

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
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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*



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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
a6	TOTAL RECEIPTS		205,859	10,789	216,648 (a7)

SECTION B		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
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
b8	TOTAL PAYMENTS		141,259	36,472	177,730 (b9)

SECTION C		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
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	(c1+c2)	194,035 870	194,905	156,487
c4	Transfers and adjustments		(950) (473)	(1,423) (c7)	(500)
c5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR	(c3+c4)	193,085 397	193,482 (c8)	155,987 (c6)

SECTION D		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
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	(d1+d2-d3)		1,251	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

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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
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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	3,802,086
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

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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 (other than that disclosed below*) which give me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

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

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

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

Signature of independent examiner 

Name of independent examiner MRS SARAH WHITHORN

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner N/A

Name of firm (where appropriate) N/A

Address 6 BRAMBLING CLOSE, KENPSHOTT, BASINGSTOKE,

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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	3,802,086
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

Independent Examiner's Statement

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

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

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

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

Signature of independent examiner 

Name of independent examiner MRS SARAH WHITHORN

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner N/A

Name of firm (where appropriate) N/A

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Date 4/11/23

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Form Review

May-23