

ST JAMES ROAD METHODIST CHURCH

England & Wales - Charity number 1127830

Details

Other names	SJR
Status	Registered
Legal form	Previously excepted
Registered	2009-02-02
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

Contact

Address St. James Road Methodist Church
St. James Road
Southampton
SO15 5HE

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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: Provision of public religious worship.

Classification

- **How:** Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Religious Activities, Other Charitable Purposes
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** UNDEFINED. IN PRACTICE LOCAL
- Southampton City

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-08-31	£312,595	£251,019	-	-
2024-08-31	£301,633	£245,726	-	-
2023-08-31	£260,023	£218,563	-	-
2022-08-31	£224,005	£184,659	-	-
2021-08-31	£184,547	£508,850	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Rev Stephen Edward Robinson	Chair	2022-09-01
Alicia Gilbert		2023-01-28
Claire Elizabeth Hill		2024-03-23
Deborah Anne Craggs		2022-09-01
HUGH EVANS		2021-09-01
Jemma Hack		2019-09-01
Joanna Cookson		2023-01-28
LORRAE ELLEN KIBBLE		2026-03-21
Louise Evans		2021-09-01
Manosree Fordham		2025-09-01
Margaret Rose Tout		2024-03-23
Mary Christina Horsfall		2026-03-21
Maureen Elizabeth Syed		2021-09-01
NEIL ROGER HITCH		2013-06-20
Patricia Jane Wood		2022-09-01
RUSSELL Joshua HACK		2019-06-20
Rachel Jane Pearce		2024-03-23
Rev John Gareth Hughes		2021-09-01
Rev Penelope Jane Thorne		2023-09-01
Richard Kapend		2025-03-22
Richard Pearce		2025-07-17
SUSAN KATHRYN BAILEY		2025-03-22
Sarah Rachel Dennison		2024-03-23

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Accounts

THE METHODIST CHURCH
STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

St James Road Methodist	Church
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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025

Southampton	Circuit	Circuit no	26/1
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Registered Charity - Charity Registration number 1127830

If not a registered charity **Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs Gift Aid**
(The HMRC number is equivalent to a registered charity number in terms of evidence of charitable status)

Minister:

Rev S Robinson

Church Stewards:

Mrs M Syed	Mrs J Cookson
Mr E Quansah	Mrs L Evans
Mr R Kapend (from 22 March 2025)	Mr R Hack
Mr P Hamilton	Mrs G Robinson (until 22 March 2025)

Treasurer:

Mr N Hitch

St James Road Methodist Church, Southampton Annual Charity Report for the year ended 31 August 2025

Administrative information:

This report relates to St James Road Methodist Church, Southampton. With 155 members (as at July 2025) the church is the largest in the Southampton Circuit, which itself forms part of the Southampton District of the Methodist Church.

The church became a Registered Charity in January 2010. Its registered title is St James Road Methodist Church and its charity number is 1127830. The church address is St James Road, Shirley, Southampton SO15 5HE. Correspondence should be addressed to the church unless a specific address is given by a person acting on behalf of the church.

The following served as Managing Trustees as at the year ended 31 August 2025:

Rev S Robinson, Mr R Kapend (Secretary), Mr N Hitch (Treasurer), Rev J Hughes, Rev P Thorne, Mrs K Bailey, Mrs J Cookson, Mrs D Craggs, Ms S Dennison, Mr H Evans, Mrs L Evans, Miss A Gilbert, Mrs J Hack, Mr R Hack, Mr P Hamilton, Ms J Herniman, Miss C Hill, Mrs H Irish, Dr R Pearce, Mrs R Pearce, Mr E Quansah, Mrs M Syed, Mrs M Tout, Mrs P Wood.

Aims and organisation

The church exists primarily for the advancement of the Christian faith, in accordance with the doctrinal standards and the discipline of the Methodist Church; in particular, it aims to welcome and support anyone seeking to know more of the Christian faith, to serve the community in which it is placed, and to support its members and adherents in their commitments to serve God and the community. The church offers a wide range of public worship, open to all, facilities for young people, and numerous mid-week activities particularly, but not exclusively, serving the communities in and around Shirley. The church's mission and future vision is overseen by the Church Council and its appointed Vision Teams.

There are a number of outreach activities for parents of very young children at the church, with "Tadpoles" for pre-school children, "Who Let The Dads Out" for young children and their fathers as well as an 'after school' club that currently caters for around 30 children. To support the work of children and young families, the church has a part time Children & Families Worker who seeks to co-ordinate, promote and develop this aspect of the work of the Church. We also offer a Supper Club and Teapot that are used by mainly, but not exclusively elderly members of the church as well as a Memory Café and Bereavement Café. A Halloween Pitstop event is also held seeking to demonstrate the light of Jesus to those out on that evening rather than the more traditional interpretation of the evening. Additionally, the premises are used by a wide variety of groups providing services and facilities for the local community. These include dance, keep fit classes, mental health services, ex-offenders groups, badminton, bowls, various events and programmes

run through the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust carers support group and the U3A. This year sees the third in our series of 'Summer Proms', providing a music event in the main church sanctuary from a selection of local groups seeking to cater for a variety of musical tastes.

The Church Council is the managing body, operating in accordance with Methodist policies and practice as set out in the document 'Constitutional Practice and Discipline of the Methodist Church', and is chaired by the Minister and administered by its Secretary. The Church Stewards have a special responsibility for the spiritual life of the church and the conduct of worship. The Property Stewards have responsibility for maintaining the premises. The Church Treasurer is responsible for financial administration, assisted by a number of people with specific tasks. Other responsibilities in the church are delegated by the Church Council to specific individuals, subject to annual appointment or re-appointment.

Review of progress and achievements

The monthly "New Song Café" Sunday evening event started in April 2016, in which Christians from different denominations gather to celebrate God and our faith together. This form of worship continues on the second Sunday of the month in the evening and remains popular. A variation of 'New Song Café' using the newly refurbished café area instead of the main church sanctuary began in 2024 and continues on the fourth Sunday of the month. Whilst not as popular as the main version, it has a good and regular attendance.

As part of church life, 'Make & Brew', which is not run by the church, is successfully operating creating a significant focus for the church's engagement with the local community. This work creates interest in the worshipping life of the church from those visiting the café which is encouraging, as is the number of people attending the café that wish to go into the church sanctuary for a time of quiet and reflection. There are also pastoral needs of those who come to the café being responded to by the Minister and church members.

The Re:minds charity continue to base their operation from the community spaces within the church building and making considerable use of the facilities on the first floor. This year, blood donor sessions have begun using the main hall on the ground floor which is a welcome additional use of the premises for the community. There has been a continued use of the premises by the Solent NHS Trust in their provision of services in the community.

The church premises have developed into the thriving hub that was envisaged and intended as part of the 'Connect' project. This refurbishment project was completed in 2020 providing revitalised facilities for the community and church on both grounds and first floors of the building. There are still challenges to be faced but the relationships that have already been built with organisations and individuals and those that are currently developing are an essential demonstration of the love of Jesus that the church always intended to be shared with the local community.

The Minister, Rev. Stephen Robinson has a study based at the front of the church from which he operates most mornings, providing further links between the church and the community.

Financial Information

The accounts for the year to 31 August 2025 are being independently examined and are included as part of this report. Income has exceeded expenditure by around £60,000 over the year which is primarily from the receipt of three legacies and increased fundraising to reduce the level of borrowing incurred by the church in completion of the 'Connect' project. This financial year, the level of borrowing has been reduced by a third, with the stated aim of the church to fully repay all borrowing as soon as possible with the church being on target to achieve this within the next two years. One of the legacies received stipulates it must be for new outreach work which is yet to be approved by the church council. Additional expenditure was incurred during this last financial year with the aim of increasing membership and generating growth in the church.

The Reserves Policy of the church is to hold 6 months expenditure in reserves.

The church benefits from a substantial amount of expertise and time given freely by its members, especially but not exclusively in property maintenance and administrative functions, including pastoral care and the provision of music for worship. No attempt has been made to quantify that, either in hours or in monetary value.

Signed

Rev Stephen Robinson

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. E. Robinson', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) for the year ended 31 August 2025

	Notes to the accounts	General Fund (Unrestricted) £	Designated Funds (unrestricted) £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total 2024-25 £
Income						
1 Offerings	4	103,426	-	-	-	103,426
2 Donations	5	3,762	46,892	40,057	-	90,711
2a Grants		-	-	-	-	-
2b Gift Day	8	4,114	-	-	-	4,114
3 Gift aid	4	26,896	1,407	214	-	28,517
4 Interest and investment income	6	8,117	-	-	-	8,117
5 Property Income	7	62,134	-	-	-	62,134
6 Internal organisations	8	-	5,948	3,566	-	9,514
7 Other charitable income	8	3,717	600	1,745	-	6,062
8 Total income		212,166	54,847	45,582	-	312,595
Expenditure						
9 Circuit assessment or share		86,577	-	-	-	86,577
10 Grants and donations		1,300	-	2,624	-	3,924
11 Property maintenance		43,933	-	-	-	43,933
12 Insurance, utilities etc		48,884	-	-	-	48,884
13 Depreciation		-	30,513	-	-	30,513
14 Interest paid		-	-	-	-	-
15 Other expenditure		11,205	1,053	6,211	-	18,469
16 Internal organisations		5,122	9,780	3,817	-	18,719
17 Total charitable expenditure		197,021	41,346	12,652	-	251,019
18 Gains/(losses) on monetary investments	13					-
19 Gains/(losses) on investment properties						-
20 Net income/(expenditure)		15,145	13,501	32,930	-	61,576
21 Transfers between funds		(10,000)	10,000	-		-
22 Other gains/(losses)						-
23 Net movement in funds		5,145	23,501	32,930	-	61,576
24 Total funds brought forward		106,382	2,875,877	20,588	5,000	3,007,847
25 Total funds carried forward		111,527	2,899,378	53,518	5,000	3,069,423

Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) for the year ended 31 August 2024

	Designated				Total 2023-24 £
	General Fund (Unrestricted) £	Funds (unrestricted) £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	
Income					
1 Offerings	99,707	-	-	-	99,707
2 Donations	29,682	27,571	2,004	-	59,257
2a Grants	-	-	-	-	-
2b Gift Day	4,374	-	-	-	4,374
3 Gift aid	30,864	-	-	-	30,864
4 Interest and investment income	8,223	-	-	-	8,223
5 Property Income	70,954	-	-	-	70,954
6 Internal organisations	-	13,821	5,308	-	19,129
7 Other charitable income	6,394	2,730	1	-	9,125
8 Total income	250,198	44,122	7,313	-	301,633
Expenditure					
9 Circuit assessment or share	86,580	-	-	-	86,580
10 Grants and donations	72	-	2,004	-	2,076
11 Property maintenance	39,990	-	-	-	39,990
12 Insurance, utilities etc	39,480	-	-	-	39,480
13 Depreciation	316	30,197	-	-	30,513
14 Interest paid	-	-	-	-	-
15 Other expenditure	6,590	10,588	-	-	17,178
16 Internal organisations	19,614	3,450	6,845	-	29,909
17 Total charitable expenditure	192,642	44,235	8,849	-	245,726
18 Gains/(losses) on monetary investments					-
19 Gains/(losses) on investment properties					-
20 Net income/(expenditure)	57,556	(113)	(1,536)	-	55,907
21 Transfers between funds	(52,078)	52,078	-	-	-
22 Other gains/(losses)					-
23 Net movement in funds	5,478	51,965	(1,536)	-	55,907
24 Total funds brought forward	100,904	2,823,912	22,124	5,000	2,951,940
25 Total funds carried forward	106,382	2,875,877	20,588	5,000	3,007,847

Balance Sheet as at 31 August 2025

Notes to the Accounts		General Fund (Unrestricted)	Designated Funds (Unrestricted)	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Totals 2025	Totals 2024	
		£	£	£	£	£	£	
Fixed Assets								
	Church building and other property	12	-	2,927,710	-	-	2,927,710	2,958,223
	Investments	13	-	-	-	5,000	5,000	5,000
	Total fixed assets		-	2,927,710	-	5,000	2,932,710	2,963,223
Current Assets								
	Debtors and prepayments	14	10,836	-	11,183	-	22,019	9,484
	Gift Aid	14	9,992	-	-	-	9,992	11,118
	Investments with TMCP	14	30,000	-	7,023	-	37,023	5,954
	Central Finance Board Deposits	14	73,890	54,832	29,919	-	158,641	137,445
	Cash at Bank and in hand	14	3,708	-	5,393	-	9,101	12,640
	Total current assets		128,426	54,832	53,518	-	236,776	176,641
Current liabilities								
	Creditors (due in under 1 year)	15	16,899	-	-	-	16,899	4,273
	Loans (due in under 1 year)	15	-	45,000	-	-	45,000	60,000
	Total current liabilities		16,899	45,000	-	-	61,899	64,273
	Net current assets/liabilities		111,527	9,832	53,518	-	174,877	112,368
	Total assets less current liabilities		111,527	2,937,542	53,518	5,000	3,107,587	3,075,591
Long term liabilities (due after more than one year)								
	Loans to the Church	16	-	5,000	-	-	5,000	5,000
	Circuit Loan	16	-	33,164	-	-	33,164	62,744
	Net assets		111,527	2,899,378	53,518	5,000	3,069,423	3,007,847
Funds of the Church								
	General Fund (Unrestricted)		111,527	-	-	-	111,527	106,382
	Designated Funds (Unrestricted)		-	2,899,378	-	-	2,899,378	2,875,877
	Total Unrestricted Funds						3,010,905	2,982,259
	Restricted Funds		-	-	53,518	-	53,518	20,588
	Endowment Funds		-	-	-	5,000	5,000	5,000
	Total Funds		111,527	2,899,378	53,518	5,000	3,069,423	3,007,847

Signed

Church Treasurer

St James Road Methodist Church

Notes to the Accounts for the Year Ended 31 August 2025

1 Basis of Accounting

The financial statements have been prepared under the Charities Act 2011 in accordance with the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with FRS 102 (effective from 1 January 2019) - the Charities SORP (FRS 102).

2 Funds

The funds held constitute: General Funds held for any purpose of the Church which are Unrestricted. Restricted Funds which are held for a narrower purpose including those for internal organisations. There are also Designated funds which have been earmarked by the trustees for particular purposes within Unrestricted funds. Details of each material fund are disclosed in note 18. Any funds may be represented by more than just cash.

3 Accounting Policies

Basis

These accounts have been prepared on the basis of historical cost except that investments are shown at their market value at the end of the year, on the accruals basis to show a true and fair view of the Church's financial position and activities.

Income

Income is included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) when the Church becomes entitled to it, the trustees judge it probable that they will receive it, and the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Expenditure

This is recognised when a liability is incurred, or a constructive obligation arises, that results in the payment being unavoidable.

Grants

Grants made by the Church from its own funds are recognised in full at the time of agreement or when the Church accepts that there is a legal or operational obligation to make the payment.

VAT

Since the Church is not VAT registered, all input VAT is charged with the expenses to which it refers.

Tangible Fixed Assets for use by the Church

These are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year, and individually cost at least £1,000. The freehold property is shown at deemed historical cost less depreciation. Other fixed assets are depreciated on a straight line basis over periods as set out in note 12.

Investment Properties

Investment properties - no property is currently deemed to not be held for the long term purpose of the charity.

3 Accounting Policies (continued)

Investments

Investments are valued in the balance sheet at market value at the year end. Investment income is included in the accounts when receivable and any gains or losses on revaluation at the year end are shown on the SOFA.

Debtors and Prepayments

Debtors include Gift Aid not yet received in respect of donations up to the balance sheet date, and prepayments such as Circuit Assessment paid for subsequent periods.

Creditors

Creditors include outstanding loan balances from church members which are repayable on demand and interest free.

Going Concern

The accounts have been prepared on the basis that the charity is a going concern.

St James Road Methodist Church

Notes to the Accounts for the Year Ended 31 August 2025 (continued)

			2025	2024
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
	£	£	£	£
4 Offerings Including Gift Aid				
Standing Orders	87,310	-	87,310	82,937
Collections and regular giving	16,116	-	16,116	16,770
Tax Credits	28,303	214	28,517	30,864
Total	131,729	214	131,943	130,570
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
	£	£	£	£
5 Donations and Legacies				
Donations	30,654	2,624	33,278	59,257
Legacies	20,000	37,433	57,433	-
Total	50,654	40,057	90,711	59,257
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
	£	£	£	£
6 Investment Income				
Central Finance Board	6,348	-	6,348	7,434
Unity Trust Bank	680	-	680	485
TMCP	1,089	-	1,089	304
	8,117	-	8,117	8,223
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
	£	£	£	£
7 Property Income				
Lettings	62,134	-	62,134	70,954
	62,134	-	62,134	70,954
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
	£	£	£	£
8 Other Income				
Fundraising Events	4,114	-	4,114	4,374
Other	10,265	5,311	15,576	26,289
	14,379	5,311	19,690	30,663

St James Road Methodist Church**Notes to the Accounts for the Year Ended 31 August 2025 (continued)**

9 Payment to Trustees	2025	2024
Payments made to trustees for additional services provided to the church by agreement with the Church Council Meeting	-	-
Number of trustees who were paid expenses	7	11
Total amount paid	£ 2,135	2,996
10 Fees for Examination or Audit of the Accounts		
Independent Examiner's or Auditor's fees for reporting on the accounts	£ 1,560	1,488
Other fees (e.g. advice, accountancy services) paid to the Independent Examiner or Auditor	£ -	-
11 Paid Employees		
Staff Costs paid during the year were:		
Gross wages, salaries and benefits in kind	£ -	-
Employers National Insurance Costs	£ -	-
Pension Costs	£ -	-
Total Staff Costs	£ -	-
Average number of staff employed during the year	-	-

Volunteers

In accordance with FRS102, the value of volunteer time is not recognised in the accounts. However it is acknowledged that the Church benefits greatly from all the work done by its many volunteers, enriching and expanding so many areas of our worship, service and mission. This includes the members of Church Council (trustees) who kindly provide time free of charge to oversee the church's operations and ensure compliance with our many obligations.

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Notes to the Accounts for the Year Ended 31 August 2025 (continued)

14 Analysis of Current Assets

	2025	2024
	£	£
Debtors and Prepayments		
Prepayments	22,019	9,484
Gift Aid	9,992	11,118
Total Debtors and Prepayments	32,011	20,602

Analysis of Cash at Bank

Bank balance held at Unity Trust Bank	3,708	6,996
Bank balance held at Central Finance Board	158,641	137,445
Bank balance held in TMCP Model Trust Bequests	37,023	5,954
Balances held by Internal Organisations	5,393	5,644
Total Cash and Bank Balances	204,765	156,039

15 Analysis of Current Liabilities

Circuit Loan	45,000	60,000
Examination Fee	1,560	2,868
Other Creditors	15,339	1,405
Total Current Liabilities	61,899	64,273

16 Analysis of Long Term Liabilities

Circuit loan	33,164	62,744
Interest Free Loans	5,000	5,000
	38,164	67,744

17 Capital Commitments and Contingent Liabilities

As at the 31st August 2025 the church has no capital commitments.

No contingent liabilities were identified as at 31st August 2025.

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Notes to the Accounts for the Year Ended 31 August 2025 (continued)

18 Detailed Analysis of Individual Fund Movements

Unrestricted Funds

Fund Name	Opening Balance	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Revaluation Gains/Losses	Closing Balance
General Fund	106,382	212,166	197,021	(10,000)	-	111,527
Fixed assets	2,830,479	-	30,513	44,580	-	2,844,546
Tadpoles	2,299	350	176	-	-	2,473
Who Let The Dads Out	406	70	39	-	-	437
Thursday Teapot	133	995	216	-	-	912
Community & Family Worker Fund	4,791	79	1,820	-	-	3,050
Others	1,799	5,852	4,941	-	-	2,710
Loan Repayment Fund	2,002	46,074	-	(44,580)	-	3,496
Link Furniture and Security	11,424	-	-	-	-	11,424
Emergency Response	5,887	827	2,588	-	-	4,126
Sanctuary Cross Fund	1,500	-	-	-	-	1,500
Property Reserve	10,000	-	-	10,000	-	20,000
Organ fund	5,157	600	1,053	-	-	4,704
Totals	2,982,259	267,013	238,367	-	-	3,010,905

Restricted Funds

Fund Name	Opening Balance	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Revaluation Gains/Losses	Closing Balance
Internal Organisations:						
SJR Boys/Girls Brigade	3,387	841	1,543	-	-	2,685
Choir	378	-	-	-	-	378
Bowls Club	1,188	990	922	-	-	1,256
Youth Club	673	-	-	-	-	673
Chatty Crafters	18	1,735	1,352	-	-	401
Internal Orgs Total	5,644	3,566	3,817	-	-	5,393
Benevolent Fund	965	47	-	-	-	1,012
Organ Fund	-	-	-	-	-	-
Property Reserve	12,729	-	4,299	-	-	8,430
Basics Bank	-	1,912	1,912	-	-	-
Legacy - 286	1,250	-	-	-	-	1,250
Parriss Legacy	-	37,433	-	-	-	37,433
Special Offerings	-	2,624	2,624	-	-	-
Totals	20,588	45,582	12,652	-	-	53,518

Total Funds	3,002,847	312,595	251,019	-	-	3,064,423
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St James Road Methodist Church

Notes to the Accounts for the Year Ended 31 August 2025 (continued)

18 Detailed Analysis of Individual Fund Movements (continued)

Fund Purposes

Benevolent Fund: for giving at the discretion of the Ministers to needy individuals in the locality.

Fixed Asset Fund: shows the carrying value of the fixed assets less outstanding loans on those assets.

Tadpoles and Who Let The Dads Out: for providing services to the community in connection with young families.

Thursday Teapot: for distribution at the discretion of the Church Council from funds donated at monthly meetings.

Youth Work: funds for the benefit of youth and family work.

Link Furniture and Security: this is a fund to hold reserves to enable the replacement of furniture for the Link area.

Internal Organisations: funds held by groups reporting to the Church Council.

Others: Includes the Flower Fund, being funds donated for the provision of weekly church flowers; Badminton club, funds held on behalf of the club that meets on the Church premises and New Songs Café.

Loan Repayment Fund: these are funds held towards the repayment of the loan for development of the new Link and 1st floor rooms. This was previously known as Development Fund (Connect).

Organ Fund: funds held towards the repair and maintenance of the church organ.

Property Reserve: funds held towards larger than normal property expenses funded from underspend of previous years property maintenance budgets.

Basics Bank: funds held from member donations for these specified causes.

Legacy 286: legacy received for restricted use for Boys Brigade at '286'.

Emergency Response: funds held to enable the church to respond to instances of real need across the world, as identified through the Disasters Emergency Committee (DEC).

Sanctuary Cross Fund: funds held for the purchase and installation of a new feature cross in the church sanctuary.

Special Offerings: income and expenditure from pew collections taken for designated charities at specific times of the year.

Parriss Legacy: legacy received to fund face to face Christian mission and evangelism in the Swaythling area.

Transfers Between Funds

Transfers represent loan repayments and monies set aside for property maintenance.

19 Related party Transactions

There were no related party transactions

St James Road Methodist Church

DECLARATIONS

Treasurer

I confirm that these accrual based accounts for the year ended 31 August 2025 have been prepared from the records of the Church and that they include all funds under the control of the Church Council.

Signature of Treasurer Date
Name of Treasurer
Address

Presentation to the Church Council for Approval

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31st August 2025 were presented to the Church Council at its meeting on: and were approved.

Signature of the Chair of the Meeting
Name of the Chair of the Meeting
Date

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

This report is on the Church Accounts for the year ended 31st August 2025

Respective Responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The Church's trustees are responsible for ensuring that the annual report and accounts for the year to 31st August 2024 present a true and fair view of the Church's income and expenditure for the year and of its assets & liabilities at the balance sheet date. The trustees consider that an audit is not necessary for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- * examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act;
- * follow the procedures laid down in the general directions given by the Charity Commissioner under Section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act; and
- * state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of

St James Road Methodist Church

Charity Number 1127830

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of St James Road Methodist Church for the year ended 31 August 2025. 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.

Independent Examiner's Statement

The Church's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination 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; or
- the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view, which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination
- the trustees' annual report is not consistent with the accounts

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.

Signature of independent examiner



Name of independent examiner: **Mr C J Goodhead**

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner: **FCA**

Name of firm: **Knight Goodhead Limited**

Address : **7 Bournemouth Road, Chandlers Ford, Hampshire**

Post Code **SO53 3DA**

Date **18/02/2026**

ST JAMES ROAD METHODIST CHURCH

England & Wales - Charity number 1127830

Accounts

THE METHODIST CHURCH
STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

St James Road Methodist	Church
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FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31 August 2024

Southampton	Circuit	Circuit no	26/1
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Registered Charity - Charity Registration number 1127830

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

(The HMRC number is equivalent to a registered charity number in terms of evidence of charitable status and

Minister:

Rev S Robinson

Church Stewards:

Mrs M Syed	Mrs J Cookson
Mr B Hooper	Mrs L Evans
Ms G Snook	Mr R Hack
Mr P Hamilton	Mrs G Robinson
	Mr E Quansah

Treasurer:

Mr N Hitch

St James Road Methodist Church, Southampton Annual Charity Report for the year ended 31 August 2024

Administrative information:

This report relates to St James Road Methodist Church, Southampton. With 157 members (as at July 2024) the church is the largest in the Southampton Circuit, which itself forms part of the Southampton District of the Methodist Church.

The church became a Registered Charity in January 2010. Its registered title is St James Road Methodist Church and its charity number is 1127830. The church address is St James Road, Shirley, Southampton SO15 5HE. Correspondence should be addressed to the church unless a specific address is given by a person acting on behalf of the church.

The following served as Managing Trustees as at the year ended 31 August 2024:

Rev S Robinson, Mrs P Wood (Secretary), Mr N Hitch (Treasurer), Rev J Hughes, Rev P Thorne, Mr C Bradwell, Mrs J Cookson, Mrs D Craggs, Ms S Dennison, Mr H Evans, Mrs L Evans, Miss A Gilbert, Mrs J Hack, Mr R Hack, Mr P Hamilton, Ms J Herniman, Miss C Hill, Mrs H Irish, Mrs R Pearce, Mr E Quansah, Mrs G Robinson, Mr D Skinner, Mrs M Syed, Mrs M Tout, Mrs E Woodman.

Aims and organisation

The church exists primarily for the advancement of the Christian faith, in accordance with the doctrinal standards and the discipline of the Methodist Church; in particular, it aims to welcome and support anyone seeking to know more of the Christian faith, to serve the community in which it is placed, and to support its members and adherents in their commitments to serve God and the community. The church offers a wide range of public worship, open to all, facilities for young people, and numerous mid-week activities particularly, but not exclusively, serving the communities in and around Shirley. The church's mission and future vision is overseen by the Church Council and its appointed Vision Teams.

There are a number of outreach activities for parents of very young children at the church, with "Tadpoles" for pre-school children, "Who Let The Dads Out" for young children and their fathers as well as an 'after school' club that currently caters for around 30 children. To support the work of children and young families, the church has a part time Children & Families Worker who seeks to co-ordinate, promote and develop this aspect of the work of the Church. We also offer a Supper Club and Teapot that are used by mainly, but not exclusively elderly members of the church as well as a Memory Café and Bereavement Café. A Halloween Pitstop event is also held seeking to demonstrate the light of Jesus to those out on that evening rather than the more traditional interpretation of the evening. Additionally, the premises are used by a wide variety of groups providing services and facilities for the local community. These include dance, keep fit classes, mental health services, ex-offenders groups, badminton, bowls, various events and programmes

run through the NHS Solent Trust, carers support group and the U3A. This year sees the second in our series of 'Summer Proms', providing a music event in the main church sanctuary from a selection of local groups seeking to cater for a variety of musical tastes.

The Church Council is the managing body, operating in accordance with Methodist policies and practice as set out in the document 'Constitutional Practice and Discipline of the Methodist Church', and is chaired by the Minister and administered by its Secretary. The Church Stewards have a special responsibility for the spiritual life of the church and the conduct of worship. The Property Stewards have responsibility for maintaining the premises. The Church Treasurer is responsible for financial administration, assisted by a number of people with specific tasks. Other responsibilities in the church are delegated by the Church Council to specific individuals, subject to annual appointment or re-appointment.

Review of progress and achievements

The monthly "New Song Café" Sunday evening event started in April 2016, in which Christians from different denominations gather to celebrate God and our faith together. This form of worship continues on the second Sunday of the month in the evening and remains popular. A variation of 'New Song Café' using the newly refurbished café area instead of the main church sanctuary has started during the last year on the fourth Sunday of the month. Whilst not as popular as the main version, it has a good and regular attendance.

As part of church life, 'Make & Brew', which is not run by the church, is successfully operating creating a significant focus for the church's engagement with the local community. This work creates interest in the worshipping life of the church from those visiting the café which is encouraging, as is the number of people attending the café that wish to go into the church sanctuary for a time of quiet and reflection. There are also pastoral needs of those who come to the café being responded to by the Minister and church members.

The Re-minds charity continue to base their operation from the community spaces within the church building and making considerable use of the facilities on the first floor. This year, blood doner sessions have begun using the main hall on the ground floor which is a welcome additional use of the premises for the community. There has been a continued use of the premises by the Solent NHS Trust in their provision of services in the community.

Room 4 has recently been redecorated, and plans are in place to purchase new furniture for the room to make it more flexible in use for the varying age groups that utilize the building.

The church premises have developed into the thriving hub that was envisaged and intended as part of the 'Connect' project. This refurbishment project was completed in 2020 providing revitalised facilities for the community and church on both grounds and first floors of the building. There are still challenges to be faced

but the relationships that have already been built with organisations and individuals and those that are currently developing are an essential demonstration of the love of Jesus that the church always intended to be shared with the local community.

The Minister, Rev. Stephen Robinson has a study based at the front of the church from which he operates most mornings, providing further links between the church and the community. In April, he took a three month sabbatical from his work as Minister of the Church, with the responsibilities being undertaken by the Leadership Team of the church during that period.

Financial Information

The accounts for the year to 31 August 2024 are being independently examined and are included as part of this report. Income has exceeded expenditure by around £55,907 over the year which is primarily the result of increased fundraising to reduce the level of borrowing incurred by the church in completion of the Connect project. This financial year, the level of borrowing has been reduced by a third, with the stated aim of the church to fully repay all borrowing as soon as possible. Additional expenditure was incurred during this last financial year with the aim of increasing membership and generating growth in the church.

The Reserves Policy of the church is to hold between 3 – 6 months expenditure in reserves.

The church benefits from a substantial amount of expertise and time given freely by its members, especially but not exclusively in property maintenance and administrative functions, including pastoral care and the provision of music for worship. No attempt has been made to quantify that, either in hours or in monetary value.

Signed

Rev Stephen Robinson

Name of Church

St James Road Methodist Church

Church No 1127830

Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) for the year ended 31 August 2024

	Notes to the accounts	General Fund (Unrestricted) £	Designated Funds (unrestricted) £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total 2023-24 £
Income						
1 Offerings	4	99,707	-	-	-	99,707
2 Donations	5	29,682	27,571	2,004	-	59,257
2a Grants		-	-	-	-	-
2b Gift Day	8	4,374	-	-	-	4,374
3 Gift aid	4	30,864	-	-	-	30,864
4 Interest and investment income	6	8,223	-	-	-	8,223
5 Property Income	7	70,954	-	-	-	70,954
6 Internal organisations	8	-	13,821	5,308	-	19,129
7 Other charitable income	8	6,394	2,730	1	-	9,125
8 Total income		250,198	44,122	7,313	-	301,633
Expenditure						
9 Circuit assessment or share		86,580	-	-	-	86,580
10 Grants and donations		72	-	2,004	-	2,076
11 Property maintenance		39,990	-	-	-	39,990
12 Insurance, utilities etc		39,480	-	-	-	39,480
13 Depreciation		316	30,197	-	-	30,513
14 Interest paid		-	-	-	-	-
15 Other expenditure		6,590	10,588	-	-	17,178
16 Internal organisations		19,614	3,450	6845	-	29,909
17 Total charitable expenditure		192,642	44,235	8,849	-	245,726
18 Gains/(losses) on monetary investments	13	-	-	-	-	-
19 Gains/(losses) on investment properties		-	-	-	-	-
20 Net income/(expenditure)		57,556	(113)	(1,536)	-	55,907
21 Transfers between funds		(52,078)	52,078	-	-	-
22 Other gains/(losses)		-	-	-	-	-
23 Net movement in funds		5,478	51,965	(1,536)	-	55,907
24 Total funds brought forward		100,904	2,823,912	22,124	5,000	2,951,940
25 Total funds carried forward		106,382	2,875,877	20,588	5,000	3,007,847

Name of Church

St James Road Methodist Church

Church No

1127830

Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) for the year ended 31 August 2023

	Notes to the accounts	General Fund (Unrestricted) £	Designated Funds (unrestricted) £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total 2022-23 £
Income						
1 Offerings	4	87,523	-	-	-	87,523
2 Donations	5	10,222	-	21,163	-	31,385
2a Grants		-	-	7,390	-	7,390
2b Gift Day	8	4,757	-	-	-	4,757
3 Gift aid	4	19,608	-	3,604	-	23,212
4 Interest and investment income	6	4,012	-	-	-	4,012
5 Property Income	7	69,782	-	-	-	69,782
6 Internal organisations	8	4,353	-	3,030	-	7,383
7 Other charitable income	8	11,425	13,154	-	-	24,579
8 Total income		211,682	13,154	35,187	-	260,023
Expenditure						
9 Circuit assessment or share		82,452	-	-	-	82,452
10 Grants and donations		5,285	-	1,997	-	7,282
11 Property maintenance		36,336	-	-	-	36,336
12 Insurance,utilities etc		27,840	-	-	-	27,840
13 Depreciation		-	30,179	-	-	30,179
14 Interest paid		2,053	-	-	-	2,053
15 Other expenditure		18,404	6,606	-	-	25,010
16 Internal organisations		4,015	-	3,396	-	7,411
17 Total charitable expenditure		176,385	36,785	5,393	-	218,563
18 Gains/(losses) on monetary investments	13	-	-	-	(5)	(5)
19 Gains/(losses) on investment properties		-	-	-	-	-
20 Net income/(expenditure)		35,297	(23,631)	29,794	(5)	41,455
21 Transfers between funds		(37,348)	68,607	(31,259)	-	-
22 Other gains/(losses)		-	-	-	-	-
23 Net movement in funds		(2,051)	44,976	(1,465)	(5)	41,455
24 Total funds brought forward		102,955	2,778,936	23,589	5,005	2,910,485
25 Total funds carried forward		100,904	2,823,912	22,124	5,000	2,951,940

Name of Church

St James Road Methodist Church

Church No

1127830

Balance Sheet as at 31 August 2024

	Notes to the Accounts	General Fund (Unrestricted) £	Designated Funds (Unrestricted) £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Totals 2024 £	Totals 2023 £
Fixed Assets							
Church building and other property	12	-	2,958,223	-	-	2,958,223	2,987,733
Investments	13	-	-	-	5,000	5,000	5,000
Total fixed assets		-	2,958,223	-	5,000	2,963,223	2,992,733
Current Assets							
Debtors and prepayments	14	9,484	-	-	-	9,484	7,215
Gift Aid	14	11,118	-	-	-	11,118	10,305
Investments with TMCP	14	-	-	5,954	-	5,954	5,663
Central Finance Board Deposits	14	83,057	45,398	8,990	-	137,445	140,536
Cash at Bank and in hand	14	6,996	-	5,644	-	12,640	9,364
Total current assets		110,655	45,398	20,588	-	176,641	173,083
Current liabilities							
Creditors (due in under 1 year)	15	4,273	-	-	-	4,273	2,632
Loans (due in under 1 year)		-	60,000	-	-	60,000	20,000
Total current liabilities		4,273	60,000	-	-	64,273	22,632
Net current assets/liabilities		106,382	(14,602)	20,588	-	112,368	150,451
Total assets less current liabilities		106,382	2,943,621	20,588	5,000	3,075,591	3,143,184
Long term liabilities (due after more than one year)							
Loans to the Church		-	5,000	-	-	5,000	35,000
Circuit Loan		-	62,744	-	-	62,744	156,244
Net assets		106,382	2,875,877	20,588	5,000	3,007,847	2,951,940
Funds of the Church							
General Fund (Unrestricted)		106,382	-	-	-	106,382	100,904
Designated Funds (Unrestricted)		-	2,875,877	-	-	2,875,877	2,823,912
Total Unrestricted Funds						2,982,259	2,924,816
Restricted Funds		-	-	20,588	-	20,588	22,124
Endowment Funds		-	-	-	5,000	5,000	5,000
Total Funds		106,382	2,875,877	20,588	5,000	3,007,847	2,951,940

Signed

Church Treasurer

1 Basis of Accounting

The financial statements have been prepared under the Charities Act 2011 in accordance with the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with FRS 102 (effective from 1 January 2019) - the Charities SORP (FRS 102).

2 Funds

The funds held constitute: General Funds held for any purpose of the Church which are Unrestricted. Restricted Funds which are held for a narrower purpose including those for internal organisations. There are also Designated funds which have been earmarked by the trustees for particular purposes within Unrestricted funds. Details of each material fund are disclosed in note 18. Any funds may be represented by more than just cash.

3 Accounting Policies**Basis**

These accounts have been prepared on the basis of historical cost except that investments are shown at their market value at the end of the year, on the accruals basis to show a true and fair view of the Church's financial position and activities.

Income

Income is included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) when the Church becomes entitled to it, the trustees judge it probable that they will receive it, and the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Expenditure

This is recognised when a liability is incurred, or a constructive obligation arises, that results in the payment being unavoidable.

Grants

Grants made by the Church from its own funds are recognised in full at the time of agreement or when the Church accepts that there is a legal or operational obligation to make the payment.

VAT

Since the Church is not VAT registered, all input VAT is charged with the expenses to which it refers.

Tangible Fixed Assets for use by the Church

These are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year, and individually cost at least £1,000. The freehold property is shown at deemed historical cost less depreciation. Other fixed assets are depreciated on a straight line basis over periods as set out in note 12.

Investment Properties

Investment properties - no property is currently deemed to not be held for the long term purpose of the charity.

Investments

Investments are valued in the balance sheet at market value at the year end. Investment income is included in the accounts when receivable and any gains or losses on revaluation at the year end are shown on the SOFA.

Debtors and Prepayments

Debtors include Gift Aid not yet received in respect of donations up to the balance sheet date, and prepayments such as Circuit Assessment paid for subsequent periods.

Creditors

Creditors include outstanding loan balances from church members which are repayable on demand and interest free.

Going Concern

The accounts have been prepared on the basis that the charity is a going concern.

St James Road Methodist Church

4 Offerings Including Gift Aid	Unrestricted	Restricted	2024	2023
	£	£	Total	Total
Standing Orders	82,937	-	82,937	67,492
Collections and regular giving	16,770	-	16,770	20,031
Tax Credits	30,864	-	30,864	23,212
Total	130,570	0	130,570	110,735

5 Donations and Legacies	Unrestricted	Restricted	2024	2023
	£	£	Total	Total
Donations	57,253	2,004	59,257	26,399
Legacies	-	-	-	4,986
Total	57,253	2,004	59,257	31,385

6 Investment Income	Unrestricted	Restricted	2024	2023
	£	£	Total	Total
Central Finance Board	7,434	-	7,434	4,012
Unity Trust Bank	485	-	485	-
TMCP	304	-	304	26
	8,223	-	8,223	4,038

7 Property Income	Unrestricted	Restricted	2024	2023
	£	£	Total	Total
Lettings	70,954	-	70,954	69,782
	70,954	-	70,954	69,782

8 Other Income	Unrestricted	Restricted	2024	2023
	£	£	Total	Total
Fundraising Events	4,374	-	4,374	4,757
Other	22,945	5,309	28,254	31,962
	27,319	5,309	32,628	36,719

St James Road Methodist Church

9 Payment to Trustees	2024	2023
Payments made to trustees for additional services provided to the church by agreement with the Church Council Meeting	-	-
Number of trustees who were paid expenses	11	10
Total amount paid	£ 2,996	4,829
10 Fees for Examination or Audit of the Accounts		
Independent Examiner's or Auditor's fees for reporting on the accounts	£ 1,488	1,380
Other fees (e.g. advice, accountancy services) paid to the Independent Examiner or Auditor	£ -	-
11 Paid Employees		
Staff Costs paid during the year were:		
Gross wages, salaries and benefits in kind	£ -	-
Employers National Insurance Costs	£ -	-
Pension Costs	£ -	-
Total Staff Costs	£ -	-
Average number of staff employed during the year	-	-

Volunteers

In accordance with FRS102, the value of volunteer time is not recognised in the accounts. However it is acknowledged that the Church benefits greatly from all the work done by its many volunteers, enriching and expanding so many areas of our worship, service and mission. This includes the members of Church Council (trustees) who kindly provide time free of charge to oversee the church's operations and ensure compliance with our many obligations.

12 Tangible Fixed Assets
Cost or Valuation

	Church (non investment)	Other Land & Buildings	Organ	Other Fixed Assets	Total
	Land & Buildings				
	£	£	£	£	£
Balance Brought Forward	3,017,912	-	313,512	2,269	3,333,693
Additions	-	-	-	1,003	1,003
Balance Carried Forward	3,017,912	-	313,512	3,272	3,334,696
Accumulated Depreciation					
Balance Brought Forward	30,179	-	313,512	2,269	345,960
Depreciation charge for the year (-)	30,179	-	-	334	30,513
Balance Carried Forward	60,358	-	313,512	2,603	376,473
Net Book Value					
Brought Forward	2,987,733	-	-	-	2,987,733
Carried Forward	2,957,554	-	-	669	2,958,223

Depreciation rate/period

50 years (buildings)
nil (land)

3 years

10 years

3 years

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13 Investments

The funds that support the various funds are held by TMCP in Trustees Interest Funds on which interest is credited to the accounts each month. These are regarded as medium and long term investments.

TMCP is the legal owner and Custodian Trustee of all Methodist Model Trust property, including Legacies, Endowments, and Accumulated Funds. Trust property is held for and on behalf of local Managing Trustees who are responsible for the day to day management of trust property. TMCP ensure that, through providing guidance and acting under their direction, the Managing Trustees comply with charity law and Methodist law and policy as determined by the Methodist Conference.

Analysis of Investment Movements

	2024	2023
Change in Investment Values		
	£	£
Carrying (market) value at beginning of year	5,000	5,005
Add: additions to Investments at Cost	-	-
Less: Disposals at Carrying Value	-	(5)
Net gain/loss on revaluation	-	-
Carrying (market) value at end of Year	5,000	5,000

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14 Analysis of Current Assets

	2024	2023
	£	£
Debtors and Prepayments		
Prepayments	9,484	7,215
Gift Aid	11,118	10,305
Total Debtors and Prepayments	<u>20,602</u>	<u>17,520</u>

Analysis of Cash at Bank

Bank balance held at Unity Trust Bank	6,996	0
Bank balance held at HSBC	0	3,208
Bank balance held at Central Finance Board	137,445	140,536
Bank balance held in TMCP Model Trust Bequests	5,954	5,663
Balances held by Internal Organisations	5,644	6,156
Total Cash and Bank Balances	<u>156,039</u>	<u>155,563</u>

15 Analysis of Current Liabilities

Circuit Loan	60,000	20,000
Examination Fee	2,390	1,296
Other Creditors	1,405	1,336
Total Current Liabilities	<u>63,795</u>	<u>22,632</u>

16 Analysis of Long Term Liabilities

Circuit loan	62,744	156,244
Interest Free Loans	5,000	45,000
	<u>67,744</u>	<u>201,244</u>

17 Capital Commitments and Contingent Liabilities

As at the 31st August 2024 the church has no capital commitments.

No contingent liabilities were identified as at 31st August 2024.

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18 Detailed Analysis of Individual Fund Movements

Unrestricted Funds

Fund Name	Opening Balance	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Revaluation Gains/Losses	Closing Balance
General Fund	100,904	250,197	192,641	(52,078)	-	106,382
Fixed assets	2,776,489	-	30,197	84,187	-	2,830,479
Tadpoles	1,534	1,221	456	-	-	2,299
Who Let The Dads Out	206	240	41	-	-	405
Teapot	701	1,080	1,648	-	-	133
Community & Family Worker Fund	5,515	74	798	-	-	4,791
Others	3,816	6,924	8,941	-	-	1,799
Loan Repayment Fund	18,698	26,913	-	(43,609)	-	2,002
Link Furniture and Security	11,424	-	-	-	-	11,424
Emergency Response	5,529	658	300	-	-	5,887
Sanctuary Cross Fund	-	-	-	1,500	-	1,500
Property Reserve	-	-	-	10,000	-	10,000
Organ Fund	-	7,012	1,855	-	-	5,157
Totals	2,924,816	294,320	236,877	-	-	2,982,259

Restricted Funds

Fund Name	Opening Balance	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Revaluation Gains/Losses	Closing Balance
Internal Organisations:						
SJR Boys/Girls Brigade	3,908	1,131	1,652	-	-	3,387
Choir	378	-	-	-	-	378
Bowls Club	1,005	835	652	-	-	1,188
Youth Club	673	-	-	-	-	673
Chatty Crafters	192	1,470	1,644	-	-	18
Internal Orgs Total	6,156	3,436	3,948	-	-	5,644
Benevolent Fund	964	1	-	-	-	965
Organ Fund	1,025	-	1,025	-	-	-
Property Reserve	12,729	-	-	-	-	12,729
Basics Bank	-	1,872	1,872	-	-	-
Legacy - 286	1,250	-	-	-	-	1,250
Special Offerings	-	2,004	2,004	-	-	-
Totals	22,124	7,313	8,849	-	-	20,588

Fund Purposes

Benevolent Fund: for giving at the discretion of the Ministers to needy individuals in the locality.

Fixed Asset Fund: shows the carrying value of the fixed assets less outstanding loans on those assets.

Tadpoles and Who Let The Dads Out: for providing services to the community in connection with young families.

Teapot: for distribution at the discretion of the Church Council from funds donated at monthly meetings.

Youth Work: funds for the benefit of youth and family work.

Link Furniture and Security: this is a fund to hold reserves to enable the replacement of furniture for the Link area.

Internal Organisations: funds held by groups reporting to the Church Council.

Others: Includes the Flower Fund, being funds donated for the provision of weekly church flowers; Badminton club, funds held on behalf of the club that meets on the Church premises and New Songs Café.

Loan Repayment Fund: these are funds held towards the repayment of the loan for development of the new Link and 1st floor rooms. This was previously known as Development Fund (Connect).

Organ Fund: funds held towards the repair and maintenance of the church organ.

Property Reserve: funds held towards larger than normal property expenses funded from underspend of previous years property maintenance budgets.

Basics Bank: funds held from member donations for these specified causes.

Legacy 286: legacy received for restricted use for Boys Brigade at '286'.

Emergency Response: funds held to enable the church to respond to instances of real need across the world, as identified through the Disasters Emergency Committee (DEC).

Sanctuary Cross Fund: funds held for the purchase and installation of a new feature cross in the church sanctuary.

Special Offerings: income and expenditure from pew collections taken for designated charities at specific times of the year.

Transfers Between Funds

Various transfers were made between funds representing fixed assets capitalise and loan funding repaid.


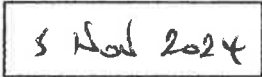
19 Related party Transactions


There were no related party transactions

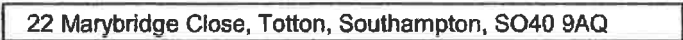
DECLARATIONS

Treasurer

I confirm that these accrual based accounts for the year ended 31 August 2024 have been prepared from the records of the Church and that they include all funds under the control of the Church Council.

Signature of Treasurer  Date 

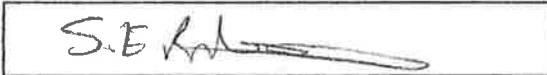
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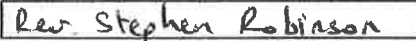
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Presentation to the Church Council for Approval

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31st August 2023 were presented to the Church Council at its meeting on: and were approved.



Signature of the Chair of the Meeting 

Name of the Chair of the Meeting 

Date 

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of

St James Road Methodist Church

Charity Number 1127830

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of St James Road Methodist Church for the year ended 31 August 2024. 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.

Independent Examiner's Statement

The Church's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination 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; or
- the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view, which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination
- the trustees' annual report is not consistent with the accounts

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.

Signature of independent examiner



Name of independent examiner: **Mr C J Goodhead**

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner: **FCA**

Name of firm: **Knight Goodhead Limited**

Address : **7 Bournemouth Road, Chandlers Ford, Hampshire**

Post Code **SO53 3DA**

Date **8 November 2024**

ST JAMES ROAD METHODIST CHURCH

England & Wales - Charity number 1127830

Accounts

THE METHODIST CHURCH
STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

St James Road Methodist	Church
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FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31 August 2023

Southampton	Circuit	Circuit no	26/1
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Registered Charity - Charity Registration number 1127830

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

(The HMRC number is equivalent to a registered charity number in terms of evidence of charitable status and
Minister:

Rev S Robinson

Church Stewards:

Mr P Hamilton
Ms G Snook
Mr R Hack
Mrs M Syed
Mrs L Evans
Mr B Hooper
Mrs G Robinson

Treasurer:

Mr N Hitch

St James Road Methodist Church, Southampton
Draft Annual Charity Report for the year ended 31 August 2023

Administrative information:

This report relates to St James Road Methodist Church, Southampton. With 163 members (as at September 2022) the church is the largest in the Southampton Circuit, which itself forms part of the Southampton District of the Methodist Church.

The church became a Registered Charity in January 2010. Its registered title is St James Road Methodist Church and its charity number is 1127830. The church address is St James Road, Shirley, Southampton SO15 5HE. Correspondence should be addressed to the church unless a specific address is given by a person acting on behalf of the church.

A warm welcome was extended by the church to the new Minister in September with the arrival of Rev. Stephen Robinson from Midsomer Norton and his wife, Dorothy.

The following served as Managing Trustees in the year ended 31 August 2023:
Rev. S Robinson, Mrs P Wood (Secretary), Mr N Hitch (Treasurer), Rev. J Hughes, Rev. Trish Davies (until her departure from the Circuit in July), Mrs J Cookson, Mrs D Craggs, Mr H Evans, Mrs L Evans, Mr G Fletcher (Circuit), Miss A Gilbert, Mrs J Hack, Mr R Hack, Mr O Hack, Mrs S Hack, Mr P Hamilton, Ms J Herniman, Mr B Hooper, Mrs G Robinson, Mr D Skinner, Ms G Snook, Mrs M Syed, Ms L Wells, Mrs E Woodman, Mr D Woodman.

Aims and organisation

The church exists primarily for the advancement of the Christian faith, in accordance with the doctrinal standards and the discipline of the Methodist Church; in particular, it aims to welcome and support anyone seeking to know more of the Christian faith, to serve the community in which it is placed, and to support its members and adherents in their commitments to serve God and the community. The church offers a wide range of public worship, open to all, facilities for young people, and numerous mid-week activities particularly, but not exclusively, serving the communities in and around Shirley. The church has though welcomed new members from Northam Methodist Church following the closure of that church.

There are a number of outreach activities for parents of very young children at St James Road, with "Tadpoles" for pre-school children, "Who Let The Dads Out" for young children and their fathers as well as an 'after school' club that currently caters for around 30 children. We also offer a Supper Club and Teapot for the more mature as well as a Memory Café and Bereavement Café. Additionally, the premises are used by a wide variety of groups providing services and facilities for the local community. These include dance, keep fit classes, mental health

services, ex-offenders groups, badminton, bowls, various events and programmes run through the NHS Solent Trust, carers support group and the U3A.

The Church Council is the managing body, operating in accordance with Methodist policies and practice as set out in the document 'Constitutional Practice and Discipline of the Methodist Church', and is chaired by the Minister and administered by its Secretary. There has been significant reform of the Church Council over the last year with the creation of a set of five 'Vision Teams' leading to a revised membership of the Leadership Team and a reduced number of members on the Church Council. The new Vision Teams are as follows:

- Worship and Prayer
- Evangelism
- Service & Caring
- Spiritual Development
- Communication

Each Vision Team is headed by a Church Steward, supported by a Co-ordinator with team membership of between 8 and 12 people. Worship Stewards continue to have responsibility for organising the conduct of worship. An early outcome from the creation of these teams is a plan to hold an 'Alpha Course' in September in conjunction with St James' Parish Church. The Property Stewards have responsibility for maintaining the premises and organising the operation of activities taking place in the building. The Church Treasurer is responsible for financial administration, assisted by a number of people with specific tasks. Other responsibilities in the church are delegated by the Church Council to specific individuals, subject to annual appointment or re-appointment.

Review of progress and achievements

There are three services held every Sunday. Encounter worship at 9.30a.m. offers a freer and more modern expression and experience of worship led by the band, followed by a more traditional style of service at 11.00a.m. with the organ and a quieter reflective service, most weeks, at 6.30p.m. The evening service will be moving to 6.00p.m. in September 2023 to facilitate the café worship being planned.

The monthly "New Song Café" Sunday evening event started in April 2016, in which Christians from different denominations gather to celebrate God and our faith together. This form of worship continues on the second Sunday of the month in the evening and remains popular. Experimentation in using the newly refurbished café area instead of the main church sanctuary is being planned with an additional act of worship scheduled for one Sunday evening per month from September 2023.

The church started a review in 2015, under the name "Dare to Dream", exploring how we might continue and possibly extend our use of our premises to serve God's people and make new disciples. As a result, the Connect: A Space to Share' project was launched, resulting in a significant redevelopment of the

community spaces within the church. These works were completed during the Covid-19 lockdown. As part of this work the extremely exciting outreach café, 'Make & Brew' is now successfully operating from the new Link space creating a significant focus for the church's engagement with the local community. This work is already creating interest in the worshipping life of the church from those visiting the café which is encouraging. A change in the management of the café this year has been successfully completed.

A further significant development from the 'Connect: A Space to Share' work has been the decision by the Re-minds charity to base their operation from the newly refurbished community spaces and making considerable use of the improved facilities on the first floor. This has been a clear demonstration of the church's intention to provide services and facilities for the local community from the premises and is the first indication of some of the anticipated 'fruit' from this work. Following on from this there has been an increasing use of the premises by the Solent NHS Trust in their provision of services in the community.

As a reflection of this work, a Children & Families Worker has been appointed on a part time basis to further develop the work of the church within this particular sector of the community. Additionally, the church offered part of the building in support of the 'Warm Spaces Initiative' during the winter to support those struggling with higher domestic fuel costs.

The church premises has developed into the thriving hub that was envisaged and intended as part of the 'Connect' project. There are still challenges to be faced but the relationships that have already been built with organisations and individuals and those that are currently developing are an essential demonstration of the love of Jesus that the church always intended to be shared with the local community.

During the last year, LED lighting has been installed in the older parts of the ground floor of the building that were not altered as part of the redevelopment works. In addition, the ceiling was replaced to the Ministers Vestry lobby and repairs were undertaken to some exterior guttering. Towards the end of the year, the quinquennial inspection of the premises was completed and the report is still awaited.

Financial Information

The accounts for the year to 31 August 2023 are being independently examined and are included as part of this report.

The church policy is to hold general unrestricted reserves equating to 3 months of its Assessment which at the current time amounts to £21.5K. This is considered to be prudent to cater for any unforeseen financial expenditure that may occur as an emergency.

With borrowing of over £220K having to be taken to complete the redevelopment work in 2020 on the premises and the increasing cost of interest rates, the church has successfully negotiated with the Southampton Circuit an 'interest free loan' to enable the original interest bearing borrowing to be fully repaid, thereby drastically reducing the costs to the church. All repayments remain on schedule.

The church benefits from a substantial amount of expertise and time given freely by its members, especially but not exclusively in property maintenance and administrative functions, including pastoral care and the provision of music for worship. No attempt has been made to quantify that, either in hours or in monetary value.

Signed

Rev Stephen Robinson

Name of Church

St James Road Methodist Church

Church No 1127830

Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) for the year ended 31 August 2023

	Notes to the accounts	General Fund (Unrestricted) £	Designated Funds (unrestricted) £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total 2022-23 £
Income						
1 Offerings	4	87,523	-	-	-	87,523
2 Donations	5	10,222	-	21,163	-	31,385
2a Grants		-	-	7,390	-	7,390
2b Gift Day	8	4,757	-	-	-	4,757
3 Gift aid	4	19,608	-	3,604	-	23,212
4 Interest and investment income	6	4,012	-	-	-	4,012
5 Property Income	7	69,782	-	-	-	69,782
6 Internal organisations	8	4,353	-	3,030	-	7,383
7 Other charitable income	8	11,425	13,154	-	-	24,579
8 Total Income		211,682	13,154	35,187	-	260,023
Expenditure						
9 Circuit assessment or share		82,452	-	-	-	82,452
10 Grants and donations		5,285	-	1,997	-	7,282
11 Property maintenance		36,336	-	-	-	36,336
12 Insurance, utilities etc		27,840	-	-	-	27,840
13 Depreciation		-	30,179	-	-	30,179
14 Interest paid		2,053	-	-	-	2,053
15 Other expenditure		18,404	6,606	-	-	25,010
16 Internal organisations		4,015	-	3,396	-	7,411
17 Total charitable expenditure		176,385	36,785	5,393	-	218,563
18 Gains/(losses) on monetary investments	13	-	-	-	(5)	(5)
19 Gains/(losses) on investment properties		-	-	-	-	-
20 Net Income/(expenditure)		35,297	(23,631)	29,794	(5)	41,455
21 Transfers between funds		(37,348)	68,607	(31,259)	-	-
22 Other gains/(losses)		-	-	-	-	-
23 Net movement in funds		(2,051)	44,976	(1,465)	(5)	41,455
24 Total funds brought forward		102,955	2,778,936	23,589	5,005	2,910,485
25 Total funds carried forward		100,904	2,823,912	22,124	5,000	2,951,940

Name of Church

St James Road Methodist Church

Church No

1127830

Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) for the year ended 31 August 2022

	Notes to the accounts	General Fund (Unrestricted) £	Designated Funds (unrestricted) £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total 2021-22 £
Income						
1 Offerings	4	81,352	-	-	-	81,352
2 Donations	5	248	-	1,472	-	1,720
2a Grants		-	-	26,025	-	26,025
2b Gift Day		7,030	-	-	-	7,030
3 Gift aid	4	19,420	-	4,854	-	24,274
4 Interest and investment Income	6	352	-	26	-	378
5 Property Income	7	42,745	-	-	-	42,745
6 Internal organisations		-	1,987	4,699	-	6,686
7 Other charitable income	8	30,668	3,127	-	-	33,795
8 Total income		181,815	5,114	37,076	-	224,005
Expenditure						
9 Circuit assessment or share		78,528	-	-	-	78,528
10 Grants and donations		3,319	-	2,732	-	6,051
11 Property maintenance		43,034	-	-	-	43,034
12 Insurance, utilities etc		21,668	-	-	-	21,668
13 Depreciation		-	-	-	-	-
14 Office expenses		5,159	-	-	-	5,159
15 Other expenditure		2,846	3,134	8,902	-	14,882
16 Internal organisations		7,423	-	7,914	-	15,337
17 Total charitable expenditure		161,977	3,134	19,548	-	184,659
18 Gains/(losses) on monetary investments	13	-	-	-	5	5
19 Gains/(losses) on investment properties		-	-	-	-	-
20 Net income/(expenditure)		19,838	1,980	17,528	5	39,351
21 Transfers between funds		24,004	(3,866)	(20,138)	-	-
22 Other gains/(losses)		-	-	-	-	-
23 Net movement in funds		43,842	(1,886)	(2,610)	5	39,351
24 Total funds brought forward		59,113	2,780,822	26,199	5,000	2,871,134
25 Total funds carried forward		102,955	2,778,936	23,589	5,005	2,910,485

Name of Church

St James Road Methodist Church

Church No

1127830

Balance Sheet as at 31 August 2023

Notes to the Accounts		General Fund (Unrestricted)	Designated Funds (Unrestricted)	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Totals 2023	Totals 2022
		£	£	£	£	£	£
Fixed Assets							
	Church building and other property	12	-	2,987,733	-	2,987,733	3,010,522
	Investments	13	-	-	5,000	5,000	5,005
	Total fixed assets		-	2,987,733	-	2,992,733	3,015,527
Current Assets							
	Debtors and prepayments	14	7,215	-	-	7,215	6,871
	Gift Aid	14	9,412	-	893	10,305	9,028
	Gartec Lift Inspection Plan	14	-	-	-	-	494
	Investments with TMCP	14	40	-	5,623	5,663	564
	Central Finance Board Deposits	14	83,661	47,423	9,452	140,536	95,566
	Cash at Bank and in hand	14	3,208	-	6,156	9,364	23,086
	Total current assets		103,536	47,423	22,124	173,083	135,609
Current Liabilities							
	Creditors (due in under 1 year)	15	2,632	-	-	2,632	2,950
	Loans (due in under 1 year)		-	20,000	-	20,000	-
	Grants payable within 2022-23		-	-	-	-	-
	Total current liabilities		2,632	20,000	-	22,632	2,950
	Net current assets/liabilities		100,904	27,423	22,124	150,451	132,659
	Total assets less current liabilities		100,904	3,015,156	22,124	5,000	3,143,184
Long term liabilities (due after more than one year)							
	Loans to the Church		-	35,000	-	35,000	45,000
	Circuit Loan		-	156,244	-	156,244	-
	Chapel Aid Loan		-	-	-	-	192,701
	Net assets		100,904	2,823,912	22,124	5,000	2,910,485
Funds of the Church							
	General Fund (Unrestricted)		100,904	-	-	100,904	102,955
	Designated Funds (Unrestricted)		-	2,823,912	-	2,823,912	2,778,936
	Total Unrestricted Funds		-	-	-	2,924,816	2,881,891
	Restricted Funds		-	-	22,124	22,124	23,589
	Endowment Funds		-	-	5,000	5,000	5,005
	Total Funds		100,904	2,823,912	22,124	2,951,940	2,910,485

Signed

Church Treasurer

1 Basis of Accounting

The financial statements have been prepared under the Charities Act 2011 in accordance with the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with FRS 102 (effective from 1 January 2019) - the Charities SORP (FRS 102).

2 Funds

The funds held constitute: General Funds held for any purpose of the Church which are Unrestricted. Restricted Funds which are held for a narrower purpose including those for internal organisations. There are also Designated funds which have been earmarked by the trustees for particular purposes within Unrestricted funds. Details of each material fund are disclosed in note 18. Any funds may be represented by more than just cash.

3 Accounting Policies**Basis**

These accounts have been prepared on the basis of historical cost except that investments are shown at their market value at the end of the year, on the accruals basis to show a true and fair view of the Church's financial position and activities.

Income

Income is included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) when the Church becomes entitled to it, the trustees judge it probable that they will receive it, and the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Expenditure

This is recognised when a liability is incurred, or a constructive obligation arises, that results in the payment being unavoidable.

Grants

Grants made by the Church from its own funds are recognised in full at the time of agreement or when the Church accepts that there is a legal or operational obligation to make the payment.

VAT

Since the Church is not VAT registered, all input VAT is charged with the expenses to which it refers.

Tangible Fixed Assets for use by the Church

These are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year, and individually cost at least £1,000. The freehold property is shown at deemed historical cost less depreciation. Other fixed assets are depreciated on a straight line basis over periods as set out in note 12.

Investment Properties

Investment properties - no property is currently deemed to not be held for the long term purpose of the charity.

Investments

Investments are valued in the balance sheet at market value at the year end. Investment income is included in the accounts when receivable and any gains or losses on revaluation at the year end are shown on the SOFA.

Debtors and Prepayments

Debtors include Gift Aid not yet received in respect of donations up to the balance sheet date, and prepayments such as Circuit Assessment paid for subsequent periods.

Creditors

Creditors include outstanding loan balances from church members which are repayable on demand and interest free.

Going Concern

The accounts have been prepared on the basis that the charity is a going concern.

St James Road Methodist Church

4 Offerings Including Gift Aid	Unrestricted	Restricted	2023	2022
	£	£	Total	Total
Standing Orders	67,492	-	67,492	56,902
Collections and regular giving	20,031	-	20,031	24,450
Tax Credits	19,608	3,604	23,212	24,274
Total	107,131	3,604	110,735	105,626

5 Donations and Legacies	Unrestricted	Restricted	2023	2022
	£	£	Total	Total
Donations	5,236	21,163	26,399	1,720
Legacies	4,986	-	4,986	-
Total	10,222	21,163	31,385	1,720

6 Investment Income	Unrestricted	Restricted	2023	2022
	£	£	Total	Total
Central Finance Board	4,012	-	4,012	352
TMCP	-	-	-	26
Total	4,012	-	4,012	378

7 Property Income	Unrestricted	Restricted	2023	2022
	£	£	Total	Total
Lettings	69,782	-	69,782	42,745
Total	69,782	-	69,782	42,745

8 Other Income	Unrestricted	Restricted	2023	2022
	£	£	Total	Total
Fundraising Events	-	-	-	-
Special Offerings	4,757	-	4,757	7,030
Other	28,932	3,030	31,962	40,481
Total	33,689	3,030	36,719	47,511

St James Road Methodist Church

9 Payment to Trustees **2023** **2022**

Payments made to trustees for additional services provided to the church by agreement with the Church Council Meeting	-	-	
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Number of trustees who were paid expenses	10	11	
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Nature of the expenses: postage, supplies, fundraising event costs, printing, stationery, electrical equipment, worship materials and general consumables

Total amount paid	£	4,829	6,189
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10 Fees for Examination or Audit of the Accounts

Independent Examiner's or Auditor's fees for reporting on the accounts	£	1,296	990
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Other fees (e.g. advice, accountancy services) paid to the Independent Examiner or Auditor	£	-	-
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11 Paid Employees

Staff Costs paid during the year were:

Gross wages, salaries and benefits in kind	£	-	-
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Employers National Insurance Costs	£	-	-
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Pension Costs	£	-	-
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Total Staff Costs	£	-	-
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Average number of staff employed during the year	-	-	
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Volunteers

In accordance with FRS102, the value of volunteer time is not recognised in the accounts. However it is acknowledged that the Church benefits greatly from all the work done by its many volunteers, enriching and expanding so many areas of our worship, service and mission. This includes the members of Church Council (trustees) who kindly provide time free of charge to oversee the church's operations and ensure compliance with our many obligations.

St James Road Methodist Church

12 Tangible Fixed Assets

Cost or Valuation

	Church (non investment) Land & Buildings	Other Land & Buildings	Organ	Other Fixed Assets	Total
	£	£	£	£	£
Balance Brought Forward	3,010,522	-	313,512	2,269	3,326,303
Additions	7,390	-	-	-	7,390
Balance Carried Forward	3,017,912	-	313,512	2,269	3,333,693
Accumulated Depreciation					
Balance Brought Forward	-	-	313,512	2,269	315,781
Depreciation charge for the year (-)	30,179	-	-	-	30,179
Balance Carried Forward	30,179	-	313,512	2,269	345,960
Net Book Value					
Brought Forward	3,010,522	-	-	-	3,010,522
Carried Forward	2,987,733	-	-	-	2,987,733

Depreciation rate/period 50 years (buildings) 3 years 10 years 3 years
 nil (land)

St James Road Methodist Church

13 Investments

The funds that support the various funds are held by TMCP in Trustees Interest Funds on which interest is credited to the accounts each month. These are regarded as medium and long term investments.

TMCP is the legal owner and Custodian Trustee of all Methodist Model Trust property, including Legacies, Endowments, and Accumulated Funds. Trust property is held for and on behalf of local Managing Trustees who are responsible for the day to day management of trust property. TMCP ensure that, through providing guidance and acting under their direction, the Managing Trustees comply with charity law and Methodist law and policy as determined by the Methodist Conference.

Analysis of Investment Movements

	2023	2022
Change in Investment Values		
	£	£
Carrying (market) value at beginning of year	5,005	5,000
Add: additions to Investments at Cost	-	5
Less: Disposals at Carrying Value	(5)	-
Net gain/loss on revaluation	-	-
Carrying (market) value at end of Year	5,000	5,005

St James Road Methodist Church

14 Analysis of Current Assets

	2023	2022
	£	£
Debtors and Prepayments		
Pre-paid Assessment	7,215	6,871
Gift Aid	10,305	9,028
Gartec Lift Inspection Plan	-	494
Total Debtors and Prepayments	17,520	16,393

Analysis of Cash at Bank

Bank Balance held at HSBC	3,208	16,542
Bank Balance held at Central Finance Board	140,536	95,566
Bank Balance held in TMCP Model Trust Bequests	5,663	564
Petty Cash	-	22
Balances held by Internal Organisations	6,156	6,522
Total Cash and Bank Balances	155,563	119,216

15 Analysis of Current Liabilities

Interest Free Loans	20,000	-
Examination Fee	1,296	2,130
Other Creditors	1,336	820
Total Current Liabilities	22,632	2,950

16 Analysis of Long Term Liabilities

Chapel Aid Loan	-	192,701
Circuit loan	156,244	-
Interest Free Loans	35,000	45,000
	191,244	237,701

17 Capital Commitments and Contingent Liabilities

As at the 31st August 2023 the church has no capital commitments.

No contingent liabilities were identified as at 31st August 2023.

St James Road Methodist Church

18 Detailed Analysis of Individual Fund Movements

Unrestricted Funds

Fund Name	Opening Balance	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Revaluation Gains/Losses	Closing Balance
General Fund	102,955	211,682	176,385	(37,348)	-	100,904
Benevolent Fund	899	-	-	(899)	-	-
Fixed assets	2,772,821	-	30,179	33,847	-	2,776,489
Tadpoles	862	672	-	-	-	1,534
Who Let The Dads Out	203	50	47	-	-	206
Thursday Teapot	1,189	772	1,260	-	-	701
Youth Work	748	5,000	233	-	-	5,515
Others	2,214	6,131	4,847	318	-	3,816
Loan Repayment Fund	-	-	-	18,698	-	18,698
Link Furniture and Security	-	-	219	11,643	-	11,424
Emergency Response	-	529	-	5,000	-	5,529
Totals	2,881,891	224,836	213,170	31,259	-	2,924,816

Restricted Funds

Fund Name	Opening Balance	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Revaluation Gains/Losses	Closing Balance
Internal Organisations:						
SJR Boys/Girls Brigade	4,194	1,900	2,186	-	-	3,908
Choir	378	-	-	-	-	378
Bowls Club	1,005	-	-	-	-	1,005
Youth Club	673	-	-	-	-	673
Chatty Crafters	272	1,130	1,210	-	-	192
Internal Orgs Total	6,522	3,030	3,396	-	-	6,156
Flower Fund	56	-	-	(56)	-	-
Loan Repayment Fund	1,620	22,830	-	(24,450)	-	-
Benevolent Fund	-	65	-	899	-	964
Organ Fund	1,025	-	-	-	-	1,025
Property Reserve	12,729	-	-	-	-	12,729
Badminton Club	262	-	-	(262)	-	-
Basics Bank	125	1,872	1,997	-	-	-
Legacy - 286	1,250	-	-	-	-	1,250
Lighting Upgrade	-	7,390	-	(7,390)	-	-
Totals	23,589	35,187	5,393	(31,259)	-	22,124

Fund Purposes

Benevolent Fund: for giving at the discretion of the Ministers to needy individuals in the locality.

Fixed Asset Fund: shows the carrying value of the fixed assets less outstanding loans on those assets.

Tadpoles and Who Let The Dads Out: for providing services to the community in connection with young families.

Thursday Teapot: for distribution at the discretion of the Church Council from funds donated at monthly meetings.

Youth Work: funds for the benefit of youth and family work.

Link Furniture and Security: this is a fund to hold reserves to enable the replacement of furniture for the Link

Internal Organisations: funds held by groups reporting to the Church Council.

Flower Fund: funds donated for the provision of weekly church flowers.

Loan Repayment Fund: these are funds held towards the repayment of the loan for development of the new Link and 1st floor rooms. This was previously known as Development Fund (Connect).

Organ Fund: funds held towards the repair and maintenance of the church organ.

Property Reserve: funds held towards larger than normal property expenses funded from underspend of previous years property maintenance budgets.

Badminton Club: funds held on behalf of the club that meets on the Church premises. It was identified that this should be a designated fund and so funds were transferred to the "Others" designed fund.

Basics Bank: funds held from member donations for these specified causes.

Legacy 286: legacy received for restricted use for Boys Brigade at '286'.

Emergency Response: funds held to enable the church to respond to instances of real need across the world, as identified through the Disasters Emergency Committee (DEC).

Lighting Upgrade: This represents funds given for the upgrade of lighting in the church. This was carried out during the year and the transfer out represents the work which was capitalised.

Transfers Between Funds

Various transfers were made between funds representing fixed assets capitalise and loan funding repaid.

19 Related party Transactions


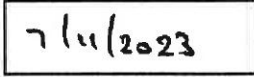
There were no related party transactions


St James Road Methodist Church


DECLARATIONS

Treasurer

I confirm that these accrual based accounts for the year ended 31 August 2023 have been prepared from the records of the Church and that they include all funds under the control of the Church Council.

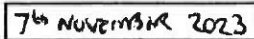
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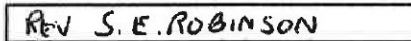
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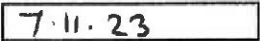
Presentation to the Church Council for Approval

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31st August 2022 were presented to the Church Council at its meeting on: and were approved.



Signature of the Chair of the Meeting 

Name of the Chair of the Meeting 

Date 

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of

St James Road Methodist Church

Charity Number 1127830

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Church for the year ended 31 August 2023. 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.

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 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; or
- the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view, which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination
- the trustees' annual report is not consistent with the accounts

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 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: Chris Goodhead

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner: Chartered Accountant

Name of firm (where appropriate): Knight Goodhead Ltd

Address: 7 Bournemouth Road, Chandler's Ford, Eastleigh, Hampshire, SO53 3DA

Date: 20 November 2023

ST JAMES ROAD METHODIST CHURCH

England & Wales - Charity number 1127830

Accounts

THE METHODIST CHURCH
STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

St James Road Methodist	Church
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FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31 August 2022

Southampton	Circuit	Circuit no	26/1
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Registered Charity - Charity Registration number

1127830

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

(The HMRC number is equivalent to a registered charity number in terms of evidence of charitable

Minister:

Rev C Coram

Church Stewards:

Mr D Skinner	
Mr P Syed	Mrs C Benyon
Miss E White	Mr P Broomfield
Mrs M Syed	
Mr C Fullbrook	
Mrs P Harris	
Mrs C Hooper	
Mr D Bone	

Treasurer:

Mr N Hitch

St James Road Methodist Church, Southampton
Draft Annual Charity Report for the year ended 31 August 2022

Administrative information:

This report relates to St James Road Methodist Church, Southampton. With 173 members (as at September 2021) the church is the largest in the Southampton Circuit, which itself forms part of the Southampton District of the Methodist Church.

The church became a Registered Charity in January 2010. Its registered title is St James Road Methodist Church and its charity number is 1127830. The church address is St James Road, Shirley, Southampton SO15 5HE. Correspondence should be addressed to the church unless a specific address is given by a person acting on behalf of the church.

The following served as Managing Trustees in the year ended 31 August 2022:
Rev C Coram, Mrs P Wood (Secretary), Mr N Hitch (Treasurer), Ms C Benyon, Mr D Bone, Mr P Broomfield, Mr J Deabill, Mr H Evans, Mrs L Evans, Mr G Fletcher (Circuit), Mr G Fonangwan, Mr C Fullbrook, Ms K Green, Ms V Green, Mrs J Hack, Mr R Hack, Mr O Hack, Ms S Hambley, Mr B Hart, Mrs P Harris, Ms J Herniman, Mr B Hooper, Mrs C Hooper, Mrs G Robinson, Mr D Skinner, Mr P Syed, Mrs M Syed, Ms L Wells, Miss E White, Mrs E Woodman, Mr D Woodman.

Aims and organisation

The church exists primarily for the advancement of the Christian faith, in accordance with the doctrinal standards and the discipline of the Methodist Church; in particular, it aims to welcome and support anyone seeking to know more of the Christian faith, to serve the community in which it is placed, and to support its members and adherents in their commitments to serve God and the community. The church offers a wide range of public worship, open to all, facilities for young people, and numerous mid-week activities particularly, but not exclusively, serving the communities in Shirley and Swaythling. The class operating from Swaythling has sadly ceased to operate. The church has though welcomed new members from Northam Methodist Church following the closure of that church.

There are a number of outreach activities for parents of very young children at St James Road, with "Tadpoles" for pre-school children, "Who Let The Dads Out" for young children and their fathers as well as an 'after school' club that currently caters for around 30 children. We also offer a Supper Club and Teapot for the more mature as well as a Memory Café and Bereavement Café. Additionally the premises are used by a wide variety of groups providing services and facilities for the local community. These include dance, keep fit classes, mental health services, ex-offenders groups, badminton, bowls, various events and programmes run through the NHS Solent Trust, carers support group and the U3A.

The Church Council is the managing body, operating in accordance with Methodist policies and practice as set out in the document 'Constitutional Practice and Discipline of the Methodist Church', and is chaired by the Minister and administered by its Secretary. The Church Stewards have a special responsibility for the spiritual life of the church and the conduct of worship. The Property Stewards have responsibility for maintaining the premises. The Church Treasurer is responsible for financial administration, assisted by a number of people with specific tasks. Other responsibilities in the church are delegated by the Church Council to specific individuals, subject to annual appointment or re-appointment.

Review of progress and achievements

The impact of Covid-19 on the ability of the church to worship in usual ways was significant and continues to impact. The church innovated with the use of 'live streaming' of services via YouTube during the Covid-19 lockdowns, having invested in the purchase of new equipment to enable this to be done. Worshipping life within the church has returned to its regular rhythms and whilst numbers attending are lower than those of pre-Covid levels, there are encouraging signs of growth.

The monthly "New Song Café" Sunday evening event started in April 2016, in which Christians from different denominations gather to celebrate God and our faith together. This form of worship continues on the second Sunday of the month in the evening and remains popular. Experimentation in using the newly refurbished café area instead of the main church sanctuary is being explored and the results assessed.

The church started a review in 2015, under the name "Dare to Dream", exploring how we might continue and possibly extend our use of our premises to serve God's people and make new disciples. From that, plans were drawn up to develop the premises significantly, installing a lift and make greater use of the first floor, extending The Link foyer and upgrading the facilities for the pre-school. These works under the project title, 'Connect: A Space to Share' were formally started late in 2019 and construction was completed during the Covid-19 lockdown. As part of this work the extremely exciting outreach café, 'Make & Brew' is now successfully operating from the new Link space creating a significant focus for the church's future engagement with the local community. This work is already creating interest in the worshipping life of the church from those visiting the café which is encouraging. The formal re-opening celebration of the revised premises took place in October to coincide with the annual Church Anniversary.

A further significant development from the 'Connect: A Space to Share' work has been the decision by the Re-minds charity to base their operation from the newly refurbished community spaces within the church building and making considerable use of the improved facilities on the first floor. This has been a

clear demonstration of the church's intention to provide services and facilities for the local community from the premises and is the first indication of some of the anticipated 'fruit' from this work. Following on from this there has been an increasing use of the premises by the Solent NHS Trust in their provision of services in the community which has come from initial seeds sown by the then, Deacon at the church.

The church premises has developed into the thriving hub that was envisaged and intended as part of the 'Connect' project. There are still challenges to be faced but the relationships that have already been built with organisations and individuals and those that are currently developing are an essential demonstration of the love of Jesus that the church always intended to be shared with the local community.

In accordance with normal Methodist practices, the church was aware that this year would be the final year that Rev. Christine Coram would be its Minister. During the year, the church went through the standard process of seeking a new Minister to take over from September 2022 and is delighted that the Rev. Stephen Robinson has been appointed to the role.

Financial Information

The accounts for the year to 31 August 2022 are being independently examined and are included as part of this report. Expenditure has exceeded income by around £11,000 over the year which is primarily the result of making the final retention payment to the contractors employed to complete the Connect project.

The church benefits from a substantial amount of expertise and time given freely by its members, especially but not exclusively in property maintenance and administrative functions, including pastoral care and the provision of music for worship. No attempt has been made to quantify that, either in hours or in monetary value.

Signed

Rev Stephen Robinson

Name of Church

St James Road Methodist Church

Church No 1127830

Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) for the year ended 31 August 2022

	Notes to the accounts	General Fund (Unrestricted)	Designated Funds (unrestricted)	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2021-22
		£	£	£	£	£
Income						
1 Offerings	4	81,352	-	-	-	81,352
2 Donations	5	248	-	1,472	-	1,720
2a Grants		-	-	26,025	-	26,025
2b Gift Day	8	7,030	-	-	-	7,030
3 Gift aid	4	19,420	-	4,854	-	24,274
4 Interest and investment income	6	352	-	26	-	378
5 Property Income	7	42,745	-	-	-	42,745
6 Internal organisations	8	-	1,987	4,699	-	6,686
7 Other charitable income	8	30,668	3,127	-	-	33,795
8 Total income		181,815	5,114	37,076	-	224,005
Expenditure						
9 Circuit assessment or share		78,528	-	-	-	78,528
10 Grants and donations		3,319	-	2,732	-	6,051
11 Property maintenance		43,034	-	-	-	43,034
12 Insurance, utilities etc		21,668	-	-	-	21,668
13 Depreciation		-	-	-	-	-
14 Interest paid		5,159	-	-	-	5,159
15 Other expenditure		2,846	3,134	8,902	-	14,882
16 Internal organisations		7,423	-	7,914	-	15,337
17 Total charitable expenditure		161,977	3,134	19,548	-	184,659
18 Gains/(losses) on monetary investments	13				5	5
19 Gains/(losses) on investment properties						-
20 Net income/(expenditure)		19,838	1,980	17,528	5	39,351
21 Transfers between funds		24,004	(3,866)	(20,138)	-	-
22 Other gains/(losses)		-	-	-	-	-
23 Net movement in funds		43,842	(1,886)	(2,610)	5	39,351
24 Total funds brought forward		59,113	2,780,822	26,199	5,000	2,871,134
25 Total funds carried forward		102,955	2,778,936	23,589	5,005	2,910,485

Name of Church

St James Road Methodist Church

Church No

1127830

Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) for the year ended 31 August 2021

	Notes to the accounts	General Fund (Unrestricted)	Designated Funds (unrestricted)	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2020-21
		£	£	£	£	£
Income						
1 Offerings	4	86,056	-	-	-	86,056
2 Donations	5	-	-	20,422	-	20,422
2a Grants		-	-	10,000	-	10,000
2b Gift Day		4,100	-	-	-	4,100
3 Gift aid	4	25,811	-	10,511	-	36,322
4 Interest and investment income	6	167	-	19	-	186
5 Property Income	7	19,961	-	-	-	19,961
6 Internal organisations		-	770	223	-	993
7 Other charitable income	8	2,144	1,708	2,655	-	6,507
8 Total income		138,239	2,478	43,830	-	184,547
Expenditure						
9 Circuit assessment or share		78,528	-	-	-	78,528
10 Grants and donations		608	-	-	-	608
11 Property maintenance		46,719	-	324,552	-	371,271
12 Insurance, utilities etc		15,343	-	-	-	15,343
13 Depreciation		-	-	-	-	-
14 Office expenses		-	-	-	-	-
15 Other expenditure		11,255	4,499	26,959	-	42,713
16 Internal organisations		-	-	387	-	387
17 Total charitable expenditure		152,453	4,499	351,898	-	508,850
18 Gains/(losses) on monetary investments	13					-
19 Gains/(losses) on investment properties						-
20 Net income/(expenditure)		(14,214)	(2,021)	(308,068)	-	(324,303)
21 Transfers between funds		25,734	(181,525)	155,791	-	-
22 Other gains/(losses)		-	-	-	-	-
23 Net movement in funds		11,520	(183,546)	(152,277)	-	(324,303)
24 Total funds brought forward		47,593	2,964,368	178,476	5,000	3,195,437
25 Total funds carried forward		59,113	2,780,822	26,199	5,000	2,871,134

Name of Church

St James Road Methodist Church

Church No

1127830

Balance Sheet as at 31 August 2022

Notes to the Accounts		General Fund (Unrestricted)	Designated Funds (Unrestricted)	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Totals 2022	Totals 2021
		£	£	£	£	£	£
Fixed Assets							
	Church building and other property	12	-	3,010,522	-	-	3,010,522
	Investments	13	-	-	-	5,005	5,005
	Total fixed assets		-	3,010,522	-	5,005	3,015,527
Current Assets							
	Debtors and prepayments	14	6,871	-	-	-	6,871
	Gift Aid	14	8,135	-	893	-	9,028
	Gartec Lift Inspection Plan	14	494	-	-	-	494
	Investments with TMCP	14	40	-	524	-	564
	Central Finance Board Deposits	14	79,972	-	15,594	-	95,566
	Cash at Bank and in hand	14	10,393	6,115	6,578	-	23,086
	Total current assets		105,905	6,115	23,589	-	135,609
Current liabilities							
	Creditors (due in under 1 year)	15	2,950	-	-	-	2,950
	Grants payable within 2022-23		-	-	-	-	-
	Total current liabilities		2,950	-	-	-	2,950
	Net current assets/liabilities		102,955	6,115	23,589	-	132,659
	Total assets less current liabilities		102,955	3,016,637	23,589	5,005	3,148,186
Long term liabilities (due after more than one year)							
	Loans to the Church		-	45,000	-	-	45,000
	Chapel Aid Loan		-	192,701	-	-	192,701
	Net assets		102,955	2,778,936	23,589	5,005	2,910,485
Funds of the Church							
	General Fund (Unrestricted)		102,955	-	-	-	102,955
	Designated Funds (Unrestricted)		-	2,778,936	-	-	2,778,936
	Total Unrestricted Funds		-	-	-	-	2,881,891
	Restricted Funds		-	-	23,589	-	23,589
	Endowment Funds		-	-	-	5,005	5,005
	Total Funds		102,955	2,778,936	23,589	5,005	2,910,485

Signed



Church Treasurer

1 Basis of Accounting

The financial statements have been prepared under the Charities Act 2011 in accordance with the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with FRS 102 (effective from 1 January 2015) - the Charities SORP (FRS 102).

2 Funds

The funds held constitute: General Funds held for any purpose of the Church which are Unrestricted. Restricted Funds which are held for a narrower purpose including those for internal organisations. There are also Designated funds which have been earmarked by the trustees for particular purposes within Unrestricted funds. Details of each material fund are disclosed in note 18. Any funds may be represented by more than just cash.

3 Accounting Policies

Basis

These accounts have been prepared on the basis of historical cost except that investments are shown at their market value at the end of the year, on the accruals basis to show a true and fair view of the Church's financial position and activities.

Income

Income is included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) when the Church becomes entitled to it, the trustees judge it probable that they will receive it, and the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Expenditure

This is recognised when a liability is incurred, or a constructive obligation arises, that results in the payment being unavoidable.

Grants

Grants made by the Church from its own funds are recognised in full at the time of agreement or when the Church accepts that there is a legal or operational obligation to make the payment.

VAT

Since the Church is not VAT registered, all input VAT is charged with the expenses to which it refers.

Tangible Fixed Assets for use by the Church

These are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year, and individually cost at least £1,000. The freehold property is shown at deemed historical cost. Other fixed assets are depreciated on a straight line basis over periods as set out in note 12.

Investment Properties

Investment properties - no property is currently deemed to not be held for the long term purpose of the charity.

Investments

Investments are valued in the balance sheet at market value at the year end. Investment income is included in the accounts when receivable and any gains or losses on revaluation at the year end are shown on the SOFA.

Debtors and Prepayments

Debtors include Gift Aid not yet received in respect of donations up to the balance sheet date, and prepayments such as Circuit Assessment paid for subsequent periods.

Creditors

Creditors include outstanding loan balances from church members which are repayable on demand and interest free.

Going Concern

The accounts have been prepared on the basis that the charity is a going concern.

St James Road Methodist Church

			2022	2021
4 Offerings Including Gift Aid	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
	£	£	£	£
Standing Orders	56,902	-	56,902	57,311
Collections and regular giving	24,450	-	24,450	28,745
Tax Credits	19,420	4,854	24,274	36,322
Total	100,772	4,854	105,626	122,378

			2022	2021
5 Donations and Legacies	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
	£	£	£	£
Donations	248	1,472	1,720	20,422
Legacies	-	-	-	-
Total	248	1,472	1,720	20,422

			2022	2021
6 Investment Income	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
	£	£	£	£
Central Finance Board	352	-	352	167
TMCP	-	26	26	19
Total	352	26	378	186

			2022	2021
7 Property Income	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
	£	£	£	£
Lettings	42,745	-	42,745	19,961
Total	42,745	-	42,745	19,961

			2022	2021
8 Other Income	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
	£	£	£	£
Fundraising Events	-	-	-	-
Special Offerings	7,030	-	7,030	4,100
Other	35,782	4,699	40,481	17,500
Total	42,812	4,699	47,511	21,600

St James Road Methodist Church

9 Payment to Trustees	2021	2020
Payments made to trustees for additional services provided to the church by agreement with the Church Council Meeting	-	-
Number of trustees who were paid expenses	11	13
Nature of the expenses: postage, supplies, fundraising event costs, printing, stationery, electrical equipment, worship materials and general consumables		
Total amount paid	£ 6,189	17,100
 10 Fees for Examination or Audit of the Accounts		
Independent Examiner's or Auditor's fees for reporting on the accounts	£ 990	990
Other fees (e.g. advice, accountancy services) paid to the Independent Examiner or Auditor	£ -	-
 11 Paid Employees		
Staff Costs paid during the year were:		
Gross wages, salaries and benefits in kind	£ -	-
Employers National Insurance Costs	£ -	-
Pension Costs	£ -	-
Total Staff Costs	£ -	-
 Average number of staff employed during the year	 -	 -

Volunteers

In accordance with FRS102, the value of volunteer time is not recognised in the accounts. However it is acknowledged that the Church benefits greatly from all the work done by its many volunteers, enriching and expanding so many areas of our worship, service and mission. This includes the members of Church Council (trustees) who kindly provide time free of charge to oversee the church's operations and ensure compliance with our many obligations.

12 Tangible Fixed Assets
Cost or Valuation

		Church (non investment)	Other Land & Buildings	Organ	Other Fixed Assets	Total
		Land & Buildings				
		£	£	£	£	£
	Balance Brought Forward	3,010,522	-	313,512	2,269	3,326,303
	Additions		-	-	-	-
	Balance Carried Forward	3,010,522	-	313,512	2,269	3,326,303
	Accumulated Depreciation					
	Balance Brought Forward	-	-	313,512	2,269	315,781
	Depreciation charge for the year (-)	-	-	-	-	-
	Balance Carried Forward	-	-	313,512	2,269	315,781
	Net Book Value					
	Brought Forward	3,010,522	-	-	-	3,010,522
	Carried Forward	3,010,522	-	-	-	3,010,522

Depreciation rate/period

nil

3 years

10 years

3 years

St James Road Methodist Church

13 Investments

The funds that support the various funds are held by TMCP in Trustees Interest Funds on which interest is credited to the accounts each month. These are regarded as medium and long term investments.

TMCP is the legal owner and Custodian Trustee of all Methodist Model Trust property, including Legacies, Endowments, and Accumulated Funds. Trust property is held for and on behalf of local Managing Trustees who are responsible for the day to day management of trust property. TMCP ensure that, through providing guidance and acting under their direction, the Managing Trustees comply with charity law and Methodist law and policy as determined by the Methodist Conference.

Analysis of Investment Movements

	2022	2021
Change in Investment Values		
	£	£
Carrying (market) value at beginning of year	5,000	5,000
Add: additions to Investments at Cost	5	-
Less: Disposals at Carrying Value	-	-
Net gain/loss on revaluation	-	-
Carrying (market) value at end of Year	5,005	5,000

St James Road Methodist Church

14 Analysis of Current Assets

	2022	2021
	£	£
Debtors and Prepayments		
Pre-paid Assessment	6,871	6,544
Gift Aid	9,028	9,564
Gartec Lift Inspection Plan	494	988
Total Debtors and Prepayments	16,393	17,096

Analysis of Cash at Bank

Bank Balance held at HSBC	16,542	9,598
Bank Balance held at Central Finance Board	95,566	89,307
Bank Balance held in TMCP Model Trust Bequests	564	523
Petty Cash	22	22
Balances held by Internal Organisations	6,522	9,551
Total Cash and Bank Balances	119,216	109,001

15 Analysis of Current Liabilities

Examination Fee	2,130	1,650
Other Creditors	820	35,000
Total Current Liabilities	2,950	36,650

16 Analysis of Long Term Liabilities

Chapel Aid Loan	192,701	178,835
Interest Free Loans	45,000	55,000
Total	237,701	233,835

17 Capital Commitments and Contingent Liabilities

As at the 31st August 2022 the church has no capital commitments.

No contingent liabilities were identified as at 31st August 2022.

St James Road Methodist Church

18 Detailed Analysis of Individual Fund Movements

Unrestricted Funds

Fund Name	Opening Balance	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Revaluation Gains/Losses	Closing Balance
General Fund	59,113	181,815	161,977	24,004	-	102,955
Benevolent Fund	892	7	-	-	-	899
Fixed assets	2,776,687	-	-	(3,866)	-	2,772,821
Tadpoles	267	595	-	-	-	862
Who Let The Dads Out	203	-	-	-	-	203
Thursday Teapot	757	677	245	-	-	1,189
Youth Work	748	-	-	-	-	748
Others	1,268	3,835	2,889	-	-	2,214
Totals	2,839,935	186,929	165,111	20,138	-	2,881,891

Restricted Funds

Fund Name	Opening Balance	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Revaluation Gains/Losses	Closing Balance
Internal Organisations:						
SJR Boys/Girls Brigade	6,286	1,676	3,768	-	-	4,194
286 Boys Brigade	746	-	746	-	-	-
Choir	357	21	-	-	-	378
Bowls Club	1,079	647	721	-	-	1,005
Soup & Sweet Lunch	135	-	135	-	-	-
Womens Wednesday Grp	186	-	186	-	-	-
Youth Club	673	-	-	-	-	673
Chatty Crafters	89	1,855	1,672	-	-	272
Internal Orgs Total	9,551	4,199	7,228	-	-	6,522
Flower Fund	242	500	686	-	-	56
Loan Repayment Fund	-	29,867	8,109	(20,138)	-	1,620
Organ Fund	1,980	500	1,455	-	-	1,025
Property Reserve	12,729	-	-	-	-	12,729
Badminton Club	262	-	-	-	-	262
All We Can	20	48	68	-	-	-
Basics Bank	165	1,962	2,002	-	-	125
Legacy - 286	1,250	-	-	-	-	1,250
Totals	26,199	37,076	19,548	(20,138)	-	23,589

Fund Purposes

Benevolent Fund: for giving at the discretion of the Ministers to needy individuals in the locality

Tadpoles and Who Let The Dads Out: for providing services to the community in connection with young families

Thursday Teapot: for distribution at the discretion of the Church Council from funds donated at month meetings

Fixed Asset Fund: Shows the carrying value of the fixed assets less outstanding loans on those assets.

Internal Organisations: funds held by groups reporting to the Church Council

Flower Fund: funds donated for the provision of weekly church flowers

Loan Repayment Fund: these are funds held towards the repayment of the loan for development of the new Link and 1st floor rooms. This was previously known as Development Fund (Connect).

Organ Fund: funds held towards the repair and maintenance of the church organ

Property Reserve: funds held towards larger than normal property expenses funded from underspend of previous years property maintenance budgets

Badminton Club: funds held on behalf of the club that meets on the Church premises

All We Can/Basics Bank: funds held from member donations for these specified causes

Legacy 286: legacy received for restricted use for Boys Brigade at '286'.

Transfers Between Funds

Various transfers were made between funds to release funding for the building project.

19 Related party Transactions

There were no related party transactions

Name of Church

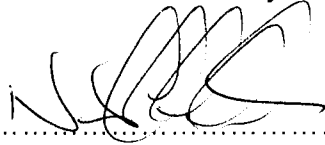
St James Road Methodist Church

Charity No. 1127830

Declarations and Scrutiny

I confirm that these accruals-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

18/1/2023

Name and address of treasurer:


Neil Hitch

22 Marybridge Close, Totton, Southampton, SO40 9AQ

Presentation to the Church trustees

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2022 were/will be* presented to the meeting of the Church trustees held on

Signature of the Chair of the meeting:



Name of the Chair of the meeting:

STEPHEN ROBINSON

Date

14.2.2023

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of

St James Road Methodist Church

Charity Number 1127830

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Church for the year ended 31 August 2022. 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.

Independent Examiner's Statement

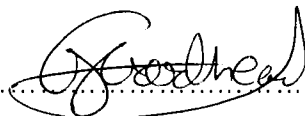
I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which give me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act; or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view, which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination
- the trustees' annual report is not consistent with the accounts

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 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: Chris Goodhead

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner: Chartered Accountant

Name of firm (where appropriate): Knight Goodhead Ltd

Address: 7 Bournemouth Road, Chandler's Ford, Eastleigh, Hampshire, SO53 3DA

Date: 18 January 2023

ST JAMES ROAD METHODIST CHURCH

England & Wales - Charity number 1127830

Accounts

THE METHODIST CHURCH
STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

St James Road Methodist	Church
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FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31 August 2021

Southampton Circuit	Circuit no	26/1
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Registered Charity - Charity Registration number	1127830
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Minister:

Rev C Coram

Church Stewards:

Mr D Skinner	Mr C Bradwell
Mr P Syed	Mrs C Benyon
Mrs E White	Mr P Broomfield
Mrs M Syed	
Mr C Fullbrook	
Mrs P Harris	
Mrs C Hooper	
Mr D Bone	

Treasurer:

Mr N Hitch

St James Road Methodist Church, Southampton

Annual Report for the year ended 31 August 2021

Administrative information:

This report relates to St James Road Methodist Church, Southampton. With 166 members (as at September 2020) the church is the largest in the Southampton Circuit, which itself forms part of the Southampton District of the Methodist Church.

The church became a Registered Charity in January 2010. Its registered title is St James Road Methodist Church and its charity number is 1127830. The church address is St James Road, Shirley, Southampton SO15 5HE. Correspondence should be addressed to the church unless a specific address is given by a person acting on behalf of the church.

The following served as Managing Trustees in the year ended 31 August 2021:
Rev C Coram, Mrs P Wood (Secretary), Mr N Hitch (Treasurer), Ms C Benyon, Mr D Bone, Mr C Bradwell, Mr P Broomfield, Mr J Deabill, Mr H Evans, Mrs L Evans, Mr G Fletcher (Circuit), Mr C Fullbrook, Ms K Green, Ms V Green, Mr R Hack, Mr O Hack, Ms S Hambley, Mr B Hart, Mrs P Harris, Ms J Herniman, Mr B Hooper, Mrs C Hooper, Miss C Pritchard, Mrs G Robinson, Miss J Ryder, Mr D Skinner, Mr P Syed, Mrs M Syed, Miss E White, Mrs E Woodman, Mr D Woodman.

Aims and organisation

The church exists primarily for the advancement of the Christian faith, in accordance with the doctrinal standards and the discipline of the Methodist Church; in particular, it aims to welcome and support anyone seeking to know more of the Christian faith, to serve the community in which it is placed, and to support its members and adherents in their commitments to serve God and the community. The church offers a wide range of public worship, open to all, facilities for young people, and numerous mid-week activities particularly, but not exclusively, serving the communities in Shirley and Swaythling. The class operating from Swaythling has sadly ceased to operate during the last year following the sale of the old church premises being completed. The church has though welcomed new members from Northam Methodist Church following the closure of that church.

There are a number of outreach activities for parents of very young children at St James Road, with "Tadpoles" for pre-school children, a twins club, "Who Let The Dads Out" for young children and their fathers as well as an 'after school' club that currently caters for around 30 children and a weekly Spanish class for children. We also offer a Soup & Sweet Lunch, Supper Club and "Thursday Teapot" for the more mature. Additionally the premises are used by a wide variety of groups providing services and facilities for the local community. These

include dance, keep fit classes, mental health services, ex-offenders groups, badminton, bowls, carers support group and the U3A. Some of these groups have not yet re-started following the Covid-19 pandemic and decisions will be made concerning their future in the coming months.

The Church Council is the managing body, operating in accordance with Methodist policies and practice as set out in the document 'Constitutional Practice and Discipline of the Methodist Church', and is chaired by the Minister and administered by its Secretary. The Church Stewards have a special responsibility for the spiritual life of the church and the conduct of worship. The Property Stewards have responsibility for maintaining the premises. The Church Treasurer is responsible for financial administration, assisted by a number of people with specific tasks. Other responsibilities in the church are delegated by the Church Council to specific individuals, subject to annual appointment or re-appointment.

Review of progress and achievements

The impact of Covid-19 on the ability of the church to worship in usual ways has been significant. The church has innovated with the use of 'live streaming' of services via YouTube during the Covid-19 lockdowns, having invested in the purchase of new equipment to enable this to be done. Gradually, as lockdown restrictions have been lifted, worshipping life within the church has returned to its regular rhythms and whilst numbers attending are lower than those of pre-Covid levels, yet they are encouraging and beginning to grow.

The monthly "New Song Café" Sunday evening event started in April 2016, in which Christians from different denominations gather to celebrate God and our faith together. Following the relaxation of lockdown restrictions, it is planned to re-start this event in September 2021.

The church started a review in 2015, under the name "Dare to Dream", exploring how we might continue and possibly extend our use of our premises to serve God's people and make new disciples. From that, plans were drawn up to develop the premises significantly, installing a lift and make greater use of the first floor, extending The Link foyer and upgrading the facilities for the pre-school. These works under the project title, 'Connect: A Space to Share' were formally started late in 2019 and construction was completed during the Covid-19 lockdown. As part of this work the extremely exciting outreach café, 'Make & Brew' is now successfully operating from the new Link space creating a significant focus for the church's future engagement with the local community. This work is already creating interest in the worshipping life of the church from those visiting the café which is encouraging. The formal re-opening celebration of the revised premises is planned for October 2021 to coincide with the annual Church Anniversary.

A further significant development from the 'Connect: A Space to Share' work has

been the decision by the Re-minds charity to base their operation from the newly refurbished community spaces within the church building and making considerable use of the improved facilities on the first floor. This has been a clear demonstration of the church's intention to provide services and facilities for the local community from the premises and is the first indication of some of the anticipated 'fruit' from this work.

Covid-19 has inevitably created significant problems since the pandemic lockdown was announced in March 2020. The groups that normally used the building have been unable to do so. This has though given an opportunity to do things differently and rise to the challenges presented. It is planned to continue to stream one of the church worship services each week to enable people to continue accessing online if they are either unable to attend worship or are among the numbers of people being reached by the church that would otherwise not be the case. The network of pastoral carers has been extremely active in ensuring that regular contact is maintained with church members and to exercise the care required for all its people.

It is hoped that the building can be properly re-opened during the autumn of 2021 as more community groups start to operate again. The Pre-school Nursery and after-school club have both begun operating again and it is planned to expand the number of community groups using the revised facilities progressively as this becomes feasible.

Financial Information

The accounts for the year to 31 August 2021 are being independently examined and are included as part of this report. Expenditure has exceeded income by around £324,303 over the year which is primarily the result of the redevelopment project, entitled: Connect: A Space to Share.

The church benefits from a substantial amount of expertise and time given freely by its members, especially but not exclusively in property maintenance and administrative functions, including pastoral care and the provision of music for worship. No attempt has been made to quantify that, either in hours or in monetary value.

Signed

Rev Christine Coram

Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) for the year ended 31 August 2021

	Notes to the accounts	General Fund (Unrestricted) £	Designated Funds (unrestricted) £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total 2020-21 £
Income						
1 Offerings	4	86,056	-	-	-	86,056
2 Donations	5	-	-	20,422	-	20,422
2a Grants		-	-	10,000	-	10,000
2b Gift Day		4,100	-	-	-	4,100
3 Gift aid	4	25,811	-	10,511	-	36,322
4 Interest and investment income	6	167	-	19	-	186
5 Property Income	7	19,961	-	-	-	19,961
6 Internal organisations			770	223	-	993
7 Other charitable income	8	2,144	1,708	2,655	-	6,507
8 Total income		138,239	2,478	43,830	-	184,547
Expenditure						
9 Circuit assessment or share		78,528	-	-	-	78,528
10 Grants and donations		608	-	-	-	608
11 Property maintenance		46,719	-	324,552	-	371,271
12 Insurance, utilities etc		15,343	-	-	-	15,343
13 Depreciation		-	-	-	-	-
14 Office expenses		-	-	-	-	-
15 Other expenditure		11,255	4,499	26,959	-	42,713
16 Internal organisations			-	387	-	387
17 Total charitable expenditure		152,453	4,499	351,898	-	508,850
18 Gains/(losses) on monetary investments	13					-
19 Gains/(losses) on investment properties						-
20 Net income/(expenditure)		(14,214)	(2,021)	(308,068)	-	(324,303)
21 Transfers between funds		25,734	(181,525)	155,791	-	-
22 Other gains/(losses)		-	-	-	-	-
23 Net movement in funds		11,520	(183,546)	(152,277)	-	(324,303)
24 Total funds brought forward		47,593	2,964,368	178,476	5,000	3,195,437
25 Total funds carried forward		59,113	2,780,822	26,199	5,000	2,871,134

Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) for the year ended 31 August 2020

	Notes to the accounts	General Fund (Unrestricted) £	Designated Funds (unrestricted) £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total 2019-20 £
Income						
1 Offerings	4	85,921	-	-	-	85,921
2 Donations	5	6,429	-	56,683	-	63,112
2a Grants		-	-	450,000	-	450,000
2b Gift Day		5,166	-	19,705	-	24,871
3 Gift aid	4	25,099	-	9,452	-	34,551
4 Interest and investment income	6	3,806	-	47	-	3,853
5 Property Income	7	27,060	-	-	-	27,060
6 Internal organisations		-	8,434	5,277	-	13,711
7 Other charitable income	8	1,703	1,524	19,511	-	22,738
8 Total income		155,184	9,958	560,675	-	725,817
Expenditure						
9 Circuit assessment or share		97,074	-	-	-	97,074
10 Grants and donations		3,506	-	-	-	3,506
11 Property maintenance		21,618	-	-	-	21,618
12 Insurance, utilities etc		21,576	-	-	-	21,576
13 Depreciation		-	-	-	-	-
14 Office expenses		-	-	-	-	-
15 Other expenditure		20,355	7,555	5,112	-	33,022
16 Internal organisations		-	-	5,533	-	5,533
17 Total charitable expenditure		164,129	7,555	10,645	-	182,329
18 Gains/(losses) on monetary investments	13	-	-	-	-	-
19 Gains/(losses) on investment properties		-	-	-	-	-
20 Net income/(expenditure)		(8,945)	2,403	550,030	-	543,488
21 Transfers between funds		(15,000)	706,694	(691,694)	-	-
22 Other gains/(losses)		-	-	-	-	-
23 Net movement in funds		(23,945)	709,097	(141,664)	-	543,488
24 Total funds brought forward		71,538	2,255,271	320,140	5,000	2,651,949
25 Total funds carried forward		47,593	2,964,368	178,476	5,000	3,195,437

Name of Church

St James Road Methodist Church

Church No

1127830

Balance Sheet as at 31 August 2021

Notes to the Accounts		General Fund (Unrestricted)	Designated Funds (Unrestricted)	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Totals 2021	Totals 2020
		£	£	£	£	£	£
Fixed Assets							
Church building and other property	12	-	3,010,522	-	-	3,010,522	2,958,212
Investments	13	-	-	-	5,000	5,000	5,000
Total fixed assets		-	3,010,522	-	5,000	3,015,522	2,963,212
Current Assets							
Debtors and prepayments	14	7,532	-	-	-	7,532	6,544
Gift Aid	14	8,671	-	893	-	9,564	5,500
Investments with TMCP	14	-	-	523	-	523	523
Central Finance Board Deposits	14	72,623	1,452	15,232	-	89,307	218,983
Cash at Bank and in hand	14	6,937	2,683	9,551	-	19,171	47,775
Total current assets		95,763	4,135	26,199	-	126,097	279,325
Current liabilities							
Creditors (due in under 1 year)	15	36,650	-	-	-	36,650	2,100
Grants payable within 2018-19		-	-	-	-	-	-
Total current liabilities		36,650	-	-	-	36,650	2,100
Net current assets/liabilities		59,113	4,135	26,199	-	89,447	277,225
Total assets less current liabilities		59,113	3,014,657	26,199	5,000	3,104,969	3,240,437
Long term liabilities (due after more than one year)							
Loans to the Church		-	55,000	-	-	55,000	45,000
Chapel Aid Loan		-	178,835	-	-	178,835	-
Net assets		59,113	2,780,822	26,199	5,000	2,871,134	3,195,437
Funds of the Church							
General Fund (Unrestricted)		59,113	-	-	-	59,113	47,593
Designated Funds (Unrestricted)		-	2,780,822	-	-	2,780,822	2,964,368
Total Unrestricted Funds		-	-	-	-	2,839,935	3,011,961
Restricted Funds		-	-	26,199	-	26,199	178,476
Endowment Funds		-	-	0	5,000	5,000	5,000
Total Funds		59,113	2,780,822	26,199	5,000	2,871,134	3,195,437

Signed

Church Treasurer

Name of Church **St James Road Methodist Church**Church No. **1127830****Cash flow statement for the year ended 31 August 2021**

Statement of cash flows	Note	2021 £	2020 £
Cash from operating activities			
Net cash used in operating activities		(294,991)	542,849
Cash flows from investing activities			
Dividends, interest and rents from investments		186	3,853
Purchase of property, plant and equipment		(52,310)	(708,212)
Net cash provided by investing activities		(52,124)	(704,359)
Cash flows from financing activities			
New borrowing		188,835	45,000
Net cash used in financing activities		188,835	45,000
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period		(158,280)	(116,510)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period		266,758	383,268
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period		108,478	266,758
Reconciliation of net income to net cash flow from operating activities			
		2021 £	2020 £
Net income for the reporting period (as per statement of financial activities)		(324,303)	543,488
Adjustments for:			
Gains on investments		-	(4)
Dividends, interest and rents from investments		(186)	(3,853)
(increase)/decrease in debtors		(5,052)	2,198
increase/(decrease) in creditors		34,550	1,020
Net cash used in operating activities		(294,991)	542,849
Analysis of cash and cash equivalent			
		2021 £	2020 £
Cash in hand		108,478	266,758
Total cash and cash equivalents		108,478	266,758

1 Basis of Accounting

The financial statements have been prepared under the Charities Act 2011 in accordance with the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with FRS 102 (effective from 1 January 2015) - the Charities SORP (FRS 102).

2 Funds

The funds held constitute: General Funds held for any purpose of the Church which are Unrestricted. Restricted Funds which are held for a narrower purpose including those for internal organisations. There are also Designated funds which have been earmarked by the trustees for particular purposes within Unrestricted funds. Details of each material fund are disclosed in note 18. Any funds may be represented by more than just cash.

3 Accounting Policies**Basis**

These accounts have been prepared on the basis of historical cost except that investments are shown at their market value at the end of the year, on the accruals basis to show a true and fair view of the Church's financial position and activities.

Income

Income is included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) when the Church becomes entitled to it, the trustees judge it probable that they will receive it, and the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Expenditure

This is recognised when a liability is incurred, or a constructive obligation arises, that results in the payment being unavoidable.

Grants

Grants made by the Church from its own funds are recognised in full at the time of agreement or when the Church accepts that there is a legal or operational obligation to make the payment.

VAT

Since the Church is not VAT registered, all input VAT is charged with the expenses to which it refers.

Tangible Fixed Assets for use by the Church

These are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year, and individually cost at least £1,000. The freehold property is shown at deemed historical cost. Other fixed assets are depreciated on a straight line basis over periods as set out in note 12.

Investment Properties

Investment properties - no property is currently deemed to not be held for the long term purpose of the charity.

Investments

Investments are valued in the balance sheet at market value at the year end. Investment income is included in the accounts when receivable and any gains or losses on revaluation at the year end are shown on the SOFA.

Debtors and Prepayments

Debtors include Gift Aid not yet received in respect of donations up to the balance sheet date, and prepayments such as Circuit Assessment paid for subsequent periods.

Creditors

Creditors include outstanding loan balances from church members which are repayable on demand and interest free.

Going Concern

The accounts have been prepared on the basis that the charity is a going concern.

St James Road Methodist Church

4 Offerings Including Gift Aid	Unrestricted	Restricted	2021	2020
			Total	Total
	£	£	£	£
Standing Orders	57,311		57,311	50,345
Collections and regular giving	28,745		28,745	35,576
Tax Credits	25,811	10,511	36,322	34,551
Total	111,867	10,511	122,378	120,472

5 Donations and Legacies	Unrestricted	Restricted	2021	2020
			Total	Total
	£	£	£	£
Donations	-	20,422	20,422	57,892
Legacies	-	-	-	5,220
Total	0	20,422	20,422	63,112

6 Investment Income	Unrestricted	Restricted	2021	2020
			Total	Total
	£	£	£	£
Central Finance Board	167	-	167	3,806
TMCP	-	19	19	47
Total	167	19	186	3,853

7 Property Income	Unrestricted	Restricted	2021	2020
			Total	Total
	£	£	£	£
Lettings	19,961	-	19,961	27,060
Total	19,961	-	19,961	27,060

8 Other Income	Unrestricted	Restricted	2021	2020
			Total	Total
	£	£	£	£
Fundraising Events	-	-	-	3,149
Special Offerings	4,100	-	4,100	-
Other	4,622	12,878	17,500	19,589
Total	8,722	12,878	21,600	22,738

St James Road Methodist Church

9 Payment to Trustees	2021	2020
Payments made to trustees for additional services provided to the church by agreement with the Church Council Meeting	-	-
Number of trustees who were paid expenses	13	10
Nature of the expenses: postage, supplies, fundraising event costs, printing, stationery, electrical equipment, worship materials and general consumables		
Total amount paid	£ 17,100	7,925
 10 Fees for Examination or Audit of the Accounts		
Independent Examiner's or Auditor's fees for reporting on the accounts	£ 990	600
Other fees (e.g. advice, accountancy services) paid to the Independent Examiner or Auditor	£ -	-
 11 Paid Employees		
Staff Costs paid during the year were:		
Gross wages, salaries and benefits in kind	£ -	-
Employers National Insurance Costs	£ -	-
Pension Costs	£ -	-
Total Staff Costs	£ -	-
 Average number of staff employed during the year	 -	 -

Volunteers

In accordance with FRS102, the value of volunteer time is not recognised in the accounts. However it is acknowledged that the Church benefits greatly from all the work done by its many volunteers, enriching and expanding so many areas of our worship, service and mission. This includes the members of Church Council (trustees) who kindly provide time free of charge to oversee the church's operations and ensure compliance with our many obligations.

12 Tangible Fixed Assets
Cost or Valuation

		Church (non investment)	Other Land & Buildings	Organ	Other Fixed Assets	Total
		Land & Buildings				
		£	£	£	£	£
	Balance Brought Forward	2,958,212	-	313,512	2,269	3,273,993
	Additions	52,310	-	-	-	52,310
	Balance Carried Forward	3,010,522	-	313,512	2,269	3,326,303
	Accumulated Depreciation					
	Balance Brought Forward	-	-	313,512	2,269	315,781
	Depreciation charge for the year (-)	-	-	-	-	-
	Balance Carried Forward	-	-	313,512	2,269	315,781
	Net Book Value					
	Brought Forward	2,958,212	-	-	-	2,958,212
	Carried Forward	3,010,522	-	-	-	3,010,522

Depreciation rate/period

nil

3 years

10 years

3 years

St James Road Methodist Church

13 Investments

The funds that support the various funds are held by TMCP in Trustees Interest Funds on which interest is credited to the accounts each month. These are regarded as medium and long term investments.

TMCP is the legal owner and Custodian Trustee of all Methodist Model Trust property, including Legacies, Endowments, and Accumulated Funds. Trust property is held for and on behalf of local Managing Trustees who are responsible for the day to day management of trust property. TMCP ensure that, through providing guidance and acting under their direction, the Managing Trustees comply with charity law and Methodist law and policy as determined by the Methodist Conference.

Analysis of Investment Movements

	2021	2020
Change in Investment Values	£	£
Carrying (market) value at beginning of year	5,000	5,000
Add: additions to Investments at Cost	-	-
Less: Disposals at Carrying Value	-	-
Net gain/loss on revaluation	-	-
Carrying (market) value at end of Year	5,000	5,000

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14 Analysis of Current Assets

	2021	2020
	£	£
Debtors and Prepayments		
Pre-paid Assessment	6,544	6,544
Gift Aid	9,564	5,500
Gartec Lift Inspection Plan	988	-
Total Debtors and Prepayments	17,096	12,044

Analysis of Cash at Bank

Bank Balance held at HSBC	9,598	38,037
Bank Balance held at Central Finance Board	89,307	218,983
Bank Balance held in TMCP Model Trust Bequests	523	523
Petty Cash	22	22
Balances held by Internal Organisations	9,551	9,716
Total Cash and Bank Balances	109,001	267,281

15 Analysis of Current Liabilities

Examination Fee	1,650	600
Other Creditors	35,000	1,500
Total Current Liabilities	36,650	2,100

16 Analysis of Long Term Liabilities

Chapel Aid Loan	178,835	-
Interest Free Loans	55,000	45,000
	233,835	45,000

17 Capital Commitments and Contingent Liabilities

As at the 31st August 2021 the church has no capital commitments.

No contingent liabilities were identified as at 31st August 2021.

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18 Detailed Analysis of Individual Fund Movements

Unrestricted Funds

Fund Name	Opening Balance	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Revaluation Gains/Losses	Closing Balance
General Fund	47,593	138,239	152,453	25,734	-	59,113
Benevolent Fund	892	-	-	-	-	892
Fixed assets	2,958,212	-	-	(181,525)	-	2,776,687
Tadpoles	12	255	-	-	-	267
Who Let The Dads Out	203	-	-	-	-	203
Thursday Teapot	669	88	-	-	-	757
Youth Work	748	-	-	-	-	748
Others	3,632	2,135	4,499	-	-	1,268
Totals	3,011,961	140,717	156,952	(155,791)	-	2,839,935

Restricted Funds

Fund Name	Opening Balance	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Revaluation Gains/Losses	Closing Balance
Internal Organisations:						
SJR Boys/Girls Brigade	6,286	-	-	-	-	6,286
286 Boys Brigade	746	-	-	-	-	746
Choir	357	-	-	-	-	357
Bowls Club	1,064	40	25	-	-	1,079
Soup & Sweet Lunch	135	-	-	-	-	135
Womens Wednesday Grp	259	-	73	-	-	186
Youth Club	673	-	-	-	-	673
Chatty Crafters	195	183	289	-	-	89
Internal Orgs Total	9,715	223	387	-	-	9,551
Flower Fund	242	-	-	-	-	242
Development Fund (Connect)	148,789	40,952	345,532	155,791	-	-
Organ Fund	1,670	310	-	-	-	1,980
Property Reserve	16,179	-	3,450	-	-	12,729
Badminton Club	262	-	-	-	-	262
All We Can	39	240	259	-	-	20
Basics Bank	330	2,105	2,270	-	-	165
Legacy - 286	1,250	-	-	-	-	1,250
Totals	178,476	43,830	351,898	155,791	-	26,199

Fund Purposes

Benevolent Fund: for giving at the discretion of the Ministers to needy individuals in the locality

Tadpoles and Who Let The Dads Out: for providing services to the community in connection with young families

Thursday Teapot: for distribution at the discretion of the Church Council from funds donated at month meetings

Fixed Asset Fund: Shows the carrying value of the fixed assets less outstanding loans on those assets.

Internal Organisations: funds held by groups reporting to the Church Council

Flower Fund: funds donated for the provision of weekly church flowers

Connect: funds held towards the development of the new Link and 1st floor rooms.

Organ Fund: funds held towards the repair and maintenance of the church organ

Property Reserve: funds held towards larger than normal property expenses funded from underspend of previous years property maintenance budgets

Badminton Club: funds held on behalf of the club that meets on the Church premises

All We Can/Basics Bank: funds held from member donations for these specified causes

Legacy 286: legacy received for restricted use for Boys Brigade at '286'.

Transfers Between Funds

Various transfers were made between funds to release funding for the building project.

19 Related party Transactions

There were no related party transactions

Declarations and Scrutiny

I confirm that these accruals-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 **12/03/2022**

Name and address of treasurer : **22 Marybridge Close, Totton, Southampton. SO40 9AQ**

Presentation to the Church trustees

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2021 were presented to the meeting of the Church trustees held on

Signature of the Chair of the meeting

Name of the Chair of the meeting : **Rev Christine Coram** Date

Independent Examiner’s Report to the Trustees of the

St James Road Methodist Church

Charity Number 1127830

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

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 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; or
- the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view, which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination
- the trustees' annual report is not consistent with the accounts

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.

Signature of independent examiner



Name of independent examiner **C J Goodhead**

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner **FCA**

Name of firm (where appropriate) **Knight Goodhead Limited**

Address: 7 Bournemouth Road, Chandlers Ford, Eastleigh. SO53 3DA

Date 18 March 2022