

Trustees' Annual Report 2021-22

Beckminster Methodist Church
Birches Barn Road, Penn Fields, Wolverhampton WV3 7BQ
Charity number 1128871

Structure and management

Beckminster Methodist Church is part of the Wolverhampton Circuit of the Methodist Church in the UK. It is established through a trust deed under the Methodist Church Act 1976 and follows the disciplines of the UK Methodist Church. The church's governing body is the Church Council, the members of which are the trustees of the charity. Members of the Church Council must be members of the Methodist Church in the UK. Members comprise individuals who have been appointed by the Church Council to hold designated voluntary positions within Beckminster, individuals appointed by the Annual Church Meeting of members of Beckminster and three individuals appointed by the Wolverhampton Circuit. The property used by the church is held by the Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes as custodian trustees.

The trustees during the period from 1 September 2021 up to the date of completion of this report were:

Rev Paul Nzacahayo (Chair)	Dr Janet Anderson	Mr Peter Prescott
Rev Glennys Bamford	Mrs Christine Pedley	Mrs Tricia Prescott
Mrs Sue Lorimer	Mr Phil Shuttleworth	Mr Roy Evans
Mr Tim Lorimer	Mrs Donna Watson	Mrs Pam Wilkes
Mr John Ashwood	Mrs Carol Topham	Mrs Janette Clough
Mrs Wendy Ashwood	Mr George Tonks	Miss Stephanie Wilkes
Mrs Loraine Harris (to 15.5.22)	Mr Brian Timmis	Ms Lesley Cook (to 31.8.22)
Mrs Wendy Bate	Rev M Heim	Mr Edward Bridgewood
Rev J Cox-Darling	Mr Gabriel Gidi	(from 1.9.22)

Activities, objectives, achievements and performance

The principal objective of the church is the advancement of the Christian faith in accordance with the doctrinal standards and the discipline of the Methodist Church.

Beckminster provides a public benefit through providing public acts of Christian worship, which are open to anyone who wishes to attend and through making its facilities available to members of the community. Activities throughout the week provide Christian fellowship for the members and supporters of the church. The church also provides meeting space for a wide range of secular groups within the local community. During normal times the premises are in use throughout most of the week.

The members of the church maintain Christian witness in Wolverhampton and work with other charities, religious groups and other organisations across the local community. During 2021-22 we have supported Christian Aid, Action for Children, The Children's Society and the Ukrainian community in Wolverhampton, as well as various Methodist mission and relief charities.

Overall use of the church premises increased during 2021-22 as groups continued to return following relaxations in restrictions due to the coronavirus pandemic. We have also continued to provide Christian fellowship on-line.

Financial review

The running costs and maintenance of the church are funded by contributions from members and other supporters, together with charges made to external groups for use of the premises.

During the year, the receipts of the church were £152,729, which included an endowment of £12,900 and two unrestricted legacies amounting to £5,500, along with £10,270 of donations (including gift aid) for restricted purposes. Payments during the year amounted to £116,281. Receipts for external use of the premises increased significantly as groups returned following coronavirus restrictions; that increased use also resulted in increases in utility costs. Reserves at the financial year end (31 August 2022) stood at £75,665 unrestricted and £26,211 restricted; the unrestricted reserves were in line with the church's policy of retaining these reserves at least equal to 6 months of revenue expenditure.

The church does not have any outstanding loans or other debts.

Members of Beckminster raise money for a range of other charities and some of the funds collected are held within the church accounts until paid out to the relevant charities. The church also holds funds for Churches Together in Graisle and Penn Fields, an informal group of local churches of different denominations. A total of £1,451 was received into the church's accounts for other organisations during the year and £558 was held at 31 August 2022.

Financial forecasts for the church have been prepared for the period to 31 August 2023 and these demonstrate that the church will remain able to meet its liabilities as they fall due. Consequently, the Trustees consider it is appropriate to use the going concern basis to prepare the church's accounts.

2 March 2023

THE METHODIST CHURCH STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

Beckminster	Church
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FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 August 2022

Wolverhampton	Circuit	Circuit no.	28/01
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Registered Charity - Charity Registration number

1128871

If not a registered charity **Her Majesty's Revenue and
Customs Gift Aid number**

(The HMRC number is equivalent to a registered charity number in terms of evidence of charitable status and may be used to give to donors or grant funders wishing to see evidence of the organisation's charitable status. Methodist charities in England and Wales that are not registered charities are excepted from registration under Statutory Instrument 2014 No.242)

Minister:

Rev P Nzacahayo

Church Stewards:

Mr J Ashwood

Mr P Shuttleworth

Mrs C Topham

Treasurer:

Mr G Tonks

SECTION A		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year	
		£	£	£	£	
a1	RECEIPTS	Note				
a2	Offerings and Tax recovered		90,242	23,170	113,412	96,617
a3	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income		118	48	166	71
a4	Lettings		21,259		21,259	9,309
a5	Other receipts		12,877	5,015	17,892	7,343
a6	TOTAL RECEIPTS		124,496	28,233	152,729 (a7)	113,340

SECTION B						
b1	PAYMENTS					
b2	Circuit Assessment or Share		61,038		61,038	64,893
b3	Donations		3,376		3,376	3,037
b4	Repairs and Maintenance		2,672	13,147	15,819	9,332
b5	Utilities (Insurances, water charges, heating & lighting)		11,274		11,274	8,159
b6						
b7	Other payments		23,716	1,058	24,774	21,742
b8	TOTAL PAYMENTS		102,076	14,205	116,281 (b9)	107,163

SECTION C						
c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	(a6-b8)	22,420	14,027	36,447	6,177
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year		53,245	12,184	65,429 (c6)	59,252
c3	Sub total	(c1+c2)	75,665	26,211	101,876	65,429
c4	Transfers and adjustments				(c7)	
c5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR	(c3+c4)	75,665	26,211	101,876 (c8)	65,429 (c6)

SECTION D					
FOR INFORMATION ONLY: MONEY RECEIVED AND PASSED ON TO EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS					
d	(these amounts are not to be included in total receipts/payments figures above)			£	£
d1	Balance brought forward from last year			671	634
d2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations			1,451	1,114
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations			1,564	1,077
d4	BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID	(d1+d2-d3)		558	671

SUMMARY OF CHURCH ACCOUNTS AND INTERNAL ORGANISATIONS REPORTING TO THE CHURCH COUNCIL**SECTION E****Please follow the Guidance Notes to complete this page**

Summary of the Church accounts for the year ended 31 August 2022 and Internal Organisations reporting to the Church Council/Church Meeting. Note that the funds of an Internal Organisation would normally be Restricted funds unless it could be clearly shown that they could be used for any Methodist purpose. This section must be completed to arrive at the gross income and expenditure totals of the Church. If gross income exceeds the Accruals threshold, then the Accruals method of accounting AND A DIFFERENT FORM must be used to report the accounts (see Methodist website). Please refer to the guidance notes regarding transfers between the District and connected District Organisations.

	INTERNAL ORGANISATIONS	Receipts	Payments	Net Receipts/ Payments	Adjustments	Opening balances	Closing balances
e1	Luncheon Club		172	(172)	(3,463)	3,670	35
e2	Open Way		1	(1)		1	
e3	World Mission	330	330				
e4	Monday Focus					502	502
e5	Mission in Britain	268	268				
e6	Messy Church	34	27	7		47	54
	Take a Break	362		362		531	893
	Toddlers Group				(1,032)	1,569	537
	JMA	1,196	1,196				
e7	Benevolent Fund					214	214
e8	Sub total of Internal Organisations funds	2,190	1,994	196	(4,495)	6,534 (e11)	2,235 (e12)
e9	Church accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)	152,729 (a7)	116,281 (b9)	36,447	(c7)	65,429 (c6)	101,876 (c8)
e10	TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	154,919	118,275	36,643	(4,495)	71,963 (x)	104,111 (y)
	Continue on a separate sheet if necessary and bring the totals forward	TOTAL RECEIPTS	TOTAL PAYMENTS				

SECTION F**STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES****CHURCH - CASH FUNDS HELD at 31 August 2022**

		OPENING BALANCES	CLOSING BALANCES
f1	Cash in hand	693	1,363
f2	Bank Current Account	2,221	356
f3	Bank Deposit Account	13,060	37,757
f4	Central Finance Board	13,958	13,974
f5	Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes	35,497	48,426
f6	Other funds		
f7	SUB TOTAL - Church accounts	65,429 (c6)	101,876 (c8)
f8	Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance total from above) (e12)	6,534 (e11)	2,235 (e12)
f9	TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	71,963 (x)	104,111 (y)

SECTION G**OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES**

		At 1 September 2021	At 31 August 2022
g1	Investments (include Endowments)	264	264
g2	Land & Buildings (see notes re Insurance value)	3,323,778	3,686,028
g3	Other Assets	672,477	745,768
g4	Loan(s) - show amount outstanding at year end		
g5	Other Liabilities		

f4 Include only Funds held at the Central Finance Board

f5 Include only Funds held at Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes

g1 Include any other investments (not the cash element of TMCP trusts accounts this is included in line f5)

Name of ChurchBeckminster..... No.....

Declarations and Scrutiny

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

Signature of treasurer Date.....05/12/2022.....

Name and address of treasurerMr G Tonks.....

Presentation to the Church trustees

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2022 were presented to the meeting of the Church trustees held on 08/02/2023.....

Signature of the Chair of the meeting

Name of the Chair of the meetingRev P Nzacahayo..... Date09/02/2023.....

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

.....Beckminster.....Church

Charity Number ...1128871

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Beckminster Church for the year ended 31 August 2022 set out on pages 1 to 3. 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.

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Name of ChurchBeckminster..... No

Independent Examiner's Statement

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

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

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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 examinerMr J Holt

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner

Name of firm (where appropriate)

Address

..... Post Code

Date22/12/2022.....

* delete or circle as appropriate

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