BILLERICAY METHODIST CHURCH

England & Wales · Charity number 1128787

Details

Status	Registered
Legal form	Previously excepted
Registered	2009-03-24
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

Contact

Address	148 Norsey View Drive Billericay CM12 0QX
Phone	07910811004
Email	contact@billericaymethodistchurch.org
Website	www.billericaymethodistchurch.org

Activities

Objects: The purposes of the Methodist Church are and shall be deemed to have been since the date of union the advancement of -(a) the Christian faith in accordance with the doctrinal standards and the dicipline of the Methodist Church;(b) any charitable purpose for the time being of any Connexional, district, circuit, local or other organisation of the Methodist Church;(c) any charitable purpose for the time being of any society or institution subsiduary or ancillary to the Methodist Church;(d) any purpose for the time being of any charity being a charity subsidiary or ancillary to the Methodist Church.

Activities: 1.provision of regular public acts of worship open to church members & non-members alike 2. provision of sacred space for prayer & contemplation 3.teaching Christianity through sermons, courses & small groups 4.pastoral work including visiting the sick & bereaved 5.promoting the church's mission through activities for older people, parents & toddlers, young people and other specific needs groups

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** Religious Activities
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

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Geography

- **Area of benefit:** UNDEFINED. IN PRACTICE, LOCAL.
- Essex

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-08-31	£483,470	£289,903	-	-
2024-08-31	£328,808	£306,962	-	-
2023-08-31	£258,002	£229,869	-	-
2022-08-31	£238,094	£258,906	-	-
2021-08-31	£177,866	£208,832	-	-

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Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Rev Moses Kweku Agyam	Chair	2023-09-01
David Samuel Rogers		2019-05-01
Dr Barbara Almond		2025-03-02
Elizabeth Eileen Perry		2024-03-17
Geraldine Joan Hanton		2020-03-01
Gillian Rogers		2023-03-05
HELEN HACKER		2017-02-22
Heather Ashworth		2025-03-02
Julia Margaret Faulkner		2023-03-05
LORRAINE ANNE HARRIS		
LYN BOWDITCH		
MR KEN COWELL		
MRS LIZ READ		2013-05-02
Margaret Kingston		2011-11-08
Michael Hawkins		2026-03-22
Pamela Mary Cottrell		2020-03-01
RACHEL KATHERINE GALLEHAWK		2021-06-10
Rev Felicity Al-Hassan		2021-09-01
Susan Cooke		2023-03-05

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Accounts

Billericay Methodist Church
(incorporating Western Road Methodist Church, Queens Park Community Church and St Andrew's Church Herongate)
Registered Charity Number 1128787

Annual Report of the Trustees for the Financial Year ended 31 August 2025

Introduction

This is the Trustees' Annual Report for Billericay Methodist Church which covers Western Road Methodist Church and Queens Park Community Church, both in Billericay.

Billericay Methodist Church employed two part-time staff, a Premises Supervisor and a Cleaner, both working at the Queens Park Church until this financial year when they both retired, the work is now being done by contractors. Our Minister Rev Moses Agyam is employed by the South Essex Circuit of The Methodist Church UK.

Aims and Organisation

For some time now the Mission Statement of the church has been:
Billericay Methodist Church is called to encourage a living faith in God.
Through the power of the Holy Spirit we proclaim the love of Jesus Christ in:
Worship and fellowship, Evangelism and teaching, Serving others and working for social justice.

From September 2023 to August 2025 our theme has been A Methodist Way of Life, growing deeper in our faith and our community by focusing on the four areas of our 'Our Calling': Worship, Learning and Caring, Service, and Evangelism, we are continuing with this theme for the next year.

The Church caring policy is to:

Encourage everyone in our churches to care and support one another in time of sorrow and need, and maintain an established pastoral system where Church members work in conjunction with pastoral visitors and the minister.

Make it a requirement for an annual review of Safeguarding Policies and ensure necessary DBS checks are made and training attended.

Family Ministry:
Encourage and equip volunteers and leaders to build our Church into a community for all generations.
Encourage and nurture relationships between God, Church and families.
Nurture relationships across groups within the Church.
Facilitate links between the Church, families, the wider community and other organisations through outreach and church-based events including worship.

Hospitality:
Encourage Christ-like hospitality and practice an active and generous love.
Invite, welcome, receive and care for visitors and newcommers, so they may find a spiritual home and the richness of Christ in our Church.
Extend God's invitation to others.
Pray, plan and work toward helping others to receive Christ.

Inclusivity:
Encourage and facilitate a sense of belonging together as one in the Body of Christ.
Acknowledge the uniqueness of individuals and foster inclusivity.
Encourage mutual concern, goodwill and respect for others regardless of ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, marital status, age, disability or opinion.
Acknowledge Christians hold different views on issues including faith and life-style, and encourage all exchanges of opinion to be within a framework of mutual respect, prayerfulness grace and honesty.
Challenge discrimination and injustice.

Working Together:
Encourage openness to change and a willingness to receive the talents of others.
Encourage people within the church to work together as effectively as possible.
To be conscious and considerate of the well-being needs of those who serve/work in our churches: volunteers, lay workers, ordained ministers.

Business and Resources (People):
Seek appropriate people to join the Leadership Team as Church Stewards and Church Council Representatives. Offer them induction and encouragement to take an interest in particular aspects of Church work.

Business and Resources (Buildings):
The Church will:
Arrange the independent quinquennial inspections of all Church property, supported by annual inspections by the relevant stewards.
Comply with the Safeguarding and Equality legislation and Connexional policy.
Comply with current buildings Health and Safety legislation and undertake Annual Risk Assessments.
Improve and maintain the Church premises.

Business and Resources (Finance):
The Church will:
Encourage the use of regular, tax-efficient giving.
Consider and approve an annual budget, together with a one year forecast.
Consider and review future Church finance.
Consider and approve the annual church contribution to the South Essex Circuit.

Business and Resources (Business):
The Church will plan and discharge its responsibilities in an efficient and effective manner.

Review of the year:

Our membership at the end of the year was 126, plus 44 adherants (who worship with us but are not members).

The many and varied church organisations continued to actively serve the church family and the wider community, full details of which can be found in the Annual Report covering each calendar year. This report is published in March each year and reviews the life, work, worship, service and achievements of the church through all its organisations and activities. A copy may be obtained from the treasurer.

The Trustees have continued to develop our Vision, looking at including all Church members and worshipers in any decisions made.

General maintenance is always on-going at both sites, much of which is carried out by our Church members.

At the year-end of 31st August 2025 our unrestricted reserves were only down by £100, this was helped by the hirers and groups continuing to use our premises. We have received 7 bequests during the year. Several projects were funded from the Bequest Fund over this year, with the balance sitting in our restricted funds to spend on future specific projects.

Income Trends:

Church income is primarily drawn from our congregation's Sunday collections, regular monthly bankers orders and the associated Gift Aid tax credit. Another valuable source is the income from users of our premises, both our own groups and various groups within the community.

Interest is received on our deposit with the Methodist Central Finance Board.

Expenditure Trends:

The major cost is in relation to the assessment paid to the Methodist South East Essex Circuit. This past year it has amounted to just under 50% of our total expenditure. A significant amount of the circuit assessment is used to pay the district assessment, stipends and related costs to ministers and upkeep of the Circuit Manses. The other expenditure includes mainly the running, maintenance and improvement of our properties, plus our family and youth work within the church and community. The Circuit has agreed to use funds from their reserves for 2024/25 and has therefore agreed to us continuing to pay £70k towards their costs.

Fund balances:
As at 31 August 2025 our total current assets were £483,714, of which £299,743 is restricted. Restricted assets includes bequest money and funds held by our Internal Organisations. Unrestricted funds provide cover for just over 12 months expenditure.

Plans for 2025/26:
The Church financial plans for the coming year have been prepared on the basis of the assessment paid to the Methodist South Essex Circuit. There will be no significent change to the general running costs of the Church. Gift aid has now been claimed up to April 2025, therefore just one years' claim for the 2025/26 accounts.

Billericay Methodist Church
Trustees Annual Report on Finance and Governance

Basis of preparation and legal framework
The Charity's annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2025 have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 and the Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice 2015 as applicable to the Financial Reporting Standard (FRSSE) 2015.

Full Name of Charity: BILLERICAY METHODIST CHURCH

Registration Charity Number: 1128787

Date of Registration: 1st March 2009

Main Communication Address: Billericay Methodist Church, Western Road, Billericay, Essex CM12 9DT.

The members of the Billericay Methodist Church Council meeting are the Charity Trustees, membership being made up of the Minister, Church Office holders, representatives appointed by the church at the Annual General Meeting and one representative appointed by the South Essex Circuit.

Full membership is shown as Appendix A to this report.
Church Minister and Officers:

Circuit Minister: Rev Moses Agyam

Church Senior Stewards: Mr Roger Davison and Mrs Gill Rogers; and Ms Helen Hacker (Steward)

Mrs Lorraine Harris is the church treasurer and oversees the day to day financial management and accounting for the Church during the year.

Independent Examiner: Mr Ian Rudkins, 14 Upland Road, Billericay, Essex CM12 0JP.

Investment Bankers:	Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church
	HSBC

Aims and Organisation
The purposes of the Methodist Church are and shall be deemed to have been since the Deed of Union, the advancement of:

a) The Christian faith in accordance with the doctrinal standards and discipline of The Methodist Church;

b) Any charitable purpose for the time being of any Connexional, District, Circuit, local or other organisation of The Methodist Church;

c) Any charitable purpose for the time being of any society or institution subsidiary or ancillary to The Methodist Church;

d) Any purpose for the time being of any charity being a charity subsidiary or ancillary to The Methodist Church.

Public Benefit
We confirm the trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

Structure, Governance and Management
The governing document for the Church is the Deed of Union (1932) and Methodist Church Act (1976).

Detailed governance arrangements are outlined within the Constitutional Practice and Discipline of the Methodist Church by order of the annual conference (CPD).

Day by day management of the Church is undertaken by the Church Leadership team, the Church Finance & Property and Pastoral Committees.

Trustee Training

A range of guidance produced by Methodist Connexion to support the effective running of the Church, specifically the leaflet 'The Role of a Trustee in the Methodist Church' is given to all new Church meeting members as induction to their role of trustees.

Related Parties
The Church is part of the Methodist South Essex Circuit and the Beds, Essex and Herts District and is also accountable to the Methodist Conference.

Suppliers

Billericay Methodist Church has used the following suppliers during the accounting year, none of whom are Trustees, or related to Trustees of the Charity:

Acors Press	Acorn Window Services
Abercorn Garden Centre	Adams Catering
Amazon	ASDA
Baker Ross	B Curtis Greengrocer
Bliss Cleaning	Box Music
Barleylands Farm Shop	B & Q
Basildon Council	British Gas
Beverley Hardy Gardening	BS Mash Mobile Repairs
BT	Cartridgesave.co.uk
Cancer Research Shops	Crystal Print
CCLI	Charles Farris Ltd
COSTCO	CollecTin Ltd
Co-op	Dunelm
E-Bay	Easylight Bulbs
E-ON	ElectricFix
Essential Hygiene	Franklins
FA Dumont Church Supplies	Gable Roofing

Great British Trading Ltd	Gear4Music
Holland & Barrett	Hollywood Bowl
Honey Pot Basildon	Home Bargains
Idium Technology	IKEA
Iceland	Ian Dipple Blinds
Ian Brown	John Lewis
Kettles Boiled	Kenable
Kingdom Coffee	London Vacuum Company (LVC)
Lidl	M&S
Make Space	Methodist Church Payroll
A1 CMS (Mark Smith Window Cleaner)	Minster Cleaning Services (MSG)
Methodist Insurance	Morrisons
Mowbrey Property Services	Nino Garden Pots
Pantons Electrical	Post Office
Poundland	RLP House Clearance
RS Decorating	Reaction Group
Selco Trade Centre	Sainsbury's
S&D Banks	S Davis Tree Care
Samantha Davenport	Screwfix
Sintons LLP	SiteGround
Sinolec	Sheppard & Cross
Style South	StoryLoop
SumUp	Sunnyville Store
SuzyFloozyCakes	Trainline
Thameside Mechanical Services	Thameside Fire Protection
TV Licensing	Timpson
T ›	The Range
Viking	TOTAL Energies
Voipfone	TESCO
WH Smith	WAVE
Wickes	Waitrose

Risk Assessment

The Church Council have examined the major strategic, business and operational risks which the Church faces and confirm that systems have been established to enable regular reports to be produced for the Church Council so that the necessary steps can be taken to lessen those risks. Professional advice is taken, as required.

The Church Council have adopted, and review annually, a Safeguarding Policy which follows the guidance provided by the Methodist Church.

Income and Expenditure is being monitored in total and is compared with the approved annual budget on a quarterly basis to detect trends as part of the risk management process.

Safeguarding

Every person has a value and dignity which comes directly from the creation of male and female in God's own image and likeness. Christians see this potential as fulfilled by God's re-creation of us in Christ. Among other things this implies a duty to value all people as bearing the image of God and therefore to protect them from harm.

Methodist Connexional practice outlines this commitment to the following principles:

The care and nurture of, and respectful pastoral ministry with all children, young people and adults

The safeguarding and protection of all children, young people and adults when they are vulnerable

The establishing of safe, caring communities which provide a loving environment where there is informed vigilance as to the dangers of abuse

We will carefully select and train all those with any responsibility within the Church, in line with Safer Recruitment principles, including the use of criminal record disclosures and registration with the relevant vetting and barring schemes

We will respond without delay to every complaint made which suggests that an adult, child or young person may have been harmed, cooperating with the police and local authority in any investigation

We will seek to work with anyone who has suffered abuse, developing with them an appropriate ministry of informed pastoral care

We will seek to challenge any abuse of power, especially by anyone in a position of trust

We will seek to offer pastoral care and support, including supervision and referral to the proper authorities, to any member of our Church community known to have offended against a child, young person or vulnerable adult

In all these principles we will follow legislation, guidance and recognised good practise

Billericay Methodist Church commits itself to ensuring the implementation of Connexional Safeguarding Policy; government legislation, guidance and safe practice.

Reserves Policy

The policy is to maintain 6 months forecast annual expenditure where financially practical, equivalent to some £76,900.

The balances held in our accounts (excluding funds held in the Internal Organisations' accounts) amount to £400,128.44: HSBC Current Account of £10,804.40 and Central Finance Board Deposit Account of £389,324.04 as at 31 August 2025 exceed the target reserves level. (there are no other investments) .

These additional funds are held:

1) £20k to fund surveys towards becoming a GreenChurch

Restricted Funds

£215,067.11 Bequest Fund money is to be used for specific future projects (as agreed by Church Council), but not for general running expenses if possible.

Funds relating to our Garden of Remembrance and Warm Space are controlled by the Church Treasurer and are used for approved purposes (the reserves/cash balance is minimal).

Onward Transmission Funds relate to collections and donations for various Methodist Funds, other appropriate Charities and Funds relating to the sponsorship of students and other activities at our Sister Churches in Kenya.

Methodist Funds and other Charity collections are forwarded to responsible persons as soon as is practical. No specific reserves are maintained. Balances reflect cash awaiting disbursement.

The Kenya Fund is controlled by the Kenya Support Committee and the Church Treasurer. Donations/payments are made for specific requests, annual school and university fees and support of projects at the Grace Centre. Surplus funds are minimal and are dependent upon donations/gifts given. No specific minimum reserve is maintained.

Internal Church Organisations

E Church Organisation maintains reserves appropriate to their activities and income sources. Their Leaders/Management Committee review these annually.

Approved by Billericay Methodist Church Council meeting on 8th November 2025 and signed on its behalf by:

Rev Moses Agyam
Chair

Dated: 8th November 2025

Church
Accruals Accounts
2024-2025

THE METHODIST CHURCH

REPORT and ACCOUNTS
ACCRUALS BASIS
for the year ended 31 August 2025

BILLERICAY METHODIST	Church

Registered Charity - Registration number (if applicable)	1128787

Circuit No	34/11

Minister	Rev Moses Agyam
Church Stewards	Ms Helen Hacker
	Mr Roger Davison
	Mrs Gill Rogers
Church Treasurer	Mrs Lorraine Harris

BILLERICAY METHODIST Church

Trustee's Annual Report on Finance and Governance

Basis of preparation and legal framework

The Charity's annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2025 have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 and the Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice 2015 as applicable to the Financial Reporting Standard(FRSSE) 2015

Full Name of Charity / Church: Billericay Methodist Church

Registration Charity Number (if a Registered Charity): 1128787

Date of registration (if registered as a Charity) 26/11/2008

Main communication address: Methodist Church, Western Road, Billericay CM12 9DT

The members of the Billericay Methodist Church Council are the Charity Trustees , membership being made up of church office holders, Minister and representatives appointed by the church at the Annual General Meeting in March.

Full membership is shown as Appendix A to this report.

Treasurer: Mrs Lorraine Anne Harris

Lorraine Harris acted as the principal officer overseeing the day to day financial management and accounting for the church during the year.

Independent examiner *Mr Ian Rudkins, FCA of 14 Upland Road, Billericay, Essex CM12 0JP*

Investment Bankers Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church
Trustees for Methodist Church purposes

BILLERICAY METHODIST Church

Aims and organisation

Statement of Mission: Billericay Methodist Church is called to encourage a living faith in God. Through the power of the Holy Spirit we proclaim the love of Jesus Christ in: Worship and fellowship, evangelism and teaching, serving others and working for social justice. Our Theme for the Year was Caring for God's world - we actively engaged with the Tearfund Climate Change Emergency declaration process and continued to explore other ways as individuals and as a church to better care for God's world (Genesis 1: 27-28)

The purposes of the Methodist Church are and shall be deemed to have been since the Date of Union the advancement of:

a) The Christian faith in accordance with the doctrinal standards and discipline of The Methodist Church;
b) Any charitable purpose for the time being of any Connexional, District, Circuit. local or other organisation of The Methodist Church;
c) Any charitable purpose for the time being of any society or institution subsidiary or ancillary to The Methodist Church;
d) Any purpose for the time being of any charity being a charity subsidiary or ancillary to The Methodist Church

Worshiping God through prayer, song and other acts of worship.
The organisation and resourcing 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 resourcing of pastoral work including visiting the sick and bereaved.
Taking religious assemblies in local schools.
Promotion of Christianity through the staging of events and services.
Provision of chaplaincy services to local schools, care homes and other institutions as appropriate and when able.

Public Benefit

We confirm the trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

Structure, Governance and Management

The governing document for the church is the Deed of Union (1932) and Methodist Church Act (1976)

Detailed governance arrangements are outlined within the Constitutional Practice and Discipline of the Methodist Church by order of the annual conference (CPD).

Day to day management of the church is undertaken by the Church Leadership team along with the Minister.

The Trustees are appointed at the AGM of the church.

Trustee Training

A range of guidance produced by Methodist Connexion to support the effective running of the church and the role of Trustees is given to the Church Trustees at various meetings and / or training sessions .

Related Parties

The Church is part of the South Essex Circuit which is part of the Beds, Herts & Essex District and is also accountable to the Methodist Conference.

The internal organisation(s) linked to this church are the INTERS and ROCK SOLID Youth Clubs, Men's Fellowship, Men's Supper Club, Pre-School and Toddler Group at Western Road.

BILLERICAY METHODIST Church

Risk Management

The major risks have been identified and recorded by the Trustees with professional advice taken as required.

There is a regular annual review process undertaken and recorded.

Income and Expenditure is being monitored in total and is compared with the approved annual budget on a half yearly basis to detect trends as part of the risk management process to avoid unforeseen calls on reserves.

Safeguarding

Every person has a value and dignity which comes directly from the creation of male and female in God's own image and likeness. Christians see this potential as fulfilled by God's re-creation of us in Christ. Among other things this implies a duty to value all people as bearing the image of God and therefore to protect them from harm.

Methodist Connexional practice outlines commitment to the following principles:

- the care and nurture of, and respectful pastoral ministry with, all children, young people and adults
- the safeguarding and protection of all children, young people and adults when they are vulnerable
- the establishing of safe, caring communities which provide a loving environment where there is informed vigilance as to the dangers of abuse.
- We will carefully select and train all those with any responsibility within the Church, in line with Safer Recruitment principles, including the use of criminal records disclosures and registration with the relevant vetting and barring schemes.
- We will respond without delay to every complaint made which suggests that an adult, child or young person may have been harmed, cooperating with the police and local authority in any investigation.
- We will seek to work with anyone who has suffered abuse, developing with them an appropriate ministry of informed pastoral care.
- We will seek to challenge any abuse of power, especially by anyone in a position of trust.
- We will seek to offer pastoral care and support, including supervision and referral to the proper authorities, to any member of our church community known to have offended against a child, young person or vulnerable adult.
- In all these principles we will follow legislation, guidance and recognised good practice

The Billericay Methodist Church commits itself to ensuring the implementation of Connexional Safeguarding Policy; government legislation, guidance and safe practice in the circuit and in the churches.

The Billericay Methodist Church commits itself to the provision of support, advice and training for lay and ordained people that will ensure people are clear and confident about their roles and responsibilities in safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and adults who may be vulnerable.

Reserves Policy

General Funds: The policy is to maintain 6 months forecast annual expenditure where financially practical equivalent to some £76,900, with a minimum of 3 months expenditure if not possible.
The balances held in our accounts amount to £400,128.44: HSBC current account of £10,804.40 and the Central Finance Board deposit account of £389,324.04 (there are no other investments) at 31st August 2025 (these figures are excluding Internal Organisations who hold their own bank accounts, but including legacies which are not to be used for day to day expenses). The additional funds are held 1) To fund surveys towards becoming a Green Church. Also a Bequest Fund with a balance of £215,067.11, these funds are to be used specifically for projects and not for general running expenses.
Restricted Funds: Funds relating to our Garden of Remembrance and Warm Space fund are controlled by the Church Treasurer and are used for approved purposes (the reserves/cash balances are minimal). Onward Transmission Funds relate to collections and donations for various Methodist Funds, other appropriate charities and funds relating to the sponsorship of students and other activities at our Sister Churches in Kenya. Methodist Funds and other Charity collections are forwarded to responsible persons as soon as is practical. No specific reserves are maintained. Balances reflect cash awaiting disbursement.
The Kenya Fund is controlled by the Kenya Support Committee and the Church Treasurer. Donations/payments are made for specific requests, annual school and university fees and support of projects at The Grace Center. Surplas funds are minimal and are dependent upon donations/gifts givien. No specific minimum reserve is maintained.
Internal Church Organisations: Each Church organisation maintains appropriate reserves to their activities and income sources. Their Leaders/Management Committee review these annually.

Name of Church **BILLERICAY METHODIST Church** **Number** 1128787

Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) for the year ended 31 August 2025

	Notes to the accounts	Unrestricted funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2024-25	Total 2023-24
		£	£	£	£	£
Income and Endowments from:						
Donations and legacies	4				0	0
- Collections and tax credit		80659	0		80659	80277
- Donations		2745	24457		27202	47556
- Legacies		0	208806		208806	42000
Charitable activities	5				0	0
- Fund raising		0	0		0	0
- Others		0	0		0	0
Other trading activities	6				0	0
- Lettings		33650	0		33650	37695
- Miscellaneous		0	0		0	0
Investments	7	12696	0		12696	9333
Other	8	80	0		80	1721
- Internal organisations		0	111081		111081	100971
- Miscellaneous		9296	0		9296	9255
Total		**139126**	**344344**	**0**	**483470**	**328808**
Expenditure on:						
Salaries, NIC & Pension costs	11	10052	0		10052	13089
Circuit Assessment		70000	0		70000	70000
Maintenance on Church building(s) and property		36712	15574		52286	63287
Telephone and Travel		0	0		0	0
Utilities (insurance, heat and light, water, etc)		19992	0		19992	21567
Expenditure on other property		0	0		0	0
Depreciation	12	0	0		0	0
Provisions		1950	0		1950	1810
Internal organisations		0	94947		94947	85464
Grants and Donations		4764	20742		25506	31792
Other expenditure		14299	871		15170	19953
Total		**157769**	**132134**	**0**	**289903**	**306962**
Net income/(expenditure)		**-18643**	**212210**	**0**	**193567**	**21846**
Transfers between funds		14250	-14250		**0**	**0**
		-4393	**197960**	0	**193567**	**21846**
Other recognised gains / (losses): 2021 Addition of Herongate Methodist Church bank balances.					**0**	**0**
Gains/(Losses) on revaluation of fixed assets (properties now valued at land value only).		71382			71382	-164946
Gains/(Losses) on investment assets					0	0
Actuarial gains /(losses) on defined benefit pension schemes					0	0
Net movement in funds		66989	197960	0	264949	-143100
Reconciliation of funds: Kenya Fund & JMA						
Total funds brought forward		1893753	101783		1995536	2138636
Total funds carried forward		**1960742**	**299743**	0	**2260485**	**1995536**

For information only Money received and passed on to External Organisations

Balance brought forward from last year	**18691**	**8594**
Offerings/Gifts - received for External Organisations	**24457**	28421
Offerings/Gifts - passed to External Organisations	**-20742**	-18324
Balance carried forward(Kenya fund)	**22406**	**18691**

BILLERICAY METHODIST Church

Balance Sheet as at 31 August 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted £	Designated (Unrestricted)	Restricted £	Endowment Funds £	Totals this year £	Totals last year £
Tangible Fixed Assets*							
Land & Buildings (land value only)	12	1,776,771				1776771	1705389
Equipment	12						
Investment properties	13						
Investments	13						
Total fixed assets		1,776,771				1776771	1705389
Current Assets							
Debtors and Prepayments	14	21,977				21977	27099
Cash at Bank and in hand	14	(227,330)		299,743		72413	71985
Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes deposits							
Central Finance Board Deposits		389,324				389324	191063
Other							
Total current assets		183,971		299,743		483714	290147
Creditors and Accruals (due in under 1 yr)	15						
Net current assets (liabilities)		183,971		299,743		483714	290147
Total assets less current liabilities		1,960,742		299,743		2260485	1995536
Loans and creditors due after 1 year	17						
Provisions for liabilities and charges							
Net assets		1,960,742		299,743		2260485	1995536
Funds of the Church	18						
Unrestricted funds		1,960,742				1960742	1893753
Restricted funds				299,743		299743	101783
Endowment funds							
Total Funds		1,960,742		299,743		2260485	1995536

Internal Organisations		Opening balance	Receipts	Payments	Net Receipts/ Payments	Adjustments	Closing balances
INTERS & ROCK SOLID Clubs		115	2561	-2268	293		408
Men's Fellowship		648	615	-860	-245		403
Men's Supper Club		836	1230	-1079	151		987
Pre-School		56754	104991	-103470	1521		58275
Toddler Groups WR		1372	1684	-1520	164		1536
Total		59725	111081	-109197	1884		61609

Total Receipts	Total Payments

Continue on a separate sheet if necessary and bring the totals forward. Transfer Totals of Receipts and Payments to the SOFA

Notes to the Accounts

1 Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared under the Charities Act 2011 in accordance with the 2014 version of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities applicable in the UK (effective from 1 January 2015) – the Charities SORP (FRSSE) – in replacement for the SORP's 2005 version specified in its related 2008 Regulations and in accordance with the 'true and fair override' provision contained therein."

2 Funds

The funds held constitute: General Funds held for any purpose of the Church which are Unrestricted. Restricted funds which are held for a narrower purpose including those for internal organisations. There are also the following Endowment funds as listed. Details of each material fund are disclosed in note 18 . Any funds may be represented by more than just cash.

3 Accounting policies

Basis

These accounts have been prepared on the basis of historical cost except that investments are shown at their market value at the end of the year, on the accruals basis to show a true and fair view of the Church's financial position and activities.

Income

Income is included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) when the Church becomes entitled to the resources, and the trustees are reasonably certain they will receive the resources; and the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Expenditure

This is recognised when a liability is incurred, or a constructive obligation arises, that results in the payment being unavoidable. Liabilities are recognised as soon as an outflow of economic benefit is considered more likely than not under the legal or constructive obligation committing the Circuit to pay out resources.

Grants

Grants made by the Church from its own funds are recognised in full at the time of agreement or when the Church accepts that there is a legal or operational obligation to make the payment. When the grant is recurrent over more than one year the balance payable in future years is treated as a provision for future commitments in the Balance Sheet against the appropriate fund, the provision being released in future years as instalments are paid in accordance with the originally agreed terms.

VAT

Since the Church is not VAT registered, all input VAT is charged with the expenses to which it refers.

Tangible fixed assets for use by the Church

The Western Road property is freehold, with the building 64 years old. The Queens Park property is leasehold with 102 years to run on the lease, the building is 23 years old. Both properties are shown as the value of the land only. The value of the sites for a potential alternative use may be significantly higher than the value shown in the accounts. Fixed assets are fully expensed in the year of purchase.

Investment Properties

Investment properties - no property is currently deemed to not be held for the long term purposes of the charity.

Investments

Investments are valued in the balance sheet at market value at the year end. Investment income is included in the accounts when receivable and any gains or losses on revaluation at the year end are shown in the SOFA.

Debtors and Prepayments

Debtors include outstanding lettings invoices in August.

Creditors

Creditors include outstandings relating to utilities, telephones, etc in August.

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4. Donations and legacies	Unrestricted	Restricted	2025 Total	2024 Total
				£
Collections	61906	0	61906	64022
Tax credits	18753	0	18753	16255
Donations	2745	24457	27202	47556
Legacies	0	208806	208806	42000
Total	**83404**	**233263**	**316667**	**169833**

5. Charitable activities	Unrestricted	Restricted	2025 Total	2024 Total
			£	£
Fund raising			0	0
Other				
Total	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**

6 Other trading activities	Unrestricted	Restricted	2025 Total	2024 Total
	£	£	£	£
Use of Premises donations	33650	0	33650	37695
Internal Orgs donations	14250		14250	11200
Total	**47900**	**0**	**47900**	**48895**

7. Investment income	Unrestricted	Restricted	2025 Total	2024 Total
	£	£	£	£
Central Finance Board	12696		12696	9333
Rental income			0	
Other			0	
Total	**12696**	**0**	**12696**	**9333**

8 Other	Unrestricted	Restricted	2025 Total	~~2026~~ 2024 Total
	£	£	£	£
Internal Organisations		111081	111081	100971
(see list on Balance Sheet)			0	
Miscellaneous credits	80	0	80	1721
Other-Herongate refunds from S Essex Circuit	9296		9296	9255
Total	**9376**	**111081**	**120457**	**111947**

9. Payment to Trustees

		This year	Last year
Payments made to trustees for additional services provided to the Church by agreement with the Church Council Meeting	£	NIL	NIL
Number of trustees who were paid expenses		NIL	NIL
Nature of the expenses - Plumbing and lighting works			
If there are no payments to Trustees, please record no expenses were paid.			
Total amount paid	£	NIL	NIL

10. Fees for examination or audit of the accounts

Independent examiner's or auditors' fees for reporting on the accounts	£		
Other fees (eg: advice, accountancy services) paid to the independent examiner or auditor	£	NIL	NIL

11. Paid employees

Staff Costs paid during the year were:

Gross wages, salaries and benefits in kind	£	10,052	13,089
Employer's National Insurance costs	£		
Pension costs	£		
Total staff costs	£	10,052	13,089
Average number of staff employeed during the year were:		1	1

12 Tangible Fixed Assets

Cost or valuation

5	Church (non investment) land and buildings £	Other non investment land and buildings £	Investment properties (land and buildings) £	Other fixed assets including motor vehicles £	Fixtures, fittings and equipment £	Payments on account and assets under construction £	Total £
Balance brought forward	5,116,167			276,175	227,846		5,620,188
Additions (Herongate Church)							
Revaluations (+/-)	214,147			44,670	7,978		266,795
Transfers * (+/-)							
Balance carried forward	5,330,314			320,845	235,824		5,886,983

Accumulated depreciation

Balance brought forward	3,410,778			276,175	227,846		3,914,799
Depreciation charge for year (-)							
Revaluations (+/-)	142,765			44,670	7,978		195,413
Disposals (-)							
Transfers* (+/-)							
Balance carried forward	3,553,543			320,845	235,824		4,110,212

Net book value

Brought forward	1,705,389	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	1,705,389
Carried forward	1,776,771	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	1,776,771

Assetts are fully expensed in the year of purchase

The three Church buildings are valued at their LAND VALUE only as at the financial year to 31/08/2025. Western Road land is freehold. Queens Park land is Leasehold - 104 years left of 125 (the land is owned by Basildon Borough Council).

* The "transfers" row is for movements between fixed asset categories.

13 Investments

The funds that support the various funds are held by TMCP in Trustees Interest Funds on which interest is credited to the accounts each month. These are regarded as medium and long term investments.

TMCP is the legal owner and Custodian Trustee of all Methodist Model Trust property, including Legacies, Endowments and Accumulated Funds. Trust property is held for and on behalf of local Managing Trustees who are responsible for the day to day management of trust property. TMCP ensure that, through providing guidance and acting under their direction, the Managing Trustees comply with charity law and Methodist law and polity as determined by the Methodist Conference.

Analysis of investment movements

Change in investment values

		This year	Prev year
		£	£
Carrying (market) value at beginning of year		Nil	Nil
Add: additions to investments at cost			
Less: disposals at carrying value			
Net gain/(loss) on revaluation			
Carrying (market) value at end of year		Nil	Nil

14. Analysis of current assets

	This year	Last year
Debtors and prepayments	£	£
Pre paid assessments	17500	17500
Accrued income	5000	10000
Less Accrued expenses	-523	-401
Total debtors and prepayments	21,977	27,099

Analysis of cash at bank

Bank balance held in HSBC (NOTE: This includes Restricted and Unrestricted Funds)	10,804	12,260
Bank balance held in Methodist Central Finance Board	389,324	191,063
Internal Organisation bank balances	61,609	59,725
Total Cash and Bank	461,737	263,048

15. Analysis of current liabilities and long term creditors

Trade Creditors	Nil	Nil
Other Creditors (NOTE: Monies received and passed onto External Organisations)	NIL	NIL
Total Current Liabilities	Nil	Nil

16. Capital commitments and contingent liabilities

No Contingent liabilities were identified at 31st August 2025

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17. Loans and creditors due after one year

Loans

Source	Amount brought forward £	New borrowings £	Loan interest £	Repayable in the year £	Balance at year end £
					Nil X

Repayment due

	Totals
Due within 12 months	
Due after more than 12 months	
Total	Nil Y

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18. Detailed analysis of individual fund movements

Unrestricted Funds

Fund Name	Opening Balance	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Revaluation gains/losses	Closing Balance
Totals						

Restricted Funds

	Opening Balance	Income	Expenditure	Transfers to BMC	Revaluation gains/losses	Closing Balance
Garden of Rembrance	662					662
Billericay Pre-School	Nil					Nil
Internal Organisations	59,725	111,081	-94,947	-14,250		61,609
Legacy Fund	21,835	208,806	-15,574			215,067
Warm Space Fund	871		-871			Nil
Kenya fund	18,690	20,171	-16,456			22,405
Billericay Foodbank	Nil	568	-568			Nil
MacMillan Cancer Support	Nil	355	-355			Nil
All we Can	Nil	481	-481			Nil
St Luke's Hospice	Nil	541	-541			Nil
Action for Children	Nil	585	-585			Nil
Changing Pathways	Nil	567	-567			Nil
Guide Dogs for Blind	Nil	325	-325			Nil
MHA	Nil	261	-261			Nil
Easter Offering	Nil	488	-488			Nil
JMA	Nil	114	-114			Nil
Property Grant						Nil
TOTALS	**101,783**	**344,343**	**-132,133**	**-14,250**		**299,743**

Endowment Funds

Restricted Fund Name	Opening Balance	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Revaluation gains/losses	Closing Balance
Totals						

Fund purposes

Reasons for transfer between funds

19. Related party transactions

This year

Name of related party	Relationship	Description of transaction	Income from related party during the year	Payments to related party during the year	Loans to / (from) related party during the year	Amounts owed by / (to) related party as on 31-Aug-2025
			£	£	£	£
JMA		Donation		114		0
Methodist Church Fund						
Mission in Britain Fund						
Fund for Support of Presbyters & Deacons						
Fund for Property						
World Mission Fund (All We Can)		Donation		481		0
Total			**0**	**595**	**0**	**0**

Last year

Name of related party	Relationship	Description of transaction	Income from related party during the year	Payments to related party during the year	Loans to / (from) related party during the year	Amounts owed by / (to) related party as on 31-Aug-2024
			£	£	£	£
JMA		Donation		240		0
Methodist Church Fund						
Mission in Britain Fund						
Fund for Support of Presbyters & Deacons						
Fund for Property						
World Mission Fund		Donation		0		0
Total			**0**	**240**	**0**	**0**

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Appendix A

CHURCH MEETING MEMBERSHIP

MINISTERS Rev Moses Agyam

CHURCH STEWARDS Ms Helen Hacker
Mr Roger Davison
Mrs Gill Rogers

Church Safeguarding Co-ordinator
Mrs Liz Read

CHURCH REPRESENTATIVES (OTHER MEMBERS OF THE CHURCH COUNCIL)

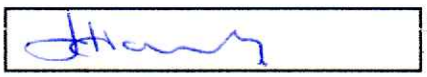
1	Rev Felicity Al-Hassan
2	Mrs Barbara Almond (added July 2025)
3	Mrs Heather Ashworth (added July 2025)
4	Mrs Lyn Bowditch
5	Mrs Susan Cooke (added October 2023)
6	Mrs Pam Cottrell
7	Mr Ken Cowell
8	Mrs Linda Davison
9	Mr Roger Davison
10	Mrs Julia Faulkner (added October 2023)
11	Miss Rachel Gallehawk
12	Ms Helen Hacker
13	Mrs Geraldine Hanton
14	Mrs Elizabeth Hardy (deleted March 2024)
15	Mrs Lorraine Harris
16	Miss Maggie Kingston
17	Mrs Elizabeth Perry (added March 2024)
18	Mrs Liz Read
19	Mr David Rogers
20	Mrs Gill Rogers
21	Mr Jon Waldron (deleted February 2025)

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DECLARATIONS

Treasurer

I confirm that I have prepared the accounts from the records of the Church and that they include all funds under the control of the Church Council.

Signature of Treasurer  Date 08-Nov-25

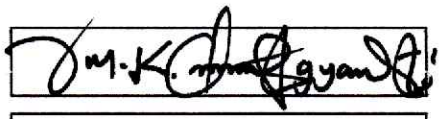
Name Mrs Lorraine Anne Harris

Address C/o Billericay Methodist Church, Western Road. Billericay, Essex CM12 9DT

Presentation to the Church Council Meeting for approval.

I confirm that the Accounts were, or will be,presented to the Church Council Meeting on _____

and were approved.

Signature of the Chair of the meeting 

Name of the Chair of the meeting **Rev Moses Agyam**

Date

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

Billericay Methodist Church **Church**

This Report is on the Church Accounts for the year ended 31st August 2025

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The Church's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The Church's Trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under Section 144 of the Charities Act 2011(the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

Mr Ian Rudkins, FCA

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under Section 145(5)(b) of the Charities act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

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Basis of Independent Examiner's Report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as Trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair view" and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

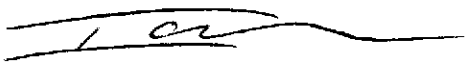
- to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 130 of the Charities Act 2011.

- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act

have not been met; or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Name: Mr Ian Rudkins

Signature: 

Relevant Professional qualification or body: ICAEW

Address: 14 Upland Road, Billericay, Essex CM12 0JP

Date: 03-Nov-25

Name of Church - Billericay Methodist Church / Circuit No 34/11 /
Registered Charity Number 1128787

Declarations and Scrutiny

I confirm that these accruals-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 ..... Date 08/11/25

Name and address of treasurer - Lorraine Harris,
148 Norsey View Drive, Billericay..... Post Code CM12 0QX

Presentation to the Church trustees

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2025 will be presented to the meeting of the Church trustees held on the 8th November 2025.

Signature of the Chair of the meeting .....

Name of the Chair of the meeting Rev Moses Agyam Date.....08/11/25.....

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

Billericay Methodist Church

Charity Number 1128787

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Billericay Methodist Church for the year ended 31 August 2025 set out on pages 1 to 18. 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.

Name of Church - Billericay Methodist Church / Circuit No 34/11 / Registered Charity Number 1128787

Independent Examiner's Statement

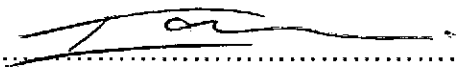
The Church's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales.

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; or
- the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view, which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination
- the trustees' annual report is not consistent with the accounts

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 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 – Ian Rudkins FCA

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner
- Fellow of The Institute of Chartered Accountants In England and Wales

Name of firm (where appropriate) N/A

Address 14 Upland Road, Billericay, Essex

Post Code CM12 0JP

Date 3 November 2025

BILLERICAY METHODIST CHURCH

England & Wales - Charity number 1128787

Accounts

Billericay Methodist Church
(incorporating Western Road Methodist Church, Queens Park Community Church and St Andrew's Church Herongate)
Registered Charity Number 1128787

Annual Report of the Trustees for the Financial Year ended 31 August 2024

Introduction

This is the Trustees' Annual Report for Billericay Methodist Church which covers Western Road Methodist Church and Queens Park Community Church, both in Billericay. St. Andrew's Methodist Church, Herongate have ceased to meet, their members have transferred to Western Road. The Circuit has now taken responsibility for the building at Herongate and is getting it ready to sell.

Billericay Methodist Church employs two part-time staff, a Premises Supervisor and a Cleaner, both working at the Queens Park Church. Our Minister Rev Moses Agyam is employed by the South Essex Circuit of The Methodist Church UK.

Aims and Organisation

For some time now the Mission Statement of the church has been:
Billericay Methodist Church is called to encourage a living faith in God.
Through the power of the Holy Spirit we proclaim the love of Jesus Christ in:
Worship and fellowship, Evangelism and teaching, Serving others and working for social justice.

From September 2023 our theme for the year has been A Methodist Way of Life, growing deeper in our faith and our community by focusing on the four areas of our 'Our Calling': Worship, Learning and Caring, Service, and Evangelism. we are continuing with this them for the next year.

The Church caring policy is to:

Encourage everyone in our churches to care and support one another in time of sorrow and need, and maintain an established pastoral system where Church members work in conjunction with pastoral visitors and the minister.

Make it a requirement for an annual review of Safeguarding Policies and ensure necessary DBS checks are made and training attended.

Family Ministry:
Encourage and equip volunteers and leaders to build our Church into a community for all generations.
Encourage and nurture relationships between God, Church and families.
Nurture relationships across groups within the Church.
Facilitate links between the Church, families, the wider community and other organisations through outreach and church-based events including worship.

Hospitality:
Encourage Christ-like hospitality and practice an active and generous love.

Invite, welcome, receive and care for visitors and newcommers, so they may find a spiritual home and the richness of Christ in our Church.

Extend God's invitation to others.
Pray, plan and work toward helping others to receive Christ.

Inclusivity:
Encourage and facilitate a sense of belonging together as one in the Body of Christ.
Acknowledge the uniqueness of individuals and foster inclusivity.
Encourage mutual concern, goodwill and respect for others regardless of ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, marital status, age, disability or opinion.

Acknowledge Christians hold different views on issues including faith and life-style, and encourage all exchanges of opinion to be within a framework of mutual respect, prayerfulness grace and honesty.

Challenge discrimination and injustice.

Working Together:
Encourage openness to change and a willingness to receive the talents of others.
Encourage people within the church to work together as effectively as possible.

To be conscious and considerate of the well-being needs of those who serve/work in our churches: volunteers, lay workers, ordained ministers.

Business and Resources (People):

Seek appropriate people to join the Leadership Team as Church Stewards and Church Council Representatives. Offer them induction and encouragement to take an interest in particular aspects of Church work.

Business and Resources (Buildings):
The Church will:

Arrange the independent quinquennial inspections of all Church property, supported by annual inspections by the relevant stewards.

Comply with the Safeguarding and Equality legislation and Connexional policy.
Comply with current buildings Health and Safety legislation and undertake Annual Risk Assessments.
Improve and maintain the Church premises.

Business and Resources (Finance):
The Church will:
Encourage the use of regular, tax-efficient giving.
Consider and approve an annual budget, together with a one year forecast.
Consider and review future Church finance.
Consider and approve the annual church contribution to the South Essex Circuit.

Business and Resources (Business):
The Church will plan and discharge its responsibilities in an efficient and effective manner.

Review of the year:

Our membership at the end of the year was 131, plus 42 adherants (who worship with us but are not members).

The many and varied church organisations continued to actively serve the church family and the wider community, full details of which can be found in the Annual Report covering each calendar year. This report is published in March each year and reviews the life, work, worship, service and achievements of the church through all its organisations and activities. A copy may be obtained from the treasurer.

The Trustees have continued to develop our Vision, looking at including all Church members and worshipers in any decisions made.

General maintenance is always on-going at all three sites, much of which is carried out by our Church members.

As at the year-end of 31st August 2024 our unrestricted reserves were up by £10k, which was helped by the hirers and groups continuing to use our premises. We have received 2 small bequests during the year, plus an interim payment from a large bequest that is being worked on. Several projects were funded from the Bequest Fund over this year, with the balance sitting in our restricted funds to spend on future specific projects.

Income Trends:

Church income is primarily drawn from our congregation's Sunday collections, regular monthly bankers orders and the associated Gift Aid tax credit. Another valuable source is the income from users of our premises, both our own groups and various groups within the community.

Interest is received on our deposit with the Methodist Central Finance Board.

Expenditure Trends:

The major cost is in relation to the assessment paid to the Methodist South East Essex Circuit. This past year it has amounted to just under 50% of our total expenditure. A significant amount of the circuit assessment is used to pay the district assessment, stipends and related costs to ministers and upkeep of the Circuit Manses. The other expenditure includes mainly the running, maintenance and improvement of our properties, plus our family and youth work within the church and community. The Circuit has agreed to use funds from their reserves for 2024/25 and has therefore agreed to us continuing to pay £70k towards their costs.

Fund balances:
As at 31 August 2024 our net current assets were £290,147, of which £101,783 is restricted. Restricted assets includes bequest money and funds held by our Internal Organisations. Unrestricted funds provide cover for just over 12 months expenditure.

Plans for 2024/25:

The Church financial plans for the coming year have been prepared on the basis that there remains 2 part-time staff with anticipated cost of living wage increases and the assessment paid to the Methodist South Essex Circuit. There will be no change to the general running costs of the Church.

Billericay Methodist Church
Trustees Annual Report on Finance and Governance

Basis of preparation and legal framework
The Charity's annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2024 have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 and the Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice 2015 as applicable to the Financial Reporting Standard (FRSSE) 2015.

Full Name of Charity: BILLERICAY METHODIST CHURCH

Registration Charity Number: 1128787

Date of Registration: 1st March 2009

Main Communication Address: Billericay Methodist Church, Western Road, Billericay, Essex CM12 9DT.

The members of the Billericay Methodist Church Council meeting are the Charity Trustees, membership being made up of the Minister, Church Office holders, representatives appointed by the church at the Annual General Meeting and one representative appointed by the South Essex Circuit.

Full membership is shown as Appendix A to this report.
Church Minister and Officers:

Circuit Minister: Rev Moses Agyam

Church Senior Stewards: Mr Roger Davison and Mrs Gill Rogers; and Ms Helen Hacker (Steward)

Mrs Lorraine Harris is the church treasurer and oversees the day to day financial management and accounting for the Church during the year.

Independent Examiner: Mr Thomas Sterry OBE, C/o Billericay Methodist Church, Western Road, Billericay CM12 9DT

Investment Bankers:	Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church
	HSBC

Aims and Organisation
The purposes of the Methodist Church are and shall be deemed to have been since the Date of Union, the advancement of:

a) The Christian faith in accordance with the doctrinal standards and discipline of The Methodist Church;

b) Any charitable purpose for the time being of any Connexional, District, Circuit, local or other organisation of The Methodist Church;

c) Any charitable purpose for the time being of any society or institution subsidiary or ancillary to The Methodist Church;

d) Any purpose for the time being of any charity being a charity subsidiary or ancillary to The Methodist Church.

Public Benefit
We confirm the trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

Structure, Governance and Management
The governing document for the Church is the Deed of Union (1932) and Methodist Church Act (1976).

Detailed governance arrangements are outlined within the Constitutional Practice and Discipline of the Methodist Church by order of the annual conference (CPD).

Day by day management of the Church is undertaken by the Church Leadership team, the Church Finance & Property and Pastoral Committees.

Trustee Training

A range of guidance produced by Methodist Connexion to support the effective running of the Church, specifically the leaflet 'The Role of a Trustee in the Methodist Church' is given to all new Church meeting members as induction to their role of trustees.

Related Parties
The Church is part of the Methodist South Essex Circuit and the Beds, Essex and Herts District and is also accountable to the Methodist Conference.

Suppliers

Billericay Methodist Church has used the following suppliers during the accounting year, none of whom are Trustees, or related to Trustees of the Charity:

Acors Press	ALDI
A1 Coffee	Adams Catering
Amazon	ASDA
All Glass	Ancient & Modern Hymns
Aspect	Auger
Barleylands Farm Shop	B & Q
Ben's Gutters	Bailey and Taylor
Basildon Council	British Gas
Beverley Hardy Gardening	Billericay News
Boots	Boilers & Spares
Box.co.uk	Brentwood Council
BPS	British Heart Foundation
BT	Cartridgesave.co.uk
Cancer Research Shops	Crystal Print
CCLI	Charles Farris Ltd

COSTCO
Co-op
D Byford & Son
E-ON
Flourishing Flowers
Gear4Music.com
Green Brokers Ltd
Insight Systems Ltd
Keay Vital Parts
Kirkhouse
Lambert Smith Hampton
A1 CMS (Mark Smith Window Cleaner)
Methodist Insurance
MJ Flooring Ltd
Mount St Bernard Abbey
Mowbrey Property Services
Ovenu Brentwood
Pantons Electrical
Poundland
Poundstretcher
Reaction Group
Reeve & Son
S&D Banks
Samantha Davenport
Scout Store
Shop Win & Office
Style South
Thameside Mechanical Services
TV Licensing
Viking
Voipfone
V&J Quelch & Son
WH Smith
Wickes

Dunelm
EatYourPhoto.co.uk
ETSY
First Ford Fire & Security
Gable Roofing
Hawkins Electrical
Ian Brown
Kettles Boilers
Kingdom Coffee
London Vacuum Company (LVC)
Methodist Church Payroll
Minster Cleaning Services
Moores Shoe Repairs
Nisbets
National Trust Shop
Norwich Books
Oxfam Shop
PlusNet
Post Office
R&F Insulations
ROOTS
Sainsbury's
S Davis Tree Care
Screwfix
Steton UK
Sheppard & Cross
Stock Road News
Thameside Fire Protection
Thomann
TOTAL Energies
TESCO
Thunder Sparks Ltd
WAVE
Waitrose

Risk Assessment

The Church Council have examined the major strategic, business and operational risks which the Church faces and confirm that systems have been established to enable regular reports to be produced for the Church Council so that the necessary steps can be taken to lessen those risks. Professional advice is taken, as required.

The Church Council have adopted, and review annually, a Safeguarding Policy which follows the guidance provided by the Methodist Church.

Income and Expenditure is being monitored in total and is compared with the approved annual budget on a quarterly basis to detect trends as part of the risk management process.

Safeguarding

Every person has a value and dignity which comes directly from the creation of male and female in God's own image and likeness. Christians see this potential as fulfilled by God's re-creation of us in Christ. Among other things this implies a duty to value all people as bearing the image of God and therefore to protect them from harm.

Methodist Connexional practice outlines this commitment to the following principles:

The care and nurture of, and respectful pastoral ministry with all children, young people and adults

The safeguarding and protection of all children, young people and adults when they are vulnerable

The establishing of safe, caring communities which provide a loving environment where there is informed vigilance as to the dangers of abuse

We will carefully select and train all those with any responsibility within the Church, in line with Safer Recruitment principles, including the use of criminal record disclosures and registration with the relevant vetting and barring schemes

We will respond without delay to every complaint made which suggests that an adult, child or young person may have been harmed, cooperating with the police and local authority in any investigation

We will seek to work with anyone who has suffered abuse, developing with them an appropriate ministry of informed pastoral care

We will seek to challenge any abuse of power, especially by anyone in a position of trust

We will seek to offer pastoral care and support, including supervision and referral to the proper authorities, to any member of our Church community known to have offended against a child, young person or vulnerable adult

In all these principles we will follow legislation, guidance and recognised good practise

Billericay Methodist Church commits itself to ensuring the implementation of Connexional Safeguarding Policy; government legislation, guidance and safe practice.

Reserves Policy

The policy is to maintain 6 months forecast annual expenditure where financially practical, equivalent to some £75,900.

The balances held in our accounts (excluding funds held in the Internal Organisations' accounts) amount to £203,322.52: HSBC Current Account of £12,259.63 and Central Finance Board Deposit Account of £191,062.89 as at 31 August 2024 exceed the target reserves level. (there are no other investments) .

These additional funds are held:

1) £20k to fund surveys towards becoming a GreenChurch

2) £5k to cover the update of sound equipment at Western Road (completed October 2024)

Restricted Funds

£21,835 Bequest Fund money is to be used for specific future projects (as agreed by Church Council), but not for general running expenses if possible.

Funds relating to our Garden of Remembrance and Warm Space are controlled by the Church Treasurer and are used for approved purposes (the reserves/cash balance is minimal).

Onward Transmission Funds relate to collections and donations for various Methodist Funds, other appropriate Charities and Funds relating to the sponsorship of students and other activities at our Sister Churches in Kenya.

Methodist Funds and other Charity collections are forwarded to responsible persons as soon as is practical. No specific reserves are maintained. Balances reflect cash awaiting disbursement.

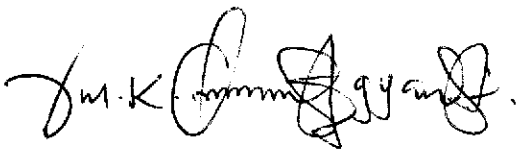
The Kenya Fund is controlled by the Kenya Support Committee and the Church Treasurer. Donations/payments are made for specific requests, annual school and university fees and support of projects at the Grace Centre. Surplus funds are minimal and are dependent upon donations/gifts given. No specific minimum reserve is maintained.

Internal Church Organisations

Each Church Organisation maintains reserves appropriate to their activities and income sources. Their Leaders/Management Committee review these annually.

Approved by Billericay Methodist Church Council meeting on 16th November 2024 and signed on its behalf by:

Rev Moses Agyam
Chair



Dated: 16th November 2024

Church
Accruals Accounts
2023-2024

THE METHODIST CHURCH

REPORT and ACCOUNTS
ACCRUALS BASIS
for the year ended 31 August 2024

BILLERICAY METHODIST	Church

Registered Charity - Registration number (if applicable)	1128787

Circuit No	34/11

Minister	Rev Moses Agyam
Church Stewards	Ms Helen Hacker
	Mr Roger Davison
	Mrs Gill Rogers
Church Treasurer	Mrs Lorraine Harris

BILLERICAY METHODIST Church

Trustee's Annual Report on Finance and Governance

Basis of preparation and legal framework

The Charity's annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2024 have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 and the Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice 2015 as applicable to the Financial Reporting Standard(FRSSE) 2015

Full Name of Charity / Church: Billericay Methodist Church

Registration Charity Number (if a Registered Charity): 1128787

Date of registration (if registered as a Charity) 26/11/2008

Main communication address: Methodist Church, Western Road, Billericay CM12 9DT

The members of the Billericay Methodist Church Council are the Charity Trustees , membership being made up of church office holders, Minister and representatives appointed by the church at the Annual General Meeting in March.

Full membership is shown as Appendix A to this report.

Treasurer: Mrs Lorraine Anne Harris

Lorraine Harris acted as the principal officer overseeing the day to day financial management and accounting for the church during the year.

Independent examiner *Mr Ian Rudkins, FCA of 14 Upland Road, Billericay, Essex CM12 0JP*

Investment Bankers Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church
Trustees for Methodist Church purposes

BILLERICAY METHODIST Church

Aims and organisation

Statement of Mission: Billericay Methodist Church is called to encourage a living faith in God. Through the power of the Holy Spirit we proclaim the love of Jesus Christ in: Worship and fellowship, evangelism and teaching, serving others and working for social justice. Our Theme for the Year was Caring for God's world - we actively engaged with the Tearfund Climate Change Emergency declaration process and continued to explore other ways as individuals and as a church to better care for God's world (Genesis 1: 27-28)

The purposes of the Methodist Church are and shall be deemed to have been since the Date of Union the advancement of:

a) The Christian faith in accordance with the doctrinal standards and discipline of The Methodist Church;
b) Any charitable purpose for the time being of any Connexional, District, Circuit. local or other organisation of The Methodist Church;
c) Any charitable purpose for the time being of any society or institution subsidiary or ancillary to The Methodist Church;
d) Any purpose for the time being of any charity being a charity subsidiary or ancillary to The Methodist Church

Worshiping God through prayer, song and other acts of worship.
The organisation and resourcing 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 resourcing of pastoral work including visiting the sick and bereaved.
Taking religious assemblies in local schools.
Promotion of Christianity through the staging of events and services.
Provision of chaplaincy services to local schools, care homes and other institutions as appropriate and when able.

Public Benefit

We confirm the trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

Structure, Governance and Management

The governing document for the church is the Deed of Union (1932) and Methodist Church Act (1976)

Detailed governance arrangements are outlined within the Constitutional Practice and Discipline of the Methodist Church by order of the annual conference (CPD).

Day to day management of the church is undertaken by the Church Leadership team along with the Minister.

The Trustees are appointed at the AGM of the church.

Trustee Training

A range of guidance produced by Methodist Connexion to support the effective running of the church and the role of Trustees is given to the Church Trustees at various meetings and / or training sessions .

Related Parties

The Church is part of the South Essex Circuit which is part of the Beds, Herts & Essex District and is also accountable to the Methodist Conference.

The Internal organisation(s) linked to this church are the INTERS and ROCK SOLID Youth Clubs, Men's Fellowship, Men's Supper Club, Pre-School and Toddler Group at Western Road.

Risk Management

The major risks have been identified and recorded by the Trustees with professional advice taken as required.

There is a regular annual review process undertaken and recorded.

Income and Expenditure is being monitored in total and is compared with the approved annual budget on a half yearly basis to detect trends as part of the risk management process to avoid unforeseen calls on reserves.

Safeguarding

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- the establishing of safe, caring communities which provide a loving environment where there is informed vigilance as to the dangers of abuse.
- We will carefully select and train all those with any responsibility within the Church, in line with Safer Recruitment principles, including the use of criminal records disclosures and registration with the relevant vetting and barring schemes.
- We will respond without delay to every complaint made which suggests that an adult, child or young person may have been harmed, cooperating with the police and local authority in any investigation.
- We will seek to work with anyone who has suffered abuse, developing with them an appropriate ministry of informed pastoral care.
- We will seek to challenge any abuse of power, especially by anyone in a position of trust.
- We will seek to offer pastoral care and support, including supervision and referral to the proper authorities, to any member of our church community known to have offended against a child, young person or vulnerable adult.
- In all these principles we will follow legislation, guidance and recognised good practice

The Billericay Methodist Church commits itself to ensuring the implementation of Connexional Safeguarding Policy; government legislation, guidance and safe practice in the circuit and in the churches.

The Billericay Methodist Church commits itself to the provision of support, advice and training for lay and ordained people that will ensure people are clear and confident about their roles and responsibilities in safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and adults who may be vulnerable.

Reserves Policy

General Funds: The policy is to maintain 6 months forecast annual expenditure where financially practical equivalent to some £75,900, with a minimum of 3 months expenditure if not possible.
The balances held in our accounts amount to £203,332.52: HSBC current account of £12,259.63 and the Central Finance Board deposit account of £191,062.89 (there are no other investments) at 31st August 2024 (these figures are excluding internal Organisations who hold their own bank accounts, but including legacies which are not to be used for day to day expenses). The additional funds are held 1) To fund surveys towards beocming a Green Church and 2) £5k to update the sound system at Western Road. Also a Bequest Fund which has a balance left of £21,835 - these funds are to be used specifically for projects and not for general running expenses.
Restricted Funds: Funds relating to our Garden of Remembrance and Warm Space fund are controlled by the Church Treasurer and are used for approved purposes (the reserves/cash balances are minimal). Onward Transmission Funds relate to collections and donations for various Methodist Funds, other appropriate charities and funds relating to the sponsorship of students and other activities at our Sister Churches in Kenya. Methodist Funds and other Charity collections are forwarded to responsible persons as soon as is practical. No specific reserves are maintained. Balances reflect cash awaiting disbursement.
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Internal Church Organisations: Each Church organisation maintains appropriate reserves to their activities and income sources. Their Leaders/Management Committee review these annually.

Name of Church **BILLERICAY METHODIST Church** Number 1128787

Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) for the year ended 31 August 2024

	Notes to the accounts	Unrestricted funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2023-24	Total 2022-23
		£	£	£	£	£
Income and Endowments from:						
Donations and legacies	4				0	0
- Collections and tax credit		80277	0		80277	81699
- Donations		8817	38739		47556	31348
- Legacies		0	42000		42000	0
Charitable activities	5				0	0
- Fund raising		0	0		0	0
- Others		0	0		0	0
Other trading activities	6				0	0
- Lettings		37695	0		37695	54151
- Miscellaneous		0	0		0	0
Investments	7	9333	0		9333	5817
Other	8	1721	0		1721	35
- Internal organisations		0	100971		100971	84952
- Miscellaneous		9255	0		9255	0
Total		**147098**	**181710**	**0**	**328808**	**258002**
Expenditure on:						
Salaries, NIC & Pension costs	11	13089	0		13089	10788
Circuit Assessment		70000	0		70000	70000
Maintenance on Church building(s) and property		32975	30312		63287	27213
Telephone and Travel		0	0		0	0
Utilities (insurance, heat and light, water, etc)		21567	0		21567	22312
Expenditure on other property		0	0		0	0
Depreciation	12	0	0		0	0
Provisions		1810	0		1810	1331
Internal organisations		0	85464		85464	67535
Grants and Donations		4900	26892		31792	25138
Other expenditure		19003	950		19953	5552
Total		**163344**	**143618**	**0**	**306962**	**229869**
Net income/(expenditure)		**-16246**	**38092**	**0**	**21846**	**28133**
Transfers between funds		11200	**-11200**		**0**	0
		-5046	**26892**	0	**21846**	**28133**
Other recognised gains / (losses): 2021 Addition of Herongate Methodist Church bank balances.					**0**	**0**
Gains/(Losses) on revaluation of fixed assets (properties now valued at land value only). Herongate Church property an land handed bank to S Essex Circuit (Church no longer meeting).		-164946			-164946	85662
Gains/(Losses) on investment assets					0	0
Actuarial gains /(losses) on defined benefit pension schemes					0	0
Net movement in funds		-169992	26892	0	-143100	113795
Reconciliation of funds: Kenya Fund & JMA						
Total funds brought forward		2063745	74891		2138636	2024841
Total funds carried forward		**1893753**	**101783**	**0**	**1995536**	**2138636**

For information only Money received and passed on	**to External Organisations**		
Balance brought forward from last year	**8594**	**3213**	**3213**
Offerings/Gifts - received for External Organisations	**28421**	**28421**	26406
Offerings/Gifts - passed to External Organisations	-18324	**-18324**	-21025
Balance carried forward(Kenya fund & JMA)	**18691**	**18691**	**8594**

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Balance Sheet as at 31 August 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted £	Designated (Unrestricted)	Restricted £	Endowment Funds £	Totals this year £	Totals last year £
Tangible Fixed Assets*							
Land & Buildings (land value only)	12	1,705,389				1705389	1870335
Equipment	12						
Investment properties	13						
Investments	13						
Total fixed assets		1,705,389				1705389	1870335
Current Assets							
Debtors and Prepayments	14	27,099				27099	22035
Cash at Bank and in hand	14	(29,798)		101,783		71985	64806
Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes deposits							
Central Finance Board Deposits		191,063				191063	181575
Other							
Total current assets		188,364		101,783		290147	268416
Creditors and Accruals (due in under 1 yr)	15						115
Net current assets (liabilities)		188,364		101,783		290147	268301
Total assets less current liabilities		1,893,753		101,783		1995536	2138636
Loans and creditors due after 1 year	17						
Provisions for liabilities and charges							
Net assets		1,893,753		101,783		1995536	2138636
Funds of the Church	18						
Unrestricted funds		1,893,753				1893753	2063745
Restricted funds				101,783		101783	74891
Endowment funds							
Total Funds		1,893,753		101,783		1995536	2138636

Internal Organisations		Opening balance	Receipts	Payments	Net Receipts/ Payments	Adjustments	Closing balances
INTERS & ROCK SOLID Clubs		120	2752	-2757	-5		115
Men's Fellowship		394	725	-471	254		648
Men's Supper Club		395	923	-482	441		836
Pre-School		53335	95046	-91627	3419		56754
Toddler Groups WR		1174	1525	-1327	198		1372
Total		55418	100971	-96664	4307		59725
			Total Receipts	Total Payments			

Continue on a separate sheet if necessary and bring the totals forward. Transfer Totals of Receipts and Payments to the SOFA

Notes to the Accounts

1 Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared under the Charities Act 2011 in accordance with the 2014 version of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities applicable in the UK (effective from 1 January 2015) – the Charities SORP (FRSSE) – in replacement for the SORP's 2005 version specified in its related 2008 Regulations and in accordance with the 'true and fair override' provision contained therein."

2 Funds

The funds held constitute: General Funds held for any purpose of the Church which are Unrestricted. Restricted funds which are held for a narrower purpose including those for internal organisations. There are also the following Endowment funds as listed. Details of each material fund are disclosed in note 18 . Any funds may be represented by more than just cash.

3 Accounting policies

Basis

These accounts have been prepared on the basis of historical cost except that investments are shown at their market value at the end of the year, on the accruals basis to show a true and fair view of the Church's financial position and activities.

Income

Income is included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) when the Church becomes entitled to the resources, and the trustees are reasonably certain they will receive the resources; and the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Expenditure

This is recognised when a liability is incurred, or a constructive obligation arises, that results in the payment being unavoidable. Liabilities are recognised as soon as an outflow of economic benefit is considered more likely than not under the legal or constructive obligation committing the Circuit to pay out resources.

Grants

Grants made by the Church from its own funds are recognised in full at the time of agreement or when the Church accepts that there is a legal or operational obligation to make the payment. When the grant is recurrent over more than one year the balance payable in future years is treated as a provision for future commitments in the Balance Sheet against the appropriate fund, the provision being released in future years as instalments are paid in accordance with the originally agreed terms.

VAT

Since the Church is not VAT registered, all input VAT is charged with the expenses to which it refers.

Tangible fixed assets for use by the Church

The Western Road property is freehold, with the building 63 years old. The Queens Park property is leasehold with 103 years to run on the lease, the building is 22 years old. St Andrews Church Herongate was added to our accounts in 2021 - the land is freehold, however as the congregation are no longer meeting the property and land has been transferred to the S Essex Ciruit this year. Both properties are shown as the value of the land only. The value of the sites for a potential alternative use may be significantly higher than the value shown in the accounts. Fixed assets are fully expensed in the year of purchase.

Investment Properties

Investment properties - no property is currently deemed to not be held for the long term purposes of the charity.

Investments

Investments are valued in the balance sheet at market value at the year end. Investment income is included in the accounts when receivable and any gains or losses on revaluation at the year end are shown in the SOFA.

Debtors and Prepayments

Debtors include outstanding lettings invoices in August.

Creditors

Creditors include outstandings relating to utilities, telephones, etc in August.

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4. Donations and legacies	Unrestricted	Restricted	2024 Total	2023 Total
				£
Collections	64022	0	64022	67313
Tax credits	16255	0	16255	14386
Donations	8817	38739	47556	31348
Legacies	0	42000	42000	0
Total	**89094**	**80739**	**169833**	**113047**

5. Charitable activities	Unrestricted	Restricted	2024 Total	2023 Total
			£	£
Fund raising			**0**	0
Other				
Total	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**

6 Other trading activities	Unrestricted	Restricted	2024 Total	2023 Total
	£	£	£	£
Use of Premises donations	37695	0	**37695**	54151
Internal Orgs donations	11200		**11200**	11910
Total	**48895**	**0**	**48895**	**66061**

7. Investment income	Unrestricted	Restricted	2024 Total	2023 Total
	£	£	£	£
Central Finance Board	9333		**9333**	5817
Rental income			**0**	
Other			**0**	
Total	**9333**	**0**	**9333**	**5817**

8 Other	Unrestricted	Restricted	2024 Total	2023 Total
	£	£	£	£
Internal Organisations		100971	**100971**	84952
(see list on Balance Sheet)			**0**	
Miscellaneous credits	1721	0	**1721**	0
Other-Herongate refunds from S Essex Circuit	9255		**9255**	
Total	**10976**	**100971**	**111947**	**84952**

9. Payment to Trustees

		This year	Last year
Payments made to trustees for additional services provided to the Church by agreement with the Church Council Meeting	£	NIL	NIL
Number of trustees who were paid expenses		NIL	NIL
Nature of the expenses - Plumbing and lighting works			
If there are no payments to Trustees, please record no expenses were paid.			
Total amount paid	£	NIL	NIL

10. Fees for examination or audit of the accounts

Independent examiner's or auditors' fees for reporting on the accounts	£	150	150
Other fees (eg: advice, accountancy services) paid to the independent examiner or auditor	£	NIL	NIL

11. Paid employees

Staff Costs paid during the year were:

Gross wages, salaries and benefits in kind	£	13,089	10,788
Employer's National Insurance costs	£		
Pension costs	£		
Total staff costs	£	13,089	10,788
Average number of staff employeed during the year were:		1	1

12 Tangible Fixed Assets

Cost or valuation

	Church (non investment) land and buildings £	Other non investment land and buildings £	Investment properties (land and buildings) £	Other fixed assets including motor vehicles £	Fixtures, fittings and equipment £	Payments on account and assets under construction £	Total £
Balance brought forward	5,611,005			267,355	253,989		6,132,349
Additions (Herongate Church)							
Revaluations (+/-)	163,398			8,820	7,277		179,495
Disposals (-) Herongate Church transferred to S Essex Circuit	-658,236				-33,420		-691,656
Transfers * (+/-)							
Balance carried forward	5,116,167			276,175	227,846		5,620,188

Accumulated depreciation

Balance brought forward	3,740,670			267,355	253,989		4,262,014
Depreciation charge for year (-)							
Revaluations (+/-)	108,932			8,820	7,277		125,029
Disposals (-)	-438,824				-33,420		-472,244
Transfers* (+/-)							
Balance carried forward	3,410,778			276,175	227,846		3,914,799

Net book value

Brought forward	1,870,335	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	1,870,335
Carried forward	1,705,389	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	1,705,389

Assetts are fully expensed in the year of purchase

Leasehold - 104 years left of 125 (the land is owned by Basildon Borough Council). St Andrews Church Herongate land and buiding has been transferred to S Essex Circuit.

* The "transfers" row is for movements between fixed asset categories.

13 Investments

The funds that support the various funds are held by TMCP in Trustees Interest Funds on which interest is credited to the accounts each month. These are regarded as medium and long term investments.

TMCP is the legal owner and Custodian Trustee of all Methodist Model Trust property, including Legacies, Endowments and Accumulated Funds. Trust property is held for and on behalf of local Managing Trustees who are responsible for the day to day management of trust property. TMCP ensure that, through providing guidance and acting under their direction, the Managing Trustees comply with charity law and Methodist law and polity as determined by the Methodist Conference.

Analysis of investment movements

Change in Investment values

		This year	Prev year
		£	£
Carrying (market) value at beginning of year		Nil	Nil
Add: additions to investments at cost			
Less: disposals at carrying value			
Net gain/(loss) on revaluation			
Carrying (market) value at end of year		Nil	Nil

14. Analysis of current assets

	This year	Last year
Debtors and prepayments	£	£
Pre paid assessments	17500	17500
Accrued income	10000	5000
Less Accrued expenses	-401	-465
Total debtors and prepayments	27,099	22,035

Analysis of cash at bank

Bank balance held in HSBC (NOTE: This includes Restricted and Unrestricted Funds)	12,260	9,273
Bank balance held in Methodist Central Finance Board	191,063	181,575
Internal Organisation bank balances	59,725	55,418
Total Cash and Bank	263,048	246,266

15. Analysis of current liabilities and long term creditors

Trade Creditors	Nil	Nil
Other Creditors (NOTE: Monies received and passed onto External Organisations)	NIL	115
Total Current Liabilities	Nil	Nil

16. Capital commitments and contingent liabilities

No Contingent liabilities were identified at 31st August 2024

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17. Loans and creditors due after one year

Loans

Source	Amount brought forward £	New borrowings £	Loan interest £	Repayable in the year £	Balance at year end £
					Nil X

Repayment due

	Totals
Due within 12 months	
Due after more than 12 months	
Total	Nil Y

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18. Detailed analysis of individual fund movements

Unrestricted Funds

Fund Name	Opening Balance	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Revaluation gains/losses	Closing Balance
Totals						

Restricted Funds

-29562	Opening Balance	Income	Expenditure	Transfers to BMC	Revaluation gains/losses	Closing Balance
Garden of Rembrance	662					662
Billericay Pre-School		766	-766			Nil
Internal Organisations	55,418	100,971	-85,464	-11,200		59,725
Legacy Fund	9,397	42,000	-29,562			21,835
Warm Space Fund	821	1,000	-950			871
Kenya fund	8,479	28,296	-18,084			18,691
Billericay Foodbank	Nil	506	-506			Nil
MacMillan Cancer Support	Nil	548	-548			Nil
Shelter Box	Nil	753	-753			Nil
St Luke's Hospice	Nil	622	-622			Nil
Action for Children	Nil	600	-600			Nil
Changing Pathways	Nil	1,210	-1,210			Nil
Red Cross-Turkey/Syria	Nil	1,804	-1,804			Nil
Billericay Street Pastors	Nil	293	-293			Nil
Easter Offering	Nil	466	-466			Nil
JMA	115	124	-240			Nil
Property Grant		1,750	-1,750			Nil
TOTALS	**74,892**	**181,710**	**-143,618**	**-11,200**		**101,784**

Endowment Funds

Restricted Fund Name	Opening Balance	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Revaluation gains/losses	Closing Balance
Totals						

Fund purposes

Reasons for transfer between funds

19. Related party transactions

This year

Name of related party	Relationship	Description of transaction	Income from related party during the year	Payments to related party during the year	Loans to / (from) related party during the year	Amounts owed by / (to) related party as on 31-Aug-2024
			£	£	£	£
JMA		Donation		240		0
Methodist Church Fund						
Mission in Britain Fund						
Fund for Support of Presbyters & Deacons						
Fund for Property						
World Mission Fund (All We Can)		Donation				
Total			**0**	**240**	**0**	**0**

Last year

Name of related party	Relationship	Description of transaction	Income from related party during the year	Payments to related party during the year	Loans to / (from) related party during the year	Amounts owed by / (to) related party as on 31-Aug-2023
			£	£	£	£
JMA		Donation		73		115
Methodist Church Fund						
Mission in Britain Fund						
Fund for Support of Presbyters & Deacons						
Fund for Property						
World Mission Fund		Donation		2,117		
Total			**0**	**2,190**	**0**	**115**

Billericay Methodist Church

Appendix A

CHURCH MEETING MEMBERSHIP

MINISTERS — Rev Moses Agyam

CHURCH STEWARDS — Ms Helen Hacker
Mr Roger Davison
Mrs Gill Rogers

Church Safeguarding Co-ordinator
Mrs Liz Read

CHURCH REPRESENTATIVES (OTHER MEMBERS OF THE CHURCH COUNCIL)

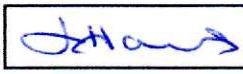
1. Rev Felicity Al-Hassan
2. Mr David Ashworth
3. Mrs Lyn Bowditch
4. Mrs Susan Cooke (added October 2023)
5. Mrs Pam Cottrell
6. Mr Ken Cowell
7. Mrs Linda Davison
8. Mr Roger Davison
9. Mrs Julia Faulkner (added October 2023)
10. Miss Rachel Gallehawk
11. Ms Helen Hacker
12. Mrs Geraldine Hanton
13. Mrs Elizabeth Hardy (added March 2024)
14. Mrs Lorraine Harris
15. Miss Maggie Kingston
16. Mrs Elizabeth Perry (added March 2024)
17. Mrs Liz Read
18. Mr David Rogers
19. Mrs Gill Rogers
20. Mr Jon Waldron

Billericay Methodist Church

DECLARATIONS

Treasurer

I confirm that I have prepared the accounts from the records of the Church and that they include all funds under the control of the Church Council.

Signature of Treasurer  Date 16-Nov-24

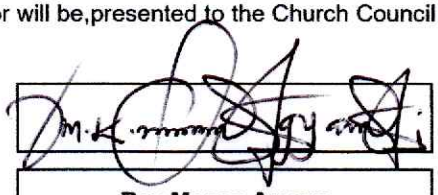
Name Mrs Lorraine Anne Harris

Address C/o Billericay Methodist Church, Western Road. Billericay, Essex CM12 9DT

Presentation to the Church Council Meeting for approval.

I confirm that the Accounts were, or will be,presented to the Church Council Meeting on 16/11/24

and were approved.

Signature of the Chair of the meeting 

Name of the Chair of the meeting **Rev Moses Agyam**

Date

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

Billericay Methodist Church **Church**

This Report is on the Church Accounts for the year ended 31st August 2024

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The Church's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The Church's Trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under Section 144 of the Charities Act 2011(the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

Mr Ian Rudkins, FCA

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under Section 145(5)(b) of the Charities act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Billericay Methodist Church

Basis of Independent Examiner's Report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as Trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair view" and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

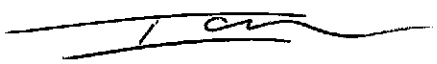
- to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 130 of the Charities Act 2011.

- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act

have not been met; or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Name: Mr Ian Rudkins

Signature: 

Relevant Professional qualification or body: ICAEW

Address: 14 Upland Road, Billericay, Essex CM12 0JP

Date: 12/11/24

Name of Church - Billericay Methodist Church / Circuit No 34/11 /
Registered Charity Number 1128787

Declarations and Scrutiny

I confirm that these accruals-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 09/11/24

Name and address of treasurer - Lorraine Harris,
148 Norsey View Drive, Billericay..... Post Code CM12 0QX

Presentation to the Church trustees

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2024 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 Moses Agyam Date 16/11/2024

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

Billericay Methodist Church

Charity Number 1128787

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Billericay Methodist Church for the year ended 31 August 2023 set out on pages 1 to 18. 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.

Name of Church - Billericay Methodist Church / Circuit No 34/11 / Registered Charity Number 1128787

Independent Examiner's Statement

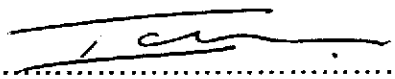
The Church's gross income did not exceed £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of the Institute of Financial Accountants.

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; or
- the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view, which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination
- the trustees' annual report is not consistent with the accounts

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 – Ian Rudkins FCA

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner
- Fellow of The Institute of Chartered Accountants In England and Wales

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

Address ...14 Upland Road, Billericay, Essex.....

..... Post Code CM12 0JP

Date 12 NOVEMBER 2024

* delete or circle as appropriate

November 2024

BILLERICAY METHODIST CHURCH

England & Wales - Charity number 1128787

Accounts

Billericay Methodist Church
(Incorporating Western Road Methodist Church, Queens Park Community Church and St Andrew's Church Herongate)
Registered Charity Number 1128787

Annual Report of the Trustees for the Financial Year ended 31 August 2023

Introduction

This is the Trustees' Annual Report for Billericay Methodist Church which covers Western Road Methodist Church and Queens Park Community Church, both in Billericay and St. Andrew's Methodist Church, Herongate.

Billericay Methodist Church employs two part-time staff, a Premises Supervisor and a Cleaner, both working at the Queens Park Church. Our Minister Rev Moses Agyam is employed by the South Essex Circuit of The Methodist Church UK.

Aims and Organisation

For some time now the Mission Statement of the church has been:
Billericay Methodist Church is called to encourage a living faith in God.
Through the power of the Holy Spirit we proclaim the love of Jesus Christ in:
Worship and fellowship, Evangelism and teaching, Serving others and working for social justice.

From September 2023 the theme for the year will be A Methodist Way of Life, growing deeper in our faith and our community by focusing on the four areas of our 'Our Calling': Worship, Learning and Caring, Service, and Evangelism

The Church caring policy is to:

Encourage everyone in our churches to care and support one another in time of sorrow and need, and maintain an established pastoral system where Church members work in conjunction with pastoral visitors and the minister.

Make it a requirement for an annual review of Safeguarding Policies and ensure necessary DBS checks are made and training attended.

Family Ministry:

Encourage and equip volunteers and leaders to build our Church into a community for all generations.
Encourage and nurture relationships between God, Church and families.
Nurture relationships across groups within the Church.
Facilitate links between the Church, families, the wider community and other organisations through outreach and church-based events including worship.

Hospitality:

Encourage Christ-like hospitality and practice an active and generous love.

Invite, welcome, receive and care for visitors and newcommers, so they may find a spiritual home and the richness of Christ in our Church.

Extend God's invitation to others.
Pray, plan and work toward helping others to receive Christ.

Inclusivity:

Encourage and facilitate a sense of belonging together as one in the Body of Christ.
Acknowledge the uniqueness of individuals and foster inclusivity.
Encourage mutual concern, goodwill and respect for others regardless of ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, marital status, age, disability or opinion.

Acknowledge Christians hold different views on issues including faith and life-style, and encourage all exchanges of opinion to be within a framework of mutual respect, prayerfulness grace and honesty.

Challenge discrimination and injustice.

Working Together:

Encourage openness to change and a willingness to receive the talents of others.
Encourage people within the church to work together as effectively as possible.

To be conscious and considerate of the well-being needs of those who serve/work in our churches: volunteers, lay workers, ordained ministers.

Business and Resources (People):

Seek appropriate people to join the Leadership Team as Church Stewards and Church Council Representatives. Offer them induction and encouragement to take an interest in particular aspects of Church work.

Business and Resources (Buildings):

The Church will:

Arrange the independent quinquennial inspections of all Church property, supported by annual inspections by the relevant stewards.

Comply with the Safeguarding and Equality legislation and Connexional policy.
Comply with current buildings Health and Safety legislation and undertake Annual Risk Assessments.
Improve and maintain the Church premises.

Business and Resources (Finance):
The Church will:
Encourage the use of regular, tax-efficient giving.
Consider and approve an annual budget, together with a one year forecast.
Consider and review future Church finance.
Consider and approve the annual church contribution to the South Essex Circuit.

Business and Resources (Business):
The Church will plan and discharge its responsibilities in an efficient and effective manner.

Review of the year:

Our membership at the end of the year was 134, which is down due to death and people who have ceased to meet.

The many and varied church organisations continued to actively serve the church family and the wider community, full details of which can be found in the Annual Report covering each calendar year. This report is published in March each year and reviews the life, work, worship, service and achievements of the church through all its organisations and activities. The Annual Report may be viewed on the church's website at www.billericaymethodistchurch.org or a copy may be obtained from the treasurer.

The Trustees have continued to develop our Vision, looking at including all Church members and worshipers in any decisions made.

General maintenance is always on-going at all three sites, much of which is carried out by our Church members.

As at the year-end of 31st August 2023 our unrestricted reserves were up by £25k, which was helped by the hirers and groups continuing to use our premises. No further large bequests were received during the year, no projects were funded from the Bequest Fund over this year, with the balance sitting in our restricted funds to spend on specific projects.

Income Trends:

Church income is primarily drawn from our congregation's Sunday collections, regular monthly bankers orders and the associated Gift Aid tax credit. Another valuable source is the income from users of our premises, both our own groups and various groups within the community.

Interest is received on our deposit with the Methodist Central Finance Board, this has increased significantly this past year due to a rise in interest rates.

Expenditure Trends:

The major cost is in relation to the assessment paid to the Methodist South East Essex Circuit. This past year it has amounted to 50% of our total expenditure. A significant amount of the circuit assessment is used to pay the district assessment, stipends and related costs to ministers and upkeep of the Circuit Manses. The other expenditure includes mainly the running, maintenance and improvement of our properties, plus our family and youth work within the church and community. The Circuit has agreed to use funds from their reserves for 2023/24 and has therefore agreed to us continuing to pay £70k towards their costs.

Fund balances:
As at 31 August 2023 our net current assets were £268,301, of which £74,891 is restricted. Restricted assets includes bequest money and funds held by our Internal Organisations. Unrestricted funds provide cover for just over 12 months expenditure.

Plans for 2023/24:

The Church financial plans for the coming year have been prepared on the basis that there remains 2 part-time staff with anticipated cost of living wage increases and the assessment paid to the Methodist South Essex Circuit. There will be no change to the general running costs of the Church.

Billericay Methodist Church
Trustees Annual Report on Finance and Governance

Basis of preparation and legal framework
The Charity's annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2023 have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 and the Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice 2015 as applicable to the Financial Reporting Standard (FRSSE) 2015.

Full Name of Charity: BILLERICAY METHODIST CHURCH

Registration Charity Number: 1128787

Date of Registration: 1st March 2009

Main Communication Address: Billericay Methodist Church, Western Road, Billericay, Essex CM12 9DT.

The members of the Billericay Methodist Church Council meeting are the Charity Trustees, membership being made up of the Minister, Church Office holders, representatives appointed by the church at the Annual General Meeting and one representative appointed by the South Essex Circuit.

Full membership is shown as Appendix A to this report.
Church Minister and Officers:

Circuit Minister: Rev Moses Agyam

Church Senior Stewards: Mr Roger Davison and Mrs Gill Rogers; and Ms Helen Hacker (steward)

Mrs Lorraine Harris is the church treasurer and oversees the day to day financial management and accounting for the Church during the year.

Independent Examiner: Mr Thomas Sterry OBE, C/o Billericay Methodist Church, Western Road, Billericay CM12 9DT

Investment Bankers:	Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church
	HSBC

Aims and Organisation
The purposes of the Methodist Church are and shall be deemed to have been since the Date of Union, the advancement of:

a) The Christian faith in accordance with the doctrinal standards and discipline of The Methodist Church;

b) Any charitable purpose for the time being of any Connexional, District, Circuit, local or other organisation of The Methodist Church;

c) Any charitable purpose for the time being of any society or institution subsidiary or ancillary to The Methodist Church;

d) Any purpose for the time being of any charity being a charity subsidiary or ancillary to The Methodist Church.

Public Benefit
We confirm the trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

Structure, Governance and Management
The governing document for the Church is the Deed of Union (1932) and Methodist Church Act (1976).

Detailed governance arrangements are outlined within the Constitutional Practice and Discipline of the Methodist Church by order of the annual conference (CPD).

Day by day management of the Church is undertaken by the Church Leadership team, the Church Finance, Property and Pastoral Committees.

Trustee Training

A range of guidance produced by Methodist Connexion to support the effective running of the Church, specifically the leaflet 'The Role of a Trustee in the Methodist Church' is given to all new Church meeting members as induction to their role of trustees.

Related Parties
The Church is part of the Methodist South Essex Circuit and the Beds, Essex and Herts District and is also accountable to the Methodist Conference.

Suppliers

Billericay Methodist Church has used the following suppliers during the accounting year, none of whom are Trustees, or related to Trustees of the Charity:

Acors Press
Amazon
Adams Catering
Barleylands Farm Shop
Bellefontaines
Basildon Council
CCLI
COSTCO
Co-op
Chris Drage
Charles Farris Ltd
Dunelm
DJK Cleaning Services
E-ON
Flameguard
Flourishing Flowers
Insight Systems Ltd
Jonathan Montague gardening
ALDI
ASDA
Ancient & Modern Hymns
Brentwood Security
British Gas
Cartridgesave.co.uk
Care by Mail
Crystal Print
Currys
City Heating Spares
Davids Quality Meats
DC Drainage
ETSY
First Ford Fire & Security
Frankie & Bennys
G&J Staines
John Lewis
Kingdom Coffee

Lathcoates
A1 CMS (Mark Smith Window Cleaner)
MAKRO
Methodist Insurance
MJ Flooring Ltd
Norwich Books
Pantons Electrical
Poundland
Rarewaves.com
Samantha Davenport
Sheppard & Cross
Style South
Thameside Mechanical Services
TV Licensing
Viking
Volpfone
WH Smith
WILKO

London Vacuum Company
M&S
Methodist Church Payroll
Minster Cleaning Services
Nisbets
PlusNet
Prince Tree Surgery
REACTION Group
ROOTS
Site Ground.com
S Davis Tree Care
Swift Catering Equipment
Thameside Fire Protection
TOTAL Energies
TESCO
Thunder Sparks Ltd
WAVE
Waitrose

Risk Assessment

The Church Council have examined the major strategic, business and operational risks which the Church faces and confirm that systems have been established to enable regular reports to be produced for the Church Council so that the necessary steps can be taken to lessen those risks. Professional advice is taken, as required.

The Church Council have adopted, and review annually, a Safeguarding Policy which follows the guidance provided by the Methodist Church.

Income and Expenditure is being monitored in total and is compared with the approved annual budget on a quarterly basis to detect trends as part of the risk management process.

Safeguarding

Every person has a value and dignity which comes directly from the creation of male and female in God's own image and likeness. Christians see this potential as fulfilled by God's re-creation of us in Christ. Among other things this implies a duty to value all people as bearing the image of God and therefore to protect them from harm.

Methodist Connexional practice outlines this commitment to the following principles:

The care and nurture of, and respectful pastoral ministry with all children, young people and adults

The safeguarding and protection of all children, young people and adults when they are vulnerable

The establishing of safe, caring communities which provide a loving environment where there is informed vigilance as to the dangers of abuse

We will carefully select and train all those with any responsibility within the Church, in line with Safer Recruitment principles, including the use of criminal record disclosures and registration with the relevant vetting and barring schemes

We will respond without delay to every complaint made which suggests that an adult, child or young person may have been harmed, cooperating with the police and local authority in any investigation

We will seek to work with anyone who has suffered abuse, developing with them an appropriate ministry of informed pastoral care

We will seek to challenge any abuse of power, especially by anyone in a position of trust

We will seek to offer pastoral care and support, including supervision and referral to the proper authorities, to any member of our Church community known to have offended against a child, young person or vulnerable adult

In all these principles we will follow legislation, guidance and recognised good practise

Billericay Methodist Church commits itself to ensuring the implementation of Connexional Safeguarding Policy; government legislation, guidance and safe practice.

Reserves Policy

The policy is to maintain 6 months forecast annual expenditure where financially practical, equivalent to some £76,300.

The balances held in our accounts (excluding funds held in the Internal Organisations' accounts) amount to £190,848.24: HSBC Current Account of £9273.02 and Central Finance Board Deposit Account of £181,575.22 as at 31 August 2023 exceed the target reserves level. (there are no other investments) .

These additional funds are held:

1)To cover potential serious repairs at Herongate in the future to both the church roof and timber structure (ring-fenced £10k).

2) To cover the update of sound and computer equipment at Western Road (project for 2023/24)

3) To cover the replacement of the boiler and any updates at Queens Park (within 5 years)

Restricted Funds

£9396.60 Bequest Fund money is to be used for specific future projects (as agreed by Church Council), but not for general running expenses if possible.

Funds relating to our Garden of Remembrance and Warm Space are controlled by the Church Treasurer and are used for approved purposes (the reserves/cash balance is minimal).

Onward Transmission Funds relate to collections and donations for various Methodist Funds, other appropriate Charities and Funds relating to the sponsorship of students and other activities at our Sister Churches in Kenya.

Methodist Funds and other Charity collections are forwarded to responsible persons as soon as is practical. No specific reserves are maintained. Balances reflect cash awaiting disbursement.

The Kenya Fund is controlled by the Kenya Support Committee and the Church Treasurer. Donations/payments are made for specific requests, annual school and university fees and support of projects at the Grace Centre. Surplus funds are minimal and are dependent upon donations/gifts given. No specific minimum reserve is maintained.

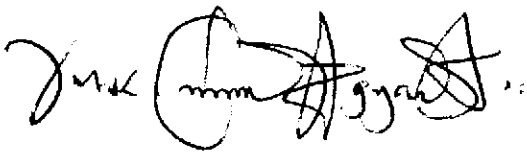
Internal Church Organisations

Each Church Organisation maintains reserves appropriate to their activities and income sources. Their Leaders/Management Committee review these annually.

Approved by Billericay Methodist Church Council meeting on 15th November 2023 and signed on its behalf by:

Rev Moses Agyam
Chair

Dated: 15th November 2023



Church
Accruals Accounts
2022-2023

THE METHODIST CHURCH

REPORT and ACCOUNTS
ACCRUALS BASIS
for the year ended 31 August 2023

BILLERICAY METHODIST	Church

Registered Charity - Registration number (if applicable)	1128787

Circuit No	34/11

Minister	Rev Moses Agyam
Church Stewards	Ms Helen Hacker
	Mrs Julie Cristin (to 05/03/23)
	Mr Roger Davison (from 05/03/23)
	Mrs Gill Rogers (from 05/03/23)
	Mrs Lyn Bowditch (to 05/03/2023)
Church Treasurer	Mrs Lorraine Harris

BILLERICAY METHODIST Church

Trustee's Annual Report on Finance and Governance

Basis of preparation and legal framework

The Charity's annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2022 have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 and the Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice 2015 as applicable to the Financial Reporting Standard(FRSSE) 2015

Full Name of Charity / Church: Billericay Methodist Church

Registration Charity Number (if a Registered Charity): 1128787

Date of registration (if registered as a Charity) 26/11/2008

Main communication address: Methodist Church, Western Road, Billericay CM12 9DT

The members of the Billericay Methodist Church Council are the Charity Trustees , membership being made up of church office holders, Minister and representatives appointed by the church at the Annual General Meeting in March.

Full membership is shown as Appendix A to this report.

Treasurer: Mrs Lorraine Anne Harris

Lorraine Harris acted as the principal officer overseeing the day to day financial management and accounting for the church during the year.

Independent examiner *Mr Thomas Sterry, C/o Billericay Methodist Church, Western Road, Billericay*

Investment Bankers Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church
Trustees for Methodist Church purposes

BILLERICAY METHODIST Church

Aims and organisation

Statement of Mission: Billericay Methodist Church is called to encourage a living faith in God. Through the power of the Holy Spirit we proclaim the love of Jesus Christ in: Worship and fellowship, evangelism and teaching, serving others and working for social justice. Our Theme for the Year was Caring for God's world - we actively engaged with the Tearfund Climate Change Emergency declaration process and continued to explore other ways as individuals and as a church to better care for God's world (Genesis 1: 27-28)

The purposes of the Methodist Church are and shall be deemed to have been since the Date of Union the advancement of:

a) The Christian faith in accordance with the doctrinal standards and discipline of The Methodist Church;
b) Any charitable purpose for the time being of any Connexional, District, Circuit. local or other organisation of The Methodist Church;
c) Any charitable purpose for the time being of any society or institution subsidiary or ancillary to The Methodist Church;
d) Any purpose for the time being of any charity being a charity subsidiary or ancillary to The Methodist Church

Worshiping God through prayer, song and other acts of worship.
The organisation and resourcing 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 resourcing of pastoral work including visiting the sick and bereaved.
Taking religious assemblies in local schools.
Promotion of Christianity through the staging of events and services.
Provision of chaplaincy services to local schools, care homes and other institutions as appropriate and when able.

Public Benefit

We confirm the trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

Structure, Governance and Management

The governing document for the church is the Deed of Union (1932) and Methodist Church Act (1976)

Detailed governance arrangements are outlined within the Constitutional Practice and Discipline of the Methodist Church by order of the annual conference (CPD).

Day to day management of the church is undertaken by the Church Leadership team along with the Minister.

The Trustees are appointed at the AGM of the church.

Trustee Training

A range of guidance produced by Methodist Connexion to support the effective running of the church and the role of Trustees is given to the Church Trustees at various meetings and / or training sessions .

Related Parties

The Church is part of the South Essex Circuit which is part of the Beds, Herts & Essex District and is also accountable to the Methodist Conference.

The Internal organisation(s) linked to this church are the INTERS and ROCK SOLID Youth Clubs, Ladies Leisure, Men's Fellowship, Men's Supper Club, Pre-School and Toddler Groups Western Road

BILLERICAY METHODIST Church

Risk Management

The major risks have been identified and recorded by the Trustees with professional advice taken as required.

There is a regular annual review process undertaken and recorded.

Income and Expenditure is being monitored in total and is compared with the approved annual budget on a half yearly basis to detect trends as part of the risk management process to avoid unforeseen calls on reserves.

Safeguarding

Every person has a value and dignity which comes directly from the creation of male and female in God's own image and likeness. Christians see this potential as fulfilled by God's re-creation of us in Christ. Among other things this implies a duty to value all people as bearing the image of God and therefore to protect them from harm.

Methodist Connexional practice outlines commitment to the following principles:

- the care and nurture of, and respectful pastoral ministry with, all children, young people and adults
- the safeguarding and protection of all children, young people and adults when they are vulnerable
- the establishing of safe, caring communities which provide a loving environment where there is informed vigilance as to the dangers of abuse.
- We will carefully select and train all those with any responsibility within the Church, in line with Safer Recruitment principles, including the use of criminal records disclosures and registration with the relevant vetting and barring schemes.
- We will respond without delay to every complaint made which suggests that an adult, child or young person may have been harmed, cooperating with the police and local authority in any investigation.
- We will seek to work with anyone who has suffered abuse, developing with them an appropriate ministry of informed pastoral care.
- We will seek to challenge any abuse of power, especially by anyone in a position of trust.
- We will seek to offer pastoral care and support, including supervision and referral to the proper authorities, to any member of our church community known to have offended against a child, young person or vulnerable adult.
- In all these principles we will follow legislation, guidance and recognised good practice

The Billericay Methodist Church commits itself to ensuring the implementation of Connexional Safeguarding Policy; government legislation, guidance and safe practice in the circuit and in the churches.

The Billericay Methodist Church commits itself to the provision of support, advice and training for lay and ordained people that will ensure people are clear and confident about their roles and responsibilities in safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and adults who may be vulnerable.

Reserves Policy

General Funds: The policy is to maintain 6 months forecast annual expenditure where financially practical equivalent to some £76,300, with a minimum of 3 months expenditure if not possible.
The balances held in our accounts amount to £190,848.24: HSBC current account of £9273.02 and the Central Finance Board deposit account of £181,575.22 (there are no other investments) at 31st August 2023. The additional funds are held to update the boiler at Queens Park within the next 5 years, to update the laptop and sound system at Western Road, plus repairs to the wooden structure at Herongate. Also a Bequest Fund which has a balance left of £9396.60 - these funds are to be used specifically for projects and not for general running expenses.
Restricted Funds: Funds relating to our Garden of Remembrance and Warm Space fund are controlled by the Church Treasurer and are used for approved purposes (the reserves/cash balances are minimal). Onward Transmission Funds relate to collections and donations for various Methodist Funds, other appropriate charities and funds relating to the sponsorship of students and other activities at our Sister Churches in Kenya. Methodist Funds and other Charity collections are forwarded to responsible persons as soon as is practical. No specific reserves are maintained. Balances reflect cash awaiting disbursement.
The Kenya Fund is controlled by the Kenya Support Committee and the Church Treasurer. Donations/payments are made for specific requests, annual school and university fees and support of projects at The Grace Centre. Surplas funds are minimal and are dependent upon donations/gifts givien. No specific minimum reserve is maintained.
Internal Church Organisations: Each Church organisation maintains appropriate reserves to their activities and income sources. Their Leaders/Management Committee review these annually.

Name of Church BILLERICAY METHODIST Church **Number** 1128787

Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) for the year ended 31 August 2023

	Notes to the accounts	Unrestricted funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2022-23	Total 2021-22
		£	£	£	£	£
Income and Endowments from:						
Donations and legacies	4				0	0
- Collections and tax credit		81699	0		81699	90132
- Donations		3852	27496		31348	42723
- Legacies		0	0		0	500
Charitable activities	5				0	0
- Fund raising		0	0		0	0
- Others		0	0		0	0
Other trading activities	6				0	0
- Lettings		54151	0		54151	50581
- Miscellaneous		0	0		0	0
Investments	7	5817	0		5817	482
Other	8	35	0		35	1001
- Internal organisations		0	84952		84952	52675
- Miscellaneous		0	0		0	0
Total		145554	112448	0	258002	238094
Expenditure on:						
Salaries, NIC & Pension costs	11	10788	0		10788	10327
Circuit Assessment		70000	0		70000	70000
Maintenance on Church building(s) and property		27213	0		27213	47188
Telephone and Travel		0	0		0	0
Utilities (Insurance, heat and light, water, etc)		22312	0		22312	17984
Expenditure on other property		0	0		0	0
Depreciation	12	0	0		0	0
Provisions		1331	0		1331	841
Internal organisations		0	67535		67535	60610
Grants and Donations		4112	21026		25138	32385
Other expenditure		5323	229		5552	19571
Total		141079	88790	0	229869	258906
Net income/(expenditure)		4475	23658	0	28133	-20812
Transfers between funds		11910	-11910		0	0
		16385	11748	0	28133	-20812
Other recognised gains / (losses): 2021 Addition of Herongate Methodist Church bank balances.					0	0
Gains/(Losses) on revaluation of fixed assets (properties now valued at land value only)		85662			85662	198316
Gains/(Losses) on investment assets					0	0
Actuarial gains /(losses) on defined benefit pension schemes					0	0
Net movement in funds		102047	11748	0	113795	177504
Reconciliation of funds: Kenya Fund & JMA						
Total funds brought forward		1961698	63143		2024841	1847337
Total funds carried forward		2063745	74891	0	2138636	2024841

For information only Money received and passed on	**to External Organisations**		
Balance brought forward from last year	**3213**	**3213**	4555
Offerings/Gifts - received for External Organisations	**26406**	**26406**	26143
Offerings/Gifts - passed to External Organisations	-21025	**-21025**	-27485
Balance carried forward(Kenya fund & JMA)	**8594**	**8594**	**3213**

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Balance Sheet as at 31 August 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted £	Designated (Unrestricted)	Restricted £	Endowment Funds £	Totals this year £	Totals last year £
Tangible Fixed Assets*							
Land & Buildings (land value only)	12	1,870,335				1870335	1784673
Equipment	12						
Investment properties	13						
Investments	13						
Total fixed assets		1,870,335				1870335	1784673
Current Assets							
Debtors and Prepayments	14	22,035				22035	29858
Cash at Bank and in hand	14	(10,200)		75,006		64806	66258
Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes deposits							
Central Finance Board Deposits		181,575				181575	144052
Other							
Total current assets		193,410		75,006		268416	240168
Creditors and Accruals (due in under 1 yr)	15			115		115	
Net current assets (liabilities)		193,410		74,891		268301	240168
Total assets less current liabilities		2,063,745		74,891		2138636	2024841
Loans and creditors due after 1 year	17						
Provisions for liabilities and charges							
Net assets		2,063,745		74,891		2138636	2024841
Funds of the Church	18						
Unrestricted funds		2,063,745				2063745	1961698
Restricted funds				74,891		74891	63143
Endowment funds							
Total Funds		2,063,745		74,891		2138636	2024841

Internal Organisations		Opening balance	Receipts	Payments	Net Receipts/ Payments	Adjustments	Closing balances
INTERS & ROCK SOLID Clubs		266	3129	-3275	-146		120
Ladies Leisure		3	7	-10	-3		
Men's Fellowship		217	540	-363	177		394
Men's Supper Club		502	925	-1032	-107		395
Pre-School		48152	78750	-73567	5183		53335
Toddler Groups WR		771	1601	-1198	403		1174
Total		49911	84952	-79445	5507		55418
			Total Receipts	Total Payments			

Continue on a separate sheet if necessary and bring the totals forward. Transfer Totals of Receipts and Payments to the SOFA

Notes to the Accounts

1 Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared under the Charities Act 2011 in accordance with the 2014 version of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities applicable in the UK (effective from 1 January 2015) – the Charities SORP (FRSSE) – in replacement for the SORP's 2005 version specified in its related 2008 Regulations and in accordance with the 'true and fair override' provision contained therein."

2 Funds

The funds held constitute: General Funds held for any purpose of the Church which are Unrestricted. Restricted funds which are held for a narrower purpose including those for Internal organisations. There are also the following Endowment funds as listed. Details of each material fund are disclosed in note 16 . Any funds may be represented by more than just cash.

3 Accounting policies

Basis

These accounts have been prepared on the basis of historical cost except that investments are shown at their market value at the end of the year, on the accruals basis to show a true and fair view of the Church's financial position and activities.

Income

Income is included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) when the Church becomes entitled to the resources, and the trustees are reasonably certain they will receive the resources; and the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Expenditure

This is recognised when a liability is incurred, or a constructive obligation arises, that results in the payment being unavoidable. Liabilities are recognised as soon as an outflow of economic benefit is considered more likely than not under the legal or constructive obligation committing the Circuit to pay out resources.

Grants

Grants made by the Church from its own funds are recognised in full at the time of agreement or when the Church accepts that there is a legal or operational obligation to make the payment. When the grant is recurrent over more than one year the balance payable in future years is treated as a provision for future commitments in the Balance Sheet against the appropriate fund, the provision being released in future years as instalments are paid in accordance with the originally agreed terms.

VAT

Since the Church is not VAT registered, all input VAT is charged with the expenses to which it refers.

Tangible fixed assets for use by the Church

The Western Road property is freehold, with the building 62 years old. The Queens Park property is leasehold with 104 years to run on the lease, the building is 21 years old. St Andrews Church Herongate was added to our accounts in 2021 - the land and buildings are on a long-term lease from the Anglican Church. All 3 properties are shown as the value of the land only. The value of the sites for a potential alternative use may be significantly higher than the value shown in the accounts. Fixed assets are fully expensed in the year of purchase.

Investment Properties

Investment properties - no property is currently deemed to not be held for the long term purposes of the charity.

Investments

Investments are valued in the balance sheet at market value at the year end. Investment income is included in the accounts when receivable and any gains or losses on revaluation at the year end are shown in the SOFA.

Debtors and Prepayments

Debtors include outstanding lettings invoices in August.

Creditors

Creditors include outstandings relating to utilities, telephones, etc in August.

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4. Donations and legacies	Unrestricted	Restricted	2023 Total	2022 Total
				£
Collections	67313	0	67313	71197
Tax credits	14386	0	14386	18935
Donations	3852	27496	31348	42733
Legacies	0	0	0	500
Total	**85551**	**27496**	**113047**	**133365**

5. Charitable activities	Unrestricted	Restricted	2023 Total	2022 Total
			£	£
Fund raising			0	0
Other				
Total	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**

6 Other trading activities	Unrestricted	Restricted	2023 Total	2022 Total
	£	£	£	£
Use of Premises donations	54151	0	54151	50581
Internal Orgs donations	11910		11910	7640
Total	**66061**	**0**	**66061**	**58221**

7. Investment income	Unrestricted	Restricted	2023 Total	2022 Total
	£	£	£	£
Central Finance Board	5817		5817	482
Rental income			0	
Other			0	
Total	**5817**	**0**	**5817**	**482**

8 Other	Unrestricted	Restricted	2022 Total	2022 Total
	£	£	£	£
Internal Organisations		84952	84952	52675
(see list on Balance Sheet)			0	
Miscellaneous credits	35		35	1001
			0	
			0	
Total	**35**	**84952**	**84987**	**53676**

9. Payment to Trustees

		This year	Last year
Payments made to trustees for additional services provided to the Church by agreement with the Church Council Meeting	£	NIL	4723
Number of trustees who were paid expenses		NIL	1
Nature of the expenses - Plumbing and lighting works			
If there are no payments to Trustees, please record no expenses were paid.			
Total amount paid	£	NIL	4,723

10. Fees for examination or audit of the accounts

Independent examiner's or auditors' fees for reporting on the accounts	£	150	150
Other fees (eg: advice, accountancy services) paid to the independent examiner or auditor	£	NIL	NIL

11. Paid employees

Staff Costs paid during the year were:

Gross wages, salaries and benefits in kind	£	10,788	10,326
Employer's National Insurance costs	£		
Pension costs	£		
Total staff costs	£	10,788	10,326
Average number of staff employeed during the year were:		1	1

12 Tangible Fixed Assets

Cost or valuation

	Church (non investment) land and buildings £	Other non investment land and buildings £	Investment properties (land and buildings) £	Other fixed assets including motor vehicles £	Fixtures, fittings and equipment £	Payments on account and assets under construction £	Total £
Balance brought forward	5,354,022			255,110	242,356		5,851,488
Additions (Herongate Church)							
Revaluations (+/-)	256,983			12,245	11,633		280,861
Disposals (-)							
Transfers * (+/-)							
Balance carried forward	5,611,005			267,355	253,989		6,132,349

Accumulated depreciation

Balance brought forward	3,569,349			255,110	242,356		4,066,815
Depreciation charge for year (-)							
Revaluations (+/-)	171,321			12,245	11,633		195,199
Disposals (-)							
Transfers* (+/-)							
Balance carried forward	3,740,670			267,355	253,989		4,262,014

Net book value

Brought forward	1,784,673	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	1,784,673
Carried forward	1,870,335	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	1,870,335

Assetts are fully expensed in the year of purchase

The three Church buildings are valued at their LAND VALUE only as at the financial year to 31/08/2016. Western Road land is freehold. Queens Park land is Leasehold - 105 years left of 125 (the land is owned by Basildon Borough Council). Herongate is on a long lease from the Anglican Church (both building and land).

* The "transfers" row is for movements between fixed asset categories.

13 Investments

The funds that support the various funds are held by TMCP in Trustees Interest Funds on which interest is credited to the accounts each month. These are regarded as medium and long term investments.

TMCP is the legal owner and Custodian Trustee of all Methodist Model Trust property, including Legacies, Endowments and Accumulated Funds. Trust property is held for and on behalf of local Managing Trustees who are responsible for the day to day management of trust property. TMCP ensure that, through providing guidance and acting under their direction, the Managing Trustees comply with charity law and Methodist law and polity as determined by the Methodist Conference.

Analysis of investment movements

Change in investment values

		This year	Prev year
		£	£
Carrying (market) value at beginning of year		Nil	Nil
Add: additions to investments at cost			
Less: disposals at carrying value			
Net gain/(loss) on revaluation			
Carrying (market) value at end of year		Nil	Nil

14. Analysis of current assets

	This year	Last year
Debtors and prepayments	£	£
Pre paid assessments	17500	17500
Accrued income	5000	12600
Less Accrued expenses	-465	-242
Total debtors and prepayments	22,035	29,858

Analysis of cash at bank

Bank balance held in HSBC (NOTE: This includes Restricted and Unrestricted Funds)	9,273	16,347
Bank balance held in Methodist Central Finance Board	181,575	144,052
Internal Organisation bank balances	55,418	49,911
Total Cash and Bank	246,266	210,310

15. Analysis of current liabilities and long term creditors

Trade Creditors	Nil	Nil
Other Creditors (NOTE: Monies received and passed onto External Organisations)	115	Nil
Total Current Liabilities	Nil	Nil

16. Capital commitments and contingent liabilities

No Contingent liabilities were identified at 31st August 2023

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17. Loans and creditors due after one year

Loans

Source	Amount brought forward £	New borrowings £	Loan interest £	Repayable in the year £	Balance at year end £	
					Nil	X

Repayment due	Totals	
Due within 12 months		
Due after more than 12 months		
Total	Nil	Y

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18. Detailed analysis of individual fund movements

Unrestricted Funds

Fund Name	Opening Balance	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Revaluation gains/losses	Closing Balance
Totals						

Restricted Funds

Fund Name	Opening Balance	Income	Expenditure	Transfers to BMC	Revaluation gains/losses	Closing Balance
Garden of Rembrance	622	40				662
Internal Organisations	49,911	84,952	-67,535	-11,910		55,418
Legacy Fund	9,397					9,397
Warm Space Fund	Nil	1,050	-229			821
Kenya fund	3,213	21,747	-16,482			8,478
Zimbabwe appeal	Nil	405	-405			Nil
MacMillan Cancer Support	Nil	468	-468			Nil
Marie-Curie	Nil	38	-38			
St Luke's Hospice	Nil	333	-333			Nil
Action for Children	Nil	658	-658			Nil
Changing Pathways	Nil	409	-409			Nil
All we Can-Turkey/Syria	Nil	2,117	-2,117			Nil
Schools Ministry Billericay	Nil	10	-10			Nil
MHA	Nil	440	-440			Nil
JMA	Nil	188	-73			115
TOTALS	**63,143**	**112,856**	**-89,197**	**-11,910**		**74,891**

Endowment Funds

Restricted Fund Name	Opening Balance	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Revaluation gains/losses	Closing Balance
Totals						

Fund purposes

Reasons for transfer between funds

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19. Related party transactions

This year

Name of related party	Relationship	Description of transaction	Income from related party during the year	Payments to related party during the year	Loans to / (from) related party during the year	Amounts owed by / (to) related party as on 31-Aug-2023
			£	£	£	£
JMA		Donation		73		115
Methodist Church Fund						
Mission In Britain Fund						
Fund for Support of Presbyters & Deacons						
Fund for Property						
World Mission Fund (All We Can)		Donation		2,117		
Total			**0**	**2,190**	**0**	**115**

Last year

Name of related party	Relationship	Description of transaction	Income from related party during the year	Payments to related party during the year	Loans to / (from) related party during the year	Amounts owed by / (to) related party as on 31-Aug-2022
			£	£	£	£
JMA		Donation		96		
Methodist Church Fund						
Mission in Britain Fund						
Fund for Support of Presbyters & Deacons						
Fund for Property						
World Mission Fund		Donation		7,618		
Total			**0**	**7,714**	**0**	**0**

Billericay Methodist Church

Appendix A

CHURCH MEETING MEMBERSHIP

MINISTERS — Rev Moses Agyam

CHURCH STEWARDS
- Ms Helen Hacker
- Mrs Lyn Bowditch (to 05/03/2023)
- Mrs Julie Cristin (to 05/03/2023)
- Mr Roger Davison (from 05/03/2023)
- Mrs Gill Rogers (from 05/03/2023)

Church Safeguarding Co-ordinator
- Mrs Liz Read

CHURCH REPRESENTATIVES (OTHER MEMBERS OF THE CHURCH COUNCIL)

1. Rev Felicity Al-Hassan
2. Mr David Ashworth (from 05/03/2023)
3. Mrs Lyn Bowditch
4. Mrs Pam Cottrell
5. Mr Ken Cowell
6. Mrs Julie Cristin (to 05/03/2023)
7. Mrs Linda Davison
8. Mr Roger Davison
9. Miss Rachel Gallehawk
10. Ms Helen Hacker
11. Mrs Geraldine Hanton
12. Mrs Elizabeth Hardy
13. Mrs Lorraine Harris
14. Miss Maggie Kingston
15. Mrs Liz Read
16. Mr David Rogers
17. Mrs Gill Rogers (from 05/03/2023)
18. Mrs Alyson Smith (to 05/03/2023)
19. Mr Jon Waldron
20. Mr David Westcott (to 05/03/2023)

Billericay Methodist Church

Basis of Independent Examiner's Report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as Trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair view" and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

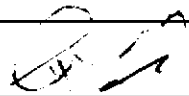
(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 130 of the Charities Act 2011.
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act

have not been met; or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Name: Mr Thomas Sterry MBE

Signature: 

Relevant Professional qualification or body: FFA

Address: C/o Billericay Methodist Church, Western Road, Billericay, Essex CM12 9DT

Date: 10.11.23

Billericay Methodist Church

DECLARATIONS

Treasurer

I confirm that I have prepared the accounts from the records of the Church and that they include all funds under the control of the Church Council.

Signature of Treasurer [signature] Date 15/11/2023

Name Mrs Lorraine Anne Harris

Address C/o Billericay Methodist Church, Western Road. Billericay, Essex CM12 9DT

Presentation to the Church Council Meeting for approval.

I confirm that the Accounts were, ~~or will be,~~ presented to the Church Council Meeting on 15/11/2023

and were approved.

Signature of the Chair of the meeting [signature]

Name of the Chair of the meeting **Rev Moses Agyam**

Date

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

Billericay Methodist Church **Church**

This Report is on the Church Accounts for the year ended 31st August 2023

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The Church's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The Church's Trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under Section 144 of the Charities Act 2011(the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

Mr Thomas Sterry MBE, FFA

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under Section 145(5)(b) of the Charities act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Declarations and Scrutiny

I confirm that these accruals-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 15/11/23

Name and address of treasurer Lorraine Harris,
148 Norsey View Drive, Billericay..... Post Code CM12 0QX

Presentation to the Church trustees

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2023 will be presented to the meeting of the Church trustees held on 15th November 2023

Signature of the Chair of the meeting .....

Name of the Chair of the meeting Rev Moses Agyam.....Date 15th November 2023

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

Billericay Methodist Church

Charity Number 1128787

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Billericay Methodist Church for the year ended 31 August 2023 set out on pages 1 to 18. 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.

Independent Examiner's Statement

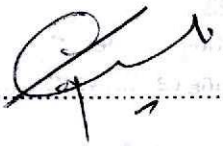
The Church's gross income did not exceed £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of the Institute of Financial Accountants.

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; or
- the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view, which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination
- the trustees' annual report is not consistent with the accounts

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 - Thomas Sterry MBE

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner
- Fellow of the Institute of Financial Accountants

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

Address ...35 East Hanningfield Road, Rettendon Common, Chelmsford, Essex.....

..... Post Code CM3 8EQ

Date 10/11/23

* delete or circle as appropriate

November 2023

BILLERICAY METHODIST CHURCH

England & Wales - Charity number 1128787

Accounts

Billericay Methodist Church
(incorporating Western Road Methodist Church, Queens Park Community Church and St Andrew's Church Herongate)
Registered Charity Number 1128787

Annual Report of the Trustees for the Financial Year ended 31 August 2022

Introduction

This is the Trustees' Annual Report for Billericay Methodist Church which covers Western Road Methodist Church and Queens Park Community Church, both in Billericay and St. Andrew's Methodist Church, Herongate.

Billericay Methodist Church employs two part-time staff, a Premises Supervisor and a Cleaner, both working at the Queens Park Church. Our Minister Rev David Bagwell is employed by the South Essex Circuit of The Methodist Church UK - he retired as at the end of August. Our new minister Rev Moses Agyam has been with us since 1st September 2022.

Aims and Organisation

For some time now the Mission Statement of the church has been:
Billericay Methodist Church is called to encourage a living faith in God.
Through the power of the Holy Spirit we proclaim the love of Jesus Christ in:
Worship and fellowship, Evangelism and teaching, Serving others and working for social justice.

From September 2021 the theme for the year will be 'Caring for God's World - we will actively engage in the TearFund Climate Change Emergency declaration process and continue to explore other ways as individuals and as a church to better care for God's World, Genesis 1: vvs 27-28. We are continuing with this theme for the next year.

The Church caring policy is to:

Encourage everyone in our churches to care for one another, and maintain an established pastoral system where Church members work in conjunction with staff.

Make it a requirement for an annual review of Safeguarding Policies and ensure necessary DBS checks are made and training attended.

Family Ministry:
Encourage and equip volunteers and leaders to build our Church into a community for all generations.
Encourage and nurture relationships between God, Church and families.
Nurture relationships across groups within the Church.
Facilitate links between the Church, families, the wider community and other organisations through outreach and church-based events including worship.

Hospitality:
Encourage Christ-like hospitality and practice an active and generous love.

Invite, welcome, receive and care for those who are "strangers", so they may find a spiritual home and the richness of Christ in our Church.

Express God's invitation to others.
Pray, plan and work toward helping others to receive Christ.

Inclusivity:
Encourage and facilitate a sense of belonging together as one in the Body of Christ.
Acknowledge the uniqueness of individuals and foster inclusivity.
Encourage mutual concern, goodwill and respect for others regardless of ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, marital status, age, disability or opinion.

Acknowledge Christians hold different views on issues including faith and life-style, and encourage all exchanges of opinion to be within a framework of mutual respect, prayerfulness grace and honesty.

Challenge discrimination and injustice.

Working Together:
Encourage openness to change and a willingness to receive the talents of others.
Encourage people within the church to work together as effectively as possible.
To be conscious and considerate of the well-being needs of those who serve/work in our churches: volunteers, lay workers, ordained ministers.

Business and Resources (People):

Seek appropriate people to join the Leadership Team as Church Stewards and Church Council Representatives. Offer them induction and encouragement to take an interest in particular aspects of Church work.

Business and Resources (Buildings):
The Church will:

Arrange the independent quinquennial inspections of all Church property, supported by annual inspections by the relevant stewards.

Comply with the Safeguarding and Equality legislation and Connexional policy.
Comply with current buildings Health and Safety legislation and undertake Annual Risk Assessments.
Improve and maintain the Church premises.

Business and Resources (Finance):
The Church will:
Encourage the use of regular, tax-efficient giving.
Consider and approve an annual budget, together with a one year forecast.
Consider and review future Church finance.
Consider and approve the annual church contribution to the South Essex Circuit.

Business and Resources (Business):
The Church will plan and discharge its responsibilities in an efficient and effective manner.

Review of the year:

Our membership at the end of the year was 160, 5 more than this time last year.

The many and varied church organisations continued to actively serve the church family and the wider community, full details of which can be found in the Annual Report covering each calendar year. This report is published in March each year and reviews the life, work, worship, service and achievements of the church through all its organisations and activities. The Annual Report may be viewed on the church's website at www.billericaymethodistchurch.org or a copy may be obtained from the treasurer.

The Trustees have continued to develop our Vision, looking at including all Church members and worshipers in any decisions made.

General maintenance is always on-going at all three sites, much of which is carried out by our Church members.

As at the year-end of 31st August 2022 our unrestricted reserves were up by £7.1k, which was helped by the new hirers and groups resuming after the COVID restrictions were eased. No further large bequests were received during the year, 2 update projects were funded from the Bequest Fund over the year, with the balance sitting in our restricted funds to spend on specific projects.

Income Trends:

Church income is primarily drawn from our congregation's Sunday collections, regular monthly bankers orders and the associated Gift Aid tax credit. Another valuable source is the income from users of our premises, both our own groups and various groups within the community.

Interest is received on our deposit with the Methodist Central Finance Board, although this has been minimal this past year due to interest rates being so low.

Expenditure Trends:

The major cost is in relation to the assessment paid to the Methodist South East Essex Circuit. This past year would have amounted to just under 50% of our total expenditure. A significant amount of the circuit assessment is used to pay the district assessment, stipends and related costs to ministers and upkeep of the Circuit Manses. The other expenditure includes mainly the running, maintenance and improvement of our properties, plus our family and youth work within the church and community. The Circuit has agreed to use funds from their reserves for 2021/22 and has therefore agreed to us continuing to pay £70k towards their costs.

Fund balances:
As at 31 August 2022 our net current assets were £240,168, of which £63,143 is restricted. Restricted assets includes bequest money and funds held by our Internal Organisations. Unrestricted funds provide cover for about 14 months expenditure.

Plans for 2021/22:

The Church financial plans for the coming year have been prepared on the basis that there remains 2 part-time staff with anticipated cost of living wage increases and the assessment paid to the Methodist South Essex Circuit. There will be no change to the general running costs of the Church.

Trustees Annual Report on Finance and Governance

Basis of preparation and legal framework

The Charity's annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2022 have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 and the Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice 2015 as applicable to the Financial Reporting Standard (FRSSE) 2015.

Full Name of Charity: BILLERICAY METHODIST CHURCH

Registration Charity Number: 1128787

Date of Registration: 1st March 2009

Main Communication Address: Billericay Methodist Church, Western Road, Billericay, Essex CM12 9DT.

The members of the Billericay Methodist Church Council meeting are the Charity Trustees, membership being made up of the Minister, Church Office holders, representatives appointed by the church at the Annual General Meeting and one representative appointed by the South Essex Circuit.

Full membership is shown as Appendix A to this report.
Church Minister and Officers:

Circuit Minister: Rev David Bagwell (to 31/08/22) / Rev Moses Agyam (from 01/09/22)

Nominal Church Stewards: Ms Helen Hacker, Mrs Lyn Bowditch and Mrs Julie Cristin

Mrs Lorraine Harris acted as the principal officer overseeing the day to day financial management and accounting for the Church during the year.

Independent Examiner: Mr Thomas Sterry OBE, C/o Billericay Methodist Church, Western Road, Billericay CM12 9DT

Investment Bankers:	Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church
	HSBC
	Barclays Bank (Herongate account) - NOW CLOSED

Aims and Organisation

The purposes of the Methodist Church are and shall be deemed to have been since the Date of Union, the advancement of:

a) The Christian faith in accordance with the doctrinal standards and discipline of The Methodist Church;

b) Any charitable purpose for the time being of any Connexional, District, Circuit, local or other organisation of The Methodist Church;

c) Any charitable purpose for the time being of any society or institution subsidiary or ancillary to The Methodist Church;

d) Any purpose for the time being of any charity being a charity subsidiary or ancillary to The Methodist Church.

Public Benefit

We confirm the trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

Structure, Governance and Management

The governing document for the Church is the Deed of Union (1932) and Methodist Church Act (1976).

Detailed governance arrangements are outlined within the Constitutional Practice and Discipline of the Methodist Church by order of the annual conference (CPD).

Day by day management of the Church is undertaken by the Church Leadership team, the Church Finance, Property and Pastoral Committees.

Trustee Training

A range of guidance produced by Methodist Connexion to support the effective running of the Church, specifically the leaflet 'The Role of a Trustee in the Methodist Church' is given to all new Church meeting members as induction to their role of trustees.

Related Parties

The Church is part of the Methodist South Essex Circuit and the Beds, Essex and Herts District and is also accountable to the Methodist Conference.

Suppliers

Billericay Methodist Church has used the following suppliers during the accounting year, only one of whom are Trustees (Roger Davison for plumbing and electrical works), or related to Trustees of the Charity:

Acors Press
Amazon
B&Q
Basildon Garden & Mower Servs
Bunches.co.uk
Bible Society
CCLI
COSTCO
DM Music
E-ON
Flameguard
Hawkins Electrical Servs
Jennie Penkul
Jonathan Montague gardening
Luke Becalick gardening
A1 CMS (Mark Smith Window Cleaner)
MAKRO
Methodist Insurance
Pantons Electrical
Poundland
Post Office
Reaction Group
Samantha Davenport
Simba Office Supplies
Summerhill Garden Centre
Style South
Thameside Mechanical Services
TV Licensing
TSO Host
Voipfone
WAVE
WH Smith

ALDI
ASDA
Barleylands Farm Shop
Brentwood Security
British Gas
Cartridgesave.co.uk
Church Finance Supplies Ltd
Crystal Print
Dunham-Bush
First Ford Fire & Security
Ian Dipple Blinds
Janet Hibberd Flowers
Jewsons
Juliana Group
Kingdom Coffee
London Vacuum Company
Methodist Church Payroll
Minster Cleaning Services
PlusNet
Prince Tree Surgery
REXEL
Roger Davison
S Davis Tree Care
Sheppard & Cross
Swift Catering Equipment
Thameside Fire Protection
The Polycarbonate Store
TOTAL Energies
TESCO
Thunder Sparks Ltd
Viking
Waitrose

Risk Assessment

The Church Council have examined the major strategic, business and operational risks which the Church faces and confirm that systems have been established to enable regular reports to be produced for the Church Council so that the necessary steps can be taken to lessen those risks. Professional advice is taken, as required.

The Church Council have adopted, and review annually, a Safeguarding Policy which follows the guidance provided by the Methodist Church.

Income and Expenditure is being monitored in total and is compared with the approved annual budget on a quarterly basis to detect trends as part of the risk management process.

Safeguarding

Every person has a value and dignity which comes directly from the creation of male and female in God's own image and likeness. Christians see this potential as fulfilled by God's re-creation of us in Christ. Among other things this implies a duty to value all people as bearing the image of God and therefore to protect them from harm.

Methodist Connexional practice outlines this commitment to the following principles:

The care and nurture of, and respectful pastoral ministry with all children, young people and adults
The safeguarding and protection of all children, young people and adults when they are vulnerable
The establishing of safe, caring communities which provide a loving environment where there is informed vigilance as to the dangers of abuse

We will carefully select and train all those with any responsibility within the Church, in line with Safer Recruitment principles, including the use of criminal record disclosures and registration with the relevant vetting and barring schemes

We will respond without delay to every complaint made which suggests that an adult, child or young person may have been harmed, cooperating with the police and local authority in any investigation

We will seek to work with anyone who has suffered abuse, developing with them an appropriate ministry of informed pastoral care

We will seek to challenge any abuse of power, especially by anyone in a position of trust
We will seek to offer pastoral care and support, including supervision and referral to the proper authorities, to any member of our Church community known to have offended against a child, young person or vulnerable adult
In all these principles we will follow legislation, guidance and recognised good practise

Billericay Methodist Church commits itself to ensuring the implementation of Connexional Safeguarding Policy; government legislation, guidance and safe practice.

Reserves Policy

The policy is to maintain 6 months forecast annual expenditure where financially practical, equivalent to some £74,300.

The balances held in our accounts (excluding funds held in the Internal Organisations' accounts) amount to £160,398.76: HSBC Current Account of £16,346.41 and Central Finance Board Deposit Account of £144,052.35 as at 31 August 2022 exceed the target reserves level. The Barclays (Herongate) account is now closed with the funds transferred to the HSBC current account (there are no other investments) .

These additional funds are held:

1)To cover potential serious repairs at Herongate in the future to both the church roof and timber structure (ring-fenced £10k).

Restricted Funds

£9396.60 Bequest Fund money is to be used for specific future projects (as agreed by Church Council), but not for general running expenses if possible.

Funds relating to our Garden of Remembrance and Billericay Contact Centre are controlled by specific Treasurers and are used for approved purposes (the reserves/cash balances are minimal). The Billericay Contact Centre was closed this year and their funds transferred to other locally based Contact Centres.

Onward Transmission Funds relate to collections and donations for various Methodist Funds, other appropriate Charities and Funds relating to the sponsorship of students and other activities at our Sister Churches in Kenya.

Methodist Funds and other Charity collections are forwarded to responsible persons as soon as is practical. No specific reserves are maintained. Balances reflect cash awaiting disbursement.

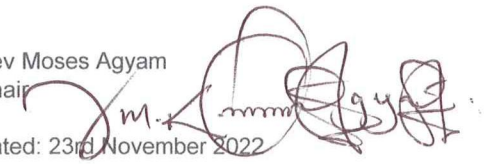
The Kenya Fund is controlled by the Kenya Support Committee and the Church Treasurer. Donations/payments are made for specific requests, annual school and university fees and support of projects at the Grace Centre. Surplus funds are minimal and are dependent upon donations/gifts given. No specific minimum reserve is maintained.

Internal Church Organisations

Each Church Organisation maintains reserves appropriate to their activities and income sources. Their Leaders/Management Committee review these annually.

Approved by Billericay Methodist Church Council meeting on 23rd November 2022 and signed on its behalf by:

Rev Moses Agyam
Chair



Dated: 23rd November 2022

Church
Accruals Accounts
2021-2022

THE METHODIST CHURCH

REPORT and ACCOUNTS
ACCRUALS BASIS
for the year ended 31 August 2022

BILLERICAY METHODIST	Church

Registered Charity - Registration number (if applicable)	1128787

	Circuit No	34/11

Minister	Rev David Bagwell (to 31/08/22) / Rev Moses Agyam (from 01/09/22)
Church Stewards	Ms Helen Hacker
	Mrs Julie Cristin
	Mrs Lyn Bowditch
Church Treasurer	Mrs Lorraine Harris

BILLERICAY METHODIST Church

Trustee's Annual Report on Finance and Governance

Basis of preparation and legal framework

The Charity's annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2022 have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 and the Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice 2015 as applicable to the Financial Reporting Standard(FRSSE) 2015

Full Name of Charity / Church: Billericay Methodist Church

Registration Charity Number (if a Registered Charity): 1128787

Date of registration (if registered as a Charity) 26/11/2008

Main communication address: Methodist Church, Western Road, Billericay CM12 9DT

The members of the Billericay Methodist Church Council are the Charity Trustees , membership being made up of church office holders, Minister and representatives appointed by the church at the Annual General Meeting in March.

Full membership is shown as Appendix A to this report.

Treasurer: Mrs Lorraine Anne Harris

Lorraine Harris acted as the principal officer overseeing the day to day financial management and accounting for the church during the year.

Independent examiner *Mr Thomas Sterry, C/o Billericay Methodist Church, Western Road, Billericay*

Investment Bankers Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church
Trustees for Methodist Church purposes

BILLERICAY METHODIST Church

Aims and organisation

Statement of Mission: Billericay Methodist Church is called to encourage a living faith in God. Through the power of the Holy Spirit we proclaim the love of Jesus Christ in: Worship and fellowship, evangelism and teaching, serving others and working for social justice. Our Theme for the Year was Caring for God's world - we actively engaged with the Tearfund Climate Change Emergency declaration process and continued to explore other ways as individuals and as a church to better care for God's world (Genesis 1: 27-28)

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d) Any purpose for the time being of any charity being a charity subsidiary or ancillary to The Methodist Church

Worshiping God through prayer, song and other acts of worship.
The organisation and resourcing 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 resourcing of pastoral work including visiting the sick and bereaved.
Taking religious assemblies in local schools.
Promotion of Christianity through the staging of events and services.
Provision of chaplaincy services to local schools, care homes and other institutions as appropriate and when able.

Public Benefit

We confirm the trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

Structure, Governance and Management

The governing document for the church is the Deed of Union (1932) and Methodist Church Act (1976)

Detailed governance arrangements are outlined within the Constitutional Practice and Discipline of the Methodist Church by order of the annual conference (CPD).

Day to day management of the church is undertaken by the Church Leadership team along with the Minister.

The Trustees are appointed at the AGM of the church.

Trustee Training

A range of guidance produced by Methodist Connexion to support the effective running of the church and the role of Trustees is given to the Church Trustees at various meetings and / or training sessions .

Related Parties

The Church is part of the South Essex Circuit which is part of the Beds, Herts & Essex District and is also accountable to the Methodist Conference.

The internal organisation(s) linked to this church are the Child Contact Centre, INTERS, Ladies Leisure, Men's Fellowship, Men's Supper Club, Pre-School and Toddler Groups Western Road

BILLERICAY METHODIST Church

Risk Management

The major risks have been identified and recorded by the Trustees with professional advice taken as required.

There is a regular annual review process undertaken and recorded.

Income and Expenditure is being monitored in total and is compared with the approved annual budget on a half yearly basis to detect trends as part of the risk management process to avoid unforeseen calls on reserves.

Safeguarding

Every person has a value and dignity which comes directly from the creation of male and female in God's own image and likeness. Christians see this potential as fulfilled by God's re-creation of us in Christ. Among other things this implies a duty to value all people as bearing the image of God and therefore to protect them from harm.

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- the safeguarding and protection of all children, young people and adults when they are vulnerable
- the establishing of safe, caring communities which provide a loving environment where there is informed vigilance as to the dangers of abuse.
- We will carefully select and train all those with any responsibility within the Church, in line with Safer Recruitment principles, including the use of criminal records disclosures and registration with the relevant vetting and barring schemes.
- We will respond without delay to every complaint made which suggests that an adult, child or young person may have been harmed, cooperating with the police and local authority in any investigation.
- We will seek to work with anyone who has suffered abuse, developing with them an appropriate ministry of informed pastoral care.
- We will seek to challenge any abuse of power, especially by anyone in a position of trust.
- We will seek to offer pastoral care and support, including supervision and referral to the proper authorities, to any member of our church community known to have offended against a child, young person or vulnerable adult.
- In all these principles we will follow legislation, guidance and recognised good practice

The Billericay Methodist Church commits itself to ensuring the implementation of Connexional Safeguarding Policy; government legislation, guidance and safe practice in the circuit and in the churches.

The Billericay Methodist Church commits itself to the provision of support, advice and training for lay and ordained people that will ensure people are clear and confident about their roles and responsibilities in safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and adults who may be vulnerable.

Reserves Policy

General Funds: The policy is to maintain 6 months forecast annual expenditure where financially practical equivalent to some £73,700, with a minimum of 3 months expenditure if not possible.
The balances held in our accounts amount to £170,677.51: HSBC current account of £26,659.13, Barclays (Herongate) £25,583.97 and the Central Finance Board deposit account of £118,434.41 (there are no other investments) at 31st August 2021. The additional funds are held to update the heating system at Western Road (booked October 2021) and boiler at Queens Park churches within the next 5 years, plus repairs to the wooden structure at Herongate (£15,000). Also a Bequest Fund which has a balance left of £24,852.53 - these funds are to be used specifically for projects and not for general running expenses.
Restricted Funds: Funds relating to our Garden of Remembrance, ALF prize and Billericay Child Contact Centre are controlled by specific Treasurers and are used for approved purposes (the reserves/cash balances are minimal).
Onward Transmission Funds relate to collections and donations for various Methodist Funds, other appropriate charities and funds relating to the sponsorship of students and other activities at our Sister Churches in Kenya. Methodist Funds and other Charity collections are forwarded to responsible persons as soon as is practical. No specific reserves are maintained. Balances reflect cash awaiting disbursement.
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Internal Church Organisations: Each Church organisation maintains appropriate reserves to their activities and income sources. Their Leaders/Management Committee review these annually.

Name of Church BILLERICAY METHODIST Church **Number** 1128787

Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) for the year ended 31 August 2022

	Notes to the accounts	Unrestricted funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2021-22	Total 2020-21
		£	£	£	£	£
Income and Endowments from:						
Donations and legacies	4				0	0
- Collections and tax credit		90132	0		90132	90833
- Donations		7676	35047		42723	35907
- Legacies		500	0		500	400
Charitable activities	5				0	**0**
- Fund raising		**0**	**0**		0	**0**
- Others		**0**	**0**		0	**0**
Other trading activities	6				0	**0**
- Lettings		50581	**0**		50581	**18826**
- Miscellaneous		**0**	**0**		0	**0**
Investments	7	482	0		482	234
Other	8	1001	0		1001	604
- Internal organisations		0	52675		52675	55124
- Miscellaneous		0	0		0	0
Total		**150372**	**87722**	**0**	**238094**	**201928**
Expenditure on:						
Salaries, NIC & Pension costs	11	10327	0		10327	10208
Circuit Assessment		70000	0		70000	69000
Maintenance on Church building(s) and property		33923	13265		47188	27970
Telephone and Travel		0	0		0	0
Utilities (insurance, heat and light, water, etc)		17984	0		17984	15968
Expenditure on other property		0	0		0	0
Depreciation	12	0	0		0	0
Provisions		841	0		841	643
Internal organisations		0	60610		60610	55027
Grants and Donations		4900	27485		32385	4165
Other expenditure		3516	16055		19571	52308
Total		**141491**	**117415**	**0**	**258906**	**235289**
Net income/(expenditure)		**8881**	**-29693**	**0**	**-20812**	**-33361**
Transfers between funds		7640	**-7640**		**0**	**0**
		16521	**-37333**	0	**-20812**	**-33361**
Other recognised gains / (losses): 2021 Addition of Herongate Methodist Church bank balances.					**0**	**31651**
Gains/(Losses) on revaluation of fixed assets (properties now valued at land value only)		198316			198316	237213
Gains/(Losses) on investment assets					0	0
Actuarial gains /(losses) on defined benefit pension schemes					0	0
Net movement in funds		214837	-37333	0	177504	235503
Reconciliation of funds:						
Total funds brought forward		1746861	100476		1847337	1611834
Total funds carried forward		**1961698**	**63143**	**0**	**2024841**	**1847337**

For information only Money received and passed on	**to External Organisations**		
Balance brought forward from last year	**4555**	**4555**	**6950**
Offerings/Gifts - received for External Organisations	**26143**	**26143**	24062
Offerings/Gifts - passed to External Organisations	-27485	**-27485**	-26457
Balance carried forward (Kenya fund)	**3213**	**3213**	**4555**

BILLERICAY METHODIST Church

Balance Sheet as at 31 August 2022

	Notes	Unrestricted £	Designated (Unrestricted)	Restricted £	Endowment Funds £	Totals this year £	Totals last year £
Tangible Fixed Assets*							
Land & Buildings (land value only)	12	1,784,673				1784673	1586357
Equipment	12						
Investment properties	13						
Investments	13						
Total fixed assets		1,784,673				1784673	1586357
Current Assets							
Debtors and Prepayments	14	29,858				29858	24816
Cash at Bank and in hand	14	3,115		63,143		66258	117729
Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes deposits							
Central Finance Board Deposits		144,052				144052	118435
Other							
Total current assets		177,025		63,143		240168	260980
Creditors and Accruals (due in under 1 yr)	15						
Net current assets (liabilities)		177,025		63,143		240168	260980
Total assets less current liabilities		1,961,698		63,143		2024841	1847337
Loans and creditors due after 1 year	17						
Provisions for liabilities and charges							
Net assets		1,961,698		63,143		2024841	1847337
Funds of the Church	16						
Unrestricted funds		1,961,698				1961698	1746861
Restricted funds				63,143		63143	100476
Endowment funds							
Total Funds		1,961,698		63,143		2024841	1847337

Internal Organisations		Opening balance	Receipts	Payments	Net Receipts/ Payments	Adjustments	Closing balances
Child Contact Centre		8396		-8396	-8396		
INTERS		114	2647	-2495	152		266
Ladies Leisure		38	5	-40	-35		3
Men's Fellowship		71	151	-5	146		217
Men's Supper Club		379	900	-777	123		502
Pre-School		55767	47695	-55310	-7615		48152
Toddler Groups WR		721	1277	-1227	50		771
Total		65486	52675	-68250	-15575		49911

Total Receipts	Total Payments

Continue on a separate sheet if necessary and bring the totals forward. Transfer Totals of Receipts and Payments to the SOFA

Notes to the Accounts

1 Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared under the Charities Act 2011 in accordance with the 2014 version of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities applicable in the UK (effective from 1 January 2015) – the Charities SORP (FRSSE) – in replacement for the SORP's 2005 version specified in its related 2008 Regulations and in accordance with the 'true and fair override' provision contained therein."

2 Funds

The funds held constitute: General Funds held for any purpose of the Church which are Unrestricted. Restricted funds which are held for a narrower purpose including those for internal organisations. There are also the following Endowment funds as listed. Details of each material fund are disclosed in note 16 . Any funds may be represented by more than just cash.

3 Accounting policies

Basis

These accounts have been prepared on the basis of historical cost except that investments are shown at their market value at the end of the year, on the accruals basis to show a true and fair view of the Church's financial position and activities.

Income

Income is included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) when the Church becomes entitled to the resources, and the trustees are reasonably certain they will receive the resources; and the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Expenditure

This is recognised when a liability is incurred, or a constructive obligation arises, that results in the payment being unavoidable. Liabilities are recognised as soon as an outflow of economic benefit is considered more likely than not under the legal or constructive obligation committing the Circuit to pay out resources.

Grants

Grants made by the Church from its own funds are recognised in full at the time of agreement or when the Church accepts that there is a legal or operational obligation to make the payment. When the grant is recurrent over more than one year the balance payable in future years is treated as a provision for future commitments in the Balance Sheet against the appropriate fund, the provision being released in future years as instalments are paid in accordance with the originally agreed terms.

VAT

Since the Church is not VAT registered, all input VAT is charged with the expenses to which it refers.

Tangible fixed assets for use by the Church

The Western Road property is freehold, with the building 61 years old. The Queens Park property is leasehold with 105 years to run on the lease, the building is 20 years old. St Andrews Church Herongate was added to our accounts in 2021 - the land and buildings are on a long-term lease from the Anglican Church. All 3 properties are shown as the value of the land only. The value of the sites for a potential alternative use may be significantly higher than the value shown in the accounts. Fixed assets are fully expenses in the year of purchase.

Investment Properties

Investment properties - no property is currently deemed to not be held for the long term purposes of the charity.

Investments

Investments are valued in the balance sheet at market value at the year end. Investment income is included in the accounts when receivable and any gains or losses on revaluation at the year end are shown in the SOFA.

Debtors and Prepayments

Debtors include outstanding lettings invoices in August.

Creditors

Creditors include outstandings relating to utilities, telephones, etc in August.

BILLERICAY METHODIST Church

4. Donations and legacies	Unrestricted	Restricted	2022 Total	2021 Total
				£
Collections	71197	0	71197	72578
Tax credits	18935	0	18935	18255
Donations	7676	35047	42723	35907
Legacies	500	0	500	400
Total	**98308**	**35047**	**133355**	**127140**

5. Charitable activities	Unrestricted	Restricted	2022 Total	2021 Total
			£	£
Fund raising			0	0
Other				
Total	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**

6 Other trading activities	Unrestricted	Restricted	2022 Total	2021 Total
	£	£	£	£
Use of Premises donations	50581	0	**50581**	18826
Internal Orgs donations	7640		**7640**	5500
Total	**58221**	**0**	**58221**	**24326**

7. Investment income	Unrestricted	Restricted	2022 Total	2021 Total
	£	£	£	£
Central Finance Board	482		**482**	234
Rental income			**0**	
Other			**0**	
Total	**482**	**0**	**482**	**234**

8 Other	Unrestricted	Restricted	2022 Total	2021 Total
	£	£	£	£
Internal Organisations		52675	**52675**	55124
(see list on Balance Sheet)			**0**	
Miscellaneous credits	1001		**1001**	604
			0	
			0	
Total	**1001**	**52675**	**53676**	**55728**

9. Payment to Trustees

		This year	Last year
Payments made to trustees for additional services provided to the Church by agreement with the Church Council Meeting	£	4723	3751
Number of trustees who were paid expenses		1	1
Nature of the expenses - Plumbing and lighting works			
If there are no payments to Trustees, please record no expenses were paid.			
Total amount paid	£	4,723	3,751

10. Fees for examination or audit of the accounts

Independent examiner's or auditors' fees for reporting on the accounts	£	150	150
Other fees (eg: advice, accountancy services) paid to the independent examiner or auditor	£	NIL	NIL

11. Paid employees

Staff Costs paid during the year were:

Gross wages, salaries and benefits in kind	£	10,326	10,208
Employer's National Insurance costs	£		
Pension costs	£		
Total staff costs	£	10,326	10,208
Average number of staff employeed during the year were:		1	1

12 Tangible Fixed Assets

Cost or valuation

	Church (non investment) land and buildings £	Other non investment land and buildings £	Investment properties (land and buildings) £	Other fixed assets including motor vehicles £	Fixtures, fittings and equipment £	Payments on account and assets under construction £	Total £
Balance brought forward	4,213,191			226,762	215,424		4,655,377
Additions (Herongate Church)							
Revaluations (+/-)	1,140,831			28,348	26,932		1,196,111
Disposals (-)							
Transfers * (+/-)							
Balance carried forward	5,354,022			255,110	242,356		5,851,488

Accumulated depreciation

Balance brought forward	2,626,834			226,762	215,424		3,069,020
Depreciation charge for year (-)							
Revaluations (+/-)	942,515			28,348	26,932		997,795
Disposals (-)							
Transfers* (+/-)							
Balance carried forward	3,569,349			255,110	242,356		4,066,815

Net book value

Brought forward	1,586,357	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	1,586,357
Carried forward	1,784,673	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	1,784,673

Assetts are fully expensed in the year of purchase

The three Church buildings are valued at their LAND VALUE only as at the financial year to 31/08/2016. Western Road land is freehold. Queens Park land is Leasehold - 105 years left of 125 (the land is owned by Basildon Borough Council). Herongate is on a long lease from the Anglican Church (both building and land).

* The "transfers" row is for movements between fixed asset categories.

13 Investments

The funds that support the various funds are held by TMCP in Trustees Interest Funds on which interest is credited to the accounts each month. These are regarded as medium and long term investments.

TMCP is the legal owner and Custodian Trustee of all Methodist Model Trust property, including Legacies, Endowments and Accumulated Funds. Trust property is held for and on behalf of local Managing Trustees who are responsible for the day to day management of trust property. TMCP ensure that, through providing guidance and acting under their direction, the Managing Trustees comply with charity law and Methodist law and polity as determined by the Methodist Conference.

Analysis of investment movements

Change in investment values

		This year	Prev year
		£	£
Carrying (market) value at beginning of year		Nil	Nil
Add: additions to investments at cost			
Less: disposals at carrying value			
Net gain/(loss) on revaluation			
Carrying (market) value at end of year		Nil	Nil

14. Analysis of current assets

	This year	Last year
Debtors and prepayments	£	£
Pre paid assessments	17500	17500
Accrued income	12600	7500
Less Accrued expenses	-242	-184
Total debtors and prepayments	29,858	24,816

Analysis of cash at bank

Bank balance held in HSBC & Barclays (NOTE: This includes Restricted and Unrestricted Funds)	16,347	52,243
Bank balance held in Methodist Central Finance Board	144,052	118,435
Internal Organisation bank balances	49,911	65,486
Total Cash and Bank	210,310	236,164

15. Analysis of current liabilities and long term creditors

Trade Creditors	Nil	Nil
Other Creditors (NOTE: Monies received and passed onto External Organisations)	Nil	Nil
Total Current Liabilities	Nil	Nil

16. Capital commitments and contingent liabilities

No Contingent liabilities were identified at 31st August 2022

17. Loans and creditors due after one year

Loans

Source	Amount brought forward £	New borrowings £	Loan interest £	Repayable in the year £	Balance at year end £
					Nil X

Repayment due

	Totals
Due within 12 months	
Due after more than 12 months	
Total	Nil Y

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18. Detailed analysis of individual fund movements

Unrestricted Funds

Fund Name	Opening Balance	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Revaluation gains/losses	Closing Balance
Totals						

Restricted Funds

Fund Name	Opening Balance	Income	Expenditure	Transfers to BMC	Revaluation gains/losses	Closing Balance
Garden of Rembrance	582	40				622
ALF Prize	Nil					Nil
Internal Organisations	65,486	52,675	-60,610	-7,640		49,911
Legacy Fund	24,853		-15,456			9,397
Herongate Comm Garden	500	99	-599			Nil
Boiler Appeal Fund WR	4,500	4,415	-8,915			Nil
BOILER grant QP	Nil	4,350	-4,350			Nil
Kenya fund	4,555	16,089	-17,431			3,213
Zimbabwe appeal	Nil	405	-405			Nil
MacMillan Cancer Support	Nil	365	-365			Nil
St Luke's Hospice	Nil	650	-650			Nil
Billericay Foodbank	Nil	156	-156			Nil
Action for Children	Nil	373	-373			Nil
Changing Pathways	Nil	390	-390			Nil
All we Can-Ukraine appeal	Nil	7,619	-7,619			Nil
JMA	Nil	96	-96			Nil
TOTALS	**100,476**	**87,722**	**-117,415**	**-7,640**		**63,143**

Endowment Funds

Restricted Fund Name	Opening Balance	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Revaluation gains/losses	Closing Balance
Totals						

Fund purposes

Reasons for transfer between funds

19. Related party transactions

This year

Name of related party	Relationship	Description of transaction	Income from related party during the year	Payments to related party during the year	Loans to / (from) related party during the year	Amounts owed by / (to) related party as on 31-Aug-2022
			£	£	£	£
JMA		Donation		96		
Methodist Church Fund						
Mission in Britain Fund						
Fund for Support of Presbyters & Deacons						
Fund for Property						
World Mission Fund (All We Can)		Donation		7,618		
Total			**0**	**7,714**	**0**	**0**

Last year

Name of related party	Relationship	Description of transaction	Income from related party during the year	Payments to related party during the year	Loans to / (from) related party during the year	Amounts owed by / (to) related party as on 31-Aug-2020
			£	£	£	£
JMA						
Methodist Church Fund						
Mission in Britain Fund						
Fund for Support of Presbyters & Deacons						
Fund for Property						
World Mission Fund						
Total			**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**

Billericay Methodist Church

Appendix A

CHURCH MEETING MEMBERSHIP

MINISTERS — Rev David Bagwell (to 31/08/22) / Rev Moses Agyam (from 01/09/22)

CHURCH STEWARDS — Ms Helen Hacker
Mrs Lyn Bowditch
Mrs Julie Cristin

Church Safeguarding Co-ordinator
Mrs Liz Read

CHURCH REPRESENTATIVES (OTHER MEMBERS OF THE CHURCH COUNCIL)

1. Rev Felicity Al-Hassan
2. Mrs Lyn Bowditch
3. Mrs Pam Cottrell
4. Mr Ken Cowell
5. Mrs Julie Cristin
6. Mrs Linda Davison
7. Mr Roger Davison
8. Miss Rachel Gallehawk
9. Ms Helen Hacker
10. Mrs Geraldine Hanton
11. Mrs Lorraine Harris
12. Miss Maggie Kingston
13. Mrs Liz Read
14. Mr David Rogers
15. Mrs Alyson Smith
16. Mr Jon Waldron (from Jan 2022)
17. Mr David Westcott

Billericay Methodist Church

DECLARATIONS

Treasurer

I confirm that I have prepared the accounts from the records of the Church and that they include all funds under the control of the Church Council.

Signature of Treasurer [signature] Date 30/10/2022

Name Mrs Lorraine Anne Harris

Address C/o Billericay Methodist Church, Western Road. Billericay, Essex CM12 9DT

Presentation to the Church Council Meeting for approval.

I confirm that the Accounts were, or will be,presented to the Church Council Meeting on **23-Nov-22**

and were approved.

Signature of the Chair of the meeting [signature]

Name of the Chair of the meeting **Rev Moses Agyam**

Date

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

Billericay Methodist Church **Church**

This Report is on the Church Accounts for the year ended 31st August 2022

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The Church's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The Church's Trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under Section 144 of the Charities Act 2011(the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

Mr Thomas Sterry MBE, FFA

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under Section 145(5)(b) of the Charities act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Billericay Methodist Church

Basis of Independent Examiner's Report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as Trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair view" and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 130 of the Charities Act 2011.

- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act

have not been met; or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Name: Mr Thomas Sterry MBE

Signature:

Relevant Professional qualification or body: FFA

Address: C/o Billericay Methodist Church, Western Road, Billericay, Essex CM12 9DT

Date: 14-11-22

Name of Church - Billericay Methodist Church / Circuit No 34/11 / Registered Charity Number 1128787

Declarations and Scrutiny

I confirm that these accruals-based accounts for the year to 31 August 2022 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 30/10/22

Name and address of treasurer Lorraine Harris,
148 Norsey View Drive, Billericay..... Post Code CM12 0QX

Presentation to the Church trustees

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2022 were/will be* presented to the meeting of the Church trustees held on 23rd November 2022

Signature of the Chair of the meeting .....

Name of the Chair of the meeting Rev Moses Agyam.....Date 23rd November 2022

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

Billericay Methodist Church

Charity Number 1128787

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Billericay Methodist Church for the year ended 31 August 2022 set out on pages 1 to 18. 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 - Billericay Methodist Church / Circuit No 34/11 / Registered Charity Number 1128787

Independent Examiner's Statement

[The Church's gross income did not exceed £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of the Institute of Financial Accountants.

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; or
- the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view, which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination
- the trustees' annual report is not consistent with the accounts

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 ...Thomas Sterry MBE.....

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner ...Fellow of the Institute of Financial Accountants.....

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

Address ...35 East Hanningfield Road, Rettendon Common, Chelmsford, Essex.....

..... Post Code CM3 8EQ

Date ....14-11-22.....

* delete or circle as appropriate

November 2022

BILLERICAY METHODIST CHURCH

England & Wales - Charity number 1128787

Accounts

Billericay Methodist Church
(incorporating Western Road Methodist Church, Queens Park Community Church and St Andrew's Church Herongate)
Registered Charity Number 1128787

Annual Report of the Trustees for the Financial Year ended 31 August 2021

Introduction

This is the Trustees' Annual Report for Billericay Methodist Church which covers Western Road Methodist Church and Queens Park Community Church, both in Billericay. This year it also covers St. Andrew's Methodist Church, Herongate who now come under our umbrella for administration, finance and leadership. This has meant an increase in the funds held in our accounts of approximately £31k.

Billericay Methodist Church employs two part-time staff, a Premises Supervisor and a Cleaner, both working at the Queens Park Church. Our Minister Rev David Bagwell is employed by the South Essex Circuit of The Methodist Church UK.

Aims and Organisation

For some time now the Mission Statement of the church has been:
Billericay Methodist Church is called to encourage a living faith in God.
Through the power of the Holy Spirit we proclaim the love of Jesus Christ in:
Worship and fellowship, Evangelism and teaching, Serving others and working for social justice.

From September 2021 the theme for the year will be 'Caring for God's World - we will actively engage in the TearFund Climate Change Emergency declaration process and continue to explore other ways as individuals and as a church to better care for God's World, Genesis 1: vvs 27-28.

This past year the vision of what the church should be was explored and taken forward through teaching and action on 'How2Be' - this was in response to the Coronavirus pandemic which led to the suspension of all normal activities at the church buildings, we took a fresh look at what it means to be a church in that new situation.

The Church caring policy is to:
Encourage everyone in our churches to care for one another, and maintain an established pastoral system where Church members work in conjunction with staff.

Make it a requirement for an annual review of Safeguarding Policies and ensure necessary DBS checks are made and training attended.

Family Ministry:
Encourage and equip volunteers and leaders to build our Church into a community for all generations.
Encourage and nurture relationships between God, Church and families.
Nurture relationships across groups within the Church.
Facilitate links between the Church, families, the wider community and other organisations through outreach and church-based events including worship.

Hospitality:
Encourage Christ-like hospitality and practice an active and generous love.

Invite, welcome, receive and care for those who are "strangers", so they may find a spiritual home and the richness of Christ in our Church.

Express God's invitation to others.
Pray, plan and work toward helping others to receive Christ.

Inclusivity:
Encourage and facilitate a sense of belonging together as one in the Body of Christ.
Acknowledge the uniqueness of individuals and foster inclusivity.
Encourage mutual concern, goodwill and respect for others regardless of ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, marital status, age, disability or opinion.
Acknowledge Christians hold different views on issues including faith and life-style, and encourage all exchanges of opinion to be within a framework of mutual respect, prayerfulness grace and honesty.
Challenge discrimination and injustice.

Working Together:
Encourage openness to change and a willingness to receive the talents of others.
Encourage people within the church to work together as effectively as possible.
To be conscious and considerate of the well-being needs of those who serve/work in our churches: volunteers, lay workers, ordained ministers.

Business and Resources (People):

Seek appropriate people to join the Leadership Team as Church Stewards and Church Council Representatives. Offer them induction and encouragement to take an interest in particular aspects of Church work.

Business and Resources (Buildings):

Arrange the independent quinquennial inspections of all Church property, supported by annual inspections by the relevant stewards.
Comply with the Safeguarding and Equality legislation and Connexional policy.
Comply with current buildings Health and Safety legislation and undertake Annual Risk Assessments.
Improve and maintain the Church premises.

Business and Resources (Finance):
The Church will:
Encourage the use of regular, tax-efficient giving.
Consider and approve an annual budget, together with a one year forecast.
Consider and review future Church finance.
Consider and approve the annual church contribution to the South Essex Circuit.

Business and Resources (Business):
The Church will plan and discharge its responsibilities in an efficient and effective manner.

Review of the year:

Our membership at the end of the year was 155, this is the same number as a year ago. The figures do however include 6 deaths, 2 people leaving us, one transfer in and 7 members from Herongate added to our numbers.

The many and varied church organisations continued to actively serve the church family and the wider community, full details of which can be found in the Annual Report covering each calendar year. This report is published in March each year and reviews the life, work, worship, service and achievements of the church through all its organisations and activities. The Annual Report may be viewed on the church's website at www.billericaymethodistchurch.org or a copy may be obtained from the treasurer.

The Trustees have continued to develop our Vision, looking at including all Church members and worshipers in any decisions made.

General maintenance is always on-going at all three sites, much of which is carried out by our Church members.

As at the year-end of 31st August 2021 our unrestricted reserves were down by £1.5k, however this was less of an overspend than we had anticipated due to new hirers joining us this summer once the COVID lockdown was eased, plus some groups resuming. No further large bequests were received during the year, 4 update projects were funded from the Bequest Fund over the year, with the balance sitting in our restricted funds to spend on specific projects.

Income Trends:

Like all charities this year we have been hit with loss of income during the Coronavirus lockdown. Church income is primarily drawn from our congregation's Sunday collections and the associated Gift Aid tax credit. This regular giving was down while we were not meeting but we resumed regular worship once allowed. Another valuable source is the income from users of our premises, both our own groups and various groups within the community. Most of these were not able to meet until this summer because of the pandemic and lettings were down by over half on previous times as a result.

Interest is received on our deposit with the Methodist Central Finance Board, although this has been minimal this past year due to interest rates being so low.

Expenditure Trends:

The major cost is in relation to the assessment paid to the Methodist South East Essex Circuit. This past year would have amounted to 60% of our total expenditure, however the circuit assessment was less this year as we were given a 3 month holiday by the South Essex Circuit. A significant amount of the circuit assessment is used to pay the district assessment, stipends and related costs to ministers and upkeep of the Circuit Manses. The other expenditure includes mainly the running, maintenance and improvement of our properties, plus our family and youth work within the church and community. The Circuit has agreed to use funds from their reserves for 2021/22 and has therefore agreed to accept a reduced amount of £70k from us.

Fund balances:

As at 31 August 2020 our net current assets were £260,980, of which £95,526 is restricted. Restricted assets includes bequest money and funds held by our Internal Organisations. Unrestricted funds provide cover for about over 13 months expenditure.

Plans for 2021/22:

The Church financial plans for the coming year have been prepared on the basis that there remains 2 part-time staff with anticipated cost of living wage increases and the assessment paid to the Methodist South Essex Circuit. There will be no change to the general running costs of the Church.

Billericay Methodist Church
Trustees Annual Report on Finance and Governance

Basis of preparation and legal framework

The Charity's annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2021 have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 and the Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice 2015 as applicable to the Financial Reporting Standard (FRSSE) 2015.

Full Name of Charity: BILLERICAY METHODIST CHURCH

Registration Charity Number: 1128787

Date of Registration: 1st March 2009

Main Communication Address: Billericay Methodist Church, Western Road, Billericay, Essex CM12 9DT.

The members of the Billericay Methodist Church Council meeting are the Charity Trustees, membership being made up of the Minister, Church Office holders, representatives appointed by the church at the Annual General Meeting and one representative appointed by the South Essex Circuit.

Full membership is shown as Appendix A to this report.
Church Minister and Officers:

Circuit Minister: Rev David Bagwell

Nominal Church Stewards: Ms Helen Hacker, Mrs Lyn Bowditch and Mrs Julie Cristin

Mrs Lorraine Harris acted as the principal officer overseeing the day to day financial management and accounting for the Church during the year.

Independent Examiner: Mr Thomas Sterry OBE, C/o Billericay Methodist Church, Western Road, Billericay CM12 9DT

Investment Bankers:	Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church
	HSBC
	Barclays Bank (Herongate account)

Aims and Organisation

The purposes of the Methodist Church are and shall be deemed to have been since the Date of Union, the advancement of:

a) The Christian faith in accordance with the doctrinal standards and discipline of The Methodist Church;

b) Any charitable purpose for the time being of any Connexional, District, Circuit, local or other organisation of The Methodist Church;

c) Any charitable purpose for the time being of any society or institution subsidiary or ancillary to The Methodist Church;

d) Any purpose for the time being of any charity being a charity subsidiary or ancillary to The Methodist Church.

Public Benefit

We confirm the trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

Structure, Governance and Management

The governing document for the Church is the Deed of Union (1932) and Methodist Church Act (1976).

Detailed governance arrangements are outlined within the Constitutional Practice and Discipline of the Methodist Church by order of the annual conference (CPD).

Day by day management of the Church is undertaken by the Church Leadership team, the Church Finance, Property and Pastoral Committees.

Trustee Training

A range of guidance produced by Methodist Connexion to support the effective running of the Church, specifically the leaflet 'The Role of a Trustee in the Methodist Church' is given to all new Church meeting members as induction to their role of trustees.

Related Parties

The Church is part of the Methodist South Essex Circuit and the Beds, Essex and Herts District and is also accountable to the Methodist Conference.

Donations from Trustees

The Church Trustees have donated a total of £26,755 over the financial year to 31st August 2021, including gift aid reclaimed and due from HMRC

Suppliers

Billericay Methodist Church has used the following suppliers during the accounting year, only one of whom are Trustees (Roger Davison for plumbing and electrical works), or related to Trustees of the Charity:

123 Reg
Acorn Treecare
Amazon
Barleylands Farm Shop
Billericay Kitchen Company
BT
CCLI
Church Finance Supplies Ltd
COSTCO
DC Drainage
Flameguard
GoPak
Idium Technology Ltd
Jewsons
LMS Nursery
A1 CMS (Mark Smith Window Cleaner)
Methodist Insurance
Minster Cleaning Services
Movavi
Pantons Electrical
PlusNet
Reaction Group
Samantha Davenport
Shenzhenshi
Style South
Thameside Mechanical Services
TV Licensing
Traidcraft
Voipfone
WAVE
WH Smith

Acors Press
Altons Garden Centre
B&Q
Benfleet Glass
British Gas
Cartridgesave.co.uk
Chambers Plumbing & Heating
CIE Group Ltd
Crystal Print
E-ON
Gable Roofing
Greenhouse Stores
Jennie Penkul
Kingdom Coffee
London Vacuum Company
Methodist Church Payroll
Microsoft
MJ Flooring
Nisbets
PHS Group
Post Office
Roger Davison
S Davis Tree Care
Sheppard & Cross
Swift Catering Equipment
Thameside Fire Protection
TOTAL Gas & Power (was Orsted)
Viking
Wandershare Products
Wayopay (Weio Ltd)
Worship Lyric Video

Risk Assessment

The Church Council have examined the major strategic, business and operational risks which the Church faces and confirm that systems have been established to enable regular reports to be produced for the Church Council so that the necessary steps can be taken to lessen those risks. Professional advice is taken, as required.

The Church Council have adopted, and review annually, a Safeguarding Policy which follows the guidance provided by the Methodist Church.

Income and Expenditure is being monitored in total and is compared with the approved annual budget on a quarterly basis to detect trends as part of the risk management process.

Safeguarding

Every person has a value and dignity which comes directly from the creation of male and female in God's own image and likeness. Christians see this potential as fulfilled by God's re-creation of us in Christ. Among other things this implies a duty to value all people as bearing the image of God and therefore to protect them from harm.

Methodist Connexional practice outlines this commitment to the following principles:

The care and nurture of, and respectful pastoral ministry with all children, young people and adults

The safeguarding and protection of all children, young people and adults when they are vulnerable

The establishing of safe, caring communities which provide a loving environment where there is informed vigilance as to the dangers of abuse

We will carefully select and train all those with any responsibility within the Church, in line with Safer Recruitment principles, including the use of criminal record disclosures and registration with the relevant vetting and barring schemes

We will respond without delay to every complaint made which suggests that an adult, child or young person may have been harmed, cooperating with the police and local authority in any investigation

We will seek to work with anyone who has suffered abuse, developing with them an appropriate ministry of informed pastoral care

We will seek to challenge any abuse of power, especially by anyone in a position of trust

We will seek to offer pastoral care and support, including supervision and referral to the proper authorities, to any member of our Church community known to have offended against a child, young person or vulnerable adult

Billericay Methodist Church commits itself to ensuring the implementation of Connexional Safeguarding Policy; government legislation, guidance and safe practice.

Reserves Policy

The policy is to maintain 6 months forecast annual expenditure where financially practical, equivalent to some £73,700.

The balances held in our accounts (excluding funds held in the Internal Organisations' accounts) amount to £170,677.51: HSBC Current Account of £26,659.13, Central Finance Board Deposit Account of £118,434.41 and Barclays (Herongate) £25,583.97 (there are no other investments) at 31 August 2021 exceed the target reserves level.

These additional funds are held:

1)To update the Heating Systems at Western Road (this coming year) and Boiler at Queens Park Churches within the next 2 years.

2) To cover potential serious repairs at Herongate in the future to both the Church roof and timber structure.

Restricted Funds

2) £24,852 Bequest Fund money is to be used for specific projects (as agreed by Church Council), some underway and future projects to be confirmed, but not general running expenses if possible.

Funds relating to our Garden of Remembrance, ALF Prize and Billericay Contact Centre are controlled by specific Treasurers and are used for approved purposes (the reserves/cash balances are minimal).

Onward Transmission Funds relate to collections and donations for various Methodist Funds, other appropriate Charities and Funds relating to the sponsorship of students and other activities at our Sister Churches in Kenya.

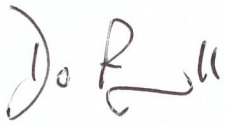
Methodist Funds and other Charity collections are forwarded to responsible persons as soon as is practical. No specific reserves are maintained. Balances reflect cash awaiting disbursement.

The Kenya Fund is controlled by the Kenya Support Committee and the Church Treasurer. Donations/payments are made for specific requests, annual school and university fees and support of projects at the Grace Centre. Surplus funds are minimal and are dependent upon donations/gifts given. No specific minimum reserve is maintained.

Internal Church Organisations

Each Church Organisation maintains reserves appropriate to their activities and income sources. Their Leaders/Management Committee review these annually.

Approved by Billericay Methodist Church Council meeting on 18th November 2021 and signed on its behalf by:



Rev David Bagwell
Chair

Dated: 18th November 2021

Church
Accruals Accounts
2020-2021

THE METHODIST CHURCH

REPORT and ACCOUNTS
ACCRUALS BASIS
for the year ended 31 August 2021

BILLERICAY METHODIST	Church

Registered Charity - Registration number (if applicable)	1128787

Circuit No	34/11

Minister	Rev David Bagwell
Church Stewards	Ms Helen Hacker
	Mrs Elizabeth Hardy to (31/08/21)
	Mrs Leonie Keirle (to 21/03/21)
	Mr Rex Kemp (to 21/03/21)
	Mr Richard Rackham (to 21/03/21)
	Mrs Pamela Sterry (to 21/03/21)
	Mrs Julie Cristin (from May 2021)
	Mrs Lyn Bowditch (from May 2021)
Church Treasurer	Mrs Lorraine Harris

BILLERICAY METHODIST Church

Trustee's Annual Report on Finance and Governance

Basis of preparation and legal framework

The Charity's annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2021 have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 and the Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice 2015 as applicable to the Financial Reporting Standard(FRSSE) 2015

Full Name of Charity / Church: Billericay Methodist Church

Registration Charity Number (if a Registered Charity): 1128787

Date of registration (if registered as a Charity) 26/11/2008

Main communication address: Methodist Church, Western Road, Billericay CM12 9DT

The members of the Billericay Methodist Church Council are the Charity Trustees , membership being made up of church office holders, Minister and representatives appointed by the church at the Annual General Meeting in March.

Full membership is shown as Appendix A to this report.

Treasurer: Mrs Lorraine Anne Harris

Lorraine Harris acted as the principal officer overseeing the day to day financial management and accounting for the church during the year.

Independent examiner *Mr Thomas Sterry, C/o Billericay Methodist Church, Western Road, Billericay*

Investment Bankers Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church
Trustees for Methodist Church purposes

BILLERICAY METHODIST Church

Aims and organisation

Statement of Mission: Billericay Methodist Church is called to encourage a living faith in God. Through the power of the Holy Spirit we proclaim the love of Jesus Christ in: Worship and fellowship, evangelism and teaching, serving others and working for social justice. Our Theme for the Year -Outward Generosity: looking at setting clear targets for the support of the Church both financially and in terms of time and expertise, and to encourage the giving of the Church to the 'wider work of God' both at home and overseas.

The purposes of the Methodist Church are and shall be deemed to have been since the Date of Union the advancement of:

a) The Christian faith in accordance with the doctrinal standards and discipline of The Methodist Church;
b) Any charitable purpose for the time being of any Connexional, District, Circuit. local or other organisation of The Methodist Church;
c) Any charitable purpose for the time being of any society or institution subsidiary or ancillary to The Methodist Church;
d) Any purpose for the time being of any charity being a charity subsidiary or ancillary to The Methodist Church

Worshiping God through prayer, song and other acts of worship.
The organisation and resourcing 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 resourcing of pastoral work including visiting the sick and bereaved.
Taking religious assemblies in local schools.
Promotion of Christianity through the staging of events and services.
Provision of chaplaincy services to local schools, care homes and other institutions as appropriate and when able.

Public Benefit

We confirm the trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

Structure, Governance and Management

The governing document for the church is the Deed of Union (1932) and Methodist Church Act (1976)

Detailed governance arrangements are outlined within the Constitutional Practice and Discipline of the Methodist Church by order of the annual conference (CPD).

Day to day management of the church is undertaken by the Church Leadership team along with the Minister.

The Trustees are appointed at the AGM of the church.

Trustee Training

A range of guidance produced by Methodist Connexion to support the effective running of the church and the role of Trustees is given to the Church Trustees at various meetings and / or training sessions .

Related Parties

The Church is part of the South Essex Circuit which is part of the Beds, Herts & Essex District and is also accountable to the Methodist Conference.

The internal organisation(s) linked to this church are the Art Group, Child Contact Centre, INTERS, Ladies Leisure, Luncheon Club, Men's Fellowship, Men's Supper Club, Pre-School and Toddler Groups Western Road

BILLERICAY METHODIST Church

Risk Management

The major risks have been identified and recorded by the Trustees with professional advice taken as required.

There is a regular annual review process undertaken and recorded.

Income and Expenditure is being monitored in total and is compared with the approved annual budget on a half yearly basis to detect trends as part of the risk management process to avoid unforeseen calls on reserves.

Safeguarding

Every person has a value and dignity which comes directly from the creation of male and female in God's own image and likeness. Christians see this potential as fulfilled by God's re-creation of us in Christ. Among other things this implies a duty to value all people as bearing the image of God and therefore to protect them from harm.

Methodist Connexional practice outlines commitment to the following principles:

- the care and nurture of, and respectful pastoral ministry with, all children, young people and adults
- the safeguarding and protection of all children, young people and adults when they are vulnerable
- the establishing of safe, caring communities which provide a loving environment where there is informed vigilance as to the dangers of abuse.
- We will carefully select and train all those with any responsibility within the Church, in line with Safer Recruitment principles, including the use of criminal records disclosures and registration with the relevant vetting and barring schemes.
- We will respond without delay to every complaint made which suggests that an adult, child or young person may have been harmed, cooperating with the police and local authority in any investigation.
- We will seek to work with anyone who has suffered abuse, developing with them an appropriate ministry of informed pastoral care.
- We will seek to challenge any abuse of power, especially by anyone in a position of trust.
- We will seek to offer pastoral care and support, including supervision and referral to the proper authorities, to any member of our church community known to have offended against a child, young person or vulnerable adult.
- In all these principles we will follow legislation, guidance and recognised good practice

The Billericay Methodist Church commits itself to ensuring the implementation of Connexional Safeguarding Policy; government legislation, guidance and safe practice in the circuit and in the churches.

The Billericay Methodist Church commits itself to the provision of support, advice and training for lay and ordained people that will ensure people are clear and confident about their roles and responsibilities in safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and adults who may be vulnerable.

Reserves Policy

General Funds: The policy is to maintain 6 months forecast annual expenditure where financially practical equivalent to some £73,700, with a minimum of 3 months expenditure if not possible.
The balances held in our accounts amount to £170,677.51: HSBC current account of £26,659.13, Barclays (Herongate) £25,583.97 and the Central Finance Board deposit account of £118,434.41 (there are no other investments) at 31st August 2021. The additional funds are held to update the heating system at Western Road (booked October 2021) and boiler at Queens Park churches within the next 5 years, plus repairs to the wooden structure at Herongate (£15,000). Also a Bequest Fund which has a balance left of £24,852.53 - these funds are to be used specifically for projects and not for general running expenses.
Restricted Funds: Funds relating to our Garden of Remembrance, ALF prize and Billericay Child Contact Centre are controlled by specific Treasurers and are used for approved purposes (the reserves/cash balances are minimal).
Onward Transmission Funds relate to collections and donations for various Methodist Funds, other appropriate charities and funds relating to the sponsorship of students and other activities at our Sister Churches in Kenya. Methodist Funds and other Charity collections are forwarded to responsible persons as soon as is practical. No specific reserves are maintained. Balances reflect cash awaiting disbursement.
The Kenya Fund is controlled by the Kenya Support Committee and the Church Treasurer. Donations/payments are made for specific requests, annual school and university fees and support of projects at The Grace Centre. Surplas funds are minimal and are dependent upon donations/gifts givien. No specific minimum reserve is maintained.
Internal Church Organisations: Each Church organisation maintains appropriate reserves to their activities and income sources. Their Leaders/Management Committee review these annually.

Name of Church **BILLERICAY METHODIST Church** **Number** 1128787

Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) for the year ended 31 August 2021

	Notes to the accounts	Unrestricted funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2020-21	Total 2019-20
		£	£	£	£	£
Income and Endowments from:						
Donations and legacies	4				0	0
- Collections and tax credit		90833	0		90833	92003
- Donations		6205	5640		11845	4945
- Legacies		400	0		400	10146
Charitable activities	5				0	**0**
- Fund raising		**0**	**0**		0	**0**
- Others		**0**	**0**		0	**0**
Other trading activities	6				0	**0**
- Lettings		18826	**0**		18826	**26078**
- Miscellaneous		**0**	**0**		0	**0**
Investments	7	234	0		234	1038
Other	8	604	0		604	705
- Internal organisations		0	55124		55124	58711
- Miscellaneous		0	0		0	0
Total		**117102**	**60764**	**0**	**177866**	**193626**
Expenditure on:						
Salaries, NIC & Pension costs	11	10208	0		10208	9938
Circuit Assessment		69000	0		69000	64500
Maintenance on Church building(s) and property		27970	0		27970	20767
Telephone and Travel		0	0		0	0
Utilities (insurance, heat and light, water, etc)		15968	0		15968	16955
Expenditure on other property		0	0		0	0
Depreciation	12	0	0		0	0
Provisions		643	0		643	1349
Internal organisations		0	55027		55027	45139
Grants and Donations		4165	0		4165	5900
Other expenditure		4117	21734		25851	7679
Total		**132071**	**76761**	**0**	**208832**	**172227**
Net income/(expenditure)		**-14969**	**-15997**	**0**	**-30966**	**21399**
Transfers between funds		5500	**-5500**		**0**	**0**
		-9469	**-21497**	0	**-30966**	**21399**
Other recognised gains / (losses): Addition of Herongate Methodist Church bank balances		**31251**	**400**		**31651**	**0**
Gains/(Losses) on revaluation of fixed assets (properties now valued at land value only)		237213			237213	14669
Gains/(Losses) on investment assets					0	0
Actuarial gains /(losses) on defined benefit pension schemes					0	0
Net movement in funds		258995	-21097	0	237898	36068
Reconciliation of funds:						
Total funds brought forward		1487866	117018		1604884	1568816
Total funds carried forward		**1746861**	**95921**	**0**	**1842782**	**1604884**

For information only Money received and passed on	**to External Organisations**		
Balance brought forward from last year	**6950**	**6950**	**6505**
Offerings/Gifts - received for External Organisations	**24062**	**24062**	20725
Offerings/Gifts - passed to External Organisations	**-26457**	**-26457**	-20280
Balance carried forward	**4555**	**4555**	**6950**

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Balance Sheet as at 31 August 2021

	Notes	Unrestricted £	Designated (Unrestricted)	Restricted £	Endowment Funds £	Totals this year £	Totals last year £
Tangible Fixed Assets*							
Land & Buildings (land value only)	12	1,586,357				1586357	1349144
Equipment	12						
Investment properties	13						
Investments	13						
Total fixed assets		1,586,357				1586357	1349144
Current Assets							
Debtors and Prepayments	14	24,816				24816	28328
Cash at Bank and in hand	14	17,253		100,476		117729	87545
Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes deposits							
Central Finance Board Deposits		118,435				118435	146817
Other							
Total current assets		160,504		100,476		260980	262690
Creditors and Accruals (due in under 1 yr)	15			4,555		4555	6950
Net current assets (liabilities)		160,504		95,921		256425	255740
Total assets less current liabilities		1,746,861		95,921		1842782	1604884
Loans and creditors due after 1 year	17						
Provisions for liabilities and charges							
Net assets		1,746,861		95,921		1842782	1604884
Funds of the Church	16						
Unrestricted funds		1,746,861				1746861	1487866
Restricted funds				95,921		95921	117018
Endowment funds							
Total Funds		1,746,861		95,921		1842782	1604884

Internal Organisations		Opening balance	Receipts	Payments	Net Receipts/ Payments	Adjustments	Closing balances
Child Contact Centre		6484	2670	-758	1912		8396
INTERS		314		-200	-200		114
Ladies Leisure		38					38
Men's Fellowship		321		-250	-250		71
Men's Supper Club		379					379
Pre-School		62382	52454	-59069	-6615		55767
Toddler Groups WR		971		-250	-250		721
Total		70889	55124	-60527	-5403		65486

Total Receipts	Total Payments

Continue on a separate sheet if necessary and bring the totals forward. Transfer Totals of Receipts and Payments to the SOFA

Notes to the Accounts

1 Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared under the Charities Act 2011 in accordance with the 2014 version of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities applicable in the UK (effective from 1 January 2015) – the Charities SORP (FRSSE) – in replacement for the SORP's 2005 version specified in its related 2008 Regulations and in accordance with the 'true and fair override' provision contained therein."

2 Funds

The funds held constitute: General Funds held for any purpose of the Church which are Unrestricted. Restricted funds which are held for a narrower purpose including those for internal organisations. There are also the following Endowment funds as listed. Details of each material fund are disclosed in note 16 . Any funds may be represented by more than just cash.

3 Accounting policies

Basis

These accounts have been prepared on the basis of historical cost except that investments are shown at their market value at the end of the year, on the accruals basis to show a true and fair view of the Church's financial position and activities.

Income

Income is included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) when the Church becomes entitled to the resources, and the trustees are reasonably certain they will receive the resources; and the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Expenditure

This is recognised when a liability is incurred, or a constructive obligation arises, that results in the payment being unavoidable. Liabilities are recognised as soon as an outflow of economic benefit is considered more likely than not under the legal or constructive obligation committing the Circuit to pay out resources.

Grants

Grants made by the Church from its own funds are recognised in full at the time of agreement or when the Church accepts that there is a legal or operational obligation to make the payment. When the grant is recurrent over more than one year the balance payable in future years is treated as a provision for future commitments in the Balance Sheet against the appropriate fund, the provision being released in future years as instalments are paid in accordance with the originally agreed terms.

VAT

Since the Church is not VAT registered, all input VAT is charged with the expenses to which it refers.

Tangible fixed assets for use by the Church

The Western Road property is freehold, with the building 60 years old. The Queens Park property is leasehold with 105 years to run on the lease, the building is 20 years old. St Andrews Church Herongate has been added to our accounts in 2021 subject to TCMP guidance - the land and buildings are on a long-term lease from the Anglican Church. All 3 properties are shown as the value of the land only. The value of the sites for a potential alternative use may be significantly higher than the value shown in the accounts. Fixed assets are fully expenses in the year of purchase.

Investment Properties

Investment properties - no property is currently deemed to not be held for the long term purposes of the charity.

Investments

Investments are valued in the balance sheet at market value at the year end. Investment income is included in the accounts when receivable and any gains or losses on revaluation at the year end are shown in the SOFA.

Debtors and Prepayments

Debtors include outstanding lettings invoices in August.

Creditors

Creditors include outstandings relating to utilities, telephones, etc in August.

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4. Donations and legacies	Unrestricted	Restricted	2021 Total	2020 Total
				£
Collections	72578	0	72578	72117
Tax credits	18250	5	18255	19886
Donations	6205	5640	11845	4945
Legacies	400	0	400	10146
Total	**97433**	**5645**	**103078**	**107094**

5. Charitable activities	Unrestricted	Restricted	2021 Total	2020 Total
			£	£
Fund raising			**0**	0
Other				
Total	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**

6 Other trading activities	Unrestricted	Restricted	2021 Total	2020 Total
	£	£	£	£
Use of Premises donations	18826	0	**18826**	26078
Internal Orgs donations	5500		**5500**	10992
Total	**24326**	**0**	**24326**	**37070**

7. Investment income	Unrestricted	Restricted	2021 Total	2020 Total
	£	£	£	£
Central Finance Board	234		**234**	1038
Rental income			**0**	
Other			**0**	
Total	**234**	**0**	**234**	**1038**

8 Other	Unrestricted	Restricted	2021 Total	2020 Total
	£	£	£	£
Internal Organisations		55124	**55124**	58711
(see list on Balance Sheet)			**0**	
			0	
			0	
			0	
Total	**0**	**55124**	**55124**	**58711**

9. Payment to Trustees

		This year	Last year
Payments made to trustees for additional services provided to the Church by agreement with the Church Council Meeting	£	3751	265
Number of trustees who were paid expenses		1	NIL
Nature of the expenses - Plumbing and lighting works			
If there are no payments to Trustees, please record no expenses were paid.			
Total amount paid	£	3,751	265

10. Fees for examination or audit of the accounts

Independent examiner's or auditors' fees for reporting on the accounts	£	150	150
Other fees (eg: advice, accountancy services) paid to the independent examiner or auditor	£	NIL	NIL

11. Paid employees

Staff Costs paid during the year were:

Gross wages, salaries and benefits in kind	£	10,208	9,938
Employer's National Insurance costs	£		
Pension costs	£		
Total staff costs	£	10,208	9,938
Average number of staff employeed during the year were:		1	1

12 Tangible Fixed Assets

Cost or valuation

	Church (non investment) land and buildings £	Other non investment land and buildings £	Investment properties (land and buildings) £	Other fixed assets including motor vehicles £	Fixtures, fittings and equipment £	Payments on account and assets under construction £	Total £
Balance brought forward	3,603,781			218,484	180,249		4,002,514
Additions (Herongate Church)	558,295				28,345		586,640
Revaluations (+/-)	51,115			8,278	6,830		66,223
Disposals (-)							
Transfers * (+/-)							
Balance carried forward	4,213,191			226,762	215,424		4,655,377

Accumulated depreciation

Balance brought forward	2,254,637			218,484	180,249		2,653,370
Depreciation charge for year (-)	372,197						
Revaluations (+/-)				8,278	35,175		43,453
Disposals (-)							
Transfers* (+/-)							
Balance carried forward	2,626,834			226,762	215,424		3,069,020

Net book value

Brought forward	1,349,144	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	1,349,144
Carried forward	1,586,357	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	1,586,357

Assetts are fully expensed in the year of purchase

The three Church buildings are valued at their LAND VALUE only as at the financial year to 31/08/2016. Western Road land is freehold. Queens Park land is Leasehold - 106 years left of 125 (the land is owned by Basildon Borough Council). Herongate is on a long lease from the Anglican Church (both building and land).

* The "transfers" row is for movements between fixed asset categories.

13 Investments

The funds that support the various funds are held by TMCP in Trustees Interest Funds on which interest is credited to the accounts each month. These are regarded as medium and long term investments.

TMCP is the legal owner and Custodian Trustee of all Methodist Model Trust property, including Legacies, Endowments and Accumulated Funds. Trust property is held for and on behalf of local Managing Trustees who are responsible for the day to day management of trust property. TMCP ensure that, through providing guidance and acting under their direction, the Managing Trustees comply with charity law and Methodist law and polity as determined by the Methodist Conference.

Analysis of investment movements

Change in investment values

		This year	Prev year
		£	£
Carrying (market) value at beginning of year		Nil	Nil
Add: additions to investments at cost			
Less: disposals at carrying value			
Net gain/(loss) on revaluation			
Carrying (market) value at end of year		Nil	Nil

14. Analysis of current assets

	This year	Last year
Debtors and prepayments	£	£
Pre paid assessments	17500	21500
Accrued income	7500	6925
Less Accrued expenses	-184	-97
Total debtors and prepayments	24,816	28,328

Analysis of cash at bank

Bank balance held in HSBC & Barclays (NOTE: This includes Restricted and Unrestricted Funds)	52,243	16,656
Bank balance held in Methodist Central Finance Board	118,435	146,817
Internal Organisation bank balances	65,486	70,889
Total Cash and Bank	236,164	234,362

15. Analysis of current liabilities and long term creditors

Trade Creditors	Nil	Nil
Other Creditors (NOTE: Monies received and passed onto External Organisations)	4,555	6,950
Total Current Liabilities	Nil	Nil

16. Capital commitments and contingent liabilities

No Contingent liabilities were identified at 31st August 2021

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17. Loans and creditors due after one year

Loans

Source	Amount brought forward £	New borrowings £	Loan interest £	Repayable in the year £	Balance at year end £
					Nil X

Repayment due

	Totals
Due within 12 months	
Due after more than 12 months	
Total	Nil Y

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18. Detailed analysis of individual fund movements

Unrestricted Funds

Fund Name	Opening Balance	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Revaluation gains/losses	Closing Balance
Totals						

Restricted Funds

Fund Name	Opening Balance	Income	Expenditure	Transfers to BMC	Revaluation gains/losses	Closing Balance
Garden of Rembrance	542	40				582
ALF Prize	22		-22			
Internal Organisations	70,889	55,124	-55,027	-5,500		65,486
Legacy Fund	45,565		-20,712			24,853
Herongate Comm Garden	400	1,100	-1,000			500
Boiler Appeal Fund		4,500				4,500
Totals	117,418	60,764	-76,761	-5,500		95,921

Endowment Funds

Restricted Fund Name	Opening Balance	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Revaluation gains/losses	Closing Balance
Totals						

Fund purposes

Reasons for transfer between funds

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19. Related party transactions

This year

Name of related party	Relationship	Description of transaction	Income from related party during the year	Payments to related party during the year	Loans to / (from) related party during the year	Amounts owed by / (to) related party as on 31-Aug-2021
			£	£	£	£
JMA						
Methodist Church Fund						
Mission in Britain Fund						
Fund for Support of Presbyters & Deacons						
Fund for Property						
World Mission Fund (All We Can)						
Total			**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**

Last year

Name of related party	Relationship	Description of transaction	Income from related party during the year	Payments to related party during the year	Loans to / (from) related party during the year	Amounts owed by / (to) related party as on 31-Aug-2019
			£	£	£	£
JMA				52		
Methodist Church Fund						
Mission in Britain Fund						
Fund for Support of Presbyters & Deacons						
Fund for Property						
World Mission Fund						
Total			**0**	**52**	**0**	**0**

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Appendix A

CHURCH MEETING MEMBERSHIP

MINISTERS
Rev David Bagwell

CHURCH STEWARDS
Ms Helen Hacker
Mrs Elizabeth Hardy (to 31/08/21)
Mrs Leonie Keirle (to 21/03/21)
Mr Rex Kemp (to 21/03/21)
Mr Richard Rackham (to 21/03/21)
Mrs Pamela Sterry (to 21/03/21)
Mrs Lyn Bowditch (from May 2021)
Mrs Julie Cristin (from May 2021)

Church Safeguarding Co-ordinator
Mrs Liz Read

CHURCH REPRESENTATIVES (OTHER MEMBERS OF THE CHURCH COUNCIL)

1	Mrs Lyn Bowditch
3	Mrs Pam Cottrell
4	Mr Ken Cowell
5	Mrs Julie Cristin (from May 2021)
6	Mrs Linda Davison (from March 2021)
7	Mr Roger Davison
8	Miss Rachel Gallehawk (from March 2021)
9	Ms Helen Hacker
10	Mrs Geraldine Hanton
11	Mrs Elizabeth Hardy (to August 2021)
12	Mrs Lorraine Harris
13	Mrs Leonie Keirle (to March 2021)
14	Miss Maggie Kingston
15	Mr Richard Rackham (to March 2021)
16	Mrs Liz Read
17	Mr David Rogers
18	Mrs Alyson Smith
20	Mrs Pamela Sterry (to March 2021)
21	Mr David Westcott
22	Rev Dr Marion Cole (to 31/08/21)

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Basis of Independent Examiner's Report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as Trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair view" and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 130 of the Charities Act 2011.
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act

have not been met; or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Name: Mr Thomas Sterry MBE

Signature:

Relevant Professional qualification or body: FFA

Address: C/o Billericay Methodist Church, Western Road, Billericay, Essex CM12 9DT

Date: 7.11.21

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DECLARATIONS

Treasurer

I confirm that I have prepared the accounts from the records of the Church and that they include all funds under the control of the Church Council.

Signature of Treasurer [signature] Date 11/11/2021

Name Mrs Lorraine Anne Harris

Address C/o Billericay Methodist Church, Western Road. Billericay, Essex CM12 9DT

Presentation to the Church Council Meeting for approval.

I confirm that the Accounts were, or will be,presented to the Church Council Meeting on **18-Nov-21**

and were approved.

Signature of the Chair of the meeting [signature]

Name of the Chair of the meeting **Rev David Bagwell**

Date

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

Billericay Methodist Church **Church**

This Report is on the Church Accounts for the year ended 31st August 2021

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The Church's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The Church's Trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under Section 144 of the Charities Act 2011(the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

Mr Thomas Sterry MBE, FFA

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under Section 145(5)(b) of the Charities act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Declarations and Scrutiny

I confirm that these accruals-based accounts for the year to 31 August 2021 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 20/10/21
Name and address of treasurer Lorraine Harris,
148 Norsey View Drive, Billericay..... Post Code CM12 0QX

Presentation to the Church trustees

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2021 were/will be* presented to the meeting of the Church trustees held on 18th November 2021

Signature of the Chair of the meeting .....

Name of the Chair of the meeting Rev David Bagwell.....Date 18th November 2021

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

Billericay Methodist Church

Charity Number 1128787

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Billericay Methodist Church for the year ended 31 August 2021 set out on pages 1 to 18. 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

Registered Charity Number 1128787

Independent Examiner's Statement

[The Church's gross income did not exceed £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of the Institute of Financial Accountants

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; or
- the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view, which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination
- the trustees' annual report is not consistent with the accounts

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. Thomas Sterry MBE

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Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner Fellow of the Institute of Financial Accountants.....

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