

Trustee Report to the Charity Commission.
Year 2023 - 24

Elburton Methodist Church
Charity No: 1128726

During 2023/24, Elburton Methodist Church have continued their return to activities that were lost during the Covid pandemic, including a focus on our ministry for more mature members of the community including a summer holiday club, monthly lunch club and Methodist Women in Britain. However there continues to be a welcome rise in the number of families and young people attending Messy Church and our associated Brownie company who use our premises. Links with the community continue to grow, including our ecumenical partnership with Plymstock Churches Together.

In line with the UK Methodist Church's paper on same sex marriage 'God in Love Unites Us', the church participated in a clearly defined and agreed decision making process which saw the Church Council agree to offering weddings to both single and same sex people. This will continue to be reviewed in keeping with the Methodist Church guidelines. In addition, Elburton also started to work as a hub with Woodford Methodist Church in response to the Plymouth and Devonport circuit's new way of working, following a period of upheaval. This has continued to be developed by the Reverend Rebecca Marshall, a probationer minister, who took up her position with both churches in September 2024. The Reverend Darren Middleton has, in turn, begun a new ministry with Rev7 in Plymouth; a New Places for New People initiative with the Methodist Church.

The trustees are hopeful for the future of the Church with an emphasis on community engagement and are currently in the process of putting together a five year plan to ensure our continued financial solvency.

Rev'd Rebecca Marshall - Chair of the Trustees

THE METHODIST CHURCH
STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

ELBURTON METHODIST COMMUNITY CHURCH	Church
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FOR THE YEAR ENDED
Saturday, August 31, 2024

PLYMOUTH AND DEVONPORT	Circuit	Circuit no.	
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Registered Charity - Charity Registration number	1128726
If not a registered charity His 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 DARREN MIDDLETON

Church Stewards:

ELIZABETH COLEMAN	JEAN DAVIES
BRENDA YOUNGS	PAULINE GOW
TRISTAN MERRIFIELD	MARGARGET RIDLEY

Treasurer:

BRIAN CARLYON

SECTION A		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
		£	£	£	£
a1	RECEIPTS	Note			
a2	Offerings and Tax recovered	35023.25		35023.25	51049.14
a3	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income	1794.42		1794.42	1280
a4	Lettings	5588.75		5588.75	1254
a5	Other receipts	3061.77	160	3221.77	9859
a6	TOTAL RECEIPTS	45468.19	160	45628.19 (a7)	63442.14

SECTION B					
b1	PAYMENTS				
b2	Circuit Assessment or Share	29758.08		29758.08	29758
b3	Donations	1681.55		1681.55	
b4	Repairs and Maintenance	8111.35		8111.35	9036
b5	Utilities (Insurances, water charges, heating & lighting)	9092		9092	5860
b6					
b7	Other payments	3731.65		3731.65	20522
b8	TOTAL PAYMENTS	52375		52374.63 (b9)	65,176.00

	SECTION C					
c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	(a6-b8)	-6906.44	160	-6746.44	-1,733.86
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year		65859.27		65859.27 (c6)	65859
c3	Sub total	(c1+c2)	58952.83	160	59112.83	64125.14
c4	Transfers and adjustments				(c7)	1734.13
c5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR	(c3+c4)	58952.83	160	59112.83 (c8)	65859.27 (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			1896	2212
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations			1682	2212
d4	BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID	(d1+d2-d3)		214	

Check Res+Unres total	TRUE
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c6 totals	TRUE
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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 2024 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 Messy Church	287	326	(39)	39		
e2 MWIB/Network	250		250	(250)		
e3 Lunch club, monthly	1895	1,870	25	(25)		
e4 Lunch club, weekly	114		114	(114)		
e5						
e6						
e7						
e8 Sub total of Internal Organisations funds	2,546	2,196	350	(350)	(e11)	(e12)
e9 Church accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)	45,628 (a7)	52,375 (b9)	(6746)	350 (c7)	65,859 (c6)	59,463 (c8)
e10 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	48,174	54,571	(6396)		65,859 (x)	59,463 (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	15670	32183
f3 Bank Deposit Account		
f4 Central Finance Board		
f5 Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes	18793	19755
f6 Other funds	31396	7175
f7 SUB TOTAL - Church accounts	65859 (c6)	59113 (c8)
f8 Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance total from above) (e12)	(e11)	350 (e12)
f9 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	65859 (x)	59463 (y)

SECTION G

OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES

	At 1 September 2023	At 31 August 2024
g1 Investments (include Endowments)		
g2 Land & Buildings (see notes re Insurance value)	2085928	2085928
g3 Other Assets	119869	119869
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

Check	1
Check	1
Check	1

	Opening	Closing
Check bals	TRUE	TRUE

SECTION A		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year		
		£	£	£		
a1	RECEIPTS	Note				
a2	Offerings and Tax recovered		35023	35023		
	<i>~offerings cash/standing order</i>		28262			
	<i>~Gift Aid tax recovered</i>		5325			
	<i>~donations from members</i>		1436			
a3	Bank/CFB interest and Investment income		1794	1794		
	<i>TMCP</i>		1015			
	<i>Skipton Building Society</i>		779			
a4	Lettings		5589	5589		
a5	Other receipts		3062	160	3222	
	<i>~grant from PCC for sound system</i>			160		
	<i>~other revenue</i>		1171			
	<i>~hot x bun morning</i>		89			
	<i>~lunch club</i>		713			
	<i>~messy church</i>		287			
	<i>~coffee mornings</i>		801			
a6	TOTAL RECEIPTS		45468	160	45628	(a7)

SECTION B				Totals this year	
		Unrestricted	Restricted		
b1	PAYMENTS				
b2	Circuit Assessment or Share	29758		29758	
b3	Donations	1682		1682	
b4	Repairs and Maintenance	8111		8111	
	~cleaning	6250			
	~repairs	1861			
b5	Utilities (Insurance,water,power)	9092		9092	
	~gas Church	5014			
	~gas halls	342			
	~electricity Church	53			
	~electricity hall	150			
	~water	442			
	~insurances	3092			
b7	Other payments	3732		3732	
	~expenses inclu.bank fees	54			
	~advertising & publicity	225			
	~audit & accountancy	1112			
	~equipment hire eg photocopier	658			
	~music & licences	770			
	~community events				
	~sundries	461			
	~telephone & internet	453			
	~capital expenditure				
b8	TOTAL PAYMENTS	52375		52375	(b9)

SECTION C				Totals this year	
		Unrestricted	Restricted		
c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	(a6-b8)	-6906	160	-6746
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year	65859		65859	(c6)
	~deposit TMCP	18793		19755	
	~current account	15670		32183	
	~Skipton Building Society	31396		7175	
c3	Sub total	(c1+c2)	58953	160	59113
c4	Transfers and adjustments			1856	(c7)

c5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR	(c3+c4)	58953	160	60969	(c8)
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SECTION D

FOR INFORMATION ONLY: MONEY RECEIVED AND PASSED ON TO EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS

(these amounts are not to be included in total receipts/payments figures above)

2023/24

d1	Balance brought forward from last year	
d2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations	1896
	~donations for ad hoc bodies	994
	~collections Action for Children	732
	~collections Nicola's mission	170
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations	1682
d4	BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID (d1+d2-d3)	214

SECTION F

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

CHURCH - CASH FUNDS HELD at 31 August 2024

Cash in hand
Bank Current Account
Bank Deposit Account
Central Finance Board
Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes
Other funds (building society)
SUB TOTAL - Church accounts
Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance total from above) (e12)
TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH

**Totals
2022/23**

£
51049
32850
6912
11287
1280
586
694
1254
9859
9859
63442

**Totals
2022/23**

29758
9036
6217
2819
5860
570
572
572
572
572
3002
20522
52
862
1584
715
690
426
16193
65176

**Totals
2022/23**

-1734
65859
18793
15670
31396
64125
1856

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2022/23
2212
2212

OPENING BALANCES		CLOSING BALANCES	
15669.85		32183	
0.13			
18793.39		19755	
31396.03		7175	
65859.4	(c6)	59113	(c8)
	(e11)		(e12)
65859.4	(x)	59113	(y)

Name of Church ELBURTON METHODIST No.

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 [Signature] Date 29/4/25
Name and address of treasurer MARTHA WRIGHT, 242, ELBURTON RD,
PLYMOUTH Post Code PL9 8DY

Presentation to the Church trustees

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

Signature of the Chair of the meeting R. Marshall.
Name of the Chair of the meeting Reverend Rebecca Marshall. Date 29/4/25

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

ELBURTON METHODIST Church

Charity Number 1128726

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the ELBURTON Church for the year ended 31 August 2024 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

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner FMAAT

Name of firm (where appropriate) BEST ACCOUNTANCY SERVICES (PLYMOUTH) LTD.

Address UNIT 7, 36 WILLIAM PRADE ROAD, DERRIFORD BUSINESS PARK
PLYMOUTH Post Code PL6 5WR

Date 7th July 2025

* delete or circle as appropriate

Name of Church ELBURTON METHODIST COMMUNITY CHURCH No

Independent Examiner's Statement

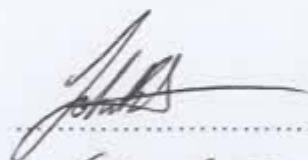
I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below*) which give me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- 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

JOHN BEST