

Trustees report for year 2024-2025

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 2025

The trustees have pleasure in presenting their report and the financial statements for the year ended 31st. Aug 2025. As a Christian church we, as you would expect, are focused on people and their needs. Like many similar organisations our church struggled with getting back to normal after the various restrictions brought about by the Covid19 pandemic. Although Covid is well behind us its effect has cast a long shadow. Sunday worship attracts about half the numbers than was the case in 2019-20. However our core attendance seems solid and we draw encouragement from the fact that we have newcomers, junior church has regular support. Six, eight or sometimes more join in and are looked after in accordance with current safeguarding rules. It is a joy to know that people have hope in the future.

A major concern in recent years has been the vulnerability of our financial position. In the spring of 2025 however we received an unexpected legacy. The one off receipt of £185000.00 made a big difference to our situation. The Property and Finance Committee set about planning as to how best to use this gift.

As for the Revive Cafe area which is our major new outreach project four lunchtimes each week serves meals and drinks. We look forward to this being an important link in our witness. All that we attempt to do is focused on outreach, we see ourselves as being rooted in the local community. On occasions when it has been practicable we have joined with other denominations to celebrate major festivals, a Good Friday Walk of Witness for example.

As reported last year our church is being integrated into a newly formed and extended "Methodist Circuit" Our minister Jem, has been heavily involved in working to bring this about, there is a very great deal to be attended to. From the point of view of St. John's a new outlook is needed and we look to engaging with the new possibilities.

During the year we prepared for Jem's departure, at the end of July we had a special farewell service and celebration to wish him well. On the 31st. August we held a welcome service for Rev Dr. G. Hall who is to be Circuit superintendent as well as looking after the congregation here. That's the Methodist way, we change our leadership every five years or so. We look forward to taking advantage of yet more possibilities to come.

On behalf of The Trustees.

Peter Box, Church Council Secretary.

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STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

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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		30,700	-	-	-	30,700
2 Donations		188,381	-	-	-	188,381
3 Gift aid		6,295	-	-	-	6,295
4 Interest and investment income		5,202	-	-	-	5,202
5 Income from investment properties		-	-	-	-	0
6 Internal organisations		12,600	126,289	-	-	138,889
7 Other charitable income		21,476	-	-	-	21,476
8 Total income		264,654	-	126,289	-	390,943
Expenditure						
9 Circuit assessment or share		39,059	-	-	-	39,059
10 Grants and donations		-	-	-	-	0
11 Property maintenance		23,865	-	-	-	23,865
12 Insurance, utilities etc		28,553	-	-	-	28,553
13 Depreciation		-	-	-	-	0
14 Office expenses		90	-	-	-	90
15 Other expenditure		1,765	-	-	-	1,765
16 Internal organisations		-	77,652	-	-	77,652
17 Total charitable expenditure		93,332	-	77,652	-	170,984
18 Gains/(losses) on monetary investments		-	-	-	-	0
19 Gains/(losses) on investment properties		-	-	-	-	0
20 Net income/(expenditure)		171,322	-	48,637	-	219,959
21 Transfers between funds		0	-8493	-	-	-8493
22 Other gains/(losses)		0	-	-	-	0
23 Net movement in funds		171,322	-	40144	-	211,466
24 Total funds brought forward		-	-	-	-	0
25 Total funds carried forward		171,322	-	40144	-	211,466

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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					0	
Investment properties					0	
Investments		0			0	
Total fixed assets		0	0	0	0	0

Current Assets

Debtors and prepayments	10,374		0		10,374	0
Loans by the Churches		0	0		0	0
Investments with TMCP		191,525	0		191,525	3,844
Central Finance Board Deposits		1,651	0		1,651	22,047
Cash at Bank and in hand		13,261	100,328		113,589	75,275
Total current assets	10,374	206,437	100,328	0	317,139	101,166

Current liabilities

Creditors (due in under 1 year)	4,507				4,507	0
Grants payable within 2025-26					0	0
Total current liabilities	4,507	0	0	0	4,507	0
Net current assets/liabilities	5,867	206,437	100,328	0	312,632	101,166

Total assets less current liabilities	5,867	206,437	100,328	0	312,632	101,166
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Long term liabilities (due after more than one year)						
Grants payable after 2025-26					0	0
Loans to the Church					0	0
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Funds of the Church

General Fund (Unrestricted)	5,867				5,867	15,090
Designated Funds (Unrestricted)		206,437			206,437	25,891
Total Unrestricted Funds					212,304	40,981
Restricted Funds			100,328		100,328	60,185
Endowment Funds				0	0	
Total Funds	5,867	206,437	100,328	0	312,632	101,166

Signed

S.P.B. Butler

Church Treasurer

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Declarations and Scrutiny

I confirm that these Receipt and Payment based accounts for the year to 31 August ²⁰²⁵~~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 Bubb Date 27.04.24

Name and address of treasurer STEVEN BRIAN BUTLER

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Presentation to the Church trustees

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August ²⁰²⁵~~2024~~ were/will be* presented to the meeting of the Church trustees held on 04.05.24

Signature of the Chair of the meeting Sam Hall

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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 2025 set out on pages 1. to 5. 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

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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:

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Signature of independent examiner



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Internal Organisations Accounts for Year Ended 31 August 2025

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Model Railway Club	1134.44	1346.95	849.94	625.00	1006.45
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Art Group	0.00	1742.00	0.00	1742.00	0.00
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Charity Collections	38.57	322.83	246.13	-3.75	119.02
Rwanda	1820.95	1125.00	2625.00	0.00	320.95
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Funerals	840.00	4505.00	1840.00	2180.00	1325.00
Flower Fund	162.86	0.00	0.00	162.86	0.00
Benevolent Fund	647.61	0.00	0.00	0.00	647.61
Other Items	3500.00	500.00	1052.76	0.00	2947.24
Charges & Surplus Income	337.18	0.00	193.63	3.75	139.80
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