

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

Introduction

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

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

Aims and Organisation

For some time now the Mission Statement of the church has been:

Billericay Methodist Church is called to encourage a living faith in God.

Through the power of the Holy Spirit we proclaim the love of Jesus Christ in:

Worship and fellowship, Evangelism and teaching, Serving others and working for social justice.

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

The Church caring policy is to:

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

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

Family Ministry:

Encourage and equip volunteers and leaders to build our Church into a community for all generations.

Encourage and nurture relationships between God, Church and families.

Nurture relationships across groups within the Church.

Facilitate links between the Church, families, the wider community and other organisations through outreach and church-based events including worship.

Hospitality:

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

Invite, welcome, receive and care for visitors and 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 126, plus 44 adherants (who worship with us but are not members).

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

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

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

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

Income Trends:

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

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

Expenditure Trends:

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

Financial balances:

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

Plans for 2025/26:

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

Billericay Methodist Church Trustees Annual Report on Finance and Governance

Basis of preparation and legal framework

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

Full Name of Charity: BILLERICAY METHODIST CHURCH

Registration Charity Number: 1128787

Date of Registration: 1st March 2009

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

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

Full membership is shown as Appendix A to this report.

Church Minister and Officers:

Circuit Minister: Rev Moses Agyam

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

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

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

Investment Bankers: Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church
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Aims and Organisation

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

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

Public Benefit

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

Structure, Governance and Management

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

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

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

Trustee Training

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

Related Parties

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

Suppliers

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

Acors Press
Abercorn Garden Centre
Amazon
Baker Ross
Bliss Cleaning
Barleylands Farm Shop
Basildon Council
Beverley Hardy Gardening
BT
Cancer Research Shops
CCLI
COSTCO
Co-op
E-Bay
E-ON
Essential Hygiene
FA Dumont Church Supplies

Acorn Window Services
Adams Catering
ASDA
B Curtis Greengrocer
Box Music
B & Q
British Gas
BS Mash Mobile Repairs
Cartridgesave.co.uk
Crystal Print
Charles Farris Ltd
Collectin Ltd
Dunelm
Easylight Bulbs
ElectricFix
Franklins
Gable Roofing

Great British Trading Ltd
Holland & Barrett
Honey Pot Basildon
Idium Technology
Iceland
Ian Brown
Kettles Boiled
Kingdom Coffee
Lidl
Make Space
A1 CMS (Mark Smith Window Cleaner)
Methodist Insurance
Mowbrey Property Services
Pantons Electrical
Poundland
RS Decorating
Selco Trade Centre
S&D Banks
Samantha Davenport
Sintons LLP
Sinolec
Style South
SumUp
SuzyFloozyCakes
Thameside Mechanical Services
TV Licensing
T
Viking
Voipfone
WH Smith
Wickes

Gear4Music
Hollywood Bowl
Home Bargains
IKEA
Ian Dipple Blinds
John Lewis
Kenable
London Vacuum Company (LVC)
M&S
Methodist Church Payroll
Minster Cleaning Services (MSG)
Morrisons
Nino Garden Pots
Post Office
RLP House Clearance
Reaction Group
Sainsbury's
S Davis Tree Care
Screwfix
SiteGround
Sheppard & Cross
StoryLoop
Sunnyville Store
Trainline
Thameside Fire Protection
Timpson
The Range
TOTAL Energies
TESCO
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 £76,900.

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

These additional funds are held:

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

Restricted Funds

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

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

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

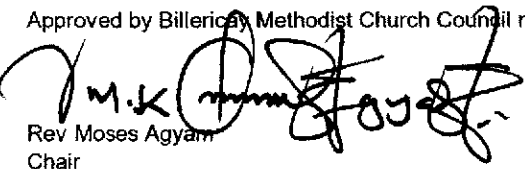
Methodist Funds and other Charity collections are forwarded to responsible persons as soon as is practical. No specific reserves are maintained. Balances reflect cash awaiting disbursement.

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

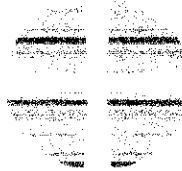
Internal Church Organisations

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

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


Rev Moses Agyam
Chair

Dated: 8th November 2025



**Church
Accruals Accounts
2024-2025**

THE METHODIST CHURCH

REPORT and ACCOUNTS

ACCRUALS BASIS

for the year ended 31 August 2025

BILLERICAY METHODIST

Church

Registered Charity - Registration number (if applicable)

1128787

Circuit No

34/11

Minister

Rev Moses Agyam

Church Stewards

Ms Helen Hacker

Mr Roger Davison

Mrs Gill Rogers

Church Treasurer

Mrs Lorraine Harris

BILLERICAY METHODIST Church

Trustee's Annual Report on Finance and Governance

Basis of preparation and legal framework

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

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

BILLERICAY METHODIST Church

Aims and organisation

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

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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

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

The Trustees are appointed at the AGM of the church.

Trustee Training

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

Related Parties

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

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

Risk Management

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

There is a regular annual review process undertaken and recorded.

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

Safeguarding

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

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

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

Reserves Policy

General Funds: The policy is to maintain 6 months forecast annual expenditure where financially practical equivalent to some £76,900, with a minimum of 3 months expenditure if not possible.

The balances held in our accounts amount to £400,128.44: HSBC current account of £10,804.40 and the Central Finance Board deposit account of £389,324.04 (there are no other investments) at 31st August 2025 (these figures are excluding Internal Organisations who hold their own bank accounts, but including legacies which are not to be used for day to day expenses). The additional funds are held 1) To fund surveys towards becoming a Green Church. Also a Bequest Fund with a balance of £215,067.11, these funds are to be used specifically for projects and not for general running expenses.

Restricted Funds: Funds relating to our Garden of Remembrance and Warm Space fund are controlled by the Church Treasurer and are used for approved purposes (the reserves/cash balances are minimal). Onward Transmission Funds relate to collections and donations for various Methodist Funds, other appropriate charities and funds relating to the sponsorship of students and other activities at our Sister Churches in Kenya. Methodist Funds and other Charity collections are forwarded to responsible persons as soon as is practical. No specific reserves are maintained. Balances reflect cash awaiting disbursement.

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

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

Name of Church

BILLERICAY METHODIST Church

Number

1128787

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

| | Notes to the accounts | Unrestricted funds | Restricted Funds | Endowment Funds | Total 2024-25 | Total 2023-24 |
|--|-----------------------|--------------------|------------------|-----------------|----------------|----------------|
| | | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| Income and Endowments from: | | | | | | |
| Donations and legacies | 4 | | | | 0 | 0 |
| - Collections and tax credit | | 80659 | 0 | | 80659 | 80277 |
| - Donations | | 2745 | 24457 | | 27202 | 47556 |
| - Legacies | | 0 | 208806 | | 208806 | 42000 |
| Charitable activities | 5 | | | | 0 | 0 |
| - Fund raising | | 0 | 0 | | 0 | 0 |
| - Others | | 0 | 0 | | 0 | 0 |
| Other trading activities | 6 | | | | 0 | 0 |
| - Lettings | | 33650 | 0 | | 33650 | 37695 |
| - Miscellaneous | | 0 | 0 | | 0 | 0 |
| Investments | 7 | 12696 | 0 | | 12696 | 9333 |
| Other | 8 | 80 | 0 | | 80 | 1721 |
| - Internal organisations | | 0 | 111081 | | 111081 | 100971 |
| - Miscellaneous | | 9296 | 0 | | 9296 | 9255 |
| Total | | 139126 | 344344 | 0 | 483470 | 328808 |
| Expenditure on: | | | | | | |
| Salaries, NIC & Pension costs | 11 | 10052 | 0 | | 10052 | 13089 |
| Circuit Assessment | | 70000 | 0 | | 70000 | 70000 |
| Maintenance on Church building(s) and property | | 36712 | 15574 | | 52286 | 63287 |
| Telephone and Travel | | 0 | 0 | | 0 | 0 |
| Utilities (insurance, heat and light, water, etc) | | 19992 | 0 | | 19992 | 21567 |
| Expenditure on other property | | 0 | 0 | | 0 | 0 |
| Depreciation | 12 | 0 | 0 | | 0 | 0 |
| Provisions | | 1950 | 0 | | 1950 | 1810 |
| Internal organisations | | 0 | 94947 | | 94947 | 85464 |
| Grants and Donations | | 4764 | 20742 | | 25506 | 31792 |
| Other expenditure | | 14299 | 871 | | 15170 | 19953 |
| Total | | 157769 | 132134 | 0 | 289903 | 306962 |
| Net income/(expenditure) | | -18643 | 212210 | 0 | 193567 | 21846 |
| Transfers between funds | | 14250 | -14250 | | 0 | 0 |
| | | -4393 | 197960 | 0 | 193567 | 21846 |
| Other recognised gains / (losses): 2021 Addition of Herongate Methodist Church bank balances. | | | | | 0 | 0 |
| Gains/(Losses) on revaluation of fixed assets (properties now valued at land value only). | | 71382 | | | 71382 | -164946 |
| Gains/(Losses) on investment assets | | | | | 0 | 0 |
| Actuarial gains /(losses) on defined benefit pension schemes | | | | | 0 | 0 |
| Net movement in funds | | 66989 | 197960 | 0 | 264949 | -143100 |
| Reconciliation of funds: Kenya Fund & JMA | | | | | | |
| Total funds brought forward | | 1893753 | 101783 | | 1995536 | 2138536 |
| Total funds carried forward | | 1960742 | 299743 | 0 | 2260485 | 1995536 |

For information only Money received and passed on
Balance brought forward from last year
Offerings/Gifts - received for External Organisations
Offerings/Gifts - passed to External Organisations
Balance carried forward(Kenya fund)

to External Organisations

| | |
|--------|--------|
| 18691 | 8594 |
| 24457 | 28421 |
| -20742 | -18324 |
| 22406 | 18691 |

Balance Sheet as at 31 August 2025

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

Tangible Fixed Assets*

| | Notes | | | | | |
|------------------------------------|-------|------------------|--|--|----------------|----------------|
| Land & Buildings (land value only) | 12 | 1,776,771 | | | 1776771 | 1705389 |
| Equipment | 12 | | | | | |
| Investment properties | 13 | | | | | |
| Investments | 13 | | | | | |
| Total fixed assets | | 1,776,771 | | | 1776771 | 1705389 |

Current Assets

| | | | | | | |
|--|----|----------------|--|----------------|---------------|---------------|
| Debtors and Prepayments | 14 | 21,977 | | | 21977 | 27099 |
| Cash at Bank and in hand | 14 | (227,330) | | 299,743 | 72413 | 71985 |
| Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes deposits | | | | | | |
| Central Finance Board Deposits | | 389,324 | | | 389324 | 191063 |
| Other | | | | | | |
| Total current assets | | 183,971 | | 299,743 | 483714 | 290147 |

| | | | | | | |
|---|----|------------------|--|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| Creditors and Accruals (due in under 1 yr) | 15 | | | | | |
| Net current assets (liabilities) | | 183,971 | | 299,743 | 483714 | 290147 |
| Total assets less current liabilities | | 1,960,742 | | 299,743 | 2260485 | 1995536 |

| | | | | | | |
|---|----|------------------|--|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| Loans and creditors due after 1 year | 17 | | | | | |
| Provisions for liabilities and charges | | | | | | |
| Net assets | | 1,960,742 | | 299,743 | 2260485 | 1995536 |

| | | | | | | |
|----------------------------|----|------------------|---------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| Funds of the Church | 18 | | | | | |
| Unrestricted funds | | 1,960,742 | | | 1960742 | 1893753 |
| Restricted funds | | | 299,743 | | 299743 | 101783 |
| Endowment funds | | | | | | |
| Total Funds | | 1,960,742 | | 299,743 | 2260485 | 1995536 |

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

Total Receipts

Total Payments

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

Notes to the Accounts

1 Basis of accounting

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

2 Funds

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

3 Accounting policies

Basis

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

Income

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

Expenditure

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

Grants

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

VAT

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

Tangible fixed assets for use by the Church

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

Investment Properties

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

Investments

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

Debtors and Prepayments

Debtors include outstanding lettings invoices in August.

Creditors

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

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

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

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

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

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

9. Payment to Trustees

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

10. Fees for examination or audit of the accounts

| | | |
|---|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Independent examiner's or auditors' fees for reporting on the accounts | £ <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> |
| Other fees (eg: advice, accountancy services) paid to the independent examiner or auditor | £ <input type="text" value="NIL"/> | <input type="text" value="NIL"/> |

11. Paid employees**Staff Costs paid during the year were:**

| | | |
|--|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Gross wages, salaries and benefits in kind | £ <input type="text" value="10,052"/> | <input type="text" value="13,089"/> |
| Employer's National Insurance costs | £ <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> |
| Pension costs | £ <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> |
| Total staff costs | £ <input type="text" value="10,052"/> | <input type="text" value="13,089"/> |
| Average number of staff employed during the year were: | <input type="text" value="1"/> | <input type="text" value="1"/> |

12 Tangible Fixed Assets

Cost or valuation

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

Accumulated depreciation

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

Net book value

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

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 31/08/2025. Western Road land is freehold. Queens Park land is Leasehold - 104 years left of 125 (the land is owned by Basildon Borough Council).

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

13 Investments

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

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

Analysis of investment movements

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 | 10000 |
| -523 | -401 |
| 21,977 | 27,099 |

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

| | |
|---------|---------|
| 10,804 | 12,260 |
| 389,324 | 191,063 |
| 61,609 | 59,725 |
| 461,737 | 263,048 |

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 2025

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17. Loans and creditors due after one year

Loans

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

Repayment due

Totals

| | |
|-------------------------------|-------|
| Due within 12 months | |
| Due after more than 12 months | |
| Total | Nil Y |

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18. Detailed analysis of individual fund movements

Unrestricted Funds

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

Restricted Funds

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

Endowment Funds

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

Fund purposes

Reasons for transfer between funds

Billericay Methodist Church

19. Related party transactions

This year

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

Last year

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

CHURCH MEETING MEMBERSHIP

MINISTERS Rev Moses Agyam

CHURCH STEWARDS Ms Helen Hacker
 Mr Roger Davison
 Mrs Gill Rogers

Church Safeguarding Co-ordinator
 Mrs Liz Read

CHURCH REPRESENTATIVES (OTHER MEMBERS OF THE CHURCH COUNCIL)

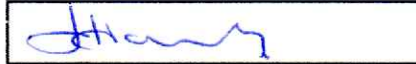
- 1 Rev Felicity Al-Hassan
- 2 Mrs Barbara Almond (added July 2025)
- 3 Mrs Heather Ashworth (added July 2025)
- 4 Mrs Lyn Bowditch
- 5 Mrs Susan Cooke (added October 2023)
- 6 Mrs Pam Cottrell
- 7 Mr Ken Cowell
- 8 Mrs Linda Davison
- 9 Mr Roger Davison
- 10 Mrs Julia Faulkner (added October 2023)
-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

DECLARATIONS

Treasurer

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

Signature of Treasurer



Date

08-Nov-25

Name

Mrs Lorraine Anne Harris

Address

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

Presentation to the Church Council Meeting for approval.

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

Signature of the Chair of the meeting



Name of the Chair of the meeting

Rev Moses Agyam

Date

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

Billericay Methodist Church

Church

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

2025

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

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

Mr Ian Rudkins, FCA

It is my responsibility to:

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

Basis of Independent Examiner's Report

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

Independent Examiner's Statement

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

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

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

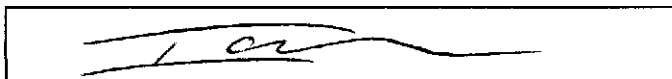
have not been met; or

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

Name

Mr Ian Rudkins

Signature



Relevant Professional qualification or body

ICAEW

Address

14 Upland Road, Billericay, Essex CM12 0JP

Date

03-Nov-25

Declarations and Scrutiny

I confirm that these accruals-based accounts for the year to 31 August 2025 have been prepared from the records of the Church and that they include all funds under the control of the Church trustees.

Signature of treasurer  Date 08/11/25

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

Presentation to the Church trustees

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

Signature of the Chair of the meeting 

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

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

Billericay Methodist Church

Charity Number 1128787

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Billericay Methodist Church for the year ended 31 August 2025 set out on pages 1 to 18. As the Church's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Church's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and, in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

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

Independent Examiner's Statement

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

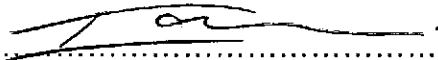
I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below*) which give me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act; or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view, which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination
- the trustees' annual report is not consistent with the accounts

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

I have not obtained independent verification of all investments with the Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes or held in other trusts, bank balances and funds at the Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church which are individually in excess of £10,000 (ten thousand pounds) at the balance sheet date.

Signature of independent examiner



Name of independent examiner – Ian Rudkins FCA

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner

- Fellow of The Institute of Chartered Accountants In England and Wales

Name of firm (where appropriate) N/A

Address 14 Upland Road, Billericay, Essex

Post Code CM12 0JP

Date 3 November 2025