

THE METHODIST CHURCH
STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

Hove

Church

FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 August 2023

Brighton and Hove

Circuit

Circuit no.

36-12

Registered Charity - Charity Registration number

1127826

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

(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 Andy Lowe

Church Stewards:

Margaret Symes

Louise Macintosh

Terence Pomfrey

Treasurer:

Donald Reid

SECTION A		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
		£	£	£	£
a1	RECEIPTS	Note			
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					
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					
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			
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)		

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 2023 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	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
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

* delete or circle as appropriate

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

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Hove Methodist Church, Portland Road, Hove. BN3 5DR

Minister: Rev Andy Lowe.

Managing Trustees: See Appendix 1

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. The Minister and the church leadership team, comprising senior stewards, stewards and the treasurer meet regularly. The Finance and Property Committee reports to the Trustees at each meeting. the Trustees meet in November, February and June of each year.

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.

The HMC facebook page is regularly updated with current events, photos etc.

Mission Statement:

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

Worship

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

The Monday Guild meetings are enjoyed by many of the congregation with a hymn, a speaker, tea and refreshments. They also organise outings and visit cafes.

On Tuesdays Rachel, our community worker, joins the Food & Friendship team who host Lunch Club. On Thursday Lunch club is back, run particularly for and by people with learning difficulties. Around 60-70 people attend, some would otherwise not get out without transport assistance.

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 as 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