

## THE METHODIST CHURCH STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

OSWESTRY METHODIST

Church

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31 August 2025

<b>Shropshire &amp; Marches</b>	<b>Circuit</b>	<b>Circuit no.</b>	<b>03/13</b>
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**Registered Charity - Charity Registration number**

118700

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:**

Revd Julia Skitt

**Church Stewards:**

Jennifer Roberts

Heather Watts

Martin Bennett

Mary Beaman

**Treasurer:**

Ian Skaife

SECTION A		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
		£	£	£	£
a1	RECEIPTS	Note			
a2	Offerings and Tax recovered		14,181	14,181	16,631
a3	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income		407	407	1,542
a4	Lettings		3,065	3,065	5,985
a5	Other receipts		15,755	1,26717,022	15,903
a6	TOTAL RECEIPTS		33,4081,267	34,675(a7)	40,060

SECTION B					
b1	PAYMENTS				
b2	Circuit Assessment or Share		19,875	19,875	25,305
b3	Donations		100	100	
b4	Repairs and Maintenance		3,735	3,735	10,708
b5	Utilities (Insurances, water charges, heating & lighting)		10,642	10,642	11,400
b6	CARETAKER		5,422	5,422	5,406
b7	Other payments		422	86508	1,222
b8	TOTAL PAYMENTS		40,19586	40,282(b9)	54,041

SECTION C						
c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	(a6-b8)	(6,787)	1,180	(5,607)	(13,981)
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year		24,532	26,554	51,086(c6)	65,067
c3	Sub total	(c1+c2)	17,745	27,734	45,480	51,086
c4	Transfers and adjustments				(c7)	
c5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR	(c3+c4)	17,745	27,734	45,480(c8)	51,086(c6)

SECTION 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 above)			£	£
d1	Balance brought forward from last year				
d2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations			685	370
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations			685	370
d4	BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID	(d1+d2-d3)			

**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 2025 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	PRE-SCHOOL	127,458	122,408	5,050	(1)	76,188		81,237	
e2	Womens Fellowship	102	65	37		378		415	
e3	Churches Together	50	195	(145)		1,217		1,072	
e4	Benevolent Fund	147	110	37		354		391	
e5									
e6									
e7									
e8	Sub total of Internal Organisations funds	127,757	122,778	4,979	(1)	78,138	(e11)	83,116	(e12)
e9	Church accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)	34,675 (a7)	40,282 (b9)	(5,607)	(c7)	51,086	(c6)	45,480	(c8)
e10	<b>TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH</b>	<b>162,432</b>	<b>163,059</b>	<b>(627)</b>	<b>(1)</b>	<b>129,224</b>	<b>(x)</b>	<b>128,596</b>	<b>(y)</b>
	Continue on a separate sheet if necessary and bring the totals forward	<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>						

**SECTION F****STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES****CHURCH - CASH FUNDS HELD at 31 August 2025**

		OPENING BALANCES		CLOSING BALANCES	
f1	Cash in hand	0		0	
f2	Bank Current Account	10,094		5,079	
f3	Bank Deposit Account	544		2,847	
f4	Central Finance Board	10,687		6,470	
f5	Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes	29,761		31,084	
f6	Other funds	0		0	
f7	<b>SUB TOTAL - Church accounts</b>	<b>51,086</b>	(c6)	<b>45,480</b>	(c8)
f8	Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance total from above) (e12)	<b>78,138</b>	(e11)	<b>83,116</b>	(e12)
f9	<b>TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH</b>	<b>129,224</b>	(x)	<b>128,596</b>	(y)

**SECTION G****OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES**

		At 1 September 2024	At 31 August 2025
g1	Investments (include Endowments) TRUST 146	1,343	1,346
g2	Land & Buildings (see notes re Insurance value)	3,548,719	3,548,719
g3	Other Assets CONTENTS	110,682	110,682
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)

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## Declarations and Scrutiny

I confirm that these Receipt and Payment based accounts for the year to 31 August 2025 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 [Signature] Date 20 Nov 25

Name and address of treasurer IAN SKAFFE, 2 OSWALD CLOSE,

SY11 2TP Post Code...

### Presentation to the Church trustees

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

Signature of the Chair of the meeting [Signature]

Name of the Chair of the meeting Rev Julia Skitt Date 6/11/2025

### Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

...OSWESTRY METHODIST.....Church

Charity Number ...1128700

### Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the ...Oswestry Methodist... Church for the year ended 31 August 2025 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 .....Oswestry Methodist..... No 3/13.

#### 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 .....B. Wilford.....

Name of independent examiner .....BRENDA WILFORD.....

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner ...../..... Experienced Church Treasurer

Name of firm (where appropriate) ...../.....

Address .....100 PAULSCA, CHAPEL LANE.....

.....CHIRK..... Post Code LL14 5NL

Date .....1 Oct. 2025.....

\* delete or circle as appropriate

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## RESERVES POLICY of

**Oswestry****Church Council**

1. <b>General</b> Funds held at Y/E 31/08/25	<b>£17,745</b>
2. <b>Restricted</b> Funds held: Women's Fellowship £415, Churches Together £1,072, Benevolent Fund £391 Pre-School £81,237 and a restricted trust fund at TMCP £ 27,734	<b>£110,849</b>
3. <b>Endowment</b> Funds held "	<b>£ 0</b>

4. **Reserves policy for General Funds**

We aim to keep **£16,500** in reserves to cover 6 months assessments and utility costs.

**Please note that the other income includes money paid by the pre-school for the cost of utilities, caretaking, it is NOT a letting fee. For the purposes of this policy the money received is £12,000.**

5. **Policy for Restricted Funds**

Monies held by the Preschool are restricted solely for the purposes of activities of the group. The Local Authority pay funds in advance for free child places, to cover staff salaries, utilities, caretaking and other resources. Monies for the quarter ended December were received in August. We need to take into account potential costs of employment such as unexpected redundancies.

The Benevolent Fund is held for people in crisis as per standing orders

Churches Together funds are for the local churches group.

TMCP hold monies restricted under Local Proceeds

6. **Terms relating to Endowment Funds held**

This Reserves Policy has been approved by

**Oswestry Methodist Church Council at a meeting on 6<sup>th</sup> November 2025.**

Treasurer	Trustee
Full name: signed by <b>Ian Skaife</b>	Full Name signed by <b>Rev Julia Skitt</b>
Signature	Signature