference.

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11. Current assets	2023-24	2022-23
	£	£
Debtors and prepayments		
Prepaid assessments	6,812	6,245
Accrued income (HMRC Gift Aid accrued)	8,708	8,453
Other debtors	240	
	<u>15,760</u>	<u>14,698</u>
Bank balance at Central Finance Board, Church unrestricted funds	65,709	61,458
Bank balance at Central Finance Board, Church restricted funds	4,008	924
Bank balance held in HSBC Bank plc and Lloyds Bank Ltd	33,646	18,820
Bank and Cash in hand (Internal Organisations)	15,038	14,987
	<u>118,401</u>	<u>96,189</u>
Total current assets	<u>134,161</u>	<u>110,887</u>

12. Current liabilities

Other creditors and accruals (utility costs, property repairs and rental income received in advance)	836	4,229
	<u>836</u>	<u>4,229</u>

13. At 31 August 2024 the Church had commitments of £nil (2022: £nil)

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14. Detailed analysis of individual fund movements
2023-2024

Unrestricted Funds	Opening Balance	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Revaluation gains/losses	Closing Balance
Earmarked						
Property fund	41,892	40,450	- 40,890		-	41,452
Other						
General fund	48,998	108,886	- 85,651	400	-	72,633
	90,890	149,336	- 126,541	400	-	114,085

Designated funds	Opening	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Revaluation	Closing Balance
TMCP various bequests	112,807	27,452	-		-	140,259
TMCP bequest (children & family)*		202,860		- 12,540		190,320
Revaluation reserve re fixed assets	2,141,600	-	-	-		2,141,600
	2,254,407	230,312	-	- 12,540	-	2,472,179

Restricted Funds	Opening Balance	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Revaluation gains/losses	Closing Balance
Internal Organisations						
Tots @ TMC /Under 5's	537	6,634	- 9,308	4,450	-	2,313
Wesley Guild	724	609	- 698	-	-	635
Triangle Players	8,196	6,370	- 6,540	-	-	8,026
Table Tennis Club	6,057	2,553	- 2,243	-	-	6,367
	15,514	16,166	- 18,789	4,450	-	17,341
Benevolent Fund						
Benevolent Fund	457	500	- 1,325	1,200		832
Children and Family Work Fund	- 203	17,905	- 23,125	6,490		1,067
3-Generate	-	60	- 60			-
	254	18,465	- 24,510	7,690	-	1,899
	15,768	34,631	- 43,299	12,140	-	19,240

Endowment Funds	Opening Balance	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Revaluation gains/losses	Closing Balance
TMCP Aberly Trust	1,089	-	-	-	-	1,089
(Only entitled to income)	-	-	-	-	-	-
	1,089	-	-	-	-	1,089

	Opening Balance	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Revaluation gains/losses	Closing Balance
All Funds	2,362,154	414,279	- 169,840	-	-	2,606,593

Fund purposes

As stated above

*This bequest was designated by Church Council for children and family work

Reasons for transfer between funds

Funding for expenditure as agreed

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14. Detailed analysis of individual fund movements (continued)
2022-2023

Unrestricted Funds	Opening Balance	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Revaluation gains/losses	Closing Balance
Earmarked						
Property fund	48,643	36,102	- 42,853		-	41,892
Other						
General fund	47,714	98,783	- 96,549	- 950	-	48,998
			-		-	-
	96,357	134,885	- 139,402	- 950	-	90,890

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Designated funds	Opening Balance	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Revaluation gains/losses	Closing Balance
TMCP various bequests	43,534	69,273	-		-	112,807
Revaluation reserve re fixed assets	2,141,600	-	-	-		2,141,600
	2,185,134	69,273	-	-	-	2,254,407

Restricted Funds	Opening Balance	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Revaluation gains/losses	Closing Balance
Internal Organisations						
Tots @ TMC /Under 5's	524	7,232	- 8,692	1,473	-	537
Wesley Guild	945	727	- 948		-	724
Triangle Players	6,492	4,307	- 2,603			8,196
Table Tennis Club	5,573	2,319	- 1,835		-	6,057
	13,534	14,585	- 14,078	1,473	-	15,514
Benevolent Fund	457	-	-	-		457
Children and Family Work Fund	25,267	5,775	- 31,245			203
3-Generate	135	5,049	- 5,184		-	-
Covid fund	533		- 60	- 473		-
	26,392	10,824	- 36,489	- 473	-	254
	39,926	25,409	- 50,567	1,000	-	15,768

Endowment Funds	Opening Balance	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Revaluation gains/losses	Closing Balance
TMCP Aberystwyth Trust	1,089	-	-	-	-	1,089
(Only entitled to income)	-	-	-	-	-	-
	1,089	-	-	-	-	1,089

	Opening Balance	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Revaluation gains/losses	Closing Balance
All Funds	2,322,506	229,567	- 189,969	50	-	2,362,154

Fund purposes

As stated above

Reasons for transfer between funds

Funding for expenditure as agreed

Tilehurst Methodist Church

15. Related party transactions

This year

Name of related party	Relationship	Description of transaction	Income from related party during the year	Payments to related party during the year	Loans to / (from) related party during the year	Amounts owed by / (to) related party on 31-Aug-2024
			£	£	£	£
Methodist Church Fund	Part of the Methodist Church in the UK	Donation	-	2,150	-	-
Leader's of Worship and Peacher's Trust		Donation	-	100	-	-
Methodist Homes for the Aged		Donation	-	150	-	-
Total			-	2,400	-	-

Donations to unrelated parties

1,850

Total grants and donations*

4,250

Last year

Name of related party	Relationship	Description of transaction	Income from related party during the year	Payments to related party during the year	Loans to / (from) related party during the year	Amounts owed by / (to) related party on 31-Aug-2023
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Methodist Church Fund	Part of the Methodist Church in the UK	Donation	-	2,150	-	-
Leader's of Worship and Peacher's Trust		Donation	-	100	-	-
Methodist Homes for the Aged		Donation	-	150	-	-
Total			-	2,400	-	-

Donations to unrelated parties

1,270

Total grants and donations*

3,670

* See Note 5

Tilehurst Methodist Church

DECLARATIONS

Treasurer

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

Signature of Treasurer

Linda Langridge

Date

07-Apr-25

Name

Linda Langridge

Address

5 Oldean Close, Tilehurst, Reading RG31 5QA

Presentation to the Church Council Meeting for approval.

I confirm that the Accounts were presented to a meeting of the Church Trustees on and were approved.

07-Apr-25

Signature of the Chair of the meeting

Helen Watson

Name of the Chair of the meeting

Reverend Helen Watson

Dated

7 April 25

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

Tilehurst Methodist Church

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Church for the year ended 31 August 2024 which are set out on the attached pages.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiners

As the charity 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.

Tilehurst Methodist Church

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 giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- (1) accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
- (2) the accounts do not accord with those records;
- (3) the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts & Report) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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.

Name

Alan Harland FCA

Signature

Alan Harland FCA

Relevant Professional qualification or body

Fellow of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England
& Wales

Address

380 Wokingham Road, Earley, Reading RG6 7HX

Date

8 April 2025.

TILEHURST METHODIST CHURCH

England & Wales - Charity number 1127823

Accounts

Tilehurst Methodist Church

Annual Report for the year ending 31 August 2023

1. Administrative information

1.1 Tilehurst Methodist Church is a registered charity (1127823).

1.2 The Trustees of the charity are:

Mrs Anne Ainger - ret	Mr Stephen King – ret
Mrs Liz Aldersley	Mrs Linda Langridge
Mr Chris Armstrong-Stacey	Mrs Ellen Ludlow - ret
Mrs Alice Brown	Mr Don Moffat
Mrs Lola Brown	Mrs Joan Moffat
Mr Barrie Davies	Mr Jon Skeet
Mrs Jacqui Davies	Mr Steve Skelton
Mrs Paula Davies	Mrs Jennifer Tipper - ret
Mrs Jenny Dimmock	Mrs Lucie Twivey
Mr John Drabble	Mrs Chris Vallis
Mrs Gerry Duggan	Mr Tony Vallis
Mrs Ruth Fleming	Mrs Pam Virgo
Mrs Kate Frankel	Mrs Mary Walton
Mrs Emily Goodman	Rev Helen Watson

ret – retired during the year.

1.3 The Church's bankers are HSBC Bank plc, 26 Broad Street, Reading RG1 2BU; Lloyds Bank Ltd, 24 Broad Street, Reading, RG1 2BT and the Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church, 9 Bonhill Street, London EC2A 4PE.

1.4 The Church engages advisers for legal affairs and property services as required.

2. Structure, governance and management

2.1 Tilehurst Methodist Church was founded in 1884 with the present church building being opened in March 1905. The Church is part of the Basingstoke and Reading Circuit. It is governed by the Standing Orders of the Methodist Church.

2.2 The Church Council has 24 members who are the managing trustees of the Church. The Church Council meets five times per year.

2.3 The Charities Act 2011 requires the charity trustees to keep accounting records which are sufficient to show and explain all the charities transactions, and which are such as to:

- disclose at any time with reasonable accuracy, the financial position of the charity at that time and
- enable the trustees to ensure that, where any statements of account are prepared by them under S132(1) those statements of accounts comply with the requirements of regulations under S132(1).

2.4 The accounting records must contain:

- entries showing from day to day all sums of money received and expended by the charity and the matters in respect of which the receipt and expenditure takes place, and

- a record of the assets and liabilities of the charity.
- 2.5 The charity trustees must prepare for each financial year a statement of accounts which comply with the requirements of the Charity Act 2011.
 - 2.6 The Church Council also appoints the members of the Finance Group who meet regularly during the year to oversee the Church's financial affairs.
 - 2.7 The Church Council is responsible for ensuring that proper procedures are adopted for the safeguarding of children, young people and vulnerable adults when associated with Church activities. A Safeguarding Coordinator is appointed to administer checking procedures, training and to act as a point of contact.
 - 2.8 The managing trustees are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Church and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities. The Church's property is overseen by a Property Group whose members are appointed by Church Council. This group now includes a Health and Safety co-ordinator to ensure that priority is given to the maintaining of a safe environment.
 - 2.9 There is a wide range of groups who are associated with the Church. The Triangle Players and Table Tennis Club operate separate bank accounts that are subject to independent examination. The Wesley Guild closed their Nationwide account last year and now uses the Church's bank accounts. The group is, however, still responsible for producing their own accounts. The Church also run an Under 5s group (Tots@TMC), four children's groups and a Junior Church.
 - 2.10 A General Church Meeting is held in March/April each year. This meeting receives reports on the activities and achievements of the Church and affiliated organisations (such as Brownies, Guides, Triangle Players, Wesley Guild and Table Tennis Club) and the accounts for the previous financial year; appoints the church stewards; appoints representatives to Church Council and makes decisions on significant policies or activities including the Church Project. At the 2023 General Church Meeting, the Church adopted a new model of leadership team. The church's leadership team is now comprised of 7 co-ordinators who oversee different elements of Church life. They operate with authority delegated to them by Church Council.
 - 2.11 The Church employs three part-time staff: two Tots@TMC leaders and a cleaner. A full-time salaried Children's and Family worker was appointed from 1 June 2019. The Church pays at least the Living Wage applying increases when it is updated.
 - 2.12 The Church appointed two "Data Privacy Champions" during 2018. Their actions to date have included the production and promotion of Data Privacy statements for inclusion on Church Notices, the Prayer Book, The Messenger (quarterly Church newsletter) and on the Church website and undertaking a data mapping exercise as required by TMCP (Trustees for Methodist Purposes). The champions report to the Church Council on progress and requirements.

3. Objectives and activities

- 3.1 In 2020, the Church adopted a new mission statement:

Core statement: Actively celebrating and sharing God's unconditional love.

Unpacking the core statement:

- Actively: we are a church alive in our community, spiritually and practically

- Celebrating: we acknowledge the depth of God's love for us, and rejoice in it together
- Sharing: we learn more of God from each other, take the message of God's love to others, and demonstrate that love in practical ways
- God's unconditional love: God loves *each* of us, regardless of past or circumstances. God demonstrates this through the life and example of Jesus, the Bible, and in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Detail sections expanding what this means:

Worship

In our worship we respond in varied ways to God's love for everyone.

We celebrate and explore our relationships with God and each other.

God brings us together in worship, encouraging participation and embracing diversity.

Learning

We welcome the opportunity to learn from God's Word and from each other throughout our lives. Everyone has something to offer from their experience, and we all have room to grow in faith. Each individual journey is different, but we travel and learn together.

We encourage discovering more about God from diverse viewpoints. We recognise that this will sometimes lead to change that we may find difficult, but in God's name we are willing to risk our comfort.

Service and Caring

Following the example of Jesus, we demonstrate God's love for everyone through service and caring. Like God's love, our service does not stop at physical, social, or cultural boundaries.

We work within our local community to discover and respond to individual and shared needs in practical, prayerful ways. We live out God's call in the global Kingdom, for the Earth and all who share it.

God's story and our story (evangelism)

We rejoice in the Good News of God's love for us, shown in Jesus Christ.

In all our worship, learning, service and caring we confidently share our experiences of God's love, so that our personal stories may help others to experience and respond to that love themselves.

3.2 The Church's charitable aims are:

- the provision and promotion of regular public acts of worship, events and services open to all.
- providing for all ages a sacred space for prayer, contemplation, and meeting for the furtherance of God's work in and around Tilehurst.
- local and international Christian outreach, teaching and support, through pastoral work, attendance at school assemblies, courses and activities, thereby aiding and demonstrating social cohesion.

4. Achievements and Performance

- 4.1 Overall, the Church buildings have been used more this year than last but unfortunately hall rentals are still not back to the levels before the pandemic. The Church has been actively looking for new hirers, and it is hoped that hall use, and bookings will gradually return to previous levels. All services are now back in-person as well as being streamed using Zoom. In June 2022, a burst valve caused the Church to flood, and all activities in

the Church were moved to the halls. However, by late September, with new carpet tiles, the Church was open again.

- 4.2 The Church's children's and youth groups such as Jolly Tots, for young children with their carers, WOW (Worship on Wednesdays) for 5 to 8 year olds, GAP (God's Awesome People) for 9 to 11 year old children and SNUG for secondary school children have taken place all year. Junior Church has also been running 3-4 times a month.
- 4.3 Feel Good Friday, a weekly friendship café, resumed in January and has quickly become very busy again. A highlight being a party for the King's Coronation.
- 4.4 Events with significant community participation such as the Light Party, All Saints Service, the Noisy Nativity sessions on Christmas Eve and Easter Unscrambled took place during the year. The Church again joined with the Tilehurst Pumpkin and Scarecrow Trail in October; the Church was illuminated and decorated, and volunteers gave out craft bags and served refreshments. Noisy Nativity on Christmas Eve was well supported and there was even a real donkey! The Church hosted Dug Horley's Christmas Bubble Praise Party eventually in December, after it had been postponed several times. At Easter, the Church was decorated with crosses made by the congregation.
- 4.5 A wide range of activities take place in the Church premises. These include Tots@TMC, a toddler group (every weekday in school term time) for children and their carers, dancing and education classes, table tennis, Brownies, Guides, the Wesley Guild, Triangle Players, fitness classes, counselling services and singing groups.
- 4.6 The Church was open for private prayer after the Queen's death and there was a 'bring and share' lunch on Sunday 7th May to celebrate the King's Coronation.
- 4.7 The Church is taking part in a food sharing scheme with the local Co-operative store to try and reduce food waste.
- 4.8 The Church premises include the Link, an ecumenically run coffee shop, offering a place of welcome and friendship to members of the community and work experience opportunities. The Link reopened after the pandemic in September 2021, with reduced hours and a limited menu, and it has gradually moved back to offering a full menu and longer opening hours.
- 4.9 The Eco Church group planned several services and events during May including a plant swap coffee morning and a walk in the woods. A new seating area with planting was installed in front of the church, financed through a donation, which was part of this initiative. The church was awarded a Bronze award in the Eco church scheme and is now working towards a Silver award.
- 4.10 A few improvements planned to the Church buildings have taken place during the year. The main hall wooden floor was repaired, sanded, polished, and resealed. A seating area was created outside the front of the Church (see 4.9 above) and a new noticeboard was purchased. Smart controls for the heating were fitted to the Church and halls and repairs were undertaken to the lighting systems inside and outside the Church buildings. New carpet for the Church was fitted in September 2022 following the flood, the cost covered by insurance. Some decoration and painting work was undertaken in August, and not paid until September 2023.
- 4.11 The Church raised £6,766 for local, national and international causes through fundraising events such as a Christmas Bazaar, concerts, afternoon teas and Antique Valuation Days and by collections at services. Grants and donations of £3,670 were made by the Church to Methodist and other charities.

5. Financial review

- 5.1 The financial effect of the pandemic this year on the Church's finances has again been limited. However, the increase in electricity and gas prices have had a significant effect on the Church's running costs and this is expected to continue for the foreseeable future. Offertory has remained stable. The donations received from hall users has still not returned to pre-pandemic levels, and it is still uncertain when income will return to normal levels. The trustees consider that the church remains viable. The Church received a legacy of £68,000 during the current year and has received another bequest of more than £190,000 in September 2023.
- 5.2 On 31 August 2023, the cash funds of the Church totalled £208,996 an increase of £39,476 compared to the previous year. This increase can mainly be explained by an increase of £69,273 in the unrestricted legacy funds (new legacy received during the year and interest), a decrease of £25,442 (income £5,785 and expenditure of £31,227) in the Children's and Family worker support funds, together with general and property fund increases /decreases of £1,634 and £7,256 respectively. The internal church organisation's (Tots@TMC, Triangle Players, Wesley Guild and Table Tennis Club) cash balances increased slightly from £13,534 at the start of the year to £15,514 at the end.
- 5.3 £15,911 of the church funds are in restricted funds which means there are restrictions on how they can be used. This total is held by church organisations (£15,514) together with other funds of £397.
- 5.4 The unrestricted cash funds of the church on 31 August 2023, comprise the general fund balance £52,430 (last year £50,796), the property fund £45,851 (last year £53,107) and the legacy funds of £94,804 (last year £25,531).
- 5.5 The insurance valuation of the church buildings is £3,802,086 and contents £195,205. The depreciated value of the organ is now £nil. Last year the total value was £3,687,538. It is believed that the market value of the church buildings would be significantly less than the insurance value.
- 5.6 The repairs and maintenance costs of £26,702 (last year £22,506) includes £5,223 remainder of the cost of the new Church carpet, £4,099 hall floor repair and renewal, £1,495 for smart heating controls, £1,736 new bench, and planter at the front of the Church and £696 for a new noticeboard. Two cameras for streaming services of £3,033, a replacement boiler in the halls costing £3,332, new floodlights of £1,565 and the deposit for the Church carpet of £5,222 were the major items of expenditure last year.

6. Reserves policy

- 6.1 The activities of the Church are funded by donations from individuals and users of the premises. The Church Council approve a budget for the running of the Church annually. This budget includes provision for delivering the objectives of the Church through church services, maintaining premises which are used extensively by community groups as well as organisations that are affiliated with the Church and through donations to Methodist Church mission funds, national and local charities.
- 6.2 In setting its budget for the year the Church Council considers the projected impact of changes in the Circuit assessment, administrative expenses and the maintenance needs of premises and their impact on the general reserves of the Church.
- 6.3 The Church's most significant item of expenditure is the monthly Circuit assessment. The Church aims to maintain general fund balances that are sufficient to fund one quarter's expenditure. In addition, the Church must also retain balances to cover various improvements that are needed to its property. Currently there is no depreciation provision in the reserve.

- 6.4 The offertory which is the main source of the Church's income has remained the same as last year. Giving by standing order has increased again as a proportion of the total and cash collections have fallen.
- 6.5 Following the advice of the insurers, an asset register has been created which includes notional depreciation of all items valued at greater than £500. This demonstrates that annual depreciation would be in the region of £15,000 and lifetime depreciation of existing assets more than £300,000. Maintaining reserves to cover this is neither affordable nor considered appropriate given the aims of the Church.
- 6.6 Following repair work being undertaken on the flat roof over the rear section of the Church halls in 2016, it was estimated that expenditure of around £20,000 would be required in about 4 years. It was therefore decided to increase the property related reserve by £5,000 per year over four years. The Church is in the process of arranging for an independent roof survey to determine the condition of the hall roof and likely cost of remedial work.
- 6.7 Considering the above factors the Church Council believes it needs to maintain reserves of at least £75,000 comprising a general reserve of at least £25,000 and a property related reserve of at least £50,000 (including £20,000 referred to in 6.6 above). At 31 August 2023, the Church's general and property account balances were £52,430 and £45,851 respectively, totalling £98,281. Although, the property fund is lower than the reserve policy, the Council has decided to leave the policy as it is at present because the total general and property fund reserves are together greater than £75,000. Additionally, the church has unrestricted legacy derived funds of £94,804 that it can draw on.
- 6.8 As already noted in 5.1 above, the Church has also received in September 2023, a legacy which the Church have designated to be used for children and family work, including to cover the Church's ongoing contractual obligations in relation to the Children's and Family worker post.
- 6.9 The restricted reserves are held for the use of the internal organisations, and/or to be used to fund specific expenses.
- 6.10 The Church reviews the reserves policy annually as part of the setting of its budget.

7. Risk assessment and management

- 7.1 Risk assessments relating to the Church premises are carried out on a frequent but informal basis. Additional risk assessments are carried out by group leaders for one-off events as required. It is intended to develop a more robust regime.
- 7.2 An overarching Risk Analysis has been in place for several years and is in the process of being reviewed, covering responsibilities, objectives, resource availability (people, property and finance), children and young people, insurance, legal matters and disaster recovery. The reviewed analysis has been presented to the trustees with a summary of identified priorities highlighted and is now in the process of being implemented.
- 7.3 The Finance Group considers the Church's banking and insurance arrangements and monitors the Church's income and expenditure regularly during the year.
- 7.4 The Church has implemented the policies of the Methodist Church regarding Safeguarding for work with children, young people and vulnerable adults and arranged for appropriate training to be provided.

Approved on behalf of the Church Council by
Rev Helen Watson



**THE METHODIST CHURCH
STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS**

Tilehurst Methodist	Church
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FOR THE YEAR ENDED

Thursday 31 August 2023

Basingstoke & Reading	Circuit	Circuit no	26 / 04
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Registered Charity - Charity Registration number

1127823

If not a registered charity Her 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 Helen Watson

Church Stewards:

Jenny Dimmock Liz Aldersley Jon Skeet Lola Brown	Chris Vallis Don Moffat Joan Moffat Chris Armstrong-Stacey
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Treasurer:

Linda Langridge

SECTION A			Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
a1 RECEIPTS	Note	£	£	£	£	
a2	Offerings and Tax recovered		93,334		93,334	91,478
a3	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income		3,568		3,568	229
a4	Lettings		34,259		34,259	27,640
a5	Other receipts		74,698	10,789	85,487	24,159
a6	TOTAL RECEIPTS		205,859	10,789	216,648 (a7)	143,505

SECTION B						
b1 PAYMENTS		£	£	£	£	
b2	Circuit Assessment or Share		81,486		81,486	73,489
b3	Donations		3,670		3,670	3,170
b4	Repairs and Maintenance		26,702		26,702	22,506
b5	Utilities (Insurances, water charges, heating & lighting)		17,938		17,938	17,177
b6					0	
b7	Other payments		11,462	36,472	47,933	59,079
b8	TOTAL PAYMENTS		141,259	36,472	177,730 (b9)	175,420

SECTION C						
c1 NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	(a6-b8)	64,601	(25,682)	38,918	(31,915)	
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year	129,434	26,552	155,987 (c6)	188,402	
c3	Sub total	194,035 (c1+c2)	870	194,905	156,487	
c4	Transfers and adjustments	(950)	(473)	(1,423) (c7)	(500)	
c5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR	193,085 (c3+c4)	397	193,482 (c8)	155,987 (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	2,078	3,316
d2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations	6,766	4,830
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations	7,593	6,069
d4	BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID	1,251 (d1+d2-d3)	2,078

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 2022 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 Under 5s	7,232	8,692	(1,460)	1,473	524	537
e2 Triangle Players	4,307	2,603	1,704		6,492	8,196
e3 Wesley Guild	727	948	(221)		945	724
e4 Table Tennis Club	2,319	1,835	484		5,573	6,057
e5						
e6						
e7						
e8 Sub total of Internal Organisations funds	14,586	14,079	508	1,473	13,534 (e11)	15,514 (e12)
e9 Church accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)	216,648 (a7)	177,730 (b9)	38,918	(1,423) (c7)	155,987 (c6)	193,482 (c8)
e10 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	231,234	191,809	39,425	50	169,520 (x)	208,996 (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	0	0
f2 Bank Current Account	62,361	18,820
f3 Bank Deposit Account		0
f4 Central Finance Board	50,091	61,855
f5 Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes	43,534	112,807
f6 Other funds		
f7 SUB TOTAL - Church accounts	155,987 (c6)	193,482 (c7)
f8 Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance total from above) (e12)	13,534 (e11)	15,514 (e12)
f9 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	169,520 (x)	208,996 (y)

SECTION G**OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES**

	At 1 September 2022	At 31 August 2023
g1 Investments (include Endowments)	1,089	1,089
g2 Land & buildings (see notes re Insur value)	3,507,460	3,802,088
g3 Other Assets	180,078	195,205
g4 Loan(s) - show amount outstanding at year end	0	0
g5 Other Liabilities	0	0

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)

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 *Linda Langridge* Date..... *27/11/23*

Name and address of treasurer **Linda Langridge**

5 Oldean Close, Tilehurst, Reading RG31 5QA

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 27 November 2023

Signature of the Chair of the meeting *Helen Watson*

Name of the Chair of the meeting **Rev Helen Watson** Date..... *27-11-23*

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

Tilehurst Methodist Church

Charity Number 1127823

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the **Tilehurst Methodist Church** for the year ended 31 August 2023 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 Tilehurst Methodist Church

1127823

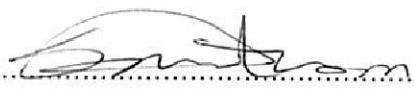
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Name of independent examiner MRS SARAH WHITHORN

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**THE METHODIST CHURCH
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Tilehurst Methodist	Church
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FOR THE YEAR ENDED

Thursday 31 August 2023

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Treasurer:

Linda Langridge

SECTION A			Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
a1 RECEIPTS	Note	£	£	£	£	
a2	Offerings and Tax recovered		93,334		93,334	91,478
a3	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income		3,568		3,568	229
a4	Lettings		34,259		34,259	27,640
a5	Other receipts		74,698	10,789	85,487	24,159
a6	TOTAL RECEIPTS		205,859	10,789	216,648 (a7)	143,505

SECTION B						
b1 PAYMENTS		£	£	£	£	
b2	Circuit Assessment or Share		81,486		81,486	73,489
b3	Donations		3,670		3,670	3,170
b4	Repairs and Maintenance		26,702		26,702	22,506
b5	Utilities (Insurances, water charges, heating & lighting)		17,938		17,938	17,177
b6					0	
b7	Other payments		11,462	36,472	47,933	59,079
b8	TOTAL PAYMENTS		141,259	36,472	177,730 (b9)	175,420

SECTION C						
c1 NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	(a6-b8)	64,601	(25,682)	38,918	(31,915)	
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year	129,434	26,552	155,987 (c6)	188,402	
c3	Sub total	194,035 (c1+c2)	870	194,905	156,487	
c4	Transfers and adjustments	(950)	(473)	(1,423) (c7)	(500)	
c5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR	193,085 (c3+c4)	397	193,482 (c8)	155,987 (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	2,078	3,316
d2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations	6,766	4,830
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations	7,593	6,069
d4	BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID	1,251 (d1+d2-d3)	2,078

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 2022 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 Under 5s	7,232	8,692	(1,460)	1,473	524	537
e2 Triangle Players	4,307	2,603	1,704		6,492	8,196
e3 Wesley Guild	727	948	(221)		945	724
e4 Table Tennis Club	2,319	1,835	484		5,573	6,057
e5						
e6						
e7						
e8 Sub total of Internal Organisations funds	14,586	14,079	508	1,473	13,534 (e11)	15,514 (e12)
e9 Church accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)	216,648 (a7)	177,730 (b9)	38,918	(1,423) (c7)	155,987 (c6)	193,482 (c8)
e10 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	231,234	191,809	39,425	50	169,520 (x)	208,996 (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	0	0
f2 Bank Current Account	62,361	18,820
f3 Bank Deposit Account		0
f4 Central Finance Board	50,091	61,855
f5 Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes	43,534	112,807
f6 Other funds		
f7 SUB TOTAL - Church accounts	155,987 (c6)	193,482 (c7)
f8 Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance total from above) (e12)	13,534 (e11)	15,514 (e12)
f9 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	169,520 (x)	208,996 (y)

SECTION G**OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES**

	At 1 September 2022	At 31 August 2023
g1 Investments (include Endowments)	1,089	1,089
g2 Land & buildings (see notes re Insur value)	3,507,460	3,802,088
g3 Other Assets	180,078	195,205
g4 Loan(s) - show amount outstanding at year end	0	0
g5 Other Liabilities	0	0

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)

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 *Linda Langridge* Date..... *27/11/23*

Name and address of treasurer **Linda Langridge**

5 Oldean Close, Tilehurst, Reading RG31 5QA

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 27 November 2023

Signature of the Chair of the meeting *Helen Watson*

Name of the Chair of the meeting **Rev Helen Watson**

Date..... *27-11-23*

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

Tilehurst Methodist Church

Charity Number 1127823

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the **Tilehurst Methodist Church** for the year ended 31 August 2023 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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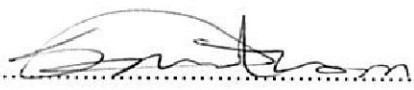
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TILEHURST METHODIST CHURCH

England & Wales - Charity number 1127823

Accounts

Tilehurst Methodist Church

Annual Report for the year ending 31 August 2022

1. Administrative information

1.1 Tilehurst Methodist Church is a registered charity (1127823).

1.2 The Trustees of the charity are:

Mrs Anne Ainger	Mrs Ellen Ludlow
Mrs Liz Aldersley	Mr Don Moffat
Mrs Carol Botterill - ret	Miss Yvonne Moss - ret
Mrs Mary Brooksbank - ret	Mr Jon Skeet
Mrs Lola Brown	Mr Steve Skelton
Mr Barrie Davies	Mrs Kate Frankel - ret
Mrs Jacqui Davies	Mrs Sylvia Stalder - ret
Mrs Jenny Dimmock	Mrs Gill Thorp - ret
Mr John Drabble	Mrs Jennifer Tipper
Mrs Gerry Duggan	Mrs Lucie Twivey
Mrs Ruth Fleming	Mrs Laura van Eyck - ret
Mrs Emily Goodman	Mrs Chris Vallis
Mr Stephen King	Mrs Pam Virgo
Mrs Linda Langridge	Mrs Mary Walton
	Rev Helen Watson

ret – retired during the year.

1.3 The Church's bankers are HSBC Bank plc, 26 Broad Street, Reading RG1 2BU,

1.4 Lloyds Bank plc, 24 Broad Street, Reading, RG3 2BT and the Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church, 9 Bonhill Street, London EC2A 4PE.

1.5 The Church engages advisers for legal affairs and property services as required.

2. Structure, governance and management

2.1 Tilehurst Methodist Church was founded in 1884 with the present church building being opened in March 1905. The Church is part of the Basingstoke and Reading Circuit. It is governed by the Standing Orders of the Methodist Church.

2.2 The Church Council has 22 members who are the managing trustees of the Church. The Church Council meets five times per year.

2.3 The Charities Act 1996 requires the managing trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Church as at the end of the financial year and of its financial activities for that financial year.

2.4 The Church Treasurer is responsible on behalf of the managing trustees for maintaining proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Church and enable it to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 1996.

2.5 The Church Council also appoints the members of the Finance Group who meet regularly during the year to oversee the Church's financial affairs.

- 2.6 The Church Council is responsible for ensuring that proper procedures are adopted for the safeguarding of children, young people and vulnerable adults when associated with Church activities. A Safeguarding Coordinator is appointed to administer checking procedures, training and to act as a point of contact.
- 2.7 The managing trustees are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Church and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities. The Church's property is overseen by a Property Group whose members are appointed by Church Council. This group now includes a Health and Safety co-ordinator to ensure that priority is given to the maintaining of a safe environment.
- 2.8 There is a wide range of groups who are associated with the Church. The Triangle Players and Table Tennis Club operate separate bank accounts that are subject to independent examination. During the year, the Wesley Guild closed their bank account, and the balance was paid into one of the Church's bank accounts. The group will still be responsible for producing their own accounts. The Church also run an Under 5s group (Tots@TMC), four children's groups and a Junior Church.
- 2.9 A General Church Meeting is held in March/April each year. This meeting receives reports on the activities and achievements of the Church and affiliated organisations (such as Brownies, Guides, Triangle Players, Wesley Guild and Table Tennis Club) and the accounts for the previous financial year; appoints the church stewards; appoints representatives to Church Council and makes decisions on significant policies or activities including the Church Project.
- 2.10 The Church employs three part-time staff: two Tots@TMC leaders and a cleaner. A full-time salaried Children's and Family worker was appointed from 1 June 2019. The Church pays at least the Living Wage applying increases when it is updated.
- 2.11 The Church appointed two "Data Privacy Champions" during 2018. Their actions to date have included the production and promotion of Data Privacy statements for inclusion on Church Notices, the Prayer Book, The Messenger (quarterly Church newsletter) and on the Church website and undertaking a data mapping exercise as required by TMCP (Trustees for Methodist Purposes). The champions report to the Church Council on progress and requirements.
- 2.12 In light of the current coronavirus pandemic, a task group has been appointed by the Church Council to oversee the creation of a 'covid-safe' environment within our buildings and monitor risk assessments of all building users.

3. Objectives and activities

- 3.1 In 2020, the Church adopted a new mission statement:

Core statement: Actively celebrating and sharing God's unconditional love

Unpacking the core statement:

- Actively: we are a church alive in our community, spiritually and practically
- Celebrating: we acknowledge the depth of God's love for us, and rejoice in it together
- Sharing: we learn more of God from each other, take the message of God's love to others, and demonstrate that love in practical ways

- God's unconditional love: God loves *each* of us, regardless of past or circumstances. God demonstrates this through the life and example of Jesus, the Bible, and in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Detail sections expanding what this means:

Worship

In our worship we respond in varied ways to God's love for everyone.

We celebrate and explore our relationships with God and each other.

God brings us together in worship, encouraging participation and embracing diversity.

Learning

We welcome the opportunity to learn from God's Word and from each other throughout our lives. Everyone has something to offer from their experience, and we all have room to grow in faith. Each individual journey is different, but we travel and learn together.

We encourage discovering more about God from diverse viewpoints. We recognise that this will sometimes lead to change that we may find difficult, but in God's name we are willing to risk our comfort.

Service and Caring

Following the example of Jesus, we demonstrate God's love for everyone through service and caring. Like God's love, our service does not stop at physical, social, or cultural boundaries.

We work within our local community to discover and respond to individual and shared needs in practical, prayerful ways. We live out God's call in the global Kingdom, for the Earth and all who share it.

God's story and our story (evangelism)

We rejoice in the Good News of God's love for us, shown in Jesus Christ.

In all our worship, learning, service and caring we confidently share our experiences of God's love, so that our personal stories may help others to experience and respond to that love themselves.

3.2 The Church's charitable aims are:

- the provision and promotion of regular public acts of worship, events and services open to all
- providing for all ages a sacred space for prayer, contemplation and meeting for the furtherance of God's work in and around Tilehurst
- local and international Christian outreach, teaching and support, through pastoral work, attendance at school assemblies, courses and activities, thereby aiding and demonstrating social cohesion.

4. Achievements and Performance

- 4.1 The Church buildings have been used more this year than last but unfortunately not to levels seen before the coronavirus pandemic. Many of the regular hall users have now returned and the church has been actively looking for new hirers, and it is hoped that hall use, and bookings will gradually return to previous levels. The Church has moved back to the congregation attending in-person with the services being streamed using Zoom as well. However due to rising coronavirus infections in December 2021, all Christmas services were on-line only. At the end of June, a stopcock in the Church broke and the Church was flooded, and all activities in the Church were moved to the halls.
- 4.2 The Church's children's and youth groups such as Jolly Tots, for young children with their carers, WOW (Worship on Wednesdays) for 5- to 8-year-olds, GAP (God's Awesome

People) for 9- to 11-year-old children and SNUG for secondary school children have taken place all year. Junior Church has also been running 3-4 times a month.

- 4.3 The Listening Place, a bereavement group which meets monthly started up again in November 2021. Feel Good Friday, a weekly friendship café, resumed for a while in September 2021 but with increasing coronavirus cases in the community and the group being very busy, the decision was taken to close Feel Good Friday again until Spring 2022. Unfortunately, the Church flooding has meant that sessions have had to be put on hold again.
- 4.4 Events with significant community participation such as the Light Party, All Saints Service, the Noisy Nativity sessions on Christmas Eve and Easter Unscrambled did not again take place in the usual way but were adapted to take place on-line, on social media and/or at the church in a limited way. For example, the Light Party again joined with a local Pumpkin and Scarecrow trail, and volunteers dressed up, the Church was illuminated and decorated, and volunteers gave out craft bags. The church was decorated at Christmas with a host of paper angels suspended from the ceiling to remember those lost in the pandemic. At Easter, crocheted, knitted, and sewn hearts were made and given out to the community. The planned "Duggie Dug Dug" praise event has had to be postponed again.
- 4.5 A wide range of activities usually take place in the Church premises. These include Tots@TMC, a toddler group (every weekday in school term time) for children and their careers, dancing classes, table tennis, Brownies, Guides, the Wesley Guild, Triangle Players, fitness classes and singing groups. Many of these are now active again although some in a slightly different way. For instance, the toddler group is now using an online booking system and taking online payments. The Guide unit celebrated 50 years at the Church in February, having been originally set up by church members.
- 4.6 The Church held a 'bring and share' lunch on Sunday 5th June to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.
- 4.7 The Church is taking part in a food sharing scheme with the local Co-operative store to try and reduce food waste.
- 4.8 The Church premises include the Link, an ecumenically run coffee shop, offering a place of welcome and friendship to members of the community and work experience opportunities. The Link reopened after the pandemic in September 2021, with reduced hours and a limited menu, and it is hoping to increase hours and menu from September 2022.
- 4.9 A few improvements planned to the Church buildings have taken place during the year. LED floodlights were installed inside and outside the Church. Two new cameras were purchased for streaming and recording services, the expense being funded by donation. A boiler had to be replaced at the beginning of December 2021, as one of the boilers heating the halls failed. New carpet for the church was fitted in September 2022 following the flood, the cost to be covered by insurance.
- 4.10 The Church raised £4,380 for local and international causes through fundraising events and made grants and donations of £3,170 to Methodist and other charities.

5. Financial review

- 5.1 The financial effect of the pandemic this year on the Church's finances has again been limited. However, the increase in electricity and gas prices have had a significant effect on the Church's running costs and this is expected to continue for the foreseeable future. Offertory has remained stable. The donations received from hall users has still not returned to pre-pandemic levels, and it is still uncertain when income will return to normal

levels. The trustees consider that the church remains viable. The Church donated £20,000 to the Methodist Church Pension Reserve Fund during the period.

- 5.2 On 31 August 2022, the cash funds of the Church totalled £169,520, a decrease of £32,202 compared to the previous year. This can mainly be explained by a decrease of £21,988 (income £9,065 and expenditure of £31,053) in the Children's and Family worker support funds, a decrease of £20,000 in the unrestricted legacy funds (donation to the pension reserve fund) together with general and property fund increases of £8,951 and £589 respectively. The internal church organisation's (Tots@TMC, Triangle Players, Wesley Guild and Table Tennis Club) cash balances increased slightly from £13,319 at the start of the year to £13,534 at the end.
- 5.3 £40,086 of the Church's funds are in restricted funds which means there are restrictions on how they can be used. This total is held by church organisations (£13,534) together with the Benevolent Fund (£457), the Children's and Family worker support funds (£25,442) which includes the monies raised from the congregation, legacy money and the balance of the Circuit/District grants, and other funds (£653). The Children's and Family worker support funds substantially cover the Church's contractual commitment. Last year, the restricted funds figure was £61,863.
- 5.4 The unrestricted cash funds of the church on 31 August 2022, comprise the general fund balance £50,796 (last year £41,845), the property fund £53,107 (last year £52,518) and the legacy funds of £25,531 (last year £45,495).
- 5.5 The insurance valuation of the church buildings is £3,507,460 and contents £180,078. The depreciated value of the organ is now £nil. Last year the total value was £3,328,121.
- 5.6 The repairs and maintenance costs of £22,506 (last year £22,137) includes two cameras for streaming services of £3,033, the replacement boiler in the halls costing £3,332 and new floodlights of £1,565. A deposit of £5,222 for the new carpet in the Church is also included in this amount, although it is not expected to be fitted until September 2022. An amount of £10,341 has been received from Methodist Insurance for the new carpet and is included in this year's accounts. Computer, microphone, audio mixer and other equipment (£4,247), new hall side door (£4,410) and replacement heaters (£4,512) were the major items of expenditure last year.

6. Reserves policy

- 6.1 The activities of the Church are funded by donations from individuals and users of the premises. The Church Council approve a budget for the running of the Church annually. This budget includes provision for delivering the objectives of the Church through church services, maintaining premises which are used extensively by community groups as well as organisations that are affiliated with the Church and through donations to Methodist Church mission funds, national and local charities.
- 6.2 In setting its budget for the year the Church Council considers the projected impact of changes in the Circuit assessment, administrative expenses and the maintenance needs of premises and their impact on the general reserves of the Church.
- 6.3 The Church's most significant item of expenditure is the monthly Circuit assessment. The Church aims to maintain general fund balances that are sufficient to fund one quarter's expenditure. In addition, the Church must also retain balances to cover various improvements that are needed to its property. Currently there is no depreciation provision in the reserve.
- 6.4 The offertory which is the main source of the Church's income has remained the same as last year. Giving by standing order has increased as a proportion of the total and cash collections have fallen due to the coronavirus.

- 6.5 Following the advice of the insurers, an asset register has been created which includes notional depreciation of all items valued at greater than £500. This demonstrates that annual depreciation would be in the region of £15,000 and lifetime depreciation of existing assets in excess of £300,000. Maintaining reserves to cover this is neither affordable nor considered appropriate given the aims of the Church.
- 6.6 Following repair work being undertaken on the flat roof over the rear section of the Church Halls in 2016, it was estimated that expenditure of around £20,000 would be required in about 4 years. It was therefore decided to increase the property related reserve by £5,000 per year over four years.
- 6.7 Considering the above factors the Church Council believes it needs to maintain reserves of at least £75,000 comprising a general reserve of at least £25,000 and a property related reserve of at least £50,000 (including £20,000 referred to in 6.6 above). At 31 August 2022, the Church's general and property account balances were £50,796 and £53,107 respectively. Additionally, the church has legacy derived funds of £37,531, (restricted £12,000 and unrestricted £25,531) and other restricted funds of £14,552. As well as supporting the ongoing costs of the Children's and Family worker, the expected additional power costs, and potential ongoing revenue reduction of the pandemic, the church has planned minor improvements to the Church and halls and repairs to the Link premises.
- 6.8 The restricted reserves are held for the use of the internal organisations, to cover the Church's contractual obligations in relation to the Children's and Family worker post and/or to be used to fund specific expenses, for example, the coronavirus fund is to be used for additional costs caused by the pandemic.
- 6.9 The Church reviews the reserves policy annually as part of the setting of its budget.

7. Risk assessment and management

- 7.1 Risk assessments relating to the Church premises are carried out on a frequent but informal basis. Additional risk assessments are carried out by group leaders for one-off events as required. It is intended to develop a more robust regime.
- 7.2 An overarching Risk Analysis has been in place for several years and is in the process of being reviewed, covering responsibilities, objectives, resource availability (people, property and finance), children and young people, insurance, legal matters and disaster recovery. The reviewed analysis has been presented to the trustees with a summary of identified priorities highlighted and is now in the process of being implemented.
- 7.3 The Finance Group considers the Church's banking and insurance arrangements and monitors the Church's income and expenditure regularly during the year.
- 7.4 The Church has implemented the policies of the Methodist Church in regard to Safeguarding for work with children, young people and vulnerable adults and arranged for appropriate training to be provided.

*Approved on behalf of the Church Council by
Rev Helen Watson*

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a1	RECEIPTS	Note	£	£	£	£
a2	Offerings and Tax recovered		91,478		91,478	92,526
a3	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income		229		229	162
a4	Lettings		27,640		27,640	10,233
a5	Other receipts		14,874	9,285	24,159	58,953
a6	TOTAL RECEIPTS		134,220	9,285	143,505 (a7)	161,874

SECTION B						
b1	PAYMENTS					
b2	Circuit Assessment or Share		73,489		73,489	74,082
b3	Donations		3,170		3,170	3,270
b4	Repairs and Maintenance		22,506		22,506	22,137
b5	Utilities (Insurances, water charges, heating & lighting)		17,177		17,177	6,924
b6					0	
b7	Other payments		27,802	31,277	59,079	39,984
b8	TOTAL PAYMENTS		144,144	31,277	175,420 (b9)	146,397

SECTION C							
c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	(a6-b8)	(9,924)	(21,992)	(31,915)		15,477
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year		139,858	48,544	188,402 (c6)		172,927
c3	Sub total	(c1+c2)	129,934	26,552	156,487		188,402
c4	Transfers and adjustments		(500)	0	(500) (c7)		
c5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR	(c3+c4)	129,434	26,552	155,987 (c8)	(c8)	188,402 (c6)

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d1	Balance brought forward from last year			3,316	569
d2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations			4,830	8,337
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations			6,069	5,590
d4	BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID	(d1+d2-d3)		2,078	3,316

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Charity Number 1127823

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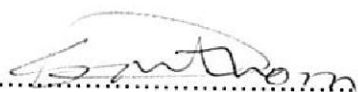
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Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner N/A

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THE METHODIST CHURCH
STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

Tilehurst Methodist	Church
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FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31 August 2022

Basingstoke & Reading	Circuit	Circuit no	26 / 04
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Registered Charity - Charity Registration number	1127823
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If not a registered charity Her Majesty's Revenue and
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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 Helen Watson

Church Stewards:

Ellen Ludlow Liz Aldersley Jon Skeet	Chris Vallis Don Moffatt
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Treasurer:

Linda Langridge

SECTION A		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
a1	RECEIPTS	£	£	£	£
a2	Offerings and Tax recovered	91,478		91,478	92,526
a3	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income	229		229	162
a4	Lettings	27,640		27,640	10,233
a5	Other receipts	14,874	9,285	24,159	58,953
a6	TOTAL RECEIPTS	134,220	9,285	143,505 (a7)	161,874

SECTION B		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
b1	PAYMENTS	£	£	£	£
b2	Circuit Assessment or Share	73,489		73,489	74,082
b3	Donations	3,170		3,170	3,270
b4	Repairs and Maintenance	22,506		22,506	22,137
b5	Utilities (Insurances, water charges, heating & lighting)	17,177		17,177	6,924
b6				0	
b7	Other payments	27,802	31,277	59,079	39,984
b8	TOTAL PAYMENTS	144,144	31,277	175,420 (b9)	146,397

SECTION C		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR (a6-b8)	(9,924)	(21,992)	(31,915)	15,477
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year	139,858	48,544	188,402 (c6)	172,927
c3	Sub total (c1+c2)	129,934	26,552	156,487	188,402
c4	Transfers and adjustments	(500)	0	(500) (c7)	
c5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR (c3+c4)	129,434	26,552	155,987 (c8)	188,402 (c6)

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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			3,316	569
d2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations			4,830	8,337
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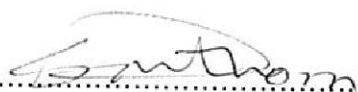
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England & Wales - Charity number 1127823

Accounts

Tilehurst Methodist Church

Annual Report for the year ending 31 August 2021

1. Administrative information

1.1 Tilehurst Methodist Church is a registered charity (1127823).

1.2 The Trustees of the charity are:

Mrs Anne Ainger	Rev Andrew Moffoot (to 31 August 2021)
Mrs Liz Aldersley	Miss Yvonne Moss
Mrs Carol Botterill	Mr Michael Mukono - ret
Mrs Mary Brooksbank	Mr Jon Skeet
Mrs Lola Brown	Mr Steve Skelton
Mr Barrie Davies	Mrs Kate Frankel (was Slater)
Mrs Jacqui Davies	Mrs Sylvia Stalder
Mr John Dimmock - ret	Mrs Gill Thorp
Mr John Drabble	Mrs Jenny Tipper
Mrs Gerry Duggan	Mrs Lucie Twivey
Mrs Ruth Fleming	Mrs Laura van Eyck
Mr Stephen King	Mrs Chris Vallis
Mrs Linda Langridge	Mrs Pam Virgo
Mrs Ellen Ludlow	Mrs Mary Walton
Mrs Janet Maxwell - ret	Rev Helen Watson (from 1 September 2021)
Mr Don Moffat	

ret – retired during the year.

1.3 The Church's bankers are HSBC Bank plc, 26 Broad Street, Reading RG1 2BU; Lloyds Bank Ltd, 70 School Road, Tilehurst, Reading, RG31 5AW and the Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church, 9 Bonhill Street, London EC2A 4PE.

1.4 The Church engages advisers for legal affairs and property services as required.

2. Structure, governance and management

2.1 Tilehurst Methodist Church was founded in 1884 with the present church building being opened in March 1905. The Church is part of the Basingstoke and Reading Circuit. It is governed by the Standing Orders of the Methodist Church.

2.2 The Church Council has 27 members who are the managing trustees of the Church. The Church Council meets five times per year.

2.3 The Charities Act 1996 requires the managing trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Church as at the end of the financial year and of its financial activities for that financial year.

2.4 The Church Treasurer is responsible on behalf of the managing trustees for maintaining proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Church and enable it to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 1996.

- 2.5 The Church Council also appoints the members of the Finance Group who meet regularly during the year to oversee the Church's financial affairs.
- 2.6 The Church Council is responsible for ensuring that proper procedures are adopted for the safeguarding of children, young people and vulnerable adults when associated with Church activities. A Safeguarding Coordinator is appointed to administer checking procedures, training and to act as a point of contact.
- 2.7 The managing trustees are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Church and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities. The Church's property is overseen by a Property Group whose members are appointed by Church Council. This group now includes a Health and Safety co-ordinator to ensure that priority is given to the maintaining of a safe environment.
- 2.8 There is a wide range of groups who are associated with the Church including the Wesley Guild, Triangle Players and Table Tennis Club who operate separate bank accounts that are subject to independent examination. The Church also has an Under 5s group (Tots@TMC), four children's groups and Junior Church.
- 2.9 A General Church Meeting is held in March/April each year. This meeting receives reports on the activities and achievements of the Church and affiliated organisations (such as Brownies, Guides, Triangle Players, Wesley Guild and Table Tennis Club) and the accounts for the previous financial year; appoints the church stewards; appoints representatives to Church Council and makes decisions on significant policies or activities including the Church Project.
- 2.10 The Church employs three part-time staff; two Tots@TMC leaders and a cleaner. A full-time salaried Children's and Family worker was appointed from 1 June 2019. The Church pays at least the Living Wage applying increases when it is updated.
- 2.11 The Church appointed two "Data Privacy Champions" during 2018. Their actions to date have included the production and promotion of Data Privacy statements for inclusion on Church Notices, the Prayer Book, The Messenger (quarterly Church newsletter) and on the Church website and undertaking a data mapping exercise as required by TMCP (Trustees for Methodist Purposes). The champions report to the Church Council on progress and requirements.
- 2.12 In light of the current coronavirus pandemic, a task group has been appointed by the Church Council to oversee the creation of a 'covid-safe' environment within our buildings and monitor risk assessments of all building users.

3. Objectives and activities

- 3.1 In 2020, the Church adopted a new mission statement:

Core statement: Actively celebrating and sharing God's unconditional love

Unpacking the core statement:

- Actively: we are a church alive in our community, spiritually and practically
- Celebrating: we acknowledge the depth of God's love for us, and rejoice in it together
- Sharing: we learn more of God from each other, take the message of God's love to others, and demonstrate that love in practical ways

- God's unconditional love: God loves *each* of us, regardless of past or circumstances. God demonstrates this through the life and example of Jesus, the Bible, and in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Detail sections expanding what this means:

Worship

In our worship we respond in varied ways to God's love for everyone.

We celebrate and explore our relationships with God and each other.

God brings us together in worship, encouraging participation and embracing diversity.

Learning

We welcome the opportunity to learn from God's Word and from each other throughout our lives. Everyone has something to offer from their experience, and we all have room to grow in faith. Each individual journey is different, but we travel and learn together.

We encourage discovering more about God from diverse viewpoints. We recognise that this will sometimes lead to change that we may find difficult, but in God's name we are willing to risk our comfort.

Service and Caring

Following the example of Jesus, we demonstrate God's love for everyone through service and caring. Like God's love, our service does not stop at physical, social, or cultural boundaries.

We work within our local community to discover and respond to individual and shared needs in practical, prayerful ways. We live out God's call in the global Kingdom, for the Earth and all who share it.

God's story and our story (evangelism)

We rejoice in the Good News of God's love for us, shown in Jesus Christ.

In all our worship, learning, service and caring we confidently share our experiences of God's love, so that our personal stories may help others to experience and respond to that love themselves.

3.2 The Church's charitable aims are:

- the provision and promotion of regular public acts of worship, events and services open to all
- providing for all ages a sacred space for prayer, contemplation and meeting for the furtherance of God's work in and around Tilehurst
- local and international Christian outreach, teaching and support, through pastoral work, attendance at school assemblies, courses and activities, thereby aiding and demonstrating social cohesion.

4. Achievements and Performance

- 4.1 The Church buildings were closed in March 2020, in line with Government guidance due to the coronavirus pandemic. Unfortunately, due to further lockdowns in late 2020 and into 2021, the Church halls have only been used for part of the year. Several of the regular hall users have now been able to return safely and as more restrictions are lifted, it is hoped that hall use, and bookings will gradually return to previous levels. The Church has continued to open for private prayer regularly and Church services are still on-line using Zoom. However, during the summer, the services were streamed from the Church with a limited number of the congregation attending in person.
- 4.2 The Church's children's and youth groups such as Jolly Tots, for young children with their carers, WOW (Worship on Wednesdays) for 5 to 8 year olds, GAP (God's Awesome People) for 9 to 11 year old children and SNUG for secondary school children

have taken place all year, moving to an on-line presence during lockdowns and meeting again in-person as restrictions were lifted. The Children's and Family worker provided additional resources such as craft and activity packs and other support during the time when many children were not at school. Junior Church has been on-line too with videos made by the leaders shared on Facebook and within the main Sunday service. Several sessions of Forest Junior Church took place outdoors during the year which the children really enjoyed.

- 4.3 The Listening Place, a bereavement group which meets monthly, and Feel Good Friday, a weekly friendship café, had to finish in March 2020. Sessions started again in September 2021. However, with increasing coronavirus cases in the community and the group being very busy, the decision was taken to close Feel Good Friday again until Spring 2022.
- 4.4 Events with significant community participation such as the Light Party, All Saints Service, the Noisy Nativity sessions on Christmas Eve and Easter Unscrambled did not take place in the usual way this year but were adapted to take place on-line, on social media and/or at the church in a limited way. For example, the Light Party joined with a local Pumpkin and Scarecrow trail, the Church was illuminated and decorated, and volunteers gave out treat bags. A new initiative this year "No-one should have no-one at Christmas" gave out hampers to 75 nominated people. The planned "Duggie Dug Dug" praise event has had to be postponed again.
- 4.5 A wide range of activities usually take place in the Church premises. These include Tots@TMC, a toddler group (every weekday in school term time) for children and their carers, dancing classes, table tennis, Brownies, Guides, the Wesley Guild, Triangle Players, maths tuition, fitness classes and singing groups. The Church has been liaising with these users and finding ways of safely opening the premises again, with various 'covid-safe' measures in place such as limited numbers, extra cleaning, social-distancing, on-line payments, and/or mask-wearing. During the periods of lockdown, Brownies and Guides met on-line using Zoom or outside the Church halls or in the local park.
- 4.6 The Church is taking part in a food sharing scheme with the local Co-operative store to try and reduce food waste, and this has continued throughout the pandemic.
- 4.7 The Church premises include the Link, an ecumenically run coffee shop, offering a place of welcome and friendship to members of the community and work experience opportunities. The Link closed in March 2020 but has just opened again in September 2021, with reduced hours and a limited menu.
- 4.8 A few improvements planned to the Church buildings have taken place during the year with more to take place next year. A new door was fitted to the side entrance of the halls, with the cost covered by insurance. A computer, audio mixer, microphone, camera, cables, and related equipment were purchased for streaming and recording services, the expense being funded by donation and the heaters in the Church were replaced in March. New church lighting is to be installed in September 2021.
- 4.9 The Church raised £8,337 for local and international causes through fundraising events and made grants and donations of £3,270 to Methodist and other charities.

5. Financial review

- 5.1 The financial effect of the pandemic this year on the Church's finances has again been limited. The trustees consider that the church remains viable. Offertory has increased and the Church has benefitted from the remainder of a donation (£3,325) that was given to be used for additional costs of the pandemic. The donations received from hall users has fallen significantly compared with pre-pandemic levels, and it is uncertain when income

will return to normal levels. Although a few necessary property improvements have taken place, many have been put on hold and there have been some reduced costs such as those for utilities and cleaning. The church also utilised the Government's coronavirus job retention scheme for all four employees during the year at various times.

- 5.2 On 31 August 2021, the cash funds of the Church totalled £201,722, an increase of £15,372 compared to the previous year. This increase can mainly be explained by an increase of £17,372 (income £43,286 and expenditure of £25,914) in the Children's and Family worker support funds, a decrease of £2,568 in the fund to be used for additional expenses arising from the coronavirus epidemic, together with general fund increase and property fund decrease of £8,566 and £7,594 respectively. The internal church organisation's (Tots@TMC, Triangle Players, Wesley Guild and Table Tennis Club) cash balances decreased slightly from £13,424 at the start of the year to £13,319 at the end. Triangle Players, Wesley Guild and Table Tennis Club all had very few transactions during the year. However, Triangle Players made improvements of £9,671 to the stage lights in the church's halls, which was funded by donations from Triangle Players members.
- 5.3 £61,863 of the Church's funds are in restricted funds which means there are restrictions on how they can be used. This total is held by church organisations (£13,319) together with the Benevolent Fund (£357), the Children's and Family worker support funds (£47,430) which includes the monies raised from the congregation, legacy money and the balance of the Circuit/District grants, and the remainder of the coronavirus funds (£757). The Children's and Family worker support funds substantially cover the Church's contractual commitment. Last year, the restricted funds figure was £46,665.
- 5.4 The unrestricted cash funds of the church on 31 August 2021, comprise the general fund balance £41,845 (last year £33,280), the property fund £52,518 (last year £60,112) and the legacy funds of £45,495 (last year £46,293).
- 5.5 The insurance valuation of the church buildings is £3,165,595 and contents £162,526. The depreciated value of the organ is now £nil. Last year the total value was £3,266,124.
- 5.6 The repairs and maintenance costs of £22,137 (last year £20,987) includes computer, audio mixer, microphone, camera, cables, and related equipment of £4,247, the new hall side door (£4,410) and replacement heaters in the Church (£4,512). Electrical work of £3,400, new hall entrance door (£4,380), replacement gate (£2,300) and defibrillator costing £1,998 were the major items of expenditure last year.

6. Reserves policy

- 6.1 The activities of the Church are funded by donations from individuals and users of the premises. The Church Council approve a budget for the running of the Church annually. This budget includes provision for delivering the objectives of the Church through church services, maintaining premises which are used extensively by community groups as well as organisations that are affiliated with the Church and through donations to Methodist Church mission funds, national and local charities.
- 6.2 In setting its budget for the year the Church Council considers the projected impact of changes in the Circuit assessment, administrative expenses and the maintenance needs of premises and their impact on the general reserves of the Church.
- 6.3 The Church's most significant item of expenditure is the monthly Circuit assessment. The Church aims to maintain general fund balances that are sufficient to fund one quarter's expenditure. In addition, the Church must also retain balances to cover various improvements that are needed to its property. Currently there is no depreciation provision in the reserve.

- 6.4 The offertory which is the main source of the Church's income has increased since last year. Giving by standing order has increased as a proportion of the total and cash collections have fallen due to the coronavirus.
- 6.5 Following the advice of the insurers, an asset register has been created which includes notional depreciation of all items valued at greater than £500. This demonstrates that annual depreciation would be in the region of £15,000 and lifetime depreciation of existing assets in excess of £300,000. Maintaining reserves to cover this is neither affordable nor considered appropriate given the aims of the Church.
- 6.6 Following repair work being undertaken on the flat roof over the rear section of the Church Halls in 2016, it was estimated that expenditure of around £20,000 would be required in about 4 years. It was therefore decided to increase the property related reserve by £5,000 per year over four years.
- 6.7 Considering the above factors the Church Council believes it needs to maintain reserves of at least £75,000 comprising a general reserve of at least £25,000 and a property related reserve of at least £50,000 (including £20,000 referred to in 6.6). At 31 August 2021, the Church's general and property account balances were £41,845 and £52,518 respectively. Additionally, the church has legacy derived funds of £57,495, (restricted £12,000 and unrestricted £45,495) and other restricted funds of £36,544. As well as supporting the ongoing costs of the Children's and Family worker and the potential revenue reduction of the ongoing coronavirus pandemic, the church has planned renewals to the lighting system in the Church, improvements to the Church halls and repairs to the Link premises.
- 6.8 The restricted reserves are held for the use of the internal organisations, to cover the Church's contractual obligations in relation to the Children's and Family worker post and/or to be used to fund specific expenses, for example, the coronavirus fund is to be used for additional costs caused by the pandemic.
- 6.9 The Church reviews the reserves policy annually as part of the setting of its budget.

7. Risk assessment and management

- 7.1 Risk assessments relating to the Church premises are carried out on a frequent but informal basis. Additional risk assessments are carried out by group leaders for one-off events as required. It is intended to develop a more robust regime.
- 7.2 An overarching Risk Analysis has been in place for several years and is in the process of being reviewed, covering responsibilities, objectives, resource availability (people, property and finance), children and young people, insurance, legal matters and disaster recovery. The reviewed analysis has been presented to the trustees with a summary of identified priorities highlighted and is now in the process of being implemented.
- 7.3 The Finance Group considers the Church's banking and insurance arrangements and monitors the Church's income and expenditure regularly during the year.
- 7.4 The Church has implemented the policies of the Methodist Church in regard to Safeguarding for work with children, young people and vulnerable adults and arranged for appropriate training to be provided.



*Approved on behalf of the Church Council by
Rev Helen Watson*

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SECTION B		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
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SECTION C		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
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SECTION D		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
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e5						
e6						0
e7						0
e8 Sub total of Internal Organisations funds	17,866	17,546	320	(425)	13,424 (e11)	13,319 (e12)
e9 Church accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)	161,874 (a7)	146,397 (b9)	15,477	0 (c7)	172,927 (c6)	188,403 (c8)
e10 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	179,740	163,943	15,797	(425)	186,350 (x)	201,722 (y)

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SECTION F

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

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Signature of treasurer *Linda Langridge* Date *18/11/21*

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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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