

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, sweeping horizontal stroke 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

	General Fund (Unrestricted)	Designated Funds (unrestricted)	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2023-24
	£	£	£	£	£
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	6845	-	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

Name of Church

St James Road Methodist Church

Church No

1127830

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
4 Offerings Including Gift Aid	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
	£	£	£	£
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

			2025	2024
5 Donations and Legacies	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
	£	£	£	£
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

			2025	2024
6 Investment Income	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
	£	£	£	£
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

			2025	2024
7 Property Income	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
	£	£	£	£
Lettings	62,134	-	62,134	70,954
	62,134	-	62,134	70,954

			2025	2024
8 Other Income	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
	£	£	£	£
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.

St James Road Methodist Church

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

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	3,272	3,334,696
	Additions	-	-	-	-	-
	Balance Carried Forward	3,017,912	-	313,512	3,272	3,334,696
	Accumulated Depreciation					
	Balance Brought Forward	60,358	-	313,512	2,603	376,473
	Depreciation charge for the year (-)	30,179	-	-	334	30,513
	Balance Carried Forward	90,537	-	313,512	2,937	406,986
	Net Book Value					
	Brought Forward	2,957,554	-	-	669	2,958,223
	Carried Forward	2,927,375	-	-	335	2,927,710

Depreciation rate/period

50 years (buildings)
nil (land)

3 years

10 years

3 years

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

Change in Investment Values

	2025	2024
	£	£
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

St James Road Methodist Church

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

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

21/1/2026

Name of Treasurer

Neil Hitch

Address

22 Marybridge Close, Totton, Southampton, SO40 9AQ

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.

2 Feb 2026

Signature of the Chair
of the Meeting



Name of the Chair of the Meeting

Rev S Robinson

Date

2.2.2026.

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

St James Road Methodist Church

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**

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Date **18/02/2026**