



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1st September 2021 To 31st 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> <ul style="list-style-type: none">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 Churchc) 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
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">• Increase awareness of God's presence and to celebrate God's love;• Help people learn to grow as Christians, through mutual support and care• Be a neighbour to people in need and challenge injustice.
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"> • Have reviewed the Charity Commission's Guidance on public benefit (PB1, PB2 and PB3). • Have taken the Charity Commission's Guidance into account when making a decision to which the guidance is relevant. • If they have decided to depart from the guidance, have good reasons for doing so.
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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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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 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:

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 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	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	Deed of Union (1932) the Methodist Church Act (1976)
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 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
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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

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Other optional information

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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

Lorraine Hawkins

Stuart Green

Tony Walker

Treasurer:

Tricia Barclay

SECTION A		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
a1	RECEIPTS	Note	£	£	£
a2	Offerings and Tax recovered		88,100	0	88,100
a3	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income		422		422
a4	Lettings		12,671		12,671
a5	Other receipts		26,532		26,532
a6	TOTAL RECEIPTS		127,725	0	127,725 (a7)

SECTION B		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
b1	PAYMENTS				
b2	Circuit Assessment or Share		62,000		62,000
b3	Donations		6,295		6,295
b4	Repairs and Maintenance		24,065		24,065
b5	Utilities (Insurances, water charges, heating & lighting)		12,856		12,856
b6					0
b7	Other payments		10,629		10,629
b8	TOTAL PAYMENTS		115,845	0	115,845 (b9)

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

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

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	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	TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	416,602	147,869	268,734	0	205,739 (x)	474,473 (y)
Continue on a separate sheet if necessary and bring the totals forward		TOTAL RECEIPTS	TOTAL PAYMENTS				

SECTION F**STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES****CHURCH - CASH FUNDS HELD at 31 August 2021**

		OPENING BALANCES	CLOSING BALANCES
f1	Cash in hand	0	
f2	Bank Current Account	23,680	28,968
f3	Bank Deposit Account		
f4	Central Finance Board	96,030	102,623
f5	Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes		
f6	Other funds		
f7	SUB TOTAL - Church accounts	119,710 (c6)	131,591 (c7)
f8	Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance total from above) (e12)	86,029 (e11)	342,882 (e12)
f9	TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	205,739 (x)	474,473 (y)

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	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

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 31st 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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Name

COATES AND PARTNERS LIMITED

Signature

Coates and Partners Limited.

Relevant Professional qualification or body

F. C. A (ICAEW)

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Date

27/02/2023