

THE METHODIST CHURCH
STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

Hove Methodist	Church
----------------	--------

FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 August 2024

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	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)		

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
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
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 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		

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 2024 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  Da 20-Nov-24

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 2024 were presented to the meeting of the Church trustees held on 25 November 2024

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 2024 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:

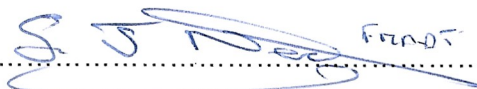
- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act; or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records.

[the [the

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 20 FEBRUARY 2025

* delete or circle as appropriate

Annual Report of the Trustees for Year ending 31st August 2024

Hove Methodist Church, Portland Road. Hove. BN3 5DR
Registered Charity: 1127826

Contacts:

Email: office@hovemethodistchurch.co.uk

www.hovemethodistchurch.co.uk

01273 324600

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 80 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.

4th Friday of month we have Messy Church.

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. At each lunch 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 30 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 around 25 families of different sizes in receipt of free school meals, at which volunteers from the Church, Food & Friendship and Nam Yang lend a hand.

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, Sometimes Caroline of Food & Friendship and some of her team have shared the running of the kitchen with the usual Church members, on other occasions we use a different team.

We also held our 5th annual community street party in July.

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. The Church is registered for same-sex weddings. One of our members Ruth is very involved with the Circuit Refugee Project and Brighton & Hove Methodist Circuit became the first official Circuit of Sanctuary in the UK. All our Circuit churches including Hove are also recognised as Churches of Sanctuary. In January 2024 we celebrated a year of our monthly Messy Church on a Friday evening. In February we started holding a quarterly informal Sunday service called Chatty Church.

Next steps

Aim	Add to programme	Progress at 31/8/24
Chatty Church	2023 - 2024	Started February 2024
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.