



## Trustees' Annual Report for the period

	Period start date				Period end date		
From	1st	Sept	2022	To	31 <sup>st</sup>	August	2023

### Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name

St John's Methodist Church

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any)

1128903

Charity's principal address

53-55 Mostyn Street

Llandudno

Postcode

LL30 2NN

#### Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1 Nigel Rodgers	Chairman		Circuit
2 Lyn Brown	Secretary		
3 Pat Preston	Circuit Steward		
4 Janet Smith	Pastoral		
5 Graham Tovey	Property		
6 John Hollands	Property		
7 Mary Jones	Steward		
8 Val Conway	Sunday Seekers		
9 Janet Hughes	Steward/Circuit Steward		

10 Rhian Smith Communion Steward  
/ Safeguarding /  
Circuit Rep / Senior  
Steward

11 Linda Harper Church Rep

12 Peter Ackerley Church / Circuit  
Rep

13 Margaret Jones Church Rep

14 Carolyn Styan Church Rep

15 Sarah Small Church Rep

16 Rita Johnston Church Rep

17 David Barratt Church

18 Michael Bennett Church Rep

19 Alan Gordon Church Rep

20 Marjorie Price Church Rep

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**Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)**

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

**Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)**

Type of adviser	Name	Address

**Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)**

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## Section B

## Structure, governance and management

### Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document  
(eg. trust deed, constitution)

Deed of Union (1932) and Methodist Church Act (1978)

How the charity is constituted  
(eg. trust, association, company)

Act of Parliament

Trustee selection methods  
(eg. appointed by, elected by)

Appointed by Church Council/some ex-officio

### Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

Induction/training: range of guidance produced by Methodist Connexion leaflet "The Role of a Trustee" is given to each Trustee.

Structure: the church is part of the Conwy & Prestatyn Circuit of the Methodist Church. The Methodist Church's organisational structure and governance is contained in the document "The Constitutional Practice and Discipline of the Methodist church."

Risks: the Church regularly reviews Safeguarding and Health and Safety issues and holds training sessions.

## Section C

## Objectives and activities

**Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document**

Objectives are set out in the Methodist Church Act 1976 (clause 4) - synopsis: the Advancement of Religion and any charitable purposes of the Methodist Church organisation.

**Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)**

In the course of the church's activities, the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit, and in particular, to that given on charities for the advancement of religion.

We aim to help people to live out their faith through worship and prayer; through pastoral care and learning together, and through outreach to the local community and to the wider world.

The church and ancillary buildings, situated in the heart of Llandudno, play an important part in the achievement of our aim; due consideration, therefore, is given to the upkeep and improvement of the property.

The church council meets regularly to oversee all aspects of this work.

**Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)**

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.



**Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year**

During the reported year of 2022/23 St John's has increased its activities in response in response to the cost of living crisis suffered across the country. There has also been recovery of many previously held activities, i.e. male voice choir season, Lego exhibition & craft stall for two weeks, toddlers singing, Friday coffee . This recovery has been possible following increased confidence in the Covid vaccination programme, supported by risk assessments to minimise the effects of increased mixing of people. It is understood that Covid is now in the community, with its associated impact from time to time.

Sunday worship ( including refreshments after the service), Thursday Prayer Services for Wholeness and Healing, open church on Thursday afternoons & Friday mornings continue.

With increased confidence we now hold Church run coffee mornings every Friday.

Hiring sessions have resumed including regular craft fairs & hospitality on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays & Saturdays. Other hiring sessions occur too, as required and organised.

From January 2023 onwards St John's registered with the government approved "Warm Welcome" scheme, which has offered the town a Welcome & Warm Space from 1-4pm every Friday, with no charge for refreshments offered. This has proved very popular with everyone who gathers to play community jigsaws, use the WiFi, experience friendship and chats, bring their own needlework, and enjoy a warm friendly space with no church agenda. It was identified that the people who attended had a need for company as well as heat & food, so for this reason the warm space became the welcome space & has continued throughout the year, beyond the timeframe requested by local & national government agencies.

In terms of nurturing our congregation and outreach efforts a Bible study series took place during Lent / Easter, and one is planned for September/October 2023.

Work was done in 2022 to enable good ventilation of the church hall. We are planning to fit powered mechanisms to our heavy exterior hall doors in January 2024 to aid accessibility for those who find visiting our premises physically difficult.

The church remains strong and determined to witness to God's love for all.



## Section E Financial review

### Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The church's policy is to review reserves annually to ensure that the level held matches as closely as possible the level required to meet commitments essential to its operation, and to make prudent provision for the maintenance of its property and the ongoing development of the church's life and work.

### Details of any funds materially in deficit

None

### Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

## Section F Other optional information

## Section G Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

*JP*

*Janet K. Smith*

Full name(s)

PP Nigel Rodgers

Janet Smith

*Janet K. Smith*

Position (eg Secretary,  
Chair, etc)

Chair

*JPARK - minister*

Treasurer

*Janet Smith - Treasurer*

Date

*7.1.24*



**THE METHODIST CHURCH**  
**STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS**

St John's Methodist Llandudno

Church

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED**

**31 August 2023**

Conwy and Prestatyn	Circuit	Circuit no	02/12
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**Registered Charity - Charity Registration number**

1128903

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 Nigel Rodgers

**Church Stewards:**

Janet Hughes

Rhian Smith

Mary Jones

**Treasurer:**

Janet Smith

SECTION A		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
		£	£	£	£
1	RECEIPTS				
	Note				
2	Offerings and Tax recovered	35,641		35,641	28,271
3	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income	5,220		5,220	583
4	Lettings	34,144		34,144	29,808
5	Other receipts	39,210		39,210	76,381
6	TOTAL RECEIPTS	114,215		114,215 (a7)	135,043

SECTION B					
1	PAYMENTS				
2	Circuit Assessment or Share	33,310		33,310	32,628
3	Donations				
4	Repairs and Maintenance	9,921		9,921	11,403
5	Utilities (Insurances, water charges, heating & lighting)	25,700		25,700	13,163
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7	Other payments	50,445		50,445	31,216
8	TOTAL PAYMENTS	119,376		119,376 (b9)	88,410

SECTION C					
1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	(a6-b8)	(5,161)	(5,161)	46,633
2	Total funds brought forward from last year		187,651	187,651 (c6)	150,506
3	Sub total	(c1+c2)	182,490	182,490	197,139
4	Transfers and adjustments			(c7)	(9,488)
5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR	(c3+c4)	182,490	182,490 (c8)	187,651 (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		716		574
d2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations				
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations		716		574
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 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
Benevolence (HSBC -£1,282 and CFB -£1,592)	292	17	275	366	2,232	2,873
Flowers	487	501	(14)	254	458	698
Sandra Lamb (HSBC)		2,500	(2,500)		2,500	
Sybil Webburn (HSBC)		169	(169)		6,988	6,819
Sub total of Internal Organisations funds	779	3,187	(2,408)	620	12,178 (e11)	10,390 (e12)
Church accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)	114,215 (a7)	119,376 (b9)	(5,161) (c7)		187,651 (c6)	182,490 (c8)
<b>TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH</b>	<b>114,994</b>	<b>122,563</b>	<b>(7,569)</b>	<b>620</b>	<b>199,829 (x)</b>	<b>192,880 (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 2023

	OPENING BALANCES	CLOSING BALANCES
1 Cash in hand	40	
2 Bank Current Account	20,366	25,496
3 Bank Deposit Account		
4 Central Finance Board	21,432	11,969
5 Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes	145,813	145,025
6 Other funds		
7 <b>SUB TOTAL - Church accounts</b>	<b>187,651 (c6)</b>	<b>182,490 (c8)</b>
8 Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance total from above) (e12)	<b>12,178 (e11)</b>	<b>10,390 (e12)</b>
9 <b>TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH</b>	<b>199,829 (x)</b>	<b>192,880 (y)</b>

## SECTION G

## OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES

	At 1 September 2022	At 31 August 2023
g1 Investments (include Endowments)		
g1 Land & Buildings (see notes re Insurance value)	7,612,000	7,612,000
g3 Other Assets		
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: St Johns Methodist Church No.....

1128903

## 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 .....

Name and address of treasurer ..... Peter Ackerley

4, Plas Tynno, Llanfrynog, Llanbrynmair, LL30 3ER. Post Code LL30 3ER.

### Presentation to the Church trustees

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2023 were/will be presented to the meeting of the Church trustees held on 7.1.24.

Signature of the Chair of the meeting .....

Name of the Chair of the meeting: Nigel Rodgers

Date .....

## Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

### ST JOHNS METHODIST CHURCH

Charity Number . 1128903

### Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the St Johns Methodist 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.

Name of Church: St Johns Methodist Church No 1128903

### 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 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 ..... Mark Butterworth BSc (Hons), FCA, FCCA

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner ..... Chartered Accountant

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

Address ..... Butterworths, Windsor House, 26 Mostyn Avenue, Craig-y-Don, Llandudno, Conwy

..... Post Code .... LL30 1YY

Date ..... 5/12/2023



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Name and address of treasurer ..... Peter Ackerley

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*Nigel Rodgers*

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