

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

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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

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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	3,010,522
Investments	13	-	-	-	5,005	5,005	5,000
Total fixed assets		-	3,010,522	-	5,005	3,015,527	3,015,522

Current Assets

Debtors and prepayments	14	6,871	-	-	-	6,871	6,544
Gift Aid	14	8,135	-	893	-	9,028	9,564
Gartec Lift Inspection Plan	14	494	-	-	-	494	988
Investments with TMCP	14	40	-	524	-	564	523
Central Finance Board Deposits	14	79,972	-	15,594	-	95,566	89,307
Cash at Bank and in hand	14	10,393	6,115	6,578	-	23,086	19,171
Total current assets		105,905	6,115	23,589	-	135,609	126,097

Current liabilities

Creditors (due in under 1 year)	15	2,950	-	-	-	2,950	36,650
Grants payable within 2022-23		-	-	-	-	-	-
Total current liabilities		2,950	-	-	-	2,950	36,650
Net current assets/liabilities		102,955	6,115	23,589	-	132,659	89,447

Total assets less current liabilities		102,955	3,016,637	23,589	5,005	3,148,186	3,104,969
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Long term liabilities (due after more than one year)							
Loans to the Church		-	45,000	-	-	45,000	55,000
Chapel Aid Loan		-	192,701	-	-	192,701	178,835
Net assets		102,955	2,778,936	23,589	5,005	2,910,485	2,871,134

Funds of the Church

General Fund (Unrestricted)		102,955	-	-	-	102,955	59,113
Designated Funds (Unrestricted)		-	2,778,936	-	-	2,778,936	2,780,822
Total Unrestricted Funds		-	-	-	-	2,881,891	2,839,935
Restricted Funds		-	-	23,589	-	23,589	26,199
Endowment Funds		-	-	-	5,005	5,005	5,000
Total Funds		102,955	2,778,936	23,589	5,005	2,910,485	2,871,134

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.

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			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
	352	26	378	186

			2022	2021
7 Property Income	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
	£	£	£	£
Lettings	42,745	-	42,745	19,961
	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
	42,812	4,699	47,511	21,600

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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
	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.

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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	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

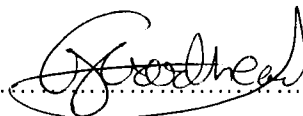
I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which give me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- 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