

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:

- The Christian faith in accordance with the doctrinal standards and discipline of The Methodist Church;
- Any charitable purpose for the time being of any Connexional, District, Circuit, local or other organisation of The Methodist Church;
- Any charitable purpose for the time being of any society or institution subsidiary or ancillary to The Methodist Church;
- 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	ALDI
Amazon	ASDA
B&Q	Barleylands Farm Shop
Basildon Garden & Mower Servs	Brentwood Security
Bunches.co.uk	British Gas
Bible Society	Cartridgesave.co.uk
CCLI	Church Finance Supplies Ltd
COSTCO	Crystal Print
DM Music	Dunham-Bush
E-ON	First Ford Fire & Security
Flameguard	Ian Dipple Blinds
Hawkins Electrical Servs	Janet Hibberd Flowers
Jennie Penkul	Jewsons
Jonathan Montague gardening	Juliana Group
Luke Becalick gardening	Kingdom Coffee
A1 CMS (Mark Smith Window Cleaner)	London Vacuum Company
MAKRO	Methodist Church Payroll
Methodist Insurance	Minster Cleaning Services
Pantons Electrical	PlusNet
Poundland	Prince Tree Surgery
Post Office	REXEL
Reaction Group	Roger Davison
Samantha Davenport	S Davis Tree Care
Simba Office Supplies	Sheppard & Cross
Summerhill Garden Centre	Swift Catering Equipment
Style South	Thameside Fire Protection
Thameside Mechanical Services	The Polycarbonate Store
TV Licensing	TOTAL Energies
TSO Host	TESCO
Voipfone	Thunder Sparks Ltd
WAVE	Viking
WH Smith	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.

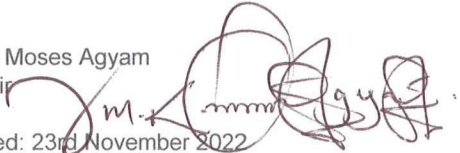
Internal Church Organisations

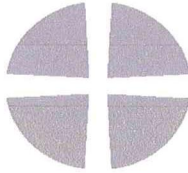
Each Church Organisation maintains reserves appropriate to their activities and income sources. Their Leaders/Management Committee review these annually.

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

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Church Treasurer

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

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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*

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Trustees for Methodist Church purposes

BILLERICAY METHODIST Church

Aims and organisation

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Worshipping 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.

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The Trustees are appointed at the AGM of the church.

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Related Parties

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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.

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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

Offerings/Gifts - received for External Organisations

26143

Offerings/Gifts - passed to External Organisations

-27485

Balance carried forward (Kenya fund)

3213

4555	6950
26143	24062
-27485	-26457
3213	4555

Balance Sheet as at 31 August 2022

Unrestricted	Designated (Unrestricted)	Restricted	Endowment Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
£		£	£	£	£

Tangible Fixed Assets*

	Notes					
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

	Opening balance	Receipts	Payments	Net Receipts/ Payments	Adjustments	Closing balances
Internal Organisations						
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
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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.

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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 (see list on Balance Sheet)		52675	52675	55124
Miscellaneous credits	1001		1001	604
			0	
			0	
Total	1001	52675	53676	55728

9. Payment to Trustees

Payments made to trustees for additional services provided to the Church by agreement with the Church Council Meeting

	This year	Last year
£	4723	3751

Number of trustees who were paid expenses

1	1
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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
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10. Fees for examination or audit of the accounts

Independent examiner's or auditors' fees for reporting on the accounts

£	150	150
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Other fees (eg: advice, accountancy services) paid to the independent examiner or auditor

£	NIL	NIL
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11. Paid employees

Staff Costs paid during the year were:

Gross wages, salaries and benefits in kind

£	10,326	10,208
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Employer's National Insurance costs

£		
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Pension costs

£		
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Total staff costs

£	10,326	10,208
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Average number of staff employed during the year were:

1	1
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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

Assets 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

This year Prev year

Change in investment values

		£	£
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

Debtors and prepayments

Pre paid assessments

Accrued income

Less Accrued expenses

Total debtors and prepayments

This year	Last year
£	£
17500	17500
12600	7500
-242	-184
29,858	24,816

Analysis of cash at bank

Bank balance held in HSBC & Barclays (NOTE: This includes Restricted and Unrestricted Funds)

Bank balance held in Methodist Central Finance Board

Internal Organisation bank balances

Total Cash and Bank

16,347	52,243
144,052	118,435
49,911	65,486
210,310	236,164

15. Analysis of current liabilities and long term creditors

Trade Creditors

Other Creditors (NOTE: Monies received and passed onto External Organisations)

Total Current Liabilities

Nil	Nil
Nil	Nil
Nil	Nil

16. Capital commitments and contingent liabilities

No Contingent liabilities were identified at 31st August 2022

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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 Remembrance	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
Eletronorgate Comm Garden	500	99	-599			Nil
Bolton 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
Billerica 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
M/A	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

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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-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

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)

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| 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 |

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

J Harris

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
and were approved.

23-Nov-22

Signature of the Chair of the
meeting

Rev Moses Agyam

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.

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

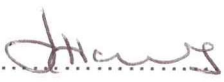
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CM12 9DT

Date

14-11-22

Declarations and Scrutiny

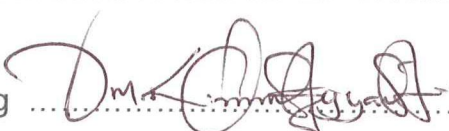
I confirm that these accruals-based accounts for the year to 31 August 2022 have been prepared from the records of the Church and that they include all funds under the control of the Church trustees.

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