

# ASHBOURNE METHODIST CHURCH

England & Wales · Charity number 1128964

## Details

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Other names	ASHBOURNE METHODIST CHURCH
Status	Registered
Legal form	Previously excepted
Registered	2009-04-02
Register	<a href="#">View on the Charity Commission register</a>

## Contact

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## Activities

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**Objects:** The purposes of the Methodist Church are and shall be deemed to have been since the date of union the advancement of -(a) the Christian faith in accordance with the doctrinal standards and the discipline of the Methodist Church;(b) any charitable purpose for the time being of any Connexional, district, circuit, local or other organisation of the Methodist Church;(c) any charitable purpose for the time being of any society or institution subsidiary or ancillary to the Methodist Church;(d) any purpose for the time being of any charity being a charity subsidiary or ancillary to the Methodist Church.

**Activities:** As a Methodist Church our aims and activities are focussed on:-Providing an opportunity for members and others to Worship God, Ensuring everyone has opportunities to grow in faith through sharing with other ChristiansIdentifying opportunities for serving our community and the wider worldMaking known to others the good news of Jesus

## Classification

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- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** Religious Activities
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

## Geography

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- **Area of benefit:** UNDEFINED. IN PRACTICE, LOCAL.
- Derbyshire
- Staffordshire

## Finances

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Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-08-31	£131,943	£134,863	-	-
2024-08-31	£115,861	£123,951	-	-
2023-08-31	£146,354	£122,619	-	-
2022-08-31	£127,725	£115,845	-	-
2021-08-31	£115,252	£120,211	-	-
2020-08-31	£178,060	£137,990	-	-

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Anne Wareing		2025-11-30
BRENDA KIRKHAM		2025-09-01
Brian Hawkins		2025-09-01
CAROLE THORPE BSC		
CATHERINE GREEN		2011-09-02
CLIFFORD LEWER		2025-09-01
Catherine Stubbs		2023-08-31
Crispin Scott		2024-09-01
David Popham		2025-09-01
Enid May Stubbs		2015-09-01
GARETH PAUL RUTLEDGE		2011-09-02
IAN RICHARD MARSH BSC		2017-09-01
JOHN BARKER		2025-09-01
Jean Margaret Sutton		2025-09-01
John Hellyer		2025-09-01
Judith Starkie		2025-09-01
June Shaw		2025-09-01
Lorraine Hawkins		2022-09-01
MR TIM DUTTON		
MRS JACQUI MARSH		
Nigel Glossop		2022-02-09
Patricia Barclay		2025-11-30
Peggy Spencer		2025-09-01
Rachel Murt		2018-09-01
Rev Nicola Briggs		2022-09-01
Richard Anthony Barratt		2017-09-01
Ruth Barratt		2025-09-01

Name	Role	Appointed
STUART JAMES GREEN		2012-09-05
Sue Leese		2025-09-01
Tony Walker		2018-07-05

**ASHBOURNE METHODIST CHURCH**

England & Wales - Charity number 1128964

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# Accounts

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## Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From **1st September 2024 To 31<sup>st</sup> August 2025**

**Charity name: Ashbourne Methodist Church**

**Charity registration number: 1128964**

## Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	<p>The purposes of the Methodist Church are and shall be deemed to have been since the date of union the advancement of:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>The Christian faith in accordance with the doctrinal standards and the discipline of the Methodist Church;</li><li>Any charitable purpose for the time being of any Connexional, district, circuit, local or other organisation of the Methodist Church</li><li>Any charitable purpose for the time being of any society or institution subsidiary or ancillary to the Methodist Church;</li><li>Any purpose for the time being of any charity being a charity subsidiary or ancillary to the Methodist Church</li></ol>
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	<p>The attached reports from our Annual Church Meeting give a more detailed description of the activities of Ashbourne Methodist Church. AMC offers a wide range of activities for the public benefit. We believe that the wording used by the Methodist Church nationally to describe the Church's public benefit is entirely appropriate to our local setting:</p> <p>Ashbourne Methodist Church exists to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Increase awareness of God's presence and to celebrate God's love;</li><li>Help people learn to grow as Christians, through mutual support and care</li><li>Be a neighbour to people in need and challenge injustice.</li></ul>
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	<p>Members of the Church Council of Ashbourne Methodist Church, as Trustees of the charity:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Have reviewed the Charity Commission's Guidance on public benefit (PB1, PB2 and PB3).</li><li>Have taken the Charity Commission's Guidance into account when making a</li></ul>

		<p>decision to which the guidance is relevant.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If they have decided to depart from the guidance, have good reasons for doing so.</li> </ul>
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**Additional information (optional)**

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	The vast majority of our activities are run by volunteers, as can be seen in the attached reports from our Annual Church Meeting
Other		

**Achievements and Performance**

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	<p>In 2025 significant building works began having successfully secure government levelling up funding to develop the premises to provide a 7 day a week Church and Community Hub, "The Link".</p> <p>Whilst these building works have been taking place, the Church has been worshipping in alternative venues, the local school hall, the Parish church hall and other places. It has also continued its outreach work in the community such as Muddy Church and Welly Club.</p> <p>Work is expected to be completed in the Spring of 2026 when the Church will return to its buildings and begin to serve the community in new ways.</p>

**Additional information (optional)**

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

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Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	
Other		

## Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	The charity accounts were in surplus for the year ending August 2025
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	Ashbourne Methodist Church will aim to hold reserves equal to at least 6 month's expenditure and will not expect reserves to fall below 3 month's at any time. At present the reserves exceed this as the Church is preparing for the significant investment and activities of 'The Link'.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	Reserves of £144,585 were held by the Church at the year end. In addition to this, £696,755 of the General Funds are designated to assist with the Ashbourne Methodist Church development project "The Link".
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	<b>N/A</b>
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	<b>N/A</b>
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	<b>N/A</b>

### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	<p>Ashbourne Methodist Church's main source of funds are donations from members. Surplus funds achieved from activities such as the Cornerstone Coffee Shop and Gateway Youth Centre and other lettings.</p> <p>Exceptional fundraising activity has taken place in 2024/25 to secure funds to achieve the Link Build Project; this has included government levelling up funding received from Derbyshire Dales District Council.</p>
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	
Other		



## Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		N/A
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	<b>Deed of Union (1932) the Methodist Church Act (1976)</b>
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	unincorporated association
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	Appointed by the Methodist Church Connexion; are elected annually in accordance with the constitution and by ballot of all members of Ashbourne Methodist Church who are present at the annual church meeting held in the spring. Appointed by the Church Council to represent specific areas of Church life.

### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	Ashbourne Methodist Church is a member of The Methodist Church, forming part of Ashbourne Methodist Circuit in the Nottingham & Derby District
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		

### Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Ashbourne Methodist Church
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	1128964
Charity's principal address	Church Street, Ashbourne Derbyshire DE6 1AE

**Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity**

	<b>Trustee name</b>	<b>Office (if any)</b>	<b>Dates acted if not for whole year</b>	<b>Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)</b>
1	Rev Nicola Briggs	Minister		Methodist Church Connexion
2	Rachel Murt	Treasurer		Church Council
3	Wendy Haslam	Pastoral Secretary		Church Council
4	Gareth Rutledge	Circuit Steward		General Church Meeting
5	Helen Barker	Leadership Steward		General Church Meeting
6	Jeff Ffoulkes	Leadership Steward		General Church Meeting
7	Stuart Green	Leadership Steward		General Church Meeting
8	Ian Marsh	Leadership Steward		General Church Meeting
9	Lorraine Hawkins	Leadership Steward		General Church Meeting
10	Ruth Barratt	Leadership Steward		General Church Meeting
11	Jacqui Marsh	Worship Steward		General Church Meeting
12	Richard Barratt	Worship Steward		General Church Meeting
13	Enid Stubbs	Worship Steward		General Church Meeting
14	Anne Wareing	Worship Steward		General Church Meeting
15	Val Rutledge	Representative		General Church Meeting
16	Tim Dutton	Representative		General Church Meeting
17	Carole Thorpe	Representative		General Church Meeting
18	Catherine Green	Representative		General Church Meeting
19	Tony Walker	Representative		General Church Meeting
20	Catherine Stubbs	Representative		General Church Meeting
21	Crispin Scott	Representative		General Church Meeting
22	Tricia Barclay	Representative		General Church Meeting
23	Brian Hawkins	Representative		General Church Meeting
24	Nigel Glossop	Representative		General Church Meeting
25	Joyce Odell	Representative		General Church Meeting

**Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved**

<b>Director name</b>		

**Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity**

<b>Trustee name</b>	<b>Dates acted if not for whole year</b>	


**Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others**

Description of the assets held in this capacity	
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	

**Additional information (optional)**

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

Type of adviser	Name	Address
Accountants	Coates and Partners Limited Chartered Accountants	The Old Vicarage 51 St John Street Ashbourne Derbyshire DE6 1GP

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

**Matthew Hackett**

**Exemptions from disclosure**

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

**Other optional information**



## Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

<b>Signature(s)</b>		
<b>Full name(s)</b>		
<b>Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)</b>		
<b>Date</b>		

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

ASHBOURNE	Church
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FOR THE YEAR ENDED  
31 August 2025

Ashbourne	Circuit	Circuit no.	22/11
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**Registered Charity - Charity Registration number**

1128964
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If not a registered charity **His Majesty's Revenue and  
Customs Gift Aid number**

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(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 Nicola Briggs
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Church Stewards:

Helen Barker
Stuart Green
Lorraine Hawkins
Ian Marsh
Jeff Ffoulkes

Treasurer:

Mrs Rachel Murt
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SECTION A			Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
			£	£	£	£
a1	<b>RECEIPTS</b>	<b>Note</b>				
a2	Offerings and Tax recovered		105,466		<b>105,466</b>	69,976
a3	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income		5,340		<b>5,340</b>	5,934
a4	Lettings		15,000		<b>15,000</b>	29,173
a5	Other receipts		6,137		<b>6,137</b>	10,778
a6	<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>		<b>131,943</b>		<b>131,943 (a7)</b>	<b>115,861</b>

SECTION B						
b1	<b>PAYMENTS</b>					
b2	Circuit Assessment or Share		73,837		<b>73,837</b>	67,509
b3	Donations		8,488		<b>8,488</b>	9,370
b4	Repairs and Maintenance		7,016		<b>7,016</b>	12,519
b5	Utilities (Insurances, water charges, heating & lighting)		20,046		<b>20,046</b>	23,505
b6						
b7	Other payments		25,476		<b>25,476</b>	11,048
b8	<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>		<b>134,863</b>		<b>134,863 (b9)</b>	<b>123,951</b>

SECTION C						
c1	<b>NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR</b>	<b>(a6-b8)</b>	(2,920)		<b>(2,920)</b>	(8,090)
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year		147,368		<b>147,368 (c6)</b>	155,458
c3	<b>Sub total</b>	<b>(c1+c2)</b>	144,448		<b>144,448</b>	<b>147,368</b>
c4	Transfers and adjustments					(c7)
c5	<b>TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR</b>	<b>(c3+c4)</b>	<b>144,448</b>		<b>144,448 (c8)</b>	<b>147,368 (c6)</b>

SECTION D					
<b>FOR INFORMATION ONLY: MONEY RECEIVED AND PASSED ON TO EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS</b>					
d	<b>(these amounts are not to be included in total receipts/payments figures above)</b>			£	£
d1	Balance brought forward from last year			133	133
d2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations			380	2,236
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations			380	2,236
d4	<b>BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID</b>	<b>(d1+d2-d3)</b>		<b>133</b>	<b>133</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.

	Receipts	Payments	Net Receipts/ Payments	Adjustments	Opening balances	Closing balances
<b>INTERNAL ORGANISATIONS</b>						
e1 <b>Cornerstone</b>						
e2 <b>Flowerfund</b>	320	271	49		19	68
e3 <b>Gateway</b>					69	69
e4 <b>Development Project</b>	2,299,528	2,453,356	(153,828)		850,583	696,755
e5 <b>Youth Club</b>		89	(89)		89	
e6						
e7						
e8 Sub total of Internal Organisations funds	2,299,848	2,453,716	(153,868)		850,760 (e11)	696,892 (e12)
e9 <b>Church accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)</b>	131,943 (a7)	134,863 (b9)	(2,920)	(c7)	147,368 (c6)	144,448 (c8)
e10 <b>TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH</b>	<b>2,431,791</b>	<b>2,588,579</b>	<b>(156,788)</b>		<b>998,128 (x)</b>	<b>841,340 (y)</b>
	<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>				

Continue on a separate sheet if necessary and bring the totals forward

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

	OPENING BALANCES	CLOSING BALANCES
f1 Cash in hand		
f2 Bank Current Account	23,271	13,042
f3 Bank Deposit Account		
f4 Central Finance Board	124,097	131,406
f5 Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes		
f6 Other funds		
f7 <b>SUB TOTAL - Church accounts</b>	<b>147,368 (c6)</b>	<b>144,448 (c8)</b>
f8 Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance total from above) (e12)	<b>850,760 (e11)</b>	<b>696,892 (e12)</b>
f9 <b>TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH</b>	<b>998,128 (x)</b>	<b>841,340 (y)</b>

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

	At 1 September 2024	At 31 August 2025
g1 Investments (include Endowments)		
g2 Land & Buildings (see notes re Insurance value)	950,000	950,000
g3 Other Assets	198,000	198,000
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)

## 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 ..... Date.....

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/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 ..... Date .....

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

.....Church

Charity Number .....

### Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the ..... 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

**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 .....

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner .....

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

Address .....

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

Date .....

\* delete or circle as appropriate

# Checklist

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## 1. Self-assessment checklist

The questions in this checklist are designed to help charity trustees and their advisers evaluate the charity's performance against the legal requirements and good practice recommendations set out in the commission's guidance on internal financial controls for charities. Trustees should review their charity's performance at least once a year.

Each of the questions on the checklist links to a paragraph of the guidance, where further details can be found. Not all the controls listed will be appropriate for all charities, for example, where a section of the checklist deals with an area of activity that the charity does not undertake then that section of the checklist will not apply.

Charities must always comply with legal requirements and these requirements are identified in the checklist. A 'yes' answer for good practice recommendations does not mean there is no scope for further improvement. A 'no' answer does not always indicate a problem. It may be that the charity has not put in place a particular control because the risk involved is small and the potential loss is acceptable, given the cost that would be involved in putting in place stronger internal controls.

Finally, the answers in the checklist should be based on the trustees' knowledge of what actually happens in the charity and not what they expect to happen. Having an internal control in place is only part of the picture. It must operate in practice to be effective.

## 2. Some key issues, monitoring arrangements and risk of fraud

2.1 Financial controls throughout the charity	Yes	No
Is there segregation of duties to provide automatic 'double check'?	Y	
Do the trustees carry out an annual review of the internal financial controls?	Y	
2.2 Monitoring activities	Yes	No
Are annual budgets of income and expenditure prepared, and approved by the trustees?	Y	
Is performance measured against budgets at regular intervals and explanations sought for variances?	Y	
2.3 Internal audit and audit committee	Yes	No

Have the trustees considered the need to appoint an internal auditor or set up an audit committee?		N
<b>2.4 Information and communication</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
Are the trustees provided with regular information about the financial performance of the charity?	Y	
Do the trustees discuss the financial performance of the charity at each of their meetings?	Y	
Are terms of reference in place for any finance sub-committee, or similar sub-group of the trustee board?	Y	
Does any finance sub-committee report to the full board of trustees for final decision making?	Y	
<b>2.5 Trustees' responsibilities</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
Are sufficient accounting records kept of all transactions? (legal requirement)	Y	
Have the trustees considered the need for a reserves policy and put in place a reserves policy if one is needed? (legal requirement)	Y	
Do the accounts comply with legal requirements? (legal requirement)	Y	
Are the accounts formally approved by trustees at an annual meeting?	Y	
Have the trustees appointed an auditor or independent examiner? (legal requirement)	Y	
Are newly appointed trustees given a copy of the latest accounts?	Y	
Do the trustees file the annual report and accounts and annual return on time? (legal requirement)	Y	

<b>2.6 and 2.7 Managing the risks of financial crime and abuse</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
Are trustees and staff made aware of why the charity is at risk from financial crime and abuse and of typical examples of potential fraudulent activities?	Y	
Does the charity have an anti bribery policy, policies on the acceptance of hospitality, the acceptance of donations and a register of interests in place?		N
Does the charity have policies and controls over access to and storage of electronic information?	Y	
Does the charity have computer programmes to protect its data and systems from	Y	

external interference?		
Does the charity have procedures for reporting suspicions internally, and to the commission and the police?	Y	

### 3. Income

3.1 Income received in the post	Yes	No
Is incoming post opened in the presence of two unrelated people?		N
Are all incoming cheques and cash recorded immediately?	Y	
Does the charity keep unopened mail secure?	Y	
3.2 Income from public collections and fundraising events	Yes	No
If the charity undertakes public collections or fundraising events:		
• are public collections undertaken within legal requirements? (legal requirement)	Y	
• are collection boxes numbered and their allocation and return recorded?	N/A	
• are all collection boxes sealed?	N/A	
• are all collection boxes regularly opened and counted by the charity and a record kept of their locations and history of takings?	N/A	
• are collections counted in the presence of the collector and a receipt given to them?	Y	
• are two unrelated people involved in counting and recording the income?	Y	
• is cash banked as soon as possible and without deduction of expenses?	Y	
• are records maintained for each fundraising event?	Y	
For ticket incomes are:		
• tickets pre-numbered?	N/A	
• records kept of all persons issued with tickets to sell, and which ticket numbers they have been allocated?	N/A	
• records kept of which tickets sold?	N/A	
• reconciliations made of money received against tickets sold?	N/A	

Has the charity complied with Part II of the Charities Act 1992 where professional fundraisers are engaged? (legal requirement)	N/A	
<b>3.3 Gift Aid donations</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
Does the charity maximise the lawful take-up by its donors of Gift Aid?	Y	
Are regular checks made to ensure all eligible tax repayments are obtained?	Y	
Does the charity keep the records required by HMRC for Gift Aid claims?	Y	
<b>3.4 Legacies</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
Does the charity identify and monitor the receipt of large legacies and ensure that they are correctly included in the accounts?	Y	
<b>3.5 Tainted charity donations and substantial donors</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
Has the charity kept the necessary records to identify transactions with 'substantial donors' for donations received up to April 2011? (legal requirement)	Y	
From April 2011, have the trustees put in place procedures to identify 'tainted charity donations'?	Y	
<b>3.6 Trading income</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
If the charity undertakes trading activities (either trading in furtherance of its objects or non-charitable trading):		
• if the level of non-charitable trading is significant is it carried out in a trading subsidiary?	N/A	
• does the charity have a pricing policy for the goods and services supplied?	N/A	
• does the charity have invoicing procedures for goods and services supplied?	N/A	
• does the charity review outstanding debts and collection procedures?	N/A	
• are there procedures to reconcile amounts invoiced and cash received to outstanding invoices?	N/A	
<b>3.7 Banking and custody procedures</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
Are incoming receipts banked promptly?	Y	
Is insurance held to cover the contents of the safe or cash box and cash in transit?	N/A	
Are funds banked without deduction of expenses?	Y	

3.8 Checks on income records	Yes	No
Are regular checks made to ensure income records agree with the bank paying-in books and statements?	Y	
Are checks made by someone other than the person who made the entry in the accounting records?	Y	

## 4. Purchases and payments

4.1 Controls and authorisation of expenditure on goods and services	Yes	No
Is there a written policy on the authorisation of expenditure?	Y	
Are invoices received checked against orders confirming pricing and the receipt of the goods or services ordered?	Y	
4.2 Controls and authorisation of expenditure on grants	Yes	No
If the charity makes grants, does it have a grant-making policy?	Y	
Does the charity make and monitor grants in accordance with the grant-making policy?	Y	
4.3 Payment by cheque	Yes	No
Does the charity follow any stipulation in the governing document about who can sign cheques?	Y	
Does the bank mandate require at least two signatories?	Y	
Is there a practice of not signing of blank cheques?	Y	
Are cheque books etc kept in a secure place with access only by nominated persons?	Y	
Are any monetary limits placed on an individual's signing recorded in writing?	Y	
Is all cheque expenditure recorded in the cash book and noted with the relevant cheque number, nature of payment and payee?	Y	
Are cheques signed only with documentary evidence of the nature of the payment, eg invoice?	Y	
4.4 Payments by debit/credit/charge card	Yes	No

Does the charity have a policy for the use of payment cards, including the criteria for their issue, spending limits and security?		N
Does the charity communicate the policy for the use of cards to all trustees and staff using them?		N/A
Are cards cancelled when the holder ceases to work for the charity?		N/A
Is all card expenditure supported by vouchers and invoices and recorded in the accounting records each time the card is used?		N/A
Are card statements sent to the charity finance team and checked to supporting records and invoices?		N/A
Is the cardholder's use of the card independently reviewed periodically to confirm its use is consistent with the policy?		N/A
<b>4.5 Payments by direct debits, standing orders and BACS direct credit</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
Are only named individuals authorised to set up direct debits, standing orders and direct credits?	Y	
Does the charity use a dual authorisation system for BACS payments?	Y	
Does the charity monitor the arrangements to ensure that automatic payment arrangements are cancelled when the goods and services are no longer being supplied to the charity?	Y	
<b>4.6 Payment in cash</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
Is every effort made to minimise cash payments?	Y	
Are all payments by cash made from a cash float and not from incoming cash?	Y	
Is supporting documentation authorised by someone other than the person maintaining the petty cash or the person making the claim?	Y	
Are details of all payments entered in a petty cash book?	Y	
Are regular independent checks made of the petty cash float and records?	Y	
<b>4.7 Wages and salaries</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
Are statutory deductions (tax and NIC) made from employees' wages and salaries and regularly forwarded to HMRC? (legal requirement)	Y	
Does the charity comply with minimum wage legislation? (legal requirement)	Y	

Are any other deductions from salaries made only where they are required or authorised? (legal requirement)	Y	
Are the end-of-year returns (P60 and P11Ds) completed and filed with HMRC by the deadline? (legal requirement)	Y	
If the charity employs staff are the required pension arrangements in place? (legal requirement)	Y	
Do all employees have contracts of employment?	Y	
Are personnel records kept and held separately from wages records?	Y	
Are salary levels properly authorised and recorded?	Y	
Is there a system of authorisation for recording and notifying starters and leavers, changes of hours and other payroll changes?	Y	
Are payments made by BACS?	Y	
<b>4.8 The payment of expenses and reimbursements</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
Does the charity have a written policy to cover the payment and reimbursement of expenses?	Y	
Is the policy communicated to all trustees, staff and volunteers?	Y	
Are expenses reimbursed only where the individual incurred the expense in the course of carrying out the charity's business?	Y	
Does the expense claim include a self-declaration that the claim is accurate and incurred on the business of the charity?	Y	
Are reimbursements made by BACS transfer or cheque?	Y	
If the charity pays mileage rates for travel are the rates in accordance with HMRC approved rates?	N/A	
<b>4.9 Loans</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
Are the terms of the loan documented?	N/A	
Does the charity have a repayment plan in place to repay the principal and any interest due?	N/A	
<b>4.10 Checks on expenditure records</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
Are regular checks made to ensure expenditure records are accurate and agree with the bank statements?	Y	

Are regular checks made to ensure no discrepancies between the payments made and the original invoice or payment records?	Y	
Are checks made by someone other than the person who made the entry in the accounting records?	Y	

## 5. Assets and investments

5.1 Controls over fixed assets	Yes	No
Is a comprehensive fixed asset list held and updated regularly?	Y	
Are assets checked regularly to ensure they are still in good repair and are of use to the charity?	Y	
Has insurance cover been considered?	Y	
Is the use of fixed assets reviewed annually (to ensure put to best use and serving the charity's interests)?	Y	
5.2 Investments	Yes	No
Does the charity have an investment policy?		N
Does this policy include the need to consider diversification of investments, including bank accounts?		N
Is the performance of investments regularly reviewed?		N/A
Is professional advice taken, where appropriate, on the selection or disposal of investments?		N/A
Does the charity inspect investment properties to ensure tenant covenants are adhered to?		N/A
Are there controls to ensure that all investment income due is received?		N/A
5.3 Money held as a current asset	Yes	No
Are secure records held of all bank and building society accounts?	Y	
Are bank statements regularly received and regular bank reconciliations carried out?	Y	
Are instructions to open or close accounts properly authorised and reported to trustees?	Y	
Are checks made to ensure that there are no dormant accounts?	Y	

Are the accounts monitored to ensure there is no third party use?	Y	
Do the trustees regularly review the costs, benefits and risks of their current and deposit accounts?	Y	
<b>5.4 Electronic banking</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
If the charity uses electronic banking to make payments does the system used require authorisation of transactions by two individuals?	Y	
Are PCs kept secure with up-to-date anti-virus and spyware software and a personal firewall?	Y	
Are trustees and staff made aware of the need to ensure that the charity's security details (including the password and PIN) are not compromised?	Y	
Is the PIN and password regularly changed, for example to mitigate the risks of compromising security when individuals leave the charity?	Y	
Does the charity maintain a list of persons (trustees and staff) who are approved to have access to the PIN and password?	Y	
Does the charity keep an audit trail of electronic banking transactions?	Y	
Have those using online banking facilities been trained in their use?	Y	
<b>5.5 Non-traditional banking</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
If the charity uses non-traditional banking methods:		
• are policies set and approved by trustees defining the circumstances when non-traditional banking methods may be used?	N/A	
• is the use of such methods limited to essential transfers where traditional banking methods cannot be used?	N/A	
• does the charity keep an audit trail of non-traditional banking transactions?	N/A	
• does the charity ensure that the controls that are in place for its traditional bank transactions also operate with non-traditional banking transactions?	N/A	
<b>5.6 Restricted funds and endowment funds</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
Are procedures in place to ensure that any restrictions put on the use of funds, by the donor or through an appeal, are observed?	Y	
Does the charity ensure that the conditions attached to permanent endowments are observed?	Y	

**ASHBOURNE METHODIST CHURCH**

England & Wales - Charity number 1128964

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# Accounts

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## Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From **1st September 2023 To 31<sup>st</sup> August 2024**

Charity name: **Ashbourne Methodist Church**

Charity registration number: **1128964**

### Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	<p>The purposes of the Methodist Church are and shall be deemed to have been since the date of union the advancement of:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>The Christian faith in accordance with the doctrinal standards and the discipline of the Methodist Church;</li><li>Any charitable purpose for the time being of any Connexional, district, circuit, local or other organisation of the Methodist Church</li><li>Any charitable purpose for the time being of any society or institution subsidiary or ancillary to the Methodist Church;</li><li>Any purpose for the time being of any charity being a charity subsidiary or ancillary to the Methodist Church</li></ol>
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	<p>The attached reports from our Annual Church Meeting give a more detailed description of the activities of Ashbourne Methodist Church. AMC offers a wide range of activities for the public benefit. We believe that the wording used by the Methodist Church nationally to describe the Church's public benefit is entirely appropriate to our local setting:</p> <p>Ashbourne Methodist Church exists to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Increase awareness of God's presence and to celebrate God's love;</li><li>Help people learn to grow as Christians, through mutual support and care</li><li>Be a neighbour to people in need and challenge injustice.</li></ul>
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	<p>Members of the Church Council of Ashbourne Methodist Church, as Trustees of the charity:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Have reviewed the Charity Commission's Guidance on public benefit (PB1, PB2 and PB3).</li><li>Have taken the Charity Commission's Guidance into account when making a</li></ul>

		<p>decision to which the guidance is relevant.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>If they have decided to depart from the guidance, have good reasons for doing so.</li> </ul>
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**Additional information (optional)**

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	The vast majority of our activities are run by volunteers, as can be seen in the attached reports from our Annual Church Meeting
Other		

**Achievements and Performance**

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	<p>Alongside its regular community activities, it's buildings in the 'Gateway Youth Centre' provide self catering accommodation for groups visiting the area.</p> <p>In 2024 significant planning and work has been carried out to successfully secure government levelling up funding to develop the premises to provide a 7 day a week Church and Community Hub, "The Link".</p> <p>Work will begin in earnest in late 2024 / 2025</p>

**Additional information (optional)**

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

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<b>Achievements against objectives set</b>	Para 1.41	
<b>Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set</b>	Para 1.41	
<b>Investment performance against objectives</b>	Para 1.41	
<b>Other</b>		

## Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	The charity accounts were in surplus for the year ending August 2024
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	Ashbourne Methodist Church will aim to hold reserves equal to at least 6 month's expenditure and will not expect reserves to fall below 3 month's at any time. At present the reserves exceed this as the Church is preparing for the significant investment and activities of 'The Link'.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	General Funds - £147,546 Restricted Endowment Funds - £850,583 are designated to assist with the Ashbourne Methodist Church Development project "The Link".
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	N/A
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	N/A
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	N/A

### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	Ashbourne Methodist Church's main source of funds are donations from members, surplus from activities such as the Cornerstone Coffee Shop and Gateway Youth Centre and lettings
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	
Other		

## Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		N/A
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	<b>Deed of Union (1932) the Methodist Church Act (1976)</b>
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	unincorporated association
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	Appointed by the Methodist Church Connexion; are elected annually in accordance with the constitution and by ballot of all members of Ashbourne Methodist Church who are present at the annual church meeting held in the spring. Appointed by the Church Council to represent specific areas of Church life.

### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	Ashbourne Methodist Church is a member of The Methodist Church, forming part of Ashbourne Methodist Circuit in the Nottingham & Derby District
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		

### Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Ashbourne Methodist Church
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	1128964
Charity's principal address	Church Street, Ashbourne Derbyshire DE6 1AE

**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	Rev Nicola Briggs	Minister		Methodist Church Connexion
2	Rachel Murt	Secretary		Church Council
3	Tricia Barclay	Treasurer		Church Council
4	Robert Sales	Leadership Steward		Annual Church Meeting
5	Helen Barker	Leadership Steward		Annual Church Meeting
6	Stuart Green	Leadership Steward		Annual Church Meeting
7	Nigel Glossop	Leadership Steward		Annual Church Meeting
8	Lorraine Hawkins	Leadership Steward		Annual Church Meeting
9	Ian Marsh	Leadership Steward		Annual Church Meeting
10	Richard Barratt	Worship Steward		Annual Church Meeting
11	James Peers	Worship Steward		Annual Church Meeting
12	Enid Stubbs	Worship Steward		Annual Church Meeting
13	Anne Wareing	Worship Steward		Annual Church Meeting
14	Val Rutledge	Representative		Annual Church Meeting
15	Tim Dutton	Representative		Annual Church Meeting
16	Brian Hawkins	Representative		Annual Church Meeting
17	Jacqui Marsh	Representative		Annual Church Meeting
18	Gareth Rutledge	Representative		Annual Church Meeting
19	Carole Thorpe	Representative		Annual Church Meeting
20	Catherine Green	Representative		Annual Church Meeting
21	Tony Walker	Representative		Annual Church Meeting
22	Wendy Haslam	Pastoral Secretary		Church Council
23	Cathy Stubbs	Representative		Annual Church Meeting

**Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved**

Director name		

**Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity**

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	

## Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	

### Additional information (optional)

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

Type of adviser	Name	Address
Accountants	Coates and Partners Limited Chartered Accountants	The Old Vicarage 51 St John Street Ashbourne Derbyshire DE6 1GP

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

Matthew Hackett

### Exemptions from disclosure

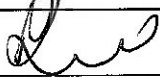
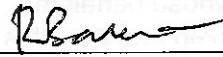
Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

### Other optional information

# Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	R BARRETT	RICHARD BARRETT
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	TREASURER	TRUSTEE
Date	22/10/24	

Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

Other optional information

## THE METHODIST CHURCH STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

Ashbourne	Church
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**FOR THE YEAR ENDED  
31 August 2024**

Ashbourne	Circuit	Circuit no	22/11
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<b>Registered Charity - Charity Registration number</b>	1128964
<b>If not a registered charity Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs Gift Aid number</b>	

(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 2655 of 2007)

<b>Minister:</b>
Rev Nicola Briggs
Church Stewards – Leadership Team
Helen Barker
Stuart Green
Lorraine Hawkins
Ian Marsh
<b>Treasurer:</b> Tricia Barclay

SECTION A		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
	Note	£	£	£	£
a1	<b>RECEIPTS</b>				
a2	Offerings and Tax recovered	69,976		69,976	89,705
a3	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income	5,934		5,934	3,650
a4	Lettings	29,173		29,173	34,602
a5	Other receipts	10,778		10,778	18,397
a6	<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>115,861</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>115,861</b>	<b>146,354</b>

SECTION B		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
	Note	£	£	£	£
b1	<b>PAYMENTS</b>				
b2	Circuit Assessment or Share	67,509		67,509	63,377
b3	Donations	9,370		9,370	9,946
b4	Repairs and Maintenance	12,519		12,519	12,816
b5	Utilities (Insurances, water charges, heating & lighting)	23,505		24,459	28,875
b6					
b7	Other payments	11,049		11,049	7,605
b8	<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>	<b>123,951</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>123,951</b>	<b>122,619</b>

SECTION C		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
	Note	£	£	£	£
c1	<b>NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR</b>	<b>(a6-b8)</b>	<b>-8,090</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-8,090</b>
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year	155,458	0	155,458	131,591
c3	<b>Sub total</b>	<b>(c1+c2)</b>	<b>147,368</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>147,368</b>
c4	Transfers and adjustments			0	133
c5	<b>TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR</b>	<b>(c3+c4)</b>	<b>147,368</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>147,368</b>

SECTION D		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
	Note	£	£	£	£
<b>FOR INFORMATION ONLY: MONEY RECEIVED AND PASSED ON TO EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS</b>					
d	<b>(these amounts are not to be included in total receipts/payments figures above)</b>				
d1	Balance brought forward from last year			133	0
d2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations			2,236	5,148
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations			2,236	5,015
d4	<b>BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID</b>	<b>(d1+d2-d3)</b>		<b>133</b>	<b>133</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 2020 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 District. 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	Development Project	516,717	412,512	104,205		746,378	850,583
e2	Cornerstone			0			0
e3	Flowerfund	770	821	-51		70	19
e4	Gateway	9,057	12,337	-3,280		3,349	69
e5	Women's Fellowship			0			0
e6	Youth club			0		89	89
e7							0
e8	Sub total of Internal Organisations funds	526,544	425,670	100,874	0	749,887 (e11)	850,761 (e12)
e9	Church accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)	115,861	123,951	-8,090	0 (c8)	155,458 (c6)	147,368 (c7)
e10	<b>TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH</b>	<b>642,405</b>	<b>549,621</b>	<b>92,784</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>905,345 (x)</b>	<b>998,129 (y)</b>
		<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>				

Continue on a separate sheet if necessary and bring the totals forward

**SECTION F****STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES****CHURCH - CASH FUNDS HELD at 31 August 2024**

	OPENING BALANCES	CLOSING BALANCES
f1	Cash in hand	
f2	Bank Current Account	46,507
f3	Bank Deposit Account	
f4	Central Finance Board	108,951
f5	Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes	
f6	Other funds	
f7	<b>SUB TOTAL - Church accounts</b>	<b>155,458 (c6)</b>
f8	Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance total from above) (e12)	<b>749,887 (e11)</b>
f9	<b>TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH</b>	<b>905,345 (x)</b>

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

	At 1 September 2023	At 31 August 2023
g1	Investments (include Endowments)	
g2	Land & Buildings (see notes re Insurance value)	950,000
g3	Other Assets	198,000
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

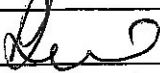
g1 Include any other investments (not the cash element of TMCP trusts accounts this is included in line f5)

## DECLARATIONS

### Treasurer

I confirm that I have prepared the accounts from the records of the Church and that they include all funds under the control of the Church Council

Signature of Treasurer



Date

22/10/24

Name

Mrs Tricia Barclay

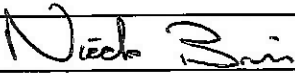
Address

1 Margery Close ASHBOURNE DE6 1SH

I confirm that the Accounts have been presented to the Church Council on

and were approved.

Signature of the Chair of the meeting



Name of the Chair of the meeting

REV NIKOLA BRIGGS

Date

22/10/24

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

Church

This Report is on the Church Accounts for the year ended 3<sup>rd</sup> August

### Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts under Section 145 of the Charities Act
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under Section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act), and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

## Basis of Independent Examiner's Report

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

## Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act;
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act have not been met;

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Name

COATES AND PARTNERS LIMITED

Signature

Coates and Partners Limited.

Relevant Professional qualification or body

ICAEW (F.C.A).

Address

51 ST. JOHN STREET  
ASHBOURNE  
DERBYSHIRE, DE6 1GP

Date

22/10/2024

22/10/23





## Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From **1st September 2023 To 31<sup>st</sup> August 2024**

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Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	Ashbourne Methodist Church will aim to hold reserves equal to at least 6 month's expenditure and will not expect reserves to fall below 3 month's at any time. At present the reserves exceed this as the Church is preparing for the significant investment and activities of 'The Link'.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	General Funds - £147,546 Restricted Endowment Funds - £850,583 are designated to assist with the Ashbourne Methodist Church Development project "The Link".
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Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	N/A
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	N/A

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Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
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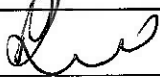
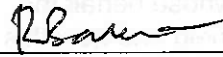
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### Other optional information

# Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	R BARRETT	RICHARD BARRETT
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	TREASURER	TRUSTEE
Date	22/10/24	

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**ASHBOURNE METHODIST CHURCH**

England & Wales - Charity number 1128964

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# Accounts

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## Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From **1st September 2022 To 31<sup>st</sup> August 2023**

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<b>Full name(s)</b>		
<b>Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)</b>		
<b>Date</b>		

THE METHODIST CHURCH  
STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

ASHBOURNE	Church
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FOR THE YEAR ENDED  
31 August 2023

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Treasurer:

TRICIA BARCLAY
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SECTION A			Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
		Note	£	£	£	£
a1	<b>RECEIPTS</b>					
a2	Offerings and Tax recovered		89,705		<b>89,705</b>	88,100
a3	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income		3,650		<b>3,650</b>	422
a4	Lettings		34,602		<b>34,602</b>	12,671
a5	Other receipts		18,397		<b>18,397</b>	26,532
a6	<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>		<b>146,354</b>		<b>146,354 (a7)</b>	<b>127,725</b>

SECTION B						
b1	<b>PAYMENTS</b>					
b2	Circuit Assessment or Share		63,377		<b>63,377</b>	62,000
b3	Donations		9,946		<b>9,946</b>	6,295
b4	Repairs and Maintenance		12,511		<b>12,511</b>	24,065
b5	Utilities (Insurances, water charges, heating & lighting)		24,262		<b>24,262</b>	12,856
b6						
b7	Other payments		12,523		<b>12,523</b>	10,629
b8	<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>		<b>122,619</b>		<b>122,619 (b9)</b>	<b>115,845</b>

SECTION C						
c1	<b>NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR</b>	<b>(a6-b8)</b>	23,735		<b>23,735</b>	11,880
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year		131,591		<b>131,591 (c6)</b>	119,710
c3	<b>Sub total</b>	<b>(c1+c2)</b>	155,325		<b>155,325</b>	<b>131,590</b>
c4	Transfers and adjustments					
c5	<b>TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR</b>	<b>(c3+c4)</b>	<b>155,325</b>		<b>155,325 (c8)</b>	<b>131,590 (c6)</b>

SECTION D				
			£	£
<b>FOR INFORMATION ONLY: MONEY RECEIVED AND PASSED ON TO EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS</b>				
d	<b>(these amounts are not to be included in total receipts/payments figures above)</b>			
d1	Balance brought forward from last year			
d2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations		5,148	928
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations		5,015	928
d4	<b>BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID</b>	<b>(d1+d2-d3)</b>	<b>133</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 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.

	Receipts	Payments	Net Receipts/ Payments	Adjustments	Opening balances	Closing balances
<b>INTERNAL ORGANISATIONS</b>						
e1 <b>Development Project</b>	482,895	75,984	406,911		339,467	746,378
e2 <b>Flower Fund</b>	1,030	967	63		7	70
e3 <b>Gateway</b>	18,899	18,869	30		3,319	3,349
e4 <b>Youth Club</b>					89	89
e5						
e6						
e7						
e8 Sub total of Internal Organisations funds	502,824	95,819	407,004		342,882 (e11)	749,887 (e12)
e9 <b>Church accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)</b>	146,354 (a7)	122,619 (b9)	23,735	(c7)	131,591 (c6)	155,325 (c8)
e10 <b>TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH</b>	<b>649,177</b>	<b>218,439</b>	<b>430,739</b>		<b>474,473 (x)</b>	<b>905,212 (y)</b>
	<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>				

Continue on a separate sheet if necessary and bring the totals forward

**SECTION F****STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES****CHURCH - CASH FUNDS HELD at 31 August 2023**

	OPENING BALANCES	CLOSING BALANCES
f1 Cash in hand		
f2 Bank Current Account	28,968	46,507
f3 Bank Deposit Account		
f4 Central Finance Board	102,623	108,951
f5 Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes		
f6 Other funds		
f7 <b>SUB TOTAL - Church accounts</b>	<b>131,591 (c6)</b>	<b>155,458 (c8)</b>
f8 Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance total from above) (e12)	<b>342,882 (e11)</b>	<b>749,887 (e12)</b>
f9 <b>TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH</b>	<b>474,473 (x)</b>	<b>905,345 (y)</b>

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

	At 1 September 2022	At 31 August 2023
g1 Investments (include Endowments)		
g2 Land & Buildings (see notes re Insurance value)	950,000	950,000
g3 Other Assets	198,000	198,000
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 ..... **Ashbourne Methodist Church**

## **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 ..... Mrs Tricia Barclay

..... 1 Margery Close, Ashbourne DE6 1GZ

### **Presentation to the Church trustees**

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2023 were presented to the meeting of the Church trustees held on ...18th October 2023.....

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

Name of the Chair of the meeting ..... Date .....

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

**.....Ashbourne Methodist Church.....**

**Charity Number 1128964**

### **Responsibilities and basis of report**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Ashbourne Methodist Church for the year ended 31 August 2023 set out on page 10 and Appenix D & E 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 ..... No ..

### Independent Examiner's Statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below\*) which give me cause for concern that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act;
- 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 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 of the Church Purposes or held in other trusts, bank balances and funds at the Central Finance Committee of the Methodist Church which are individually in excess of £10,000 (ten thousand pounds) at sheet date.

Signature of independent examiner .....

Name of independent examiner .....

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner .....

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

Address .....

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a1	<b>RECEIPTS</b>					
a2	Offerings and Tax recovered		89,705		<b>89,705</b>	88,100
a3	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income		3,650		<b>3,650</b>	422
a4	Lettings		34,602		<b>34,602</b>	12,671
a5	Other receipts		18,397		<b>18,397</b>	26,532
a6	<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>		<b>146,354</b>		<b>146,354 (a7)</b>	<b>127,725</b>

SECTION B						
b1	<b>PAYMENTS</b>					
b2	Circuit Assessment or Share		63,377		<b>63,377</b>	62,000
b3	Donations		9,946		<b>9,946</b>	6,295
b4	Repairs and Maintenance		12,511		<b>12,511</b>	24,065
b5	Utilities (Insurances, water charges, heating & lighting)		24,262		<b>24,262</b>	12,856
b6						
b7	Other payments		12,523		<b>12,523</b>	10,629
b8	<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>		<b>122,619</b>		<b>122,619 (b9)</b>	<b>115,845</b>

SECTION C						
c1	<b>NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR</b>	<b>(a6-b8)</b>	23,735		<b>23,735</b>	11,880
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year		131,591		<b>131,591 (c6)</b>	119,710
c3	<b>Sub total</b>	<b>(c1+c2)</b>	155,325		<b>155,325</b>	<b>131,590</b>
c4	Transfers and adjustments					
c5	<b>TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR</b>	<b>(c3+c4)</b>	<b>155,325</b>		<b>155,325 (c8)</b>	<b>131,590 (c6)</b>

SECTION D					
			£	£	
<b>FOR INFORMATION ONLY: MONEY RECEIVED AND PASSED ON TO EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS</b>					
d	<b>(these amounts are not to be included in total receipts/payments figures above)</b>				
d1	Balance brought forward from last year				
d2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations		5,148	928	
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations		5,015	928	
d4	<b>BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID</b>	<b>(d1+d2-d3)</b>	<b>133</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 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.

	Receipts	Payments	Net Receipts/ Payments	Adjustments	Opening balances	Closing balances
<b>INTERNAL ORGANISATIONS</b>						
e1 <b>Development Project</b>	482,895	75,984	406,911		339,467	746,378
e2 <b>Flower Fund</b>	1,030	967	63		7	70
e3 <b>Gateway</b>	18,899	18,869	30		3,319	3,349
e4 <b>Youth Club</b>					89	89
e5						
e6						
e7						
e8 Sub total of Internal Organisations funds	502,824	95,819	407,004		342,882 (e11)	749,887 (e12)
e9 <b>Church accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)</b>	146,354 (a7)	122,619 (b9)	23,735	(c7)	131,591 (c6)	155,325 (c8)
e10 <b>TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH</b>	<b>649,177</b>	<b>218,439</b>	<b>430,739</b>		<b>474,473 (x)</b>	<b>905,212 (y)</b>
	<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>				

Continue on a separate sheet if necessary and bring the totals forward

**SECTION F****STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES****CHURCH - CASH FUNDS HELD at 31 August 2023**

	OPENING BALANCES	CLOSING BALANCES
f1 Cash in hand		
f2 Bank Current Account	28,968	46,507
f3 Bank Deposit Account		
f4 Central Finance Board	102,623	108,951
f5 Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes		
f6 Other funds		
f7 <b>SUB TOTAL - Church accounts</b>	<b>131,591 (c6)</b>	<b>155,458 (c8)</b>
f8 Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance total from above) (e12)	<b>342,882 (e11)</b>	<b>749,887 (e12)</b>
f9 <b>TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH</b>	<b>474,473 (x)</b>	<b>905,345 (y)</b>

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

	At 1 September 2022	At 31 August 2023
g1 Investments (include Endowments)		
g2 Land & Buildings (see notes re Insurance value)	950,000	950,000
g3 Other Assets	198,000	198,000
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 ..... **Ashbourne Methodist Church**

## **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 ..... Mrs Tricia Barclay

..... 1 Margery Close, Ashbourne DE6 1GZ

### **Presentation to the Church trustees**

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2023 were presented to the meeting of the Church trustees held on ...18th October 2023.....

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

Name of the Chair of the meeting ..... Date .....

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

**.....Ashbourne Methodist Church.....**

**Charity Number 1128964**

### **Responsibilities and basis of report**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Ashbourne Methodist Church for the year ended 31 August 2023 set out on page 10 and Appenix D & E 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 ..... No ..

### Independent Examiner's Statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below\*) which give me cause for concern that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act;
- 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 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 of the Church Purposes or held in other trusts, bank balances and funds at the Central Finance Committee of the Methodist Church which are individually in excess of £10,000 (ten thousand pounds) at sheet date.

Signature of independent examiner .....

Name of independent examiner .....

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner .....

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

Address .....

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

Date .....

\* delete or circle as appropriate



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**ASHBOURNE METHODIST CHURCH**

England & Wales - Charity number 1128964

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# Accounts

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## **Trustees' Annual Report for the period**

**From 1st September 2021 To 31<sup>st</sup> August 2022**

**Charity name: Ashbourne Methodist Church**

**Charity registration number: 1128964**

### **Objectives and Activities**

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	<p>The purposes of the Methodist Church are and shall be deemed to have been since the date of union the advancement of:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>The Christian faith in accordance with the doctrinal standards and the discipline of the Methodist Church;</li><li>Any charitable purpose for the time being of any Connexional, district, circuit, local or other organisation of the Methodist Church</li><li>Any charitable purpose for the time being of any society or institution subsidiary or ancillary to the Methodist Church;</li><li>Any purpose for the time being of any charity being a charity subsidiary or ancillary to the Methodist Church</li></ol>
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	<p>The attached reports from our Annual Church Meeting give a more detailed description of the activities of Ashbourne Methodist Church. AMC offers a wide range of activities for the public benefit. We believe that the wording used by the Methodist Church nationally to describe the Church's public benefit is entirely appropriate to our local setting:</p> <p>Ashbourne Methodist Church exists to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Increase awareness of God's presence and to celebrate God's love;</li><li>Help people learn to grow as Christians, through mutual support and care</li><li>Be a neighbour to people in need and challenge injustice.</li></ul>
Statement confirming	Para 1.18	Members of the Church Council of

whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit		<p>Ashbourne Methodist Church, as Trustees of the charity:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Have reviewed the Charity Commission's Guidance on public benefit (PB1, PB2 and PB3).</li> <li>• Have taken the Charity Commission's Guidance into account when making a decision to which the guidance is relevant.</li> <li>• If they have decided to depart from the guidance, have good reasons for doing so.</li> </ul>
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### **Additional information (optional)**

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	The vast majority of our activities are run by volunteers, as can be seen in the attached reports from our Annual Church Meeting
Other		

### **Achievements and Performance**

	SORP reference	
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<p>Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.</p>	<p>Para 1.20</p>	<p>Alongside its regular community activities, it's buildings in the 'Gateway Youth Centre' provide self catering accomodation for groups visiting the area.</p> <p>In 2022 significant planning and work has been carried out to successfully secure government levelling up funding to develop the premises to provide a 7 day a week Church and Community Hub, "The Link".</p> <p>Work will begin in earnest in late 2023 / 2024</p>
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**Additional information (optional)**

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

<p>Achievements against objectives set</p>	<p>Para 1.41</p>	
<p>Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set</p>	<p>Para 1.41</p>	
<p>Investment performance against objectives</p>	<p>Para 1.41</p>	
<p>Other</p>		

## Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	The charity accounts were in surplus for the year ending August 2022
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	Ashbourne Methodist Church will aim to hold reserves equal to at least 6 month's expenditure and will not expect reserves to fall below 3 month's at any time.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£339,467 of the General Funds are designated to assist with the Ashbourne Methodist Church development project "The Link".
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	<b>N/A</b>
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	<b>N/A</b>
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	<b>N/A</b>

### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	Ashbourne Methodist Church's main source of funds are donations from members, surplus from activities such as the Cornerstone Coffee Shop and Gateway Youth Centre and lettings
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	
Other		

## Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		<b>N/A</b>
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	<b>Deed of Union (1932) the Methodist Church Act (1976)</b>
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	unincorporated association
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	Appointed by the Methodist Church Connexion; are elected annually in accordance with the constitution and by ballot of all members of Ashbourne Methodist Church who are present at the annual church meeting held in the spring. Appointed by the Church Council to represent specific areas of Church life.

### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	Ashbourne Methodist Church is a member of The Methodist Church, forming part of Ashbourne Methodist Circuit in the Nottingham & Derby District
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		

### Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Ashbourne Methodist Church
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	1128964

Charity's principal address	Church Street, Ashbourne Derbyshire DE6 1AE

## Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	<b>Trustee name</b>	<b>Office (if any)</b>	<b>Dates acted if not for whole year</b>	<b>Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)</b>
1	Rev Tim Morris	Minister		Methodist Church Connexion
2	Rachel Murt	Secretary		Church Council
3	Robert Sales	Leadership Steward		Annual Church Meeting
4	Helen Barker	Leadership Steward		Annual Church Meeting
5	Sandra Lewer	Leadership Steward		Annual Church Meeting
6	Tony Walker	Leadership Steward		Annual Church Meeting
7	Stuart Green	Leadership Steward		Annual Church Meeting
8	Nigel Glossop	Leadership Steward		Annual Church Meeting
9	Lorraine Hawkins	Leadership Steward		Annual Church Meeting
10	Richard Barratt	Worship Steward		Annual Church Meeting
11	James Peers	Worship Steward		Annual Church Meeting
12	Enid Stubbs	Worship Steward		Annual Church Meeting
13	Anne Wareing	Worship Steward		Annual Church Meeting
14	Steve Woodroffe	Worship Steward		Annual Church Meeting
15	Pauline Ward	Worship Steward		Annual Church Meeting
16	Chris Dakin	Representative		Annual Church Meeting
17	Tim Dutton	Representative		Annual Church Meeting
18	Steve Haines	Representative		Annual Church Meeting
19	Ian Marsh	Representative		Annual Church Meeting
20	Jacqui Marsh	Representative		Annual Church Meeting
21	Gareth Rutledge	Representative		Annual Church Meeting
22	Carole Thorpe	Representative		Annual Church Meeting
23	Catherine Green	Representative		Annual Church Meeting
24	Tricia Barclay	Treasurer		Church Council
25	Richard Odell	World Mission Rep		Church Council
26	Wendy Haslam	Pastoral Secretary		Church Council
27				

Corporate trustees - names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	

### Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	

### Additional information (optional)

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

Type of adviser	Name	Address
Accountants	Coates and Partners Limited Chartered Accountants	The Old Vicarage 51 St John Street Ashbourne Derbyshire DE6 1GP

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

Matthew Hackett

**Exemptions from disclosure**

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

**Other optional information**

## Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

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Full name(s)

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Position (eg  
Secretary, Chair, etc)

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Date

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THE METHODIST CHURCH  
STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

Ashbourne	Church
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FOR THE YEAR ENDED  
31 August 2022

Ashbourne	Circuit	Circuit no	22/11
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**Registered Charity - Charity Registration number**

1128964

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 2655 of 2007)

Minister:

Rev Nicola Briggs

Church Stewards – Leadership Team

Robert Sales

Nigel Glossop

Sandra Lewer

Helen Barker

Lorrain Hawkins

Stuart Green

Tony Walker

Treasurer:

Tricia Barclay

SECTION A		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
a1	RECEIPTS	£	£	£	£
a2	Offerings and Tax recovered	88,100	0	88,100	74,310
a3	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income	422		422	149
a4	Lettings	12,671		12,671	7,455
a5	Other receipts	26,532		26,532	13,408
a6	<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>127,725</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>127,725 (a7)</b>	<b>95,322</b>

SECTION B		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
b1	PAYMENTS	£	£	£	£
b2	Circuit Assessment or Share	62,000		62,000	59,000
b3	Donations	6,295		6,295	7,041
b4	Repairs and Maintenance	24,065		24,065	20,129
b5	Utilities (Insurances, water charges, heating & lighting)	12,856		12,856	15,096
b6				0	0
b7	Other payments	10,629		10,629	15,054
b8	<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>	<b>115,845</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>115,845 (b9)</b>	<b>116,320</b>

SECTION C		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	£	£	£	£
c1	(a6-b8)	11,880	0	11,880	-20,998
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year	119,710.00	0	119,710 (c6)	141,218
c3	<b>Sub total</b>	<b>131,590</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>131,590</b>	<b>120,220</b>
c4	Transfers and adjustments			0 (c8)	-510
c5	<b>TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR</b>	<b>131,590</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>131,590 (c7)</b>	<b>119,710 (c6)</b>

SECTION D		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
d	FOR INFORMATION ONLY: MONEY RECEIVED AND PASSED ON TO EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS	£	£	£	£
<b>(these amounts are not to be included in total receipts/payments figures above)</b>					
d1	Balance brought forward from last year			0	0
d2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations			928	185
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations			928	185
d4	<b>BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID</b>			<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

**SUMMARY OF CHURCH ACCOUNTS AND INTERNAL ORGANISATIONS REPORTING TO THE CHURCH COUNCIL****SECTION E** Please follow the Guidance Notes to complete this page

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INTERNAL ORGANISATIONS		Receipts	Payments	Net Receipts/ Payments	Adjustments	Opening balances	Closing balances
e1	Development Project	260,724	448	260,275		79,192	339,467
e2	Cornerstone	13,870	15,829	-1,959		1,959	0
e3	Flowerfund	635	739	-104		111	7.16
e4	Gateway	13,648	15,007	-1,359		4,678	3,319
e5	Youthclub	0	0	0		89	89
e6							
e7							0
e8	Sub total of Internal Organisations funds	288,877	32,024		0	86,029 (e11)	342,882 (e12)
e9	Church accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)	127,725	115,845	11,880	0 (c8)	119,710 (c6)	131,590 (c7)
e10	<b>TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH</b>	<b>416,602</b>	<b>147,869</b>	<b>268,734</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>205,739 (x)</b>	<b>474,473 (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 2021**

	OPENING BALANCES	CLOSING BALANCES
f1	Cash in hand	0
f2	Bank Current Account	23,680
f3	Bank Deposit Account	
f4	Central Finance Board	96,030
f5	Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes	
f6	Other funds	
f7	<b>SUB TOTAL - Church accounts</b>	<b>119,710 (c6)</b>
f8	Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance total from above) (e12)	<b>86,029 (e11)</b>
f9	<b>TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH</b>	<b>205,739 (x)</b>
		<b>131,591 (c7)</b>
		<b>342,882 (e12)</b>
		<b>474,473 (y)</b>

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

	At 1st September 2021	At 31 August 2022
g1	Investments (include Endowments)	
g2	Land & Buildings (see notes re Insurance value)	950,000
g3	Other Assets	198,000
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)

## DECLARATIONS

### Treasurer

I confirm that I have prepared the accounts from the records of the Church and that they include all funds under the control of the Church Council

Signature of Treasurer  Date

Name

Address

### Presentation to the \*Church Council for approval.

I confirm that the Accounts have been presented to the Church Council on

and were approved.

Signature of the Chair of the meeting

Name of the Chair of the meeting

Date

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

Church

This Report is on the Church Accounts for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> Aug

### Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts under Section 145 of the Charities Act
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under Section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act), and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

**Basis of Independent Examiner’s Report**

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

**Independent Examiner’s Statement**

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention (other than that disclosed below\*):

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the
  - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act;
  - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act have not been met;
  
- (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

*\* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply appropriate*

Name

Signature

Relevant Professional qualification or body

Address

Date



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\* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply appropriate

Name COATES AND PARTNERS LIMITED

Signature *Coates and Partners Limited.*

Relevant Professional qualification or body F. C. A (ICAEW)

Address THE OLD VICARAGE  
51 ST. JOHN STREET  
ASHBOURNE, DERBYSHIRE  
DE6 1EP

Date 27/02/2023

**ASHBOURNE METHODIST CHURCH**

England & Wales - Charity number 1128964

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# Accounts

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# ASHBOURNE METHODIST CHURCH

Church Council Meeting – 9<sup>th</sup> February 2022

## Finance Report

### **1. Charitable Donations**

Charitable donations totalling £7430 for the year 2021/2022 are proposed to be made as per below. Under the established rules 10% of the Church's receipts is donated to selected charities, with a proportion made by Cornerstone equivalent to 10% of their contribution to the Church funds.

Unfortunately, due to Covid Cornerstone was unable to contribute to the Church in the financial year 2020/2021, however it is proposed that £500 is allocated to Cornerstone to decide the recipients. It is also proposed that the individual donations stay as per last year's amounts with a contingency kept aside for any donation requests during the year. Any contingency unallocated at the end of the year would then be added to next year's giving

### **ASHBOURNE METHODIST CHURCH BUDGET 2021/22**

	2016/1 7	2017/1 8	2019/2 0	20/21	21/22
<b>Chosen by the Cornerstone team</b>	<b>2,060</b>	<b>1,800</b>	<b>1,800</b>	<b>900</b>	<b>500</b>
<b>Methodist Church and related donations</b>					
All We Can	1380	1540	1505	1505	1505
Fund for Property	580	645	630	630	630
Methodist Ministers' Housing Society	400	445	100	100	100
Fund for Support of Presbyters and Deacons	400	445	440	440	440
Methodist Church Fund	725	810	795	795	795
	<b>3,485</b>	<b>3,885</b>	<b>3,470</b>	<b>3470</b>	<b>3470</b>
Distributed via Circuit Treasurer	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Other</b>					
MHA	400	445	435	435	435
AFC - Action for Children	400	445	435	435	435
MRDF - Methodist Relief and Development Fund		0	0	0	0
LWPT - Leaders of Worship and Preachers Trust	250	280	270	270	270
J. & I. Hill - Mission Partners - Zimbabwe	750	840	815	815	815

Phakamisa	335	375	370	370	370
Messy Church £100			100	0	0
Derbyshire Agricultural Christian Fellowship			250	0	0
	<b>2,135</b>	<b>2,385</b>	<b>2,675</b>	<b>2325</b>	<b>2325</b>
Contingency					1135
	<b>7,680</b>	<b>8,070</b>	<b>7,945</b>	<b>6695</b>	<b>7430</b>
Grand Total	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>

## **2. Budgets**

The 2021/2022 Budget has been prepared assuming there are no closures due to Covid in the year.

Cornerstone and Gateway are now open & beginning to get back to some sort of normality. For both these contributors I have budgeted the same this year as last, but these figures should be considered upon as the minimum as we look forward to starting to recover from the £21507 deficit of last year and getting the Church back on track.

Refer to Appendix A for analysis

## **3. Church Accounts**

The examination of the year end accounts by Coates & Partners has now been completed satisfactorily.

The first part of the year was hard for the Church financially, due to Covid. Although both Cornerstone and Gateway are now open for business, they were unable to contribute to the Church in this financial year.

Cash offerings & letting income were also down. Furlough claims of £6k helped towards reducing the total loss to £21k. Although the amount for stated for Gift Aid has been claimed, the monies have not yet been received.

The loss of £21507 was £4,443 lower than expected. It was mainly due to the removal of the Family Worker post, although there was an increased cost of the installation of the Zoom system and the technology connected with it.

Due to the regular standing order payments from the Church members and the setting up of "Donate" the giving has been regular and the ongoing support is greatly appreciated.

Refer to Appendix B for analysis

## **4. Reserves**

Trustees are required to review and approve the reserves policy alongside the annual accounts

Refer to Appendix C for analysis

**APPENDIX A - ASHBOURNE METHODIST CHURCH BUDGET 2021/22**

	<b>Annual 2020/21 Budget</b>	<b>12 months 2020/21 Actual</b>	<b>Variance</b>	<b>Annual 2021/22 Budget</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>INCOME</b>				
Direct to Bank	64,000	70,681	70,681	70,000
Sunday Offerings	4,000	3,630	3,630	4,000
Tax Refunded	16,000	0	0	16,000
Interest	700	149	149	150
Gift Day	0	0	0	0
Lettings(inc Gateway rent)	7,500	7,455	7,455	7,500
Donations/Gifts	2,500	7,309	7,309	2,500
Other Fundraising	0	30	30	0
Miscellaneous	0	0	0	0
HMRC J RS Furlough	0	6,069	6,069	0
<b>Church Funds Sub-Total</b>	<b>£94,700.00</b>	<b>£95,322.45</b>	<b>95,322</b>	<b>£100,150.00</b>
Comerstone Donations	9,500	0	0	9,500
Gateway Donations	3,000	90	90	3,000
Lunch Club Donations	750	0	0	250
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£107,950.00</b>	<b>£95,412.45</b>	<b>95,412</b>	<b>£112,900.00</b>
Donations To Pass On	0	185	185	0
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>£107,950</b>	<b>£95,597</b>	<b>95,597</b>	<b>£112,900</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Assessment	60,000	59,000	-59,000	60,000
Donations From Church Funds	8,500	7,041	-7,041	7,430
Repairs & Equipment	10,000	10,349	-10,349	10,000
Caretaking & Grounds Maintenance	9,000	8,785	-8,785	9,000
Cleaning Materials	800	432	-432	800
Utilities	7,000	6,157	-6,157	8,500
Insurance	4,000	3,870	-3,870	4,000
Family Worker	25,000	10,122	-10,122	0
Advertising	1,300	614	-614	1,000
Alpha & Courses	250	0	0	0
Children's Clubs	1,300	375	-375	1,000
Community Transport	300	0	0	100
Library	100	0	0	0
Music & Worship	1,800	1,301	-1,301	1,800
Newsletter	0	0	0	0
Photocopier	1,800	2,281	-2,281	1,800
Stewards	250	0	0	100
Bursary/Miscellaneous/Contingency	2,000	0	0	1,000
Payroll admin (Stipend)	0	562	-562	600
Professional Fees	0	360	-360	400
Communications	0	5,069	-5,069	2,000
Church Weekend	0	0	0	250
Flower Fund	500	600	-600	500
<b>Payments Sub-Total</b>	<b>£133,900</b>	<b>£116,920</b>	<b>-£116,920</b>	<b>£110,280</b>
Donations Passed On	0	185	-185	0
<b>Total Payments</b>	<b>133,900</b>	<b>117,105</b>	<b>-117,105</b>	<b>110,280</b>
<b>Surplus/Deficit</b>	<b>-£25,950.00</b>	<b>-£21,507.26</b>	<b>-21,507</b>	<b>£2,620.00</b>

**APPENDIX B - ASHBOURNE METHODIST CHURCH ACCOUNTS FOR THE  
YEAR END 31 AUGUST 2021**

<b>Ashbourne</b>	<b>Church</b>
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	<b>SECTION A</b>		<b>Unrestrict ed Funds</b>	<b>Restrict ed Funds</b>	<b>Totals this year</b>	<b>Totals last year</b>
	<b>RECEIPTS</b>	<b>Note</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	
a1	<b>RECEIPTS</b>					
a2	Offerings and Tax recovered		74,310		<b>74,310</b>	<b>101,137</b>
a3	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income		149		<b>149</b>	<b>825</b>
a4	Lettings		7,455		<b>7,455</b>	<b>12,730</b>
a5	Other receipts		13,408		<b>13,408</b>	<b>3,165</b>
a6	<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>		<b>95,322</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>95,322</b> (a7)	<b>117,857</b>
	<b>SECTION B</b>					
b1	<b>PAYMENTS</b>					
b2	Circuit Assessment or Share		59,000		<b>59,000</b>	57,400
b3	Donations		7,041		<b>7,041</b>	7,795
b4	Repairs and Maintenance		20,129		<b>20,129</b>	14,553
b5	Utilities (Insurances, water charges, heating & lighting)		15,096		<b>15,096</b>	12,662
b6					<b>0</b>	0
b7	Other payments		15,054		<b>15,054</b>	30,063
b8	<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>		<b>116,320</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>116,320</b> (b9)	<b>122,473</b>
	<b>SECTION C</b>					
c1	<b>NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR</b>	<b>(a6-b8)</b>	-20,998	0	<b>-20,998</b>	-4,616
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year		141,218	0	<b>141,218</b> (c6)	133,484
c3	<b>Sub total</b>	<b>(c1+c2)</b>	120,220	0	<b>120,220</b>	<b>128,868</b>
c4	Transfers and adjustments		-510		<b>-510</b> (c8)	12,350
c5	<b>TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR</b>	<b>(c3+c4)</b>	<b>119,710</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>119,710</b> (c7)	<b>141,218</b> (c6)

**SECTION D**

**FOR INFORMATION ONLY: MONEY RECEIVED AND PASSED ON TO EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS**

**(These amounts are not to be included in total receipts/payments figures above)**

d1	Balance brought forward from last year	0	
d2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations	185	
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations	185	
d4	<b>BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID</b> (d1+d2-d3)	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

**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 District. 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	b/fwd Opening balances	Closing balances
e1	<b>Development Project</b>	16330	261	16069	-21178	84300	79,192
e2	<b>Cornerstone</b>	2620	2177	444	300	1215	1,959
e3	<b>Flowerfund</b>	763	616	147	0	-36	111
e4	<b>Gateway</b>	216	837	-621	0	5299	4,678
e5	<b>Women's Fellowship</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0
e6	<b>Youthclub</b>	0	0	0	0	89	89
e7							
e8	Sub total of Internal Organisations funds	19930	3891	16039	-20878	90868 (e11)	86,028
e9	<b>Church accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)</b>	<b>95322</b>	<b>116320</b>	<b>-20998</b>	<b>-510 (c8)</b>	<b>141218 (c6)</b>	<b>119,710</b>
e10	<b>TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH</b>	<b>£115,252</b>	<b>£120,211</b>	<b>-£4,959</b>	<b>-£21,388</b>	<b>£232,086 (x)</b>	<b>205,738</b>

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							26,436				23,680	
f3	Bank Deposit Account												
f4	Central Finance Board							114,782				96,030	
f5	Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes												
f6	Other funds												
f7	<b>SUB TOTAL - Church accounts</b>							<b>141,218</b>	(c6)			<b>119,710</b>	(c7)
f8	Reserves held by member Organisations (the closing balance total from above)							<b>90,868</b>	(e11)			<b>85,281</b>	(e12)
f9	<b>TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH</b>							<b>232,086</b>	(x)			<b>204,991</b>	(y)
SECTION G													
OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES													
								At				At	
								1st September				1st September	
								2020				2021	
g1	Investments (include Endowments)												
g2	Land & Buildings (see notes re Insurance value)							950,000				950,000	
g3	Other Assets							198,000				198,000	
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)												

**APPENDIX C - Ashbourne Methodist Church Reserves Policy 2021**

<b>1 General Reserves</b>			<b>£</b>
<b>Balances as at 31 August 2021</b>			
	Total agreeing with the standard form of accounts		<b>119,710</b>
<b>2 Restricted Funds</b>			<b>£</b>
<b>Balances as at 31 August 2021</b>			
	Total agreeing with the standard form of accounts		<b>0</b>
<b>3 Endowed Funds</b>			<b>£</b>
<b>Balances as at 31 August 2021</b>			
	Total agreeing with the standard form of accounts		<b>0</b>
<b>4 Policy for General Funds</b>			
	<b>£</b>		<b>Est. Date</b>
a	<b>54,000</b>	The policy is to aim to retain in the current & CFB accounts a 6 months typical outgoings	
b	<b>65,710</b>	Funds to assist Ashbourne Methodist Church development project.	Next 3 years
c			
d			
e			
f			
	<b>119,710</b>	Agreeing with box D5 above	
<b>5 Policy for Restricted Funds</b>			
	<b>£</b>		<b>Est. Date</b>
a			
b			
c			
		0 Agreeing with box D9 above	
<b>6 Terms relating to Endowment Funds</b>			
	<b>£</b>		<b>Est. Date</b>
a			
b			
		0 Agreeing with box D13 above	
<b>This Reserves Policy has been discussed and approved by the Church Council on: 9th February 2022</b>			
<b>Treasurer - Name:</b>	Tricia Barday		
<b>Signature:</b>			
<b>Trustee - Name:</b>	Rev Tim Morris		

THE METHODIST CHURCH  
STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

Ashbourne	Church
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FOR THE YEAR ENDED  
31 August 2021

Ashbourne	Circuit	Circuit no	22/11
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Registered Charity - Charity Registration number

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 2655 of 2007)

Minister:	
Rev Tim Morris	
Church Stewards – Leadership Team	
Robert Sales	
Jeff Ffoulkes	
Becky Dutton	
Helen Barker	
Stuart Green	
Tony Walker	
Sandra Lewer	
Treasurer: Tricia Barclay	

### Basis of Independent Examiner's Report

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

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In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention (~~other than that disclosed below~~):

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the
  - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act;
  - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act have not been met;
  
- (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

*\* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply appropriate*

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