

Trustees' Annual Report for the period



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

From 1st Sept 2022
Period end date

Period start date To 31st Aug 2023

Charity name: Ridgeway Methodist Church

Charity registration number: 1128711

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Ridgeway Methodist Church
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	1128711
Charity's principal address	Mudge Way Plympton Plymouth PL7 2WB

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Rev Andy Chislett-McDonald		Resigned 10 th December 2023	Ex Officio
2	Rev Amanda Roper		Appointed 10 th December 2023	Ex Officio
3	Mr John Buttle			Church Council
4	Mr Ron Meathrel		Appointed 1 st September 2022	Church Council
5	Mrs Patricia Stead			Church Council
6	Mrs Helen Pope			Church Council
7	Mrs Joan Buttle			Church Council
8	Mrs Janet Bell			Church Council
9	Mr Nigel Norris		Resigned 13 th December 2023	Church Council
10	Miss Ruth Nicholls		Resigned 1st May 2023	Church Council
11	Mr Simon Rogers			Church Council
12	Mr Matthew Rogers			Church Council
13	Mrs Esther Young	Church Council Secretary		Church Council
14	Mrs Avril Baker			Church Council
15	Mrs Monica Thompson			Church Council
16	Mr Brian Hart			Church Council
17	Mrs Valerie Foot			Church Council
18	Mr Anthony Kirby			Church Council
19	Mr Mark Thompson			Church Council

20	Mrs Lynne Rogers		Church Council
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Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	
The Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes (Custodian Trustee)		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:	
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Act of Parliament
How is the charity constituted? (e.g. unincorporated association, CIO)	Trust
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Appointed by church council/ some ex officio

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Induction/training Range of guidance produced by the Methodist Church Leaflet "Role of a Trustee" Training in Safeguarding practice in the Methodist Church Structure Part of the Plymouth & Devonport Methodist Circuit Accountable to The Methodist Conference Risks Discussed by Church Council Take professional advice as required Regular review process Adopted Safeguarding Policy
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	
Relationship with any related parties	
Other	

Objectives and Activities

Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Set out in the Methodist Church Act 1976 (clause 4) – synopsis – Advancement of Religion and any charitable purpose of the Methodist Church or church organisation. (See Methodist Church Act 1976)
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services	The provision of regular public acts of worship open to members of the church and non-members alike. The teaching of Christianity through sermons, courses and small groups. The provision of youth and parent and toddler activities, and women's and men's meetings with a Christian ethos. Supporting

identified in the accounts.	other charities in the UK and overseas financially and with prayer.
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Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policy on grant making	A full programme of Christian worship, ministry and service is provided for all ages and all these activities are open to both members and non-members. The church regularly prepares and receives new members. Worship includes regular celebrations of Holy Communion and prayer.
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Learning and caring is organised through Sunday services, bible study groups, meetings for fellowship and such other activities as may stimulate growth in faith and support others in their Christian discipleship.
Contribution made by volunteers	Service is organised through a wide variety of uniformed and non-uniformed groups for children from birth to adulthood; coffee bars, warm space and café events. A programme of regular activities is arranged for adults including walking, badminton, patchwork, board games, fellowship groups. Care is offered to all who are in need and people who approach the church asking for a special service or support.
Other	The church co-operates with and supports other churches and groups with a similar outlook and ethos.

Achievements and Performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	<p>Ridgeway Methodist church continues to hold weekly Sunday services in the morning and evening. Morning services are streamed for those who are unable to join us. In addition there have been monthly midweek services for residents in a nearby community which caters for the visually impaired.</p> <p>A team of volunteers has provided pastoral support to its members, visiting the elderly and housebound and delivering flowers to those who are unwell or bereaved.</p> <p>A prayer team offers prayer support for the local community and for those in special need.</p> <p>The church employs a part time office administrator.</p> <p>A wide range of activities are held for children and young people, which includes a Church led pre-school and toddler group. There are also activities for adults of all ages. Through these activities we provide support and guidance to a wide range of people within our community.</p>
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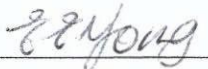
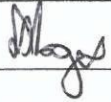
Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Income has remained steady. Where possible members are encouraged to make offerings by standing order. At the end of the financial year the charity has approximately 6 months of reserves which is above the set objective.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	We aim to hold in reserve sufficient money in our general funds to cover 2 to 3 months expenditure. The reason for this is twofold: (i) Expenditure is held in reserve as working capital to cover normal running costs and to meet emergency calls on cash; and (ii) Certain costs, including our assessment, are paid in advance – money is therefore spent in advance of being raised. To cover this, the church needs further funds in reserve. At 31st August 2023 our restricted funds stood at £40,781 with £44,625 as general funds. At 31st August 2023 our general funds represented 6 months of expenditure. Our restricted funds of £40,781 are held for the employment of a pastoral/families workers.
Amount of reserves held	£44,625
Reasons for holding zero reserves	
Details of fund materially in deficit	
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	

Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	ESTHER ELLEN YOUNG	SIMON ANTHONY ROGERS
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Church Council Secretary	Senior Steward
Date	31 st January 2024	

THE METHODIST CHURCH STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

RIDGEWAY METHODIST	Church
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FOR THE YEAR ENDED

Thursday, August 31, 2023

PLYMOUTH & DEVONPORT	Circuit	Circuit no.	002401
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Registered Charity - Charity Registration number

1128711

**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 Amanda Roper

Church Stewards:

Helen Pope
Simon Rogers

Treasurer:

R A Meathrel

SECTION A		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
		£	£	£	£
a1	RECEIPTS	Note			
a2	Offerings and Tax recovered	72,010		72,010	72,139
a3	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income	1,675		1,675	200
a4	Lettings	7,598		7,598	10,007
a5	Other receipts	2,532	3,483	6,015	14,026
a6	TOTAL RECEIPTS	83,815	3,483	87,298 (a7)	96,372

SECTION B					
b1	PAYMENTS				
b2	Circuit Assessment or Share	35,299		35,299	50,621
b3	Donations	5,400		5,400	5,500
b4	Repairs and Maintenance	3,497		3,497	1,533
b5	Utilities (Insurances, water charges, heating & lighting)	11,264		11,264	10,814
b6				0	
b7	Other payments	28,178	2,108	30,286	25,560
b8	TOTAL PAYMENTS	83,638	2,108	85,746 (b9)	94,028

SECTION C					
c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	(a6-b8)	177	1,375	1,552
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year		44,448	39,406	83,854 (c6)
c3	Sub total	(c1+c2)	44,625	40,781	85,406
c4	Transfers and adjustments				0 (c7)
c5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR	(c3+c4)	44,625	40,781	85,406 (c8)
					83,856 (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	0	
d2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations	4,563	4,808
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations	4,563	4,808
d4	BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID	0	0
	(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 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 Girls' Brigade	4,108	4,654	(546)		4,008	3,462
e2 Boys' Brigade	5,101	4,535	566		2,982	3,548
RID Women's Fellowship	2,062	745	1,317		3,343	4,660
e4 Friendship Group	2,304	2,309	(5)		61	56
e5 Food Rave	77	114	(37)		71	34
e6 Badminton	1,068	1,068	0			0
e7 Psalm 23 Garden	10	33	(23)		58	35
Dartmoor Walkers	93	93	0			
PLY Patchwork Plus	333	317	16		16	32
e8 Sub total of Internal Organisations funds	15,156	13,868	1,288	0	10,539 (e11)	11,827 (e12)
e9 Church accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)	87,298 (a7)	85,746 (b9)	1,552	(c7)	83,854 (c6)	85,406 (c8)
e10 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	102,454	99,614	2,840	0	94,393 (x)	97,233 (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 2023

	OPENING BALANCES	CLOSING BALANCES
f1 Cash in hand		
f2 Bank Current Account	35,644	35,521
f3 Bank Deposit Account		
f4 Central Finance Board	48,209	49,884
f5 Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes		
f6 Other funds		
f7 SUB TOTAL - Church accounts	83,853 (c6)	85,405 (c8)
R A Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance total from above) (e12)	10,539 (e11)	11,827 (e12)
f9 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	94,392 (x)	97,232 (y)

SECTION G

OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES

	At 1 September 2022	At 31 August 2023
g1 Investments (include Endowments)		
g2 Land & Buildings (see notes re Insurance value)	2,966,789	3,266,472
g3 Other Assets	237,771	255,303
g4 Loan(s) - show amount outstanding at year end		
g5 Other Liabilities	5,865	6,818

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)

YEAR

Ridgeway Methodist Church

NOTE 1		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
OTHER RECEIPTS		£	£	£	£
Bookstall		293		293	457
Youth			1,100	1,100	1,070
Local Mission			133	133	0
Family Worker			1,295	1,295	2,304
Boiler			-	0	7,875
Misc.		2,239	955	3,194	2,320
		2,532	3,483	6,015	14,026

NOTE 2					
OTHER PAYMENTS		£	£	£	£
Cleaning, inc. supplies		5,894		5,894	5,097
Bookstall		128		128	354
Office		18,633		18,633	15,270
Youth			829	829	624
Local Mission			877	877	660
Families Worker			-	0	0
Misc.		3,522	402	3,924	3,555
		28,177	2,108	30,285	25,560

Name of Church Ridgeway Methodist Church, Mudge Way, Plympton, PL7 2PS

Declarations and Scrutiny

I confirm that these Receipt and Payment based accounts for the year to 31 August 2023 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  Date 29/10/23

Name and address of treasurer R.A. Meathrel, 68, Courtland Crescent, Plympton,

..... Post Code.....

PL7 4HL

Presentation to the Church trustees

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2023 were/will be* presented to the meeting of the Church trustees held on

Signature of the Chair of the meeting 

Name of the Chair of the meeting Rev A.S. Reper Date 31/1/24

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the**Ridgeway Methodist Church**

Charity Number 1128711

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the ... Ridgeway Methodist Church for the year ended 31 August 2023 set out on pages 2... to 4.... 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

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

Name of independent examiner

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner

Name of firm (where appropriate)

Address

Post Code

Date

* delete or circle as appropriate