

## **Trustees' Annual Report 2024-25**

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 individuals appointed by the Wolverhampton Circuit. The property used by the church is held by the Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes as custodian trustees.

With effect from 1 September 2025, Beckminster has been renamed Crossways Methodist Church and has been joined by three other churches from within the Wolverhampton Methodist Circuit, to become a single church operating across four sites.

The trustees during the period from 1 September 2024 up to the date of completion of this report were:

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

### **Activities, objectives, achievements and performance**

The principal objective of the church is the advancement of the Christian faith in accordance with the teachings of Jesus Christ. The church 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 range of secular groups within the local community. The premises are generally in use throughout most of the week.

The members of the church maintain Christian witness in the local area and work with other charities, religious groups and other organisations across the local community. During 2024-25 we have supported various Methodist mission and relief charities, Christian Aid, Action for Children, The Children's Society, Good Shepherd Services, Action for Bethlehem Children with Disabilities and the Ukrainian community in Wolverhampton.

The church premises were used for a variety of activities during 2024-25. We have also continued to provide Christian fellowship on-line.

In July 2025 we celebrated the centenary of the laying of the foundation stone for our current building and we will complete 100 years of Christian fellowship on our current site in May 2026. Various events are being held to celebrate this centenary.

### **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 £124,656, which was less than in the previous year. Two legacies amounting to a total of £20,627 were received during the year. Reserves at the financial year end (31 August 2025) stood at £105,298 unrestricted and £9,067 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 the church 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 £1,901 was received into the church's accounts for other organisations during the year and £112 was held at 31 August 2025.

Financial forecasts for the church have been prepared for the period to 31 August 2026 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.

As part of our centenary celebrations we are raising additional funds to ensure the continuation of our Christian fellowship. £4,311 was received for this Centenary appeal during 2024-25 with further amounts being received in 2025-26.

April 2026

## THE METHODIST CHURCH STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

<b>Beckminster</b>	<b>Church</b>
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FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31 August 2025

<b>Wolverhampton</b>	<b>Circuit</b>	<b>Circuit no.</b>	<b>28/01</b>
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**Registered Charity - Charity Registration number**

1128871

If not a registered charity **His 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	<b>RECEIPTS</b>	<b>Note</b>			
a2	Offerings and Tax recovered	68,095	4,311	<b>72,406</b>	74,499
a3	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income	4,287	334	<b>4,621</b>	4,156
a4	Lettings	18,594		<b>18,594</b>	18,050
a5	Other receipts	29,035		<b>29,035</b>	36,132
a6	<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>120,011</b>	<b>4,645</b>	<b>124,656 (a7)</b>	<b>132,837</b>

SECTION B					
b1	<b>PAYMENTS</b>				
b2	Circuit Assessment or Share	48,000		<b>48,000</b>	59,100
b3	Donations	2,000		<b>2,000</b>	2,345
b4	Repairs and Maintenance	27,689	2,008	<b>29,697</b>	12,481
b5	Utilities (Insurances, water charges, heating & lighting)	20,088		<b>20,088</b>	10,553
b6					
b7	Other payments	30,215	2,733	<b>32,948</b>	29,133
b8	<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>	<b>127,992</b>	<b>4,741</b>	<b>132,733 (b9)</b>	<b>113,612</b>

SECTION C					
c1	<b>NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR (a6-b8)</b>	(7,981)	(96)	<b>(8,077)</b>	19,225
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year	109,067	13,375	<b>122,442 (c6)</b>	103,217
c3	<b>Sub total (c1+c2)</b>	101,086	13,279	<b>114,365</b>	<b>122,442</b>
c4	Transfers and adjustments	4,212	(4,212)		(c7)
c5	<b>TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR (c3+c4)</b>	<b>105,298</b>	<b>9,067</b>	<b>114,365 (c8)</b>	<b>122,442 (c6)</b>

SECTION D			
<b>FOR INFORMATION ONLY: MONEY RECEIVED AND PASSED ON TO EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS</b>			
d	(these amounts are not to be included in total receipts/payments figures above)	£	£
d1	Balance brought forward from last year	499	636
d2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations	1,901	2,760
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations	2,288	2,897
d4	<b>BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID (d1+d2-d3)</b>	<b>112</b>	<b>499</b>

**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 2025 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	Take a Break	1,147	1,147				
e2	Benevolent Fund	137	45	92		127	219
e3							
e4							
e5							
e6							
e7							
e8	Sub total of Internal Organisations funds	1,284	1,192	92		127 (e11)	219 (e12)
e9	Church accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)	124,656 (a7)	132,733 (b9)	(8,077)	(c7)	122,442 (c6)	114,365 (c8)
e10	<b>TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH</b>	<b>125,940</b>	<b>133,925</b>	<b>(7,985)</b>		<b>122,569 (x)</b>	<b>114,584 (y)</b>
Continue on a separate sheet if necessary and bring the totals forward		<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>				

**SECTION F****STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES****CHURCH - CASH FUNDS HELD at 31 August 2025**

		OPENING BALANCES		CLOSING BALANCES	
f1	Cash in hand	249		22	
f2	Bank Current Account	226		355	
f3	Bank Deposit Account	54,197		18,118	
f4	Central Finance Board	18,284		27,886	
f5	Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes	49,486		67,984	
f6	Other funds				
f7	<b>SUB TOTAL - Church accounts</b>	<b>122,442 (c6)</b>		<b>114,365 (c8)</b>	
f8	Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance total from above) (e12)	<b>127 (e11)</b>		<b>219 (e12)</b>	
f9	<b>TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH</b>	<b>122,569 (x)</b>		<b>114,584 (y)</b>	

**SECTION G****OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES**

		At 1 September 2024	At 31 August 2025
g1	Investments (include Endowments)	264	264
g2	Land & Buildings (see notes re Insurance value)	4,159,791	4,531,842
g3	Other Assets	841,619	916,896
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 Church .....Beckminster..... No.....

## Declarations and Scrutiny

I confirm that these Receipt and Payment 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 .....George Tonks..... Date.....13/12/25.....

Name and address of treasurer .....

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

### Presentation to the Church trustees

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2025 were presented to the meeting of the Church trustees held on 10/2/2026

Signature of the Chair of the meeting .....P Nzacahayo.....

Name of the Chair of the meeting ..... Date .....16/2/2026...

## 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 2025 set out on pages ... to .... As the Church's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

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

\* delete or circle as appropriate

Name of Church .....Beckminster..... 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 .....John Holt.....

Name of independent examiner .....

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner .....

Name of firm (where appropriate) .....

Address .....

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

Date .....8/1/26.....

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**BECKMINSTER METHODIST CHURCH**  
**(Registered Charity no: 1128871)**

**Notes to the accounts for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> August 2025**

**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. Designated funds are unrestricted funds which the trustees have designated as being held for a particular purpose.
3. The presentation of various items has been reviewed during the year and a number of changes have been made:

The general funds of Luncheon Club, Messy Church and Toddlers, which were transferred to the church following the closures of those groups have been reassessed as designated rather than restricted funds: similarly funds received from Take A Break have been reclassified as designated rather than restricted funds. A transfer of £4,212 is shown in line C4 in respect of these reclassifications.

Funds received from church members for the Methodist World Mission, JMA and Mission in Britain Funds and passed on to those funds are now treated as money received and passed on to external organisations and reported in Section D rather than treated as internal organisations in Section E. Comparative figures shown in these accounts have been adjusted to reflect this change.

Legacies received and sundry donations, for example those received at weddings or funerals, are now included within "other receipts" instead of in "offerings and tax recovered". Comparative figures shown in these accounts have been adjusted to reflect this change.



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**Notes to the accounts for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> August 2025**

**Notes to Section A**

A2 Tax recovered on treewill offerings and other donations amounted to £13,325 (2024 £15,406, of which £679 related to the gift day to raise funds for replacement of lights in the church) and £339 related to appeals in support of other charities (2024 £321); the balance related to the General Fund.

A3 Restricted interest was on the restricted legacy.

A5 Other receipts include:

	2025	2024
Wedding & Funeral Fees	£4,050	£7,625
Church Groups and Activities	£975	£1,433
Legacies	£20,627	£17,250

**Notes to Section B**

B3 Donations are to connexional funds and charities

B5 Insurance premium was £4,733.

B7 Other significant payments were: remuneration £26,493 (of which £960 paid from Luncheon Club funds and £2,000 from unrestricted legacy funds) and general ministry costs at Beckminster (e.g. Beck Matters magazine, posters, copyright licence, photocopying, outreach work) £2,942.

**Notes to Section C**

C4/ Restricted Funds at the end of the year were restricted legacy (£7,307), Gift  
5 Day (£873), Centenary appeal (£668) and District grant for children's work

At 31 August 2025, the amounts included within unrestricted funds for Designated Funds were Luncheon Club (£435), Toddlers (£1,568), Messy Church (£281) and Take-a-Break (£1,416).

**Notes to Section D**

D Amounts include funds received (£91) and paid out (£401) in respect of Churches Together in Graiseley and Penn Fields. A balance of £99 was held for CTiGPF at 31 August 2025 (2024 £409)

**Notes to Section G**

G1 company) to support Fair trade farmers. These shares are now valued at £264.

G3/  
4 Values for assets are insurance values. Other assets includes £698,343 in respect of the organ

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