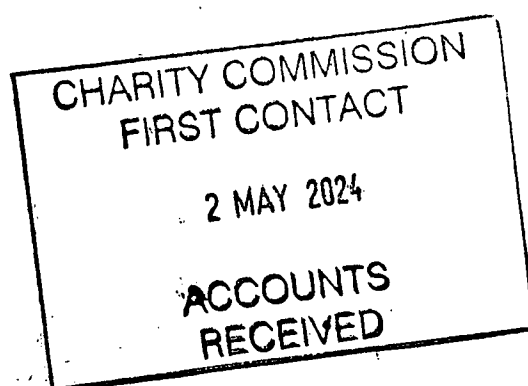


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Annual Report 2023

Welcome to the annual report for 2022-23. I find myself in a situation similar to that in which the Rev David Owen found himself last year, when he had just succeeded the Rev Gill Sharp who had been the minister during the period covered in that year's report. While I had become superintendent minister of the Derby circuit in 2022, it was not until the summer of 2023 when, recognising that David was facing a number of significant health issues, it was agreed that I should become minister of Mickleover Methodist Church. David's ministry – and perhaps especially his preaching – were greatly appreciated by many people, and we have been so glad to hear of great improvements in his health in the ensuing months.

So, while I can't comment first-hand on the events of 2022-23, I can share my broader reflections on the life of the church.

My first impressions, confirmed by subsequent experience, were of a church striving, and often succeeding, to be part of God's mission to God's world in the post-Covid era. We are still recovering from the lockdowns and recognising that some things will never be the same. As in most churches, not all who worshipped with us have returned to our congregations. Moreover, in the two years of the pandemic's greatest impact, we have all grown two years older, and none of us will be the same again!

I was struck by the number of deeply-committed lay people whom I encountered wearing a multiplicity of "hats". While affirming their self-giving, that so many are taking on multiple roles is a reminder that we urgently need to encourage others to share actively in the church's mission.

I continue to be "included in the loop" of the myriad of emails which circulate among the members of the Business Team as between meetings they ensure that the premises are kept in an excellent – or perhaps rather outstanding – state of repair. We have a superb set of premises which are warm, inviting and welcoming, as well as being well-used.

The Leadership Team ended the year with just four members, severely limiting its ability to deal with all the concerns that come to it. New members were sought, without success, imperilling the effectiveness of the leadership model. The pastoral visitors continue faithfully to care in love for their groups, with an increasing number of older members now in residential care.

Our work with children and families is a real strength; not only the leadership offered by Fiona, our children and families worker, but also the support she gets from church members, exemplified by the numbers helping at Messy Church. Also, thanks are due to Naomi, our church administrator.

As Mickleover Methodist Church prepares for yet another new minister in 2024, it has much to be thankful about. However, there can be no room for complacency. Those post-Covid challenges continue to impact us; we are all aware of demography of our church family; we all know that replicating the models of mission which worked so well in the 20th century is not an option.

Yet fundamentally, it is a faithful Church, effective in so many ways. God has not forsaken us, and will not do so. How we can be effective in sharing in his mission and living out a Gospel of love will continue to be a challenge.

Rev Dr Stuart Bell,
Superintendent minister with pastoral charge of Mickleover Methodist Church.

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Trustees' Annual Report

The trustees present their report and financial statements for the year ended 31 August 2023. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the accounts and comply with the Charity's trust deed, the Charities Act 2011 and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: statement of recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland effective on 1 January 2019.

PUBLIC BENEFIT

The Trustees confirm that they have complied with their duties under Section 17 of the 2011 Charities Act with regard to Public Benefit.

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

The purposes of the Methodist Church are and shall be deemed to have been since the Date of Union the advancement of:

- The Christian faith in accordance with the doctrinal standards and discipline of The Methodist Church.
- Any charitable purpose for the time being of any Connexional, District, Circuit, local or other organisation of The Methodist Church.
- Any charitable purpose for the time being of any society or institution subsidiary or ancillary to The Methodist Church.
- Any purpose for the time being of any charity being a charity subsidiary or ancillary to The Methodist Church.

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.

Mission Statement and Our Aims

Mickleover Methodist Church's mission is to develop a church family which is continually growing in Christian faith, worship and outreach so that all may know the love of God through Christ.

We achieve this as we commit ourselves to God in spiritual growth through prayer and bible reading and stewardship of time, talents and money.

TO BE GOD'S PEOPLE EVERYWHERE EVERYDAY

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Our Regular Activities

All are welcome to join in our activities whether members of the Church or not.

When planning our activities, the Church Council and Leadership Team have considered the Charity Commissioners guidance on public benefit and in particular, the specific guidance on charities for the advancement of religion. Our regular charitable activities are:

- Promotion of Christianity through diverse worship and other events for all ages.
- The teaching of Christianity through sermons, courses, and small groups.
- Activity and fellowship groups for our church community.
- Caring for our church members and community including visiting the sick and bereaved.
- Promotion of Christianity through the staging of events and services for all ages
- Providing a space for non-church community activities
- Supporting local UK and overseas charities
- Working with other churches in Mickleover
- Preschool (OFSTED registered)
- Young people's activities including Scouts, Cubs Beavers, Girl's Brigade

Volunteers

In order for all the Church's activities to take place we rely on, and are indebted to, the work of everyone who undertake these tasks voluntarily. There are approximately 40 volunteers (mostly over 70 years of age) working throughout the church to ensure its activities are run effectively, efficiently and safely.

OUR ACHIEVEMENTS ON OUR PRIORITIES FOR 2022/23

We continue to follow our 5-year plan where we consider our priorities under the Methodist Church Mission Plan template and the 4 aspects of Our Calling, Worship, Learning and Caring, Service and Evangelism. Our building has always been a centre for both the church and the wider community to meet. It has also been a transitional year as we sought to find a replacement minister.

Our overall goal for the next 5 years

For all those inside and outside the church to grow in the love of God and show that love by serving the Community of Mickleover and beyond.

- 1. By offering a wide range of worshipping opportunities that attract those inside and outside the church and help us to worship God in spirit and in truth**

This is what we have achieved in year 2

- Maintained our current policy of recording numbers attending church services.. This has given us reliable evidence for assessing a response to different initiatives.
- Continued with a singing/music group to provide ongoing support for special services and addressing the shortage of organists
- Continued with a pattern of worship post covid – online and face to face. Morning Worship and Communion continue to be available in church, and on zoom for those unable to attend worship in person. Monthly evening communion has been established and monthly 'All Age Worship'.
- Supported our young people who attended a youth weekend allowing them to explore their faith.
- We continue to trial cafe worship on a quarterly basis. We also have more services led by our own local preachers/worship leaders to take responsibility for inclusive services with the younger people.
- Regular bi-monthly worship forums are open to all to explore all forms of worship.
- Monthly Messy Church for families and children

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- 2. Offering a wide range of opportunities other than worship to help those inside and outside grow in the knowledge and love of God**

This is what we have achieved in year 2

- Midweek fellowship continues being more inclusive and subsequently numbers have increased
- House and Prayer groups continue on a weekly basis to allow individuals to explore and grow in their faith.
- Bereavement Courses continue to be well attended and widely advertised to the Community

- 3. Our building to become a thriving Christian Community so that the people of Mickleover see the Church as a place of support, acceptance and love**

This is what we have achieved in year 2

- Volunteers in the foyer weekday mornings to welcome pre-school children and carers, and those visiting for other activities.
- Weekly 'Little Micklers' sessions, a toddler and carers group continues as does a small support group for new parents and newborn babies.
- Fun-time restarted as part of the Warm Welcome Initiative
- School holiday time family activities included muddy walks, picnics in the park and other activity sessions.
- Continue to communication with local families via our Facebook and website pages
- Provide support to Preschool allowing them to increase the sessions each week to meet the increased demand for childcare.

- 4. God's people to be equipped and challenged to transform the world**

This is what we have achieved in year 2

- Monthly charity collections continued
- Support for Rotary club Christmas 'shoe boxes'
- Easter and Christmas trails around Mickleover
- Participated in Christmas carols in the community 'Our Mickleover' Christmas Fair
- Posters and leaflets outside church and in the foyer

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PRIORITIES FOR 2023/24

Actions for year 3 of our 5 year plan

Develop our worship and Learning Opportunities

- Continue to record attendance figures to check progress
- Help the music group to reorganise and have opportunities to lead worship
- Worship planning meetings to continue bi-monthly and face to face
- Bereavement course to offer at least 2 new programmes

Develop our work with the community

- Start a new community activity

General

- Improve our communications with the congregation
- Redesign our website to make it more appealing and easier to navigate for users.
- Ensure that either the church is successful in finding a new minister or manage the situation if we do not

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FINANCIAL REVIEW

The year in question has seen our income increase significantly over the year due to the success of the Preschool offering increased sessions each week and running close to capacity throughout the year. We are also indebted to our members generous giving that the deficit on the general account at the year-end (before accounting for depreciation) was as expected. In addition, the increased use of our premises by community organisations means a significant footfall on our premises and provides a significant amount of rental income.

Income trends

The Statement of Financial Activities shows total incoming resources of £289.5k, a significant increase of approximately 21.4% on the previous year. The main reason for this large increase was due to the Preschool offering nine sessions a week instead of seven as in previous years. This increase together with the Preschool running at near 100% capacity increased their income by 49.1% to £135.1k. Income from weekly offertories and Gift Aid income totalled £81.9k which equates to 28.3% of the total income and represents a 8.1% decrease in personal giving on the previous year. This was due to a decrease in membership through death or people moving away. As a Charity registered for Gift Aid, we received approximately £16.7k from the Inland Revenue for all donations and regular giving through the Gift Aid scheme. Income for offerings and regular giving is mainly through monthly standing orders and the weekly envelope scheme with approximately 95% of the total given in this way.

The rental income of £35.1k was received from all sources including the hire of the church halls to various groups and individuals in the community. This represents a small increase of 2.3% on the previous year. Income from the two cottages that the Church Council manage contributed £11.3k of the total income from lettings.

Expenditure trends

The greater part of the income has been used to make payment of £59.5k to the Derby Circuit for our proportion of the Circuit Assessment. This is nearly the same amount as last year and was agreed by the Circuit to help churches through the financial consequences of the pandemic. It equates to approximately 19.6% of our total costs. A significant amount of the Circuit assessment is used to pay the District assessment, stipends and related costs to Ministers. The other significant expenditure now relates to the salaries of the Preschool staff. In 2022/23, the payroll costs amounted to £108.5k. The other expenditure covers the running costs of the local church and these have enabled us to meet the financial commitments of carrying out its charitable objectives.

There is a deficit in funds of £14.3k for the year although this does include £14.9k for depreciation of the organ and other equipment. The total fund balance now stands at £1,914.4k of which £60.9k is for restricted funds.

Fund balances

As at 31 August 2023 the net current assets of the Church were £100.2k which is more than sufficient to provide four months' cover for expenditure.

The restricted net current assets of the Church at 31 August 2023 were £60.9k giving approximately six month's cover for expenditure.

Plans for 2023/24

Church financial plans for the coming year have been prepared on the basis of an average of the previous three years subject to any specific anomalies within those figures. Any specific items planned for the coming year have also been incorporated into the financial plan.

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Reserves Policy

The Church Council has considered the level of reserves which should be maintained within the Charity and this will be reviewed annually. Such reserves are needed for each fund to cover working capital, the risk of possible shortfalls in charitable income and other contingencies.

The **General Fund** is required to meet our contribution to the Derby Circuit for ministerial stipends, our current mission and outreach plans together with the normal running expenses associated with the church. Personal giving plus tax recovered from Gift Aid and income from lettings is sufficient to meet our contribution as our share of the Circuit Assessment and general running costs of the premises.

It is our policy, if funds allow, to retain reserves of: -

- £48.5k which equates to 4 months working capital
- £8.6k for the depreciation of the AV and other equipment over the next three years
- £3.4k retained in the Legacy and Cottages Fund for special projects
- £15.9k to cover the shortfall in employment costs for 2 years for a Children & Families Worker
- £17.7k for major repairs to the Church and two cottages owned by the Church.

This reserve policy will be reviewed on an annual basis.

There is a further £60.9k held in other **restricted funds** which will be used according to their designation.

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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

NAME OF CHARITY	Mickleover Methodist Church
CHARITY NUMBER	1128907
DATE OF REGISTRATION	31 March 2009
PRINCIPAL OFFICE ADDRESS	Mickleover Methodist Church Station Road Mickleover Derby DE3 9GH Tel: 01332 735052
EMAIL	mick.meth2@gmail.com
WEBSITE	www.mickleovermethodist.org.uk

The members of the Mickleover Methodist Church meeting are the Charity Trustees, membership being made up of church office holders, Minister and representatives appointed by the church at the Annual General Meeting.

A full list of Church Council members and key lay employees are shown on page 9 of this report.

TREASURER	Mr John Spray
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The Treasurer acted as the principal officer overseeing the day-to-day financial management and accounting for the Church during the year.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER	Mr A Butterfield Haines Watts Chartered Accountants Cliffe Hill House 22-26 Nottingham Road Stapleford Nottingham NG9 8AA
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BANKERS	HSBC Plc 1 St Peter's Street Derby DE1 2AE Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church 9 Bonhill Street London EC2A 4PE
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Members of the Church Council – Officers, Advisors and Lay Workers

	Position	Appointed by
Ministers		
Rev Dr. Stuart Bell	Chairman	Ex-officio
Rev David Owen	Circuit Minister	Ex-officio (until August 2023)
Marilyn Bagworth	Secretary to Church Council	Ex-officio
John Spray	Treasurer	Ex-officio
Dot Thompson	Secretary to the Pastoral team	Ex-officio
Leadership Stewards		
Janet Patmore	Worship	Ex-officio
Viv Richard	Fellowship	Ex-officio
Dot Thompson	Learning and Pastoral	Ex-officio
Janet Tristram	Community and Service	Ex-officio
Derrick Tuplin	Evangelism & Mission	Ex-officio (Resigned July 2023)
Laraine Tuplin	Resources & Secretarial	Ex-officio (Resigned January 2023)
Policy Protection Officers		
Meryl Spray	Safeguarding Officer	Church Council
Michelle Woodcock	Safeguarding Officer	Church Council
Other Members		
John McCartney	Circuit Steward	Ex-officio (Resigned Dec 2022)
Peter Nelson	Circuit Steward	Ex-officio (from September 2023)
Mike Bagworth	Church Member	ACM*
Ian Clark	Church Member	ACM
Margaret Clark	Church Member	ACM
Ray Forey	Church Member	ACM
Adam McLoughlin	Church Member	ACM
Pam Morgan	Church Member	ACM
Phil Royle	Church Member	ACM
Margaret Vincent	Church Member	ACM
Sue Atherton	Children & Families Worker Management	Church Council
Mike Shooter	Ecumenical Officer	Church Council (Resigned Oct 2022)
Richard Morgan	Health & Safety Representative	Church Council
Anna Forey	Vestry Team Representative	Church Council
Sally Levitt	Secretary to the Business Team	Church Council
Margaret Clark	Preschool Management Representative	Church Council
Richard Morgan	Scout Group Representative	Church Council
Dot Thompson	Girls Brigade Representative	Church Council

The position of Ecumenical Officer is now vacant.

*ACM – Annual Church Meeting

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STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing Document

Mickleover Methodist Church is a registered Charity (registered charity no. 1128907) and is governed by the Deed of Union (1932) and Methodist Church Act (1976). It is one of nineteen Methodist Churches that form the Derby Circuit which in turn is part of the Nottingham & Derby District and is also accountable to the Methodist Conference.

The registered Charity is a subsidiary of the Methodist Church of Great Britain (Registered Charity no. 1132208).

Organisational Structure

The members of the Church Council are the Managing Trustees of the Charity and are responsible for the aims and objectives of the organisation. It delegates areas of its work to the Leadership Stewards with the help of the Pastoral and Business Teams. The responsibilities of these teams are:

Leadership Stewards – Jointly responsible, with the minister in pastoral charge, to give leadership and co-ordination over the whole range of the life and activity of the church. Each steward has responsibility for evangelism, fellowship, learning & pastoral, community, mission and service, resources and worship.

Pastoral Team – Responsible for and provides information to the Church Council on all aspects of care and well-being of all people associated with the church.

Business Team – Responsible for and advises the Church Council on all matters relating to financial control, health and safety and property management.

Election and Appointment of Officers

The Church Council consists of the following ex-officio officers:

Three active Circuit Ministers,
The Leadership Stewards,
The Church Treasurer,
The Secretary of the Pastoral Team,
The Secretary of the Church Council meeting,
And one Circuit Steward (appointed by the Circuit).

In addition, the Annual Church Meeting (ACM) appoints between six and fifteen members to the Council. The Church Council may appoint a maximum of fifteen further persons to ensure that all areas of the church's life are adequately represented and in particular that, wherever possible, young people are included in its membership.

The Chair of the Church Council is appointed by the Superintendent Minister of the Circuit, and is usually the Minister given pastoral charge of the Church.

All office holders and members of the Church Council are appointed annually, and may serve for a maximum of six years. This limit may be extended if it would otherwise be impossible to adequately fill an essential office. A list of members of the Church Council is shown on page 9.

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Trustee Training

A range of guidance produced by Methodist Connexion to support the effective running of the church and the role of the Trustees is given to the Church Trustees at various meetings and training sessions.

Risk Management

The Church Council oversees the strategic risk of the organisation with operational risk assessment and management being delegated to the Business Team. Risk control is exercised appropriately by members of the Business Team undertaking a formal review of strategic and operational risks for the organisation. Risk management is encouraged into the organisation by the Business Team coordinating the risk reviews and obtaining feedback from all users of the premises. The major risks have been identified and recorded by the trustees with professional advice taken as required. There is a regular annual review process undertaken and recorded.

Income and expenditure is monitored in total and is compared with the approved annual budget on a quarterly basis to detect trends as part of the risk management process to avoid unforeseen calls on reserves.

Safeguarding

Every person has a value and dignity which comes directly from the creation of male and female in God's own image and likeness. Christians see this potential as fulfilled by God's re-creation of us in Christ. Among other things this implies a duty to value all people as bearing an image of God and therefore to protect them from harm.

Many children and adults use the premises by attending the activities organised by the church and various external organisations. With this in mind, Mickleover Methodist Church has adopted the Methodist Connexional practice to safeguarding which outlines commitment to the following principles:-

- The care and nurture of, and respectful pastoral ministry with, all children, young people and adults
- The safeguarding and protection of all children, young people and adults when they are vulnerable
- The establishing of safe, caring communities which provide a loving environment where there is informed vigilance as to the dangers of abuse
- We will carefully select and train all those with any responsibility within the church, in line with Safer Recruitment principles, including the use of criminal records disclosures and registration with the relevant vetting and barring schemes.
- We will respond without delay to every complaint made which suggests that an adult, child or young person may have been harmed, cooperating with the police and local authority in any investigation
- We will seek to work with anyone who has suffered abuse, developing with them an appropriate ministry of informed pastoral care.
- We will seek to challenge any abuse of power, especially by anyone in a position of trust
- We will seek to offer pastoral care and support, including supervision and referral to the proper authorities, to any member of our church community known to have offended against a child, young person or vulnerable adult.
- In all these principles we will follow legislation, guidance and recognised good practice

Our safeguarding policy is updated and approved annually and is managed by the safeguarding officers appointed by Church Council.

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Related parties

The following organisations are an integral part of this church:-

149th Derby Beaver, Cub and Scout group (Sponsored organisation)
10th Derby Girls Brigade Company
Mickleover Methodist Pre-school
Tuesday Fellowship Group
Little Micklers Childrens Group

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

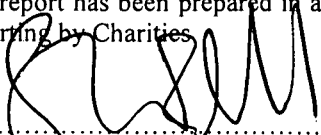
The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Report of the Trustees and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

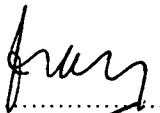
The law applicable to charities in England and Wales, the Charities Act 2011, Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provision of the Trust Deed require the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure of the Charity for the financial year. In preparing those financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

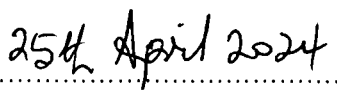
- Select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- Observe the methods and principles in the appropriate charities SORP;
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- State whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures that must be disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Charity will continue in operation.

The Trustees are responsible for maintaining the proper accounting records, which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

This report has been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice; Accounting and Reporting by Charities


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On behalf of the Trustees-Rev Dr. Stuart Bell


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Treasurer – John Spray


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Date

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of
Mickleover Methodist Church**

I report to the Trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Mickleover Methodist Church (The Trust) for the year ended 31 August 2023.

Responsibilities and Basis of Report

As the Charity Trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

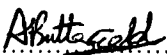
I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

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 giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:-

1. Accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. The accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. The accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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.


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Alexander Butterfield ACA
Haines Watts Chartered Accountants
Cliffe Hill House
22-26 Nottingham Road
Stapleford
Nottingham
NG9 8AA

Date: 29 April 2024.

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Statement of Financial Activities
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	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £
INCOMING RESOURCES							
Donations and Legacies	2(a)	84,784	3,501	88,285	96,443	4,496	100,938
Charitable Activities	2(b)	47,421	139,770	187,191	32,587	93,262	125,849
Investment Income	2(c)	2,795	-	2,795	311	-	311
Investment Property Income	2(c)	11,280	-	11,280	11,405	-	11,405
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES		146,280	143,271	289,551	140,746	97,758	238,504
EXPENDITURE							
Expenditure on Charitable Activities	3(a) -3(b)	168,610	135,219	303,829	148,665	92,298	240,963
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		168,610	135,219	303,829	148,665	92,298	240,963
Net gains (losses) on investments assets – unrealised		-	-	-	-	-	-
NET INCOME/EXPENDITURE		(22,330)	8,052	(14,278)	(7,919)	5,460	(2,459)
Transfer Between Funds		-	-	-	-	-	-
Net Movement in Funds		(22,330)	8,052	(14,278)	(7,919)	5,460	(2,459)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS							
Total funds brought forward		1,875,819	52,824	1,928,643	1,883,738	47,364	1,931,102
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	7	1,853,489	60,876	1,914,365	1,875,819	52,824	1,928,643

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Balance Sheet as at 31 August 2023

	Note	Restricted Funds £	Unrestricted Funds £	2023 £	2022 £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible Fixed Assets	4	-	1,512,335	1,512,335	1,520,803
Fixed Asset Investments	6	-	247,000	247,000	247,000
Total Fixed Assets		-	1,759,335	1,759,335	1,767,803
CURRENT ASSETS					
Sundry Debtors		179	26,836	27,015	29,563
Investments		42,940	68,577	111,517	112,127
Cash at bank and in hand		37,913	6,545	44,458	45,593
Total Current Assets		81,032	101,958	182,990	187,283
CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year					
Sundry Creditors		20,156	6,004	26,160	24,043
		(20,156)	(6,004)	(26,160)	(24,043)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		60,876	95,954	156,830	163,240
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		60,876	1,855,289	1,916,165	1,931,043
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due after more than one year	5	-	(1,800)	(1,800)	(2,400)
NET ASSETS		60,876	1,853,489	1,914,365	1,928,643
REPRESENTED BY FUNDS					
Unrestricted funds	-	General	1,560,889	1,589,115	
	-	Designated	292,599	286,704	
			60,877	52,824	
Restricted funds					
TOTAL CHARITY FUNDS	8			1,914,365	1,928,643

Approved by the Church Council on 25th April 2024 and signed on its behalf by:

Rev Dr Stuart Bell - Chairman

Mr John Spray - Treasurer

Dated -

25th April 2024

The notes on pages 16 to 22 form part of these financial statements

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 August 2023

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of Accounting

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 together with Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102), and the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) and Charities Act 2011. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note.

The church constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS102.

The Trustees' consider that there are no material uncertainties about the church's ability to continue as a going concern.

The financial statements are presented in sterling (£).

Funds

Unrestricted funds represent the funds of the Church that are not subject to any restrictions regarding their use and are available for application on the general purposes of the Church. These may include funds designated for a particular purpose by the Church.

The purpose of any restricted funds is noted in the accounts.

The accounts only include transactions, assets and liabilities for which the Church can be held responsible.

Incoming Resources

Voluntary income and capital sources

Collections and regular giving are recognised when received by or on behalf of the Church.

Income tax recoverable on covenanted or gift aid donations is recognised when claimable.

Grants to the Church are accounted for when received as soon as the Church is notified of its legal entitlement, the amount due is quantifiable and its ultimate receipt by the Church is reasonably certain.

Funds raised by social and similar events are accounted for gross.

Other ordinary income

Rental income from the letting of church premises is accounted for when the hiring takes place and also for two properties owned shown as Fixed Asset Investments.

For legacies, entitlement is taken as the earlier of:

- the date on which the charity is aware that probate has been granted;
- the estate has been finalised and notification has been made by the executor(s) to the Trust that a distribution will be made; or
- when a distribution is received from the estate.

Receipt of a legacy, in whole or in part, is only considered probable when the amount can be measured reliably and the charity has been notified of the executor's intention to make a distribution. Where legacies have been notified to the charity or the charity is aware of the granting of probate, and the criteria for income recognition have not been met, then the legacy is treated as a contingent asset and disclosed if material.

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Donated Services and Facilities

Donated services and facilities are recognised as income when the Charity has control over the item, any conditions associated with the donated item have been met, the receipt of economic benefit from the use by the Charity of the item is probable and that economic benefit can be measured reliably. On receipt, donated services and facilities are recognised on the basis of the value of the gift to the Charity which is the amount the charity would have been willing to pay to obtain services or facilities of equivalent economic benefit on the open market; a corresponding amount is then recognised in expenditure in the period of receipt, where this can be quantified.

Income from investments

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the charity; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the bank.

Realised gains and losses

Realised gains or losses are recognised when investments are sold and are calculated as the difference between sales proceeds and the previous year end market value.

Unrealised gains or losses are accounted for on revaluation of investments at their year end market values.

Resources Expended

Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis as a liability is incurred and includes VAT where appropriate, which cannot be recovered. This is recognised when a liability is incurred or a constructive obligation arises that results in the payment being unavoidable.

Giving

Grants and donations are accounted for when paid.

Costs directly related to the work of the church

The Church assessment is accounted for when payable and any amount unpaid at the year end is shown as a creditor in the Balance Sheet or debtor should the amount be paid in advance.

Irrecoverable VAT

Irrecoverable VAT is charged against the expenditure heading for which it was incurred.

Fixed Assets

Land and buildings

Land and buildings held on behalf of the Church for its own purposes are shown at cost. No depreciation is charged on land and buildings as the residual value is believed to be higher than historical cost. Previously the assets were held at a revalued amount, these are now shown at cost and this has resulted in a revaluation adjustment.

Equipment and other fixtures and fittings

Equipment used for church purposes is depreciated over a 10 year period individual items of equipment with a purchase price of £1,000 or less are written off in the period in which the asset is acquired.

Investments

Two properties at 34 and 36 Station Road, Mickleover, Derby – these are not depreciated and are included at fair value as unrestricted assets.

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Pension costs

The church operates a defined contribution pension scheme with Standard Life. Contributions payable to the church pension scheme are charged in the period to which they relate.

Debtors & Prepayments

Debtors includes outstanding letting invoice in August.

Creditors

Creditors includes outstanding item relating to utilities and services payable after the year end date supplied before that date. Creditors and provisions are normally recognised at their settlement amount.

Financial Instruments

The Charity has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value.

Judgements and Key Sources of Estimation Uncertainty

The preparation of accounts using generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities at the date of the accounts and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period.

The key estimates and assumptions used in the Financial Statements are detailed in the accounting policies.

2. INCOMING RESOURCES	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2022 £
2(a) Donated Income – Voluntary				
Collections and regular giving	61,695	3,501	65,196	70,902
Gift Aid recoverable	16,703	-	16,703	18,162
Donations (National and Local)	6,386	-	6,386	11,875
Total Donations and Legacies	84,784	3,501	88,285	100,939
2(b) Gross income from events and activities				
Other Income – Internal Organisation	-	138,693	138,693	92,686
Fund Raising Events	2,304	1,077	3,381	2,746
Lettings Income	23,839	-	23,839	22,910
Sundry and Legacy Income	21,278	-	21,278	7,507
	47,421	139,770	187,191	125,849
2(c) Investment Income				
Bank interest	2,795	-	2,795	311
Investment Property Income	11,280	-	11,280	11,405
	14,075	-	14,075	11,716
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES	146,280	143,271	289,551	238,504

Letting income - is used solely to enhance the activities of the church and its objectives.

Trustees aggregate giving for the year totalled £27,295 (2022: £28,844).

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3. RESOURCES EXPENDED

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2022 £
3(a) Giving				
Connexional Funds	1,625	-	1,625	1,625
	<u>1,625</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,625</u>	<u>1,625</u>
3(b) Directly related to the work of the Church				
Circuit Assessments	59,516	-	59,516	59,060
Internal Organisation	-	22,059	22,059	17,289
Insurance and Utilities	8,996	-	8,996	11,664
Property Expenditure	46,280	-	46,280	24,380
Office and other costs	11,077	4,629	15,706	19,923
Salaries	26,192	108,531	134,723	93,712
Depreciation	14,924	-	14,924	13,310
	<u>166,985</u>	<u>135,219</u>	<u>302,204</u>	<u>239,338</u>
Total Resources Expended	<u>168,610</u>	<u>135,219</u>	<u>303,829</u>	<u>240,963</u>

Other costs include the Independent Examination fee of £750.

4. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

		Freehold Land and Buildings £	Equipment £	Total £
Cost	At 1 September 2022	1,475,000	114,506	1,589,506
	Additions	-	6,456	6,456
	At 31 August 2023	<u>1,475,000</u>	<u>120,962</u>	<u>1,595,962</u>
Depreciation	At 1 September 2022	-	68,703	68,703
	Charge for Year	-	14,924	14,924
	Disposals	-	-	-
	At 31 August 2023	<u>-</u>	<u>83,627</u>	<u>83,627</u>
Net Book Value	At 31 August 2022	<u>1,475,000</u>	<u>45,803</u>	<u>1,520,803</u>
	At 31 August 2023	<u>1,475,000</u>	<u>37,335</u>	<u>1,512,335</u>

The freehold land and buildings comprise the land and property at Station Street, Mickleover.

The Church building and the cottage are currently insured for £3,435,284. A revaluation in 2017 reduced the value of the land and buildings to the original cost.

5. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE AFTER MORE THAN ONE YEAR

	2023 £	2022 £
Church of North India Partnership	<u>1,800</u>	<u>2,400</u>

The church has committed to support the training of a Presbyterian in the Church of North India, a commitment of £600 for 4 years which started in 2013/14. Repayments commenced this year.

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6(a) Investment Properties

Two properties at Station Road, Mickleover, Derby, DE3 9GH

	No. 34 £	No. 36 £	Total £
Valuation as at 24 August 2016 undertaken by Graham Penny.	142,000	105,000	247,000

The properties have not been depreciated as they are held as investment assets.

6(b) Investments

The funds that support the various funds are held by TMCP in Trustees Interest Funds on which interest is credited to the accounts each month. These are regarded as medium and long term investments.

TMCP is the legal owner and Custodian Trustee of all Methodist Model Trust property, including legacies, Endowments and Accumulated funds. Trust Property is held for and on behalf of local Managing Trustees who are responsible for the day to day management of trust property. TMCP ensure that, through providing guidance and acting under their direction, the Managing Trustees comply with Charity Law and Methodist Law and policy as determined by the Methodist Conference.

7. Fund Details

Key: R – Restricted Income Funds, UR – Unrestricted Funds

Year Ended 31 August 2022

Fund Names	Type	Purpose and Restrictions	Fund Balances Brought Forward	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Fund Balances Carried Forward
			£	£	£	£	£
General Fund	UR	Provide outreach and mission and maintain the building	1,589,115	118,013	142,892	(3,347)	1,560,889
Children & Families Worker	UR	Provide outreach to children of Mickleover	-	16,633	19,980	3,347	-
Legacies	UR	Funds held in memory of loved ones	2,745	628	-	-	3,373
Cottages Fund	UR	Upkeep of cottages owned by the Church	283,958	11,005	5,737	-	289,226
External Organisations	R	Provide relief to the poor and disadvantaged	-	3,501	3,501	-	-
Benevolent Fund	R	Relief of poverty and distress in the poor	35	-	-	-	35
Funtime	R	Provide care and support to the elderly	-	268	268	-	-
Little Micklers	R	Support of young children and their carers	225	809	860	-	174
Mickleover Meth Preschool	R	Provision of learning, development and care for children	49,211	135,112	126,475	-	57,848
Tuesday Fellowship	R	Provides care and support to the women of the Church	1,053	1,834	1,764	-	1,123
Wesley Guild	R	Provide fellowship for the community at large	320	-	320	-	-
10 th Derby Girls Brigade	R	Help girls become followers of Jesus Christ	1,981	1,748	2,032	-	1,697
Total Funds			1,928,643	289,551	303,829	-	1,914,365

Designated Fund Balance

There are two accounts set aside for specific use, these are:-

Legacies Donation	3,373
Cottages (see note 6(a))	289,226
	<u>292,599</u>

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Year Ended 31 August 2022

Fund Names	Type	Purpose and Restrictions	Fund Balances Brought Forward	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Fund Balances Carried Forward
			£	£	£	£	£
General Fund	UR	Provide outreach and mission and maintain the building	1,596,597	118,261	125,462	(281)	1,589,115
Children & Families Worker	UR	Provide outreach to children of Mickleover	9,484	9,030	18,795	281	-
Legacies	UR	Funds held in memory of loved ones	3,944	950	2,149	-	2,745
Cottages Fund	R	Upkeep of cottages owned by the Church	273,713	12,505	2,260	-	283,958
External Organisations	R	Provide relief to the poor and disadvantaged	-	4,496	4,496	-	-
Benevolent Fund	R	Relief of poverty and distress in the poor	35	-	-	-	35
Funtime	R	Provide care and support to the elderly	24	-	24	-	-
Little Micklers	R	Support of young children and their carers	249	576	600	-	225
Mickleover Meth Preschool	R	Provision of learning, development and care for children	42,740	90,597	84,126	-	49,211
Women's Fellowship	R	Provides care and support to the women of the Church	1,283	1,289	1,519	-	1,053
Wesley Guild	R	Provide fellowship for the community at large	320	-	-	-	320
10 th Derby Girls Brigade	R	Help girls become followers of Jesus Christ	2,713	800	1,532	-	1,981
Total Funds			1,931,102	238,504	240,963	-	1,928,643

8. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BY FUND

Year Ended 31 August 2023	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2023	Total Funds 2022
	£	£	£	£
Fixed Assets	1,759,335	-	1,759,335	1,767,803
Current Assets/Liabilities	94,153	60,877	155,030	160,840
Fund Balance	1,853,488	60,877	1,914,365	1,928,643

Year Ended 31 August 2022

Year Ended 31 August 2022	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2022	Total Funds 2021
	£	£	£	£
Fixed Assets	1,767,803	-	1,767,803	1,781,113
Current Assets/Liabilities	108,016	52,824	160,840	149,989
Fund Balance	1,875,819	52,824	1,928,643	1,931,102

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9. STAFF COSTS

	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Wages and salaries	130,988	90,844
Pension costs	3,735	2,868
	<u>134,723</u>	<u>93,712</u>

The average number of staff employed during the year were 11 (2022: 9), of those 3 are within the pension scheme.

No employee earned £60,000 p.a or more.

No Trustees /Church Council members received or is due to receive any expenses or remuneration for the year. There are no related party transactions to note.

10. PENSION CONTRIBUTIONS

Mickleover Methodist Church contributes to the pension scheme an amount based on the employee's basic salary and the employees are required to make a minimum contribution. The contributions for the year totalled £3,735 (2022: £2,868) and there were no contributions outstanding at the year end.

Mickleover Methodist Church had 3 active members in the pension scheme at 31 August 2023.

11. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

This Year

Name of related party	Relationship	Description of transaction	Payments to related party during the year 2023 £	Payments to related party during the year 2022 £
JMA	Methodist Fund	Donation	926	1,105
Fund for Support of Presbyters & Deacons	Methodist Fund	Donation	425	425
Fund for Property	Methodist Fund	Donation	500	500
All We Can	Partner	Donation	190	1,445
LWPT	Partner	Donation	537	375
Methodist Homes	Partner	Donation	621	494
Action for Children	Partner	Donation	614	473
Methodist Women in Britain	Partner	Donation	-	109
Mission in Britain Fund	Methodist Fund	Donation	12	-
World Mission Fund	Methodist Fund	Donation	356	-
Susannah Wesley House	Methodist Fund	Donation	25	-
Total			<u>4,206</u>	<u>4,926</u>

There are no other related party transactions.