

THE METHODIST CHURCH
STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

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| Hove Methodist | Church |
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FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 August 2025

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| 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

(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:

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| Rev Andy Lowe |
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Church Stewards:

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| Margaret Symes |
| Louise Macintosh |
| Terence Pomfrey |
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Treasurer:

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| Donald Reid |
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| 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 | | | |
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| FOR INFORMATION ONLY: MONEY RECEIVED AND PASSED ON TO EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS | | | |
| d | (these amounts are not to be included in total receipts/payments figures) | £ | £ |
| 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**

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 | 1,712 | 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)

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 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 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 ... 5/2/26

* delete or circle as appropriate

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

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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 74 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 6th 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 two years 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 | 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