

Trustees' Annual Report 2022-23

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 2022 up to the date of completion of this report were:

Rev Paul Nzacahayo (Chair)	Dr Janet Anderson (to	Mr Peter Prescott
Rev Glennys Bamford	3.3.23)	Mrs Tricia Prescott
Mrs Sue Lorimer	Mrs Christine Pedley	Mr Roy Evans
Mr Tim Lorimer	Mr Phil Shuttleworth	Mrs Pam Wilkes
Mr John Ashwood	Mrs Donna Watson	Mrs Janette Clough
Mrs Wendy Ashwood	Mrs Carol Topham	Miss Stephanie Wilkes
Mrs Wendy Bate	Mr George Tonks	Mr Edward Bridgewood
Rev J Cox-Darling	Mr Brian Timmis	Mr Gabriel Gidi
	Rev M Heim	

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 2022-23 we have supported various Methodist mission and relief charities, Christian Aid, Action for Children, The Children's Society, Good Shepherd Services and the Ukrainian community in Wolverhampton.

The church premises were used for a variety of activities during 2022-23. 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 £107,669, which was a significant reduction on the previous year. No legacies were received during the year, although the restrictions on the endowment received in 2021-22 were released, so that these funds were transferred

from restricted to unrestricted funds. Reserves at the financial year end (31 August 2023) stood at £90,963 unrestricted and £12,254 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 Graisleigh and Penn Fields, an informal group of local churches of different denominations. A total of £2,623 was received into the church's accounts for other organisations during the year and £636 was held at 31 August 2023.

Financial forecasts for the church have been prepared for the period to 31 August 2024 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.

March 2024

THE METHODIST CHURCH STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

Beckminster

Church

FOR THE YEAR ENDED
Thursday, 31 August 2023

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
FundsRestricted
FundsTotals this
yearTotals last
year

		£	£	£	£
a1	RECEIPTS	Note			
a2	Offerings and Tax recovered	77,960	300	78,260	113,412
a3	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income	2,103	224	2,327	166
a4	Lettings	22,357		22,357	21,259
a5	Other receipts	4,636	89	4,725	17,891
a6	TOTAL RECEIPTS	107,056	613	107,669 (a7)	152,728

SECTION B

b1	PAYMENTS				
b2	Circuit Assessment or Share	57,376		57,376	61,038
b3	Donations	2,256		2,256	3,376
b4	Repairs and Maintenance	6,610	300	6,910	15,819
b5	Utilities (Insurances, water charges, heating & lighting)	11,165		11,165	11,274
b6					
b7	Other payments	27,585	1,036	28,621	24,774
b8	TOTAL PAYMENTS	104,992	1,336	106,328 (b9)	116,281

SECTION C

c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	(a6-b8)	2,064	(723)	1,341	36,447
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year		75,665	26,211	101,876 (c6)	65,429
c3	Sub total	(c1+c2)	77,729	25,488	103,217	101,876
c4	Transfers and adjustments		13,234	(13,234)		
c5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR	(c3+c4)	90,963	12,254	103,217 (c8)	101,876 (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	558	671
d2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations	2,623	1,451
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations	2,545	1,564
d4	BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID (d1+d2-d3)	636	558

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 2023 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		35	(35)		35	
e2	World Mission						
e3	Monday Focus		502	(502)		502	
e4	Mission in Britain	133	133				
e5	Messy Church		54	(54)		54	
e6	Take a Break	1,209	1,300	(91)		893	802
	Toddlers Group					537	537
	JMA	648	648				
e7	Benevolent Fund					214	214
	Sub total of Internal Organisations funds	1,990	2,672	(682)		2,235 (e11)	1,553 (e12)
e9	Church accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)	107,669 (a7)	106,328 (b9)	1,341	(c7)	101,876 (c6)	103,217 (c8)
e10	TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	109,659	109,000	659		104,111 (x)	104,770 (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 2023**

	OPENING BALANCES	CLOSING BALANCES
f1 Cash in hand	1,363	417
f2 Bank Current Account	356	1,015
f3 Bank Deposit Account	37,757	34,697
f4 Central Finance Board	13,974	18,284
f5 Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes	48,426	48,804
f6 Other funds		
f7 SUB TOTAL - Church accounts	101,876 (c6)	103,217 (c8)
f8 Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance total from above) (e12)	2,235 (e11)	1,553 (e12)
f9 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	104,111 (x)	104,770 (y)

SECTION G**OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES**

	At 1 September 2022	At 31 August 2023
g1 Investments (include Endowments)	264	264
g2 Land & Buildings (see notes re Insurance value)	3,686,028	4,058,363
g3 Other Assets	745,768	821,100
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 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.....19/12/23.....

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

..... Post Code.....

Presentation to the Church trustees

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2023 were presented to the meeting of the Church trustees held on 7/2/24.

Signature of the Chair of the meeting

Name of the Chair of the meeting ...Rev P Nzacahayo..... Date12/2/24.....

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 the Beckminster Church for the year ended 31 August 2023 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.

* delete or circle as appropriate

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.

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

Date19/12/23.....

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BECKMINSTER METHODIST CHURCH
(Registered Charity no: 1128871)

Notes to the accounts for the year ended 31st August 2023

Form of Accounts

1. Receipts and payments accounts are statements that summarise the movement of cash into and out of the charity during the financial year and in this context include cash on deposit which can be readily withdrawn to pay for debts as they become due. Cash receipts from the sale of fixed assets and cash payments to acquire fixed assets are treated separately from other receipts and payments as they do not represent resources moving into or out of the charity
2. Charity law requires that trustees are able to account separately for each unrestricted, endowment and restricted fund that they manage. General funds can be used for any of the church's charitable purposes. Methodist Standing Orders provide that all bequests are treated as endowment (capital) funds and give discretion to trustees to accumulate or spend income and to spend capital on a wide range of objectives in accordance with specified procedures. Restricted funds are those held for a specific purpose indicated by the donor or funds held on behalf of a specified internal organisation. Unrestricted funds are all other funds, comprising the general fund and any legacies on which the donor has not placed any restriction.

Notes to Section A

- A2 Tax recovered on freewill offerings amounted to £16,648 (2022 £12,496), of which £300 related to restricted funds for replacement of the heating system in the church hall (2022 £1,375 restricted funds) and the balance to the General Fund. Tax is usually recovered within a few weeks of each quarter end, but delayed processing by HMRC meant that tax for the quarter ended 30 June 2022 was not received until September 2022. There were no legacies received during the year, (2022 two unrestricted legacies with a total of £5,500 and an endowment with a value of £12,900 received). The restrictions on the endowment fund received in the previous year were released during the year, so that those funds are now classified as unrestricted.
- A3 Restricted interest was on the restricted legacy and on funds held on behalf of the Luncheon Club and Messy Church.
- A5 Other receipts include
- | | |
|------------------------------|-------------------|
| Wedding & Funeral Fees | £ 2,930 |
| Church Groups and Activities | £ 1,357 |
| Transfer from Luncheon Club | £ 35 (restricted) |
| Transfer from Messy Church | £ 54 (restricted) |

Notes to Section B

- B3 Donations are to connexional funds and charities.
- B5 Insurance premium was £4,583.
- B7 Other significant payments were: remuneration £26,211 (of which £960 paid from Luncheon Club funds and £1,000 from unrestricted legacy funds) and general ministry costs at Beckminster (e.g. Beckoner magazine, posters, copyright licence, photocopying, outreach work) £2,334.

Notes to Section C

- C4/ 5 Restricted Funds at the end of the year were restricted legacy (£7,904), Gift Day (£873), District grant (£219) and funds held for Luncheon Club (£2,264), Toddlers (£1,031) and Messy Church (£262).

Notes to Section D

- D Amounts include funds received (£nil) and paid out (£73) in respect of Churches Together in Graiseley and Penn Fields. A balance of £482 was held for CTiGPF at 31 August 2023 (2022 £555)

Notes to Section E

- E The remaining funds held by the Toddlers Group were transferred to church bank accounts in October 2023.

Notes to Section G

- G1 In 2004, the church purchased 1200 £1 shares in Cafedirect (a private company) to support Fair trade farmers. These shares are now valued at £264.
- G3/4 Values for assets are insurance values. Other assets includes £625,381 in respect of the organ.

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