

St. John's Methodist Church

Bloxwich WS3 3HS

www.stjohnsbloxwich.co.uk

Minister: Rev. Jem Hawkins 29 Victoria Avenue, Bloxwich WS3 3HS

St John's Methodist Church - Trustees Annual Report – Y/E 31 August 2022

The trustees have pleasure in presenting their report and the financial statements for the year ended 31 August 2022

Registered charity name St John's Methodist Church Bloxwich

Charity registration number 1128201

THE TRUSTEES

The trustees who served the charity during the year and since the year end are as follows.

Circuit Superintendent Rev. Jem Hawkins

Circuit Ministers Rev. Jem Hawkins Rev. Elizabeth Dunning

Children and Family Worker Vickie Heydon-Matterface

Circuit Steward Diane Sargeant

Church Stewards Yvonne Gough, Jackie Whitehouse, Paul Wilde, Diana Bolton, Freda Woodward, Roger Woodward

Church Treasurer(s) Steve Butler Joyce Smith

Pastoral Committee Secretary Freda Woodward

Church Council Secretary Moira Simpson

Convenor of Worship Commission Peter Box

Junior Church Sandra Wilde

Spokesperson Youth Organisations Yvonne Gough

Finance & Property Secretary Moira Simpson

Property & Finance Oversight Group Chair Carl Bolton

Ecumenical Link Person Vacant

Safeguarding Officer Jackie Whitehouse

Community Link Person David Brown

Fire Regulation Officer Gary Wilson

A further 10 Members, Representatives of the congregation as elected at the Annual Church Meeting.

The Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes act as Custodian Trustees for the Charity's property.

STRUCTURE GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

St John's Methodist Church is part of the Brownhills and Willenhall Methodist Circuit that is governed by the Deed of Union 1932 and by the Methodist Church Standing Orders.

The church is cared for by a presbyter (ordained Minister).

The decision making body for the Charity (who are its trustees listed above) is the Church Council that meets 3 times per year.

The Annual Church meeting which is open to all members of the Church, elects Church Stewards and raises issues for consideration by the Church Council.

OBJECTIVES

The objectives of the Methodist Church are set out in clause 4 of the Methodist Church Act 1976. It can be summarised as to the advancement of the Christian faith in accordance with the doctrinal standards and discipline of the Methodist Church and any charitable purpose of the Methodist church.

We confirm that we have had regard to the Charity Commissions guidance on public benefit and specifically the guidance relating to charities for the advancement of religion.

OUR VISION

We believe in a Church where we are growing together in faith and seeking to serve our local community whilst maintaining a loving caring fellowship.

We wish to thank all those, who by freely giving of their time and talents, enable these objectives to be met.

Our vision statement continues to be under regular view.

PUBLIC WORSHIP

All of our services are live streamed on YouTube each Sunday at 10.30am

Sunday morning worship and preaching services commencing 10.30 am

Tuesday morning worship commencing 10.30 am

ACTIVITIES

Revive Community Café is open to the public Mon – Thursday 10.00am until 2.00pm.

Junior Church is available to all Children who are present at Sunday morning worship.

Tea and Coffee are served after morning worship on Sundays.

Tea, Coffee and lunches are served after Tuesday morning worship.

One Saturday morning of each month at 10.30 am our Messy Church, for young children and parents, continues to grow and flourish.

The weekly Toddler's group caters for preschool children and their parents, carers and grandparents every Thursday morning 09.30 – 12.00 pm.

We have a Snooker club operating 3 full size Snooker tables available 7 days per week.

A large number of local School visits are arranged each year to view displays at Easter, Harvest time and Christmas.

St John's started a partnership with the church at Shara Ntumba in Rwanda in 2008 and in that time, we have helped rebuild their church in a remote and extremely poor area of the country.

As well as the rebuilding programme we have provided families with livestock (hens, pigs and goats) health insurance, mattresses and helped rebuild some houses for those living in abject poverty.

4 years ago, we also started a women's cooperative, weaving baskets that they are able to sell. That has now grown to 3 groups.

We have raised funds for the young men to build a boat to use as a water taxi. This cuts the journey to market and to hospital from 4hrs to just 20mins.

Bible Study groups and a Ladies fellowship group meet on a regular basis, drawn from both the Church and community.

Bible Readers rota of 8 people regularly take turns to read the Bible for each of our services.

The Church has a committed number of volunteers that continue to support "Let's Make Lunch" providing cooked meals and food parcels to those less fortunate during school holidays.

Ecumenical relationship – St John's are active members of the Churches Together in Bloxwich & Blakenhall. This group is responsible for local ecumenical matters including the annual Walking Day or procession of witness and Women's World Day of Prayer.

Successful Church Open Day where both Church and Church Hall users demonstrated their activities to the local community.

Working together with Partnership Churches preparing local arrangement services three times a year.

During the year we regularly update the St John's website under www.stjohnsbloxwich.org.uk and encourage everyone to explore the site to discover more about our church and its involvement in the local community.

We run on a weekly basis an Art Group and a Model Railway Club, and both also staged successful exhibitions during the year.

The Church has a number of uniformed groups that meet on a weekly basis.

A number of rooms are let out on a regular basis to a variety of different class groups for community activities as well as to local families for private children's parties.

Regular users are: Weight Watchers, Dance Classes, Bible Study Group, Table Top Sales, Ladies Fellowship, Expert Patients.

PLANS FOR FUTURE PERIOD

The Revive Community Café project is now completed and is open 4 days per week and employs 2 part time staff and we hope to expand the opening to 5 days per week soon.

We will continue to seek ways and means of fulfilling our existing mission statement with a specific focus on mission within the community we serve including:

Jointly with our minister to develop a stronger personal discipleship and faith commitment. within the church fellowships groups continue to flourish.

Continued development of present mission activities with children and Messy Church.

Develop further the link with the local community and its activities.

Continued involvement with other Partnership churches to develop mission and worship activities we are unable to do ourselves.

Strategic Planning Day for Church Stewards and Members planned for early 2022.

Jointly, with the other Circuit churches, we support the Circuit mission to make, and nurture disciples of Jesus Christ and explore the kingdom of God.

We shall continue to support our partner church in Rwanda, our aim is to give the people the ability to work their way out of poverty.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER

Mr Andrew Birkbeck was independent examiner for the ensuing year.

Signed on behalf of the Trustees

Rev Jem Hawkins.

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THE METHODIST CHURCH STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

St John's Methodist Church Bloxwich	Church
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FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31 August 2022

Brownhills & Willenhall	Circuit	Circuit no.	28/02
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Registered Charity - Charity Registration number

1128201

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

(The HMRC number is equivalent to a registered charity number in terms of evidence of charitable status and may be used to give to donors or grant funders wishing to see evidence of the organisation's charitable status. Methodist charities in England and Wales that are not registered charities are excepted from registration under Statutory Instrument 2014 No.242)

Minister:

Rev Jem Hawkins

Church Stewards:

Paul Wilde

Jackie Whitehouse

Diana Bolton

Freda Woodward

Roger Woodward

Treasurer:

Steven Butler

SECTION A		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
		£	£	£	£
a1	RECEIPTS	Note			
a2	Offerings and Tax recovered	41,551		41,551	41,632
a3	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income	30		30	136
a4	Lettings	15,854		15,854	6,880
a5	Other receipts	20,294		20,294	16,731
a6	TOTAL RECEIPTS	77,729		77,729 (a7)	65,379

SECTION B					
b1	PAYMENTS				
b2	Circuit Assessment or Share	59,057		59,057	60,524
b3	Donations	1,100		1,100	300
b4	Repairs and Maintenance	12,082		12,082	14,982
b5	Utilities (Insurances, water charges, heating & lighting)	22,893		22,893	11,097
b6					
b7	Other payments	1,553		1,553	1,671
b8	TOTAL PAYMENTS	96,685		96,685 (b9)	88,574

SECTION C					
c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	(a6-b8)	(18,956)	(18,956)	(23,195)
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year		35,023	35,023 (c6)	58,218
c3	Sub total	(c1+c2)	16,067	16,067	35,023
c4	Transfers and adjustments			(c7)	
c5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR	(c3+c4)	16,067	16,067 (c8)	35,023 (c6)

SECTION D					
d	FOR INFORMATION ONLY: MONEY RECEIVED AND PASSED ON TO EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS				
d	(these amounts are not to be included in total receipts/payments figures)		£	£	
d1	Balance brought forward from last year		228		11
d2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations		1,099		1,735
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations		1,327		1,518
d4	BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID	(d1+d2-d3)			228

SUMMARY OF CHURCH ACCOUNTS AND INTERNAL ORGANISATIONS REPORTING TO THE CHURCH COUNCIL

SECTION E

Please follow the Guidance Notes to complete this page

Summary of the Church accounts for the year ended 31 August 2023 and Internal Organisations reporting to the Church Council/Church Meeting. Note that the funds of an Internal Organisation would normally be Restricted funds unless it could be clearly shown that they could be used for any Methodist purpose. This section must be completed to arrive at the gross income and expenditure totals of the Church. If gross income exceeds the Accruals threshold, then the Accruals method of accounting AND A DIFFERENT FORM must be used to report the accounts (see Methodist website). Please refer to the guidance notes regarding transfers between the District and connected District Organisations.

INTERNAL ORGANISATIONS	Receipts	Payments	Net Receipts/ Payments	Adjustments	Opening balances	Closing balances
e1 See attached sheet	112,687	86,897	25,790	(13,490)	20,941	33,241
e2						
e3						
e4						
e5						
e6						
e7						
e8 Sub total of Internal Organisations funds	112,687	86,897	25,790	(13,490)	20,941 (e11)	33,241 (e12)
e9 Church accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)	77,729 (a7)	96,685 (b9)	(18,956)	(c7)	35,023 (c6)	16,067 (c8)
e10 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	190,416	183,582	6,834	(13,490)	55,964 (x)	49,308 (y)
	TOTAL RECEIPTS	TOTAL PAYMENTS				

Continue on a separate sheet if necessary and bring the totals forward

SECTION F

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

CHURCH - CASH FUNDS HELD at 31 August 2022

	OPENING BALANCES	CLOSING BALANCES
f1 Cash in hand		
f2 Bank Current Account	10,970	4,293
f3 Bank Deposit Account	13	
f4 Central Finance Board	3,193	5,927
f5 Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes	20,847	5,847
f6 Other funds		
f7 SUB TOTAL - Church accounts	35,023 (c6)	16,067 (c8)
f8 Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance total from above) (e12)	20,941 (e11)	33,241 (e12)
f9 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	55,964 (x)	49,308 (y)

SECTION G

OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES

	At 1 September 2021	At 31 August 2022
g1 Investments (include Endowments)		
g2 Land & Buildings (see notes re Insurance value)	4,765,915	4,765,915
g3 Other Assets	222,151	222,151
g4 Loan(s) - show amount outstanding at year end		
g5 Other Liabilities		

f4 Include only Funds held at the Central Finance Board

f5 Include only Funds held at Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes

g1 Include any other investments (not the cash element of TMCP trusts accounts this is included in line f5)

Name of Church ST JOHN'S METHODIST No. 28102

Declarations and Scrutiny

I confirm that these Receipt and Payment 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 S B Butler Date 09-06-23

Name and address of treasurer STEVEN BRIAN BUTLER

12 TEASEL ROAD, WEDNESFIELD, WOLVERHAMPTON Post Code WV11 3UB

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 19-10-22.

Signature of the Chair of the meeting J Hawkins

Name of the Chair of the meeting J. HAWKINS Date 31.8.23

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

ST JOHN'S METHODIST Church

Charity Number 1128201

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the ST JOHN'S METHODIST Church for the year ended 31 August 2022 set out on pages 1 to 3. As the Church's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Church's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and, in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

* delete or circle as appropriate

Name of Church ST JOHN'S METHODIST No 28/02

Independent Examiner's Statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below*) which give me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act; or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

~~I have~~/have not* obtained independent verification of all investments with the Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes or held in other trusts, bank balances and funds at the Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church which are individually in excess of £10,000 (ten thousand pounds) at the balance sheet date.

Signature of independent examiner AS Birkbeck

Name of independent examiner ANDREW JAMES BIRKBECK

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner MAAT

Name of firm (where appropriate) N/A

Address 23 PARADISE GROVE, PELSALL, WALSALL

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Date 28 JULY 2023

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