

HOVE METHODIST CHURCH

England & Wales - Charity number 1127826

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Previously excepted

Registered 2009-02-02

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

Contact

Address Portland Road
Hove
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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 of regular public acts of worship open to members of the church and non-members alike. The teaching of Christianity through sermons, courses and small groups. The sharing and letting of premises for use by other churches and community groups.

Classification

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

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** UNDEFINED. IN PRACTICE LOCAL
- Brighton And Hove

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-08-31	£170,544	£210,969	-	-
2024-08-31	£186,290	£195,465	-	-
2023-08-31	£174,523	£159,432	-	-
2022-08-31	£160,410	£150,795	-	-
2021-08-31	£142,654	£144,744	-	-
2020-08-31	£121,787	£183,270	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Rev ANDREW LOWE	Chair	2014-09-01
Ann E Collins		2014-09-01
Donald Reid		2019-05-12
JANE MARSH		
JANET NORA BOWLES		
JOAN HOPKINS		
JOHN SYMES HMD ENG		
Jonathan Digby Gravestock MA VetMB		2012-09-01
Lai Big Pang		2023-01-01
Louise McIntosh		2023-11-06
MARGARET SYMES		
MRS ROSE BATEMAN		
Peter Farley		2023-07-23
ROBERT EDWARD WINTON		2012-03-21
SANDRA MARGARET POMFREY		2008-09-01
STELLA GODDARD		2012-03-21
TERRY POMFREY		

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Accounts

**THE METHODIST CHURCH
STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS**

Hove Methodist	Church
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FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 August 2025

Brighton and Hove	Circuit	Circuit no.	36-12
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Registered Charity - Charity Registration number

1127826

If not a registered charity **Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs Gift Aid number**

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Minister:

Rev Andy Lowe

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Treasurer:

Donald Reid

SECTION A		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
		£	£	£	£
a1	RECEIPTS	Note			
a2	Offerings and Tax recovered	63,749		63,749	56,952
a3	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income	9,021		9,021	11,213
a4	Lettings	76,486		76,486	77,251
a5	Other receipts	21,288		21,288	40,874
a6	TOTAL RECEIPTS	170,544		170,544 (a7)	186,290

SECTION B					
b1	PAYMENTS				
b2	Circuit Assessment or Share	60,588		60,588	64,036
b3	Donations	4,600		4,600	5,183
b4	Repairs and Maintenance	68,396		68,396	37,916
b5	Utilities (Insurances, water charges, heating & lighting)	32,074		32,074	30,686
b6					
b7	Other payments	45,311		45,311	57,644
b8	TOTAL PAYMENTS	210,969		210,969 (b9)	195,465

SECTION C					
c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	(a6-b8)	(40,425)	(40,425)	(9,175)
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year		236,922	236,922 (c6)	246,097
c3	Sub total	(c1+c2)	196,497	196,497	236,922
c4	Transfers and adjustments				(c7)
c5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR	(c3+c4)	196,497	196,497 (c8)	236,922 (c6)

SECTION D					
FOR INFORMATION ONLY: MONEY RECEIVED AND PASSED ON TO EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS					
d	(these amounts are not to be included in total receipts/payments figures			£	£
d1	Balance brought forward from last year				
d2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations			3,827	2,727
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations			3,827	2,727
d4	BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID		(d1+d2-d3)		

SUMMARY OF CHURCH ACCOUNTS AND INTERNAL ORGANISATIONS REPORTING TO THE CHURCH COUNCIL**SECTION E****Please follow the Guidance Notes to complete this page**

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INTERNAL ORGANISATIONS	Receipts	Payments	Net Receipts/ Payments	Adjustments	Opening balances	Closing balances
e1 Flower Fund	1,712	1,360	352		41	393
e2 Monday Guild	380	383	(3)		3	
e3 Mens Club		781	(781)		781	
e4						
e5						
e6						
e7						
e8 Sub total of Internal Organisations funds	2,092	2,524	(432)		825 (e11)	393
e9 Church accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)	170,544 (a7)	210,969 (b9)	(40,425)	(c7)	236,922 (c6)	196,497
e10 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	172,636	213,493	(40,857)		237,747 (x)	196,890
	TOTAL RECEIPTS	TOTAL PAYMENTS				

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

SECTION F**STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES****CHURCH - CASH FUNDS HELD at 31 August 2025**

	OPENING BALANCES	CLOSING BALANCES
f1 Cash in hand	92	146
f2 Bank Current Account	15,139	26,460
f3 Bank Deposit Account		
f4 Central Finance Board	57,952	31,597
f5 Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes	165,095	141,934
f6 Other funds	(1,356)	(3,640)
f7 SUB TOTAL - Church accounts	236,922 (c6)	196,497
f8 Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance total from above) (e12)	825 (e11)	393
f9 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	237,747 (x)	196,890

SECTION G**OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES**

	At 1 September 2024	At 31 August 2025
g1 Investments (include Endowments)		
g2 Land & Buildings (see notes re Insurance value)	5,904,989	5,904,989
g3 Other Assets		
g4 Loan(s) - show amount outstanding at year end		
g5 Other Liabilities		

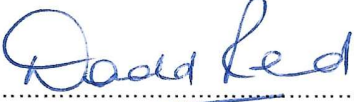
f4 Include only Funds held at the Central Finance Board

f5 Include only Funds held at Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes

g1 Include any other investments (not the cash element of TMCP trusts accounts this is included in line f5)

Declarations and Scrutiny

I confirm that these Receipt and Payment based accounts for the year to 31 August 2025 have been prepared from the records of the Church and that they include all funds under the control of the Church trustees.

Signature of treasurer  Date 31 October 2025

Name and address of treasurer Donald Reid

..... 2 Princes Crescent, Hove BN3 4GS

Presentation to the Church trustees

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2025 were presented to the meeting of the Church trustees held on 03 November 2025

Signature of the Chair of the meeting 

Name of the Chair of the meeting ... Rev Andy Lowe

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

Hove Methodist Church

Charity Number . 1127826

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

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

Name of Church Hove Methodist Church

36-12-6

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.

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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 Mr S J Neate

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner FMAAT Retired

Name of firm (where appropriate)

Address 23 Surrenden Lodge Surrenden Road Brighton

..... Post Code ... BN1 6QB

Date ... 5/2/26

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Annual Report of the Trustees for Year ending 31st August 2025

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www.hovemethodistchurch.co.uk

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Correspondence to: The Administrator,
Hove Methodist Church, Portland Road, Hove. BN3 5DR

Minister: Rev Andy Lowe.

Managing Trustees: See Appendix 1

Church Members: There are 74 members of the church.

Organisation

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Next steps

Aim	Add to programme	Progress at 31/8/24
Chatty Church	2024 - 2025	Started February 2024 continues and is very successful
Messy Church session once a month	Started January 2023	Still going strong with between 40 and 50 attendees
Digital Church	2025	Ongoing work re digital platform/outreach
Consider new Housegroup system	2024 - 25	We set up a monthly run group at members home and continues from strength to strength
Support Circuit Project	2023 - 25	We became a Church of Sanctuary in March 2023 and continue to support the Circuit project.
Explore/ develop links with community groups to deliver even more services	2023 – 25	ongoing
Consider ways to make our building more eco friendly	2023 - 25	Decision to investigate Solar Panels on roof.

Appendix A

Managing Trustees at 31st August 2025

R Bateman

J Bowles

A Collins (Circuit)

P Farley

S Goddard (Secretary)

J Gravestock

J Hopkins

Rev. A Lowe (Chair)

J Marsh

L Pang

S Pomfrey

T Pomfrey

D Reid

J Symes

M Symes

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Accounts

THE METHODIST CHURCH
STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

Hove Methodist	Church
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FOR THE YEAR ENDED
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Treasurer:

Donald Reid

SECTION A		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
		£	£	£	£
a1	RECEIPTS	Note			
a2	Offerings and Tax recovered	56,952		56,952	52,652
a3	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income	11,213		11,213	6,249
a4	Lettings	77,251		77,251	72,487
a5	Other receipts	40,874		40,874	43,135
a6	TOTAL RECEIPTS	186,290		186,290 (a7)	174,523

SECTION B					
b1	PAYMENTS				
b2	Circuit Assessment or Share		64,036	64,036	58,916
b3	Donations		5,183	5,183	5,385
b4	Repairs and Maintenance		37,916	37,916	15,453
b5	Utilities (Insurances, water charges, heating & lighting)		30,686	30,686	33,898
b6					
b7	Other payments		57,644	57,644	45,780
b8	TOTAL PAYMENTS		195,465	195,465 (b9)	159,432

SECTION C					
c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	(a6-b8)	(9,175)	(9,175)	15,091
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year		246,097	246,097 (c6)	231,006
c3	Sub total	(c1+c2)	236,922	236,922	246,097
c4	Transfers and adjustments				(c7)
c5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR	(c3+c4)	236,922	236,922 (c8)	246,097 (c6)

SECTION D			
FOR INFORMATION ONLY: MONEY RECEIVED AND PASSED ON TO EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS			
d	(these amounts are not to be included in total receipts/payments figures)		
		£	£
d1	Balance brought forward from last year		
d2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations	2,727	1,634
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations	2,727	1,634
d4	BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID		
	(d1+d2-d3)		

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Flower Fund	1,415	1,532	(117)		158	41
Monday Guild	606	818	(212)		215	3
Mens Club					781	781
Sub total of Internal Organisations funds	2,021	2,350	(329)		1,154 (e11)	825
Church accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)	186,290 (a7)	195,465 (b9)	(9,175)	(c7)	246,097 (c6)	236,922
TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	188,311	197,815	(9,504)		247,251 (x)	237,747
	TOTAL RECEIPTS	TOTAL PAYMENTS				

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SECTION F**STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES****CHURCH - CASH FUNDS HELD at 31 August 2024**

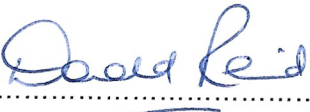
	OPENING BALANCES	CLOSING BALANCES
Cash in hand	141	92
Bank Current Account	32,824	15,139
Bank Deposit Account		
Central Finance Board	40,226	57,952
Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes	157,057	165,095
Other funds	15,849	(1,356)
SUB TOTAL - Church accounts	246,097 (c6)	236,922
Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance total from above) (e12)	1,154 (e11)	825
TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	247,251 (x)	237,747

SECTION G**OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES**

	At 1 September 2023	At 31 August 2024
Investments (include Endowments)		
Land & Buildings (see notes re Insurance value)	5,904,989	5,904,989
Other Assets		
Loan(s) - show amount outstanding at year end		
Other Liabilities		

Declarations and Scrutiny

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Signature of treasurer  Da 20-Nov-24

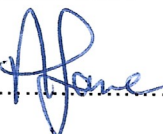
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Signature of the Chair of the meeting 

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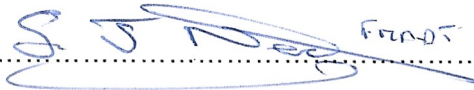
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Name of independent examiner Mr S J Neate

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner FMAAT Retired

Name of firm (where appropriate)

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Date 20 FEBRUARY 2025

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Messy Church session once a month	Started January 2023	Still going strong with between 40 and 60 attendees
Re-decoration and re-fitting of Crush Hall entrance to become a café environment	2022 - 23	Completed
Support the exploration of the possible Circuit development into 'One church, several sites' model and carry out consultation	2022 - 24	Decision taken by Circuit not to proceed at this time
Consider new Housegroup system	2023 - 24	Thursday Communion has become more like a weekly Housegroup with Communion
Support Circuit Project	2023 - 24	We became a Church of Sanctuary in March 2023 and continue to support the Circuit project.
Explore/ develop links with community groups to deliver even more services	2023 - 24	
Consider ways to make our building more eco friendly	2023 - 24	Decision to investigate Solar Panels on roof.

HOVE METHODIST CHURCH

England & Wales - Charity number 1127826

Accounts

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Hove	Church
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FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 August 2023

Brighton and Hove	Circuit	Circuit no.	36-12
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SECTION A		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
		£	£	£	£
a1	RECEIPTS				
a2	Offerings and Tax recovered	52,652		52,652	52,972
a3	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income	6,249		6,249	878
a4	Lettings	72,487		72,487	66,766
a5	Other receipts	43,135		43,135	39,794
a6	TOTAL RECEIPTS	174,523		174,523 (a7)	160,410

SECTION B		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
		£	£	£	£
b1	PAYMENTS				
b2	Circuit Assessment or Share	58,916		58,916	53,856
b3	Donations	5,385		5,385	6,295
b4	Repairs and Maintenance	15,453		15,453	11,962
b5	Utilities (Insurances, water charges, heating & lighting)	33,898		33,898	24,548
b6					54,134
b7	Other payments	45,780		45,780	
b8	TOTAL PAYMENTS	159,432		159,432 (b9)	150,795

SECTION C		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
		£	£	£	£
c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	(a6-b8)	15,091	15,091	9,615
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year		231,006	231,006 (c6)	221,391
c3	Sub total	(c1+c2)	246,097	246,097	231,006
c4	Transfers and adjustments				(c7)
c5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR	(c3+c4)	246,097	246,097 (c8)	231,006 (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)				
d1	Balance brought forward from last year				91
d2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations			1,634	
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations			1,634	91
d4	BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID	(d1+d2-d3)			

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	Receipts	Payments	Net Receipts/ Payments	Adjustments	Opening balances	Closing balances
e1 Flower Fund	1,227	1,325	(98)		256	158
e2 Mens Club					781	781
e3 Monday Guild	805	889	(84)		299	215
e4						
e5						
e6						
e7						
e8 Sub total of Internal Organisations funds	2,032	2,214	(182)		1,336 (e11)	1,154
e9 Church accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)	174,523 (a7)	159,432 (b9)	15,091	(c7)	231,006 (c6)	246,097
e10 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	176,555	161,646	14,909		232,342 (x)	247,251
	TOTAL RECEIPTS	TOTAL PAYMENTS				

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

SECTION F**STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES****CHURCH - CASH FUNDS HELD at 31 August 2023**

	OPENING BALANCES	CLOSING BALANCES
f1 Cash in hand	110	141
f2 Bank Current Account	37,787	32,824
f3 Bank Deposit Account		
f4 Central Finance Board	38,875	40,226
f5 Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes	152,594	157,057
f6 Other funds	1,640	15,849
f7 SUB TOTAL - Church accounts	231,006 (c6)	246,097
f8 Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance total from above) (e12)	1,336 (e11)	1,154
f9 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	232,342 (x)	247,251

SECTION G**OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES**

	At 1 September 2022	At 31 August 2023
g1 Investments (include Endowments)		
g2 Land & Buildings (see notes re Insurance value)	5,904,989	5,904,989
g3 Other Assets		
g4 Loan(s) - show amount outstanding at year end		
g5 Other Liabilities		

f4 Include only Funds held at the Central Finance Board

f5 Include only Funds held at Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes

g1 Include any other investments (not the cash element of TMCP trusts accounts this is included in line f5)

Name of Church Hove Methodist

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  Date... 06/11/23

Name and address of treasurer Donald Reid 2 Princes Crescent Hove

..... Post Code... BN3 4GS

Presentation to the Church trustees

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2023 were presented to the meeting of the Church trustees held on 06 November 2023

Signature of the Chair of the meeting 

Name of the Chair of the meeting Rev Andy Lowe

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

..... Hove Methodist

Charity Number . 1127826

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Stanford Avenue Methodist+A17 Church for the year ended 31 August 2023 set out on pages ... to 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 Hove Methodist

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  FMAAT

Name of independent examiner S J Neate FMAAT

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner FMAAT

Name of firm (where appropriate) n/a

Address 23 Surrenden Lodge Surrenden Road Brighton

..... Post Code BN1 7QB

Date 14th January 2024

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Annual Report of the Trustees for Year ending 31st August 2023

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Managing Trustees: See Appendix 1

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Communications

Internet website www.hovemethodistchurch.co.uk

Weekly 'Newsnotes', are emailed to members of the fellowship in line with GDPR guidance. Copies are also available each Sunday, provide information about current activities and forthcoming events. The website is updated weekly with current newsnotes and details of activities.

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Church services are held each Sunday morning at 10:30am.

Holy Communion is celebrated on the second Sunday at 10.30am and weekly on Thursdays at 10.30am.

Messy Church on the fourth Sunday of each month at 3.30pm.

Baptisms, weddings and funerals are conducted at the church by arrangement.

Children and Families

The church employs a part-time 'Families & Community worker', who leads the church's community initiatives.

Fellowship & Community outreach

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Friday mornings Rachel, our community worker, and a small team of volunteers, host an informal drop-in café in the church upstairs (Chatty Cafe). On Friday afternoons, there's our long-standing drop-in parents and toddlers' group. 'Polka Tots', when the hall are filled by up to 60 families making use of the welcome and support provided by the team of volunteers.

Saturdays may see one of our community breakfasts, or a pop-up musical café, or a concert. During school holidays Rachel organises CHOMP free activities and lunch sessions for families in receipt of free school meals, at which volunteers from Food & Friendship and Nam Yang lend a hand.

In January 2023 we started a, new for us, venture with a Monthly Messy Church on the fourth Friday of each month at 3.30pm. This venture has been spearheaded by Sue Jacobs who has been attached to us a part of her training to become a Methodist Minister. We have a team of volunteers who work alongside her.

In tandem with the Martlets organisers and choir we run pop-up cafes and concerts to raise money for the hospice and provide opportunities to socialize.

We also host occasional drop-in Community breakfast on Saturday mornings. These may have a theme with speakers, or just provide a chance to catch up or get to know people over a sausage sarnie.

The Church continues to host a Christmas Day lunch for those who would otherwise be on their own. This is well supported and greatly appreciated by guests and volunteer helpers alike. Most of the volunteers on Christmas Day come from outside our church congregation, Caroline of Food & Friendship and her team have shared the running of the kitchen with the usual Church members.

Achievements

Our minister, Andy Lowe, is superintendent of the Brighton and Hove Methodist Circuit which includes five churches. He is actively encouraging, and cooperating with, ecumenical partners, notably Central URC Church in Blatchington Road, and also the Brighton and Hove Interfaith Contact Group. He has worked to get Hove Methodist Church registered for same-sex weddings (spring 2022), and in supporting the Circuit Refugee Project with

Brighton & Hove Circuit becoming an official Circuit of Sanctuary (the first in UK) in March 2023 and all the individual Circuit churches also gaining Church of Sanctuary status.

Next steps

Aim	Progress since 31/8/22	2023 - 2024
Consider development of downstairs toilet as a shower and changing unit	Quotes will be sought	Make decision on what to do with downstairs toilet area
Consider starting a Messy Church session once a month	Started January 2023	Train volunteer team run Messy Church
Re-decoration and re-fitting of Crush Hall entrance to become a café environment	Redecoration has started	Improve Crush Hall entrance with new doors and removal of dangerous ramp
Support the exploration of the possible Circuit development into 'One church, several sites' model and carry out consultation	Consultation has led to a decision not to move this forward but to continue to seek ways in which we can work better together.	
Explore / develop links with other local churches		
Support Circuit Project	We became a Church of Sanctuary in March 2023.	Continue to raise awareness and funds
Explore/ develop links with community groups to deliver even more services		Maintain present links and look for other groups to partner with.
Work towards being an ecofriendly church	New aim	Investigate possibilities including Solar panels
Communicating who we are	Not a new aim but renewed emphasis	Look at our publications and notice/information boards interior and exterior

Appendix A

Managing Trustees at 31st August 2023

R Bateman
J Bowles
A Collins (Circuit)
P Farley
N Foote
S Goddard (Secretary)
J Gravestock
J Hopkins
Rev. A Lowe (Chair)
J Marsh
L Pang
S Pomfrey
T Pomfrey
D Reid
D Sharman
J Symes
M Symes
R Winton

HOVE METHODIST CHURCH

England & Wales - Charity number 1127826

Accounts

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED

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Brighton and Hove	Circuit	Circuit no.	36-12
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Treasurer:

Donald Reid

SECTION A		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
		£	£	£	£
a1	RECEIPTS	Note			
a2	Offerings and Tax recovered	52,972		52,972	54,037
a3	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income	878		878	562
a4	Lettings	66,766		66,766	28,036
a5	Other receipts	39,794		39,794	60,019
a6	TOTAL RECEIPTS	160,410		160,410 (a7)	142,654

SECTION B		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
		£	£	£	£
b1	PAYMENTS				
b2	Circuit Assessment or Share	53,856		53,856	66,612
b3	Donations	6,295		6,295	5,835
b4	Repairs and Maintenance	11,962		11,962	9,971
b5	Utilities (Insurances, water charges, heating & lighting)	24,548		24,548	23,008
b6					
b7	Other payments	54,134		54,134	39,318
b8	TOTAL PAYMENTS	150,795		150,795 (b9)	144,744

SECTION C		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
		£	£	£	£
c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR (a6-b8)	9,615		9,615	(2,090)
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year	221,391		221,391 (c6)	223,481
c3	Sub total (c1+c2)	231,006		231,006	221,391
c4	Transfers and adjustments				(c7)
c5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR (c3+c4)	231,006		231,006 (c8)	221,391 (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			91	21
d2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations				270
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations			91	200
d4	BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID (d1+d2-d3)				91

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

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INTERNAL ORGANISATIONS	Receipts	Payments	Net Receipts/ Payments	Adjustments	Opening balances	Closing balances
e1 Flower Fund	1,138	1,123	15		241	256
e2 Film Club	99	105	(6)		6	
e3 Mens Club					781	781
e4 Monday Guild	654	736	(82)		381	299
e5						
e6						
e7						
e8 Sub total of Internal Organisations funds	1,891	1,964	(73)		1,409 (e11)	1,336 (e12)
e9 Church accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)	160,410 (a7)	150,795 (b9)	9,615	(c7)	221,391 (c6)	231,006 (c8)
e10 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	162,301	152,759	9,542		222,800 (x)	232,342 (y)
	TOTAL RECEIPTS	TOTAL PAYMENTS				

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

SECTION F

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

CHURCH - CASH FUNDS HELD at 31 August 2022

	OPENING BALANCES	CLOSING BALANCES
f1 Cash in hand	30	110
f2 Bank Current Account	27,744	37,787
f3 Bank Deposit Account		
f4 Central Finance Board	38,712	38,875
f5 Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes	152,313	152,594
f6 Other funds	2,592	1,640
f7 SUB TOTAL - Church accounts	221,391 (c6)	231,006 (c8)
f8 Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance total from above) (e12)	1,409 (e11)	1,336 (e12)
f9 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	222,800 (x)	232,342 (y)

SECTION G

OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES

	At 1 September 2021	At 31 August 2022
g1 Investments (include Endowments)		
g2 Land & Buildings (see notes re Insurance value)	5,904,989	5,904,989
g3 Other Assets		
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Declarations and Scrutiny

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

Signature of treasurer  Date 31 January 2023

Name and address of treasurer Donald Reid

..... 2 Princes Crescent Hove

BN3 4GS

Presentation to the Church trustees

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2022 were presented to the meeting of the Church trustees held on 23 April 2023

Signature of the Chair of the meeting 

Name of the Chair of the meeting .. Rev Andy Lowe

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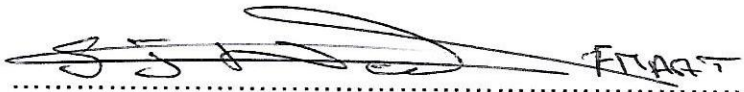
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Signature of independent examiner  FMAAT

Name of independent examiner STUART J NEATE

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner FMAAT

Name of firm (where appropriate)

Address 23 SURRENDEN LODGE SURRENDEN ROAD
..... BRIGHTON Post Code

Date 31/1/23

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		£	£	£	£
a1	RECEIPTS	Note			
a2	Offerings and Tax recovered	54,037		54,037	34,174
a3	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income	562		562	1,696
a4	Lettings	lockdown	28,036	28,036	35,725
a5	Other receipts	legacy 30k	60,019	60,019	50,192
a6	TOTAL RECEIPTS		142,654	142,654 (a7)	121,787
SECTION B					
b1	PAYMENTS				
b2	Circuit Assessment or Share		66,612	66,612	66,612
b3	Donations		5,835	5,835	7,945
b4	Repairs and Maintenance		9,971	9,971	37,959
b5	Utilities (Insurances, water charges, heating & lighting)		23,008	23,008	25,391
b6					
b7	Other payments		39,318	39,318	45,363
b8	TOTAL PAYMENTS		144,744	144,744 (b9)	183,270
SECTION C					
c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	(a6-b8)	(2,090)	(2,090)	(61,483)
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year		223,481	223,481 (c6)	284,964
c3	Sub total	(c1+c2)	221,391	221,391	223,481
c4	Transfers and adjustments				(c7)
c5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR	(c3+c4)	221,391	221,391 (c8)	223,481 (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			21	80
d2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations			270	1,345
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations			200	1,404
d4	BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID	(d1+d2-d3)		91	21

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 2020 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 Flower fund	90	245	(155)		396	241
e2 Polka Tots	472	30	442		247	689
e3 Mens club					781	781
e4 Monday Guild	197	396	(199)		580	381
e5 Film club					6	6
e6						
e7						
e8 Sub total of Internal Organisations funds	759	671	88		2,010 (e11)	2,098 (e12)
e9 Church accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)	142,654 (a7)	144,744 (b9)	(2,090)	(c7)	223,481 (c6)	221,391 (c8)
e10 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	143,413	145,415	(2,002)		225,491 (x)	223,489 (y)
	TOTAL RECEIPTS	TOTAL PAYMENTS				

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

SECTION F**STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES****CHURCH - CASH FUNDS HELD at 31 August 2021**

	OPENING BALANCES	CLOSING BALANCES
f1 Cash in hand		30
f2 Bank Current Account	24,511	27,744
f3 Bank Deposit Account		
f4 Central Finance Board	28,662	38,712
f5 Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes	152,105	152,313
f6 Other funds	18,203	2,592
f7 SUB TOTAL - Church accounts	223,481 (c6)	221,391 (c8)
f8 Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance total from above) (e12)	2,010 (e11)	2,098 (e12)
f9 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	225,491 (x)	223,489 (y)

SECTION G**OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES**

	At 1 September 2020	At 31 August 2021
g1 Investments (include Endowments)	3,333	
g2 Land & Buildings (see notes re Insurance value)	5,829,989	5,904,989
g3 Other Assets		
g4 Loan(s) - show amount outstanding at year end		
g5 Other Liabilities		

f4 Include only Funds held at the Central Finance Board

f5 Include only Funds held at Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes

g1 Include any other investments (not the cash element of TMCP trusts accounts this is included in line f5)

Name of Church Hove Methodist

36-12-06

Declarations and Scrutiny

I confirm that these Receipt and Payment based accounts for the year to 31 August 2021 have been prepared from the records of the Church and that they include all funds under the control of the Church trustees.

Signature of treasurer  Date..... 01.02.22

Name and address of treasurer Donald Reid

2 Princes Crescent, Hove BN3 4GS

Presentation to the Church trustees

Signature of the Chair of the meeting 

Name of the Chair of the meeting Rev Andy Lowe

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

..... Hove Methodist

Charity Number 1127826

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the ...Hove Methodist Church for the year ended 31 August 2021 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

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.

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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 Mr S J Neate

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner FMAAT Retired

Name of firm (where appropriate)

Address 23 Surrenden Lodge Surrenden Road Brighton

..... Post Code BN1 6QB

Date 25th January 2022

* delete or circle as appropriate

Annual Report of the Trustees for Year ending 31st August 2021

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Registered Charity: 1127826

Contacts:

Email: office@hovemethodistchurch.co.uk

Tel: 01273 324600

Correspondence to: The Administrator, Hove Methodist Church, Portland Road, Hove. BN3 5DR

Minister: Rev Andy Lowe.

Managing Trustees:

Church Members: There are 77 members of the church.

Organisation

The Church Council, comprising the Managing Trustees, oversees all aspects of Church activities, expenditure and income. The Church is part of the Brighton and Hove Methodist Circuit within the Methodist Connexion. There are two Committees which report to the Trustees in respect of Finance/Property and the regular Worship Consultation committee feedbacks issues relating to the management and development of the worship life of the church. The Minister and the church leadership team, comprising of senior stewards, stewards and the treasurer meet regularly.

Communications

Website www.hovemethodistchurch.co.uk

Weekly 'Newsnotes' provide information about current activities and forthcoming events.

Quarterly Focus magazine from Brighton & Hove Methodist Circuit.

Mission Statement:

'To share the love of God, as revealed by Christ, through the Holy Spirit'

Worship

Usual Church services are held each Sunday morning at 10:30am

Holy Communion is celebrated on the second Sunday at 10.30am and weekly on Thursdays at 10.00am

During this year there have been times when we have been able to be open for worship and other times when we have been closed due to the Virus.

Online services have continued for those who choose to worship from home.

Thinking Aloud (or Allowed) services provide opportunity for engaging in conversations about faith, doubt and rediscovering alternative orthodoxies. These continue to be online.

Our joint venture with our URC friends at Central continues to engage us in a different style of worship. These services were moved online in March 2020 and continue to be there.

Baptisms, weddings and funerals are conducted at the church by arrangement.

Children and Families

Our young people join us in our Sunday worship and the ages range between 3 and 17.

Fellowship and Community outreach

'Polka Tots', mother and toddler group, closed for a while but opened with small booked sessions as per Government guidance at the time.

We have continued to deliver lunches during this period in Partnership with the charity Food & Friendship (formerly known as Hove Lunch Club). This means we are involved with feeding around 90 people every Tuesday (mainly elderly and many of whom are socially isolated and lonely) and similar numbers on a Thursday. Many of our church members are involved either as volunteers or receiving these lunches.

Our Monday Guild also had to stop meeting but when restrictions were eased they began to meet in small numbers in open spaces. continues to meet with a selection of speakers and subjects to keep them thinking. The Thursday Communion also began meeting with similar guidelines as did our Friday chatty café.

Our in-building Christmas Day meal had to be cancelled again so our 45th meal was again cooked on the premises for around 120 guests which was delivered by a team of drivers and we were humbled again by the number of people wishing to volunteer to help.

When able we also ran Chomp, a holiday event with lunch provided for families on benefits or low income. We fed around 50 guests and volunteers during the year. It is free for the families and we run it in conjunction with One Church and we are usually able to send families home with food parcels to help during the rest of the week.

We hope that alongside our active community work and involvement we also will touch the community with a deepening and yet everyday faith that speaks of the transforming love of God.

Looking forward we hope to be able to resume all our in-person activities in-line with government Coronavirus guidance and guidance from the Methodist Church. Our aim is to support families with the full re-opening of our parent and toddler group (Polka Tots) and offer a chance for members of our worshipping community to attend regular in-person service.

An exciting development for us during this period has been the welcoming of three other local community organisations. These are Nam Yang who offer martial arts training, Brighton Table Tennis Club offering table tennis and Stay up Late, a local charity with both national and international outposts supporting people who are unable to access evening and night life without support. A number of Gig Buddies groups have been set up around the world through them. We are enriched by their being with us and we are building good and strong working relationships which are of benefit to us all and to the community we serve.