

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 lockdowns 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

Name of Church

St James Road Methodist Church

Church No

1127830

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

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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
		2021	2020
Reconciliation of net income to net cash flow from operating activities		£	£
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
		2021	2020
Analysis of cash and cash equivalent		£	£
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

			2021	2020
4 Offerings Including Gift Aid	Unrestricted	Restricted	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

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

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

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

			2021	2020
8 Other Income	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
	£	£	£	£
Fundraising Events	-	-	-	3,149
Special Offerings	4,100	-	4,100	-
Other	4,622	12,878	17,500	19,589
	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	-	-	
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Number of trustees who were paid expenses	13	10	
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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	£	17,100	7,925
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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	£	990	600
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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.

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

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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

	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**

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Date 18 March 2022