



Sutton Coldfield Methodist Church ANNUAL REPORT TO CHARITY COMMISSION 2020-21

1. Name: Sutton Coldfield Methodist Church

Registration Number: 1128900

Principal Office: South Parade, Sutton Coldfield, West Midlands B72 1QY

2. Trustees:

Pat Allen, Jenny Blease, Joan Burkwood, Les Burkwood, Anne Cole (Secretary), Bob Dauncey, Keith Dennis, Ruth Dennis, Martin Dutton, Philip Griffith, , Enid Howles, Amanda Hume, Peter Le Brocq, Donna Miller, Yvette Morgan, Cynthia Reakes, Colin Rice, Gwen Sadler, Rev. Alan Smithson (Chair), Grahame Tench, Liz Topliss, Carol Wall, Kath Waller, Gill Wallwork, Marion Watts and Priscilla Worship.

3. Structure, governance and management:

We are governed according to the "Constitutional Practice and Discipline of the Methodist Church". Within the Methodist Church we belong to the Sutton Park Circuit. Our governing body is the Church Council (i.e. the Trustees listed above) which meets three times a year, usually in March, June and November. Trustees are generally appointed ex officio from membership of various church groups, with provision for others from the church membership and the Church Stewards. There are committees to cover Finance and Property, Pastoral matters and Worship.

The membership as at 1st November 2020 was 119.

4. Financial Review:

The Church is in a healthy financial situation, able to meet its commitment to the Circuit assessment and to maintain its premises in good condition while maintaining consistent levels of giving to charitable causes. We have general reserves equivalent to 6 months' running costs consistent with the connexional policy.

5. Public benefits:

The Church offers weekly opportunities for worship, and there are some house groups whose aim is spiritual development and growth. The church is outward looking and provides a number of facilities for the community at large for many age groups. These include:-

- Thriving uniformed groups for Scouts, Cubs, Brownies and Beavers
- Twice monthly Wednesday Club open to all
- Weekly Friends on Friday club for people with memory problems and their families
- Weekly coffee mornings for anyone to drop in
- Weekly lunch and bible study

Over many years there has been a gradual change in the use of the Centre with increasing use by non-church groups for room hire. The Centre is in use 7 days a week, 50 weeks of the year. There is a tremendous cross-section of people using the Centre and in a typical week there are as many as 2,000 people passing through the doors via a wide variety of external community groups. The groups for vulnerable adults include Gamblers Anonymous, MIND Friendship Club providing recreational activities for people with mental health problems, Support Groups for Parkinson's Disease, Memory Cafe, Drop-in for the Socially Isolated, Friends on Friday Memory Club, Singing for the Brain, Talking Newspapers and Sian Bain breathing exercise. There is a weekly coffee morning for anyone who'd like to drop in for company.

The community groups include Canwell Craft, Cherished "Blossom" for teenage girls, Dog Obedience Training, an Art Group, Yoga, Modern Dance, Salsa UK, Sutton Coldfield Choral Society, two Sewing groups, Needlecraft, Lace-making, Bold writers, Folk dancing, Pilates, Portrait painting, Aikido, Tai Chi, Badminton, Line Dancing, Ballet for children and for over 55s, Indoor Bowls, Sutton Coldfield Poetry Society, Antenatal yoga, Birchfield String Orchestra, Sutton Coldfield Photography Club, Sutton Arts Theatre, Slimming World, Smart 11+ Tuition, Stamp Fairs, Speech and Drama exams, National Trust coffee mornings and lectures, Royal Sutton Coldfield Philatelic Society, Tumbletots, U3A classes in French, German, Genealogy, Philosophy, Dancing and Enjoy Opera and PKA Karate.

In addition to this we also have local residents meetings and occasional other outside organisations using our rooms for meetings. E.g. Sutton Ramblers, Sutton Coldfield Stroke Club, Coeliac Society, Birmingham City Council for ballot box distribution.

In March 2020, however, the global pandemic of Covid-19 stopped everything. Some activities resumed in September only to stop again in October / November and again in January to March but most have now resumed.

6. Objectives:

Our objectives are in line with those of the Methodist Church which are:-

Worship

The Church exists to increase awareness of God's presence and to celebrate God's love.

Learning & Caring

The Church exists to help people to grow and learn as Christians, through mutual support and care.

Service

The Church exists to be a good neighbour to people in need and to challenge injustice.

Evangelism

The Church exists to make more followers of Jesus Christ.

7. Activities and Milestones :

The church is two years into a new and exciting development by employing a part-time Community Worker for Ministry to Older People. This post is being funded for a period of 3 or 4 years from our Legacy Account and will have two broad areas of ministry – to the

church members and adherents and to the community centre users and the local elderly community.

The premises have been maintained in excellent condition and are an asset both for the church itself and the local community.

Despite all the restrictions we were still able to give to outside causes. We gave £689 to World Mission, £55 to Mission in Britain, £373 to All We Can (previously Methodist Relief & Development Fund), £940 to Christian Aid, £273 to Retired Presbyters and Deacons, £206 to Crisis at Christmas and £539 to Methodist Homes. In all, the special collections raised £3,091 for outside causes and a further £4,000 was given from our church funds to 20 organisations and charities.

We also sent 75 shoe boxes to Moldova.

The photo-voltaic panels which were installed on the roof of the Church Centre in 2013 generate just over 30,000 kWh/year. These continue to make a significant contribution to reducing our carbon footprint and helping to protect the environment as well as reducing our electricity bills.

8. Future Plans:

The Church plans:-

- To continue to offer worship which is varied in style blending the traditional and the modern
- To continue to offer groups for Prayer, Bible Study and Spiritual Growth
- To encourage the development and growth of the various groups which make up our Church Family
- To support financially, according to our means, charities both Methodist and more widely

9. Risk Assessment:

Risk Management is monitored via the regular trustees meetings. The main items of concern are maintenance of membership, safety and adequacy of the building used, balance of funding to maintain current activities, the ongoing commitment of volunteers in running the church and the community centre and ensuring the church operates within existing and potential regulation and legislation. The more recent risk has been mitigating the effect of Covid-19 on the church's finances. Thanks to the prudent management of reserves the church is able to survive a drop in its income for the short to medium term.

THE METHODIST CHURCH STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

Sutton Coldfield Methodist Church	Church
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FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 August 2021

Birmingham Sutton Park	Circuit	Circuit no	504
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Registered Charity - Charity Registration number

1128900

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. Alan Smithson

Church Stewards:

Peter Le Brocq	Gill Wallwork
Leslie Burkwood	Joan Burkwood
Ann Cole	Cynthia Reakes
Martin Dutton	

Treasurer:

Grahame Tench

SECTION A		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
		£	£	£	£
a1	RECEIPTS	Note			
a2	Offerings and Tax recovered	61,127		61,127	64,952
a3	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income	186	256	442	1,683
a4	Lettings	29,258		29,258	40,022
a5	Other receipts	28,472	61	29,954	27,426
a6	TOTAL RECEIPTS	119,043	317	120,781 (a7)	134,083

SECTION B					
b1	PAYMENTS				
b2	Circuit Assessment or Share	64,501		64,501	58,000
b3	Donations	4,500		4,500	4,600
b4	Repairs and Maintenance	16,988		16,988	35,699
b5	Utilities (Insurances, water charges, heating & lighting)	11,439		11,439	20,123
b6					
b7	Other payments	14,097	9,775	23,872	28,082
b8	TOTAL PAYMENTS	111,525	9,775	121,300 (b9)	146,504

SECTION C					
c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	(a6-b8)	7,518	(9,458)	(1,940)
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year		149,190	83,549	232,739 (c6)
c3	Sub total	(c1+c2)	156,708	74,091	230,799
c4	Transfers and adjustments				(c7)
c5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR	(c3+c4)	156,708	74,091	230,799 (c8)
					232,739 (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				
d2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations		3,092		3,878
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations		3,092		3,878
d4	BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID	(d1+d2-d3)			

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 2021 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		1,406	4,016	(2,610)		10,061	7,451
e2							
e3							
e4							
e5							
e6							
e7							
e8	Sub total of Internal Organisations funds	1,406	4,016	(2,610)		10,061 (e11)	7,451 (e12)
e9	Church accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)	120,781 (a7)	121,300 (b9)	(519)	(c7)	232,739 (c6)	232,220 (c8)
e10	TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	122,187	125,316	(3,129)		242,800 (x)	239,671 (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 2021**

		OPENING BALANCES	CLOSING BALANCES
f1	Cash in hand		
f2	Bank Current Account	14,312	37,743
f3	Bank Deposit Account		
f4	Central Finance Board	134,777	120,407
f5	Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes	83,589	74,070
f6	Other funds	61	
f7	SUB TOTAL - Church accounts	232,739 (c6)	232,220 (c8)
f8	Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance total from above) (e12)	10,061 (e11)	7,451 (e12)
f9	TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	242,800 (x)	239,671 (y)

SECTION G**OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES**

		At 1 September 2020	At 31 August 2021
g1	Investments (include Endowments)		
g2	Land & Buildings (see notes re Insurance value)		
g3	Other Assets		
g4	Loan(s) - show amount outstanding at year end	300	380
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 .. Sutton Coldfield Methodist Church

Declarations and Scrutiny

I confirm that these Receipt and Payment based accounts for the year to 31 August 2021 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..... 19/12/21

Name and address of treasurer Grahame Tench

24 Frederick Road, Sutton Coldfield. Post Code B73 5QW

Presentation to the Church trustees

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2021 were/will be* presented to the meeting of the Church trustees held on

Signature of the Chair of the meeting 

Name of the Chair of the meeting Rev. Alan Smithson Date .. 19/12/21

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

Sutton Coldfield Methodist Church

Charity Number 1128900

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Sutton Coldfield Methodist Church for the year ended 31 August 2021 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 .. Sutton Coldfield Methodist Church

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 examiner A M Sanders

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner N/A

Name of firm (where appropriate)

Address 149 Tamworth Road

Sutton Coldfield. Post Code B756DY

Date 15th December 2021

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SUTTON COLDFIELD METHODIST CHURCH

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST AUGUST 2020

Accounting Policies

(a) These are accounts within the guidance of charity legislation and show income of greater than £100,000.

(b) Church Land and Buildings:

It is not considered relevant to include a valuation for the Church Land and Buildings on the Balance Sheet because of their functional nature.

The buildings are insured for a total of £5,874,320 made up as follows:

Church	£2,141,501
Church Centre	£3,229,248
Church House	£186,956
Pavillion	£181,291
Hut	£45,324

The organ is insured within the buildings cover for the church.

The site value is not known.

(c) Receipts and Payments

The income and expenditure has been reported on a receipts and payments basis in accordance with section 133 of the Charities Act 2011

(d) Loans

An interest free loan has been made to an employee repayable at £60 per month.

(e) Grants

Exceptionally this year grants of £19,403.07 were received via Birmingham City Council and other bodies for charitable activities during the Covid 19 outbreak.

(f) Internal Groups

Again this year many internal groups have not met and therefore the accounts reflect this. In the light of change in various Banks some accounts have been closed and other groups have ceased to exist.

(g) Gross Wages

During the course of the year gross salaries which were identified as being eligible for the Government Job Retention Scheme totalled £19,536.16 enabling the Church to reclaim a total of £6,888.84. This included £516.34 owing from the previous financial year. The payroll amounts are shown in the accounts after deduction of these sums.

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