

Trustees report for year 2023-2024

St. John's Methodist Church Bloxwich WS3 3HS www.stjohnsbloxwich.co.uk

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

Trustees Annual Report —Y/E 31 August 2024

As reported last year our caretaker Paul retired at Christmas. Along with changes in stewarding and other realignments of roles, in the year to Aug 2024 a fresh look to the way things are done has come about. Jem our minister took a sabbatical in the spring following a successful “Church Weekend Away”. Upon his return to duties it was said that he would be leaving us in 2025. Despite all of this however we came through,

As you will see from the attached accounts we remain financially vulnerable, if we should be faced with a major property expense we would struggle to meet our commitments. Our heating system has given us some problems over this past year. However, the fact that room booking receipts are significantly higher is encouraging. As always a close eye on property matters is required and is the more difficult in the absence of a caretaker. The property team now led by Dave Brown is keeping on top of things at present and we are very grateful for this.

Overall the year had many positive trends. Our junior church has shown growth and promise. We have noticed that “new” families are taking an interest in what goes on here at St. John's. Both outreach work and a variety of training courses keep us all up to the mark. The “Revive” project continues to develop along with the “Make Lunch” scheme which helps young families during school holidays.

In May 2024, a group of 24 people, mainly from the Church, met at a Conference Centre in Derbyshire for our regular Weekend together. Following on from comments made by one of our ministers and with the plans for the merger of the Circuit with the Walsall Circuit, we took the theme “Moving Forward”. A number of people led our thoughts on various aspects of this idea over the Weekend, along with there being time to get to know one another and our usual entertainment on the Saturday evening. Everyone enjoyed the Weekend, with many looking forward to a similar event in 2025. This highlight, hopeful, will be shared with members of a newly created circuit which will bring together all the Methodist churches in our borough.

We look forward with hope and optimism in the knowledge that the next twelve months will bring much change.

On behalf of The Trustees.

Peter Box, Church Council Secretary.

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STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

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SECTION A		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
		£	£	£	£
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a2	Offerings and Tax recovered	39,670		39,670	43,877
a3	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income	1,326		1,326	285
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c3	Sub total	(c1+c2)	40,981	40,981	38,654
c4	Transfers and adjustments			(c7)	
c5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR	(c3+c4)	40,981	40,981 (c8)	38,654 (c6)

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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		105		1,735
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations		294		1,518
d4	BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID	(d1+d2-d3)	39		228

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

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INTERNAL ORGANISATIONS	Receipts	Payments	Net Receipts/ Payments	Adjustments	Opening balances	Closing balances
c1 See attached sheet	125,390	84,093	41,297	(14,088)	32,976	60,185
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c8 Sub total of Internal Organisations funds	125,390	84,093	41,297	(14,088)	32,976 (e11)	60,185 (e12)
c9 Church accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)	93,341 (a7)	91,014 (b9)	2,327	(c7)	38,654 (c6)	40,981 (c8)
e10 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	218,731	175,107	43,624	(14,088)	71,630 (x)	101,166 (y)
Continue on a separate sheet if necessary and bring the totals forward						
TOTAL RECEIPTS		TOTAL PAYMENTS				

SECTION F

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

CHURCH - CASH FUNDS HELD at 31 August 2024				OPENING BALANCES		CLOSING BALANCES	
f1	Cash in hand						
f2	Bank Current Account			19,887		15,090	
f3	Bank Deposit Account						
f4	Central Finance Board			14,923		22,047	
f5	Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes			3,844		3,844	
f6	Other funds						
f7	SUB TOTAL - Church accounts			38,654 (c6)		40,981 (c8)	
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f9	TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH			71,630 (x)		101,166 (y)	

SECTION G

OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES

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g2 Land & Buildings (see notes re Insurance value)	5,605,908	5,605,908
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g4 Loan(s) - show amount outstanding at year end		
g5 Other Liabilities		

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Declarations and Scrutiny

I confirm that these Receipt and Payment based accounts for the year to 31 August 2024 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 01-06-25

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Presentation to the Church trustees

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2024 were ~~presented~~ presented to the meeting of the Church trustees held on 28-10-2024

Signature of the Chair of the meeting S. Hawkins

Name of the Chair of the meeting S. HAWKINS Date 14-7-2025

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

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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 2024 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.

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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:

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Other Items	0.00	4100.00	0.00	600.00	3500.00
Charges & Surplus Income	437.15	0.00	99.97	0.00	337.18
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