

Trustee Report to the Charity Commission.

Year 2024 - 2025

Elburton Methodist Church

Charity No: 1128726

During 2024 - 2025, Elburton Methodist Church have continued to offer ministry for a wide range of ages in the local community, from Messy Church to our monthly lunch club and Methodist Women in Britain. There continues to be an ongoing rise in the number of families and young people attending Messy Church and our associated Brownie company who use our premises. The church also welcomed a Guide company and who, along with the Brownies and Rainbows attended our Remembrance service and participated in the Christmas Shoebox Appeal.

Christmas 2025 saw the church launching its inaugural Christmas Tree festival which was a great success, financially, but also in enabling us to make significant links with the local community. The opening weekend, which coincided with Elburton's Christmas Lights switch on saw nearly 500 people of all ages, come through our doors. Visitors were given flyers advertising our Christmas services and as a result, the church was packed out for our carol service and our Christmas Eve Chrisingle. It is important, however, that the trustees and leadership teams begin to plan to build on this momentum, particularly as Elburton is now the only Methodist Church in the PL9 area. Links with the church community continue to grow, including our ecumenical partnership with Plymstock Churches Together and which has seen us hosting a joint Refresh service and participating in events at Christmas and Easter on the Broadway Shopping Centre.

Elburton also started to work as a hub with Woodford Methodist Church in Plympton, 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 churches join together for leadership and pastoral meetings with representatives attending each other's Church Council meetings. There is also a greater sense of cooperation between post-holders as well as occasions when the church join together for worship and socialising. A recent example of this would be the Christmas tree festival when over 50 members from Woodford attended the opening weekend.

The trustees continue to be very hopeful for the future of the Church with an emphasis on community engagement and, having put together a five year plan to ensure our continued financial solvency, are also participating in a circuit wide buildings strategy review to ensure our church is fit for the future.

Rev'd Rebecca Marshall - Chair of the Trustees

THE METHODIST CHURCH
STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

ELBURTON METHODIST COMMUNITY CHURCH

Church

FOR THE YEAR ENDED
Sunday, August 31, 2025

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 REBECCA MARSHALL

Church Stewards:

MARGARET RIDLEY

JEAN DAVIES

VALERIE RICHARDS

VICTORIA JANE MOSSFORD

RACHEL HILLS

Treasurer:

MARTHA WRIGHT

SECTION A			Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	
		Note	£	£	£	
a1	RECEIPTS					
a2	Offerings and Tax recovered		32366		32366	
a3	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income		1155	0	1155	
a4	Lettings		6861	0	6861	
a5	Other receipts		1863	14968	16831	
a6	TOTAL RECEIPTS		42245	14968	57213	(a7)

SECTION B						
b1	PAYMENTS					
b2	Circuit Assessment or Share		29758	0	29758	
b3	Donations		0	0	0	
b4	Repairs and Maintenance		7986	0	7986	
b5	Utilities (Insurances, water charges, heating & lighting)		10069	0	10069	
b6					0	
b7	Other payments		3870	41	3911	
b8	TOTAL PAYMENTS		51683	41	51724	(b9)

SECTION C						
c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	(a6-b8)	-9438	14927	5489	
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year		59113	0	59113	(c6)
c3	Sub total	(c1+c2)	49675	14927	64602	
c4	Transfers and adjustments			0		(c7)
c5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR	(c3+c4)	49675	14927	64602	(c8)

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				214	
d2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations				1,931	
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations				1,696	
d4	BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID	(d1+d2-d3)			449	

SUMMARY OF CHURCH ACCOUNTS AND INTERNAL ORGANISATIONS REPORTING TO THE**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. If an Internal Organisation would normally be Restricted funds unless it could be clearly shown that the accounts are completed to arrive at the gross income and expenditure totals of the Church. If gross income exceeds gross expenditure AND A DIFFERENT FORM must be used to report the accounts (see Methodist website). Please report for all and connected District Organisations.

	INTERNAL ORGANISATIONS	Receipts	Payments	Net Receipts/ Payments
e1	Messy Church	265	367	(102)
e2	Monthly Lunch Club	204	0	204
e3	oldies club (closed)	59		59
e4			0	
e5				0
e6				0
e7				0
e8	Sub total of Internal Organisations funds	528	367	161
e9	Church accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)	57213 (a7)	51724 (b9)	5489
e10	TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	57741	52091	5650
	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 2025**

f1	Cash in hand
f2	Bank Current Account
f3	Bank Deposit Account

f4	Central Finance Board
f5	Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes
f6	Other funds
f7	SUB TOTAL - Church accounts
f8	Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance total from above) (e12)
f9	TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH

SECTION G

OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES

g1	Investments (include Endowments)
g2	Land & Buildings (see notes re Insurance value)
g3	Other Assets
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

CHURCH COUNCIL

Reporting to the Church Council/Church Meeting. Note that the funds of the Church could be used for any Methodist purpose. This section must be completed if the Church exceeds the Accruals threshold, then the Accruals method of accounting must be used. Refer to the guidance notes regarding transfers between the District Council and the Church.

Adjustments	Opening balances	Closing balances		
102		0		
(204)		0		
(59)		0		
	0			
		0		
		0		
		0		
(161)	0 (e11)	0 (e12)	Check	1
0 (c7)	59113 (c6)	64602 (c8)	Check	1
-161	59113 (x)	64602 (y)	Check	1

OPENING BALANCES
0
32,183

CLOSING BALANCES
36,581

0		0		
19,755		20,633		
7,175		7,388		
59,113	(c6)	64,602	(c8)	
0	(e11)	0	(e12)	
59,113	(x)	64,602	(y)	Check bals
				Opening
				Closing
				1
				1

At
1 September 2024

0
2,085,928
119,869

At
31 August 2025

0
2,085,928
119,869

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Name of Church 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 Date.....

Name and address of treasurer

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

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

Name of the Chair of the meeting Date

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

.....Church

Charity Number

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Church for the year ended 31 August 2024 set out on pages ... to 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 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

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner

Name of firm (where appropriate)

Address

..... Post Code

Date

* delete or circle as appropriate

COMPLETE THIS PAGE ONLY WHERE THERE ARE OTHER INTERNAL ORGANISATIONS REPORTING TO THE CHURCH COUNCIL

Summary of the Church accounts for the year ended 31 August 20.... & Internal Organisations reporting to the 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 total receipts and payments of the Church. If income exceeds £100,000, then the Accruals method of accounting AND A DIFFERENT FORM must be used to report the accounts. Contact Resourcing Mission Office, Manchester tel: 0161 236 5194. Please remember that the Charity Commission allows transfers between the Church and its internal organisations to be deducted from gross receipts/payments.

OTHER CHURCH ORGANISATIONS:	Opening balance	Receipts	Payments	Adjustments	Closing balance
					0
					0
					0
					0
SUB TOTAL - OTHER CHURCH ORGANISATIONS	0	0	0	0	0
Church accounts (totals brought forward from page 2)					
TOTAL FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	ly	0	0	0	x 0
		TOTAL RECEIPTS	TOTAL PAYMENTS		

Continue on a separate sheet if necessary and bring the totals forward

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES (completion of this section is optional)

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	TOTALS THIS YEAR	TOTALS LAST YEAR
Bank current account					
Bank Deposit Account					
Central Finance Board					
Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes					
Other: (specify)					
SUB TOTAL					
Endowment Funds					
TOTAL FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH				x	y
				This total to agree with the Closing balance total above	This total to agree with the Opening balance total above

Note here the Insurance value of Church and ancillary buildings/land and any other assets/liabilities

Note here the value of any other assets of the Church

Name of Church Elburton Methodist Community

Independent Examiner's Statement

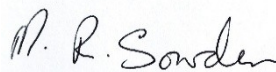
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- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Companies Act 2006
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records.

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Signature of independent



Name of independent examiner Michael Richard Sowden

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner

Name of firm (where appropriate)

Address

..... Post Code

Date 3rd November 2025

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