

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

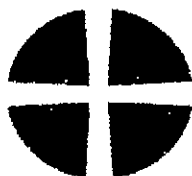
Each Church Organisation maintains reserves appropriate to their activities and income sources. Their Leaders/Management Committee review these annually.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rev Moses Agyam', with a stylized flourish at the end.



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

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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

BILLERIKAY METHODIST Church

Aims and organisation

Statement of Mission: Billerikay 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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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.

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.

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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 £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.

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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 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

Offerings/Gifts - received for External Organisations

26406

Offerings/Gifts - passed to External Organisations

-21025

Balance carried forward(Kenya fund & JMA)

8594

3213	4555
26406	26143
-21025	-27485
8594	3213

Balance Sheet as at 31 August 2023

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

Tangible Fixed Assets*

	Notes					
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	
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Net current assets (liabilities)		193,410		74,891	268301	240168
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Total assets less current liabilities		2,063,745		74,891	2138636	2024841
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Loans and creditors due after 1 year	17					
Provisions for liabilities and charges						

Net assets		2,063,745		74,891	2138636	2024841
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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
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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 Church 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.

BILLERICAY METHODIST Church

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 (see list on Balance Sheet)		84952	84952	52675
Miscellaneous credits	35		35	1001
			0	
			0	
Total	35	84952	84987	53676

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
£	<div>NIL</div>	<div>4723</div>

Number of trustees who were paid expenses

<div>NIL</div>	<div>1</div>
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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

£	<div>NIL</div>	<div>4,723</div>
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10. Fees for examination or audit of the accounts

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

£	<div>150</div>	<div>150</div>
£	<div>NIL</div>	<div>NIL</div>

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

11. Paid employees

Staff Costs paid during the year were:

Gross wages, salaries and benefits in kind

£	<div>10,788</div>	<div>10,326</div>
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Employer's National Insurance costs

£		
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Pension costs

£		
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Total staff costs

£	<div>10,788</div>	<div>10,326</div>
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Average number of staff employed during the year were:

<div>1</div>	<div>1</div>
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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	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

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
5000	12600
-465	-242
22,035	29,858

Analysis of cash at bank

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

Bank balance held in Methodist Central Finance Board

Internal Organisation bank balances

Total Cash and Bank

9,273	16,347
181,575	144,052
55,418	49,911
246,266	210,310

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
115	Nil
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

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	622	40				662
Internal Organisations	49,911	84,952	-67,535	-11,910		55,418
Legacy Fund	9,397					9,397
Warm Space Fund	NII	1,050	-229			821
Kenya fund	3,213	21,747	-16,482			8,478
Zimbabwe appeal	NII	405	-405			NII
MacMillan Cancer Support	NII	468	-468			NII
Marie-Curie	NII	38	-38			
St Luke's Hospice	NII	333	-333			NII
Action for Children	NII	658	-658			NII
Changing Pathways	NII	409	-409			NII
All we Can-Turkey/Syria	NII	2,117	-2,117			NII
Schools Ministry Billerica	NII	10	-10			NII
MHA	NII	440	-440			NII
JMA	NII	188	-73			115
TOTALS	63,143	112,856	-89,187	-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

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		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-2021
			£	£	£	£
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

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)

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|----|-------------------------------------|
| 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) |

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

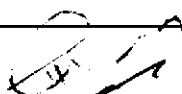
have not been met; or

- (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

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

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 and were approved.

15/11/2023

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

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

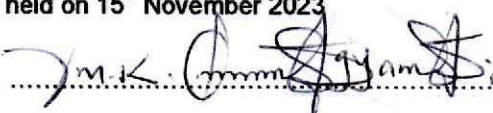
I confirm that these accruals-based accounts for the year to 31 August 2023 have been prepared from the records of the Church and that they include all funds under the control of the Church trustees.

Signature of treasurer  Date 10/11/23

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.

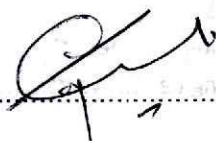
I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below*) which give me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- 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